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Community Events

Grant Tabernacle hosts Men's Day

Grant Tabernacle A.M.E. Church and Reverend Sandra Hooper, will celebrate Men's Day on Sunday, June 25, at 3 p.m.. The speaker will be Pastor Stephen Andrews from Empact Church in Bonifay, and New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Marianna. Grant Tabernacle is located at 577 Martin Luther King Drive, in Chipley. Come and help celebrate this occasion.

Otter Creek Church Gospel Sing

Otter Creek Church will be having a gospel sing on Saturday evening, June 17. The featured singers are The Smith Family from Pace, Florida. Singing will begin at 6 p.m. with food and fellowship after. Otter Creek Church is located about four miles north of Ponce de Leon off of Highway 81 on Jack Johnson Lane. Everyone is invited. Come and join us for some great gospel music.

Panhandle Watermelon Festival

The 67th Annual Panhandle Watermelon Festival is slated for June 23-24 at Jim Trawick Park in Chipley. Gates open Friday night at 5 p.m. with entertainment kicking off at 6 p.m. The fun continues Saturday with a pancake breakfast at the Panhandle Shrine Club, 5k Hot Trot, watermelon parade, classic car show, arts crafts and food vendors. For a full schedule of events, visit panhandle-watermelon.com.

Orange Hill Fourth of July Celebration

The Orange Hill Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Fourth of July Celebration on Saturday, July 1 from 2 to 10 p.m. The community celebration is a fire service recruitment event and fundraiser for the fire department. There will be food and snacks, music, local craft vendors, bounce house and slides, and fireworks after dark. The event will be held at 1927 Orange Hill Rd. in Chipley.

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Commissioners talk fire department woes

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Fire departments were a hot topic when the Washington County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on June 15. During the non-agenda portion of the meeting, members of the public and volunteers from Country Oaks Fire Department addressed commissioners with their concerns.

Nan Thompson lives in the Country Oaks area and says she has been attending

fire department meetings for several months and learned by listening that an engine that was purchased several years ago by Country Oaks Fire Department from the Orange Hill Fire Department could not pass state testing and no paperwork could be found to show if it had been tested or where and when it had been tested. Thompson went on to say another engine had been brought in the last six months to replace the previous engine, again with

no paperwork, no lights, and a failed pump test. The engine is currently parked at the Orange Hill Fire Department. A third engine was brought in two weeks ago, unable to pass testing and no paperwork and is parked at Country Oaks Fire Department.

"Who is doing this and why?" asked Thompson. "What reassurance do I have, as a resident out there if we don't have an engine? If we have a structure fire, we are screwed. New people

are moving in daily and a having fires, unaware that we don't have help nearby. I have noticed that Country Oaks doesn't even get called out, Orange Hill or Wausau is called out, why is that?"

Commissioners tasked County Administrator Jeff Massey to look into the issue brought forward by Thompson and find a remedy to the problem.

A volunteer with Country Oaks FD, Troy Cunningham, also raised concerns

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Washington County Commissioners recognized Chipley High School's Baseball Team for their first-ever state championship.
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Bonifay hires for PD, talks rates

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Two additional officers were hired for the Bonifay Police Department after approval from the Bonifay City Council when they met in regular session of June 12.

Bonifay Police Chief Jimmy Macon recommended Michael Antunovic and Zachary Neitsch for officer positions and saw the hiring of the two in a 3-2 split decision.

"You all interviewed these two candidates before I came on board," Macon said. "I did a re-interview and a thorough background check on both. I know that one had some issues in the past, but talking to his last three agencies they all said the same thing. He is a good officer, he just needs proper training and good supervision. I feel with the command staff that I have now and

with myself as a leader, the run and gun is over with. We aren't going to go out and tear up city vehicles, we aren't going to harass people, we are going to help people. With that being said, I feel like this young man needs a second chance and under my leadership we can make him that officer the other chiefs said he could be."

Macon went on to say there is a one-year probationary period for each new hire and that if he doesn't feel like they will not be able to do the job, he will advise the board sooner rather than later.

Council member Shelley Carroll made the motion and Mayor Emily McCann passed the gavel to give the second. With Councilmen James Sellers and Larry Cook voting against the measure, the deciding vote

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HCA, WCN under new local ownership July 1



Adam Smith and Carol Kent, owners of Kent Smith Group, will officially assume ownership of Holmes County Advertiser and Washington County News on July 1. [DIANE M. MOORE | THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER]

STAFF REPORT

Washington County News and Holmes County Advertiser will soon be under new local ownership, Neves Media Publishing announced on June 21.

Kent Smith Group, owned

by Carol Kent and Adam Smith of Chipley, will assume news operations on July 1.

Publisher Todd Neves purchased the publications in 2021 from a corporate

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to the board. The issues were the same as Thompson, fire engines.

“The engine that we purchased several years ago could not pass the pump test and was supposed to be out getting repairs,” he said. “In the meantime, we were given a loaner truck that sat at the Emergency Operations Center for no less than three months. That truck was sent over to Sunny Hills FD to be pump tested and was sent over to us to be placed into service. As we started to put our gear on it, we noticed it was not ready to go into service. The lights would go out and there were no marker lights on the sides. I was tasked by Chief Johns to handle the issue so that is what I am doing.”

Cunningham went on to speak about how when he raised the issues to Fire Coordinator Justin Leach that the engine was facing, he was told to immediately

take the truck out of service and use the first attack brush truck as their interior truck. “He said to do it and I am not supposed to question him, but according to NFBA, we can’t do that. A technician came and the next thing we know is the truck is being taken back to Sunny Hills for pump testing. It didn’t pass the first time or the second time. You guys have in an email, 29 pages of testing for that truck and hydrants, it didn’t pass. Now we have another loaner, and it is just sitting in the bay. We don’t have an engine out at that station.”

As commissioners are not required to answer questions during the non-agenda portion of the meeting, Chairman Tray Hawkins thanked Cunningham for his time and moved onto the next citizen to bring a concern.

Skyla Jones brought concerns with hiring practices for the county after finding an employee, who was not named, had a conviction on their record.

Attorney Matt Fuqua and Massey were asked to look further into the matter.

In other items, Hawkins brought the matter of a county canning center for discussion amongst the board. Each commissioner was on board with finding a funding source to bring the center to reality. Commissioner Wesley Griffin called canning a “lost art” and was excited to see a canning center be once more in the county. Hawkins was tasked with finding a way to bring the idea to fruition.

Members of Chipley High School Baseball Team were recognized by the board for winning their first ever state championship title for CHS. Coach Andy Compton, assistant coaches and team members were on hand to accept certificates and coins from the board.

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners will meet again in regular session at 9 a.m. on July 13.

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entity and says Kent and Smith will complete his original vision of returning local news to the community.

“I think that there’s still a tangibility to still having that paper in your hand,” said Neves. “Carol and Adam are Washington County natives and will be able to continue to ensure Holmes and Washington counties have the representation and reliable local news they so richly deserve.”

Kent previously served as Editor of the two publications from 2014 to 2018 before serving three years as Public Information Officer for the Holmes County Sheriff’s Office. She returned to the newsroom in 2021 and was promoted to Editor-in-Chief over Neves Media Publishing’s five newsrooms across Bay, Gulf, Franklin, Holmes, and Washington counties, a role she served before pursuing a separate opportunity to further her career.

She has gained a reputation statewide for her dedication to keeping quality, accurate, and relevant local journalism alive, having been invited by CNN in 2021 to lead a roundtable discussion about returning local papers to the community in their global podcast, “Reliable Sources.”

On July 1, Kent will return to the newsroom, this time as Publisher and co-owner.

“I wrote my first news story for

Washington County News when I was a 16-year-old Junior at Chipley High School, and I just fell in love with telling the stories of my community,” said Kent. “I am thankful to Todd Neves for giving me the opportunity to return to the newsroom I so dearly love and for his support during this transition. There are a lot of moving parts, but going forward, readers can expect an even stronger focus on local news and events. We are the scrapbook of our community, the keepers of milestones for generations to come, and I am beyond excited to once again be serving Holmes and Washington counties.”

Smith, a 1994 graduate of Chipley High School, has worked in Holmes, Washington, and surrounding counties for more than 30 years. He serves as the company’s Senior Vice President and will oversee the publications’ daily business operations.

“We are looking forward to completing what Neves began when the company purchased these weeklies in 2021,” said Smith. “Carol has the experience, relationships, and passion to build a quality local product that will chronicle the heart and history of Holmes and Washington counties. I look forward to partnering with her to refresh and lead these publications into the future.”

Reporter Diane M. Moore will remain on staff, with more local correspondents soon to be announced.

The first publication under the Kent Smith Group will be the July 5 edition.

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came down to Councilwoman Sierra Smith.

“I feel very conflicted about this personally,” said Smith. “But, Chief Macon, I support you and I am fully on board with you. I trust your leadership, so I trust that it will not take you a year if you feel like either one of these candidates given their previous employment and the issues they’ve had, that they don’t live up to the standards that our citizens deserve, I am trusting that you will make that decision immediately. This will not affect our citizens or anybody else. This is a tough decision, but I am going to vote, yes.”

Macon assured the council and the citizens of the new BPD.

“The old BPD is gone,” said Macon. “We are starting from the foundation and building up. I am going to give the citizens of Bonifay what they deserve.”

During last month’s council meeting Retired Florida Highway Patrolman Johnny Whitaker was hired for the full-time officer position but went on to turn down the job. Macon was charged with choosing his second in command. Macon chose to split that position into two by appointing Chuck White as a Captain over patrol and Betty Sims as Lieutenant over investigations. Bonifay Police Department is expected to pick up operations from Holmes County Sheriff’s Office on June 19.

Mayor McCann brought the issue of flat rates and usage rates before the council asking to review the accounts that are under a flat rate, such as Holmes Correctional Institution.

“HCI is under a flat rate of \$44,375.10 per month which leaves us absorbing more than \$80,000 than we should,” said McCann. “I do not understand how we came to the decision for them to be on a flat rate or for any customers to be on a flat rate. In six months, we have lost a full-time



Holmes County Chamber of Commerce presented the Bonifay Police Department with a \$1,000 check at a recent city council meeting. [DIANE M. MOORE | THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER]

position with fringe in what we have absorbed in usage. I would like to have a conversation on how to get every flat rate user on a usage plan like everyone else.”

The council agreed there would be further discussions on how to bring this proposal to fruition.

In other business, McCann asked for the council to vote on a partnership with the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners for several matters. The first being a request to move the Bonifay Police Department into the

old HCSO building once the move is made to the new facility.

“We are looking to grow, and the old sheriff’s office would be a great fit for our needs,” said McCann.

The council will also be looking into taking back ownership of the rec center from the county if funding sources can be determined and if the switch back will not affect the \$3 million in grant funding for the refurbishment of the building.

The Bonifay City Council will meet again in regular session at 6 p.m. on June 26.

Congressman Dunn fights for the health and safety of children in foster care

STAFF REPORT

Congressman Neal Dunn, M.D. recently introduced the Creating Accountable Respectful Environments (CARE) for Children Act (H.R. 3852). This bill addresses the shortage of foster home options for children by allowing cottage homes to be eligible for federal funds that other programs already have access to.

“Going into the foster care system can be difficult for a child and their parents. The transition is even more difficult when there is a shortage of foster care options,” said Congressman Dunn. “The CARE for Children Act seeks to ensure the health and safety of children, as well as expands options by including cottage family homes. We must do everything we can to help the future generation become the best versions of themselves.”

H.R. 3852 adds “cottage family homes” to the options of federally supported housing for foster chil-

dren. Cottage family homes offer a family-like living environment in a single-family residence with no more than two children per bedroom unless it is in the children’s best interest. The cottage “parents” can supervise and nurture around the clock creating a healthier, stable environment.

“We must always prioritize the well-being of our children and provide them with the best possible care. That is why I am proud to co-introduce the Creating Accountable Respectful Environments (CARE) for Children Act, which amends the Social Security Act to include ‘Cottage Family Homes’ to make them eligible for federal funds,” said Congressman Darren Soto. “This bill will open up stable and nurturing home environments for children including an estimated six locations in Florida alone. These locations will be extremely beneficial to the well-being of every child who needs them as they will increase capacity,

keep sibling groups together, and provide children with a normalized home environment that maintains a strong connection with the child’s family.”

“The CARE for Children Act aims to create safe, healthy environments for children by promoting capacity-building, keeping sibling groups together, and providing a normalized home and community environment for our youth in Florida,” said Rep. Kat Cammack. “At a time when foster homes are in short supply, this bill ensures that cottage family homes keep children safe, nurtured, and cared for to help them grow into happy, healthy adults. I’m glad to join Rep. Dunn and my Florida colleagues in supporting the CARE Act.”

