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IN BRIEF

Wausau sets workshop

WAUSAU — The Town of Wausau will be holding a workshop at the Wausau Town Hall at 6 p.m. on Dec. 26. The public is invited to attend. Handicapped persons wishing to attend, who will need special accommodations, should contact the Town Clerk, Town of Wausau at 638-1781.

Sound of Music Auditions

MARIANNA — Chipola College Theatre will hold auditions for "The Sound of Music," Monday, Jan. 6, in the Chipola Center for the Arts. Ages first grade and up are welcome. No previous experience is required.

Those auditioning for the Von Trap children will audition at 5 p.m. Adults and all others will audition at 6:30 p.m. Call-back auditions are at 6 p.m., Jan. 7. The Sound of Music is a musical with music by Richard and Hammerstein. Many songs from the musical have become standards, such as "Edelweiss," "My Favorite Things," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Do-Re-Mi," and the title song "The Sound of Music." Contact Charles Sirmon, 718-2227; sirmonc@chipola.edu.

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Board approves new storage building

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BONIFAY — The Holmes County District School Board approved of allowing the Holmes County Pee Wee football team to build a new brick storage building at Memorial Field during their regular meeting on Dec. 17.

Representing the Pee Wee team, Noah Bowen informed the Board that he had spoke with the City of Bonifay during the Bonifay City Council's Nov. 25 meeting and they had recommended they come before the Holmes County District School Board.

Bowen said there was already a 10-by-20 foot shed existing where they want to build an 18-by-25

foot brick structure and that they would be using their own funding to build it.

Bowen assured them that being on the city's property it would belong to the City of Bonifay.

"I felt that it would be appropriate for them to get permission from both the City of Bonifay and the Holmes County District School Board before continuing."

said School Board Attorney Lucas Taylor.

The board approved of Data Classification and Access Control Procedure presented by District Technology Director Michael Pinnella.

"The state auditor presented us with several line items involving se-

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Kiwanis Club brings cheer



PHOTO BY CECILIA SPEARS | Times-Advertiser

Christmas cheer was brought to many boys and girls as Bonifay Kiwanis Club held their annual gift giving celebration for the little boys and girls of Tri-County Head Start on Dec. 18. Each member of the Bonifay Kiwanis Club donated money to purchase presents for all the head start children and invited good ol' Saint Nick to deliver the presents to each one. The Tri-County Head Start children also put on a production for the members of the Bonifay Kiwanis Club by singing Christmas carols. "This is something we do for the children every year," said President Sandy Spear. "That's what the Bonifay Kiwanis Club is here for; to help our local children. More so getting to see how excited the children get when they receive their presents is in itself a reward."

Officer fired for battery requests trial

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BONIFAY — Former Holmes County Officer William Joel Patrick faced trial on Dec. 19 in the charges he received in March for allegedly battering an inmate, Dale Castro, at the Holmes County Correctional Institute.

Holmes County Lt. Michael Raley explained that they were in the process of an internal investigation against Patrick for allegedly allowing a male and female inmate to come in contact with one another, which lead to intercourse.

It was during this investigation that Raley said they received a complaint from Policeabuse.com.

"This is a site used to field police complaints," said Raley. "It was during our investigation that another officer said there was a possible incident prior to the inmates engaging in sexual intercourse that

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Garden club holds craft program



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Bonifay Garden Club held their annual Christmas crafts program for the second graders of Bonifay Elementary School on Dec. 18. Garden Club members brought various items so that the children could make their own holiday decoration to take home with them. "This is something that we enjoy doing every year with the children," said club President, Adonna Bartlett. "They're so very creative and they love doing it plus I think it not only shares the love of gardening with the children but also spreads Christmas cheer."

Season of Giving



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Bonifay Garden Club members donated Christmas gifts to the residents of the Dogwood Inn Assisted Living Center in Bonifay on Dec. 17. "Every year we have a Season of Giving project to help the community," said Club President Adonna Bartlett. "This year we chose Dogwood Inn Assisted Living Center. We just want everyone to know that we are more than just gardening, we're about planting the seeds of good stewardship through community service and dedication to our area."

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BRIEF from page A1**Jennie Finch Coming to Chipola for Softball Camp**

MARIANNA — Area softball players will have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to work with softball superstar Jennie Finch and four other professional players at the Chipola College Softball field, Jan. 25 and 26.

The two-day Chipola camp will include instruction each day with lunch on Saturday. Registration deadline is Jan. 21. Registration fee is \$250. No on-site registration will be available. The Skills Camp will be held Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Players will learn to practice like a champion, play like a champion and live like a champion. Jennie Finch and other Softball Greats will lead a full day of personal instruction covering all aspects of softball. The Camp will continue Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. Skills camp coaches will include Jennie Finch, Kat Dodson, Ivy Renfroe,

Lauren Gibson and Raven Chavanne.

Campers will receive instruction from professional coaches and players, lunch on Saturday, Camp T-shirt, Personalized Softball and Certificate of Participation.

For information, call Kelly Brookins at 850-718-2468, Belinda Hendrix at 718-2358 or Jimmy Hendrix at 573-1508.

Harpist to perform as part of Artist Series

MARIANNA — The Chipola Artist Series presents harpist Anna Maria Mendieta, at 7 p.m., Jan. 16, in the Center for the Arts. Leading the audience through the right turns, dips, and smoky cafes of Argentina, harpist Anna Maria Mendieta's Tango del Cielo (Tango from Heaven) is a fresh innovative presentation of the passionate and sensuous music of the Tango and Spanish Flamenco. Tickets are available online at www.chipola.edu.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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Bonifay Middle School and Holmes County High School bands held a Holmes County Christmas Celebration concert on Dec. 19 at the Holmes County High School Auditorium. Low Brass and Percussion Ensemble performed Misty Mountains; BMS performed Dreidel Bells, Up on the Housetop and Ode to Joy; BMS Advanced Band performed We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Jingle Bell Rock; BMS and HCHS Bands performed Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; the Flute Ensemble performed Silent Night; the HCHS Band performed Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming; and HCHS Blue Pride Band performed Christmas Suite including Oh Come Emmanuel, Ukrainian Bell Carol and What Child is This?

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curity," said Pinnella. "We answered most of his questions and most of it was just a formality. For example our information response plan if there was a data breach where critical information is spilled out such as social security numbers."

"I just want to say that Junior Beta did an amazing job in Orlando this year," said Superintendent Eddie Dixon. "I also went to two plays, at Poplar Springs and Bethlehem, and they were both excellent."

School board member Shirley Owens also commended the Beta Clubs.

"Beta is my heart and I would just like to say how proud I am of our Beta Clubs especially their hard work in Orlando," said Owens. "Several of our schools won first place and it does my heart good to see them put so much into what they do. I am so very proud of our students."

Chairman Rusty Williams echoed Owens' complements towards the students of Holmes County schools.

"We're very proud of our students and all they achieve," said Williams. "We had the First Lady Ann Scott



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Holmes County District School Board evaluates Noah Bowen's request for the Holmes County Peewee football team to build a shed at Memorial Field during their regular meeting on Dec. 17.

at our school, Bonifay Elementary School, and she read to our children. We were very pleased to have her in Holmes County."

Board approved of canceling the first meeting in January, which leaves the next scheduled meeting set for 6 p.m. on Jan. 21.

