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Bonifay to rekindle Bonifay PD discussions, reclaim rec center

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BONIFAY – Despite re-opening under new leadership last month, the Bonifay Police Department may not be clear of the possibility of being absorbed into the Holmes County Sheriff’s Office.

Councilman Larry Cook approached the idea again when Bonifay City Council met in regular session Monday, August 14, asking the council to look into

having the sheriff’s office take over law enforcement operations within the city limits.

Cook believes the action would be more cost efficient for the City, should Sheriff John Tate agree to take it on. Mayor Dr. Emily McCann is expected to speak with the Sheriff Tate this week ahead of a special budget meeting scheduled for August 17.

The City will also retain ownership of the recreation center

in the 2023-2024 fiscal year after the council voted to accept Mayor McCann’s recommendation to not file the deed for the center back to Holmes County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

The council explained the City needs to keep ownership of the facility in order to use a \$3.2 million Housing and Urban Development grant that is being awarded

that has already been completed. The grant will be used to make much needed improvements and repairs to the facility. The budget for the new fiscal year will allow for \$30,000 to keep the lights on; however, more funding is possible from BOCC 2023-2024 budget. The funding from the county would also help to pay for a recreation director to run the center.

Once construction begins on the facility,

access to the area will be blocked to the public as it will impose safety hazards. Bonifay Police Department has agreed to provide extra patrols before and during construction to ensure all lights are off and no one is accessing the area.

In another action, Board Vice-Chairwoman Sierra Smith resigned from the council after accepting the position of executive assistant to the mayor for the City of Bonifay. Smith

expressed her gratitude to the citizens and her fellow council members during her time on the council.

In a recommendation from McCann, Rick Crews was voted for and sworn in to replace Smith on the council. Cook was voted to become Vice-Chairman of the council.

The Bonifay City Council will meet again in workshop at 5 p.m. with regular session at 6 p.m. on August 28.



Blooms abound in the butterfly garden in Falling Waters State Park. The site is maintained by a small group of volunteers from the Chipley Garden Club. The wildflower maintenance group recently cleaned and labeled the garden, noting the Scarlet Mallow Hibiscus is blooming. [CHERYL GAINER MCCALL | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

1 arrested in Bonifay arson

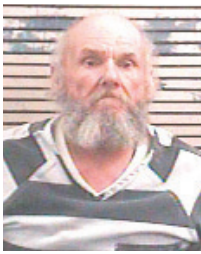
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A Washington County man is charged with arson in connection to a vehicle fire set at All Star Tire & Performance on Highway 90 in Bonifay on

February 5. Bonifay Fire and Rescue responded to the call around 2:45 a.m., observing a fully engulfed vehicle with fire extending to the building adjacent to the store. BFD Engine 1 arrived at 2:47am and began

extinguishing the fire followed by Ladder 1 and Tanker 1. 66-year-old Wiley Coleman Armstrong of Vernon was arrested August 3 and charged with two counts of

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WILEY COLEMAN ARMSTRONG

Washington Co. Commissioners review public speaking policy

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Commissioners discussed how to most efficiently allow Washington County residents to speak on subjects during meetings. Currently, citizens aren’t allowed to speak during monthly workshops as that time is considered to be a time for the commissioners to discuss items before them.

Residents have the opportunity to speak on subjects before the board at regular meetings under FS.286.0114. Currently, citizens must give at least a 24-hour notice to the board secretary to be able to speak and not be limited on time. Input given by citizens placed on the agenda is considered to be an agenda item and given the time needed.

Citizens coming to a meeting without previously contacting the Board are required to request time by way of a sign in sheet and are limited to the 3-minute rule.

This proposed new policy will be on the consent agenda for the August 17 meeting.

Commissioners also agreed to a resolution protecting citizens of Washington County against the use of Florida’s Private Assessment Clean Energy Funding Agency (PACE) low home Improvement

loans. Once approved, the complete resolution will be placed on the website.

Commissioners say the issue is that citizens using this service are being charged low start up fees, but then are charged high interest rates, leading to liens against the owners’ property and foreclosures. The Resolution will be approved at the next meeting, August 17.

The board reports that broadband is now active in Ebro, and mailers with sign up information are being mailed to customers in the area. WildStar currently has approximately 157 customers with more signing up regularly.

Other items discussed included:

Seeking approval of printed guide to Washington County - paid for by grant.

The MSBU - what road work has been done in Sunny Hills and possible improvement to Wilder-Park.

Live streaming for the county meeting should be available at the September meeting.

County Administrator Contract.

Public Library construction grant for Sam Mitchell Library in Vernon.

Planning Department new fees schedules as described at July’s meeting.

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State hits abortion clinic with \$193K fine

JIM SAUNDERS
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Health regulators Monday ordered an Orlando abortion clinic to pay a \$193,000 fine for violating a law that requires women to wait 24 hours before having abortions, nearly three times the fine recommended by an administrative law judge.

The state Agency for Health Care Administration issued a final order requiring the Center of Orlando for Women to pay a \$1,000 fine for each of 193 violations shortly after the law took effect in April 2022.

Administrative Law Judge J. Bruce Culpepper this spring issued a recommended order that said the clinic should pay a \$67,550 fine — \$350 for each violation. But

under administrative law, the recommended order had to go to the Agency for Health Care Administration for a final decision.

Monday’s final order, signed by Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Jason Weida, said “the record is devoid of any reasons why respondent (the clinic) could not comply with the law prior to May 9, 2022, which was the date it first began complying with it.”

In a document filed in March at the state Division of Administrative Hearings, an attorney for the clinic proposed paying a \$19,300 fine — \$100 for each violation — and said a \$193,000 fine “would likely force the clinic into bankruptcy or closure.”

The case was one of a series of similar efforts by the Agency for Health Care Administration to fine clinics for not complying with the waiting-period law in the weeks after it took effect.

The Legislature passed the waiting-period requirement in 2015. But the law spurred a lengthy court fight and did not take effect until April 25, 2022, when Leon County Circuit Judge Angela Dempsey entered a final judgment upholding it.

The law requires women to receive information from doctors about abortions and then wait at least 24 hours before having the procedures.

Regulators filed a series of cases after inspecting records about compliance with the law follow-

ing Dempsey’s ruling. In the Orlando clinic’s case, the agency alleged that 193 abortions were performed at the facility from April 26, 2022, to May 7, 2022, without 24-hour waiting periods. State law allows the agency to collect a maximum of \$1,000 for each violation of the law.

In filings at the Division of Administrative Hearings, the Orlando clinic said it repeatedly sought clarification from the Agency for Health Care Administration in April 2022 and early May 2022 about when the law would take effect but did not receive information.

“Respondent (the clinic) took necessary and reasonable steps to discover the effective date of 24-hour requirement so that it would be in compliance,” the document filed in March by the clinic’s lawyer said. “Short of being involved in the litigation (which it was not), there were not more options available to discover the effective date beyond what the clinic did. Contacting AHCA (the Agency for Health Care Administration) for information (not legal advice) about the effective date of the 24-hour requirement was a logical and appropriate thing to do.”

In his recommended order calling for a \$67,500 fine, Culpepper pointed to “certain extenuating and mitigating facts that should be considered when assessing the gravity of the Center’s violation ... and

in turn, the appropriate and reasonable fine to levy upon the Center.”

But Monday’s final order by the Agency for Health Care Administration said, for example, that the clinic’s “office manager admitted she knew about the law, yet did not change respondent’s operating procedures to comply with it.”

The agency has reached smaller settlements with other clinics it accused of violating the waiting-period law. For instance, orders filed in July said it reached \$20,000 settlements with two Miami-Dade County clinics.

At least some of the cases centered on whether clinics had properly documented compliance with the waiting-period law.

Feds take aim at flood insurance lawsuit

JIM SAUNDERS
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Biden administration this week urged a federal judge to reject a challenge by Florida and other states to an overhaul of the National Flood Insurance Program that has led to higher premiums for many property owners.

U.S. Department of Justice attorneys filed motions to dismiss a lawsuit challenging the overhaul and to deny a request by the states for a preliminary injunction. The motions said the changes, which became fully effective April 1 after being phased in, were designed to make the flood-insurance program “actuarially sound” and reflect the risks of each property.

The motion to deny a preliminary injunction said the overhaul, known as Risk Rating 2.0, “updates the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) with up-to-date actuarial methods at a time when the program sorely needs reform. For the past several decades, the NFIP has been losing billions of dollars because premiums have not accurately reflected flood risk.”

“These changes all reflect best practices in the insurance industry, which is precisely what Congress charged FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) to do under the NFIA (National Flood Insurance Act),” Justice Department attorneys wrote. “Furthermore, the geographical distribution

of premium payments has been stark: Under the legacy (previous) rating approach, taxpayers and policyholders in landlocked states were covering the cost of flood risk in a few coastal states. Risk Rating 2.0 charges every policyholder their fair share based on their property’s true flood risk and thus accomplishes the stated purpose of the NFIA.”

Florida joined nine other states in the lawsuit, filed in June in the federal Eastern District of Louisiana. The lawsuit, led by Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, names as defendants FEMA, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration. Plaintiffs also include numerous local

government agencies in Louisiana.

The flood-insurance program plays a major role for Florida residents, many of whom are required to have flood insurance because of home mortgages. A document in the lawsuit said the program included about 1.391 million Florida policies, with total coverage of nearly \$367 billion.

Federal officials began phasing in the Risk Rating 2.0 changes in October 2021. Among other things, the lawsuit alleges the system improperly considers “hypothetical” future risks and doesn’t properly account for mitigation projects to protect properties from flood damage.

“While the agency (FEMA) paints a pic-

ture of nuanced calculations using massive data repositories that reveal a property’s individualized risks, the reality is much simpler: Flood insurance is going to be much more expensive for pretty much everybody,” the lawsuit said.

A section of the lawsuit that focused on Florida said “high insurance rates will cause people to leave the state of Florida because they can no longer afford to live in the state. In addition, it will depress property values, particularly in areas where flood insurance is required.”

But in Monday’s motion to dismiss the case and Wednesday’s motion to deny a preliminary injunction, the Biden administration disputed the allegations and argued the plaintiffs lack legal standing to challenge the overhaul.

