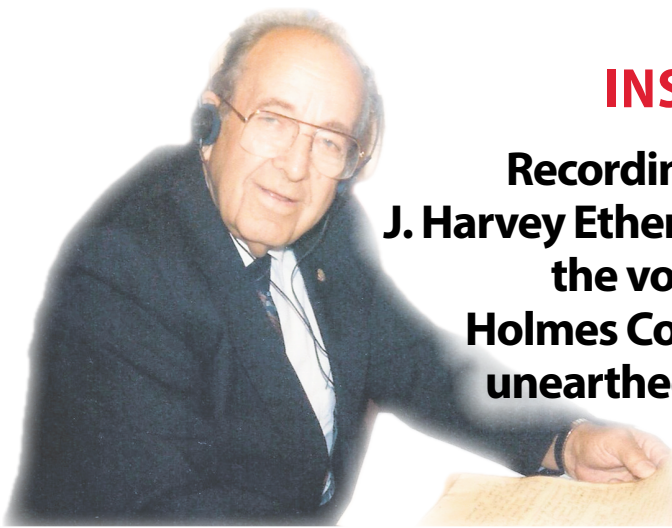


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BPD chief discusses imminent administrative center move

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The Bonifay Police Department’s coming transition into the old Holmes County Sheriff’s Office building on North Oklahoma Street is moving along. Police Chief Johnny Whitaker discussed the looming

transition during a City Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 23. A contract between Holmes County and the City of Bonifay is currently being reviewed by legal representatives. “We’re still waiting on, I guess, the contract,” Whitaker said. “They were trying to do a month-to-month. I

think we finally settled on a two-year (agreement). Once their attorney gets everything sent back to (the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners) prior to their next meeting, it should be approved.” The Florida Department of Law Enforcement has been notified of the move. The

BPD, along with the city’s fire department, is currently at 809 South Waukesha Street. The new HCSO administrative office is at 1173 East Highway 90 in the old agricultural center. The BPD’s wish to move into the North Oklahoma Street center was brought up during a Holmes County

Commissioners meeting on Oct. 17. Holmes County officials were receptive to the proposal. “(There will be) a little bit of cleaning but we should be fine,” Whitaker said. “There’s still a lot of paperwork’s that has to be done. ... I feel like two year’s going to

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The City of Bonifay is looking to redo sidewalks throughout town with help from the Florida Department of Transportation. [COLLIN BREAUX | The Advertiser]

Bonifay looks to spruce up sidewalks

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The City of Bonifay is working on a project for sidewalk improvements on Waukesha Street, both north and south of Highway 90. City Clerk Rickey Callahan discussed the anticipated refurbishing during a City Council meeting on Monday,

Oct. 23. A resolution will be presented to the City Council when the language is ready. “We need permission from the mayor to sign a resolution to FDOT (the Florida Department of Transportation) supporting Waukesha and Highway 90 sidewalk improvements,” Callahan said. Callahan said city staff is

asking FDOT to include sidewalks in road widening work since there are no sidewalks south of Highway 90. “The other portion of that is to redo the sidewalks through town when they resurface it,” Callahan said. The “big issue” is making sidewalks accessible to disabled people, Callahan said.

Speed limit to be reduced on U.S. 90 in front of Holmes County High School

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The speed limit for US 90 in front of Holmes County High School in Bonifay will be reduced down to 25 miles per hour during school hours. The reduction was announced at a City Council meeting on Oct. 23 by Police Chief Johnny Whitaker. “On US 90, there’s Blue Devil Drive. There have been some concerns about the speed limit. Some letters were sent to DOT (Florida

Department of Transportation),” Whitaker said. “They have agreed to reduce the speed limit by 20 miles per hour.” The speed limit was previously 45 miles per hour. Educational outreach efforts will be made to make the public aware of the change. “There’s been some discussion for several years now about reducing that speed limit,” Whitaker said. “There’s so much traffic with the elementary school

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Advertiser now operating in new office

STAFF REPORT

The offices of the Holmes County Advertiser and Washington County News are now operating out of a new location, parent company Kent Smith Group announced Monday. The office for the community newspapers did not have far to go, having moved just across the street from its old location on North Railroad Avenue in Chipley to 1367 B South Railroad Avenue. The new office is located between Box Car Coffee and Sage Brand Studio. “We are still putting final touches on our new space, but we are open to the public,” said Publisher Carol Kent. “Once

we have everything in place – hopefully within the next few weeks – we will host an open house and official ribbon cutting.” Kent stated her goal is to eventually reopen a brick and mortar location for The Advertiser in Holmes County. “The Advertiser truly belongs in Holmes County, but we are still a long way away from achieving that goal,” she said. “We just acquired these two community newspapers in July, and we are taking baby steps. Some of the issues we are working to resolve evolved over the course of several years. Just as the problems did not appear overnight, neither will the remedy. Kent says the plan

for the new office is to feature historical themes representing each county, as well as offer a welcoming place for visitors to browse the archives for genealogical and other research. “I oftentimes say that among our other duties to the community, we are the keepers of history,” said Kent. “The residents make the memories, and we put them in what ultimately is a scrapbook of sorts. We feel it is important that the community is able to access those memories, whether made by them or by someone from years ago.”

Questions? Email Publisher Carol Kent at: ckent@kentsmith.biz



The Holmes County Advertiser is now operating at its new location, inside the office of parent company, Kent Smith Group. The office is located at 1367 B, South Railroad Avenue in Chipley. [JULIE SMITH | The Advertiser]

Blue Devil Battalion opens Fall Festival activities



The Holmes County High School JROTC were a visible presence during the Fall Festival parade in Graceville on Saturday, Oct. 21. [CONTRIBUTED]

RANDY BURLEW

The Holmes County High School JROTC presented the National Colors at the Fall Festival parade in Graceville on Saturday, Oct. 21. Added teams included the Banner Team, Color Guard, Honor Guard, and a cadence chanting platoon. The Color Guard was commanded by cadet LTC Autumn Poulson, who also carried the American flag. Cadet SGT Tristen Caraway carried the Florida State flag, Cadet CSM Jenna Mims carried the battalion colors, Cadet PFC Darren Lawlor carried the left rifle, and Cadet PFC Caleb Blankenship carried the right rifle. The Honor Guard formed an arc of sabers

under the command of cadet 2nd LT Hunter Presley and were composed of the following cadets: 2LT Colton Jones, MAJ Allison Reynolds, CPL Joshua Treadway, 2LT Robert Tart, 1LT Sophia Pollard, PFC Trenton Austin, PFC Hannah Guilford, PFC Makenzie Christenson. “The Blue Devil Battalion got to lead the parade up front. It was an exciting mile seeing all the Graceville community on the sides of the street cheering,” 1SG Randy Burlew said. “The platoon was singing cadences under the leadership of cadet PFC Christopher Crider and in the formation were the following cadets: CPL Gracie Snowden, PVT Jordan Bradley, SGT Brian Worley, SGT Wesley Stanley, 2LT

Byron Lamb, PFC Hannah Hudson, and cadet Harley Heaslet.” The Holmes County High School JROTC banner was held by cadet PFC Cyluas Bausby and cadet Riley Thomas. After the parade was over, the Blue Devil battalion presented the colors for the opening ceremony to begin the Fall Festival Activities. “The purpose for this parade was to spread the word about what JROTC has to offer to the community and contribute community service hours to cadets in the program,” Burlew said. “The Fall Festival was a huge success. The cadets had fun and performed their jobs perfectly. Thank you Graceville for allowing us to represent at your Fall Festival Ceremonies.”

Empty Stocking Fund reaches 40th anniversary

STAFF REPORT

One of the Panhandle’s signature fundraisers is having a 40th anniversary this year. The Salvation Army’s Empty Stocking Fund—based in Panama City—officially begins soon. “Every dollar raised brings food, housing and other important


services to those who need it most,” a news release said. “The Panama City Corps Office serves six counties across the panhandle including Bay, Washington, Holmes, Jackson, Calhoun and Gulf.” The kickoff ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 9, at Bill Cramer’s GM dealer-

ship on 23rd Street in Panama City. Donations can be mailed to the Salvation Army Corps Office, 1824 West 15th Street, Panama City, FL 32401 or online at give.salvationarmyflorida.org/campaign/empty-stocking-fund-2023-panama-city/c528325



The Salvation Army’s Empty Stocking Fund—an annual fundraiser that helps in-need Panhandle families—kicks off soon and celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. [CONTRIBUTED]

Lonely Paws Club



Pet of the week: Sancho
NANTHOMPSON

Looking for a lover? Well, here I am.. My name is Sancho and that means “the other man.” I am a Papillon-chihuahua mix and I’m looking to be the “other man” in your life. I’m about a year and a half old, so I’m up for the job. I’m a cute little six-pound bundle of love. Look at my face. How can you resist? I bet if you saw me in person, you couldn’t. Plus, I’m up to date on all my shots, neutered,

and microchipped. See? I’m ready to go to my new home. If you don’t know much about the Papillon breed, here is a bit of information... but, remember, I am a papillon mix. My ears that stand out are covered in long fur...so that’s how we got the name Papillon, which in French means “butterfly.” I can be a barker, but that too is part of my breed. I don’t like being left alone a lot unless

I’m eating. I love my toys and don’t like to share. I love people and other dogs. I would love a lap to sit in now that the weather is beginning to get cooler. I currently live in Bonifay at BARRK Rescue with my other friends, so come see me or my buddies in person or on the Facebook page facebook.com/barrkrescueinc. You can also call 850-768-0157.

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The Bonifay Police Department is looking to move into the old Holmes County Sheriff’s Office center on North Oklahoma Street. [COLLIN BREAUx | The News and Advertiser]

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benefit both the county and the city. It gives us two years to try to get some appropriations, some other funds, to build our own agency and move our agency to another location than where we’re at now.” The move is expected to happen sometime after the next Holmes County Commissioners meeting on Nov. 7, Whitaker said. “We’re all making sure everything reads right—who’s paying insurance, who’s doing this, who’s paying what bill because we’re transitioning one of the ladies from the Veteran’s Association into our office to offset some office space for them,” Whitaker said. Whitaker said he and Holmes County Sheriff “work good together” and are frequent communication about existing items at the old HCSO center that would still be good for the BPD to use. “We’ve been friends for 30 years or so. We talk daily,” Whitaker said. “It’s all about moving forward and getting things done.”

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being there now that sometimes it backs up to US 90. The county commissioners, sheriff’s office, school board got with DOT and got it reduced.” The reduction will be effective as soon as the county and FDOT gets traffic control devices in place.



Dunn, other representatives introduce legislation bolstering drug coverage for rare diseases

STAFF REPORT

A legislative bill allowing Medicare Part D and Medicaid to cover drugs for off-label for treating rare diseases has been introduced into Congress for consideration by Rep. Neal Dunn (R-Panama City) and other congressional representatives.

Off-label drugs would be covered “if there is peer-reviewed medical literature that indicates its use is

appropriate” for rare disease treatment under the proposed PROTECT Rare Act, a news release from Dunn’s office said.

“I hear from many of my constituents who fear that restrictions on off-label drugs threatens not only their quality of life but also their chance of survival,” Dunn said. “It is important that rare disease patients have access to proven courses of treatment that in-

clude off-label uses of drugs when no other viable treatment options exist.”

The bill would also require private insurance plans to create an “expedited review process for coverage requests.”

Other representatives who introduced the bill are Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA), Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA), and Mike Kelly (R-PA).

“To ensure that these patients have

access to appropriate care, Medicare and Medicaid must be given increased flexibility to cover such treatments if widely available research suggests their use is appropriate,” Dunn said.

The legislation is still under consideration and has to be approved by both the House of Representatives and Senate, and then signed into law by the president, before it is official.

Bonifay man dies in vehicle crash

STAFF REPORT

A 75-year-old man from Bonifay died in a single-vehicle crash while traveling on State Road 79 on Saturday, Oct. 28.

The fatal crash occurred while the unidentified man was approaching 6th Ave.

“The SUV left the roadway on the west shoulder and the driver

overcorrected and re-entered the roadway,” a news release from the Florida Highway Patrol said. “This caused the vehicle to continue south on State Road 79 onto the east shoulder where the front struck a culvert. This action caused the vehicle to become airborne.”

The vehicle then hit a mailbox and turned on its side.



Theresa Tolle was recently named the 2023 National Community Pharmacists Association Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year award and credits growing up working for her family in shaping her professional abilities. Pictured are Max Wells, Joyce Wells, Steven Wells, Carla Joyce Barber, and Theresa Tolle. [CONTRIBUTED]

Drag show fight goes to Supreme Court

JIM TURNER

News Service of Florida

Gov. Ron DeSantis’ administration has gone to the U.S. Supreme Court in a fight about a ruling that blocked statewide a new law aimed at preventing children from attending drag shows.

The state’s attorneys want the Supreme Court to approve a partial stay of a preliminary injunction that U.S. District Judge Gregory Presnell issued to block the law.

Presnell issued the injunction in a lawsuit filed by the Orlando

restaurant Hamburger Mary’s — but also applied the injunction to venues statewide. The partial stay, if granted, would allow the law to be enforced against all venues except Hamburger Mary’s while an underlying appeal of Presnell’s ruling plays out.

A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 decision, rejected such a partial stay on Oct. 11. Attorneys representing Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Secretary Melanie

Griffin, the named defendant in the case, took the issue to the Supreme Court last week.

“This is not a class action, and there is but one plaintiff: a restaurant in Orlando, Florida, known as Hamburger Mary’s, which claims that the statute unconstitutionally deters it from presenting to children live drag shows that are not sexually explicit,” the state’s attorneys wrote in the Supreme Court filing. “Even if such performances violated the statute, all Hamburger Mary’s needs

to remedy its alleged injury is an injunction precluding the state from enforcing the statute against Hamburger Mary’s. Extending that relief to others not before the court did nothing to alleviate Hamburger Mary’s asserted injury and exceeded the district court’s remedial authority.”

But in a July decision rejecting a request for a partial stay, Presnell wrote that the state was trying to “neuter the court’s injunction” by having it apply only

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NWFL raised pharmacist is Pharmacist of the Year

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Theresa Tolle, a pharmacist who grew up in Chipley and now owns her own pharmacy, recently won the 2023 National Community Pharmacists Association Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year award.

Tolle, who runs Bay Street Pharmacy down in the South Florida town of Sebastian, said she was surprised by the distinction.