“The CARE Act will open doors to a better and brighter future for foster youth, providing them with the normalized home environment that they need to thrive,” said Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-

McCormick. “I’m proud to join several of my colleagues in the Florida Congressional Delegation in introducing this necessary and bipartisan piece of legislation.”

“Protecting children and giving them every opportunity to thrive is essential. The Creating Accountable Respectful Environments (CARE) for Children Act addresses the health, safety, and well-being of children who must face and ensure hardship,” said Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. “I am proud to introduce this legislation with my colleagues so we can provide children with a normalized home and community environment when times are most difficult.”

“We are grateful that Dr. Dunn and the bill co-sponsors see the value of cottage family homes as a support to struggling families and trauma impacted children. This bill ensures accountability and respectful environments for children during a dif-

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Hooked on tradition:

Breathing new life into the Bay Point Billfish Tournament



From left: George Roberts, Jay Quave, John Warren and Scott Rossman. [CONTRIBUTED]

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Sports Director WJHG TV

The summer of 2012 marked the end of an era, as the Bay Point Billfish Tournament closed its doors for the last time at the Bay Point Marina. As someone who had been intimately involved with the event as the emcee of the weigh-ins – I couldn’t help but feel a mixture of sadness and pride at having been a part of something so deeply woven into the fabric of our community.

The Invitational was more than a mere fishing tournament—it was a social extravaganza that drew people from near and far to the Bay Point Marina every summer. In the week following the Fourth of July, the marina became a bustling hub of activity, hosting boat shows, lively dock parties, and a high-stakes Blue Marlin fishing contest that lured the finest anglers from around the Gulf.

In the years that followed the tournament’s conclusion, I found myself inundated with questions from disappointed enthusiasts: “What happened to the Billfish tournament?” “Why did Bay Point go away?” And the most pressing question of all: “When is the tournament coming back?”

It was evident that the void left in our community needed to be addressed.

The turning point came in early 2022 when I crossed paths with Jay Quave, a fellow parishioner at St. Bernadette Church. We shared a passion for Billfishing and a determination to resurrect the Bay Point Tournament. Together with John Warren, the owner of Bay Point Golf Club, and George Roberts, the owner of Roberts and Roberts Construction, we formed a dedicated team to bring the event back to life.

Our first order of business was to secure the recently rebuilt Point South Marina as the new venue for the tournament, now reimagined as the Bay Point Billfish Open. With the support of Justin Bannerman, the General Manager of the marina, we began working to bring our vision to life.

As momentum grew, the Panama City Beach Tourist Development Council and Visit Panama City Beach eagerly jumped on board as our presenting sponsor, providing crucial financial support. We were also fortunate to enlist Bert Merritt as our Tournament Director, whose extensive experience in organizing Gulf Coast fishing tournaments

proved invaluable. Neves Media completed our team, taking on web design, marketing, and advertising responsibilities.

With the 2023 Bay Point Billfish Open fast approaching, we are grateful for the incredible support from our local, regional, and national sponsors. Their contributions have made it possible for this tournament

to become a reality. As a group, Jay, John, George, and I welcome you to this new chapter of an iconic event. Join us as we revel in the live music, savor mouthwatering food, marvel at the boats, and hold our breaths during thrilling weigh-ins. Let’s come together to celebrate the triumphant return of a true Bay County tradition.

Pictured (L-R): Adam Sladcik, OTR; Mina Truette, patient; Jessica Veit, PTA; Laura Peterson, PT



“Northwest Florida Community Hospital surrounded me with great care!”

—Mina Truette

Mina Truette (center) suffered a severe stroke on December 17, 2022. But thanks to the Rehabilitation Program at Northwest Florida Community Hospital, she’s made a remarkable recovery.

“Mama could only say one word before she started rehab,” says Tammy Sanders, Mina’s daughter. “Now she can outtalk everybody, and that’s fine with us. She couldn’t move her right leg at all. Now she can stand and walk with assistance.”

“I received excellent care,” says Mina. “Everyone was very kind and professional.”

“We didn’t have a single bad experience during the six weeks Mama was there,” says Tammy. “Everybody, and I mean everybody, from the doctors to housekeeping, took such good care of my mother. They were always accommodating and never missed a step. When Mama was doing her rehab walking in the hallway, the employees would stop to cheer, clapping and saying ‘C’mon Mama, you can do it!’ It was so encouraging! I worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse for 20 years, and I can say that I’ve never seen anyone receive better care. People don’t give our local hospital near enough credit. But I do!”



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OPINION

Co-opted drug cartels are enemy Hybrid warfare operations



Austin Bay
Guest Columnist

In February of this year, 21 U.S. states asked the Biden administration to officially label Mexican drug cartels terrorist organizations. The states’ attorneys general making the request made this argument: designating Mexican criminal cartels as FTOs, Foreign Terrorist Organizations, allows the U.S. to use more than that federal police, state police and judicial power to confront them. As

FTOs, federal military and intelligence assets enter the fray.

The AGs said that such destructive “forces just across our southwestern land border, and the Mexican government’s inability to control them, pose a threat to our national security far greater than a typical drug-trafficking enterprise...”

With national security threatened, all elements of national power must defend American citizens against cartel violence, deadly drugs and social-cultural devastation. The AGs noted drug overdoses killed 100,000 Americans in the preceding 12 months and fentanyl was involved in two-thirds of the deaths. Mexican drug cartels imported fentanyl-making raw materials

from China.

Communist China is the world’s primary source of fentanyl. Beijing either ships it directly to the U.S. or smuggles it via Mexico.

In 2017, the National Interest called China’s drug strategy vis-a-vis the U.S. the “Reverse Opium War.” From 1839-1842 China’s Qing dynasty went to war with Britain to stop the Brits from selling opium in China. The drug threatened Chinese social cohesion.

Fentanyl kills Americans and destroys social cohesion.

One attorney general making the February request, Virginia’s Jason Miyares, noted the major Mexican cartels have direct connections to foreign terrorist organizations. Miyares specifically mentioned Lebanese

Hezbollah, the terrorist group that perpetrated the October 1983 Beirut Marine barracks bombing. Hezbollah’s murderous outrage killed 307 human beings.

Do the math: Mexican drug cartels collaborate with an FTO that has waged war with America for 40 years.

Here’s the logic: If X (Hezbollah) is a foreign terrorist organization, and Y collaborates with X, it’s slam-dunk certain Y is acting as an operational asset of X.

The question that frustrates Beltway bureaucrats: Does operational asset make Y -- in this case Mexican criminal cartels -- an FTO?

Soft words, diplomatic hints -- nuances matter when all parties and organizations respect laws and value human life. But the lawless? Count the bodies: Cartels and terrorists

are lawless.

Unfortunately, Washington bureaucrats, diplomats, lawyers and the Biden administration are constrained by antiquated definitions.

In the bleeding world, America’s enemies, the terrorists, the criminal cartels and the enemy nation states who employ them have learned how to evade the Beltway Clerks’ definitions.

In 2008 very smart people were already wrestling with how to define the Mexican cartels’ sensational violence. The better minds noted that U.S. anti-drug laws were quite potent, if applied. Moreover, a conflict existed between U.S. domestic law and the law of war. Turning the Cartel War into a U.S. war would effectively rob Mexico of sovereignty -- that was a legitimate argument.

But we no longer face a domestic-versus-

international war. We face a type of hybrid war with Foreign Adversary Collaborating Hybrid-Warfare Organizations.

If the term is to long for talking heads, too bad. FACHWO is an awful acronym, but it describes a number of enemies, especially the Mexican criminal cartels. They do the societal dirty work of communist China.

The social destruction operation is right out of Qiao Liang’s and Wang Xiangsui’s “Unrestricted Warfare.” Weather balloons, lawyer jargon, fentanyl, strict definitions of terrorism -- all are weapons Beijing uses to degrade America.

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Trump indicted; Biden and Pence next for the same “crimes”?



Ron Hart
Guest Columnist

When I look back on college, there are few things I can remember learning. One was that you can throw up well after you think you’re done. On one

particularly hungover morning, I called the Memphis Alcoholics Anonymous hotline and asked how to make a Singapore Sling. I did not tell them my name, so I thought it was ok. But what I remember and liked most about college was reading works that really made sense to me. That animated me. First, the works of Ayn Rand. Then, in a particularly fair-minded economics class (a program hidden in Georgetown University’s summer curriculum), I discov-

ered economist Adam Smith.

Born in Scotland on June 5, 1723, the best economist in history, Adam Smith, would be three hundred years old this month. If he were alive, he would be happy to see that he was entirely right in his books, including Theory of Moral Sentiment and his seminal work, Wealth of Nations. Both should be required reading.

Adam Smith was the first to study and write about economics as an academic subject worthy of study and exploration. Before Smith, wealth distribution was considered to be “God’s Will,” so as to keep the common man down and wealth in the hands of the inheritors. It served the purpose of the (then) liberal elites by making financial upward mobility harder and caused the average man to pay more for goods and services by restricting competition. Adam Smith was the “Father of Capitalism,” and Capitalism has done more to improve the lives of people than any form of faux altruism or big

government socialism on earth.

He was the first to call out crony capitalism; he called it “mercantilism.” It is a state of economics from which Democrats love to grift, a form of Mafia-like protection.

Politicians give you governmental protections for your business and you funnel money back to them.

It is why the cost of the products of the most heavily government-regulated businesses goes up more than the overall rate. Think about state-run colleges, healthcare, insurance, cable TV, etc. The more businesses are in bed with government, the more we pay -- and for lower quality. For example, 95% of the country only has one cable provider.

In his Wealth of Nations, Adam Smith said, “A monopoly granted either to an individual or to a trading company has the same effect as a secret in trade or manufactures. The monopolists, by keeping the market constantly understocked by never fully supplying the effectual demand, sell their commodities much above the natural price, and raise their emoluments, whether

they consist in wages or profit, greatly above their natural rate. The price of monopoly is upon every occasion the highest which can be got. The natural price, or the price of free competition, on the contrary, is the lowest which can be taken, not upon every occasion indeed, but for any considerable time together.”

Wealth ensures that those who bring goods and services to others do so at the best price for the quality of the product delivered. This, instead of socialism or monopolistic economies, results in average people getting a better deal on goods they purchase, thus living a better life.

Smith first wrote of economics as enlightened self-interest benefiting the masses.

He called it “rational self-interest,” that all of us, going about our business in a manner that benefits us, also benefit all others. He said, “It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own self-interest. We address ourselves not to their humanity but to their self-love,

and never talk to them of our own necessities, but of their advantages.”

That certainly gets rid of the need for the DEA, FDA and the Commerce Department.

Fentanyl is put in drugs now because “The War on Drugs” via the DEA makes drugs illegal, thus sending production to underground gangs and thugs. There is no accountability by the manufacturer.

I learned about drinking and economics in college. I guess it worked out. In addition, in my fraternity I learned many other life lessons, some things Biden should know after all his falls of late. It does not matter how many times you fall on your face; it matters how many times you get back up. That works in life, but, as it turns out, not so well during a Memphis Police Officer’s roadside sobriety test.

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Guest Columnist

The Republicans Who Know This Indictment Is Devastating

What will Republican voters make of Trump’s federal indictment? There have already been polls, but they are too early to mean much. Voters’ reactions will be influenced by Republican leaders and media personalities. For the past eight years, “influencers” have rallied around Trump. The base has accordingly dismissed every al-

legation as politically motivated and the politicians, in turn, have pointed to the opinions of “the people” as justification for sticking with Trump themselves. Rinse and re-

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peat. That minuet continued after the indictment was announced, but this time there were some interesting dissenters.

Yes, the usual lemmings, Lindsey Graham, Kevin McCarthy, Jim Jordan, Elise Stefanik and more, leapt from their chairs to offer bad-faith excuses for Trump. McCarthy found himself defending the placement of highly classified documents in a Mar-a-Lago bathroom because “bathroom doors have a lock.” Most of the talking heads on Fox and other right-wing outlets decried the “weaponization” of the justice system and many, including some members of Congress, went even further and urged violent resistance.

But there were some Republicans -- even some stalwart Trump defenders -- who swallowed hard this time and told the truth. Even on Fox News Sunday.

Former Attorney General Bill Barr, appearing on Fox, was unsparing. “I was shocked by the degree of sensitivity of these documents and how many there were, frankly. ... And I think (the search) was a right thing to do, and ... the counts under Espionage Act that he willfully retained those documents are solid counts.”

“Solid counts,” not a “boxes hoax,” as Trump calls it. Barr continued, “I do think that ... if even half of it is true, then he’s toast. I mean, it’s a pretty -- it’s a very detailed indictment, and it’s very, very damning.”