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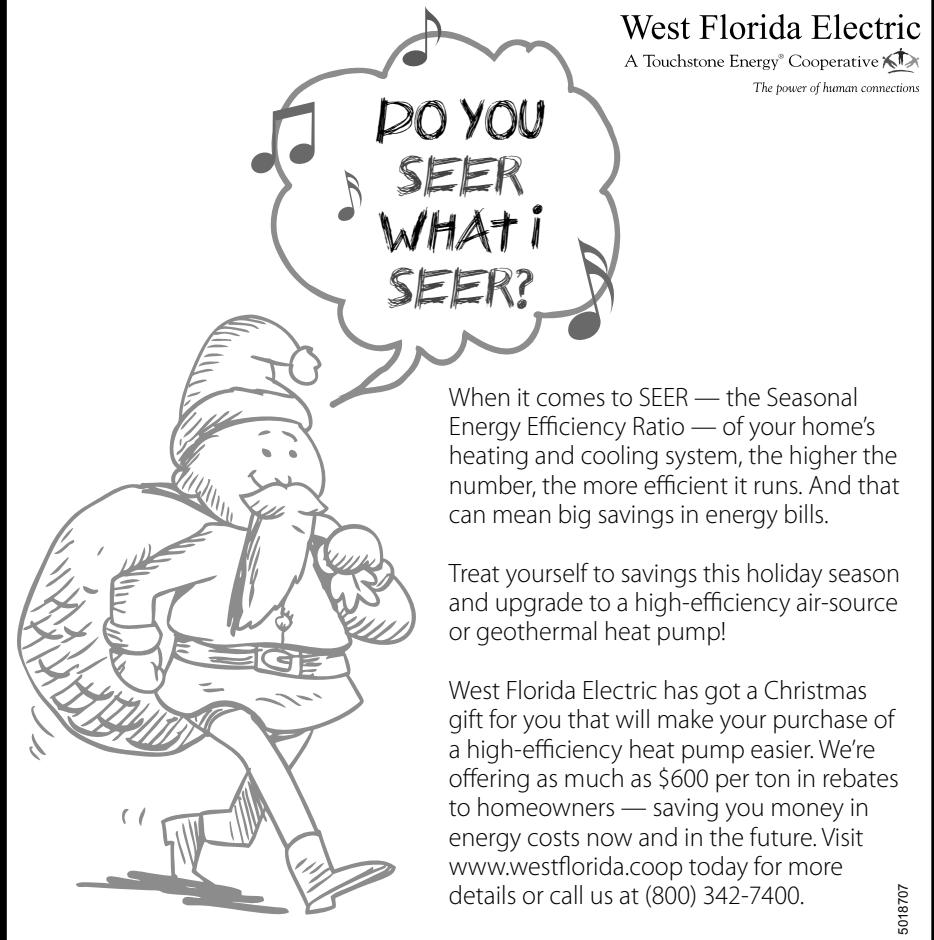
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Patrick battered an inmate. The victim's family called them simultaneously as we received information of the possible battery.

There was an internal investigation and in May Patrick was terminated, according to Raley.

"It was his right to request a trial, so he requested a trial," said Raley.

Patrick's trial was scheduled to begin the morning of Dec. 19 at the Holmes County Courthouse.



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Two arrested on burglary and drug charges

Staff Reports

BONIFAY — The Holmes County Sheriff's Office reported the arrest of two men, Jonathan Lee Shelton, 26, of Bonifay and Victor Dewayne Gillis, 23, of Milton, on burglary and drug charges on Dec. 16.

According to the report, deputies responded to a residential burglary in the Dogwood Lakes community on Dec. 16 and during the course of the investigation

deputies found that a boat trailer, among many other items had been taken.

The victims informed the deputies that the trailer's wheels were seized up. The deputies then located the drag marks from the trailer and tracked them to some property in



JONATHAN LEE SHELTON

VICTOR D. GILLIS

the Gritney Community, according to the report.

According to the report, deputies were then able to obtain a vehicle description from a witness and when deputies located the suspect ve-

hicle, the suspects threw a bag out the passenger side window.

While the vehicle was stopped deputies found methamphetamine, paraphernalia, scales and baggies and the driver, Shelton, and the passenger, Gillis, was taken into custody according to the report.

Deputies then recovered a large amount of the stolen property from Shelton's property, according to the report and both Shelton and Gillis remain in the Holmes County Jail awaiting first

appearance.

Both Shelton and Gillis are being charged with burglary of a structure, grand theft, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff Tim Brown said he would like to recognize the hard work of Deputy Willie Maples, Deputy Tim Howard, Deputy Bill Pate and Sgt. Tyler Harrison for their hard work in quickly solving this case.



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ADVERTISER

Assistant Chief Travis Cook presents his father, Deputy Chief Larry Cook, with Most Years Served, celebrating 16 years with the Bonifay Fire and Rescue during their yearly awards ceremony held on Nov. 16.

Firefighters awarded for year's dedication

By Travis Cook
Special to the News

BONIFAY — Bonifay Fire and Rescue held their awards ceremony for the year on Nov. 16, which encompasses achievements from December 2012 through October of 2013.

Bonifay Fire and Rescue responded to 195 calls in this time period.

Awards given were Most Improved Firefighter, which went to Dakota Ward; Most Fires Attended and Firefighter of the Year, which went to Travis Cook; and Most Years Served which went to Shay McCormick who has served for 29 years, Donnie Hood who has served for 26 years and Larry Cook who has served for 16 years.

The 2012-2013 roster includes: Chief Shay McCormick, Deputy Chief Larry Cook, Asst Chief Travis Cook, Captain Darrell Porter, Captain Micah McCormick, Lieutenant Joe Edminson, Lieutenant Landis Messer, Firefighter Donnie Hood, Firefighter Bill Blevins, Firefighter Greg

Caruso, Firefighter Dakota Ward, Firefighter Lee Moss, Firefighter Chris Edminson, Firefighter

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Poplar Springs FFA Places in Creed Speaking and Tractor Contest



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The students entering sub district FFA contest in Chipley, made Poplar Springs proud. The contest was on Dec. 17 and the students entering contest were Madison Ealum and Jake Bell. Madison came in fourth place in creed speaking as a seventh grader. Jake Bell won first place in tractor safety exam and driving. These students worked hard and did very well. Pictured Left to Right: Madison Ealum, Jake Bell, Mr. Hudson

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Our VIEW

COLA cuts fall flat

The ink hasn't even dried yet on Congress' bipartisan budget deal, and members already are talking about undoing one of its few spending reductions.

Under the plan negotiated by Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., military retirees would see the annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) in their pensions cut by 1 percent until they reach the age of 62. That means that the 1.7 percent COLA that took effect Dec. 1 would be just 0.7 percent for military retirees under age 62, after the reduction is phased in over three years starting in 2014.

That is projected to save the federal government \$6 billion. Overall, the Ryan-Murray budget aims to cut \$23 billion over 10 years — with the majority of those reductions not scheduled to be made until 2022 and 2023. You probably have better odds of correctly picking the Super Bowl winners a decade from now than you do seeing a future Congress and president honor these spending caps.

But you won't have to wait 10 years to see it unravel, as Congress already is picking at a loose string.