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OPINION

Americans are being hurt by the politics of hate



MICHAEL REAGAN
Guest Columnist

“The more we learn about the 2020 election the more ILLEGITIMATE it becomes. America deserves to know whether we have a FAKE president in the oval office.”

How could Republicans in the House struggle for three weeks and then unanimously elect a man who said this kind of irresponsible stuff to be their new speaker?

How could the hapless House Republicans

Oh, wait a minute. My mistake. There’s a typo in that first sentence.

It should be “the 2016 election,” not the 2020 election.

Oh, and another thing. It wasn’t the new Republican House Speaker, Mike Johnson of Louisiana, who questioned the legitimacy of the 2016 presidential election.

It was Hakeem Jeffries of New York, the leading House Democrat – the nice guy who welcomed Johnson by calling him “an extreme right-wing ideologue.”

Jeffries’ knee-jerk negativity was the kind of bipartisan hate mongering that has made Washington such a nasty place.

The Washington Post and other liberal DC/NYC media outlets joined with Jeffries in looking for reasons to degrade Speaker Johnson for being what he is – a religious conservative Republican.

They pointed out that he is liked by Donald Trump, voted against more aid to Ukraine and publicly cheered when the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. The fact that Johnson is the son of a firefighter, refreshingly young and not a charter member of the GOP’s ruling cabal didn’t count for the Post and its ilk.

Johnson was demeaned

as “a fifth stringer.” He was branded a MAGA extremist and, worst of all, as one of those kooky rightwing 2020 election deniers who were such an existential threat to our democracy.

With Johnson, the lopsided liberal media have continued to push the false narrative that Trump Republicans like him invented election denialism in late 2020.

But the Republican National Committee has easily proved how wrong – and dishonest – the media are with its hilariously damning 24-minute video highlight reel of wild statements top Democrats made about the 2016 election during the Trump years.

Poor Hillary – who has made a career out of repeatedly saying her presidency was “stolen” from her and that the Trump presidency was “illegitimate” – is the video’s Denier in Chief.

But Nancy Pelosi, Jeffries, Jimmy Carter, Kamala Harris and assorted other Russia Hoax-pushing politicians spit out variations of Hillary’s claim that Trump and his evil pal Putin robbed her in 2016.

Today’s national hatefest is Israel and Jews vs. Hamas and Palestinians.

We actually have members of Congress, college students and tens of thousands of Americans charging Israel with war crimes and openly defending – even cheering – the slaughter of 1,400 Jews by Hamas terrorists.

The fierce public debate over the war in Israel has shown us that some dangerous people have infiltrated our schools and colleges and have been teaching our kids to hate.

“Hate 101” is probably a college class by now. “You want to major in ‘Killing Jews’ this semester? We have a professor for that right here at Hate U.”

The way things are going – downhill – it wouldn’t surprise me if hundreds of Americans a day were killed by angry murderers.

That’s what happens when people are raised on the politics of hate.

Happy Corner: Horseback Wedding



HAZEL WELLS TISON
Guest Columnist

You know how we plan family weddings and what detail we go to make the affair as “nice” as we can. This was true of our daughter’s wedding in 1980 when she married Orrin Webb and moved to a large ranch in southwest Florida where he was in charge of the cattle production and the crew who worked them. She worked in the office. I heard her description of this wedding which she performed for a couple on the ranch, but I can’t do it justice. This is a copy of her description of the experience which she wrote in a letter to her Aunt Gail who was planning a ceremony for her second wedding.

Because this ranch did a lot of leases, vegetable growers, hunting leases, honey production, watermelon growers, and etc,

Cindy the office manager had a Notary license to handle the lease agreements. The following is a reprint of her letter to Gail, my youngest sister. Cindy’s characters rival any of Carl Hiassen’s work of fiction .

Did you hear that I performed my first wedding ceremony? It was hilarious. One of the guys on Orrin’s cow crew came to the house to see if Orrin’s father would ‘marry them two yahoos’. Orrin told him that Sankey was no longer a Notary, but maybe Cindy would do it. So he brings Stanley in to ask Cindy. With him standing there face to face, she couldn’t refuse. After he left, though, Orrin really took some punishment. To make the event even more exciting the “yahoos” (bride and groom) wanted to be married on horseback at the bride’s home. Home was your typical white trash trailer dwelling ---a trailer surrounded by old boats, washing machines, cars, etc. The trailer has most of the windows knocked out and the doors just barely on the hinges if at all.

The bride and groom wore matching boots, jeans, and of course cowboy hats.

The groom had seldom been on a horse, so he was in danger of falling off during the whole ceremony. (“So Help Me I’m Falling”). The mother of the bride (who incidentally, was reported to be having a heart attack just prior to the ceremony did not have on any shoes nor was her combed. She wore some old jeans with an old shirt with the shirt tail out. The whole family was there and what a crew they were. Worse than the Wells clan ever thought of being which some would find that hard to believe.

The father of the bride rode out to where the wedding guest and the groom were assembled under a lone pine tree and the ceremony began. This being my first wedding I was a bit nervous, you understand. I started the vows, looked around, and here comes the mother tearing out there screaming, “Wait! wait! I want to hear them vows”. So I stopped and waited until she got there then went on with it. Luckily, the bride finished a drag on her cigarette before saying I do without it falling out of her mouth. Then I pronounced them man and wife and

they kissed for about ten minutes. Then it was time for the Wedding Feast and the toast to the bride and groom. They had two picnic tables set up amid ant beds and tall weeds. A pretty wedding cake was brought out and the bride and groom were cutting the traditional piece for each other, only instead of feeding each other, they were throwing it at each other. I thought that was a nice touch. You might want to incorporate that into your reception, Gail.

Then they brought out the wedding food, a wild boar hog, potato salad, baked beans and rolls. A veritable ptomaine feast with trichinosis for the main course. Meanwhile in the back of the trailer the dogs were having their own feast. Somebody had thrown the carcass of the hog from the feast out for the dogs to enjoy at the same time alongside the guests.” Needless to say, Cindy and Orrin had business elsewhere and were unable to stay for the festivities.

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War! What is it good for?



RON HART
Guest Columnist

The more evolved segment of the Republican Party, led by us few, small “I” libertarians, has the GOP heading in the right direction on wars. Tired of endless wars with no objective or quantifiable outcome, in countries that hate us, we see foreign entanglements in a more jaundiced light.

In the past, libertarians have had about as much influence in the GOP as the Log Cabin Republicans. That’s changing.

While we libertarians support our ally, Israel,

in these unending fights with radical Muslim nations that provoke them, we should not get more involved in religious wars. The Democrat Party, which has become the party of warmongering, seems willing to get us into yet another religious war. I am not sure when this changed. The original Democrat Party, which held some appeal to me, protested the Vietnam War.

Maybe Democrats are urging evangelical Americans into this latest religious war, likely as a part of their self-preserving political agenda. Democrats know that, if evangelicals are correct and the Rapture comes (wherein all the righteous are summoned to Heaven), Democrats will then control a supermajority in the House and Senate.

There is growing sentiment among us right-

of-center that we are too broke and have too bad a track record in wars the last 50 years to be led into another one. As U.S. aircraft carriers steam toward the Middle East, we need to take a good look at that track record.

Post-9/11, we went to two wars and gave up innumerable freedoms to the TSA, NSA and Homeland Security. We lost tens of thousands of lives and trillions of dollars. The result? We replaced Saddam Hussein with ISIS. And we replaced the Taliban with a much stronger Taliban; the difference is that they have \$83 billion of our lethal weapons that Biden left them when he scurried out of Afghanistan.

In fairness to Biden, although he did vote for them as a Senator and to expand the wars while being Obama’s “yes man,” Afghanistan and Iraq

were Bush/Cheney folly. After 15 years and trillions of dollars searching Afghanistan for bin Laden, we did find him. In his house in Pakistan.

While in the Middle East and since he got back to Washington, Biden has sent a mixed message. Appeasing the growing Muslim protests on our college campuses and in cities near Detroit, Biden is trying to play both sides.

When the call to worship issues each day from the mosque near the White House, Biden answers it as the Call to Nap.

The left of his party urged Biden to support Palestine; he just gave them \$100 million. Biden allowed the international embargo on Iran’s missile program to lapse on October 18th. He seems to be appeasing radical Islam while supposedly “supporting” Israel.

This is according to his disjointed speech while visiting the Middle East.

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SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

Holmes schools looks to help students through grant

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Holmes District Schools anticipates receiving \$303,200 from the state for a grant geared towards helping students and schools with resiliency. The grant was expected to be officially approved during a Holmes District School Board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 24. The funds are a one-time grant good for about a year, though district officials said there is hope there are recurring funds they can continue to go after. The funding comes at no cost to

the district. “We’re really excited about what we’re going to be able to do with it,” Director of Student Services Matt Tate said. “We’ll be able to help add additional school resource officers in the afternoons for our after-school programs.” School resource officers have previously only been available during regular school hours. “Part of this is also focused on mental health and school safety. Part of this grant will be ensuring we have more mental health presence in the schools,”

Tate said. “Obviously, we already do but this will push it above and beyond to help those kids who don’t have that support at home to be taught to be resilient.” Children will also be taught coping skills, Superintendent Buddy Brown said. “We’re finding more and more children at a younger age who are struggling with issues of that nature,” Brown said. “Sometimes, it’s just as simple as having a safe adult they can have conversations with.” Mental health issues and resiliency can tie back to 2020 and the COVID-19

pandemic, Brown said. “How do we bounce back from the trauma of COVID but also how do we bounce back from any significant event in our lives that is unexpected?” Brown said. “People have forgotten about the long-range effects. Whether we liked it or not, what happened in 2020 is going to be with us. This is an issue we’re going to be seeing for the rest of the decade.” Some kids are still struggling to get back on track, Brown said. “We have some kids that are coming to us in the

second or third grade that never stepped foot in a school because they were home that first year they were supposed to be here,” Brown said. “Parents, concerned for safety, kept them home. Now they’re starting to bring them back.” Holmes District Schools will also implement a program called Empower You, which gives teachers exercises and activities they can use throughout the week, along with additional support. “(Students) can have virtual access to a counselor even when they’re not in school,

like a one-on-one type deal,” Tate said. “If they’re at home struggling with something, this is something they can use from their phone.” A mentorship program for kids ages six through 12 will also be available. “We are also implementing a book study for teachers throughout the district so they can improve their knowledge of understanding what resiliency is for students and ways they might be able to impact within their schools,” Tate said.

Holmes County School District Honor Rolls

Bonifay K-8 School
A Honor Roll
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Second Grade:
Kaitlyn Baker, Mason Bledsoe, Saylor Boutwell, Blair Bowen, Quentin Brantley, Gabriela Candelaria, Lincoln Cannon, Chloe Clayton, Madelyn Dee, Izabella Eldridge, Aria Epley, Haiden Epley, Wesley Givens, Selah Glass, Arianna Gregory, Harper Harris, Grayden Hickman, Leah Ives, Braylee Johnson, Ella Johnson, Ryder Jones, Kolette Kriser, Khalyl Love, Amir Martin, Sawyer McGowan, Hunter McKee, Allen McWaters, Ariya Mobley, Bradley Morris, Mason Morris, Aiden Moss, Joshua Myers, Aeralyn Nelson, Hagan Rakas, Payton Rowell, Hattie Segers, Heath Segers, Maken Steverson, Lillian Taylor, Shelby Walsingham, Judah Welch, Walker Whitaker, and Madison Young.

Third Grade:
Cole Anderson, Aiden Bailey, Isabella Beall,

Nathan Birge, Eli Bradshaw, Harper Brock, Wyatt Brown, Kearston Cassiday, Savannah Chance, Kieren Collins, Reagan Cooper, Walter Cowan, Darby Dady, Amelia Epley, Blaire Freeman, Kayden George, Teal Grant, Candice Gregory, Peyton Hay, Samantha Henderson, Roberto Hernandez, Aaden Kneller, Abel Locke, Aaliyah Marsh, Allyssah McWaters, Michael Mobley, Miles Nelson, Bransyn Nettles, Araya Oldham, Kendon Pate, Anthony Phillips, Lewis Powell, Declan Roberts, Braxton Sasser, Delainey Sherfield, Annastyn Sherrer, Kynslie Shull, Samuel Singletary, Zayden Soles, Serenity Steverson, Avin Taylor, Rinoa Walker, Peyton Watson, McKenna Webb, Rhyleigh Wheeler, LillyAnn Whitaker, Aubrey Williams, Karter Wilson, Ezra Wink, Maddisyn Worley, River Worley, Lakyn Yarbrough, and Roman Young.

Fourth Grade:
Hailey Adams, Makayla Adams, Rane Boyd, Bryce Brock, Cyrus Brown, Ava’Mae Carpenter, Brice Carpenter, Micah Cook, Kaylynn Cota, Ayla Davis, Hailey Emery, Adalynn Hawkins, Kameron Hedlund, Caston Hires, Camden Hodge, Maddalyn Hoover, Easton Johnson, Miah Lauen, Minnie MacMillan, Ian Margulies, Bryson Parker, Hadley Raines, Julian Rodriguez,

Miracle Salter, Waylyn Seigle, Ellie Sheffield, Braelynn Short, Trinity Steverson, Abram Taylor, Amily Turk, Mai Vo, Ella West.

Fifth Grade:
Paislee Faircloth, Branson Hawkins, Rylan Holley, Ashlyn Jarrell, Rilyn Miller, Jylon Sanders, Georgia Whitaker.

Sixth Grade:
Reed Boyd, Tinsly Broadus, Mennika Coronel, Maddox Glover, Morgen Glover, Jemimah Go, Hudson Goodman, Samantha Hauser, JayQuan Levins, Kiersten Rakas, McKinley Sewell, Hadley Smith, Zandt Taylor.

Seventh Grade:
Carolynn Bahillo, Finley-Anne Bailey, Palyn Byers, Meredith Carpenter, Lydia Curry, Melanie Dawson, Maxx Harris, Jaxon Hawkins, Blake Holley, Brayden Hoover, Aubrey Justice, Makenzie Lawlor, Aadon Mollet, Audrey Moss, Silas Powell, Jada Robles, Kaitelyn Russell, Jylian Sallas, Cameryn Smith, Khloe Steverson, Mason Suggs, Elijah Taylor, Sam Vo, Keegan Watson, Brighton Whitaker, Gracelynn Williams.