Law professor Jonathan Turley has been a reliable Trump shill for some time, and even as recently as the night the indictment was announced, he was predicting confidently that “Trump could run on pardoning himself.” But on Friday, after reading the indictment, Turley was sounding chastened. Allowing that “we

haven’t heard from the other side,” Turley acknowledged that “It is an extremely damning indictment ... Some of the evidence is coming from his former counsel.” Referring to the photos of boxes stacked in various locations, he said, “It’s really breathtaking. Obviously, this is mishandling. Putting classified documents into ballrooms and bathrooms ... borders on the bizarre.” And he cautioned the Trump attorneys (yet to be named), “The Trump team should not fool itself. These are hits below the water line ... It’s overwhelming in its details.”

Former Rep. Trey Gowdy wasn’t pulling any punches either. Asked by Fox’s Shannon Bream whether some of the evidence in the indictment might never be seen by a jury, Gowdy said, “Well, the most damning piece of evidence to me is the audiotape. I mean, you want to talk about consciousness of guilt?”

Alan Dershowitz has embarrassed himself by his past Trump advocacy, including during an impeachment trial, and yet he, too, was awed by the strength of the indictment, which he said was “stronger than many people anticipated.”

The “most important” and “most difficult for Trump” he argued, were the audiotapes. “It may not be a smoking gun, but it’s a gun, and it’s a very important piece of evidence, and it’s enough to convict ... (Trump) of knowingly possessing unauthorized classified material ... Donald Trump has a lot to worry about.”

National Review would not, it’s safe to say, be mistaken for an anti-Trump publication. They fall more into the anti-anti-Trump camp much of the time. But in the wake of this indictment, they’ve run a number of scorching essays. Andrew McCarthy, a former federal prosecutor, had no patience for the Trump as victim narrative:

“These are not the people who want to take him out. This is not Joe Biden, Liz Cheney, congressio-


nal Democrats, or the ‘fake news’ media. ... No, the evidence comes from Trump’s lawyers. The people who were trying to minimize his criminal exposure and push back against his destructive tendencies. The people who were trying to help him. ... If you tell me I need to look the other way on that because Hillary Clinton got a pass, I respectfully suggest that you’ve lost your way.”

Ed Whelan of the Ethics and Public Policy Center was not a Trump apologist, but he’s an influential conservative legal analyst, and he was at pains to debunk the argument some were floating that the Presidential Records Act somehow permitted Trump to do what he did. He tweeted, “I marvel at various leaps people (including, I’m sorry to see, people I like) are making in claiming this case means that (the) Presidential Records Act gives Trump protection against criminal prosecution for allegedly retaining (and lying about retaining) classified materials.”


Finally, three of Trump’s rivals for the Republican presidential nomination declined to bend the knee this time. Asa Hutchinson called on Trump to withdraw from the race and scorned Vivek Ramaswamy for promising to pardon Trump. Chris Christie declared that the facts in the indictment are “devastating.” And Nikki Haley suggested that “Trump was incredibly reckless with our national security.”

Would it have been better for the entire GOP to have taken an off-ramp many years ago? Without doubt. But that cannot blind us to the fact that right now, some former Trump allies are telling the truth, and that may just influence a few Republicans who’ve rarely heard this kind of thing from their own side before.


Mona Charen is Policy Editor of The Bulwark and host of the “Beg to Differ” podcast.



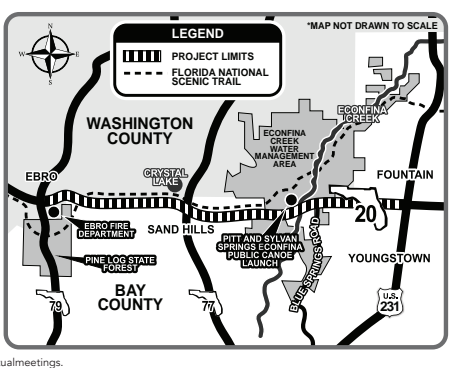
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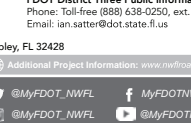

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SHARE YOUR COMMENTS
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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns about Title VI may do so by contacting Alicia Binner, District Three Title VI Coordinator, 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, FL 32428, toll-free at (888) 638-0250, ext. 1202 or via email at albinner@dot.state.fl.us. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Group Medical Insurance –
RFP NO: INS-2023
Friday, July 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. CST

Holmes County School Board is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide a fully insured Health Insurance Plan for Employees and Dependents. Self-Funded proposals will also be considered. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed container, clearly identified as Request for Proposal for Group Medical Insurance, RFP INS-2023. Sealed proposals will be received from eligible bidders at the Holmes District School Board (hereinafter the District), 701 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Bonifay, FL 32425, until Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. local time. A copy of the full RFP and forms is available on the Holmes County School District’s website at: www.hdsb.org/procurement. This RFP is issued through our consultant, Dennis Barnes. Dennis Barnes is the sole point of contact with regard to this RFP and all contractual matters related to the services described herein. **Questions:** All questions and communications must be addressed, in writing, to Dennis Barnes, Barnes Insurance & Financial Services
1582 Airport Boulevard, Pensacola, FL 32504
(850) 473-1500,
dbarnes@biafs.com or cpowers@biafs.com
Responses to inquiries regarding the status of a proposal will not be made prior to the posting of award recommendation. The District does not discriminate based on age, race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability or marital status.

The School District of Holmes County
701 E. Pennsylvania Ave.
Bonifay, FL 32425
BY: Kelly Leavins

Publicly posted in the lobby of the Holmes District School Board Office on July 14, 2023.

Advertisement for Bids
Invitations to Bid No. 2023-04 REBID 2,
2023-05 REBID 2

Washington County Board of County Commissioners is requesting bids for “Asbestos and Lead Paint Testing” and “Appraisal” of Flood Prone Structures.

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting Kimberly Birge-Gorman at kbirge@washingtonfl.com.

Sealed bids will be received at the County Administration office located at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428, Attn: Kimberly Birge-Gorman, no later than **3:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, July 25, 2023**. The original bid shall be submitted in a **sealed** package clearly labeled with the correct corresponding Bid name.

Washington County Board of County Commissioners accepts no responsibility for any expenses incurred by bidders in the preparation of a response to this bid.

ADA – Special Accommodations: Any person requiring accommodations by the Authority due to a disability should call Wendy White, Washington County Human Resources Coordinator at (850) 415-5151 at least five (5) days prior to any pre-response conference, response opening, or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Wendy White via the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

PUBLIC NOTICE
RFP No. ESE 2023-2
Teacher of the Visually Impaired and Orientation and Mobility

Sealed bids for Teacher of the Visually Impaired and Orientation and Mobility services will be received from eligible bidders at the School District of Holmes County (hereinafter the District), 701 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Bonifay, FL 32425, until July 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., local time. The purpose and intent of this request for proposal is to secure firm prices for **90 days after date of opening**.

All bids submitted shall be on Attachment A, “Bid Response Form,” included in the bid specifications, a copy of which may be reviewed or obtained from the District or by downloading from Holmes County School District’s website at: www.hdsb.org.

Questions : Questions regarding specifications shall be submitted in writing to the District, at 701 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Bonifay, FL 32425. Questions are due no later than June 28, 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
RFP No. ESE 2023-1
Physical Therapy

Sealed bids for Physical Therapy will be received from eligible bidders at the School District of Holmes County (hereinafter the District), 701 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Bonifay, FL 32425, until July 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., local time. The purpose and intent of this request for proposal is to secure firm prices for **90 days after date of opening**.

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ficult time in their lives. Children deserve the warmth, care, education and support a cottage family home provides,” said Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Bill Frye. “Cottage Family homes are a key component to keeping siblings together. This legislation ensures a quality home life for trauma impacted children. We are grateful for this legislation,” said Brad Gregory, CEO of A Kids Place. “With the growing foster care parent shortage reaching crisis levels, the Florida Coalition for Children

appreciate efforts to remove barriers, to have the right placement options and to maintain critical social and emotional standards for children. While Florida leads the way in providing child-welfare services to children and families, we understand the need to keep a vigilant hand in our approach to care and we applaud the efforts by Congressman Dunn and his co-sponsors of The Creating Accountable Respectful Environments (CARE) for Children Act, which will ensure the Nation’s child-welfare system has every tool available to the meet the needs of children,” said the Florida Coalition for Children. “This bill defines what out of home placement for children should look

like,” said Baptist Childrens Village. “Children from hard places needing out of home placement due to threat of imminent harm win with the provisions of the CARE Act. The Act increases the numbers of residential resources available to keep sibling groups together while ensuring safeguards that protect a child’s right to normalized extracurricular, enrichment, cultural and social activities that offer the same freedoms afforded peers living with their own families. With the provisions of this Act, the continuum of care for children is increased with the creation of accountable, respectful environments. Passage of the Act will help eliminate the horror stories of children left in harm’s

way and not surviving the experience or being placed with families not licensed to provide their care and being subjected to harm due to a lack of training or safeguards that ensure safety,” said Coalition of Residential Excellence Executive Director Don Forrester. “The children we serve have experienced unthinkable trauma and they deserve the very best care we have to offer. The CARE Act does exactly that as it encourages siblings to remain together while providing more options for a family setting in a Cottage Home,” said St. Augustine Youth Services Executive Director Schuyler Siefker.

DeSantis axes \$510 million from record state budget

JIM SAUNDERS AND RYAN DAILEY
News Service of Florida

Gov. Ron DeSantis trimmed \$510.9 million from a record-high state spending plan signed Thursday, with nearly one-fifth of the cuts coming from a single program designed to keep swaths of rural property from commercial and residential development. While DeSantis didn’t give any explanation for projects he slashed for the fiscal year that begins July 1, the governor’s line-item vetoes put the state budget at roughly \$116.5 billion, a 6 percent increase from the current year’s spending plan. DeSantis, who is running for the Republican presidential nomination, used a budget signing event at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce Thursday morning to contrast Florida’s fiscal approach to that of President Joe Biden and large states led

by Democrats. Florida “is in great shape. The state’s going in a great direction. You’re not going to see us have the type of problems that these other states have with fiscal insolvency, driving people away,” DeSantis said. “I mean our tax base is expanding, business investments (are) terrific. And of course, this budget is in fantastic shape.” DeSantis made no mention of his budget vetoes during Thursday’s event, a contrast to his remarks a year ago when he stood on a stage in The Villages flanked by Republican legislative leaders whose projects were targeted for cuts. The governor’s office released the budget vetoes hours after the Fort Pierce event ended. DeSantis used the morning appearance to focus on “record” environmental spending, pay increases for

state law enforcement officers and teachers, \$4 billion to speed construction on road projects, and a third year of \$1,000 bonuses for law enforcement officers and firefighters throughout the state. “We are able to do things that make a difference in people’s lives, not by wasting money, but by spending it on things that really have a great impact on the general public,” DeSantis said. The governor’s office labeled the spending package (SB 2500), along with accompanying conforming bills (SB 2502, SB 2504, SB 2506 and SB 2510), the “Framework to Freedom.” The largest item nixed from the 515-page budget was \$100 million for Conservation And Rural Land Protection easements, a program championed by Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson.

Created in 2001, the program involves purchasing conservation easements, which allow landowners to continue farming and cattle operations in exchange for not developing the property. Simpson has linked the program to protecting food production. His office recently encouraged farmers and ranchers to apply for the state funding, which continues to be distributed through \$300 million received for the current fiscal year that ends June 30. Simpson, a former Senate president, blasted DeSantis’ decision to nix this year’s funding for the program, saying it would harm the state’s \$180 billion agriculture industry. “There is no conceivable reason to target agriculture in a year when we have billions of dollars in reserves,” Simpson, a Republican, said in a statement. “Agri-

culture was harmed today and so was the state of Florida.” The next highest cut was to a \$30.8 million proposal sponsored by Sen. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, to acquire the Kirkland Ranch in Pasco County. The governor also slashed more than \$150 million in proposed education-related funding from the annual spending plan. The vetoes included proposed expenditures such as a pay raise for teachers working in juvenile-justice education programs and big-ticket construction projects at state colleges and universities. For example, DeSantis nixed a \$2.1 million proposal to boost salaries for full-time classroom teachers employed by a juvenile-justice education program or school. University projects targeted by DeSantis’ included a proposed \$14.5 million renovation to Florida Gulf Coast University’s Reed Hall classroom building and the construction of a new \$11 million Academic and Research Collaboration Center at the University of Florida, sought by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville. DeSantis also denied a \$20 million spending request by Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, to construct an Academic STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Nursing Facility at the University of South Florida’s Sarasota-Manatee Campus. The governor’s education cuts also slashed \$6.4 million for building upgrades at public broadcasting stations across the state designed to “correct health and safety issues” and “building deficiencies,” according to the budget item. The budget signed by DeSantis included \$850 million for the Florida Wildlife Corridor and \$100 million in recurring funding for the Florida Forever land protection program. DeSantis’ action Thursday drew mixed reviews from Democrats.

have large positive impacts directly in Central Florida, and provide many needed services, create job opportunities, and continue to make our community a safe place to call home,” Stewart said in a release. But House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, said DeSantis’ budget decisions would harm Floridians. “This budget was written and passed unanimously by the Florida Legislature, and while no budget is ever perfect, this one did a lot of good for the people of Florida,” Driskell said in a release. “Unfortunately, DeSantis cut half a billion dollars from projects to keep Floridians healthy, protect us from storms, and improve our schools and roads.” Meanwhile, Orlando Democratic Rep. Rita Harris called the vetoes “irresponsible” and “harmful.” “I am frustrated that millions of dollars will not be distributed to help the local community, including funding that would have supported local food drives, not only in Orlando but throughout the entire state of Florida,” Harris said in a release. Harris pointed to \$400,000 vetoed for the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive conducted by U.S. Postal carriers. The funding would have gone to Simpson’s Department of Agriculture and Consumer Report to purchase bags for the drive. In a press release issued by DeSantis’ office Thursday, the governor attributed the vetoes to the need to “maintain Florida’s sound fiscal standing in the face of continued economic headwinds due to ill-conceived federal policies.” DeSantis last year axed \$3.13 billion from the current fiscal-year budget, which put the package at \$109.9 billion. At the time, DeSantis said the cuts were a brace against a potential recession. Republican leaders have linked the growth in the budget to inflation, the state’s growing economy and population increases. The budget is also tied to separate tax relief measures carrying an overall \$2.7 billion price tag.