Not surprisingly, military veterans are raising a ruckus over seeing their COLAs

cut, and their elected representatives in Washington are quickly responding that they will "fix" this issue. Rep. Steve Southerland, R-Panama City, voted for the Ryan-Murray budget with the COLA cuts, but in a prepared statement Tuesday said "with two years remaining before these COLA changes are due to take effect, I am hopeful the House will address the concerns of our retirees between now and then."

His colleague in the House, fellow Northwest Floridian Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Chumuckla, concurred, saying he had "deep concerns with the way military pensions are treated in this bill." Miller, the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, said he hopes the COLA provisions will be revised after the bill becomes law.

On the Senate side, Lindsay Graham, John McCain and other members pledged to restore the COLAs.

Defense spending should not be immune from budget cuts, although targeting military retirees' pensions over more substantive cuts in the Pentagon is not the way to accomplish it. Their service and sacrifices to the nation should be rewarded over bureaucratic bloat and costly contracting.

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HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

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HAPPY CORNER
Hazel Wells Tison

are just right for children. Also, Secretary of Agriculture has been encouraging school lunch programs to include more local produce in their food plan.

Satsuma has always been my favorite citrus, I suppose that's because when I was growing up we had maybe a dozen Satsuma trees located south of our house. Our Dad always told us not to eat them until they were ripe, but the truth is I don't remember seeing orange colored ones on the trees. The year after we were married, 1950, a severe winter wiped out the citrus in our area including all the Satsuma trees on the Wells farm. That year we were living in Vernon in the house with Mrs. Dee Roache when her kumquat tree that reached the top of

As promised last week, the Prattler's intentions are to center this week's column around Bonifay and Holmes County readers, their comments regarding my writings and the contacts the Wells family had with those of yesteryear.

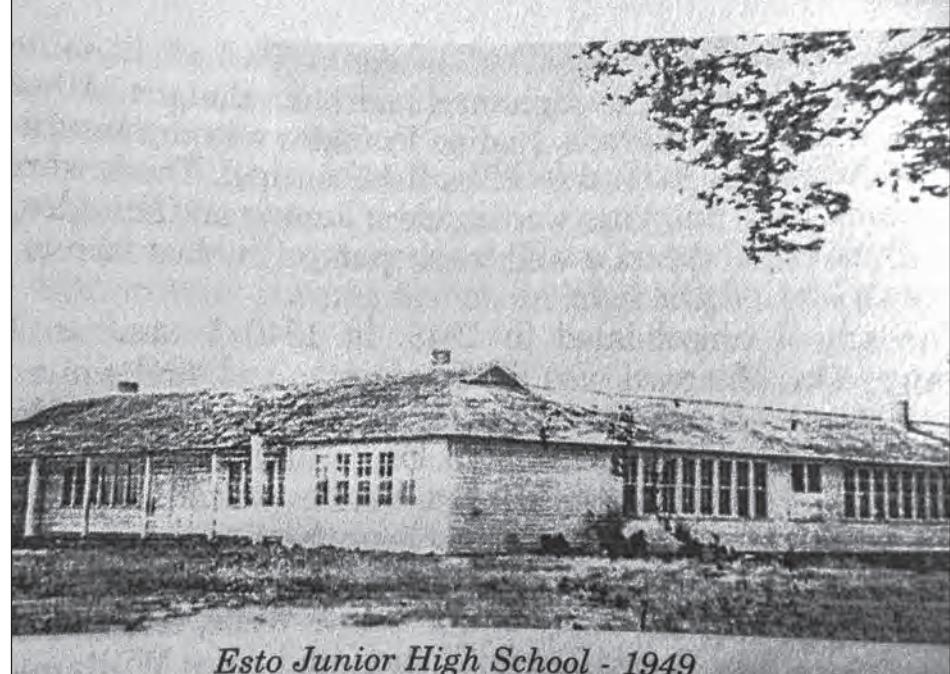
My sister, Hazel Wells Tison, and I, are happy to have our columns appearing in both the Holmes and Washington papers. As this is the Christmas Edition for both of us, it will be interesting to see what her topic is.

Throughout my years of writing, my columns at Christmas Season have centered around the home old place, our experiences, and especially how Bonifay was involved. During our upbringing, Christmas shopping for the Wells Family was strictly "low budget." On Christmas Eve the trek to Bonifay was made by the entire clan.

Since we have now lived in Chipley for 44 years, a point has been made to visit the old home place at Christmas and make an appearance in the Bonifay business places searching for that "certain feeling."

Our parents' marriage was preformed by County Judge J. R. Carswell in the Holmes

County Courthouse and, of course, the official recording of the



Esto Junior High School - 1949

Esto School shown in 1949. Hester attended there through the 9th grade before moving on to Holmes County High School in 1942, where she graduated in 1945.

proceedings on Sept. 12,

1925 is duly recorded there. Although we lived in Washington County, our mailing address was Route One, Bonifay. Mr. Lurie Stott was the only full time rural carrier that I recall bringing the mail to our house.

Mr. N. D. Miller, a early Bonifay businessman, set our father up in the egg producing venture. His early purchases of guano for crops were from Bonifay's Mr. Sellie Andrews. This gentleman also served on appointment as Sheriff of Holmes County. His son, Cletus Andrews, was elected to the office in 1957 and served until 1968.

Grocery shopping was done in Bonifay throughout my earlier

years. The main grocery stores were that of Mr.

Joseph Fulford, Mr. Edwin Andrews and later, Mr. O. K. Williams. When our parents finally came to open a banking account, it was with the Bank of Bonifay during the days of Mr. Eric Folmar, and actually came about soon after the end of World War II.

Evans Department store, joined by Barker's and Schienberg's were major shopping stops.

Pelt's 5 & 10 cent store was a "must" for all the youngsters and many adults.

Mr. Elijah Golden brought ice to our home before electricity. Mr. Monroe Williams was the trusty Watkins Man whose route included our

home before returning to Bonifay. Both of these gentlemen kept up informed on the news and we regarded them as friends.

The Holmes County Advertiser was always in our home. Our grandfather, James Thomas

Wells, doted on the advice of Editor E. A. Williams and walked the half-mile distance to our home to read the paper soon after its arrival.

Our dad depended on Mr. Thomas Burgess to keep his radio in good working order as it

was considered a necessity in his pick up truck. Vehicle mechanics that I remember daddy

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Satsuma triggers a Christmas memory



her house was frozen solid with bushels of kumquats still on the tree. A later freeze got the one on the Tison place.

Our friends Jim and Faye Helms have a nice Satsuma, an orange, and a kumquat tree at their hillside home which they share with us. I have tried to convince them that it isn't necessary to wait for them to turn orange to eat them.

We now have two Satsuma trees that had a total of 35 fruit this year. The kumquat tree that DiAnn Shores dug up and brought to us in living and putting on new growth after being severely pruned for the move. From my nephew Gordon Wells tree, I picked a "bunch"

of the oval fruits which is eaten skin and all and have made several Kumquat pies from a recipe from "Fresh From Florida." It is quite a hit so here it is. 2/3 cup kumquat puree, 1/2 cup lemon juice (fresh preferred,) 1 can condensed milk, one 8 oz. container whipped topping,

one 9 inch Graham cracker pie crust, or baked and cooled 9 inch pastry crust. Cut Kumquats in half and remove the seed. Process until pureed. It takes about 2 cups fresh Kumquats to make 2/3 cup.