Eighth Grade:
Dustin Baggett, Isabella Baker, Tatum Cook, Tegan Cook, Ainslee Faircloth, Grant Goodman, Kensley Harris, Gabriella Holloway, Genesis Jenkins, William McGowan, Keylin Parker, Tye Williams, Eden Wink, Zackary Wyrosdick.

A/B Honor Roll
Second Grade:
Austin Adams, Audrey Bailey, William Bell, Kylie Brock, Jeremiah Brown, Paisley Brown, Addison Carroll, Alayna Collins, William Cosson, Eliza Cruz, Julie Cunningham, Aria Davis, Jaylee Edminson, Madelyn Fowler, Zakevion Green, James Gregory, Sutter Guthrie, Keira Hadler, Lilianna Hayes, Ashley Hickman, Kenzie Hodge, Demetrius Johnson, Emery Kenemur, Ashlin Lolley, River Lynch, Grayson Mancill, Cameron McMillian, Joni Meadows, Brylon Moore, Bo Music, Ryleigh Niner, Aiden O’Neal, Alonzo Oliver, Kai Ours, Kingston Paquin, James Phillips, Nolan Powell, Arlene Reid, Josiah Rock, Bella Rodriguez, Raileigh Sanders, Lyric Sellers, Edward Smith, Fallyn Smith, Fawn Smith, Barrett Steele, Rosalie Strunk, Zaine Thompson, Cooper Ward, MollyFay Watford, Matthew Woods, Shon Worley.

Third Grade:
Jaleigh Abbott, Cameron Bartle, Adelaide Becker, Jase Burnham, Storie Carver, Merritt Cooper, Charleigh Crawford, Harley Enfinger, Isaac Esparza, Walter Fahey, River Ford, Graham Gavin, Payton Harrison, Lane Holloway,

Kenneth Jackson, William Jordan, Willow Kimmel, Jacob Marsh, Ashlynn Marshall, Micky Nastasi, Aaron Pate, Garrett Petty, Natalee Roche, Aubrie Sallas, Julaya Sanders, Stella Shores, Gabriel Stowe, Grady Taylor, Preston Tice, Brenton Walsh, Grayson Worley.

Fourth Grade:
Levi Baggett, Decklyn Bowden-Smith, Layton Bowen, Case Bowers, Evelynne Boyett, Emileigh Brown, Easton Brunick, Bryson Carnley, Easton Cassiday, Zoey Chesnut, Darrell Cline, Jace Cooley, William Cooley, Colston Crews, Patience Dias, Brooklyn Driggers, Ja’ray Goodwin, Wyatt Harrison, Davis Hatfield, Liam Herndl, Lily Hulett, Timothy Jones, Bryson Kelly, Korven Kriser, MacKenzie McClain, Tinslee Meeks, Eli Newsom, Rhyan Parker, Adrian Powell, Elysia Rakas, Kalila Roddy, Arianna Son-Kenyon, Katianna Son-Kenyon, Aubrey Spence, Camden Thompson, Aryiah Troublefield, Juan Tzir-Harrison, Hadley Voorhees, Ariella Watkins, Aaliyah White, James White, Jake Wicks, Liam Wilson.

Fifth Grade:
Onri Bass, Branson Caruso, Cole Caudill, Temperance Clemons, Zynasia

Conley, Aolani Davis, Nolan Folds, Brooklyn Gregory, Cait Hall, Riley Hernandez, Keegan Holloman, Levi Ives, Alexander Jensen, Trinity Lemus, Taylor Locke, Levi Locklear, Shelby Ludwig, Rowyn Miller, Noah Mollet, Charles Padgett, Layla Peacock, Caleb Pyle, Sienna Robles, Makayla Roche, Cayden Roddy, Alaric Ross, Kaylee Sasser, Jaxon Smith Presley, Logan Todar, Emma Tzir-Harrison, Isabella Watkins, Walker Young.

Sixth Grade:
Zander Bade, Hannah Bradshaw, Hazley Broadus, Kelby Campbell, Kaleb Coronel, Vania Creson, Aryana Desimone, Keyliegh Devlin, Peyton Duffell, Aubrey Duffey, Aiden Dunn, Aiden Egelund, Ellie Goodman, Adam Griffin, Wesley Hall, Macie Harrison, Lucas Hartley, Cridhe Herndl, Chloe Higgins, Branson Hill, Nalah Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Kiran Lacayo, Nicolas Lopez, Kinsley Manuel, Isaac Maples, Gavin Masterson, Emma McAdams, Dominic McCreary, Sadie Prince, Lucas Pugh, Mason Reading, Abbi Rittenberry, Kami Rushing, Paisley Sasser, Kami Sherrouse, Rhaestyn Shull, Dakota Whitaker, Dixie Wilson, Pailynn Worley.

ELECTION NOTICE TOWN OF ESTO COUNCIL ELECTION 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Esto will hold an election on Monday, December 4, 2023, to select council members for the following seats and terms:
Seat 2 – 3-year Term
Seat 4 – 3-year Term
The qualification period begins Monday, October 30, 2023, at 8:00 am and ends on Friday, November 3, 2023, at 1:00 pm. Qualifying packets, including rules for qualification, may be picked up at the Esto Town Hall located at 3312 Second Avenue South; Esto, FL., during the qualifying period. Candidates file qualification documents and campaign financial reports with the town clerk.
To qualify, the candidate must reside within the Esto Town limits for the past 6 months, be a legally qualified voter of the Town of Esto, and be current in all payments due to the Town of Esto.
Voting for the council seats, if required, will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at the Esto Town Hall at 3312 2nd Avenue South; Esto, FL, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. According to Town Resolution No. 24-03, the Town Clerk shall serve as the Supervisor of Registration and the Election Clerk and shall appoint a minimum of three election pollsters and one guard no later than ten days prior to the election.

October 25, November 1, 15, 2023

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Holmes County Agricultural Center Holmes County, Florida

Separate sealed BIDS for: Holmes County Agricultural Center will be received by HOLMES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS at 107 E VIRGINIA AVE, BONIFAY, FL 32425 until November 27 , 2023, at 2:00 p.m. (CST). The project consists of improvements to the existing boat ramp/park including paving the existing parking area and entrance drive, construction of an ADA accessible portable restroom facility, and partial reconstruction of the existing boat ramp. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bids will be awarded at the next scheduled Holmes County Board of County Commissioners Meeting. All Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked: “Sealed Bid: Holmes County Agricultural Center”

Plans and specifications are available electronically through Dewberry, 877 North County Highway 393, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459, (850) 571-1248 or by email at sborgen@dewberry.com

There will be a MANDATORY PRE BID meeting on November 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. (CST) held at the Holmes County Administrative Office.

The point of contact will be Jonathan Sims, Dewberry Engineers, Inc. at 850.354.5188 or by email at jsims@dewberry.com .

The Board reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids on the whole or in part with just cause, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of Holmes County.

October 25, November 1, 2023

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE TOWN OF ESTO WATER CUSTOMERS

In accordance with the Revenue Plan implemented in 2021, developed in collaboration with the Florida Rural Water Association, the Town of Esto announces an adjustment to water rates, effective January 1, 2024. The new water rates for 2024 are as follows:

Rate Limits (Gallons)	Inside Town Limits	Outside Town Limits
0-2,000	\$29.91 Base Rate	\$33.21 Base Rate
2,001 - 5,000	\$7.03 per 1,000 Gallons	\$7.80 per 1,000 Gallons
5,001 - 8,000	\$7.20 per 1,000 Gallons	\$8.19 per 1,000 Gallons
8,001 - 12,000	\$7.75 per 1,000 Gallons	\$8.60 per 1,000 Gallons
Over 12,001	\$8.15 per 1,000 Gallons	\$9.04 per 1,000 Gallons

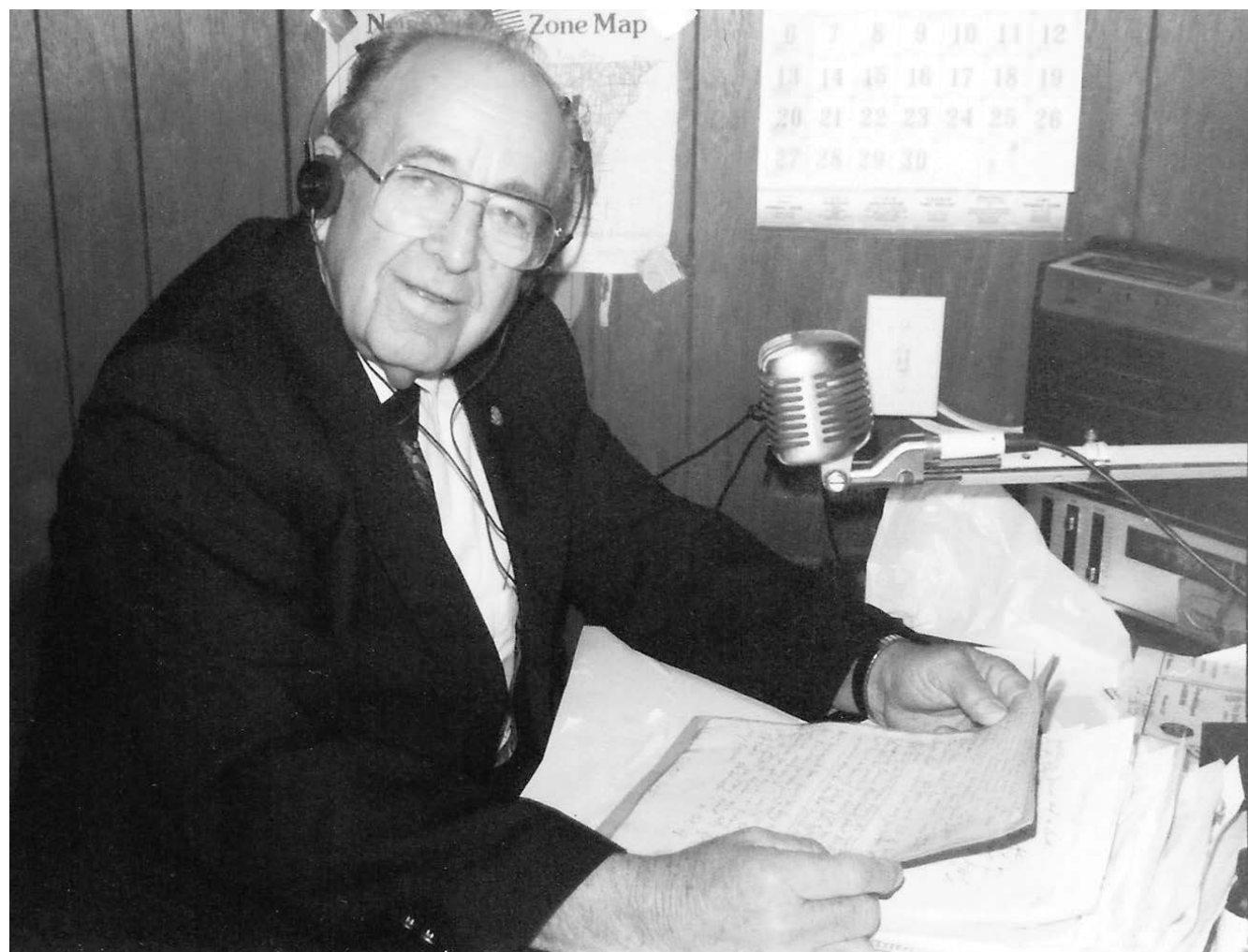
We understand that no one welcomes an increase in utility rates, and we want to assure you that we have carefully considered this decision. Our priority is to continue providing you with safe and reliable water services while managing the costs effectively.

For further details and inquiries, please contact the Esto Town Clerk at 850-263-6521 or stop by the Esto Town Hall. It’s open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM.

November 1, 2023

COMMUNITY

Recordings of J. Harvey Etheridge unearthed



J. Harvey Etheridge is remembered as a local broadcaster and voice of the community. [CONTRIBUTED]

RAY REYNOLDS
Contributing Writer
“Give a Holmes Countian half a chance and they’ll do well,” local broadcaster J. Harvey Etheridge often said on his morning radio program while bragging about a neighbor’s

accomplishments. For decades, his distinctive warm voice came booming into homes in the tri-county area six mornings a week on WBGC 1240 from Chipley. (The station’s call letters stood for Bonifay,

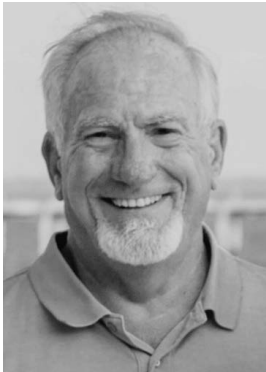
Graceville and Chipley.) “Hello everybody everywhere, this is your old friend Harvey Etheridge, bringing you the news of Bonifay and Holmes County,” he always began.

He presented a mix of newsy items he’d heard or read or gathered on the tape recorder he always took with him on his travels around the area selling Liberty Mutual life insurance. Etheridge was the coun-

ty’s chief spokesman and booster, sharing notice of birthdays, family get-togethers and local events small and large — especially Bonifay’s annual rodeo and all-night gospel sing. J. Harvey Etheridge Street in downtown Bonifay — the address of city hall, the public library and his long-time office — is named in his honor. Even before Etheridge moved to Holmes County in the 1950s and became a leader of the “World’s Biggest All-Night Gospel Sing” every Fourth of July weekend at Memorial Field in Bonifay, he was involved as a young man in promoting gospel music in Dothan, Alabama. For a time he was a member of a gospel group called the Alabama Four. He had a powerful singing voice. For decades, he was a member of the choir at Bonifay’s First United Methodist Church. He led the singing during Sunday night services and often sang solos just before the sermon. “He loved gospel mu-

sic,” says his daughter, Lygia Etheridge Tisdale. “He had a beautiful bass voice. I always told my Mama she fell in love with Daddy’s voice first.” For a week in the spring of 1992, Etheridge was lured across town from the Methodist church to First Baptist Church to lead the singing at a spring revival. Recently, retired educator and longtime First Baptist organist Kenneth Yates unearthed and digitized recordings that capture portions of the week’s services. Etheridge’s distinctive voice and gentle sense of humor are on full display. He prays and sings and even hums favorite old gospel hymns. Etheridge says in the recording that he was kidded all week about being a Methodist in a Baptist church but found they weren’t that different. “I thought I’d sing out of the Methodist hymnal tonight,” he says during one service. “And, lo and behold, the same song is in the Baptist hymnal.”

If You Picked Original Medicare, Do You Want To Add More Coverage?