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The Holmes District School Board will be revising and adopting the 2023-24 Student Code of Conduct at the regular school board meeting on July 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. A hearing for the public for input on proposed changes will be held at 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2023 at the Holmes County School Board Office. A copy of the proposed Code of Student Conduct may be reviewed at the Holmes County School Board Office Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 4:15 p.m., except advertised holidays.

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Budget steers \$190 million to cancer research

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

About \$190 million in the state budget for the next fiscal year will go toward cancer research and care, as Gov. Ron DeSantis signed off on the state spending plan Thursday. The bulk of the cancer-related funding — roughly \$111.6 million — will go toward the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program. Speaking during a bill-signing event in Fort Pierce

Tuesday, the governor highlighted that the overall cancer funding will be dispersed among numerous entities. “My wife has really spear-headed that,” DeSantis said. “I think she’s smart about, you know, the same old stuff, giving it to the same people. ... We want to have more competition for this money. And we want people who are willing to innovate and maybe think outside the box a little bit.” The governor’s office announced in 2021 that Casey

DeSantis had been diagnosed with breast cancer. DeSantis’ office in March 2022 said that the First Lady was cancer-free. All cancer centers that receive funding through the Casey Desantis Cancer Research program will be required to submit data to the state about new cancer diagnoses and cancer recurrence. A number of cancer research entities also are poised to get millions of dollars in funding through the budget. The Moffitt Cancer Center

and Research Institute is in line to receive nearly \$20.6 million, and the William G. “Bill” Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program will get \$10 million. The plan also steers \$4 million to the Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation. The budget also includes \$20 million for grants intended to “support innovative cancer research, including emerging research trends and promising practices, which can serve as a catalyst for further exploration.”

Washington County
Arrest Reports

The following arrests were made in Washington County between June 9 and June 15 as reported by the Washington County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Ashley Ann Allen,
31, Panama City - Illegal use of credit card more than two times in six months to obtain goods or money 100 or more [WCSO]



Jason Edward Beard,
47, Chipley - Possession of controlled substance without a prescription [WCSO]



Wilson Bernard Bell,
52, Ebro - Destroying evidence, Possession of weapon by convicted felon, Aggravated assault with deadly weapon without intent to kill [WCSO]



Brice Jordan Brock,
33, Hillsboro, AL - Criminal Mischief with property damage more than 200 less than 1,000, Burglary of unoccupied dwelling [WCSO]



Stephanie Rachael Chiodo,
47, Chipley - Resisting arrest without violence [WCSO]



Tara Marie Coatney,
41, Chipley - Criminal mischief with property damage less than 200, Trespassing, DUI [WCSO]



Amber R. Colville,
43, Alton, IL - Charges not listed [WCSO]



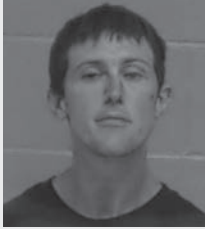
Joshua Kyle Corbin,
28, Chipley - Distribution of cocaine within 1,000 feet of college, Distribution of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of college, Distribution of marijuana within 1,000 feet of college, Possession of paraphernalia [WCSO]



Christopher Paul Daniels,
39, Alford - Out of county warrant - Bay County [WCSO]



Ernesto Almagro Gonzalez,
28, Chipley - Battery, Child cruelty-in infliction of physical or mental injury [WCSO]



Donald Lamar Harrison,
28, Chipley - Battery [WCSO]



Robert Jack Hippler,
56, Caryville - Possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute [WCSO]



James Michael Jarnigan,
27, Chipley - Petit theft-second degree-first offense, Resisting in recovery of stolen property [WCSO]



Buford Clinton Kelso,
38, Chipley - Battery [WCSO]



Marguerite Elizabeth Brock,
64, Bonifay - Trespassing structure or conveyance [WCSO]



Jonathan Champale Miles,
37, Chipley - Trespassing occupied structure or conveyance [WCSO]



Billy Mike Mingo,
49, Caryville - Possession of controlled substance without a prescription, Possession of paraphernalia [WCSO]



Kevin Paul Moseley,
50, Homeless - Out of county warrant - VOP Jackson County [WCSO]



Benjamin George Parrish,
45, Youngstown - Possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute [WCSO]



John Lee Potter,
37, Chipley - DWLSR [WCSO]



Kimberly Lynn Robinson,
35, Chipley - VOP [WCSO]



Devante Keon Thomas,
30, Chipley - Possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, Trafficking cocaine - two counts, Possession of cannabis under 20 grams, Possession of cocaine with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of specified area- two counts, Possession of paraphernalia [WCSO]



Richard Eric Wakely,
39, Chipley - Child abuse without great bodily harm [WCSO]



Christopher Bernard Watford,
39, Graceville - Battery [WCSO]



Wyatt Anthony Roche,
59, Vernon - Simple assault-intent threat to do violence, Obstruction without violence [WCSO]

All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Holmes County
Arrest Reports

The following arrests were made in Holmes County between June 9 and June 15 as reported by the Holmes County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Timothy Daniel Beasley,
36, Hartford, AL - Out of county warrant - Jackson County [HCSO]



Choncie David Bethel,
34, Bonifay - Child support [HCSO]



Larry D. Colvin,
50, Homeless - FFJ - Out of state - North Carolina, False identification given to LEO [HCSO]



Ronald Wayne Cooper,
64, Tallahassee - Trafficking methamphetamine 14 grams or more, Out of county warrant [HCSO]



Kayla Marie Davis,
33, Marianna - VOP - DWLSR [HCSO]



J.W. Garner,
29, Bonifay - Domestic battery by strangulation [HCSO]



Jonathan D. Goff,
26, Ponce de Leon - Tampering with evidence, Hit and run - leaving the scene of an accident involving damage, DWLS - second offense [FHP]



Nicolas K. Harris,
20, Montgomery, AL - Uttering a forged instrument [HCSO]



Daron Holcomb,
30, Panama City Beach - Possession of controlled substance without a prescription - two counts, Possession of paraphernalia [HCSO]



Waylon Albert Lolley,
39, Bonifay - Battery - second or subsequent offense, VOP - Battery, VOP - Disorderly conduct [HCSO]



Dana Lavon Lucious,
46, Homeless - Possession of paraphernalia [HCSO]



Amanda Marie Odom,
34, Chipley - Possession of methamphetamine, Possession of paraphernalia [HCSO]



Teddy Allen Palinkas,
33, Caryville - Battery [HCSO]



Joseph Singletary,
37, Bonifay - Possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, Possession of paraphernalia [HCSO]



Taylor Welch,
19, Ponce de Leon - VOP -Petit theft - two counts [HCSO]



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Certificate #: **19-00-01884**

Year of Issuance: **2019**

Parcel: **00000000-01-0113-0003**

Assessed To:

MARGIT JIRSCHIK, REINER JIR

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Description:

SUNNY HILLS UNIT #1 LOT 3 ORB 434 P 399 BLK 0113

All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on AUGUST 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.**

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk
May 31, 2023
June 7, 14, 21, 2023

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NOTICE OF AP-
PLICATION FOR TAX
DEED**

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Certificate #: **18-00-02050**

Year of Issuance: **2018**

Parcel: **00000000-02-0269-0003**

Assessed To:

IRMA MASULLO, MARIA G BARDITCH

Description:

SUNNY HILLS UNIT #2 LOT 3 ORB 638 P 32 BLK 0269

All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.

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Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk
May 31, 2023
June 7, 14, 21, 2023

**000175
NOTICE OF AP-
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Description:

SUNNY HILLS UNIT #5 LOT 12 ORB 170 P 785 BLK 0304

All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on AUGUST 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.**

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk
May 31, 2023
June 7, 14, 21, 2023

**000178
NOTICE OF AP-
PLICATION FOR TAX
DEED**

Notice Is Hereby Given **BEAMIF A LLC**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **16-00-03266**

Year of Issuance: **2016**

Parcel: **00000000-05-0307-0016**

Assessed To:

PARAMDAYE MOHAMED, SHAH MOHAMED

Description:

SUNNY HILLS UNIT #5 LOT 16 ORB 651 P 75 BLK 0307

All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on AUGUST 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.**

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk
May 31, 2023
June 7, 14, 21, 2023

**000179
NOTICE OF AP-
PLICATION FOR TAX
DEED**

Notice Is Hereby Given **BEAMIF A LLC**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **16-00-03290**

Year of Issuance: **2016**

Parcel: **00000000-05-0318-0013**

Assessed To:

ANNE SANTOS % ECUADECO

Description:

SUNNY HILLS UNIT #5 LOT 13 ORB 218 P 782 BLK 0318

All of said prop-

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erty being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on AUGUST 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.**

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk
May 31, 2023
June 7, 14, 21, 2023

**000182
NOTICE OF AP-
PLICATION FOR TAX
DEED**

Notice Is Hereby Given **JEREMY STARK**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **17-00-02522**

Year of Issuance: **2017**

Parcel: **00000000-06-0397-0002**

Assessed To:

EILEEN T BRENNAN

Description:

SUNNY HILLS UNIT #6 LOT 2 ORB 243 P 1430 BLK 0397

All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on AUGUST 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.**

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk
May 31, 2023
June 7, 14, 21, 2023

**000218
INVITATION TO BID**

Washington County Schools is extending an invitation to all qualified companies to submit a bid to perform all work associated with the Chipley High School Administration Building HVAC Renovation for Washington District Schools, Chipley, Florida.

Sealed bids will be received on July 5, 2023, until 10:00 AM, Central Time, in the Board Meeting Room at the Washington County School Board Office, 652 Third Street, Chipley, Florida 32428. The bids shall be opened and read aloud at that time. The work shall consist of removal of two water source heat pumps and related terminal units, replacement with a single water source heat pump and related terminal units, and all associated work in accordance with the Plans and Specifications prepared by **WATFORD ENGINEERING**, 4452 Clinton Street, Marianna, Florida 32466.

Bids shall be a lump sum price; segregated bids will not be accepted.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of the Engineer.

Contractors may obtain documents at the office of the Engineer, 4452 Clinton Street, Marianna, FL 32466. A deposit of \$100 per set will be required, made payable to Watford Engineer-

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ing. Plan and specification deposits by General Contractors will be refunded if the Contractor submits a bonafide bid and documents are returned to the Engineer within five calendar days after the bid opening in usable condition. The Engineer's decision on usable condition shall be final.

A Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held for all concerned parties on June 22, 2023 at Chipley High School, 1545 Brickyard Rd, Chipley FL at 1:00 PM Central Time in the Main Office. Notification of any changes in meeting time/date will be made only to listed plan holders.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, accept Bids in any order or combination, accept or reject portions of Bids, make modifications to the work after bidding, and waive any informalities in the Bids if deemed in its best interest to do so. No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the actual closing time for receipt of bids.
June 7, 14, 21, 2023

**000232
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FOUR-
TEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
WASHINGTON COUN-
TY, FLORIDA**

**GENERAL JURIS-
DICTION DIVISION**

**C A S E N O .
22000127CAAXMX
ENVOYMORTGAGE
LTD,**

Plaintiff,
vs.
**LUCINDA HILTY
KERR A/K/A LUCINDA
KERR, et al.**
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORE-
CLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 24, 2023, and entered in 22000127CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein ENVOY MORTGAGELTD is the Plaintiff and LUCINDA HILTY KERR A/K/A LUCINDA KERR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LUCINDA HILTY KERR A/K/A LUCINDA KERR are the Defendant(s). Lora C. Bell as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Lobby of Washington County Courthouse, 1293 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428, at 10:00 AM, on July 12, 2023, the following described property asset set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**BEGINNING AT A
POINT ON THE SOUTH
SIDE OF NORTH BOU-
LEVARD, A DISTANCE
OF 382.80 FEET WEST
OF THE NORTHEAST
CORNER OF SEC-
TION 4, TOWNSHIP
4 NORTH, RANGE 13
WEST, WASHINGTON
COUNTY, FLORIDA;
THENCE RUN NORTH
89 DEGREES 00 MIN-
UTES WEST ALONG
THE SOUTH SIDE OF
NORTH BOULEVARD,
A DISTANCE OF 54.00
FEET; THENCE RUN
SOUTH 00 DEGREES
12 MINUTES WEST, A
DISTANCE OF 150.00
FEET; THENCE RUN
SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00
MINUTES EAST, A DIS-
TANCE OF 54.00 FEET;
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00 DEGREES 12 MIN-
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TANCE OF 150.00 FEET
TO THE POINT OF BE-
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IN THE NORTHEAST
1/4 OF THE NORTH-
EAST 1/4 OF SEC-
TION 4, TOWNSHIP
4 NORTH, RANGE 13
WEST, WASHINGTON
COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address:
1203 OLDBONIFAY RD,
CHIPLEY, FL 32428**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes,

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Section 45.031.
Dated this 6th day of June, 2023.

Lora C. Bell As Clerk of the Court
By: Jo Ann Hayes As Deputy Clerk
IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email ADARquest@jud14.flcourts.org.

Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909
June 14, 21, 2023

**000235
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT, FOURTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR
WASHINGTON COUN-
TY, FLORIDA.**

**CASE NO. 2023-
050-CP**

In re: The Estate of
Jacqueline Vera
Bedwell,
deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDI-
TORS**

The administration of the Estate of Jacqueline Vera Bedwell, deceased, whose date of death was December 21, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, which case number is shown above, the physical address of which is Washington County Courthouse, 1293 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida 32428. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the attorney for the co-personal representatives are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmat-ured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this Court within the later of three (3) months after the date of first publication of this notice or thirty (30) days after the date of service of a copy of this notice on them.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmat-ured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

All claims not so filed will be forever barred.

Notwithstanding the time periods set forth above, any claim filed two (2) years or more after the decedent's date of death is barred.

The date of the first publication of the notice to creditors is June 21, 2023.

Co-Personal Rep-
resentatives:
/s/ **Angela Leone
Alexander**
Angela Leone Al-
exander
5727 280th Street
Branford, Florida
32008
/s/ **Chad Stephen
Noyes**
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Live Oak, Florida
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Attorney for Co-
Personal Represen-
tatives:

**ANDREW J. DECKER,
III PLLC**

By: /s/ **Andrew
J. Decker, III**
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III

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Andrew J. Decker,
III PLLC
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Live Oak, Florida
32064
Tel: (386) 364-
4440
Email: andy@
decker.law
June 21, 28, 2023

000236

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Journey Church intends to register the said name with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporation, Tallahassee, FL and/or Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County, FL. Vernon Evangelistic Church, PO Box 298, Vernon FL 32462
June 21, 2023

000237

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction at Nichols Auto Repair and Towing at 1146 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428 at 8:00 am on the following date:

2015 Buick
KL4CJGSB2FB245326
July 19

June 21, 2023

000238

**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 14TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR
WASHINGTON
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**C A S E N O . :
20000071CA**

**U.S. BANK NATION-
AL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR ASSET
BACKED FUNDING
CORPORATION AS-
SET BACKED CER-
TIFICATES, SERIES
2006 HE1, Plaintiff,
vs. Pamela J. Strick-
land a/k/a Pamela
Stickland a/k/a PA-
MELA J. STICKLAND;
Unknown Spouse of
Pamela J. Strickland
a/k/a Pamela Strick-
land a/k/a PAMELA J.
STICKLAND; Portfolio
Recovery Associates,
LLC.; Microf LLC.,
Defendant(s). /**

**NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAP-
TER 45**

**NOTICE OF SALE IS
HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to the order of Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 26, 2022, and entered in Case No. 20000071CA of the Circuit Court of the 14TH Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS

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**TRUSTEE FOR ASSET
BACKED FUNDING
CORPORATION AS-
SET BACKED CERTI-
FICATES, SERIES 2006
HE1, is Plaintiff and
Pamela J. Strickland
a/k/a Pamela Stick-
land A/K/A PAMELA
J. STICKLAND ; Un-
known Spouse of
Pamela J. Strickland
a/k/a Pamela Strick-
land A/K/A PAMELA J.
STICKLAND; Portfolio
Recovery Associates,
LLC.; Microf LLC.,
are Defendants, the
Office of the Clerk,
Washington County
Clerk of the Court
will sell to the high-
est bidder or bidders
via online auction at
https://washington.
realforeclose.com
at **10:00 A.M. Central
(11:00 A.M. EST) on
the 9th day of August,
2023**, the following
described property
as set forth in said
Amended Final Judg-
ment, to wit:**

**THE NORTH 1/4 OF
THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF
SECTION 11M TOWN-
SHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE
15 WEST, WASHING-
TON COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Property Address:
3146 Indian Trail, Bon-
ifay, Florida 32425

and all fixtures
and personal prop-
erty located thereon
or thereon, which
are included as se-
curity in Plaintiff's
mortgage.

Any person claim-
ing an interest in the
surplus funds from
the sale, if any, other
than the property
owner as of the date
of the lis pendens
must file a claim
before the clerk re-
ports the surplus as
unclaimed.

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uled appearance is less
than seven (7) days.
If you are hearing im-
paired, please call 711
or email adarequest@
jud14.flcourts.org.**
Dated: June 9, 2023

Lora E. Bell
As Clerk of said
Court

By: Kelsey Odone
As Deputy Clerk

**McCabe, Weisberg
& Conway, LLC**

3222 Commerce
Place, Suite A

West Palm Beach,
Florida, 33407
Telephone: (561)
713-1400
Email: FLplead-
ings@mwc-law.com

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June 21, 28, 2023

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ter to satisfy past
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County Highway 81
Ponce De Leon, FL
32455, F016 Felicity
McAneer 1046 Prim
Ave. Graceville, FL
32440, H006 Laurie
Messner P.O. Box
465, Grand Ridge, FL
32442, X002 Tiffany
Reavis 1191 5th Ave
Chipley, FL. 32428,
A001 Kristina Hodges
111 Crescent Dr., En-
terprise, AL 32428
, Unless otherwise
noted, the contents
are: All household,
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goods, all boxes, &
any/all other items
contained in the unit(s). Legal Notice
Posted June 21, 2023,
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End of ad Publication
Dates July 5, 2023
June 21, 28, 2023

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Legal Advertise-
ment
The Washington
County School Dis-
trict is accepting
bids for the Florida
Panhandle Techni-
cal College Grounds
Keeping Contract.

Bid forms and
specifications may
be picked up at the
Florida Panhandle
Technical College
Business Office, 757
Hoyt St., Chipley,
Florida, 32428 Mon-
day through Thurs-
day, 8:00 a.m. until
3:00 p.m.

Bids are to be
sealed and marked
"Florida Panhandle
Technical College
Grounds Keeping
Contract, Bid #23-
11 and delivered or
mailed to Florida
Panhandle Techni-
cal College on or before
July 12, 2023 at 1:00
p.m. CST. Bids will
be opened at this
time and formally
presented for Board
action at the July 17,
2023 Special School
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The Washington
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trict reserves the
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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER

Xtreme Bounty Racing (XBR) Motorsports recently held their XBR Bounty Hole and Race weekend at The Original Vortex Spring in Ponce de Leon.

Seasoned Bounty Hole legends competed and awarded the fastest lady awards in all

five classes of competition. More than 1,000 people attended the two day event featuring drag racing, bounty hole racing and many miles of trails. Those in attendance enjoyed the other amenities offered such as diving, swimming, kayaking and floating in the cool 68 degree water.

Photos by Cheryl Gainer McCall. [CONTRIBUTED]



The Original Vortex Spring Owner Angela Dockery and Holmes County Commissioner Jeff Good enjoyed seeing all the visitors to Holmes County. [CONTRIBUTED]

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Long time Chipley resident honored by City of Chipley



DIANE M. MOORE
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nevespublishing.com

Chipley City Council named June 13, 2023, as Josephine Roulhac Robinson-Floyd Day at a recent meeting.

A proclamation lauding Robinson-Floyd’s accomplishments and innumerable acts of service to her community was signed and presented by members of the council.

The proclamation reads as follows:

Honoring Mrs. Josephine Roulhac Robinson-Floyd for her years of serve to the Chipley Community.

WHEREAS, our honoree, Mrs. Josephine Roulhac Robinson-Floyd, has been a Chipley resident practically all of her life. She was born in Chipley, Florida and is the

youngest of six siblings born to Meredith and Corine Roulhac; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Robinson is a graduate of Thomas Joseph (TJ) Roulhac High School, Chipley, Florida; Edwards Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida; and Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida, where she received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education. She is a national lifetime member of FAMU National Alumni, NAACP and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Robinson-Floyd and her late husband, Coach Albert Robinson, both taught school in Washington County. For 45 years, Mrs. Robinson-Floyd worked in the schools system teaching first, second and fifth

grades, and special needs students. She also worked as an Accelerated Reading Specialist & Educational Consultant for the Panhandle Area Education CO-OP (PAEC); and

WHEREAS, even after her retirement, Mrs. Robinson-Floyd keeps busy. She and Coach Robinson traveled to multiple countries in Africa visiting schools. She was a FSU Supervisor of Elementary Interns where she coached and mentored college students during their student internship. Not only did she mentor students within the states, but she was also given the opportunity to mentor and supervise students in London, UK; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Robinson-Floyd was also appointed to the

Chipola College Trustee Board where she served for eight years, and she is currently a board member for the Roulhac Enrichment & Activity Center at the former site of Roulhac Middle School. She played an instrumental part in keeping the Roulhac name for the new Roulhac Middle School in Chipley. Mrs. Robinson-Floyd was also a substitute teacher in Chipley and Atlanta, Georgia. After her marriage to Mr. Vernon Floyd, she realized that she wasn’t done with being a teacher, so she began substitute teaching in Fort Pierce, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Robinson-Floyd has three daughters, seven grandchildren, six great-grandsons, two step-sons and two step-

grandsons. Her three daughters, Marilyn, Carolyn Faye and Sherry, are all graduates of Chipley High School. Mrs. Robinson-Floyd has been the ultimate mother, grandmother, Gigi, and mother/mentor to all of her extended family.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Robinson-Floyd is a lifelong member of Grant Tabernacle AME Church. Not only has she held many positions at her church, such as Trustee Board President, Steward Board President, Sr. Choir President, Women’s Missionary President, but she is also dedicated and committed to serving the Lord through helping and teaching others.

During Christmas, Easter and other programs, she teaches and helps the children with

Lower fuel costs trim FPL bills

JIM SAUNDERS
News Service of Florida

Florida Power & Light customers will get a break starting in July.

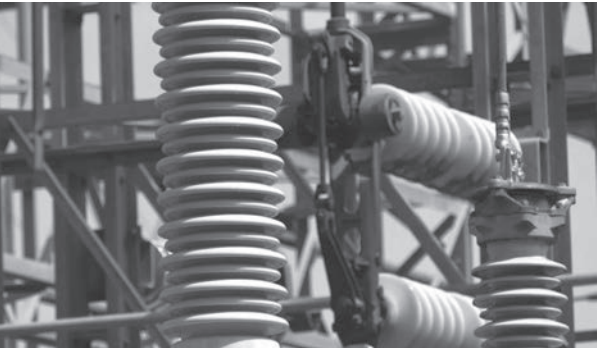
State regulators Tuesday approved a plan that will trim FPL customers’ bills because of lower-than-expected costs of natural gas used to fuel power plants.

The approval by the Florida Public Service Commission came after more than a year of volatility in fuel prices that helped drive up bills for customers of FPL and other utilities—but in recent months has allowed FPL to begin passing along savings.

The plan involves \$256 million in reductions that will start to be applied to FPL customers’ bills in July, after regulators also approved \$379 million in reductions that took effect in May. Earlier in the year, FPL bills increased because of a combination of factors, including fuel costs and hurricane-related expenses.

“We are committed to keeping bills as low as possible for our customers,” Armando Pimentel, president and CEO of FPL, said in a prepared statement after Tuesday’s commission approval. “With fuel prices moderating, we are pleased to pass along additional savings to our customers.”

In addressing rates, utilities rely on a



benchmark of residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month. Because of a merger with the former Gulf Power in Northwest Florida, FPL has two sets of rates.

Under the plan approved Tuesday, customers who are in areas traditionally served by FPL and use 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity will see their monthly bills decrease from the current \$139.95 to \$136, according to the utility and the commission. That remains higher than bill amounts early in the year, when they were \$125.39 in January and \$129.59 in February before jumping to \$144.38 in April.