“Plaintiffs wrongly ask the court to upend the status quo — which is that Risk Rating 2.0 has applied to NFIP policies for multiple years and has been fully implemented across the country — and do so simply because some policyholders in their states and communi-

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Lottery sales up, but below projection

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

Florida Lottery sales hit \$9.8 billion during the fiscal year that ended June 30, but that was \$184.1 million below what was expected, according to a report from state economists.

Sales during the 2022-2023 fiscal year were up from \$9.32 billion during the previous year. But the state Revenue Estimating Conference attributed the failure to meet the 2022-2023 projection to “flagging” scratch-off sales. Scratch-off sales

were 2.7 percent lower than anticipated. Proceeds from the lottery go to what is known as the state Educational Enhancement Trust Fund.

Based on lottery receipts from 2022-2023, \$2.374 billion will go to the trust fund, a third consecutive year topping \$2 billion, according to the economists. The total, however, is \$123.8 million less than projected.

The economists also are projecting a decline in sales to \$9.277 billion in the current 2023-2024 fiscal year.



Bonifay Fire Rescue responded to a fire at All Star Tire & Performance on Highway 90 in Bonifay on February 5. The fire has since been ruled an arson, resulting in the arrest of Vernon resident Wiley Coleman Armstrong [BONIFAY FIRE RESCUE | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]



ARSON

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second-degree arson, criminal mischief, and property damage of more than \$1,000 after an investigation by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

According to fire officials, surveillance footage showed Armstrong had first attempted to set the fire several weeks before the incident, but the fire died out due to lack of sufficient oxygen. According to the investigation, he returned in the early hours of February 5, at which time a fire was successfully started,

destroying a Chevrolet Tahoe parked at the shop.

Bonifay Fire Chief Travis Cook says the arrest is notable.

"You often hear that a fire is under investigation due to suspected arson, but you don't always get to hear about an arrest," said

Chief Cook. "Arson is a difficult crime to prove, and I appreciate the hard work of the State Fire Marshal's Office and their thorough investigation."

The investigation is still ongoing with more charges potentially pending.

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Live your best heat-dome life



JASE GRAVES
Guest Columnist

It's August in Texas, which, at the best of times, is like living inside the molten contents of one of those fried mozzarella sticks that I always steal from my youngest daughter's order at the Sonic Drive In. This year, though, the summer heat is throwing a good old fashioned hissy fit.

Environmental experts have suggested that the heat dome oozing across the nation is caused by a combination of cattle flatulence, exhaust from my fully-paid-for 2013 SUV with its over-exerted check engine light, and something called El Niño, which comes from a Spanish word meaning, "Don't forget to put on extra deodorant."

Whatever the cause, I've compiled a few tips on what to avoid in order to survive these drawer-drenching temperatures.

First, and speaking of deodorant, don't skimp on it. However much you've been wearing, it's not enough. Go ahead and slather it on like you're icing a cake with buttercream frosting. (If only it tasted like that.) You'll thank me later, and so will your spouse, kids, colleagues and the people sitting near you at church. (They don't

call it a "pew" for nothing.)

Next, when taking your doglets out to soil your lawn (which probably resembles Shredded Wheat cereal by now), slip on your wife's nearby wedge-style sandals to avoid standing barefoot on any hard, sunlit surface.

Without protection, the exposed skin on the bottom of your feet will look like a microwaved cheese pizza by the time the doglets are finished sniffing each other and circling their drop zone at least fifteen times. Besides, the sandals will accentuate your calves.

You should also banish any notions about going outdoors shirtless, heaving your dad-bod into a lounge chair and absorbing some natural vitamin D while enjoying your secret Taylor Swift playlist on Spotify. Otherwise, you'll risk falling asleep to the sweetly mournful refrains of "All Too Well" and waking up an hour later with your scorched torso looking like you just performed an epic belly-buster off the high dive.

Finally, it's best not to allow your eldest and most expensive daughter to move out of her current college apartment, located in East-Central Texas where the heat and humidity go to party. Since your daughter is majoring in the Hoarding Arts with a minor in Thrift Store Studies, you'll have to make several exhausting trips from her apartment to the least expensive, un-air-condi-

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Price controls pad health industry profits



PETER ROFF
Guest Columnist

Though policymakers are seldom willing to admit it, some policy ideas are so dumb they should only be mentioned as examples of what not to do.

With apologies to William Goldman and "The Princess Bride," the most infamous of them involves getting involved in a land war in Asia. However, just behind that is the idea that government price controls work.

Like communism, price controls have failed everywhere they've been tried — unless the intent of those who imposed them was to damage the economy. If that was the case, they worked splendidly. Why, then, do people with advanced degrees

from some of the nation's finest universities keep proposing them as a solution to the problem of affordability?

Prices are signals. They tell us about quality, availability, effectiveness, need, demand, and other things that are useful to know as producers and consumers. There are many things the government does in ways that are not objectionable, but setting prices is not one of them. It doesn't have the information needed to do so.

Even if it did, what it learned would probably be ignored due to political concerns. When the government sets the price of something, it usually does so based on input from lobbyists and other special interests that either have an ox in danger of being gored or some kind of skin in the game.

The people who make health care decisions for the U.S. government are inundated with these kinds of people. They hold enormous sway, not just because

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To aliens, human wisdom must seem unbelievable



TOM PURCELL
Guest Columnist

A whistleblower recently testified before Congress, alleging that federal officials have concealed evidence of unidentified flying objects from the public for decades.

I'm not sure why advanced beings would want to talk to us, but if they came today, I imagine their visit might go something like this:

"Take me to your leader!" the small, gray being with a large, lightbulb-shaped head says to me.

"He taking a nap,"

I say. "We're not sure he's really in charge, anyhow."

"Then take me to who is in charge," says the alien.

"Nobody's sure about that, either."

"But I have important questions about your government and your people," says the alien. "I wish to gather any wisdom that your people can teach me."

After I stop laughing, I offer to do my best to help the creature understand human nature.

"Explain to me how your government works," says the alien.

"I'm not sure anyone can fully explain that," I say, "but I'll give it a go."

The alien nods, genuinely curious, and I continue.

"My country's founders were very distrustful of government because they feared that

some wicked humans would pursue government power to enrich themselves and to oppress their enemies. Such tyranny has been a common problem throughout human history."

"That is a regrettable human trait?" asks the alien.

"For sure," I say. "That's why our founders established three branches of government — legislative, executive and judicial — to ensure that no one branch would become too powerful. There are various limits and controls on the powers of each branch, but people in Washington keep trying to get around the concept, anyhow."

"Can you provide an example?" asks the alien.

"Our president recently tried to use \$430 billion in taxpayer funds to relieve college

debts held by a key voting bloc. But our Constitution says that only the Congress, not the president, has the ability to appropriate funds. The Supreme Court rightly blocked the president's scheme."

"This is a very inefficient form of government," says the alien.

"It is more inefficient than you can imagine," I say. "We are a representative republic, which means we the people elect representatives who are supposed to make our government accountable to us."

"Supposed to?" says the alien.

"Our government has gotten so big, a lot of it doesn't seem to be accountable to anyone," I say. "Take the money we spend on our defense. The Washington Examiner says the Pentagon has failed five audits and

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Hating Trump corrupts the liberal media



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Guest Columnist

Half the country has no idea why the front page of Thursday’s New York Post was so hilarious. That’s because, thanks to the liberal media, half of the country still has no idea who Hunter Biden is, or why he is in trouble for raking in millions for his extended family from foreign businessmen by selling access to his father Joe’s “brand” and political influence. The Post – which is famous for its funny front pages and lively conservative journalism –

brilliantly summed up the Biden Family’s international influence-peddling racket on Aug. 10. Its front page carried the huge headline “JOE FOR \$ALE” next to a big photo of a smiling President Biden holding a sign that said “Open for Business – Price \$20 million.” The Post also asked a question that would have mystified the half of the country that only watches MSNBC and reads the New York Times -- “Foreign clients gave Hunter a Porsche, a diamond and millions of dollars – What did they THINK they were buying?” The Blue half of the country would never get the Post’s jokes about Hunter and Joe Biden. That’s because they have hardly ever heard any news about Hunter or the latest reports detailing how he and his dad worked their lucra-

tive family side-gig. The Post’s journalists have done heroic work on the Bidens – unlike the liberal mainstream print and electronic media, which is so biased, partisan and dishonest that it has barely mentioned Hunter’s name. For four years the liberal media have shown zero interest in investigating the sleazy and incriminating contents of his “Laptop From Hell” or covering the ongoing investigations by House Republicans into Hunter’s banking and money-laundering tricks. The left’s partisan journalists are still so fixated on hating Donald Trump and making sure he never returns to power that they will never cover the blunders, failures and crimes of the Bidens. Did the Biden administration wreck the economy with high inflation, create a crisis at the Southern border,

cripple our oil and gas industries, botch the withdrawal from Afghanistan, fail to prevent the war in Ukraine and mismanage the war on Covid? The liberal media’s response – “We don’t care. We hate Trump.” Did the Biden Justice Department overdo the prosecution of Jan. 6 rioters for political reasons? Did the Biden FBI unfairly treat conservative Catholics as possible terrorists? “Don’t care. We hate Trump.” Did Biden’s CDC kowtow to the teachers union to keep schools closed for too long and lie to the country about the safety and efficacy of the covid vaccines? “Dunno. We hate Trump.” So now, after three years of Biden incompetence and lies, the liberal media refuses to admit that the country is a mess in many economic and social ways.