LES BROWN
Senior Life Specialist

If you chose Original Medicare and want to add drug coverage, you can join a separate Medicare drug plan. Medicare drug coverage is optional. It's available to everyone with Medicare* (Most Medicare Advantage Plans include Part D coverage. In most types of Medicare Advantage Plans, you can't join a separate Medicare drug plan.)

Plans cover a variety of brand-name and generic prescription drugs. Each plan has a list of covered drugs, called a “formulary”, that can vary in cost and specific drugs covered. Most plans have a monthly premium that you pay in addition to your Part B premium. You'll also pay other costs when you get prescriptions. Plans divide the covered drugs on their formulary into groups called “tiers” based on cost. A drug in a lower tier will cost less than a drug in a higher tier. ***You may pay a Part D late enrollment penalty if you don't join a Medicare drug plan when you first get Medicare and go 63 days or more without creditable drug coverage. The penalty goes up the longer you wait to join a plan. In most cases, you pay this monthly penalty as long as you have Part D coverage, even if you switch plans.**

Questions?

Les Brown will be available from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the following locations in Chipley over the next few weeks to help you navigate Medicare enrollment:

Piggly Wiggly: Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays
Brickyard Market: Tuesdays and Thursdays

HART

From Page 4A

Biden could win a Nobel Peace Prize calming down this war simply by muddling through a speech that neither side understands.

I fear the best voices of reason on the right are silenced when it comes to war. Warmongers like Senator Lindsey Graham want to start a war at the drop of a hat.

There is nothing scarier than a 70-year-old, lifetime Washington insider senator with no

kids who has never been to war, wanting to put our kids’ lives on the line so Raytheon and Lockheed Martin can make their quarterly earnings. And I fear that the folks who have the best take on this, Tucker Carlson, Vivek Ramaswamy, Senator Rand Paul, Bobby Kennedy and Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky, are being drowned out by both the left and the right. My gut tells me that most of the country agrees with them and in going slowly, or not at all, into more wars of choice.

The lobbyist and big money corporate interests of the “military industrial complex,” as President Eisenhower warned us of, must change Democrats and Republicans when they are elected and get to D.C.

My favorite Republican candidate, Vivek Ramaswamy, opposes major support for Ukraine and takes a dim view of us getting involved in Middle Eastern wars. It is so cute when you are new to the political game: you can think logically. If elected, by the time

Washington lobbyists and neocons are done with him, he will know something important: you can only promise to stop supporting wars in your campaign rhetoric and as a podcast host. I do know this. They are not selling any 2024 calendars in the Gaza Strip.

A libertarian op-ed humorist and award-winning author, Ron does commentary on radio and TV. He can be contacted at Ron@RonaldHart.com or @RonaldHart on Twitter.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

the Wausau City Hall afterwards.

Chipola Fall Music Concert
The Chipola College Music Department will present a Fall Music Concert Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Center for the Arts, Experimental Theatre. The free concert will feature the College Chorus, President's Ensemble, and Rock and Jazz Band. The public is invited to this free event.

For more information, call the Center for the Arts Box Office at 850-718-2420. Box Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon.

Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System Meeting
The next meeting for the Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System will take place on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the PPLCS office located at 2862 Madison Street, Marianna, FL.

Berry Fair
Berry Hill Gardens and Magnolia Lace are hosting the Berry Fair on November 18, from 2-6 p.m. Over 15

live music, arts and crafts, vendors and food trucks! The location for this event is 2490 Development Circle.

PDLVFD Candy Cane Christmas
Ponce De Leon Volunteer Fire & Rescue is hosting their Candy Cane Christmas featuring vendors and food in a fun, family friendly environment. Vendor fees from this event will go towards their Christmas Blessings Program, benefiting local families in need and bringing them Christmas spirit. This event will take place on November 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1508 Skeleton Street, Ponce De Leon, FL 32455.

Wausau Garden Club Veteran's Day
Wausau Garden Club is hosting their Veteran's Day celebration on November 11, welcoming and recognizing Veterans and active duty. The event starts at 10 a.m. by the blue star marker, next to the possum monument in Wausau, FL, with a social hour in

local businesses will be featured, along with shops, a corn hole tournament, pictures with Santa, a full bar will be available by Bistro Palms, and much more! A silent auction will also be held, with proceeds going to our local Anchorage Children's Home. Part of all over-all proceeds will also be donated to the Anchorage Children's Home.

Third Annual Wausau Christmas Tree Lighting
The Wausau Community Development Club will be hosting their Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting featuring hot chocolate, cookies and s'mores, live music, vendors, and a kids crafting activity area. The event takes place from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on December 2 in the Wausau Town Square with the Tree Lighting taking place at dark. If you attend, make sure to bring a chair and enjoy the fun.

Submit community events to: news@washingtoncounty.news or news@holmescounty.news

Democrats’ gun-related proposals face long odds

JIM TURNER
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE --- Amid mass shootings in Maine and Ybor City, Florida Democrats filed bills last week that seek to expand rules regarding the storage of firearms and discharging guns in residential areas.

The proposals bring to 16 the number of gun-related measures so far submitted for

the 2024 legislative session that begins Jan. 9, but it’s unlikely the bills will gain traction.

Democrats, outstripped by Republicans in both the House and Senate, have filed all but three of the bills.

Two of the measures were filed following a mass shooting on Wednesday in Lewiston, Maine, where 18 people were killed and 13 other people were injured by a Nation-

al Guard reservist who later took his own life, according to law enforcement officials.

One of the bills filed by Democrats last week (SB 270) would make it a crime to recreationally fire a gun in an area that has a residential density of 1.25 or more acres per dwelling unit and the bullets don’t remain within the boundaries of the property.

The other proposal (HB 291) is a far-reaching measure

that, in part, would require gun owners to keep firearms in a “securely locked box” when not carrying them, in an effort to ensure a prohibited user such as a child doesn’t gain access to the weapons.

Florida House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell said that events like the mass shooting in rural Maine should not be accepted

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TOLLE

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She has been a pharmacist for 35 years and initially became interested in pharmacy because her aunt was in the trade.

“I was always interested in something in the medical field,” Tolle said. “I was always good at math and science.”

Tolle’s first job was at a drug store in Chipley. She also worked at another local pharmacy in a hospital.

“Community pharmacies are super helpful in every small town,” she said. “In many cases, the employees get to know the patients on a personal level.”

HONOR ROLLS

From page 5A

Seventh Grade:
Joseph Alfaro Barragan, Melody Baker, Craig Barrios, Kayeson Birge, Joshua Bragg, Joseph Cain, Madison Croft, Micah Dawson, Isabella Erickson, Remi Glisson, Nevaeh Hammonds, Kraygen Hubbard, Macie Jones, Taylor King, Jackson Locke, Payton Maples, Lanie Marsh, Rayne McClain, Abigail Oliver, Peyton Oliver, Shamari Oliver, Ashton Palmore, Matilda Pitts, Alejandro Robledo, Lilyany Rodriguez, Gryphon Short, Savannah Smith, Osten Stanley, Allen Tate, Sarah Williams, George Windham, Whaylen Wood, Charlie Wynn, Nykolette Yarbrough.

Eighth Grade:
Aniston Anderson, Franklin Anderson, Bryson Cook, Jackson Cook, Anthony Dault, Hailey Duffell, Kinlee Gammons, Brayden Garcia-Holliday, James Godwin, Wayden Harris, Drexel Howell, Savannah Ibbetson, Adara Jolliffe, Savannah Ludwig, Izayah Mata-Luna, Kinlyn McDuffie, Ember Meadows, Kolton Morris, Kendall Pugh, Jaycee Robinson, Hayden Sapia, James Scott, Heidi Simmons, Paisley Stafford, Hannah Tadlock, Lexie Taylor, Alayna Whitaker, Raleigh White, Kayden Wise.

Poplar Springs School A Honor Roll First Grade:
Jules Battles, Preston Creamer, Lagan Curry, Isabella Darmiento, Warren Dunn, Abraham Huckaby, Javen Jackson, Canyon Jenkins, Litermin VIII Joseph, Sofia Oseguera, Brantley Robinson, Ezekiel Turner, Peyton Walters.

Second Grade:
Asalene Brown, Gracelynn Brown, Seth Howell, Cameron Kirkland, Kristianna Peters, Zoey Smith, Alliana Vann, Gia Wiley.

Third Grade:
Henley Cleveland, Skye Creamer, Paul Pierce.

Fourth Grade:
Hayden Brown, Adrianna Newsome.

Fifth Grade:
Madelyn Blackmon, Alexandria Chhorn, Jesse Clark, Elaina Pabon.

Sixth Grade:
Anna Carnley, Davis Taylor.

Seventh Grade:
Madeline Bengry, Divine Nwabueze, Elizabeth Okerson.

Eighth Grade:
Destiny Nwabueze, John Smith.

Ninth Grade:
David Baber, Grayson Bass, Alyson Crutchfield, Amery Dixon, Landen Gammons.

Tenth Grade:
Henry Brantley, Brianna Flores, Caira Gosselin, Nicholas Hall, Anderson McCord, Michael Okerson, Caroline Russell.

Eleventh Grade:
Haley Barnes, Jacob Blackmon, Marissa Bollon,

Lauren Evans, Cali Harris, Kylie Holton, Elizabeth Lawson, Isabel Neighoff, Dillon Sharpe, Dakota Strickland.

Twelfth Grade:
Noah Abbott, Helena Berry, Eva Brantley, Joshua Green, Kaylee Hasty, Raegan Hayes, Ceianna Mayo, Kinsley Underwood, Raelynn Ussery, Ella Womack.

A/B Honor Roll First Grade:
Kaynon Bell, Avahlyn Holmes, Atticus Lemons, Oliver Rustin, Jimmy White.

Second Grade:
Nicahlai Blocker, Renea Bowen, Liam Bryan, Briar Carswell, Ayden Connor, Timothy Davis, Faithlyn Everett, Judah Fentress, Hunter Gipson, Jace Greer, Raelynn Hughes, Erhmeen Joseph, Amari Laster, McKenzie Owens, Brandy Peters, Seth Sadler, Ranson Tate.

Third Grade:
Desirae Angerbrandt, Braxton Culbreth, Atley Edwards, Cecelia Hayes, Luke Hendrix, Aubry Hodges, Kason Kowitz, Major Lane, Corey Locklear, Brayden Lovett, Sawyer Redding, Marissa Trim, Landon Walding.

Fourth Grade:
Ezra Brown, Wesley Carnley, Aubrie Dease, MacKenzie Dutcher, Jessi Fowler, Kearstyn Hudson, Kameron Hughes, Everleigh Hutto, John McCord, River Powell, Clinton Stepp, Cole Thomas, Rebel White.

Fifth Grade:
Paisley Corbitt, Cash Darmiento, Christopher Dease, Adrian Duque-Lopez, William Fentress, Taylor Hatfield, Keiston Hinson, Kayson Isbell, Haley Martin, Gracelyn

Pierce, Gavin Rowe, Ethan Zelner.

Sixth Grade:
Ariana Allen, Kambri Cunningham, Trenton Gosselin, Amelia Howell, Jakobe Jackson, Caissen Owens, Logan Owens, Shaun Seda, Brayden Wilkinson.

Seventh Grade:
Dean Baber, Laile Bell, McKenzie Bell, Lilly Gosselin, LillieAnn Miller, Anastyn Neel, Michael Wujastyk.

Eighth Grade:
John Barnes, Aiden Graves, Clay Hendrix, McKinley Stepp, Trenten Worthy.

Ninth Grade:
Alexandra Bollon, Addison Dillard, Lilly Harmon, Rivers Picklesimer, Haley Royal, Macy Sadler, Jacob Seda, Ricky Sharpe, Leighton Taylor, Karter Treadwell.

Tenth Grade:
Miley Cooper, Abby Duffell, Brayden Flores, Clare Golla, Rhett Greenwood, Lithlomeen Joseph, Laken Maddox, Christopher Powell, Trinity Sasser, Alisha Smith, Carson Taylor, Sandra Vega, Kylie Wambles.

Eleventh Grade:
Rosalynn Barrentine, Baron Hall, Lawson Leonard, Alexis Mancill, Carter McKinley, Bridges Picklesimer, Justine Sellers, Natalie Smith, Kailey Stepp, Nathan Watford, Savanna Weiss.

Twelfth Grade:
Samuel Brannon, Mi’kel Cade, Preston Dillard, Alyssa Middlebrooks, Jody Peters, Carter Schartz, Dustin Sellers, Hunter Williams.

Ponce De Leon High School

A Honor Roll Ninth Grade:
Timothy Flowers, Emma Halford, Mallory Masonbrink, Trinity Nolin, Stephanie Stricklen.

Tenth Grade:
Iris Hjorten, Alivia Howle, Matthew King, Kilee Morris, Kaylee Walton.

Eleventh Grade:
Andrew Chapman, Aspyr Cook, Patrick Jackson, Clara Martin, Dylan Sannett, Dwayne Schley, Lucas Stokes.

Twelfth Grade:
Kylee Arrington, Hailie Brown, Leah Caro, Eli Contreras, Michaela Cruz-Findley, Katie Davis, Taylor Masonbrink, Jodi Smith, Klarice Spooner, Valiant Tew, Stephanie Workman.

A/B Honor Roll Ninth Grade:
Gavin Bradley, Dalton Churchwell, Phenix Cobb, Jayden Perry, Dakota Sannett, Alyssa Williams.

Tenth Grade:
Wyatt Alford, Daniel Ard, Jaylin Brunson, Kaylee Byrd, Sabrina LaMont,

Brayden Murphy, Alexis Tew.

Eleventh Grade:
KylieRae Bell, Georgianna Churchwell, Tyler Cox, Mark Flynn, Cecilina Jones, Evelyn Locke, Korie Miller, Nadia Simini, Emalie Sowell, Lillian Sutton, Hunter Weimorts.

Twelfth Grade:
Holley Andrews, Ashlyn Bell, Eric Brunson, Makenzie Callahan, Colby Crenshaw, Taylor Halford, Sierra Jordan, Haley Mapel, Trapper Ramsey.

Ponce De Leon Middle School A Honor Roll Sixth Grade:
Shaylee Battis, Harly Greene, Channing Jette, Chloe Stapp, Jayden White.

Seventh Grade:
Kailey Bowden, Chaley Gyurica, Astrid Walton.