Customers in Northwest Florida who use 1,000 kilowatt hours will see their bills decrease in July from \$158.86 to \$154.91.

Utility bills are made up of a combination of factors, such as base rates, fuel costs and storm-related costs. Regulators each fall approve projections of how much utilities can collect from customers in the following year for fuel costs.

But utilities can seek mid-year changes if fuel costs end up being higher than expected, as they were in 2022, or lower than expected, as they have been in recent months.

Commission Chairman Andrew Fay on Tuesday raised questions about the possibility of additional fuel-cost reductions later this year.

“I think the tougher question, just being one as to what the future holds,” Fay, said. “And I would imagine the response to that would be it will depend on what the markets do and how the economy fluctuates.”

FPL official Ken Hoffman told the commission that the utility “seized the opportunity while we had it” to reduce bills after seeing lower fuel prices.

FPL also plans to carry over \$103 million in projected fuel-cost savings and apply that to customer bills in 2024, according to a commission staff recommendation. Hoffman said that would help offset hurricane-related costs that customers will continue facing in 2024.

Florida jobless rate stays at a near historic low 2.6 percent

JIM TURNER
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida’s unemployment rate remained at a near-historic low of 2.6 percent in May and has been unchanged since January, according to a report released Friday by the state Department of Economic Opportunity.

The May rate represented an estimated 287,000 Floridians qualified as unemployed in mid-May from a labor force of 10.998 million. It was down from 2.9 percent a year earlier and was below the national rate last month of 3.7 percent.

The number of people out of work in Florida was up 6,000 from April, but down 22,000 from May 2022.

A news release from Gov. Ron DeSantis’ office pointed to private-sector employment increasing by 17,200 jobs in May and growing faster than the national pace.

Jimmy Heckman, the Department of Economic Opportunity’s chief of workforce statistics and economic research, said Florida’s numbers might be able to improve in some areas, pointing to population growth and the state leading the nation in business formations over the past three

years.

But the state might not be able to reach the spring 2006 unemployment rate of 2.4 percent.

“There’s a strong possibility that we could see lower unemployment rates in the future, but 2.6 (percent) is a very, very low rate,” Heckman said. “It’s very close to the lowest rate we’ve ever seen in the state.”

One area that has slumped is construction, which dropped 1,600 jobs in May and has been on a decline for five consecutive months.

The decline is most noticeable in South Florida, while growth has occurred in the Jacksonville and Tampa Bay regions, Heckman said.

Heckman on Friday didn’t address why construction jobs are in decline. Last month, Heckman attributed the drop to rising mortgage rates affecting demand for new housing.

But in an interview with WMFE public radio, Florida Policy Institute CEO Sadaf Knight said a new immigration law could influence whether people continue to move to the state to work. Among other things, the law (SB 1718) will require employers with 25 or more employees to use the fed-

eral E-Verify system to confirm worker eligibility.

“Already we’re seeing on social media, and even in news reports, people are just deciding to leave and not show up for work because there is a culture of fear and a chilling effect,” Knight told WMFE. “Regardless of what it says specifically in the bill, there’s the broader implications of how it makes people feel.”

Even with the recent declines, construction was still up a total of 6,200 jobs over the past year.

The release of the state report Friday came as inflation slows — the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics on Tuesday put the inflation rate at 4 percent, the lowest since March 2021.

Last June, inflation topped 9 percent and a gallon of gas approached \$5. The average gallon of gas in Florida on Friday was \$3.44.

The easing of inflation is considered a sign of optimism from consumers, who, according to state economists, haven’t slowed their pace of spending despite costs going up.

The National Federation of Independent Businesses on

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Tuesday said inflation was a bigger concern for businesses than labor. “The cost of doing business continues to rise across the state and across the country, and that means

owners are wary about investing in new equipment or locations or creating jobs,” NFIB Florida Executive Director Bill Herrle said in a prepared statement. Across Florida, the metropolitan-statistical area with the lowest unemployment rate in May was the Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-

Destin area at 2.3 percent. The Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island and Panama City regions were each at 2.4 percent. The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent and Jacksonville areas were each at

2.7 percent. The highest unemployment rates were in the Sebring area at 4 percent; the Homosassa Springs area at 3.9 percent; and The Villages area at 3.7 percent. The statewide unemployment rate is seasonally adjusted, while regional rates are not adjusted.

Healthy eating options for seniors



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER

“Let food be thy medicine” is a quote attributed to Hippocrates, the ancient scholar considered to be the father of modern medicine. The saying relates to the notion that what people put in their bodies can heal and/or prevent certain conditions. For seniors with medicine cabinets full of over-the-counter and prescription medications, the idea of relying predominantly on food to promote optimal health may be tempting, and various foods can be particularly useful to the 50-and-over demographic. According to the World Health Organization, poor diet is a major contributor to

many of the diseases that affect older people. Poor diet has been connected to the development of diabetes, and degenerative diseases such as osteoporosis also may be linked to the foods one eats. The National Council for Aging Care says micronutrient deficiency is often a problem among the aging due to factors like lack of variety in diet and reduced food intake. Eating a variety of foods can provide all of the nutrients people need to stay healthy as they get older. Certain foods may be particularly helpful. • **Brain-friendly foods:** Foods such as avocado, leafy vegetables, sunflower seeds, blueberries and salmon are good sources of vitamin E, antioxidants, omega-3 fatty acids

and other nutrients that may help ward off dementias like Alzheimer’s disease, advises Sonas Home Health Care. • **Anti-inflammatory foods:** Foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids may help prevent inflammation that can cause cancer and rheumatoid arthritis. Aging.com says foods that are high in omega-3 fatty acids, like salmon, should be consumed at least twice per week. • **Fruits and vegetables:** Fresh, canned or frozen produce tend to be high in micronutrients, including a variety of important vitamins that are essential for all components of health. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics advises eating dark green vegetables, such as leafy greens or broccoli and orange vegetables, such as carrots and sweet potatoes. • **Energy-boosters:** Choose whole grains that can provide sustained energy by way of healthy carbohydrates over processed grains. • **Bone-friendly foods:** Calcium-rich foods, such as milk, yogurt

and cheese, can prevent calcium from being leached from the bones, which contributes to conditions like osteoporosis. • **Digestive system-friendly foods:** The digestive system slows down as the body ages, as the walls of the gastrointestinal tract thicken and digestive

contractions that push waste along may slow down and become fewer. Foods rich in fiber can promote proper digestion by moving food through the digestive tract more easily. High-fiber foods also may help naturally reduce blood cholesterol levels. • **High-iron foods:** Without enough iron in the body, a person may feel tired and lethargic from a reduced produc-

tion of hemoglobin, which carries oxygen in the blood from the lungs to the rest of the body. A lack of oxygen in body tissues from anemia can be serious, says the National Council for Aging Care. Tofu, spinach, lentils, pumpkin seeds and fortified breads and cereals are high in iron. Smart food choices can help seniors live long and healthy lives.

PUBLIC NOTICE
RFP No. ESE 2023-3
Behavioral Services

Sealed bids for Behavioral Services will be received from eligible bidders at the School District of Holmes County (hereinafter the District), 701 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Bonifay, FL 32425, until July 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., local time. The purpose and intent of this request for proposal is to secure firm prices for 90 days after date of opening.

All bids submitted shall be on Attachment A, “Bid Response Form,” included in the bid specifications, a copy of which may be reviewed or obtained from the District or by downloading from Holmes County School District’s website at: www.hdsb.org.

Questions : Questions regarding specifications shall be submitted in writing to the District, at 701 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Bonifay, FL 32425. Questions are due no later than June 28, 2023.

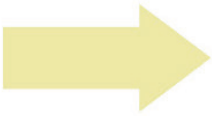
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FOOD

Magical moments with Granddaddy and the monarchs



Stephanie Hill-Frazier
Guest Columnist

Life, if you stop to reflect, is dotted with magical moments that always stay with you. There are big moments like weddings, the birth of children, or achieving a dream job that are certainly magical. But I'm thinking today of smaller moments, the kind that are tucked away in the corners of your mind. They don't come to the surface in the busyness of life, usually. They need us to stop moving, stop worrying, stop looking at our phone or TV. Be quiet. Listen.

I've had my fair share of magical moments, thankfully. I've learned to give myself a chance to be still and breathe deeply, to think about something wonderfully calming, like the waves rolling into the shore of my favorite beach. When I do, happy memories have room to float to the surface.

Honestly, living in northwest Florida gives one many opportunities to observe the magic that exists in a sunset, or in watching children laugh and play at the beach. Watching a pod of dolphins swimming and leaping from the water makes me feel that sense of magic, as does seeing pelicans fly over the gulf, diving occasionally to catch a fish for dinner. Nature provides so much of that magic! That includes a moment that has stayed with me for four decades: the day that Granddaddy took me to see the monarchs at the state park.

Monarch butterflies are beautiful creatures, with their orange and black wings

dotted with white spots around the perimeter. They flit around looking for milkweed, their preferred source of energy and protection, and other nectar-producing plants. These amazing butterflies lay their eggs on the leaves of milkweed plants, allowing the soon-to-be-hatched caterpillars to feast on the leaves, which is where they get the majority of their energy stores for the future. The milkweed also makes them taste disgusting, apparently, so that once a predator eats one, it is guaranteed to never eat another, thus protecting the others in the population.

My magical monarch moment occurred one day in the 1970s. My grandfather, Joe Hardin, was a nature lover through and through, evidenced by his love of gardening, birdwatching, and so forth. One day, he and Grammy loaded mom, my sister and me, along with a picnic lunch, into his car and drove us out to T.H. Stone Memorial State Park. He said we were going to look at monarch butterflies.

I remember being underwhelmed by that. I had seen butterflies before. What was so special about the butterflies at the cape?

We arrived at the state park and walked up a wooden scenic overlook that felt, to a little girl, as if we were atop a skyscraper amidst the sand dunes. I remember when we got to the top, I looked to our left, and there, covering everything in sight and filling the air, were thousands of monarch butterflies. I caught my breath in amazement. Granddaddy said the butterflies were migrating, and that they wouldn't be here long. How in the world did he know they would be there that day? I didn't know, but I was so glad he did.

I will never forget how beautiful those butterflies were, so light and delicate, but

strong enough to fly across the country, headed I believe, to Mexico for the winter. They flew around us, landing on us, and making me giggle as they did. It felt like a scene from a Disney movie, when the woodland creatures and songbirds flitted around Snow White or Cinderella. Unforgettable.

I don't know whether the monarchs still migrate through the cape area. I don't believe that there exist nearly as many monarchs now as there were then. As I read about them recently, I learned that because many people consider milkweed, the main source of nutrition for the butterflies, a nuisance plant, they have sprayed weed killer over it, killing off the monarchs' food source. Pesticides are also killing the butterflies themselves, experts say, which is causing the population to dwindle.

Other sources of information about helping to save the monarchs: FWS.gov's Monarch Milkweed Initiative; www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu's article "Florida monarch butterfly populations have dropped 80 percent since 2005;" and floridastateparks.org's article "Monarch Migration."

How can we bring back the magic?

Milkweed seeds and plants are now being sold online as a native plant that is gaining in popularity. I encourage you to find a bare spot in your yard somewhere to plant some, and then put up some kind of border to keep it from spreading further than you want it to. The milkweeds that are recommended for planting in Florida are aquatic milkweed, white milkweed, butterfly milkweed, according to monarchwatch.org. They encourage Floridians to plant these types of milkweed plants, along with other nectar-pro-



Fresh farmer's market salad with corn, tomatoes and basil [STEPHANIE HILL-FRAZIER]

Fresh farmer's market salad with corn, tomatoes and basil

Ingredients:

- 2 cups corn cut off the cob, or frozen (not cooked)
- 2 cups chopped tomatoes
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup minced sweet onion, like Noonday or Vidalia
- 1/2 cup chopped bell pepper (I used sweet orange bell pepper)
- 1/2 cup Gorgonzola cheese. If you prefer, use another cheese like blue, feta, or Parmesan
- 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper, or to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil (or 1/2 teaspoon of dried basil) or your favorite herb, like oregano or parsley
- 1/4 cup bottled ranch salad dressing

Method:

1. Combine all ingredients except ranch dressing in a salad bowl. Toss to combine, then drizzle with the dressing, and toss gently again. Serve chilled. Enjoy!

ducing plants, so that monarchs and other butterflies, too, can get the energy they need to continue their existence.