We have huge homeless populations living on the streets of Los Angeles and San Francisco. We have smash-and-grab gangs in Beverly Hills that go unpunished and we have chained up ice cream freezers in drug stores. We have tens of thousands of illegal immigrants from dozens of countries overwhelming cities like New York and Boston. We have Fentanyl Island in Oakland, Ca. What is President Biden and his administration doing to fix all these national and local problems? Is he to blame? Don’t expect the liberal media to ever press Biden to answer that kind of question. They’re not interested. All they know is, “We hate Trump.” The liberal mainstream media hate Trump so much they’d never do or say any-

thing that might help him win or hurt Biden in 2024. I fear for 2024. I’m truly concerned about Republicans winning back the White House. I don’t think Trump can win and he’s not going to let anyone else try. My greatest worry is that if he doesn’t win the nomination he will sabotage the nominee, guarantee a Democrat victory and destroy the Republican Party – if he hasn’t done that already. Then there’d be a legitimate reason for me to agree with the liberal media who say “We hate Trump.” *Michael Reagan, the son of President Ronald Reagan, is an author, speaker and president of the Reagan Legacy Foundation. Send comments to reagan@caglecartoons.com and follow @reaganworld on Twitter.*

ROFF

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they sell so many pharmaceuticals but because the U.S. government buys so much of what they produce, it can make the rules for the entire marketplace. If you’re thinking that’s not fair and sounds like a monopoly – which it isn’t, strictly speaking – you’re looking at things the right way. One group that has outsized power in this conversation is the pharmacy benefit managers who work on behalf of the big insurance companies. What pharmacy benefit managers do, and this may be an oversimplification, is manage prescription drug benefits on behalf of health insurance companies, employers and the Medicare Part D drug program, which brings the government directly into the discussion. If you watch streaming TV, you’ll see ads running rotation that point fingers at the pharmacy benefit

managers for causing an increase in the price of some prescription drugs and for blocking consumer access to those that generate for them a lower profit. These pharmacy benefit managers, which Obamacare created to help keep prices down, are instead driving them up. They’re strong supporters of the government regulation of prescription drugs and mirror the activities of Medicare-for-All in the private sector. As middlemen who act as third-party authorizers between patients and physicians, the largest of the pharmacy benefit managers have arguably taken control of the prescription drug market. Their dominance in the healthcare space allows them to make enormous profits instead of keeping consumer costs down. They are in favor of price controls that distort markets in their favor. Instead of saving money for patients, they’ve caused instances where healthcare consumers were unable to count some phar-

macy co-pay assistance toward their annual deductible. Costs went up, instead of down. It should have been predictable – and probably was. Pharmacy benefit managers are blocking patient access to cost-saving generics and other alternatives because they don’t produce the same returns on investment as brand-name pharmaceuticals. Pharmacy benefit managers fees, wouldn’t you know, are tied to the cost of medicine. The higher the price, the more they make. Some also make money at the pharmacy level because they own many of them. By directing patients to the company store, as it were, they’ve found a way to game the system that needs to be examined on the grounds it may be restraining trade. In any event, the elements of what was needed for government price controls on medicines became law on a party-line vote, enriching the pharmacy benefit managers and the biggest health insurers at the expense of the

consumers. Liberals like Joe Biden and Bernie Saunders used to be outraged by that kind of thing. Now they’re applauding it. Maybe they need to check their meds. *Peter Roff is former U.S. News and World Report contributing editor and UPI senior political writer now affiliated with several DC-based public policy organizations. He writes for numerous publications and appears regularly on international television talking about U.S. politics. Reach him at RoffColumns@gmail.com and follow him on Twitter @TheRoffDraft.*

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can only account for 61% of its \$3.5 trillion in assets.” “Oh, my,” says the alien. “It happens all the time,” I say. “Voters may vote for the legislators who write our laws, but once the laws are passed, they are interpreted by bureaucrats who create and impose all kinds of new costly regulations on our country. Nobody regulates the regulators. How’s that for the wisdom you want my people to teach you?” “Look,” says the

alien, glancing at the device strapped onto his wrist, “it’s been really great talking to you. But your galaxy is one of 2 trillion in existence. There surely has to be more-intelligent life out there than what I’m finding here.” With that the alien jumps into a shiny round cylinder and disappears into the clouds, “Come back!” I shout. “I didn’t even begin to tell you how much money human beings love to waste on war!” *Purcell is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist. Email him at Tom@TomPurcell.com.*

GRAVES

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tioned storage unit you can find. The facility was clearly built with someone’s scratch-off lottery winnings and is located in the parched outer reaches of civilization – with security provided by the local livestock. While there, in addition to some hyper-sonic sweating, you’ll maintain a steady level of paranoia that the door of the storage unit will fall shut with you inside, and you’ll be baked into a slightly hairy cobbler. I hope these tips help you enjoy (or at least endure) the rest of what seems like a never-ending summer of temperatures that make you long for the good old days of highs in the lower 90’s and an only once-daily change of underwear. Until a cool front arrives, pray for rain, and keep some emer-

gency deodorant on standby. *Jase Graves is an award-winning humor columnist from East Texas. His columns have been featured in*

Texas Escapes magazine, The Shreveport Times, The Longview News Journal, and The Kilgore News Herald. Contact Graves at susanjase@sbcglobal.net.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washington County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Committee will meet on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 8:30 AM in the Board Room of the County Government Complex located at 1331 South Blvd Chipley, FL 32428. This meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to update the County’s Project List and Reorganization of the LMS Committee. If you have questions regarding the meeting, you may contact Lynne Abel at 850-638-6203. August 16, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Holmes County Hospital Corporation, d/b/a Doctors Memorial Hospital will conduct a Public Meeting on August 28, 2023 at 5:00p.m. CST located at Doctors Memorial Hospital, 2600 Hospital Dr., Bonifay, Florida 32425. The purpose of the meeting is to give the citizenry an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed Equipment Purchase Project for Doctors Memorial Hospital and to comment on such economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternative to the project and other matters of concern. The meeting will include discussion of the application process and Doctors Memorial Hospital’s action relative to approving, executing and submitting a formal application to USDA Rural Development for funding. Any questions may be directed to JoAnn Baker, Chief Administrative Officer at 850-547-8001. August 16, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

Pursuant to Section 10.02.08 of the Washington County Land Development Code (LDC), notice is provided regarding a Special Exception. The Special Exception request is to allow for kayaking tours, fishing supplies and short-term camping spots in the Agriculture/Silviculture and Conservation Future Land Use categories.

Applicant: Richard Ackerman/Epic Adventures PCB LLC
Location: 5200 Mann’s Landing, Ebro, FL 32437
Parcel Identification Number: 00-6126-0000 (± 5.7 acres)

The Public Meeting and Public Hearings listed below are scheduled. In the event of a cancellation, additional notification will be issued.

A Neighborhood Information Meeting will be held on August 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. CDT in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. CDT in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on September 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. CDT in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

Records for this application may be reviewed at the Washington County Planning Department, 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

For additional information, contact the Planning Department at (850) 415-5093. August 9, 16, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT

Pursuant to Section 10.02.08 of the Washington County Land Development Code (LDC), notice is provided regarding a Large-Scale Future Land Use Map Change. The Future Land Use Map Amendment is to change the current Future Land Use Map Category from Agriculture/Silviculture to Residential Medium 1.

Applicant: Neil Boucher
Location: Hightower Road, Vernon, FL 32462
Parcel Identification Number(s): 00-4246-0000 (+/- 113.11 acres)

The Public Meeting and Public Hearings listed below are scheduled. In the event of a cancellation, additional notification will be issued.

A Neighborhood Information Meeting will be held on August 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. CDT in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

The Planning Commission will hold a Transmittal Hearing on September 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. CDT in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Transmittal Hearing on September 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. CDT in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428. (This meeting date is subject to change.)

Records for this application may be reviewed at the Washington County Planning Department, 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

For additional information, contact the Planning Department at (850) 415-5093. August 9, 16, 2023

High-speed internet closer than ever for Washington County residents

STAFF REPORT

CHIPLEY – High-speed internet will soon be accessible to all Washington County residents. The final broadband towers are slated to be installed by the fall.

“We’re in really good shape in terms of tower placement,” Washington County Administrator Jeff Massey said in an interview last week. “We already have eight or nine towers up and running and all the reports I’ve been getting have been very good about the quality and speed.”

“That’s all very encouraging,” he added.

The two-phase project provides broadband internet service throughout the county. The first phase covers the installation of 16 towers and the second phase identifies and strengthens areas of signal weakness. The project, in its third year, has experienced some lag due to supply chain issues largely triggered during the time of uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, Massey noted. “I want to ask the residents to be patient because it is happening as we speak,” he said, referring to erecting the towers. “We still

have some supply chain issues but it’s much better than before.”

Funding for the project came via rural infrastructure grants administered by the Florida Department of Commerce. For the first phase, the county was awarded \$1.5 million with a match, and \$2.5 million for the second phase, which does not require a match. The county has used a combination of leasing currently existing towers and constructing brand new ones to fulfill the project.

While long an obvious need, the value of having broadband service became apparent when the pandemic forced school children into distant learning and the elderly into

telemedicine. The inadequacy of internet services disrupted the quality of life.

Massey said the Washington County Board of County Commissioners (WCB OCC) knows the progress on this project is “a huge win,” particularly in the case of another circumstance that forces residents to live, work, and play at home.

“It makes me proud that we’re filling that void,” Massey said.

The WCB OCC was recognized in June at the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference & Exposition for its commitment to providing broadband services to the rural county. Officials said Washington County was one of the

leading rural counties that prioritized the effort.

“It is always humbling when a group of your colleagues find it appropriate to honor your efforts. It was a great pleasure for Washington County to receive this award,” said WCB OCC Chairman Tray Hawkins. “The award was not only recognition of work done by the commission but, more so, all of the efforts put forth by our staff. I say it now and said multiple times before, our county staff are the best in the business. They are the backbone of this organization and always rise to every opportunity to better serve our communities.”

County officials has welcomed feedback on the service.

It is important to note that the county is a catalyst for providing the service.

Residents who would like to access the service must apply on their own. All payments for the service will be made to the service provider, Wild-Star Networks, not to the County. Also, because some of the towers are located near county lines, residents of neighboring counties may also choose to apply. For more information and to apply for high-speed internet service, visit washingtonfl.com and click “new wireless internet” under the quick links tab.

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Utility expansion aimed to support growth in Sunny Hills

STAFF REPORT

SUNNY HILLS – A town known for its major real estate bust,

now sits on the edge of a new horizon.

According to Washington County officials,

development is pouring into the county and, to keep up with it, the county

is eyeing a \$13 million infrastructure investment down State Road 77 into Sunny Hills.

“There are currently 70-80 homes being built in South Washington County ... with two to three developers targeting to build 200 homes a year,” said Jeff Massey, the county administrator. “More rural and not as built up in the hustle and bustle as some of our neighboring communities, Sunny Hills is an attractive place to live.”