Mix the puree with the lemon juice; then the condensed milk. Fold into the topping and pour into the prepared and cool crust. Chill or freeze. A refreshing taste comparable to key lime pie.

I read that Dade City in Pasco County is becoming quite a center for Kumquat production and a lady there has started a business selling the pies from several locations in central and southwest Florida.

One of my vivid Christmas memories involves Satsumas. Northeast of Bonifay there was a Satsuma grove belonging to Mr. Stott, the father of our rural mail carrier on Route One, Mr. Lurie Stott and his brother Eugene, the mail carrier on Bonifay Route 4. It was

Christmas vacation and either my sister Minnie Lee or I had received a little tin tea set as we exchanged gifts at Brackin School.

In the storage room next to the smoke house we had found a burlap bag of Satsumas. I suppose all of ours had been eaten by then and I never gave it a thought that those might not be ours. Minnie Lee, Clyde and I were having us a tea party with juice squeezed from Satsumas taken from that bag when Daddy came along.

We saw from his expression that we were in trouble. The fruit which we were enjoying were from a bag he'd bought from Mr. Stott for one of his "Peddling" customers in Panama City. Talk about a party pooper! I have never forgotten that party and the little red flowered tin tea set. Maybe that is why I still enjoy Satsumas so much.....Forbidden fruit!

I wish for you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

Prepare now for spring classes at Chipola

Special to Halifax Media Group

MARIANNA — Registration for Spring classes at Chipola College begins Thursday, Jan. 3, for returning students. New and returning student registration is Jan. 6. Classes begin Jan. 7.

There are several steps to completing the application process: (1) complete the college Admission Application; call 718-2311 for assistance; (2) request a final high school transcript be sent to Chipola Admission and Records Office; and (3) take the College Placement Test; call 718-2284 for assistance.

Chipola offers the Bachelor of Science Degree, the Associate in Arts Degree, the Associate in Science Degree and Workforce Development

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Bachelor's Degrees include: Science Education Middle Grades (5-9); Biology Education Secondary Grades (6-12); Mathematics Education Middle Grades (5-9); Mathematics Education Secondary Grades (6-12); English Education, Exceptional Student Education and Elementary Education; Business Administration with concentrations in Management or Accounting; and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

Additionally, the college offers the Educator Preparation Institute, a Teacher Certification program for those with a B.S. in a non-teaching field.

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is designed for students who plan to complete their first two years of college work and

then transfer to a four-year program at Chipola or another college or university.

Credits earned are transferable and are applicable toward a bachelor's degree.

Academic advising guides that outline requirements for specific majors are available from Student Affairs and are located on the college website at www.chipola.edu.

Several Associate in Science (AS) and Workforce programs are offered which provide training for high wage jobs.

Workforce programs include: Automotive Service Technology, Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, Correctional Officer, Cosmetology, Cross-Over Corrections to Law Enforcement, Cross-Over Law Enforcement to Corrections, Nursing Assis-

tant and Welding.

Associate in Science (AS) programs include: Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, Computer Information Technology, Fire Science Technology, Criminal Justice Technology (Crime Scene Track), Networking Services Technology, Culinary Management, Nursing (RN and LPN), Nursing LPN to RN, Paramedic to RN, and Recreation Technology.

College Credit Certificate programs include: Child Care Center Management, Information Technology Management, CISCO Certified Network Associate, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic.

The schedule of classes is available online at www.chipola.edu. For information, call 718-221.

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patronizing were Fred Williams, Bill Bullington and Jasper Rogers, all in Bonifay

Doctors for the Wells Family was first Bonifay's Dr. L. H. Paul, who delivered the babies

following the services of registered mid-wife, our aunt Charity Brock Bush, who brought the first four into the world, including me. Later, Dr. Ralph H. Segrest, set up practice in Bonifay and our family used his services. Bonifay Dentist, Dr. L. K. Hutchinson, was seen when a tooth needed pulling. Our parents utilized both H. B. Douglas Drug Store and Padgett Drugs, operated by the brothers team, Brooks and Leslie Padgett. Funeral Services for both parents were entrusted to Peel Funeral Home in Bonifay. When our parents used the term "going to town," we all knew they meant Bonifay.

Inasmuch as we lived in Washington County, Vernon High School was

the school for all eight of the Wells children who survived to adulthood. Our acquaintance with the boys and girls in our age group who lived and attending school in Bonifay, was limited to those we met while visiting our aunt and uncle, Lela Wells Harris and Edward Harris, who rented an apartment from Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Creel, near the court house. He began working with barber, Mr. Pharaoh (Faro) Lewis at the age of 17 and worked until health issues brought on retirement.

A second source of contact with the Bonifay young people was through our cousin, John

Pipkin, who attended Bonifay school, although living in Washington County. Our acquaintance was limited to names only, but we got to know many of them during the time John and I were in the University of Florida with a host of Holmes County

young men our age. Some remembered are Paul Belser, Shouppe Howell, Claude Barden, John Woodham, brothers, Pat and Cortez Bush, Sam Polston, James Houston Joyner, Jeral Smithgall, brothers Earl "Red" Royal and Byron "Shake" Royal, Randall Roberts, and Jack Tison, who married Hazel.

Esto native, Hester Lucas, and I met in 1944 while working in Christo's 5 & 10 cent store

in Panama City. The courtship began in 1948 after my enrollment in the University, with marriage on Oct. 4, 1952.

Our son, Tim, lives on the last vestige of the homestead of his maternal great grandfather,

John Daniel Hartzog. His law practice is in Bonifay. He reported last week that Margaret

Woodall and Larry Motley had told him of reading and enjoying my

comments each week.

Gordon, our son, has worked in Poplar Springs School for 13 years and is presently the

principal. He tells me often of hearing favorable comments on the "prattle" and I hope I have acknowledged them all.

Last week when speaking to Son and Virginia Chance at the visitation for Avonelle Sims

Hagan, held at First Baptist in Bonifay, Son asked: "Perry, how do you remember all of those names you come up with in your column?" I have had others mention seeing many names of those passed on and I consider it a compliment that I can provide this service.

Hopefully, this writing will show, to some degree, just how my family relied on Bonifay

and Holmes County people during my early years.

See you all next week.

OUR VIEW from page A4

But if COLAs and other military benefits are to be pared in the name of fiscal austerity, they should be part of a comprehensive plan that addresses all government spending, especially the entitlement programs that fuel the deficit

and debt and pose the greatest threat to the nation's long-term financial security.

That way everyone has a stake in the sacrifice.

The Ryan-Murray deal is about the farthest thing from that concept. It's a plan designed not

to put America on a more sound spending path (indeed, it increases spending the first two years by \$63 billion) but to avoid facing another political showdown, and potential government shutdown, over the budget before the 2014 midterm elections.

The immediate retreat on COLAs shows that they can't even follow through on the extremely modest projected cuts in this budget.

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Meredith Bailey provided entertainment at a recent Bonifay Kiwanis Club meeting singing "Show Me How to Love" and "Sing Me Noel of Christmas".



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Kiwanis made a donation of \$500 recently to BES Music program and Florida Allstate Elementary recipient Meredith Bailey. She is one of 200 children chosen to be in the Allstate chorus in Tampa in January.