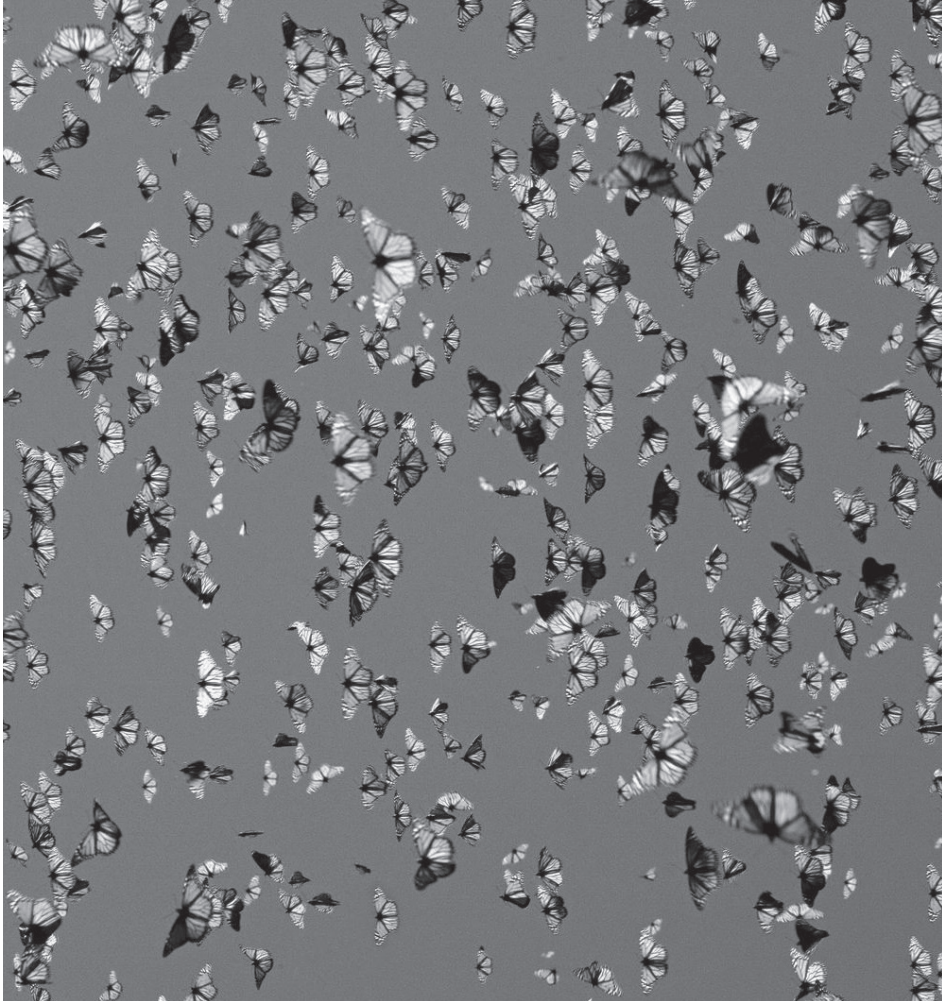
Right now is the perfect time for you to plant some, because the migration begins in mid-to-late August, according to the website. Get them planted now and you can be a part of helping the beautiful butterflies create more magical moments for yourself, your children and grandchildren and

future generations to enjoy!

If you decide to head to the state park on the cape or another favorite spot, you need a good picnic lunch to take along, as we did back in the day with granddaddy. Here's a recipe I highly recommend for picnic baskets. Keep it cool on an ice pack, and enjoy when hunger strikes! It's great alongside grilled hot dogs, burgers or chicken, so get that fire started and cook up a meal you'll

remember for a long time.

Stephanie Hill-Frazier is a writer, food blogger and regional television chef, whose on-air nickname is "Mama Steph." She grew up in Gulf County, on St. Joe Beach, a place she will forever call home. She is married and has three sons who have provided her many magical moments. You can find more of her recipes at WhatSouthernFolksEat.com.



A rabble of monarch butterflies flutters in the sky. [PEXELS]



A pair of monarchs pollinate a flower. [PEXELS]

OUTDOORS

Federal legislation introduced to Take Kids Fishing

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER

On June 7, 2023, U.S. Representatives Maria Salazar (R-Fla.) and Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-Calif.) and Senators Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) introduced the Youth Coastal Fishing Program Act of 2023.

The bill would create a grant program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for projects that take children fishing in the ocean or Great Lakes, with priority given to projects that serve underserved communities. This legislation is in line with the American Sportfishing Association's goal of introducing new anglers – particularly young people – to recreational fishing.

The bill provides \$2 million in grants over each of the next five years for projects that include a recreational fishing experience for youth, offer education about marine science and conservation and provide information on where or how to fish.

While other federal land management agencies, such as the National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service and US Forest Service, have dedicated programs to connect the public to nature, there is no such recreation program within the NOAA Fisheries, which manages federal marine fisheries.

“Recreational fishing provides substantial physical and mental health benefits, but unfortunately many young people – particularly in underserved communities – face significant barriers in accessing the outdoors,” said Mike Leonard, the American Sportfishing Association's vice president of government affairs. “The grants provided through this bill will go a long

way to remove those barriers and help children develop a love of fishing.”

In the press release, Salazar said that “as someone who knows and recognizes the importance of the marine and aquatic environment, it is critical to provide younger generations of Americans across the country, especially minority Americans, the opportunity to learn firsthand about our seas, oceans, lakes, and outdoors, as well as provide them with the tools to enjoy them.”

Kamlager-Dove said that “As we prepare to commemorate World Oceans Day... it is especially important that historically disadvantaged youth have opportunities to learn about aquatic life and marine sciences to harbor their curiosity in these fields. Ensuring our nation's children have rich, diverse educational experiences allows them to fully embrace their surroundings and thrive as students and individuals.”

Keep Florida Fishing is an advocacy arm of the American Sportfishing Association with the goal of ensuring Florida anglers have clean waters, abundant fisheries and access to both. Learn more at www.KeepFloridaFishing.org



Tips for comfortable great outdoors camping

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER

The beauty of the great outdoors beckons millions of nature-loving individuals each year. Camping is a great way to fully immerse oneself in nature. However, there's often a learning curve with tent camping, especially in regard to sleeping comfortably.

A tent is designed to keep campers out of the elements and to prevent bugs from bothering campers while they sleep. Tents come in a variety of shapes and sizes - with some larger tents even capable of sleeping six or more people. One of the most important components to consider when planning a camping trip is sleeping and bedding. A good night's sleep is worth its weight in gold, and can mean the difference between an enjoyable experience and cranky, out-of-sorts campers.

The following are some guidelines to maximize tent comfort while camping.

Tent size and location

Calculate how many people will be on the camping trip and how much space they will need to rest comfortably. Purchase or rent a tent that will provide enough space. Multiple tents also can be used if the goal is to separate family members.

The next consideration is where to set up camp. Look for a level area that is relatively free from debris. Clear away any rocks and twigs, as debris under the tent can damage it and make it harder to fall asleep.

Families may want to camp a short distance from restroom facilities if they are available, which will make it easier for the midnight bathroom breaks that inevitably crop up.

Invest in quality gear

In addition to the tent, campers will need a tarp/ground cover to place under the tent. This helps prevent moisture seepage from the soil.

Next, determine how everyone will sleep, whether on the ground or in cots. Cots can be the most comfortable options, but they take up a lot of space and can be heavy to transport - which is less than ideal when backpacking to a campsite. Inflatable mattresses or sleeping pads can be used in conjunction with sleeping bags to provide a soft, cushioned surface. Some are affordable at \$40 while others may cost as much as \$300. Costlier options may be best for frequent campers.

Account for the temperature

Temperature will go a long way toward improving or compromising comfort. Choose sleeping bags rated for the temperature. If you'll be doing plenty of fall or winter camping, you'll have a place to sleep that's designed to be used at the time of year you're camping.

When sleeping in warm temperatures, dress so you can add or remove layers as needed. A portable, battery-operated fan also can be a game-changer if it is hot and stuffy in the tent.

Adjust sound accordingly

Some people love drifting off to sleep to the sound of crickets, while others are kept awake by the nighttime sounds of nature. Foam earplugs can mute some of those sounds and even the snoring of a tent partner. Campers also can set up a charged smartphone with a white noise app and use that to block out unwanted noises.

CONCURRENT NOTICE NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 21, 2023
City of Chipley
1442 Jackson Avenue
Chipley, FL 32428
(850) 638-6350

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Chipley.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 11, 2023, the City of Chipley will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project intended to conduct stormwater rehabilitation. Activities of the project will include cleaning, reshaping, and stabilization of existing ditches; new lateral outfall ditches; restoration and expansion of existing cross drains to ensure proper conveyance to the stormwater management facility. Furthermore, construction may also include drainage inlets, manholes, curb & gutter, utility adjustment, roadway and sodding/landscape restorations, and mitigation measures to impacted Lift Stations. The proposed project is located within the Chipley city limits along 1st Avenue, 2nd Avenue, 3rd Avenue, and Peach Street to the intersection of Wynn Drive. Total HUD funds equal \$2,936,950.00. No other funds are applicable for this CDBG-DR project; DEO agreement #MT148.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Chipley has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City of Chipley City Hall, 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Chipley in person or via email to Mayor Andrews, tandrews@cityofchipley.com. All comments must be received by July 10, 2023. Comments will be considered prior to the City of Chipley requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Chipley certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that Tracy L. Andrews in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Chipley to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DEO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Chipley certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Chipley; (b) the City of Chipley has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the City of Chipley to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tracy L. Andrews, Mayor
Certifying Officer

INVITATION TO BID

Bids will be received by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, Chipley, Florida, until **3:00 p.m. CT on July 26, 2023**, in the Board Meeting Room, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of: **ENTRANCE PORTICO WASHINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURE CENTER FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHIPLEY, FLORIDA**

All work shall be done according to plans and specifications prepared by Alday-Howell Engineering and Donofro Architects. Plans are on file and open to inspection in the office of the Prime Service Consultant, Alday-Howell Engineering, 3017 Highway 71, Marianna, Florida.

Drawings and specifications may also be viewed at the office of the Architect at 2910 Caledonia Street, Marianna, Florida. Drawings, specifications, and addendums may also be viewed thru drop box link upon request to karen@donofroarchitects.com

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or a cashier's check, made payable to the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, Chipley, Florida in the sum of 5% of the base bid as a guarantee and with an agreement that the bidder will not revoke or cancel his bid or withdraw from the competition for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening of bids, and that in the event the contract is awarded to the bidder, he will within ten (10) consecutive days after it is submitted, enter into written contract with the Washington County Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the accepted bid. The cost of the bond will be included as part of the bidder's base-bid proposal.

The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, and to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid and any combination of alternates or separate bid prices that, in their judgement, will be to the best interest of Washington County Board of County Commissioners.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY: /s/ Jeff Massey, County Administrator Washington County BOCC Chipley, Florida

FAITH

Unleashing the power of forgiveness: A path to healing and freedom



ADAM WHITE Guest Columnist

Hurting people hurt people. This is more than just a cute or clever play of words. It is a well known truth that those who have been hurt will hurt others.

Each one of us has experienced hurt to one degree or another, and when someone hurts us, we become defensive and lash out.

But forgiveness has the power to break that cycle. It liberates us from the burden of carrying past wounds and enables us to move forward with renewed hope and healing.

Ephesians 4:32 encourages us to “be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” These words remind us of the incredible forgiveness we receive from Jesus.

Through His sacrificial death on the cross, Jesus offers forgiveness to all who repent and believe. His forgiveness is not based on our merits or worthiness, but flows from His boundless love and mercy.

When we embrace His forgiveness, we discover a wellspring of grace that enables us to extend forgiveness to others. It involves showing kindness, having a tender heart and actively choosing to forgive, just as Christ forgave us.

Carrying the burden of unforgiveness weighs us down and holds us captive. It harbors anger, bitterness and resentment within us, poisoning our hearts and relationships.

However, forgive-

ness has the power to release us from these heavy chains, granting us the freedom to heal and move forward. Forgiveness is not an act of weakness but an act of courage.

It is a conscious choice to let go of the pain and hurt inflicted upon us, enabling us to break free from the cycle of negativity. When we extend forgiveness, we open the door to reconciliation, understanding and restored relationships.

When we extend forgiveness, we reflect the love and grace of God. Just as Jesus forgave us despite our shortcomings, we are called to embody that same forgiveness towards others.

Forgiveness is not a one-time event but a lifelong journey.

It requires us to cultivate a heart of kindness and compassion, where forgiveness becomes our natural response. Through prayer, reading God’s Word and relying on the Holy Spirit, we can develop a character of forgiveness.

This presents a challenge for personal growth and spiritual maturity. It demands that we examine our own hearts, confront our biases and release our desire for vengeance.

It means choosing to release the offenses committed against us and not holding them against the offender. By surrendering our hurt to God and asking for His help, we find the strength to let go and forgive.

Forgiveness goes beyond merely pardoning someone. It involves seeking reconciliation and restoration whenever possible. This may require open and honest communication, a willingness to listen and working towards rebuilding trust.