Eighth Grade:
Kiyann Alford, Jacee Bowers, Colt Byrd, Kayla Crenshaw, Nathaniel Flow-ers, Jack Obitts, Gavyn Purvis, Madison Sellers, Fisher Weimorts, October Wright.

A/B Honor Roll Sixth Grade:
Dalton Ard, James Benton, Barbara Brannon, Brooklynn Carroll, Brystol Free, Peyton Grantham, Khloe Harrington, Fay Jordan, Aireona Keough, Liam Kiper, Kambrie Miller, Jimmy Odom, Nehemiah Paige, Megan Sellers, Marissa Smallwood, Dee Townsend.

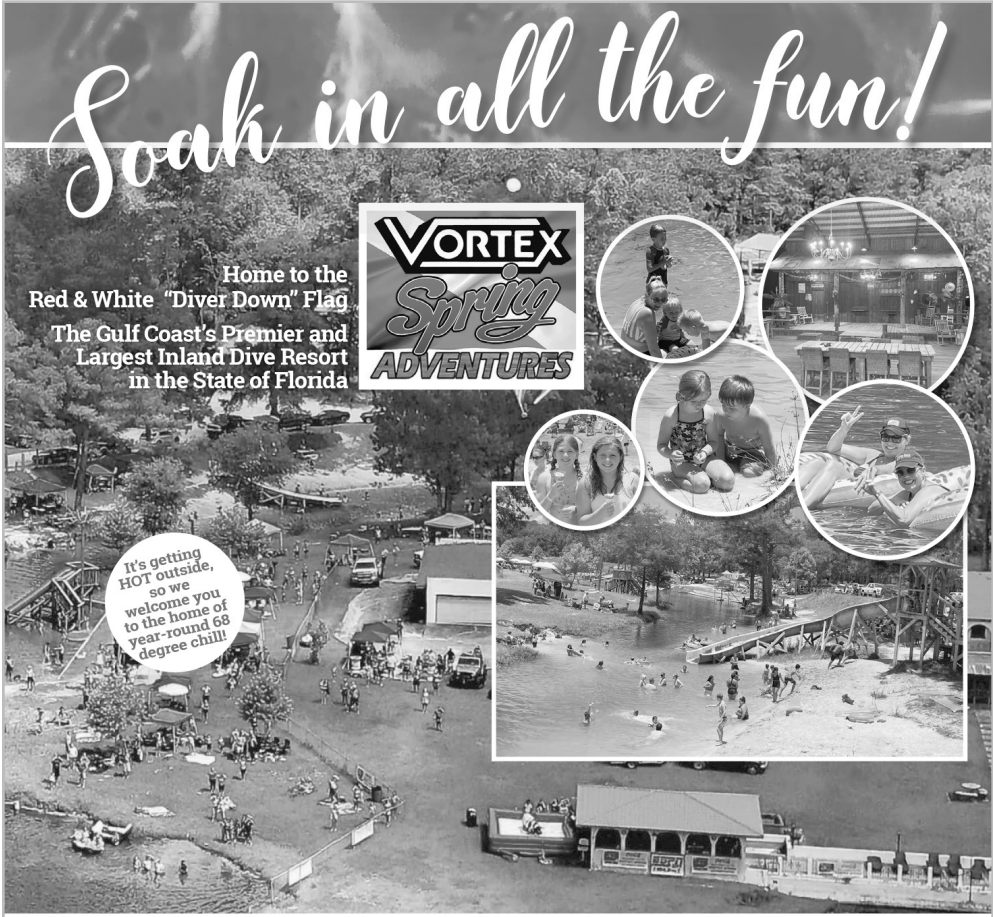
Seventh Grade:
Tori Andrews, Carter Birge, Cash Birge, Skylar Boles, Layla Bryan, Blake Byrd, Jacey Byrd, Ian Collins, Shayna Driggers, Noah French, Tamara Hamilton, Shyann Leavins, Kegan Masonbrink, Claire Molaison, Aubrey Murphy, Destiny Newell, Sondra Nolin, Amalie Sloan, Mary Stanley, Roman Waddell, Ashlynn Widmer.

Eighth Grade:
Caydon Alexander, Amaya Brunson, Nikki Byrd, Alana Driggers, Michael Hurst, Knoxville Royals, Keleigh Sullivan, Peyton Webster, Mariah Wilkerson, Logan Yates.

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GUNS

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as normal.

“We need to address this issue head-on and advocate for common-sense gun safety legislation that can help save lives,” Driskell, D-Tampa, said in a statement Friday. “It’s time for our leaders to come together, across party lines, and prioritize the safety and well-being of our communities. We owe it to the victims and their families to do everything in our power to prevent future acts of gun violence.”

Democrats’ latest round of gun-related proposals come after Republicans earlier this year advanced a bill that allows Floridians to carry guns without the need for a concealed-weapons license. Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the law in April.

DeSantis, who is seeking the Republican nomination in the 2024 race for president, has addressed the gun issue in recent days as he made the rounds on national news programs as part of his campaign.

Appearing on NBC’s “Meet the Press” show on Sunday, DeSantis again took aim at “red-flag” laws such as a provision included in a sweeping 2018 Florida school-safety measure passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature and

signed by then-Gov. Rick Scott following a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County. The red-flag system allows law-enforcement officials to confiscate firearms from individuals deemed to be a danger to themselves or others.

“I don’t think you would even need a red flag if somebody has a mental, involuntary commitment and adjudication of that nature that usually would go into the system,” DeSantis said. “And that would be on a traditional background check. I mean, I believe in due process. So, I don’t believe in this idea (that) the government can just take someone’s property and then go through due process later.”

At the same time, DeSantis called for more facilities where people with mental-health issues can be held.

“I would be more aggressive on some of those fringe people who clearly are demonstrating signs that they’re a major danger to society,” DeSantis said.

DeSantis noted that the Maine gunman had been detained due to mental health issues but was released after a psychiatric evaluation.

“I think this is an example where clearly this is a guy, very well trained, had a lot of skills and then went off his rocker,” DeSantis said. “There was an intervention. But it

wasn’t enough. So, I’d like to know, why wasn’t more done? We’ve seen instances throughout the country where there have been a lot of signs where people have maybe been referred, but then they don’t go through with everything.”

Still, DeSantis acknowledged the odds are low that the Legislature will consider repealing the state’s red-flag law next year.

During an appearance on CNN Thursday, the governor said there isn’t an “appetite” by Republicans to overturn the 2018 measure.

DeSantis over the weekend also responded to a shooting early Sunday in Ybor City that left two dead and 18 injured. The governor announced that the state Department of Law Enforcement was “offering all available resources to local law enforcement to respond to this terrible situation.”

But Tampa Mayor Jane Castor, the city’s former police chief, defended security in the area and blamed the deaths on a “proliferation” of firearms.

“Lives lost and others forever changed. To what end?” Castor tweeted. “The Tampa Police Department had 50 officers deployed in the area at the time, so this is not a law enforcement issue. Bad decisions made in a split second and the proliferation of readily available guns are responsible for these almost

daily incidents. We can affect one half of this equation.”

Among the gun-related bills backed by Republicans for the upcoming legislative session is a proposal by Rep. Joel Rudman, R-Navarre, that seeks to revise part of the 2018 school-safety law, which established some of the state’s first gun-control restrictions in decades.

In addition to requiring improved school security, the 2018 law also raised the minimum age from 18 to 21 and imposed a three-day waiting period for the purchase of rifles and other long guns. The age and waiting-period requirements already applied to buying handguns, but the National Rifle Association filed a lawsuit challenging the new law, alleging that the restrictions on rifles are unconstitutional. That federal lawsuit remains pending. Rudman’s measure (HB 17), which thus far lacks a Senate companion, would cap the waiting period for background checks at three days, even if the screenings were still underway by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Prior to the recent spate of shootings, DeSantis also has voiced opposition to regulations restricting “bump stocks,” which are devices that make semi-automatic weapons mimic fully automatic firearms. A ban on bump stocks also was included in the 2018 law.

DRAG SHOW

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to Hamburger Mary’s.

“Protecting the right to freedom of speech is the epitome of acting in the public interest,” Presnell wrote. “It is no accident that this freedom is enshrined in the First Amendment. This injunction protects plaintiff’s (Hamburger Mary’s) interests, but because the statute is facially

unconstitutional, the injunction necessarily must extend to protect all Floridians.”

The law, dubbed by sponsors as the “Protection of Children Act,” would prevent venues from admitting children to adult live performances.

It defines adult live performances as “any show, exhibition, or other presentation that is performed in front of a live audience, which, in whole or in part, depicts or simulates

nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement or specific sexual activities, ... lewd conduct, or the lewd exposure of prosthetic or imitation genitals or breasts.”

Regulators would be able to suspend or revoke licenses of restaurants, bars and other venues that violate the law.

Also, it would prohibit local governments from issuing public permits for events that could expose children to the targeted behavior. In addition, people could face first-degree misdemeanor charges for “knowingly” admitting children to adult live performances.

While the law does not specifically mention drag shows, it came after the DeSantis administration cracked down on ven-

ues in South Florida and Central Florida where children attended drag shows. It also passed this spring amid a wave of bills in Florida and other Republican-led states targeting LGBTQ-related issues.

Hamburger Mary’s, which said it had run “family friendly” drag shows for 15 years, filed the lawsuit in May, and Presnell ruled June 23 that the law is not “sufficiently narrowly tailored” to meet First Amendment standards.

Presnell’s injunction barred the Department of Business and Professional Regulation from “instituting, maintaining or prosecuting any enforcement proceedings under the act until further order of the

court following a trial on the merits of this case.”

Whatever the result of the request for a partial stay, the state’s challenge to Presnell’s underlying ruling remains pending at the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In the Supreme Court filing last week, the state’s attorneys wrote that “courts of appeals are deeply divided on whether injunctive relief may be extended to parties not before the court. And that question is immensely important. Lower courts in recent years have increasingly issued universal injunctions, which stunt the development of the law, encourage forum-shopping and cause chaos.”

“As long as the dis-

trict court’s preliminary injunction remains in place, Florida is powerless to enforce a law its elected representatives have enacted for the protection of its children,” the filing said.

But in the Oct. 11 decision rejecting a partial stay, appeals-court Judges Adalberto Jordan and Robin Rosenbaum pointed to Presnell’s conclusion that the law was likely overbroad and unconstitutional under the First Amendment. They said, in part, that in “other cases where a law has been found to be overbroad in violation of the First Amendment, we have affirmed injunctions preventing enforcement of a law or ordinance against nonparties as well as parties.”



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Arrest Reports

The following arrests were made in Holmes County between October 20 and October 26 as reported by the Holmes County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.

 <p>Christopher James Walding, 19, Bonifay- VOP: Possession of methamphetamine, possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]</p>	 <p>Natasha Ann Leavins, 48, Bonifay- Sale of methamphetamine, possession of meth with intent to sell, mfg, or distribute [HCSO]</p>	 <p>Rusell Fuqua, 62, Bonifay- Battery [BPD]</p>	 <p>Kyrus Marley Barbaccia, 25, Bonifay- Domestic battery [BPD]</p>	 <p>Charles R. Cooner, 42, Vernon- VOP: dealing in stolen property, VOP: grand theft from a dwelling [HCSO]</p>	 <p>Kaitlynn Marie Stallard, 26, KY- Possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]</p>	 <p>Bobby Joe Skaggs, 43, KY- Possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana more than 20 grams, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription [HCSO]</p>	 <p>Ayden J. Townsend, 19, AL- Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill [HCSO]</p>
 <p>Enrique Armando Xol Pop, 23, AL- Operate motor vehicle without a valid license [HCSO]</p>	 <p>Amanda Louise Smith, 31, Defuniak Springs- Possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]</p>	 <p>Jeffrey Clyde Thames, 35, Westville- FFJ: Covington county [HCSO]</p>	 <p>Marco Davale Bouie, 45, Panama- VOP: 2+ simple battery [HCSO]</p>	 <p>Anthony Justin Patterson, 38, Cantonment- Out of county warrant: Escambia [HCSO]</p>	 <p>Chad Thomas Harmon, 30, Chipley- Lewd lascv behavior - victim 12 YOA up to 16 YOA offender 18 YOA [HCSO]</p>		

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NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. & OCEAN BANK, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No. 19 Year of Issuance 5/29/2021 Description of Property: :0133.00-000-000-029.000 SEC: 33 TWN: 07 RGN: 13 BEGIN AT SW COR OF SE1/4 OF SW1/4 FOR POB TH RUN EAL POB SEC LINE 1110 FT, THIN TO S R/W LINE OF HWY #2TH W ALONG S LINE OF SAID HWY 907 FT, TH S210 FT TH W 237 FT, TH S TO POB LESS 6.54 AC IN OR-98/758 IN OR-141/607 OR-181/230 OR- 305/552 CWD-OR384/211 LESS COM AT SWCOR OF SE1/4 OF (FOR MOR LEGAL REFER TO TAX R Name in which assessed: RYAN D. SANDLIN,- Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 11/28/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 9/11/2023. Dates of publication: 10/25/2023, 11/1/2023, 11/8/2023, 11/15/2023.Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court, Holmes County, Florida By:AJ,Deputy Clerk October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023

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NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.& OCEAN BANK, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.338 Year of Issuance 5/29/2021 Description of Property: 0909.02-000-000-025.000 SEC: 09 TAWN: 05 RGN: 15 A PARCEL LYING IN N1/2 OF NW1/4 OF SEC 9 AS

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NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.& OCEAN BANK, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.164 Year of Issuance 5/29/2021 Description of Property: 0531.03-003-027-004.100 SEC: 31 TWN: 05 RGN: 14 E 25 FT OF LOT 7 BLK 27 OR73/429 LIFE EST OR 128/358 OR 302/888 QC-322/90 WD-OR 338/749 QC-OR354/481 PR-OR441/687 Name in which assessed: COURTNEY MCCLAIN, Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 11/28/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 9/8/2023. Dates of publication: 10/25/2023, 11/1/2023, 11/8/2023, 11/15/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida, By: AJ, Deputy Clerk October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023

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NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No. 752 Year of Issuance 5/29/2021 Description of Property: 2214.00-000-000-015.000 SEC: 14 TWN: 03 RGN:18 A PARCEL LYING IN NE1/4 OF SW1/4 AS DES IN OR 110/242 DES IN OR 160/722-723Name in which assessed: RICHARD E. ANDERSEN & JACQUELINE A. ANDERSEN & ODELLA J. SANDOW C/O DORIA ANDERSEN,Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 12/5/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 9/19/2023. Dates of publication: 11/1/2023, 11/8/2023, 11/15/2023, 11/22/2023.Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By:AJ,Deputy Clerk October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023