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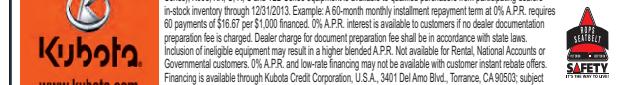
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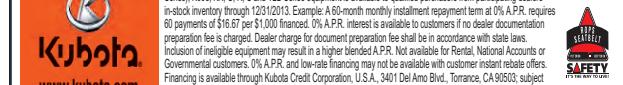
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Holmes County Public Library celebrates 40 years

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BONIFAY — The Holmes County Public Library invited the community to celebrate the library's 40th Anniversary at the library on Dec. 12 where they shared stories, food and fellowship.

The celebration started with a few words from Cody Taylor and Ann Leavins followed by a ceremony of dedication for the library's Viva Florida Time Capsule by Library Director Susan Harris and ended with refreshments and entertainment.

"I'm delighted to be here and would like to give you a little background on what I know about the Holmes County Public Library," said Taylor. "I came here in 1977, so the library was already going at that time but I was the Assistant County Agent prior so I knew the library opened in 1973."

He said that the Holmes County Public Library started with "a group of civic minded gentlemen" who saw a need for a public library and from there they turned the task over to the Woman's Club of Bonifay, "who ran the library for some time."

"Then, in the early '70s a group of men came before the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners about becoming a part of the Northwest Florida Library System, which was made of several counties here in the panhandle," said Taylor. "On December the 12 of 1973 the Holmes County Public Library officially opened its doors to the public at the facilities with the City Hall of Bonifay."

Ann Leavins with the Holmes County Public Library shared some of the services provided by the library.

"We are extremely proud of our library and the services that we offer," said Leavins. "Actually, apart from printouts from the computer and copies, everything else is free."

As we have moved into the technology age, computers have become a vital part of the library."

She said their computers are used for schoolwork, job searching, applying for government benefits, and even for fun.

"We have Gale Databases provided by the State Library so all information is at your fingertips," said Leavins. "Our staff is always happy to help guide patrons to the correct resources and, of course, we still love our books. We have faithful patrons who still like the feel of a book in their hands."

For even those with Kindles, Nooks, and other tablets, the library now offers access to E Books and DVDs and CDs are also available.

"New programs have

been added to our database, such as the Universal Class, which is a great way to learn computer programs and also preparing for a new career, Atomic Training is a great program to update computer skills and for preparing to take ACT, SAT, SSAT, PSAT, and PLAN we have a program called EPrep," said Leavins. "We also have a sign language program called Signing Savvy, which is a cool way to brush up on your sign language skills and for patrons who love to explore their local family genealogy, we have a substantial amount of research material. We also have an Interlibrary Loan Service where we can order books from other libraries for patrons."

As much as they enjoy their adult patrons, she said they want to "focus heavily on our children."

"We emphasize that young readers become very smart adults," said Leavins. "We have an amazing summer program each year and our director tries to outdo herself each year. Last year was all about space and we worked really hard to bring the experience to our local kids."

The visiting children were able to Skype with an astronaut.

"Being able to Skype with an astronaut directly to NASA, Houston was exciting to say the least," said Leavins. "We have over a thousand children who attend each year and it's the highlight of their summer vacation."

They had a lot to celebrate as this year's program was focused on this year being the 500th year of the discovery of Florida.

"We already had programs to educate and enjoy all that our great state offers, which included a Ponce de Leon program on April 3 in honor of Juan Ponce de Leon, the man who is credited with discovering Florida," said Leavins. "We partnered with State Park personnel, Perdido Bay Indian Tribe, a re-enactment of Ponce de Leon's relationship with the Indian tribes, provided by HCHS drama department and Ponce de Leon Elementary School. It really was a wonderful program."

Harris informed everyone that the State Library has provided a time capsule for this anniversary year, which was filled with various items from throughout the county including schools and newspaper items marking various events throughout the year.

"We must add that we have great patrons and community partners who do so much to support us and also, our volunteer Friends of the Library group work all year raising funds for our children's programs; we encourage



Top: In light of the season the library made a Christmas tree made entirely of books. **Above:** Lunch was provided to all those who attended.



The celebration of the Holmes County Public Library's 40th Anniversary started with a few words from Cody Taylor and followed by a ceremony of dedication for the library's Viva Florida Time Capsule by Library Director Susan Harris.

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Niceville swoops victories from Holmes County



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Niceville Lady Eagles swoops victory from Holmes County Lady Blue Devils in high school basketball on the evening of Dec. 19 with a score of 39-36 junior varsity and 59-53 varsity.



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Bethlehem Wildcats took on the Wildcats of Altha, snatching the victory with a score of 49-43; 41-30.

Bethlehem defeats Altha in catfight 49-43; 41-30

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BETHLEHEM — It was a fierce competition as Wildcat faced off against Wildcat in a catfight held between the Bethlehem Wildcats and the Altha Wildcats in high school basketball on Friday night, with the Bethlehem Wildcats snatching the victory in both junior varsity and varsity with a score of 49-43; 41-30.

Bethlehem junior varsity took the lead in the

first period with a score of 14-10 and widened the gap ending the first half with a score of 25-19.

Altha retaliated, making efforts to catch up but to no avail as Bethlehem held the lead with the third period ending in a score of 34-29 and kept the pace to end the game with a score of 41-43.

Bethlehem varsity took on a strong lead at the beginning of the game having twice the score of Altha ending the first period with a score of 12-6 and contin-

ued to keep quite the distance with Altha ending the first half with a score of 21-16.

Altha struggled to try to catch up but to no avail as the Bethlehem Wildcats ended the third period with a score of 29-24 and finished strong, ending the game with a score of 41-43.

Next the Bethlehem face off against Paxton High School with junior varsity starting at 5 p.m. and varsity starting at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 7 in an away game.

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BONIFAY — It was a tug-of-war match between the Niceville Lady Eagles and the Holmes County Lady Blue Devils in high school basketball on the evening of Dec. 19, however both Niceville's junior varsity and varsity teams grabbed the victory with a score of 39-36 junior varsity and 59-53 varsity.

Junior varsity teams kept a neck-and-neck lead on one another until the Lady Eagles took a one point lead at the end of the first period with a score of 12-11.

The Lady Devils fought hard to catch up but fell behind steadily more and more with a score of 20-17 at the end of the first half and 31-23 at the end of the third period.

The Lady Devils regained some of their wind to catch up with the Lady Eagles but in the last few minutes of the game the Lady Eagles retaliated with ferocity ending the game with a score of 39-36.

In varsity it was the Lady Devils that held a one-point lead at the end of the first period with a score of 14-13 but the Lady Eagles were determined to gain the lead, achieving a one-point lead against the Lady Blue Devils at the end of the first half with a score of 29-28.

This back and forth battle continued throughout the game with the Lady Eagles keeping the lead in the third half with a score of 45-43 and finally ending the game with a strong finish with a score of 59-53.

Next the Lady Blue Devils face off against the Chipley Tigers in a Home game with junior varsity starting at 5:30 p.m. and varsity starting at 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 7.