It is a transformative journey that requires courage, vulnerability and a deep un-

derstanding of God’s boundless love and grace. By embracing forgiveness, we break free from the shackles of unforgiveness and open ourselves to a life of healing, freedom and reconciliation.

Let us challenge ourselves to extend forgiveness to those who have wronged us, and in doing so, become catalysts of positive change in our communities and the world.

In a world that often seeks vengeance and holds grudges, forgiveness stands as a radical and countercultural act. It challenges us to rise above our natural inclinations and embrace a higher calling—a calling to love, mercy and reconciliation.

By embodying forgiveness, we become beacons of hope, shining a light on the transformative power of Jesus Christ. So, let us embark on this journey of forgiveness. Let us release the burden of unforgiveness and find solace in the arms of God’s forgiveness.

As we extend forgiveness to others, let us create a ripple effect that reaches far beyond ourselves, touching lives, healing wounds and building bridges of understanding and unity. It is in unlocking the power of forgiveness that we find true liberation, for both ourselves and those around us.

Adam White is the Senior Pastor of New Beginning Assembly in Port St. Joe, FL, and is Ordained through the Assemblies of God. Email him at awhite1020@gmail.com or follow his twitter @ [awhite1020](https://twitter.com/awhite1020).

OBITUARIES

"As long as there is love and memory, there is no true loss."

- Cassandra Clare

OTIS J. “BUDDY” OLIVER

Otis J. “Buddy” Oliver, 85, of Marianna, formerly of Bonifay, passed away on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Jackson Hospital.

Buddy was born to Ernest C. and Eva Schrimshire Oliver on January 11, 1938. A native of Macon, Georgia, he retired to Dogwood Lakes in Bonifay, Florida in 1987. Buddy was a Factory Manager with the Federal Prison System in both Leavenworth, Kansas and Atlanta, Georgia.

After retiring he met the love of his life, Valeria Bradley Oliver from the Bethlehem Community in Holmes County, FL where they lived the majority of their married life. Before Buddy gave his life to Jesus Christ in October of 2000, he had taken five mission trips to spread the Gospel, of which he knew very little about at the time. Even though he had never read the Bible, he had such a passion for missions and helped smuggle Bibles into countries where it was a treasure for people to have one of their own. God used him in many ways to bless the missionaries on each of those trips. He traveled to eight different countries: India, Russia, China, South Africa, Nicaragua, Greece, Jamaica, and Bolivia.

Buddy enjoyed time on his motorcycles, especially the road trips with his brother, Bobby. He fully enjoyed every minute of his retirement. He was actively involved at his church, Carmel Assembly of God, and enjoyed helping at various events, especially the annual Chicken Perlu.

He had a BS degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University and was instrumental in initiating the Crime Stoppers Organization of Holmes County Florida at the request of former Sheriff, Dennis Lee.

O.J. Oliver was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Oliver and Eva Schrimshire Oliver; four brothers, George Oliver, Frank Oliver, Bobby Oliver, and Ernest Oliver; five sisters, Bessie Cook, Flora Bea-

ver, Juanita Moore, Margie Nobles, Betty Reed; and daughter, Wanda Jakelsky.

He is survived by his spouse, Valeria Bradley Oliver, of Marianna; daughters, Christie Oliver Street (Matt) of Atlanta, Angela Knight (Jeff) of Marianna, Aimee Douglas (Juno) of Marianna; and son,



Jeffery Dykes (Lizz) of Utah; son-in-law, Mark Jakelsky (Stacy) of Marianna; nine grandchildren, Tiffany South-erland (Daniel), April Pettis (David), Bradley Douglas, Valaree Shuler (Jake), Alex Street (Lea), Keller Street, Victoria Jakelsky, Tayla Dykes, Keira Dykes; , 11 great-grandchildren, numerous nie-

ces, nephews, along with a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be 11 AM, Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Carmel Assembly of God Church, Bonifay, Florida, with Dr. Rev. Juno Douglas, Rev. Jeff Knight, and Rev. Mark Jakelsky officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery with James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel of Marianna directing.

The family will receive friends at the church from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at Carmel Assembly of God Church.

The family ask that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to World Missions Department at Carmel Assembly of God Church or Sneads Assembly of God Church.

Expressions of sympathy can be made online at www.jamesandsikesfuneralhomes.com

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DAVID AULTON ENFINGER

David Aulton Enfinger passed from this life on Sunday, June 11, 2023, surrounded by family. He was born in Holmes County on August 9, 1946, to the late Clarence Aulton Enfinger and Ann Ackermann Enfinger. A life long resident of the Florida Panhandle, David was an avid outdoorsman, a founding member of the Florida Trappers Association, an integral part of the congregation of Bonnett Pond Community Church, an active volunteer at the Florida Folk Festival and a skilled gardener who shared his bounty with friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents Aulton and Ann Enfinger, sister, Cecilia Ann “Dee Dee” Padgett, uncle John H. Ackermann, and nephew, Kenneth Padgett.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 56 years, Judy Roberts Enfinger; his daughter, Amy Alderman, and husband, Luke, of Altha, FL, and their children: Anna, Kathrine, Seth and wife, Kate; son, Thaddeus Enfinger, and wife, Jessica, of Chesapeake

Beach, MD, and their children: Emilia, David, Joseph, Tyler and fiancée, Amanda Jenkins; brother, Danny Enfinger and



wife, June, of Tallahassee, FL; and nieces and nephews: Chuck Padgett, Twila Geraci, Martha Padgett, and Judd Enfinger.

A 1964 graduate of Ponce de Leon High School, David spent his life charting his own course through the hills and valleys of life. He worked as a cartographer with the Department of Transportation, a professional fur trapper and a nuisance

control alligator hunter. He was also a skilled carpenter who built his own home and provided new homes and custom cabinetry to folks throughout the Southeast. He enjoyed farming, planting an abundance of peas, corn, okra and other vegetables that he shared with anyone he knew. He was a true Renaissance Man who lived a full life and found great joy in sharing his time, talents and the fruit of his hands with family, friends and neighbors.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 30, at 11:00 a.m. at Bonnett Pond Community Church, 2680 Bonnett Pond Road, Chipley, FL. The celebration of his life will continue following the service with visitation and dinner in the fellowship hall. Come celebrate with us as we honor a life well lived.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Gideons International or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Arrangements are under the direction of Magnolia Funeral Home.

Marlyn Jeanine Harless

Ms. Marilyn Jeanine Harless, age 55, of Bonifay, Florida passed away June 10, 2023, at Washington



Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Chipley, Florida. She was born April 12, 1968, in Panama City, Florida. Marilyn was preceded in death by her father, Hassell Eugene Harless and one brother, Eddie Harless.

Marilyn is survived by a daughter, Carly Harless and Zachery Weeks; a son, Zane Harless; one grand-

daughter, Paisley Weeks; her mother, Geraldine Harless; one brother, James Harless; four nieces, Kayla Harless, Lakin Harless, Tori Harless, and Traci Skinner; one great-nephew, Cooper Wynn.

A celebration of life service will be held at 5:00 PM Saturday, June 17, 2023, in the Peel Funeral Home Chapel in Bonifay. Memorialization was by cremation with Peel Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

FUN & GAMES

HEADACHE RELIEF WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

CHRONIC
CLUSTER
CONGESTION
DEHYDRATION
DIAGNOSIS
DOCTOR
GRADUAL
HEADACHE
ILLNESS
INFLAMMATION
LIFESTYLE
MIGRAINE
PAINFUL
PERSISTENT
PRIMARY
SECONDARY
SENSITIVITY
SHARP
SPINE
STRESS
SUDDEN
TENSION
THROBBING
TRIGGERS

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to headaches.

O R I S S U E

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Answer: Serious

Guess Who?

I am a pop singer born in Hawaii on June 29, 1978. I studied musical theater in school. I was in a short-lived girl group before finding fame in a feline-named group. I eventually went on to a solo career and a TV gig as a talent judge.

Answer: Nicole Scherzinger

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Excited movements
8. Soap opera actress Patsy
13. Unknowing
14. Dangerous mosquitos
15. Exaggerated and sensationalized
19. Military policeman
20. Touch softly
21. Wrap
22. A story of one's life
23. Midway between east and southeast
24. Toward the mouth or oral region
25. A list of dishes available at a restaurant
26. Changes the meaning of
30. Semitic Sun god
31. Sneaker parts
32. Capital of Zimbabwe
33. Breezed through
34. Partner to pedi
35. Becomes less intense
38. Bottoms
39. Tested
40. Vistas
44. Take care of
45. Traditional rhythmic pattern
46. S. African political party
47. Cologne
48. Men
49. The Science Guy
50. Gospel author (abbr.)
51. Act of signing up
55. Human feet
57. A very short time
58. Streetcars
59. Cuplike cavities

CLUES DOWN

1. A type of pool
2. Malaise
3. Seasoned
4. A pair
5. Young male
6. Make a mistake
7. Experienced
8. It often accompanies injury
9. Old world, new
10. Commercial
11. Course of lectures
12. Promote
16. Female horses
17. Greek mythological figure
18. Small amount
22. Orthodox church altar
25. Actress Tomei
27. Excited
28. Looked directly at
29. Popular cold desserts
30. More reasonable
32. Disk above the head of a saint
34. Devoted to the extreme
35. Make an effort
36. It's in the surf
37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan
38. Discounts
40. Cliff in Hawaii
41. Extremely wild person
42. All persons
43. Aromas
45. Popular kids' game
48. A difficult situation
51. Popular Georgia rockers
52. It's in all living cells
53. Unspoken language
54. 'Talk to you' abbreviation
56. Influential lawyer

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000054 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: WILLIAM MOORE, Respondent/Father of E.M., a minor whose date of birth is in September of 2011, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights heretofore filed by Petitioner, Stephanie Spivey, within fourteen (14) days after the last publication, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against you in the Juvenile Court of Geneva County, Alabama, Case Number: JU-2023-52.01.

Ashley Powell, Clerk of the Court, Geneva County, Alabama
June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023

000056 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CASE NO.: 23-41CP

RUSALINDA GAIL MASSEY ,

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Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of RUSALINDA GAIL MASSEY , deceased, whose date of death was July 12, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1293 W Jackson Ave # 100, Chipley, FL 32428. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent's estate and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 14, 2023.

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June 14, 21, 2023

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CASE NO.: 23-21-CP

SHIRLEY FAYE HAVILAND ,

Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of SHIRLEY FAYE HAVILAND , deceased, whose date of death was January 26, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1293 W Jackson Ave # 100, Chipley, FL 32428. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is June 14, 2023.

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000063 Pursuant to FL ST. 713.78, Eastern Diesel & Auto Wrecker Service, Inc. will sell at public sale at the following:

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June 21, 2023

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The Town of Ponce de Leon is an Equal Housing Opportunity Community. In an effort to further Fair Housing Practices, the

Town of Ponce de Leon has passed a Fair Housing Ordinance that states

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it is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicap or age, in accordance with the Fair

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June 21, 2023

000066 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

Case No.: 30-2023-CP-000064-PRAM

IN RE: ESTATE OF

SHELTON ARD, SHELTON EARL ARD,

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Deceased NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SHELTON ARD a/k/a SHELTON EARL ARD, deceased, whose date of death was November 15, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 397, Bonifay, Florida 32425. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 21

/s/Christina Green Rankin

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June 21, 28, 2023

The global scope of violence against women

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER

Dating back to social media usage that began in 2006, the social movement often referred to as “#MeToo” has done much to draw attention to violence against women. Such violence was perpetrated prior to 2006 and has persisted even as the #MeToo movement has inspired women across the globe to share their stories in public. Greater public understanding of the scope of violence against women may compel further action to combat such brutality.

• Estimates from the World Health Organization indicate that three in 10 women worldwide have been subjected to either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.

• WHO data indicates that 27 percent of women between the ages of 15 and 49 who have

been in a relationship report that they have been subjected to some form of physical and/or sexual violence by their intimate partner. The organization UN Women indicates that, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, 243 million women in that age bracket experienced such violence.

• A WHO analysis of prevalence data from 2000-2018 found that as many as 38 percent of all murders of women are committed by intimate partners.

• Data regarding non-partner sexual violence is more limited, but the WHO indicates 6 percent of women across the globe report having been sexually assaulted by someone other than a partner.

• A 2013 study from the WHO examining the health burden associated with violence against women found that women who had been physically or sexually abused were 1.5

times more likely to have a sexually transmitted infection compared to women who had not experienced partner violence.

• A 2021 report from the United Nations indicated that domestic violence against women increased to unprecedented levels in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Commission on COVID-19 and criminal justice indicated a greater than 8 percent increase of such violence following the onset of lockdown orders in 2020.

Violence against women remains a significant yet wholly preventable issue. Women in need of assistance in the United States can contact the National Domestic Violence hotline 24/7/365 at 1-800-799-7233. In Canada, women in need of assistance are urged to call 911 or their local provincial and territorial crisis lines.



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