Massey said about a year ago county officials met with Florida Power & Light, U.S. Water Services Corporation, and long-time Sunny Hills developer Deltona to put together a plan that would ultimately revive the town. The county’s role would be to build the water and sewer infrastructure.

Although the county has “not committed to anything” financially, Massey said staff is currently pursuing state funding that is available for rural infrastructure.

“We are in the infant stages on this,” he said. “We have a design, we have identified the costs, and we have reached out to secure that money from the State.”

The 28-square-mile town was platted in the 1970’s as a new planned city “expected to rival the \$600 million Disney World in Central Florida and to add Northwest Florida to the map in development,” according to the news story by the late historian Marlene Womack. However, the development did not take off as expected “due to the economy and other factors.”

This time, the outlook is much different.

In the ‘70s, people from all over the world had purchased the homesites. Now, it will be partly driven by regional migration

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WASHINGTON COUNTY
FELONY COURT DOCKET

The following cases are set to be heard in Washington County felony court proceedings Monday, September 11, 2023 before Judge Christopher Patterson.

Tevin Michael Belanger- Smuggle contraband into prison written record to communicate.

Stacy Tyrone Blackmon- Possess controlled substance without prescription, possession/use of drug

paraphernalia, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon, obstructing justice; tampering in first-degree felony proceeding.

Sha'ron Davis- Battery, unarmed burglary of occupied conveyance.

Wayne Blake Gates- Domestic battery by strangulation.

Michael Kelsey Glenn- Methamphetamine within 1000 ft of specified area, possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

Thomas Magnum Kimbrel- Battery second or subsequent offense.

Jeffrey Lynn Stephenson- Lewd/lascivious behavior victim less than 12 YOA offender 18 YOA or older, sexual assault by custodian victim 12 YOA under 18 YOA, sex offender violation fail to report vacating permanent residence.

UTILITIES

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into the inland.

“It’s people who are working in Bay County that are moving to south Washington and willing to drive back to work,” Massey said, noting businesses have also contacted the county about moving into the area. “You’re not going to have to drive to Chipley or Lynn Haven to shop because those types of business will be in Sunny Hills.”

The project is dependent on whether the county can secure the state funding, officials confirmed.

Nonetheless, the precept that Sunny Hills will grow is a firm

one, as economic development is steadily heading towards south Washington County.

The town boasts a pristine natural environment, a once top-rated golf course, and history that extends back to the 1800s.

Coupled with two four-lane highways that lead directly to coastal waters, ease of access to Interstate-10, and the proper infrastructure to sustain the growth—the town is impregnably ripe to be the economic boon it had been originally planned out to be.

“My theory on this is it doesn’t matter if we sat here and did nothing, the growth is coming anyway because the money is coming to the Panhandle,” Massey concluded. “Isn’t it important that we be involved?”

Holmes County
Arrest Reports

The following arrests were made in Holmes County between August 4 and August 11 as reported by the Holmes County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Jamie Vernell Cole, 45, Ponce De Leon- Battery second or subsequent offense. [HCSO]



Donald F. Groover, 38, Bonifay- VOP: trafficking stolen property X2. [HCSO]



Delores Kiker, 63, homeless- Trespassing. [BPD]



Paul James Marcinyk, 28, VA- DWLSR, resist officer without violence, possession of cocaine, possession or use of narcotic equipment. [FHP]



Steve R Miracle, 32, Green Cove Springs- Possession or use of drug paraphernalia. [HCSO]



Michael Edward Seidel, 41, Chipley- Possession of controlled substance without prescription, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, FFJ: out of state warrant. [HCSO]



Eric Thomas Shaddix, 43, Westville- obstructing justice; threaten victim, battery. [HCSO]



Steve Wade Strickland, 52, Westville- Possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon, possession of methamphetamine, possession or use of drug paraphernalia. [HCSO]



Michael Jason Tillis, 47, AL- Grand vehicle theft third-degree. [HCSO]

Arrest Reports

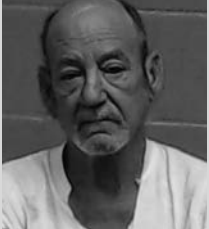
The following arrests were made in Washington County between August 4 and August 11 as reported by the Washington County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Jonathan Travis Bartle, 38, Caryville- Damage property/ criminal mischief: 200 dollars and under. [WCSCO]

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

Justin Lee Bartlett, 34, Chipley, Aggravated assault with deadly weapon without intent to kill, obstructing justice tampering in felony proceeding second-offense, battery, kidnap:adult. [WCSCO]



Donald Franklin Brannon, 61, Chipley- Simple assault: threaten violence. [WCSCO]



Casey William Brock, 35, Panama City- Aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony. [WCSCO]



Tiffany Claire Croft, 33, Campbellton- Neglect child without great harm, DUI third-offense within 10 years. [WCSCO]



Dakota Lee Davis, 27, Fountain- DUI [WCSCO]



Cathy Lynn Haines, 52, Alford- Larceny: petit-theft second-degree first-offense. [WCSCO]



James Lyman Holley, 41, Chipley- Grand theft more than 750 less than 5000 dollars. [WCSCO]- Panama City- Battery, possess counterfeit driver's license or identification. [WCSCO]



Tytiuna Shanties Jones, 30, Chipley- Battery [WCSCO]



Timothy Brian Kelley, 63, OH- Possession of controlled substance without prescription. [WCSCO]



Willie Earl Knox, 63, Campbellton- DWLSR first offense. [WCSCO]



Antonio Lee, 47, Chipley- Sex offender violation: fail to register as required VOP [WCSCO]



Daniel Matthew Moses, 39, Crestview- DWLSR third or subsequent offense. [WCSCO]



Justin Cody Mullins, 43, Bonifay- aggravated stalking cyberstalking after conditional release, violate injunction protection domestic violence. [WCSCO]



Parker Christian Pulliam, 30, Panama City Beach- No charges available. [WCSCO]



Tiffany Laurin Rogers, 30, Jacksonville- Grand theft of motor vehicle, grand theft more than 750 dollars less than 5000 dollars. [WCSCO]

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County

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NOTICE OF AP-
PLICATION FOR TAX
DEED

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

Certificate #: **16-00-04478**

Year of Issuance: **2016**

Parcel: **00000000-10-0613-0012**

Assessed To:

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DARA SHOFF

Description:

SUNNY HILLS UNIT #10 LOT 12 ORB 780 P 487 BLK 0613

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM** on **OCTOBER 03, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.** August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

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PLICATION FOR TAX
DEED

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

Certificate #: **21-00-01127**

Year of Issuance: **2021**

Parcel: **00000000-00-5360-0193**

Assessed To:

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Description:

16 2 16 ORB 858 P 289 LOT 193 HOLMES RIVER CAMPSITES, UNRECORDED PLAT

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

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Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

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NOTICE OF AP-
PLICATION FOR TAX
DEED

Notice Is Hereby Given **IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC.**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the

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description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **21-00-00452**

Year of Issuance: **2021**

Parcel: **00000000-00-2888-0000**

Assessed To:

CHARLES ANDREW FISH CO-TRUSTEE OF THE IRENE G FISH TRUST AGREEMENT, IRENE G FISH TRUST TABITHA A F WICHOWSKI % CHARLES FISH, TABITHA ANN FISH WICHOWSKI CO-TRUSTEE OF THE IRENE G FISH TRUST AGREEMENT

Description:

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33 5 13 ORB 810 P 20 LOT 16 & N 25' OF LOT 17 J/A BLK FA, ORB 900 P 506-508

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

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Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

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NOTICE OF AP-
PLICATION FOR TAX
DEED

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

Certificate #: **21-00-00282**

Year of Issuance: **2021**

Parcel: **00000000-00-1227-0000**

Assessed To:

GWAUN REED

Description:

4 4 13 BEG.166 1/2',N. OF SEC OF LOT 7, RUN N. 56 1/2', W.120', S.56 1/2' E.120' TO BEG. N1/2 OF NE1/4 BLK 2, O RB 572 P 265

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

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Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

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NOTICE OF AP-
PLICATION FOR TAX
DEED

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

Certificate #: **16-00-03996**

Year of Issuance: **2016**
Parcel: **00000000-08-0500-0020**

Assessed To:

CARLO CIPOLLA ESTATE % PHYLLIS GOLDFARB, MOLFOLDZ CIPOLLA ESTATE % PHYLLIS GOLDFARB

Description:

SUNNY HILLS UNIT #8 LOT 20 ORB 201 P 828 BLK 0500

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on OCTOBER 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.**

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2023

000272
NOTICE OF AP-
PLICATION FOR TAX
DEED

Notice Is Hereby Given **FIG 20 LLC**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **21-00-00750**

Year of Issuance: **2021**

Parcel: **00000000-00-3548-0000**

Assessed To:

TOM L LEE TRUST-EE R & MT SIMMONS FAMILY TRUST

Description:

24 3 14 36 ORB 268 P 1014 SE1/4 OF NW1/4, LESS 4 A IN SEC

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on OCTOBER 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.**

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2023

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NOTICE OF AP-
PLICATION FOR TAX DEED Notice Is Hereby Given

Given **MIKON FINANCIAL SERV INC & OCE**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 21-00-00464

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Year of Issuance 2021 Parcel 00000000-00-2973-0000 assessed to **MARCY REBECCA SHIPES**

Description 33 5 13 1.8 ORB 75 P 343 LOT 5, H/A, LESS E. 100'; LESS W. 100'; & BEG. 100'; E. OF NWC OF LOT 5, RUN N. 441', E. 126', S. 441', W. 126' TO POB BLK O (ORB 502 P 294)

"DIE". (ORB 792 P 162) "DIE". All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such

Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM** on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By:

Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2023

000278 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Notice Is Hereby Given **MIKON FINANCIAL SERV INC & OCE**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 21-00-00463

Year of Issuance 2021 Parcel 00000000-00-2971-0000 assessed to **ALFORD D WORLEY ESTATE**

MARSHA ANN WORLEY Description 33 5 13 2.5 ORB 617 P211 E1/2 OF LOT 3, BLK O. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM** on **OCTOBER 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.** Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2023

000283 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Notice Is Hereby Given **MIKON FINANCIAL SERV INC & OCE**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 21-00-00443

Year of Issuance 2021 Parcel 00000000-00-2840-0000 assessed to **MARY C MYDOSH (ESTATE)**

Description 33 5 13 41 R&L/ABLK B. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT**

WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on **OCTOBER 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.** Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2023

000296 IN THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CITY OF CHIPLEY, a Florida municipal corporation, Plaintiff, Case No. 2023-CA-59 v.