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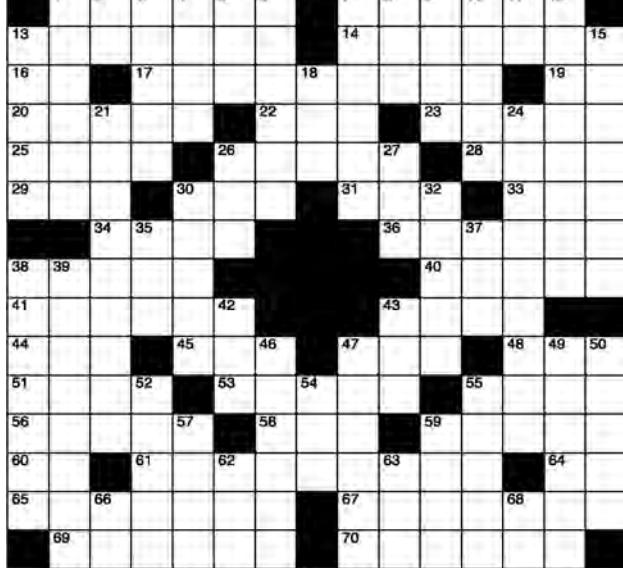
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The Bonifay Kiwanis Club made a Christmas donation of \$200 to the Bonifay Nursing and Rehabilitation Center shortly before their meeting on Dec. 11.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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The Holmes County Council on Aging celebrated its November birthdays on Nov. 22. From left are Dot Carroll and Lilia Grier.

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HEWETT RECEPTION

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Friends, family and co-workers came together to celebrate 38 years of service for Janice Hewett as PeoplesSouth Bank wished her a fond farewell at a Retirement Reception held in her honor on Dec. 16. "She's been a city president of Bonifay branch and a compliance officer for the bank, which has 19 branches and a twentieth branch being built in Dothan," said loan officer Gail Davis. "She's a wonderful person, and we're definitely going to miss her. She's done a wonderful job with her work, which has been 38 years in banking and almost 14 years with PeoplesSouth Bank."

BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

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Chrystal Gross, patient care manager, and Julie Pettis, executive director, both of Emerald Coast Hospice, welcome new administrative volunteer Susan Brandt to the Chipley office. Sue is a new volunteer who provides clerical and administrative assistance to the staff at Emerald Coast Hospice in Chipley. If you are interested in being a volunteer, call Margo Lamb at 638-8787.

JROTC rifle team gets early Christmas present

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BONIFAY — The Holmes County High School JROTC rifle team has been trying to determine how they could get better rifles for their rifle team.

Out of 468 JROTC units in the state of Florida, only 27 teams are selected to attend the state rifle championship competition, which has been in existence for the last two years. Holmes County JROTC Rifle Team has had the honor of being a contender both years at Island Coast High School in Cape Coral. All JROTC units have the M887 Daisy Air Rifles but are venturing out to find a way to always better their scores with better rifles.

The JROTC units are restricted in some way in that the air rifle must comply with specific air rifle requirements on velocity, function, weight, trigger weight capability and general configuration. The cost must be under \$525. Cliff McGowan and Randy Adams, local chapter officers from Holmes Creek Longspurs,



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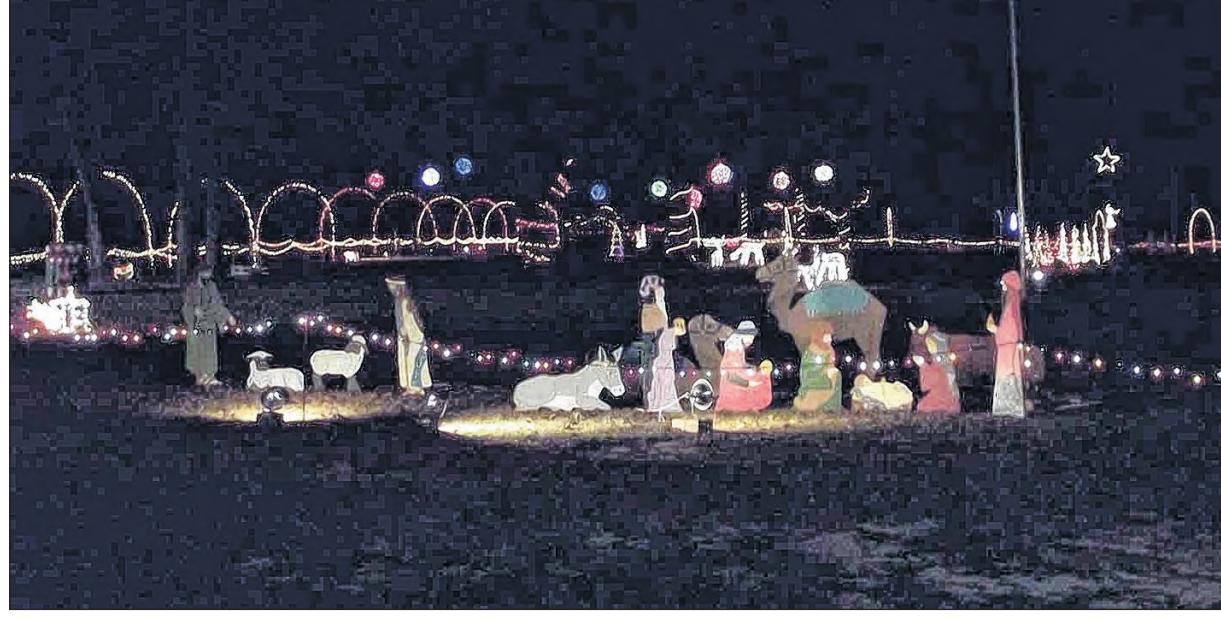
Members of the Holmes County High School JROTC rifle team include, from left, Cliff McGowan, Randy Adams, Christian Grimes and 1SG Burlew.

Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation presented Holmes County JROTC rifle commander Christian Grimes a \$500 check to purchase a Crosman Challenger Competition Air Rifle. The team that won last year's

state rifle championship competition had this rifle.

The rifle team can only take four members to the state competition and has been trying to figure out how to purchase these new and improved rifles. They will hold a

competition to see who will get the honor to shoot the Crosman Challenger Competition Air Rifle. Maybe Santa will find a way to put three more of these rifles underneath the JROTC Christmas tree.

LIVE OAK DRIVE THRU OF LIGHTS

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Live Oak Assembly of God has its annual Drive Thru of Lights display up for the month of December with free entry to all vehicles. The church is at 2118 Live Oak Road in Bonifay just off of County Road 177A.



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A grandfather's stand on the Father Christmas hullabaloo

During this time of the year, a certain controversy raises its ugly red-scarfed head. Year after year, this hullabaloo continues and nobody has taken the initiative to deal with this holiday wrangling. That is, until now.

Normally, I am a mild-mannered person and just to be on the safe side, I stay out of telephone booths. You cannot be too careful, if you know what I mean.

As a great philosopher once said, "I've stands all I can stand and I can't stands no more."

This Christmas inequality has been going on for a very long time. It is about time somebody took some action in this regard. Since nobody else has the courage to take on this subject, I pick up my pen (actually it's my computer keyboard) and duly attack the subject at hand.

I know, as I begin, what I am going to say will not sit well with certain portions of the population. Some will even accuse me of jealousy and other foul attitudes. It just has to be said.

This disparity is between Father Christmas and Grandfathers. As a card-carrying member of the Grandfather's union (GFU), I feel I have the right to express my mind on this subject. In my opinion, Father Christmas is getting too much attention at the expense of Grandfathers everywhere.