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NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.164 Year of Issuance 5/29/2021 Description of Property: 0531.03-003-027-004.100 SEC: 31 TWN: 05 RGN: 14 E 25 FT OF LOT 7 BLK 27 OR73/429 LIFE EST OR 128/358 OR 302/888 QC-322/90 WD-OR 338/749 QC-OR354/481 PR-OR441/687 Name in which assessed: COURTNEY MCCLAIN, Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 11/28/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 9/8/2023. Dates of publication: 10/25/2023, 11/1/2023, 11/8/2023, 11/15/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida, By: AJ, Deputy Clerk October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023

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of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No. 230 Year of Issuance 05/29/2021 Description of Property: 0711.00-000-000-011.000 SEC: 31 TWN: 07 RGN: 15 ALL THAT PART OF THE NW1/4 OF CO GD RD ALSO ALL THAT PART OF NE1/4 OF NW1/4 LYING S OF HWY & W OF CO GD RD DES OR 194/555 OR 314/306 Name in which assessed: JENNIFER RENA JUSTICE, Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 12/5/2023, at 11:00 A.M. DATED this 9/20/2023. Dates of publication: 11/1/2023, 11/8/2023, 11/15/2023, 11/22/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By: AJ, Deputy Clerk November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

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NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No. 308 Year of Issuance 5/29/2021 Description of Property: 0830.00-000-000-027.000 SEC: 30 TWN: 06 RGN: 15 A PART OF SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4" OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA. BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE S.E. CORNER OF SAID S.E. 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 30. THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 (FOR MORE LEGAL REFER TO TAX ROLL Name in which assessed: CURTIS M. SWANSON, KIMBERLY R.A. SWANSON,Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 12/5/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 9/21/2023. Dates of publication: 11/1/2023, 11/8/2023, 11/15/2023, 11/22/2023 Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court, Holmes County, Florida By: AJ, Deputy Clerk November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

000142
Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA - PROBATE DIVISION File No. 23000109PRAXMX IN RE: ESTATE OF H. CARLTON TREADWELL, DECEASED

The administration of the estate of H. Carlton Treadwell, deceased, whose date of death was April 28, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division the address of which is 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, Florida 32425. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other

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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. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. Personal Representative: Phillip R. Treadwell 6429 Kingman Trail Tallahassee, Florida 32309. Benjamin S. Armstrong, Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 0609382; 200 Grove Park Lane, Suite 670 Dothan, Alabama 36305 (334)793-2629 October 25, November 1, 2023

000144
FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF

COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic, (the "Agency"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08(2), (3) and (4) and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, each as amended from time to time, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, served by the Agency's statewide provision of funding and financing to assist property owners who wish to construct, install or otherwise obtain qualifying improvements identified by the Legislature including, but not limited to, energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements, and wind resistance improvements, in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, as amended (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of Qualifying Improvements. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by state law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, after a public hearing to be held at Kissimmee Gateway Airport-Administrative Offices located

By Order of the Board of Directors of the Florida PACE Funding Agency . October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023

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Pursuant to FL ST. 713.78, Eastern Diesel & Auto Wrecker Service, Inc. will sell at public sale at the following: 2005 S. WAUKESHA BONIFAY FL 32425 Time 8:00 A.M. Sale 10/25/2023 2003 dodge neon 1B3E56C33D232086 2016 ford fusion F6P0H79GR150728 2001 chevrolet blazer 1GNCS13 W11K206972 2000 gmc Yukon 1GKEK13 R9YR139409 November 1, 2023

000146
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY FLORIDA DONALD ALLAN COVELL,

Plaintiff, CASE NO.: 23-264 CA

DIVISION: Circuit Civil v.

JEANETTE J. MARRELL;

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at 401 Dyer Blvd Kissimmee FL 34741 on Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 1pm. Date/ Time/Location to be filled in with selection of this court board J. In the event of a local or national emergency, a hurricane, or any other interfering circumstance, if necessary, the meeting may be continued to a time, date, and place certain, and notice thereof, along with appropriate means for public attendance and participation, if other than in-person, will be posted on the Agency's website. Such resolution electing to use such uniform method will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy – which is the entirety of the State of Florida. A copy of the proposed form of resolution and other information may be viewed at the Agency's website: www. FloridaPACE.Gov . Advance written communication will be given equal weight to comments or objections made in person, and may be submitted to the Board in advance at Info@ FloridaPACE.Gov ; and, should be received by the Agency on or before November 3, 2021 Thursday November 16, 2023 so that copies can be distributed to Board members for advance review and hearing preparation purposes. Any person desiring to speak in person may appear at the public hearing. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing such person will need a record of proceedings and for such purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based. Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting due to disability or physical impairment or needing an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Agency at 850-400-PACE at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, Florida Relay Service numbers for assistance are (800) 955-8771 (tdd) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).

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Pursuant to FL ST. 713.78, Eastern Diesel & Auto Wrecker Service, Inc. will sell at public sale at the following: 2005 S. WAUKESHA BONIFAY FL 32425 Time 8:00 A.M. Sale 11/15/2023 2005 chevrolet trailblazer 1GND13S152302267

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Pursuant to FL ST. 713.78, Eastern Diesel & Auto Wrecker Service, Inc. will sell at public sale at the following: 2005 S. WAUKESHA BONIFAY FL 32425 Time 8:00 A.M. Sale 10/25/2023 1999 ford ranger 1FTYR14X9X PB09497 November 1, 2023

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS CHARLES FAISON, File No. 23-1 24-CP Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Thomas Charles Faison, deceased, whose date of death was August 10, 2023, Case Number 23-124-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Holmes County Clerk, 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, FL 32425 . The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's Estate, including unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims and who may have been served a copy of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY 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 unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE 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 CLAIMS FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH ARE BARRED.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2023. Clerk of the Circuit Court

[SEAL] By:

As Deputy Clerk

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

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Pursuant to FL ST. 713.78, Eastern Diesel & Auto Wrecker Service, Inc. will sell at public sale at the following: 2005 S. WAUKESHA BONIFAY FL 32425 Time 8:00 A.M. Sale 11/15/2023 2005 chevrolet trailblazer 1GND13S152302267

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THE ESTATE OF JEANETTE J. MARRELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEANETTE J. MARRELL; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JEANETTE J. MARRELL; WILLIE CARL WILLIAMS; BOBBIE DORIS WILLIAMS; SARAH JO CLEMENTS; JOHNNIE CLEMENTS, SR.; and LORITA L. TATE;

Defendants,

NOTICE OF ACTION TO:

JEANETTE J. MARRELL 1043 McDonald Road Bonifay, Florida 32425

THE ESTATE OF JEANETTE J. MARRELL 1043 McDonald Road Bonifay, Florida 32425

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEANETTE J. MARRELL 1043 McDonald Road Bonifay, Florida 32425

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JOHNNIE CLEMENTS, SR. 630 Florida Street Geneva, AL 36340

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Duval County, Florida: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO WIT:

Begin at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 29, township 7 North, Range 15 West thence run South 1188 feet for a Point of Beginning, thence South 150 feet to the North Boundary Right-of-Way line of an unplatted dirt road, thence due East along North Right-of-Way line of an unplatted dirt road 580.85 feet, thence North 150 feet, thence West 580.85 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2 acres more or less lying and being in Section 29, Township 7 North, Holmes County, FL. has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on The Law Office of C.W. Wickersham, Jr., P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, at 2720 Park Street, Suite 205, Jacksonville, Florida, 32205, Phone Number: (904) 389-6202, not less than 28 days of the first date of publication of this Notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, at Holmes County Clerk of Court & Comptroller, P.O. Box 397, Bonifay, FL 32425, before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a Default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2023. Clerk of the Circuit Court

[SEAL] By:

As Deputy Clerk

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

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Pursuant to FL ST. 713.78, Eastern Diesel & Auto Wrecker Service, Inc. will sell at public sale at the following: 2005 S. WAUKESHA BONIFAY FL 32425 Time 8:00 A.M. Sale 11/15/2023 2005 chevrolet trailblazer 1GND13S152302267

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS CHARLES FAISON, File No. 23-1 24-CP Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Thomas Charles Faison, deceased, whose date of death was August 10, 2023, Case Number 23-124-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Holmes County Clerk, 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, FL 32425 . The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's Estate, including unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims and who may have been served a copy of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY 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 unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE 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 CLAIMS FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH ARE BARRED.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2023. Clerk of the Circuit Court

[SEAL] By:

As Deputy Clerk

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

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LINDA E. FAISON Petitioner/executor 1984 Jesses Road Bonifay, FL 32425

KRISTI MILLER NO-VONGLOSKEY Florida Bar No. 0182044 Post Office Box 1129 Chiple, Florida 32428 Telephone: (850) 6387587 knovonglosky@gmail.com

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Attorney for Petitioner

November 1, 8, 2023

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The following vehicles will be sold at a public auction on Nov 15,2023 @ El Sankary Towing Ponce de Leon, Fl.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

BBVA USA f/d/b/a COMPASS BANK Case #: 19000204CAAXMX Plaintiff, -vs.- Unknown Heirs, Devises, Grantees, Assignees, Creditors, Lienors, and Trustees of Mildred Martin Lombard a/k/a Mildred L. Lombard a/k/a Mildred Lynn Stokes, Deceased, and All Other Persons Claiming by and Through, Under, Against The Named Defendant(s); Curtis Edwin Stokes a/k/a Curtis E. Stokes a/k/a John E. Stokes; Danny Stokes a/k/a Daniel Ray Stokes a/k/a Danny Ray Stokes a/k/a Daniel R. Stokes; Deborah Stokes a/k/a Deborah Lynn Stokes f/k/a Deborah Lynn Williford f/k/a Deborah Lynn Carmichael; Unknown Spouse of Curtis Edwin Stokes a/k/a Curtis E. Stokes a/k/a Curtis Stokes; Unknown Spouse of Danny Stokes a/k/a Danny Ray Stokes a/k/a Daniel R. Stokes; Unknown Spouse of Deborah Stokes a/k/a Deborah Lynn Stokes f/k/a Deborah Lynn Williford f/k/a Deborah Lynn Carmichael; Unknown Tenant in Possession

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 19000204CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Holmes County, Florida, wherein BBVA USA f/d/b/a COMPASS BANK, Plaintiff and Unknown Heirs, Devises, Grantees, Assignees, Creditors, Lienors, and Trustees of Mildred Martin Lombard a/k/a Mildred L. Lombard a/k/a Mildred Lynn Stokes, Deceased, and All Other Persons Claiming by and Through, Under, Against The Named Defendant(s), l. Clerk of Court, Sam Bailey, will sell the highest and best bidder for cash ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, 201 N. OKLAHOMA ST., BONIFAY, FLORIDA, 32425, AT 11:00 A.M. CEWNTRAL STANDARD TIME on November 30, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360

Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707

The above is to be published in: Holmes County Advertiser

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YARD SALE
Estate auction Hoover Mill Rd Bonifay, Nov 4, preview 8am auction at 9am. Follow signs. Au5112 AB3892

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MOVING SALE: Beautiful quality furniture, televisions, antiques, depression glass, fishing equipment, riding mowers and so much more! You don't want to miss this sale! 1324 Esker Martin Rd (Off Rt 2) Bonifay Open Everyday until Nov. 15th 7AM to 7PM except Sunday

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FAITH

The shoes of peace



CALEB DUNCAN
Guest Columnist

From the time I was in high school, I’ve always been a big runner. I started with track and field in middle school, then cross country, and since then, I have always enjoyed lacing up and going outside for a run. For some people, they think that’s crazy! But we all have our ways of relieving stress. In college, I decided to start running 5ks (3.12 miles). I started running a 5k daily, trying to beat my record time. Then, one day, I woke up and couldn’t get off my bed to walk because my feet were in so much pain. I basically hobbled my way to the car to go to the doctor. He said I had Plantar Fasciitis. Inflamed tissue in the heels of my feet occurred because I wasn’t wearing the right shoes. After I recovered, I learned my lesson. I needed to invest in a good pair

of running shoes that would allow me to run without all the extra pain. We all wear different shoes for different seasons. But did you know the Bible talks about the type of shoes we should wear daily? In Ephesians 6:15, the Bible says, “As for your shoes, put on the readiness of the gospel of peace.” Paul encouraged the Ephesians to stand firm against the Devil’s schemes by putting on the Armor of God. So, he used different examples, such as a helmet, a belt, and a sword. Growing up, these “Shoes of Peace” always confused me. I understood the Belt of Truth, the Helmet of Salvation, and the “Sword of the Spirit...” but the shoes of peace? How does that come in handy in spiritual warfare? In the Christian life, we have three enemies. The first enemy is the Devil, who is called Satan in scripture. He attacks us with lies and accusations. The Bible says he is the accuser and a deceiver. Second, the “world system” is our enemy. The Bible says that friendship with the world makes us an enemy of God. Third, our flesh acts as an en-

emy because it opposes the Spirit living in us. So, to stand firm against these enemies, we must put on the whole armor of God. Oh, shoes of peace? Right. Shoes of peace. The shoes of peace represent the gospel message in our hearts. “How,” you ask? Because one thing that the gospel gives us is peace with God. Romans 5:1 says, “Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” The gospel has granted us peace. Simple! But...why shoes? What do we do with our shoes? We stand, we walk, we run. Here’s what Paul is saying: First, we need to stand firm in the gospel. In battle, one must wear the proper shoes to have a firm standing against the attacks of the enemy. We have to understand our identity in Christ and stand firm in that. Second, we walk daily in the gospel. Wearing the shoes of peace means we live out the gospel daily and walk daily with Jesus. But third, these shoes of peace represent that we carry the gospel to other people. Romans 10:15 says, “How beautiful are the feet of those

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Washing dishes with a cheerful heart



SHERYL BOLDT
Guest Columnist

Cleaning the kitchen, scrubbing toilets and mopping floors often feels like an interruption to my schedule. And my attitude while doing these chores often shows, especially when I’m exhausted. One day, in the midst of a particularly grumpy time, God used an email to prick my conscience. One of my blog visitors emailed me saying, “I’m setting a goal to consistently respond in a cheerful voice to my husband, even when I feel very tired.” Sheila’s message challenged me. What if I tweaked Sheila’s goal and decided (with God’s help) to be consistently cheerful while I did my household chores? Even when I’m very tired. Would you like to join me in changing

the way we respond to our spouse’s requests or how we perform our responsibilities, including household tasks, weary or not? Colossians 3:17 (ESV) says, “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” If we allowed this verse to motivate us, we could extend this thought to every relationship – including those at work, church and school. This verse depicts the attitude I want to emulate: to do everything with a thankful (cheerful) heart– as if I represented God Himself. Imagine if we spoke every word and performed every task as if we were literally representing the ultimate Servant, Jesus Himself. I assure you, I’d really have to depend on God’s presence within me to accomplish this – especially when I add the “giving thanks” part when I’m dog-tired. Can you envision what this attitude could do for a marriage? For every

relationship? Not to mention how living out Colossians 3:17 would give us a higher perspective about our words and our tasks. Doing everything in Jesus’ name would produce a cheerfulness that’s real, not forced. It could even give us a little extra energy when we need it. Think how practicing Colossians 3:17 could change our day. How representing Christ in all we do could change ... us. I truly believe we experience satisfying joy and peace as we pursue a higher level of service. Do you crave this kind of joy and peace? I sure do. Each time we’re tempted to grumble when we have to clean the kitchen at home, redo a project for our boss, scrub the toilets at church or head a committee at school, let’s make it our goal to do it all with a grateful (and cheerful) heart, in Jesus’ name.