ESTATE OF **MARY C. MYDOSH** a/k/a **MARY C. MYDOSH** a/k/a **MARY MYDOSH** a/k/a **MARY CARMELLA DAVIS**, deceased,

ALL HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, SPOUSES AND CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSH a/k/a **MARY C. MYDOSH** a/k/a **MARY C. MYDOSH**, a/k/a **MARY CARMELLA DAVIS**, deceased, and **CHARLES SMEJKAL, JR.**, individually, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION IN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS TO: ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSH A/K/A MARY C. MYDOSH A/K/A MARY MYDOSH A/K/A MARY CARMELLA DAVIS, DECEASED, ALL HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, SPOUSES AND CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSH A/K/A MARY C. MYDOSH A/K/A MARY MYDOSH, A/K/A MARY CARMELLA DAVIS, DECEASED, AND CHARLES SMEJKAL, JR. :

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclosure municipal code enforcement liens on the following described property in Washington County, Florida, to wit,

Lots 40 and 41 of Block "B" of the Rubenstein and Laken addition to the Town of Chipley, Florida, as per plat on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County, Florida and being a re-plat of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Block "E" of the Hagerman Addition to said Town of Chipley, Florida and being in Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 13 West, and being on the East side of Sixth Street in the North part of Chipley, Florida.

located at 589 Main Street, Chipley, Florida 32428 and being referenced as tax parcel identification 00000000-00-2840-0000, and on the following-described real property in Washington County, Florida, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 285 feet North of the SE Corner of Lot 20, Block F, Hagerman Addition to the Town of Chipley, Florida, thence North 150 feet, thence West 130 feet, thence South 150 feet, thence East 130 feet to Point of Beginning, in Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 13 West, Washington County, Florida.

located at 592 Main Street, Chipley, Florida 32428 and being referenced as tax parcel identification 00000000-00-2872-0000, (the "properties"), has been filed against you and you are required to serve an Answer or copy of your written defenses, if any, to Attorney Jeremy A. Mutz, 1512 Hwy 90, Chipley, FL 32428, Plaintiff's attorney, on or before **August 15, 2023** or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the clerk of this court at 1293 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida 32428, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: 7/10/2023 **LORA BELL** CLERK OF THE COURT **WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA** Kelsey Odom

As Deputy Clerk August 9, 16, 2023

000297 IN THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CITY OF CHIPLEY, a Florida municipal corporation, Plaintiff, Case No. 2023-CA-59 v.

ESTATE OF **JOSEPH R. LEDLOW** a/k/a **JOSEPH R. LEDLOW**, Deceased; **ALL HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, SPOUSES AND CREDITORS OF JOSEPH R. LEDLOW** a/k/a **JOSEPH R.**

LEDLOW, Deceased, Defendants. _____ /

NOTICE OF ACTION IN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS TO: ESTATE OF JOSEPH R. LEDLOW A/K/A JOSEPH R. LEDLOW, DECEASED; ALL HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, SPOUSES AND CREDITORS OF JOSEPH R. LEDLOW A/K/A JOSEPH R. LEDLOW, DECEASED; YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclosure a municipal code enforcement lien on the following described property in Washington County, Florida, to wit,

The East 40 feet of Lots 26 and 27 in Block "C" of Rubenstein & Laken Addition to the town of Chipley, Florida, according to plat thereof on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County, Florida, being in Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 13 West.

Located at 1278 Holley Ave., Chipley, Florida, being tax parcel numbered 00-2847-0000 (the "property"), has been file against you and you are required to serve an Answer or copy of your written defenses, if any, to Attorney Jeremy A. Mutz, 1512 Hwy 90, Chipley, FL 32428, Plaintiff's attorney, on or before **August 15, 2023** or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the clerk of this court at 1293 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida 32428, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated: 6/7/23 **LORA BELL** CLERK OF THE COURT **WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA** Jo Ann Hayes As Deputy Clerk August 9, 16, 2023

000309 The following units at Rent Key Self Storage at 719 Griffin Rd in Chipley, FL are past due and will be sold at auction on August 26, 2023. Call 850-250-2923 to make payment and stop the auction: Christopher Newton - Unit 41 Norman Moss - Unit 15 Karen Gibson - Unit 24 Sarah Brunson - Unit 33 Ronnie Ashmore - Unit 84 Carolyn Smith - Unit C Erika Carter - Unit M Rachel McGrew - Unit 27 Kimberly Williams - Unit 29 August 9, 16, 2023

000311 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Case #: 22000129CAAXMX Plaintiff, -vs.- Jaquelin P. DeAngelo a/k/a Jacqueline P. DeAngelo a/k/a Jackie DeAngelo; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s);

Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s).

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order resccheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 22000129CAAXMX of the Circuit Court

of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC , Plaintiff and Jaquelin P. DeAngelo a/k/a Jacqueline P. DeAngelo a/k/a Jackie DeAngelo are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Lora C. Bell , will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT https://washington.realforeclose.com/ AT 10:00 A.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME. on September 6, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF FLORIDA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 36 (PORTION), SPANISH LAKE ESTATES UNIT I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 82, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPT: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 36, SPANISH LAKE ESTATES UNIT I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 82, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S 45 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 08 SECONDS W, 60.00 FEET; THENCE N 13 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 04 SECONDS W, 116.81 FEET TO THE WATER'S EDGE OF SPANISH LAKE, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 36; THENCE S 44 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 30 SECONDS E, ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 36, 100.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, call 711.

Lora C. Bell CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Washington County, Florida
_____/s/ K Odom, DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360
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The above is to be published in: Washington County News
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000313 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 22000141CAAXMX U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 27, 2023, and entered in 22000141CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST IS THE Plaintiff and NATHANIEL WESTRY, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 27, 2023, and entered in 22000141CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST IS THE Plaintiff and NATHANIEL WESTRY, et al. Defendant(s).

NATHANIEL WESTRY, et al. Defendant(s). _____ /

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 27, 2023, and entered in 22000141CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and NATHANIEL WESTRY; NETTIE R. WESTRY A/K/A NETTIE RUTH WESTRY; ONTAYA L. PETERSON; DELESHIA ROCHELLE DAVIS; SHANTRALIA MONGUE BELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHANTRALIA MONGUE BELL are the Defendant(s). Lora C. Bell as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.washington.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on September 06, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO-WIT: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/2 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN S 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS E ALONG THE FORTY LINE 185.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE CONTINUE S-89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS E 240.07 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 46 SECONDS W 208.71 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS W 240.07 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 42 SECONDS 46 MINUTES E, 208.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.15 ACRES MORE OR LESS. LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR 30 FEET EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS PURPOSE ONLY. COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, WASHINGTON COUNTY FLORIDA AND RUN S 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 46 SECONDS W ALONG THE FORTY LINE 706.25 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS E, 59.32 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE CONTINUE S 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS E 125.74 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 46 SECONDS E 497.37 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS E 30.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 46 SECONDS W, 527.27 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS W, 124.45 FEET; THENCE RUN S 01 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 10 SECONDS E, 142.24 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS W, 30.02 FEET; THENCE RUN N 01 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 10 SECONDS W 172.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Property Address: 3407 ALTO CIRCLE, VERNON, FL 32462

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Troy D. Strahl, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, at 5470A Blue Springs Rd., Youngstown, Florida 32466, 850-381-6932 or to both the probate court of Washington County and the named/proposed personal representative within 120 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Troy D. Strahl, Personal Representative for the Estate 5470A Blue Springs Rd Youngstown, Florida 32466 850-381-6932 August 9, 16, 2023

000317 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JEAN BRAMAN, File No. 23-87-CP Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Shirley Jean Braman, deceased, whose date of death was June 13, 2023, Case Number 23-87-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Washington County Clerk, 1293 W. Jackson Ave #100, Chipley, FL 32428. 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 decedent's Estate, including unmatured, contingent, or unliquidated claims and who may have been served a copy of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE

Dated this 1st day of August, 2023. Lora C. Bell

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As Clerk of the Court By: Jo Ann Hayes As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS

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

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

August 9, 16, 2023

000316 Notice to Creditors

Estate of Connie Lynn McDill Date of Birth October 06, 1948

To All Creditors: _____, _____, _____,

Notice To Creditors: The decedent, Connie Lynn McDill, who lived at 5470B Blue Springs Rd., Youngstown, Florida 32466 died March 06, 2023.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Troy D. Strahl, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, at 5470A Blue Springs Rd., Youngstown, Florida 32466, 850-381-6932 or to both the probate court of Washington County and the named/proposed personal representative within 120 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Troy D. Strahl, Personal Representative for the Estate 5470A Blue Springs Rd Youngstown, Florida 32466 850-381-6932 August 9, 16, 2023

000317 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JEAN BRAMAN, File No. 23-87-CP Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Shirley Jean Braman, deceased, whose date of death was June 13, 2023, Case Number 23-87-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Washington County Clerk, 1293 W. Jackson Ave #100, Chipley, FL 32428. 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 decedent's Estate, including unmatured, contingent, or unliquidated claims and who may have been served a copy of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE

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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 unmatured, 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 IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is: August 9, 2023.

MICHAEL C. BRAMAN Petitioner/executor 2629 Cora Lane Chipley, FL 32428

KRISTI MILLER NOVONGLOSKY Florida Bar No. 0182044 Post Office Box 1129 Chipley, Florida 32428 Telephone: (850) 6387587

Attorney for Petitioner knovonglosky@gmail.com August 9, 16, 2023

000318 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Kaitlyn Corbin 3617 Holmes Valley Rd Vernon, FL 32462

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are hereby notified to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Washington County, Florida no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.