DR. JAMES L. SNYDER
Out to Pastor

Sure, I give you that Father Christmas does have his place in our culture. I know children are enamored with him in his silly little red suit and funny hat.

Just between you and me, no self-respecting Grandfather would be caught dead dressed like Father Christmas. I will admit that some Grandfathers dress rather silly and act even sillier.

I believe I should set the record straight between Father Christmas and Grandfathers. Let me compare these two right now and clear up this subject. Then you can be the judge. I have complete confidence in the intelligence of my readers.

First, Father Christmas makes up a list of naughty and nice children. I feel, and I am speaking as a Grandfather, this is highly discriminatory. Children should not be subjected to such discrimination in this day of enlightenment.

Today, children have it hard enough without this silly overweight elf from the North Pole putting undue pressure on them. Grandfathers love both naughty and nice children, especially the naughty. Grandfathers know naughty children need more attention.

Second, Father Christmas only comes once a year. What I want to know is what he is doing the rest of the year. From the pictures I have seen, I am guessing it is not in the area of exercise.

Grandfathers are around all the time, not just at Christmas. No matter what time of year, you can always find a Grandfather, which is more than can be said of Father Christmas.

Third, Father Christmas just brings toys in his huge bag. I grant you, some of these toys are terrific. I am not going to sell Father Christmas short on this aspect. I believe credit should be given where credit is due, unless it is my credit card.

Grandfathers should get some recognition for other things that are just as wonderful. Grandfathers, for example, are full of stories, jokes and a lot more.

If the truth were known, Father Christmas does not have the time to tell a story to any child. I think this is sad. Sadder still, does he even know a story?

Fourth, Father Christmas drives around in an old-fashioned sleigh powered by eight tiny reindeer, with no room to take children for rides. What is that all about?

Nothing is more exciting for children than driving around with their Grandfather, usually in some old pickup with an array of unidentifiable aromas. Whatever they are driving, the ride always ends with ice cream.

Try getting Father Christmas to drive children for ice cream and see what he does.

Fifth, Father Christmas, no matter where you see him, is always in a hurry. He never seems to have enough time to spend with children. Sure, toys are great, but no toy can equal

time spent with a Grandfather.

One of the special things about a Grandfather is he always makes time for children. God made Grandfathers for children. Even though most Grandfathers are hard of hearing, they always hear what is important.

Sixth, Father Christmas, when his work is finished, lays his finger alongside of his nose and up the chimney he goes. Now that is fine, but it was a Grandfather who invented the "pull-my-finger" joke.

I know similarities exist between Father Christmas and Grandfathers. Both, for example, are rotund and quite jolly. Both love cookies. However, that just may be where the similarity ends.

What people do not know, and I have this on good authority, Father Christmas always sends the Christmas bill to Grandfathers. Of course, Grandfathers do not complain about this for one moment. We are glad to help whenever we can; however, it would be nice to have a little bit of recognition during the Christmas holiday.

One thing Grandfathers can do Father Christmas cannot do is pray. Blessed are the grandchildren who have a Grandfather who prays for them.

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16 KJV)

One righteous Grandfather is worth all the Father Christmases in the world.

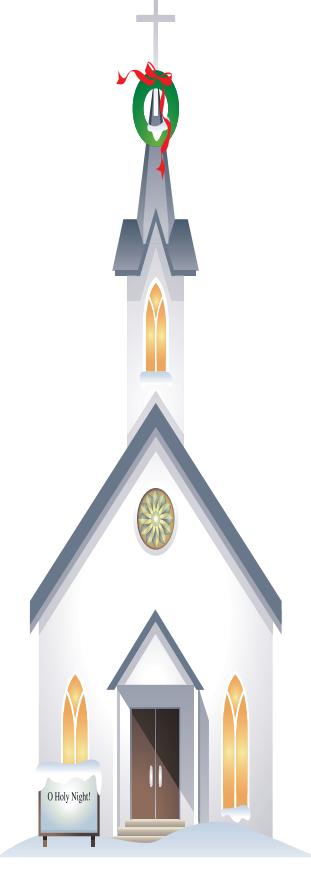
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St. Joseph plans holiday Mass

CHIPLEY — St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Chipley will have Holiday Services on the following schedule: Dec. 24, Vigil Mass at St. Joseph the Worker at 5 p.m.; Midnight Mass at St. Anne, Marianna; and Dec. 25, Mass at St. Anne at 8:30 a.m. and St. Joseph the Worker at 11 a.m.

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Giving has long been associated with our observance of the Christmas season. Ask God to help you be wise in your giving this season.



Weekly Bible Trivia

After the flood, men began to build a tower to reach heaven.
What was it called?

(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

Sunday Gen. 9:1-7	Monday Gen. 9:8-13	Tuesday Gen. 9:14-21	Wed. Gen. 9:22-25	Thurs. Gen. 9:26-29	Friday Gen. 10:1-4	Saturday Gen. 10:5-16
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Is your pet staying home for the holidays?

Traveling over the holiday season is a tradition many families uphold. Whether you're going to visit out-of-town family members or embarking on your annual Colorado ski trip, escaping from the hustle and bustle of everyday life can be quite the holiday treat. For your furry family members, however, this is not the case. Being left alone at home while the people you love are away can be an unsettling experience, so here are some tips for keeping your pets comfortable and happy while you're gone.

There are many viable options to consider if your pet is not accompanying you on vacation. Hiring a pet sitter, boarding your pet at your veterinary clinic or doggy care facility or even asking your animal-loving neighbors if Spot could stay with them for the week are all good possibilities. It is your animal's personality and preferences that determine which of these options will work best.

"Some pets do better at home, like cats or dogs who are easily stressed, but some pets can be destructive when left alone for too long," said Dr. Stacy Eckman, lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "Both pet sitters and boarding facilities offer many benefits, depending on the pet."

For the pet that would be more comfortable in his or her own home, pet sitters can be a wonderful choice. "Pet sitters can come often and check on not only your pets, but also your home," Eckman said. "By staying at home, your pets are in familiar surroundings with plenty of space to move around." However, if your animal is not tolerant of new people coming into your home, it might be difficult for the pet sitter to come and care for your pet. For instances such as this, a boarding facility would be the better option.

However, there are always risks to consider when sending your pet off to be boarded.

"In most boarding facilities your pet is in a kennel, and although some facilities offer 'suites' for your pets, these are still much more confined areas than many pets are used to," Eckman said. "And while many facilities require immunization against many of the more common disorders, your pet can still be exposed and



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susceptible, even if they are properly immunized."

Once you've weighed the risks and benefits to decide which option would work best for your pet, it is time to evaluate which sitter or boarding facility is the perfect match. When choosing a sitter, ask for references from fellow pet-owning friends, and follow up with the owners on how their pets were when they returned from their trip. Researching a boarding facility before your trip is a good idea as well.

"Visit the boarding facilities ahead of time and ask yourself, 'What do they smell like? How is the noise level?'" Eckman said.

Before leaving your house with the sitter, there are some preparations you should make to ensure a comfortable and safe experience for both the sitter and pet. "Unplug all unnecessary electronics, especially those your pet can pull the cords on, and close off any rooms the pets should not be in while you're away," Eckman said. "Having the pet sitter come and spend a little time with your pet before the trip can also be helpful."