Sheryl H. Boldt is the author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. Connect with her at SherylHBoldt@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Thomas A. Collins

Thomas A. Collins, a long-term resident of Winter Haven passed away on October 18, 2023 at the age of 90. Mr. Collins was born in Geneva, Alabama and was the son of John Thomas Collins and Pearl Victoria Rice. He graduated Vernon High School and served in the U.S. Air Force deploying to Japan and Korea during the Korean War. After completing his military service, he received a B.S. degree in Accounting from Florida State University and served the central Florida area as a CPA for many years including as a partner in Nunez, Collins, Touchton, & Co. Mr. Collins was very active serving churches and faith based organizations in various leadership positions including as Treasurer for the Salvation Army of Florida. He also served as Treasurer and President of the Winter Haven High School Band Boosters. He will be remem-



bered as a wonderful father and caring husband serving his wife through several years of her extended illness. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Lucille Griffin Collins in 2018. He is survived by his 5 children; Mike Collins (Janet), Ken Collins (Denise), David Collins (Robin), Roger Collins (Kim), Stacy Guthrie (Greg), sixteen grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Brown Funeral Home. Visitation began at 1:00 P.M. with Funeral Service following at 2:00 P.M. Reverend Tim Owen officiated the service. Interment followed at Piney Grove Cemetery in Chipley, FL. Brown Funeral Home & Blue Lake Crematory of Chipley, FL is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net

Ross Junior Cox

Ross Junior Cox of Cumming, Georgia, died peacefully on October 10, 2023. Ross was born in Wausau, Florida, and was raised in Chipley, Florida. He was married to Nancy Lightfoot Cox for 62 years, who predeceased him. They had four sons, Ross, Randy (deceased), Cary, and Kevin, and numerous grandchildren. He attended Emory University

for both undergraduate and medical school. He loved the practice of medicine. He was a wonderful husband and father, an avid reader, loved to golf, play tennis, and do pottery. He will be greatly missed by his family. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM on November 18, 2023, at the Glenwood cemetery, Chipley, Florida.

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

Myrtick Evelyn Devane Register

Myrtick Evelyn Devane Register was born on March 24, 1925 to William Franklin Devane and Sarah Victoria Langley DeVane in Cowarts, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her parents, Husband (Charles L. Register, Sr), her brother, three sisters, five half-sisters and one half-brother. Evelyn graduated from Cottdale High School in 1943 as Valedictorian. Later in life, educational pursuits led her to graduate from Chipola College in Marianna in 1987 and to attend Florida State University, Panama City Florida, also Florida Baptist College, Graceville, Florida. On August 22, 1943 Evelyn DeVane married Charles L. Register, Sr. in First Baptist Church of Cottdale, Florida. They had two sons Charles L. Register, Jr and Robert Pierce Register. In February 1948 they opened the Western Auto Associate Store in Chipley, Florida which they operated together until May 1978. They joined the First Baptist Church of Chipley, Florida in 1948 where Evelyn retained her membership until death. Evelyn was a very active member as long as she lived in Chipley including teaching Sunday School for more than 55 years. She also served as Worthy Matron of the Chipley Chapter of the Order of Eastern Stars in 1955. She had the gift of writing, authoring four books: Golden Moments (Poems); A Victorious Life (Story of Ruby Daniels); Pioneer Road Build-

er (Story of R. Coggin); Where Jesus Walked (trip to the Holy Land), numerous short stories, and many poems. Evelyn is survived by her sons; Charles (Dorothy) of Decatur, Alabama, Robert (Nan) of Wesley Chapel, Florida, four Grandchildren; Brian (Andrea) of Tampa, Florida, Kimberly R. Petersen (John) of Gainesville, Florida, Matthew (Sally) of Birmingham, Alabama, Thomas (Hilary) of Auburn, Alabama; seven Great Grandchildren, Kendall and Kylee Petersen, Gavin and Emma Register, Aurora, Gabriella, and Holden Register, and many loved nieces and nephews. The family has been blessed by the care Evelyn received at Morningside Assisted Living and Encompass Health Hospice in Decatur, Alabama. She felt special there and the family is very grateful. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Brown Funeral Home. Visitation began at 10:00 A.M. with Funeral Service to follow at 11:00 A.M. Interment was held at Glenwood Cemetery. Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation can donate to First Baptist Church Chipley, Florida (1300 South Blvd. Chipley, FL 32428). Brown Funeral Home & Blue Lake Crematory of Chipley, FL is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net



Tribute Quartet in concert at Mt. Zion Independent Baptist Church



The Tribute Quartet is known for songs like Good News from Jerusalem and Some Call It Heaven I Call It Home. The Tribute Quartet will be in concert Thursday night, November 2nd starting at 7pm. Join the church for a wonderful evening with Tribute. Doors will open at 5 p.m. The church is located at 3205 Hwy 2, Bonifay, FL. For more information, call (850) 373-8416.

Holding up the pastor’s arms



MICHAEL J. BROOKS
Guest Columnist

A distraught parishioner stood at the doorway after a Sunday morning service. The pastor had just tendered his resignation, effective in 30 days, and he tried to comfort her. “Now, now, Gladys, God will take care of you and this church,” he said. “I’m sure the Lord will send you a pastor who is much better than me.” “Oh, no,” Gladys said. “That’s what they all say, but they get worse every time!” Studies suggest pastoral tenure is increasing. At one time

in my denomination, we were told pastors served 18-24 months; now the typical pastor will serve at least five years. Research also suggests the pastor’s most effective ministry often only begins after five years. However long the pastor serves, it’s true that every pastor is fallible and needs help. He (or she) will say something inartful or forget a promise made. The pastor needs forgiveness but the pastor also needs support as he leads the church in outreach and ministry. It’s a great story in Exodus when the narrator focuses on the time between the Red Sea and Mt. Sinai. The Hebrews once again complained to the Lord about their thirst (Exodus 15-17 could be called The Chronicles of Complaint!). The Lord determined to bring water from a rock and commanded Moses

to take the tribal elders with him. The elders didn’t participate in the miracle, but they witnessed it, and their standing with Moses was a symbol of solidarity. As we would say today, they “had his back.” The same chapter tells the story of an attack from the Amalekites. Joshua appears for the first time in the Old Testament as Moses’ general who directed the battle. Moses determined to take the rod of God—the same rod he’d held over the Red Sea—and hold it above the battlefield to inspire his soldiers. But his hands grew weary. Most of us know that our arms get heavy after a minute or so in the air, even when we’re holding them up to praise God! Two men, Aaron, Moses’ brother, and Hur, whom we don’t know, upheld the arms

of Moses to inspire the Hebrews to win the battle. We sometimes credit the general for winning the battle, whether the general is Washington or Wellington or Patton...but in this case, four men shared necessary leadership to bring victory. Both stories teach us the proper role of lay people. The pastoral leader cannot do it all himself. He needs understanding and help and encouragement. Pastor Appreciation Month is a good time for us to recommit to upholding the pastor’s arms as he feeds the flock with God’s truth, and leads the flock with wisdom and humility.

“Reflections” is a weekly faith column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church, Alabaster, Ala. The church’s website is siluriabaptist.com.

Lord, increase my patience



CAROL ROUND
Guest Columnist

“But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience”— Romans 8:25 (ESV). “God didn’t give me patience.” I laughed when my youngest son shared my 5-year-old granddaughter’s reply to her brother’s admonition to “just be patient.” Cash, age 14, and his younger sister, Ruby, were washing their dad’s pickup truck. Cash was in possession of the hose. Several times she’d ordered her brother to “give me the hose.” But, like most older siblings who like to be in charge, he hadn’t complied. When Cash grew tired of her demands, he not only sprayed her with the hose, but he

also counseled her on patience. That’s when my headstrong granddaughter stomped her foot, revealing her frustration and her lack of patience. **Our lack of patience** Five-year-olds aren’t usually very patient, especially the baby of the family. But what about us? A virtue often discussed in the Bible, patience is one of the fruits of the spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. It’s also an important aspect of our relationship with God and in our relationships with others. We’re reminded in scripture to be patient with those who may be challenging to love. The Bible also teaches us that patience is an important aspect of our spiritual growth. If we want to be more like Christ, we must be more patient with others if we want to reflect His love to the world around us. But we often fail. That’s when we need to realize we’re a work in progress. **A work in progress** We’re all a work in

progress. I confess, however, that even though I’m now more patient with others, I sometimes lose my cool when it comes to technology. Recently, I was juggling two remote controls: one for my Smart TV and one for my cable. In addition, I had my password notebook on my lap. The directions to get to YouTube, where I wanted to locate exercise videos for my ailing back, should have been simple. First, YouTube didn’t recognize my password. Simple fix. Right? I changed my password. Then, I was asked to enter a code from my Smartphone. Didn’t work. After several more failed attempts almost an hour later, I had to suppress the urge to throw the remote controls across the room. **Our struggle with impatience** We’re in good company when it comes to impatience. Remember Abraham and Sarah? Although they were a blessed couple, when it came to waiting on God for a promised child, they rushed the

process. They didn’t want to wait on God’s timing. Waiting on God isn’t easy. Can you relate? What about the Israelites? They were chosen by God to be a blessing to other nations but they became impatient with their leader, Moses. While Moses was on Mount Sinai with God, what did they do? They convinced Aaron, the second in charge, to give in to their request to build a golden calf, an idol for them to worship. While we all exhibit impatience at times in our lives, one thing we can embrace is God’s patience with us. He endures our flaws, does not easily get angry, and refrains from judging us because He wants to see us repent. God even works through us imperfect humans to carry out His plans. Aren’t you thankful He doesn’t give up on us? *Carol Round is a motivational speaker, workshop leader, and a guest columnist for the Holmes County Advertiser. Reach her at carol@carolaround.com*

DUNCAN

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who bring good news!” So, if you’ve been confused about what it means to put on the shoes of peace, hopefully, this helps! God wants us, each day, to remind ourselves of the glorious gospel that has made peace between us and God. Then, we are to walk daily in that gospel truth and carry that gospel message with

us everywhere. Since we have experienced this peace, we can help others have that peace as well. What shoes are you wearing? *Caleb Duncan is the Director for the West Florida Baptist Association in Chipley and holds an M.A. in Ethics, Theology, and Culture from Southeastern Seminary. Email him at WfbaDom@outlook.com or follow his Twitter @calebtduncan.*

FAITH EVENTS

US Missionary Kathy Gould to speak at East Mt. Zion Church

Kathy Gould will be speaking at East Mt. Zion Church about her 30 year long career and experiences of being a US Missionary in Ukraine. The church is located at 1590 Hwy 173, Graceville, FL on Wednesday, November 1 at 6 p.m.

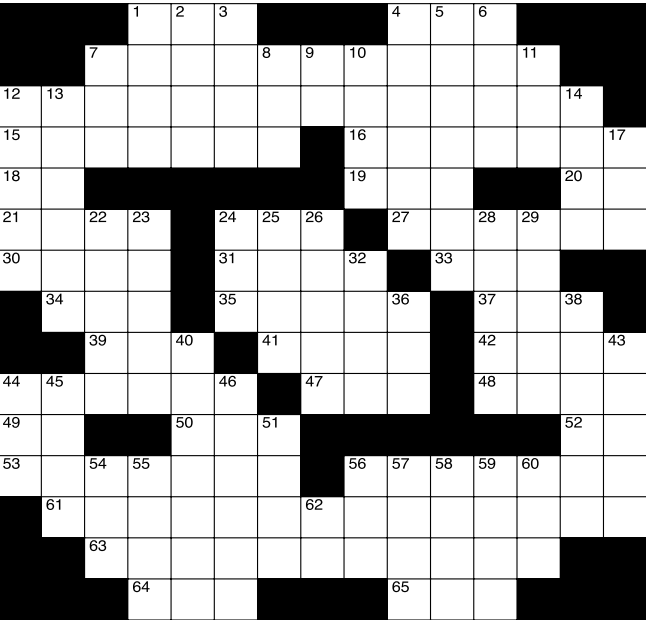
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to drop
4. Bits per inch
7. Ghosts
12. Presents
15. Noises
16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
18. Elevated railroad
19. A way to drench
20. The Tarheel State
21. Lilly and Manning are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Harvester
30. Unit of subjective loudness
31. Jewish calendar month
33. Dash
34. Armed conflict
35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
37. Jump
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
44. African country
47. Cool!
48. Used to treat Parkinson’s disease
49. __ route
50. Ed Murrow’s home
52. Lethal dose
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
63. In an incisive way
64. Mark Wahlberg’s screen partner
65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
2. A domed or vaulted recess
3. Trade agreement
4. Larger
5. Edged
6. Data
7. Something curved in shape
8. Root mean square (abbr.)
9. Farm state
10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
11. Short-term memory
12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
13. Honor as holy
14. Monetary unit of Samoa
17. Company that rings receipts
22. City in Finland
23. Small finch
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
26. Very willing
28. Partner to “ooohd”
29. Turntable
32. Major Hindu deity
36. Move head slightly
38. Plain-woven fabric
40. Die
43. Shipped as cargo
44. Something highly prized
45. Individual thing or person
46. Humbled
51. Speak indistinctly
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Singer Charles
62. Camper

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BUSINESS

Bonifay native Rhonda Skipper honored for excellence with FTCA Legacy Award

STAFF REPORT

Holmes County native and Walton County Tax Collector Rhonda Skipper, was recently recognized by the Florida Tax Collector’s Association for financial diligence and level of customer service.