Published one time in the Washington County Newspaper Wendy Mayo, Assistant Supervisor Washington County Supervisor of Elections 1424 Jackson Ave., Ste. C Chipley, FL 32428

Date of publication: Wednesday, August 16, 2023

000319 The following vehicle will be sold at public auction at Nichols Auto Repair and Towing on the following date: 05 Nissan 1N6BADGA65N533189 September 8, 2023 August 16, 2023

000321 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION C A S E N O . 22000127CAAXMX ENVOY MORTGAGE LTD, Plaintiff, vs.

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 24, 2023, and entered in 22000127CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein ENVOY MORTGAGE LTD is the Plaintiff and LUCINDA HILTY KERR A/K/A LUCINDA KERR are the Defendant(s). Lora C. Bell as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.washington.realforeclose.com at 10:00 AM, on September 20, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

ment, to wit:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF NORTH BOULEVARD, A DISTANCE OF 382.80 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF NORTH BOULEVARD, A DISTANCE OF 54.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST, A DISTANCE OF 150.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 54.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 150.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL OF LAND BEING IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 1203 OLD BONIFAY RD, CHIPLEY, FL 32428

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 7 day of August, 2023. L

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Cooper Davis couldn't contain his excitement for his first day of Pre-K at in Washington County.



Holmes County High School welcomed Ethan and Madison Gammons for their senior and ninth grade years.

SCHOOL'S IN!

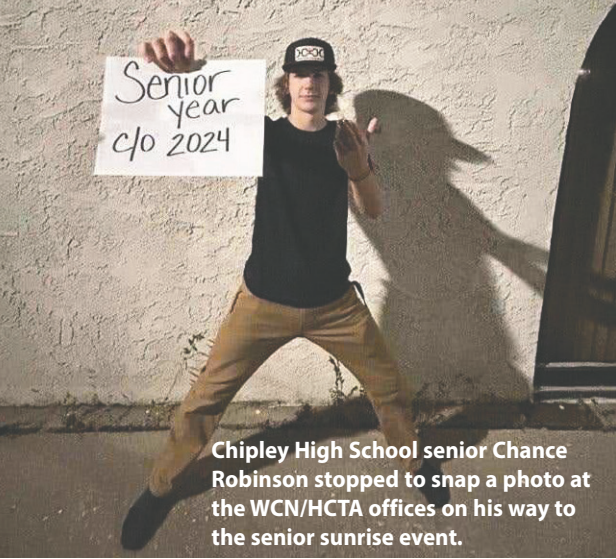
STAFF REPORT

Classes resumed Thursday for Holmes and Washington County students, and several families shared their first day photos

with us. Here's a look at some of those "first day" moments. The Washington County News and Holmes County Advertiser wishes everyone a happy and safe 2023-24 school year.



ABOVE LEFT: Ponce de Leon Elementary fifth grader Ember Newsom sat at her desk ready to begin learning. ABOVE RIGHT: Thomas and Trey Sellers on their first day of 5 and 7 grade at Roulhac Middle School respectively, while Gunner Reidel is going to first grade at Kate M. Smith Elementary.



Chipley High School senior Chance Robinson stopped to snap a photo at the WCN/HCTA offices on his way to the senior sunrise event.



Rylee Graham and Haley Graham started 2nd and 5th grade, respectively, at Kate Smith Elementary in Chipley.



LEFT: Bonifay K8 third grader Josslyn Gammons struck a pose in front of a photo op at school. ABOVE: Brennan and Matthew Reece are ready to go to eighth and sixth grade at Vernon Middle School.



Brothers Braden, Colton and Connor Best started their junior year at Holmes County High School.



Braylen and Bella Broglin started first grade and VPK at Vernon Elementary School.



LEFT: Four-year-old Severus Cook was more than ready to start his year at Washington VPK. RIGHT: Ninth grader Ava Stewart begins her first year at Chipley High School with style.



Ninth grader Ava Stewart begins her first year at Chipley High School with style.

SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

What the new cell phone law mean for local schools

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School was back in session last week for Holmes and Washington county students - along with a new law that limits the use of cell phones during instructional time.

Passed during the 2023 Legislative session and signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis, the measure prohibits

the use of wireless devices by students unless “expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes” and authorizing teachers and other instructional personnel to designate an area for any wireless communication.

Washington County schools are allowing each teacher to decide how and where cell phones are to be during instruction

times, according to Troy Peoples, the district’s Director of Administrative Services. Peoples states teachers may allow students to keep phones turned off, in pockets, backpacks, or in a designated section of the classroom.

Holmes County schools are using the “out of sight, out of mind” approach, according to Superintendent Buddy

Brown. Brown states students are allowed to have their cell phones on their person, but they must be turned off during school hours. Holmes County High School will try a pilot program of allowing students to use their phones during their lunch breaks.

Parents are encouraged to contact their child’s school for information specific to their teachers’ policies.

Holmes County launches new school lunch menu

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The Holmes County School District has partnered this school year with Sodexo Food Service to bring students what officials say are more delicious and healthier options for their lunches. This is the first year of this offering, with schools changing their menus to suit the taste of the students.

Students can find their offered meals by visiting holmescounty.sodexomyway.com and searching for their school. There, students and parents will be able to view the menu for the month. Meals will include breakfast and lunch items, with three categories of menus being aimed to appeal to the student’s age range, according to the program’s website.

“The Clubhouse” is geared toward elementary students, meant to make nutrition fun and to educate children about the importance of nutrition through educational materials and monthly activities.

Middle school students will choose from options at the “foodiE Cafe,” which features trending flavor profiles, convenient meals, sustainable alternatives and healthy options.

The high school options - called “Taste4” - was developed with input from high school students. The site says the concept revamps classics such as salads and wraps, deli sandwiches, pasta, grilled favorites, and pizza.

The schools are also hoping to add à la carte items later in the year at an additional cost to help expand the variety.

Currently school lunches are free for all students, including breakfast.



Florida students are getting excited about STEM through electric vehicle (EV) racing, thanks to a STEM initiative through Florida Power & Light. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

Florida students rev up for EV racing

STAFF REPORT

It’s a hot Saturday morning in Florida and high school students are suiting up to jump into their electric vehicles (EV). It’s race day.

Under the guidance of their teachers, nine teams spent months preparing for this moment, designing and building their own go-cart-type vehicles powered by an electric motor and batteries. They traveled from all over Florida to race in the closed loop outside Florida Solar Energy Center’s parking lot in Cocoa Beach.

“Building the car is a fun

process. It’s very hands-on between the wiring, fuses, motor and putting parts together,” said 14-year-old racer Nathaniel Adams. He traveled more than three hours with his school team from Kirkland Ranch Academy of Innovation in Wesley Chapel, Florida. “I just started this year, but it’s something I think a lot of kids would love.”

The experience is part of Electrathon America, a competition combining the excitement of motorsports with the practical application of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education.

Students’ skills and ingenuity are put to the test as they perfect their own electric racecar, then compete against each other to see who can go the longest around the track in an hour. The race isn’t about speed, it’s about endurance. The driver with the most laps wins.

“Unfortunately, my car died halfway through the race,” Adams said. However, he embraces the setback as an opportunity to go back to the drawing board. The race may end, but the quest for excellence continues, as the team strives to perfect their

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Eldridge receives national honor

STAFF REPORT

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) recently announced student Bailey Eldridge from Bonifay has been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization.

The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS Co-founder and President James W. Lewis.

“On behalf of NSHSS and our co-founder Claes Nobel, a member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, I am honored to recognize the hard work, passion and commitment that Bailey has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excel-



BAILEY ELDRIDGE

lence,” said Lewis. “Bailey is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future.”

“We are proud to provide lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development,” stated Lewis. “We help students like Bailey build on their academic success by connecting them with learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers.”

Districts grapple with AP course confusion

DARA KAM
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — School district leaders across the state are taking a patchwork of approaches to a college-credit psychology course, as many high-school students head back to class this week amid a dustup between Gov. Ron DeSantis’ administration and the College Board.

Confusion over the College Board’s Advanced Placement psychology course is rooted in a controversial Florida law and a state regulation that restrict instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in schools.

The state Department of Education reportedly told school superintendents in a conference call that schools were not allowed to teach a unit in the psychol-

ogy course dealing with “gender and sexual orientation,” which led the College Board last week to issue a statement saying the state restrictions would prohibit teaching the course.

But after news reports that the course couldn’t be taught in Florida, state Education Commissioner Manny Diaz fired back at the College Board. In a memo Friday, Diaz told superintendents that the course could be taught “in its entirety in a manner that is age and developmentally appropriate.”

Nevertheless, uncertainty has continued as classes prepare to begin Thursday in many districts. The issue poses a potential minefield for teachers trying to prepare students for college, follow course curriculums and obey state laws and regulations.

A number of districts have dropped the psychology course and replaced it with other college-credit classes. Some are moving ahead with the AP course, which 28,000 Florida students took last year, according to the College Board. And other districts are struggling to decide what to do.

In Broward County, for example, classes resume on Aug. 21. On Wednesday, district officials said they would require parental consent for students to take the course.

“Recognizing the depth and breadth of topics covered in AP Psychology and in line with the importance of prioritizing student well-being and parental choice, we have decided to make enrollment for this elective an ‘opt-in’ process that expressly requires parental

consent,” said Superintendent Peter Licata said in a statement. About 2,500 students took the AP Psychology course last year, the district said.

Pinellas County, meanwhile, is among the districts that decided to forego the College Board’s course. The county is “transitioning” to a college-credit course offered by Cambridge AICE, the district said on its website. About 1,300 students in the county who were enrolled in the AP course were automatically signed up for the Cambridge AICE course, according to the website.

In contrast, Suwannee County Superintendent of Schools Ted Roush said he has “backed teaching the traditional AP psychology course” but left it up to individual school administrators to decide whether

to offer the course, switch to an alternative college-credit course or offer a “regular” psychology class to students.

Roush told The News Service of Florida on Monday that one Suwannee County high school was retaining the College Board course and another hadn’t decided.

Roush sent a memo to parents, students and school administrators noting that the course, if taught, has to align with the state’s standards.

“Failure to do so will result in district and state intervention,” his memo said.

Roush also said the course needs to comply with a separate state law restricting how bias and racial discrimination are taught in schools.