If you're leaving your pets at a boarding facility, there are ways you can ensure their comfort during their time away from you. "Some boarding facilities offer day visits to allow your pet to visit once or twice before a trip, which can help them acclimate to the environment before a longer trip," Eckman said. "Taking a special toy or blanket with your pet may make them a little more comfortable outside the home."

Whether you choose to put your pet up in a boarding facility or have a pet sitter come to your house, just remember that for your pets, being left behind while their family is away can be a stressful situation. Make sure to give them plenty of love and affection before your departure and upon your arrival. Remember that while you may enjoy a vacation away from home, for your pets, there is no place like home with their family for the holidays.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at vetmed.tamu.edu/pettalk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.



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From left, front row: Carolyn Davidson, C/SGM Ashley Eberhardt, C/SGT Drew Hatch, C/1LT Laurel Murley and C/CPL Susie Ulberg. Back row, from left: Jean Hathcox, Hilda Logan, C/CPL Ethan Spears and C/CPL Alexandria Sanders.

JROTC has service learning project

Special to Halifax Media Group

BONIFAY — On Dec. 2, the Holmes County High School JROTC chose a mission for its annual service learning project.

The mission was to conduct a food drive for needy people during the Christmas holidays at the local thrift store. All the cadets agreed on gathering 10 nonperishable food items.

Cadets in leadership positions (platoon sergeants) made an

inventory list as their squads brought in their food. The platoon sergeants gave the food items to the Battalion Logistics and Supply officer. The JROTC program took a squad of staff members to the local thrift store, where they were taught how to construct a food box and what a box of food consists of. They also learned what it took to qualify to receive the box.

The cadets constructed numerous boxes with the food they bought in. The staff class returned

to the high school and conducted a class for the rest of the Blue Devil Battalion on what they had learned. Every cadet in the battalion filled out a learning log and will end the mission at the end of the holidays when they receive from the local thrift store the total number of people that they had helped.

The JROTC would like to thank Store Manager Carolyn Davidson, Hilda Logan, Julie Brannon, Jean Hathcox, and Bobby Miller for their volunteer work.

Celebrate Gasparilla in Tampa Bay

TAMPA — Named for legendary pirate, Jose Gaspar, who terrorized the coastal waters of West Florida during the 18th and early 19th centuries, Tampa Bay's destination-wide annual Gasparilla celebration kicks off each January with a full schedule of pirate-themed events. From a 4-mile parade of pirates to specialty packages and a waterfront half-marathon, Tampa unloads untold Gasparilla treasures for visitors and locals to plunder.

On Jan. 18, one week before the full pirate invasion begins in all its spirited revelry, younger swabs and their families enjoy their own special celebration with the Children's Gasparilla Extravaganza. An alcohol-free event, the extravaganza includes a children's parade, preschooler stroll, parachute jump team, "piratechnics" and more. The event takes place along Bayshore Boulevard from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On Jan. 25, the Gasparilla Pirate Fest gets underway as the Gasparilla Flotilla sets sail at 11:30 a.m. from the south end of Hillsborough Bay. Led by the world's only fully rigged pirate ship, the Jose Gasparilla, a flotilla of pleasure craft follows along to participate in the annual re-enactment of the historic pirate invasion. Upon landing at the waterfront Tampa Convention Center, the mayor will hand over the keys to the city, and the official celebration begins. The Gasparilla Invasion Brunch runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at TCC, followed by the 3.8-mile Gasparilla Parade of Pirates in downtown Tampa from 2-5:30 p.m., including more than 90 elaborate floats, 14

marching bands and more than 50 Krewes. Along Kennedy Boulevard, the Gasparilla Pirate Fest Street Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with live entertainment, food and a colorful cast of characters.

Area restaurants and hotels also participate. The Wine Studio will offer \$5 grottos of Sangria and \$7 Pirate Pizzas; Gaspar's Grotto is hosting its 2nd Annual Gasparilla Eve Pirates Gathering with live music and vendors; and the Saddlebrook Resort Tampa will welcome visitors with a special Gasparilla Getaway package.

For those who want to join the invasion and celebration by water and don't have a boat, the Tampa Water Taxi Company provides hours of fun and frivolity with a special tour that includes meeting up with Gaspar and following him to the Tampa Convention Center.

At the Henry B. Plant Museum, the new exhibit, Gasparilla: A Tampa Tradition, explores Tampa's premier party. Find out who the motley crew was, and take in some of the pirate booty and things of beauty during the city's only exhibit of Krewe of Gasparilla memorabilia, including coronation robes, ball invitations, programs, crowns and costumes, as well as vintage photographs of the invasion, parade floats, pirates and royal courts. Gasparilla: A Tampa Tradition will run from Jan. 17 through Feb. 23. Film footage from the 1920s titled "Memories of Gasparilla Festivals" will also be shown continuously. A National Historic Landmark, the museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to

5 p.m. Admission is \$10 per adult, \$7 for seniors (65+ yrs.), \$7 for students and \$5 for children (4-12 yrs.).

The celebration continues with the Gasparilla Distance Classic,

which takes place Feb. 21-23 and includes a 5K, 8K, 15K, half-marathon and even a run for kids ages 2-10. Athletes can participate in a single event or variety of combinations of two or more. All races take place along Bayshore Boulevard.

On March 1-2, the Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts takes place in downtown Tampa at the Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, featuring works from some of the country's most acclaimed artists and rising stars. Featured art includes ceramic, digital, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor and wood. The event also features the works of local young artists, live entertainment and a children's art activity area.

March 8-9 is the Gasparilla Music Festival, which takes place in Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park and Kiley Gardens Park and will feature musical acts from a wide variety of genres on several stages and cuisine from the region's top restaurants. This year's lineup includes, The Flaming Lips, Los Amigos Invisibles, Delta Spirit, Jason Isbell, Anders Osborne and more.

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File No. 13-435CA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

Case No: 2010 CA 000353

DIANE GAIL

PURSELL,

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OF THE ESTATE OF

GLENN G. WATT, de-

ceased,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID W. CURRY, et al.,

Defendants.

Division: Judge Patterson

NOTICE OF FORE-

CLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Cody Taylor, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Holmes County, Florida, will, on the 9th day of January, 2014, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., Central Time, at the Holmes County Courthouse located at 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, Florida 32425, offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real property situated in Holmes County, Florida, to-wit:

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Cody Taylor

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Holmes County, Florida

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By: Diane Eaton
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 30-2013-CA-000225 CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-15, Plaintiff, vs.

STEPHEN HUNTER , et al., Defendant(s).

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CLOSURE SALE

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GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgagor Foreclosure dated November 27, 2013 and entered in Case No. 30-2013-CA-000225 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HOLMES County, Florida wherein CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-15 is the Plaintiff and STEPHEN HUNTER; SANDRA V HUNTER; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS OF THE HOLMES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM on the 9 day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

By:Diane Eaton
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 30-2013-CA-000206 VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee Corporation, PO Box 9800 Maryville, TN 37802 Plaintiff, v.

JAMES WILLIAM RABON a/k/a JAMES RABON, CERESIA LYNN RABON, BETTY L. RABON n/k/a BETTY L. ANDERSON, JAMES E. RABON, IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED,

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The City of Vernon is a drug-free workplace.

A pre-employment drug screen, criminal history background investigation and a driver's license verification will be conducted.

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Application Deadline: January 13, 2014.