Skipper and her financial team received several consecutive Legacy Awards for Financial Operations from the FTCA.

“When it comes to accuracy in managing every penny, you can trust Walton County Tax Collector Rhonda Skipper,” a news release said. “The Legacy Award criteria encompasses a flawless annual

report, proof of technological advancements, a strong customer-focus approach, and astute budgeting.”

Skipper said she and her team are “genuinely fortunate and proud to receive the Legacy Award for many years in a row.”

“It serves as a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work of our finance team,” she said. “Their unwavering commitment to financial precision and excellence is truly commendable, making them highly deserving of this recognition.”

Rhonda Skipper is the daughter of Donna Faye Skipper of Bonifay.



Walton County Tax Collector Rhonda Skipper is seen here with Walton County Tax Collector Director of Finance, Nathan Thomas. [CONTRIBUTED]

Latest unemployment numbers released

STAFF REPORT

The latest unemployment numbers for Florida are in.

The September unemployment rate for Holmes County was 3.4%. With a total labor force of 7,443, the unemployment level is 251.

Holmes County was ranked 31st out of 67 Florida counties in terms of the unemployment rate.

The September rate is the same as the August rate. The 2022 September rate was 2.8%.

“Florida’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.8 percent in September 2023, up 0.1 percentage point from the August 2023 rate, and up 0.1 percentage point from a year ago,” the Florida Department of Commerce said about the latest release. “There were 309,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 11,154,000. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in September.”

Gas prices down while tension in Mideast continues

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

Gasoline prices in Florida continued to decline last week despite rising global tensions potentially straining oil markets. The AAA auto club said Florida motorists were paying an average of \$3.22 on Oct. 23 for a gallon of regular unleaded gas, down 11 cents from a week earlier.

Pump prices have decreased 63 cents since hitting a 2023 peak of \$3.85 on Aug. 17.

“Gas prices are still following the downward momentum created by the seasonal downturn in fuel demand, coupled with stronger gasoline supplies and the switch

to cheaper winter blend gasoline,” AAA spokesman Mark Jenkins said in a prepared statement.

But the industry is waiting to see potential effects of the war between Israel and Hamas.

“The oil market is watching to see if the war between Israel and Hamas widens, so the price is stuck at a rather elevated price in the mid-\$80s per barrel,” AAA spokesman Andrew Gross said. “This, in turn, is slowing the decline in gas prices.”

The U.S. price of oil logged a 1 percent gain last week, AAA reported. Over the past two weeks from Oct. 23, U.S. oil was up 7% or \$6 a barrel.

Second Grease Pro location to open in Chipley

STAFF REPORT

The new car care site will be on Main Street, across the street from Skins & Bubba’s. Grease Pro hopes to break ground on the second site in December and work towards completion in fall 2024.

“This new location in Chipley will be bringing all of our automotive services to this location, which will include full-service and self-service car wash, along with complete detailing, oil change facility, tire and auto repair facility, and car and truck sales,” Grease Pro’s Director of Marketing and Public Relations Haley Wright said. “This is a truly unique location bringing you a complete one stop shop for all things car care.”



A second Grease Pro location opening in Chipley on Main Street is expected to be a “one stop shop for all things car care,” according to the company. [COLLIN BREAUX | The Advertiser]

The coming location is only the second of its kind offering full car care services, with the first in Panama City. The first Chipley location is also on Main

Street. “The residents of Chipley have been so welcoming over the years and have been extremely loyal to Grease Pro so we felt it was the

right time to bring all of our car care services to this area,” Wright said. “Our mission is to bring the residents of Chipley the best car care possible.”

Hurricane Season 2023: How FPL prepared

FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT

As many Floridians saw last fall, it just takes one storm to cause widespread devastation. While Florida’s 2023 hurricane season comes to a close on November 30, it is important for residents to remain vigilant in the face of extreme weather.

To prepare for storm season and beyond, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) has implemented a systematic and strategic approach to strengthen its electric grid to reduce restoration costs and customer outage times associated with extreme weather events, such as hurricanes, and improve overall reliability for customers in Washington and Holmes Counties and throughout its service area. While no energy grid is hurricane-proof, FPL has made significant investments to upgrade and harden its electric grid, including:

- Hardening main power lines that serve critical community facilities and services
- Installing more than 200,000 intelligent devices along the energy grid to detect and prevent power outages and minimize restoration times when outages occur
- Placing more neighborhood power lines underground through the Storm Secure Underground Program, which has completed more than 1,200 projects through the end of 2022

Throughout the year, FPL conducts extensive training to prepare its employees to respond safely and as quickly as possible if a storm threatens Florida. Before storm season starts, employees participate in an annual storm drill designed to test their response to a simulated hurricane. During the weeklong drill, employees test and role-play how they would respond to a storm,

including their restoration efforts, operations, logistics, communications and customer service.

As part of the company’s ever-growing drone fleet, FPL recently unveiled its new drone-in-a-box that is housed in hurricane-resilient containers and can fly autonomously along a predetermined route, helping to efficiently assess any damage to our electrical system immediately after a storm has passed. Last year, the company also introduced FPLAir One, a fixed wing drone capable of flying up to a thousand miles without having to refuel. Following Hurricane Ian, FPLAir One was used to assess the impact the devastating storm had on the energy grid, providing visuals of FPL infrastructure and speeding restoration efforts.

FPL also works closely with local emergency officials to update lists of facilities that are critical



to the community, such as hospitals, police and fire stations, communication facilities, water treatment plants and transportation providers. To ensure we can restore power to our customers as quickly as possible, FPL often secures agreements with out-of-state utilities and electrical contracting companies in the event that additional restoration personnel are needed.

While the rigorous train-

ing, energy grid enhancements and cutting-edge technology help to strengthen the company’s response each year, storms will result in power outages. It is essential for Floridians to prioritize planning for hurricane season to consider how best to prepare their families, homes and businesses.

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SPORTS

Goodman wins district title, sets school record



Savannah Goodman has qualified for a regional golf competition after shooting a school-record score. [CONTRIBUTED]

WMBB

Holmes County junior golfer Savannah Goodman was crowned the Class 1A District 1 individual champion on Oct. 23 while shooting a school-record score. Goodman recorded a score of 66 (-5) which is the best single-round

mark in Holmes County program history. With the win, she qualified for regionals, an FHSAA tournament in which she took first place as a sophomore. Goodman will be looking for her third consecutive trip to the FHSAA State Championship meet.

Holmes County falls to Bozeman Bucks, will play in Destin on Friday



The Holmes County Blue Devils fought hard but fell to Bozeman 29-16 on Friday, Oct. 27. [CONTRIBUTED]

WMBB

The Bozeman football team defeated Holmes County, 29-16, on the road Friday, Oct.

27, clinching the No. 1 seed in Class 1R Region 1 and their best record in program history. The Bucks improved to 9-0 and will visit Rutherford on Friday, Nov. 3, to try and achieve a perfect regular season. The Blue Devils fell to 7-2 and will visit Destin on Friday, Nov. 3.

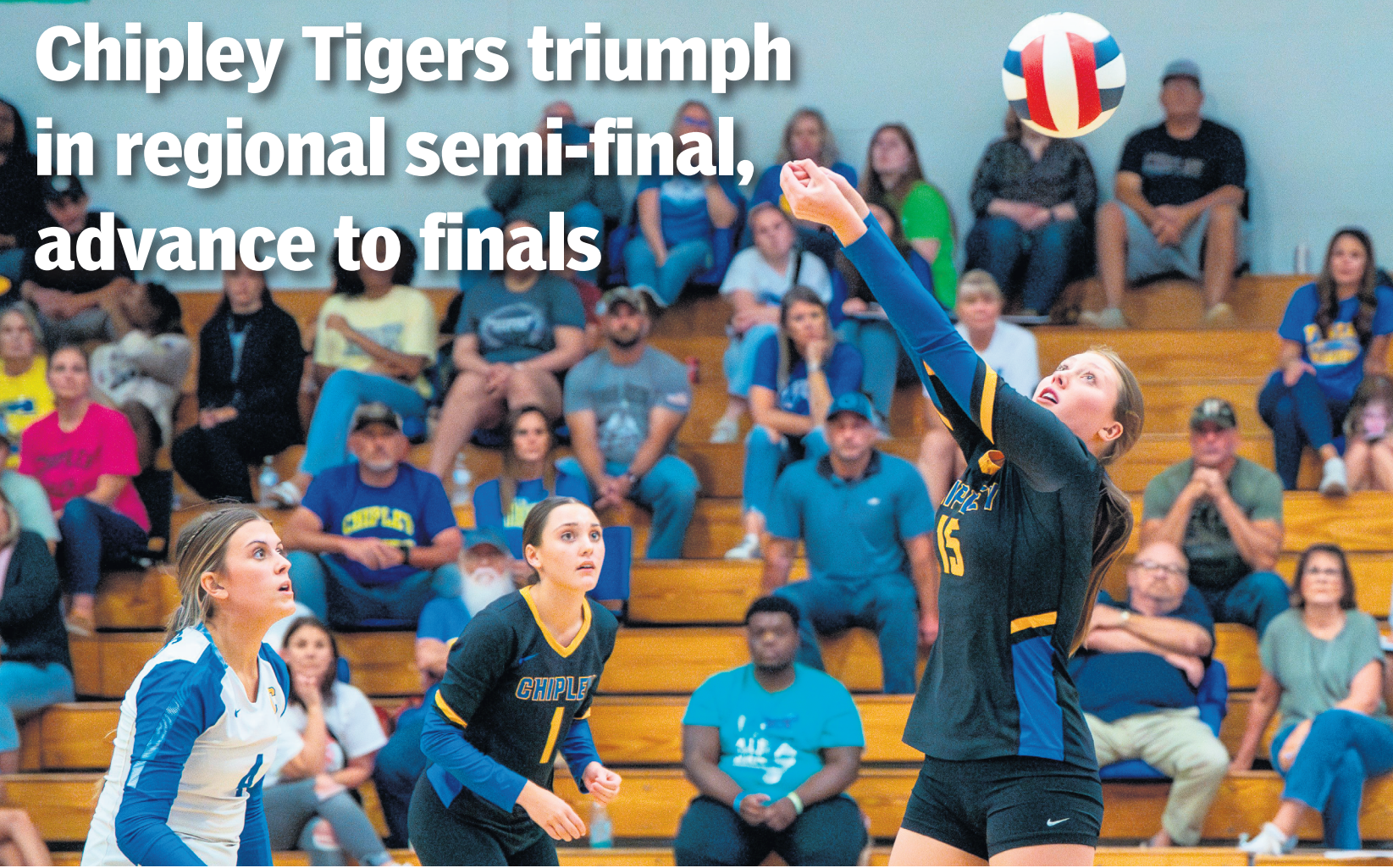


The Holmes County Blue Devils dropped a game to the Bozeman Bucks on Oct. 27. [CONTRIBUTED]



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ChIPLEY Tigers triumph in regional semi-final, advance to finals



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The Chipley Tigers volleyball team showcased their dominance once again on the court as they clashed with the Jay Royals in the regional semi-final game held at The Tiger Den on Thursday, Oct. 26. The Tigers emerged victorious in three sets, with scores of 25-22 in the first and second sets and 25-20 in the third. With this win, the Tigers have secured a spot in the regional finals where they will face off against the Baker Gators. That is set to take place next Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 7:00 pm. The location will be announced later.

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OUTDOORS

XBR Bounty Racing returns to Vortex Spring

Tickets on sale now for Nov. 10-13 event

XBR Motorsports will hold their second ATV rodeo at the Bounty Hole event at The Original Vortex Spring beginning Nov. 10 and running through Nov. 13. [CONTRIBUTED]

STAFF REPORT

Xtreme Bounty Racing (XBR) Motorsports will return to The Original Vortex Spring this month, where mud will fly during the organization’s latest event. The fun will kick off at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 and end at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13. The event will feature dirt drag races at 6 p.m. on Friday night, bounty hole mud racing at noon Saturday, and the return of the ATV rodeo at 7 p.m. Saturday. With cash prizes totaling \$20,500, attendees are sure to be entertained. The winners of dirt drag racing and the bounty hole will go home with a \$10,000 purse while the

winner of the ATV rodeo will take home \$500. No matter the event, things will get muddy. Registration for dirt drag racing is done on the day of the event. Tickets for the event are on sale now with weekend passes \$8 for ages 13 and up, \$59 for ages 5-12. Tickets for Saturday and Sunday are \$59 for ages 13 and up and \$49 for ages 5-12. Children under four are free. There will be food vendors on site and unlimited boondock camping available. XBR Motorsports Co-Owner Dusty Thompson says the best part is the public’s accessibility. “The best thing about these races is how close the people

can get to the action,” said Thompson. “Folks can drive their vehicles right up and watch the races from there. It is a really great experience.” While the event is happening, the trails at Vortex will not be available to dirt bikes, three wheelers, Jeeps or trucks for the safety of ATV riders and event attendees. For those wanting to stay close to the action, camping and cabin reservations are available by calling 850-836-4979. Vortex Spring is located at 1517 Vortex Spring Road in Ponce de Leon. For more information visit XBR Motorsports or The Original Vortex Spring on Facebook.



John Clark Park offers quiet outdoor serenity

STAFF REPORT

Located in Esto off State Road 79, John Clark Park offers plenty of green space to walk your dog at, enjoy a picnic lunch, or simply walk around outdoors and unencumbered by busy activity. The park has a pond where you might glimpse ducks or turtles at, as well as shaded seating, swings, benches, and a play area for kids. John Clark Park will serve as the site for the Two-Toed Tom Festival on September 24, 2024.



Esto offers an outdoor recreational area called John Clark Park. [COLLIN BREAUX | Holmes County Advertiser]



Visitors can sit down on a bench at John Clark Park in Esto, off State Road 79. [COLLIN BREAUX | Holmes County Advertiser]



Play areas for kids are available at John Clark Park in Esto. [COLLIN BREAUX | Holmes County Advertiser]



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John Clark Park in Esto has plenty of outdoor greenery for people to enjoy. [COLLIN BREAUX | Holmes County Advertiser]



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