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Large turnout for back to school haircut event

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Kids and parents lined up August 4 for “Back to School” haircuts. Kyle Aycock (Kutta-Kyle), Jamar Franklin (FLAChoppers), Marie Rustin (Cut’n’Dye) and their associates set up shop in the Chipley High School Gymnasium in an effort to provide free services to local families. The barbers and hairstylist said they wanted to give back to the community. “This is just a blessing for us parents,”

said Rebecca Bradshaw. “This is one more step to getting my last year over with,” said senior Kyler Bryant. Opening at 8:30 a.m., stylists had serviced more than 30 students within the first two hours. “With the way we have been going today, we expect to see close to 100 students by closing time,” said Aycock. Aycock, who organized this event, said he was happy to see the turn out, and hopes to continue the program again next year.



Student Kyler Bryant gets ready for a fresh cut. [NAN THOMPSON | The News and Advertiser]



ABOVE: Several local barbers and stylists came together August 4 to give free haircuts to students getting ready for the 2023-24 school year. AT LEFT: Marie Rustin gives student Blair Bowden a new style to start her school year off. [NAN THOMPSON | The News and Advertiser]



From left: Chipley High School's Coach Andy Compton and Bryson Howard, senior member of the CHS 2023 State Baseball Championship team, were respectively honored as the Florida Dairy Farmers Class 1A Coach of the Year and Player of the Year. [NAN THOMPSON | The News and Advertiser]

Chipley's Compton and Howard named Class 1A COTY and POTY

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Following the school's first-ever state baseball championship victory, Chipley High School's Coach Andy Compton was presented with the Florida Dairy Farmers 2023 Class 1A Coach of the Year award. The championship team's star pitcher, Bryson Howard, was also presented with Class 1A player of the Year. Coach Compton has been with Chipley High School since 1988, and this year brought home the school's first state title. Compton has been Head Baseball coach for the past 25 years, finishing this regular season with a 22-7 record, a feat that led to his Coach of the Year honor. He said the season was hard won with the effort of the entire team and school staff. “Can’t win this award alone,” said Coach Compton. “It takes the

team players and support staff. These kids worked hard to win this year, and it showed.” Howard is not new to winning awards, either, having earned the title of Class 1A Pitcher of the Year in his sophomore year, Second Team-All State in his junior year, and Player of the Year to finish his senior year. Howard, who is headed to Coastal Alabama East this semester to pursue a civil engineering degree, says he humbled and amazed by the latest honor. “I’m still in shock that I got this,” he said. Howard has led the state in the 1A class with 108 total strikeouts this season. “He is the one you want on the mound,” said Compton. When asked what Howard would tell others who aspire to play baseball, he said: “Give it to God’s glory, and give it your all.”

New criminal justice class opportunities available to Washington Co. students

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Two years ago, the Washington County Sheriff's Office brought Criminal Justice classes to Chipley High School. The class is now celebrating its third year at CHS, with Deputy Sheriff Phillipe Kirksey taking over the class from inaugural instructor Deputy Dakota Jarvis last Spring. Deputy Kirksey has now brought Criminal Justice to Vernon High School in hopes of bringing students

into the field of Law Enforcement on both sides of the county. “I’m excited,” said Kirksey. “I had approximately 21 students enroll in my class at Vernon and over 50 students at Chipley.” Major changes are in place for those looking to explore a criminal justice career. Third year students in their Junior or Senior year can dual enroll at either Chi-

pola College or Florida Panhandle Technical College, allowing them to receive almost all the needed credentials to pursue a career in some form of law enforcement, requiring E911 certification of 230 hours and handgun training at a later time. Students at Chipley have already been offered this third year opportunity this year, while Vernon students will have the same opportunity in two years. Kirksey will hold morning classes at Chipley and an afternoon class at Vernon. Kirksey has a 19-year law enforcement background in many different areas of criminal justice, from corrections, school resource deputy, and as a road deputy for Washington County Deputy. In addition to his new role as an instructor, he is also a student, working on his master's degree in business. Kirksey says his advice to aspiring law enforcement officers is simple: “Keep your options open,” he said. “There is a broad field under criminal justice. You can work as game warden, or in state, local, or federal law enforcement - even FBI. A student fresh out of high school could possibly earn over \$48,000 a year working as a corrections officer because

they will have the required certifications needed,” he added. “That’s not bad.” Chipley and Vernon students interested in taking the criminal justice class can contact their school for more information.



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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Troy University recognizes new students for the Fall 2023 semester
Troy University is recognizing new students who have completed IMPACT orientation and enrolled in classes for the Fall 2023 semester. Local students who will attend are as follows: Chad Albury of Bonifay; Grayson Commander of Chipley; Madison Hayes of Bonifay; Reis Hutchinson of Fountain; Kasen Pemberton of Chipley; Erilyn Smith of Bonifay and Daxton Wright of Chipley.

Blaine Johnston recognized by UNG president for earning 4.0 GPA
Blaine Johnston of Vernon has been named to the President’s Honor Roll at the University of North Georgia (UNG) for achieving a 4.0 grade point average during summer 2023. Michael Shannon, president of UNG, recognized students who reached this academic achievement during the summer 2023 semester. Students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours in bachelor’s degree programs who achieved a 4.0 grade point average were named to the President’s Honor Roll. Students enrolled in associate degree or dual enrollment programs who met the same level of achievement were named to the President’s List.

How students can get the most out of tutoring

STAFF REPORT

No student’s academic career is free from challenges. Classroom challenges can help students get more out of their coursework, which can benefit them as their academic careers progress and prepare them to excel in the professional arena. Students can sometimes overcome challenges on their own or with a little extra assistance from educators and parents. When coursework is especially challenging, students may benefit from working with tutors. Direct one-on-one communication with a tutor can help students fully understand complex concepts that parents may not understand. In certain instances, educators cannot always pause lessons to help struggling students in the classroom, particularly if others in the class are ready to move on. So tutors may be just what students need to unlock their academic potential and stay the course as their knowledge



of a specific subject expands. The partnership between student and tutor is most effective when each person fully commits to a tutoring session. Professional tutors are paid to be committed, and it’s up to students to match that commitment. Making the most of working with a tutor comes down to preparation, interest, a willingness to put in the work, and a host of additional factors.

- **Prepare for each tutoring session.** Students should prepare for each tutoring session just like they do for other activities they care about, including extracurriculars. Student musicians would not arrive to a recital without their instrument, nor would athletes arrive for a game without their equipment. Prior to the beginning of a tutoring session, double-check to ensure you have all the necessary materials, including books, class notes, past and current assignments, and a syllabus for the class. If possible, send the tutor the syllabus in advance of the first session, and note the challenges you’re having in regard to the material.
- **Recognize the student-tutor dynamic is a two-way street.** Tutors should not be the only ones to speak during a session. Students can prepare questions prior to each session and then ask any additional questions that come to mind during the session. Open, free-flowing communication can help students gain a stronger grasp of the material, and it’s the responsibility of both tutors and students to keep lines of communication open. If a tutor’s approach is not resonating, speak up and ask for more clarification.
- **Actively engage.** Tutors may give some additional work to help students learn the material. Students should

not write off such assignments because they won’t be graded. Active engagement in tutoring, both during sessions and between them, can ensure students get the most out of tutoring.

- **Be patient.** Tutors are typically utilized when students have trouble understanding complex subjects. That complexity means it will likely take time before students fully grasp what tutors are teaching them. Students should stay patient and not grow discouraged if it’s taking a while to grasp material. Celebrate any progress that is made, however incremental it may be. Small steps forward can lead students down a successful path that could ultimately end with mastery of a complex subject.

Tutors help millions of students fulfill their academic potential each year. The most successful student-tutor relationships are characterized by hard work on the part of both parties.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Civil rights organization
- 5. Calendar month (abbr.)
- 8. Monetary unit of Burma
- 11. Twyla __, US dancer
- 13. Everything included
- 14. “Antman” actor Rudd
- 15. Italian city
- 16. Nowhere to be found
- 17. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 18. Turkish officer
- 20. Perform on stage
- 21. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 22. Canadian coastal provinces
- 25. Furnishes anew
- 30. Edible mollusk
- 31. No seats available
- 32. Garden figurine

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Defunct US energy company
- 2. Fellow
- 3. It’s issued from volcanoes
- 4. Type of acid
- 5. Winged nut
- 6. Arouses
- 7. Things are served on it
- 8. San Diego ballplayer
- 9. Currency and a Chinese dynasty
- 10. __ mater, one’s school
- 12. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 14. Hairstyle
- 19. Supreme ancient Egyptian god
- 23. They __
- 24. Connecting line on a map
- 25. Mock
- 26. One point north of due east
- 27. Chinese philosophical principle

- 33. Two-legged support
- 38. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 41. In a silly way
- 43. One from the Golden State
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Native religion in parts of China
- 49. Dickens character
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy
- 55. Ancient Greek sophist
- 56. Undivided
- 57. Daniel __, French composer
- 59. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 60. Rusty
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Patti Hearst’s captors
- 63. Popular global holiday (abbr.)
- 64. Tall, slender plant

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System
The next meeting for the Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System will take place on August 16, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the PPLCS office located at 2862 Madison St., Marianna, FL.

Holmes County Tobacco Free Partnership
The Holmes County Tobacco-Free Partnership event will be hosted on August 16, 2023 3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. at the Holmes County Development Commission - Conference Room- 401 McLaughlin Ave. Bonifay, FL 32425. The purpose of this event is to create a Tobacco-Free Atmosphere for Holmes County, improve the Health of Holmes County residents by significantly reducing tobacco use to discourage the first time use of tobacco to educate the public on all health issues as they relate to tobacco and; to act as an advocate for positive reform.

Early Learning Coalition Education meeting
The Early Learning Coalition is hosting their Education and Program Committee meeting regarding coalition business at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 23. To join this meeting via conference call, use the following information; Call-in Number: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 880 2502 3726, Passcode: 7033240. For more information contact Suzan Gage at (850)693-0808.

Jackson County Master Gardener Program to host Fall

Vegetable Workshop
The Jackson County Master Gardener Program will be hosting a Fall Vegetable Workshop on Saturday, August 26 starting at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. There will be an admission fee of \$10.00 per person, which will cover handouts, giveaways and refreshments. The class will include selection, planting, and care of seasonal fall vegetables for our area. The workshop will be held at the UF/IFAS Jackson County Extension office located at 2741 Penn Ave, Marianna, FL. Pre-registration is required; please call 850-482-9620 or stop by the office.

Tiny Art Show and Fundraiser Auction
The Chipley Branch of the Washington County Library is hosting a Tiny Art Show and Fundraiser Auction. The library invites you to show off your creative talents in this event. Pick up a 4×4” canvas at the library for a \$1 donation and create a mini masterpiece at home in your choice of medium. Return your completed canvas no later than Thursday, August 31. Tiny Art submissions will be displayed throughout the library September 4-14 and included in the library’s fundraiser auction on Thursday, September 14. Auction proceeds will be used to purchase Experience Kits and Memory Care Kits for adult patrons. Canvases are available now for pick up (1 per patron - while supplies last). Voting will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, September 14. Submissions should be family friendly. Ages 18+ and

all skill levels are welcome to participate.

Holmes County Pee-wee Cheerleaders Father-Daughter Dance
On September 15, 2023, the Holmes County Pee-wee Cheerleaders will be hosting a father daughter dance, featuring music from a DJ with dancing, a photo booth, refreshments, and lots of giggles. Tickets are \$25 for dad and daughter, \$15 for each additional adult and \$10 for each additional child. The event will take place on September 15, 2023, 5:30-7:30 P.M. at The Majestic Oaks, 3351 Mallory Road, Vernon FL. All proceeds go towards the Pewee Cheerleaders season.

Andrew Elton Williams Family Reunion
The 120th annual Andrew Elton Williams Family Reunion will be Saturday, October 7, at Galilee United Methodist Church, located on Galilee Road in Graceville. Registration is at 9 a.m., and the program begins at 10:30. For more information, contact: Lamar Faircloth at 850-547-2275 or 850-326-3045.

Golden Dayz Fall Festival
On November 4, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. the Holmes Council on Aging is hosting the Golden Dayz Fall Festival. This event features kids activities, live music, arts and crafts, vendors and food trucks! The location for this event is 2490 Development Circle.

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

RACING

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electric cars before the next race.

Organizers have seen an increase in sign-ups and teams are showing up in larger numbers on race day.

This initiative is being spearheaded by FPL through the company's EV charging solutions program. FPL EVolution@makescharging

an electric vehicle simple through convenient EV charging options at home and on the road. FPL is also raising awareness about EVs through demos, ride-and-drive experiences and educational programs like Electrathon.

Some schools in Northwest Florida have a long history of participating in Electrathon events hosted at Pensacola's Five Flags Speedway. FPL wants to

energize that Electrathon momentum in the region by inviting more schools to participate.

"Support of Electrathon extends our mission of shaping a more sustainable future for all," Burckhardt said. "We're cultivating the skills necessary for future careers in these rapidly evolving fields and raising EV awareness for the next generation who is passionate about sustainable energy

solutions."

Electrathon of Florida's executive director Charles Harrison agrees. He oversees the Tampa Bay chapter, which was created in Hillsborough County as a grassroots mentoring program to boost students' interest in STEM careers. Today, the program has expanded beyond Hillsborough and into more than eight counties.

"Growing this program to different areas of the

state will give opportunities to people that wouldn't normally be exposed to STEM like this," Harrison said. "This will give future generations a chance to excel in STEM fields, opening their minds to a future in physics, math, science, tech or manufacturing."

For those interested in learning more about FPL's Electrathon program, visit Fpl.com/community/electrathon.html.

COURSES

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That 2022 law, which DeSantis dubbed the "Stop Wrongs To Our Kids and Employees Act," or "Stop WOKE Act," lists a series of race-related concepts and says it would constitute discrimination if students are subjected to instruction that "espouses, promotes, advances, inculcates or compels" them to believe the concepts.

Part of the AP psychology course "does talk about bias and discriminatory behavior," Roush said.

"So that's another piece we need to be cognizant of and careful about how we administer that content," he added.

Roush also warned that students might not get college credit for courses that aren't credentialed or recognized by the College Board or post-secondary institutions, "depending on how this plays out."

"None of us (superintendents) have gone looking to be placed in the middle of this," he said. "This feels like a political fight more than anything else."

After Diaz released his memo Friday, the College Board said it "represents revised guidance" on the course.

"We hope now that Florida teachers will be able to teach the full course, including content on gender and sexual

orientation, without fear of punishment in the upcoming school year," the College Board said in a statement.

Diaz's memo, however, might have increased confusion over the course. The Florida Education Association teachers union and the Florida PTA this week pressed the commissioner to clarify the state's stance.

"While we are grateful for your letter of August 4, indicating that this popular college-level course can be taught 'in its entirety,' we believe that the subsequent condition, 'age and developmentally appropriate,' is so ambiguous and prone to subjective interpretation that further clarification is needed," Florida PTA president Carolyn Nelson-Goedert wrote to Diaz on Monday.

The Florida Education Association asked Diaz to "clearly and unambiguously state that nothing in the AP psychology course violates" Florida law or rules.

"Districts, parents, students and teachers need to know AP psychology can be offered in Florida's public schools in its entirety without any modifications, just as it has for decades, and be in compliance with the law," FEA President Andrew Spar wrote to the commissioner.

The muddle over the course comes as local school officials

also deal with issues such as teacher and staff shortages, a statewide universal voucher program approved this year by lawmakers and an oppressive heat wave.

Rebooting the school year after the summer break is always a stressful time for administrators, teachers, students and parents, Florida Association of District School Superintendents CEO Bill Montford told the News Service.

The controversy over the College Board course has exacerbated the situation, said Montford, a former state senator and onetime Leon County schools superintendent.

"It's a tense time, but it always is. This is always a tough time for school districts," Montford said.

Dropping the college-credit course altogether could hit teachers in the wallet. Educators get bonuses for students who receive certain grades on course exams.

Montford said his association is assisting school districts that want to keep offering the course to ensure they comply with state standards.

"This is a very, very complicated issue. And there's a lot at stake here, for the students. For an AP class, there are financial implications, there are educational implications, and so there's a lot to consider," Montford said.



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FAITH

DiscoverLife Church offers ‘signs of encouragement’



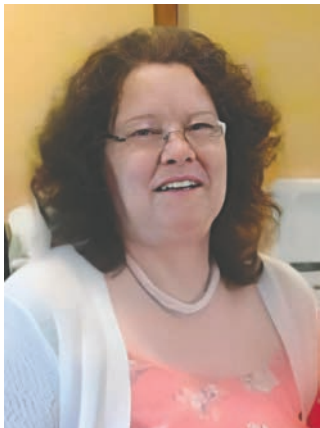
Members of DiscoverLife Church have been spending part of their weekends sharing signs of encouragement with the community. Pastor Mack Glover says it’s a simple way to spread a positive message. “Standing in front of our church holding up encouraging signs and waving with a smile spreads hope and love,” said Pastor Glover. “It reminds people they’re not alone and they matter in the midst of a broken, hurting, and negative world.” The church is located at 3493 Washington Street in Wausau. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]

OBITUARIES

TERESA GOODNER GILLMAN

Teresa Goodner Gillman, age 71, of Westville, Florida passed away Saturday, August 12, 2023, at her home with her loved ones by her side. She was born August 3, 1952, in Tennessee to the late Jerry Benjamin Goodner and Laura Jane Handley. Teresa was a graduate of Merritt Island High School in Merritt Island, Florida. She married the love of her life, Glen Gillman, on January 1, 1972, and they were happily married for 51 years. Teresa was a faithful member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Sweet Jesus Singers. She worked many years as a pharmacy technician at Johnson’s Pharmacy until her retirement.

She is preceded in



Teresa is survived by her loving husband, Glen Gillman; children, Jason Gillman and wife Sharon, and Candy Gillman and husband Tim; grandchildren, Eley Gillman, Kira Gaff, Brittany Rischer, and Elijah Barton; sister, Cindy Goodner

death by her parents; sister, Patty Goodner; brothers, Jerry and Kenny Goodner; and infant daughter, Amanda Gillman.

Cittadini; one special great-granddaughter, Lilli and numerous family members who loved her dearly.

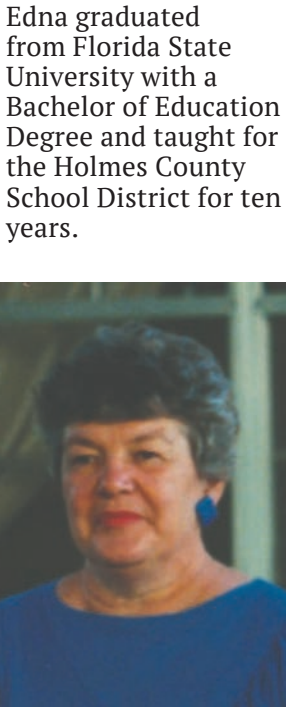
A time of visitation will be held Tuesday, August 15, 2023 in the chapel of Davis-Watkins Funeral Home, 1474 State Highway 83 North, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, 1985 Pleasant Ridge Road, Westville, Florida 32464, beginning at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Dale Paul officiating. Committal services will follow at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements and services are under the direction of Davis-Watkins Funeral Home.

EDNA LEE KESLER KNIGHT

Ms. Edna Lee Kesler Knight, age 90, of Bonifay, Florida passed away August 11, 2023, at her granddaughter’s home in Clermont, Florida. She was born May 19, 1933, in Roanoke, Virginia to the late Lawrence Curtis Kesler and Rosa Lee Garrett Kesler. In addition to her parents, Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Joel Lee Knight Jr, three sons, Joel Lee Knight III, Curtis Bruce Knight, and Jesse Gill Knight, and two sisters, Tudor Frances Kesler Murray and Kathryn Rosamond Kesler Burger.

Edna married Joel Lee Knight Jr. in July of 1956 in Roanoke, Virginia and was blessed with four children. They moved to Bonifay in the summer of 1972 from southwest Florida.



Ms. Knight is survived by one daughter, Rebecca Ann Knight of Marianna, FL; a granddaughter, Yuko Sakino-Floyd and husband Emmanuel Floyd of Clermont, FL; a grandson, Kenji Sakino and wife,

Miki Sakino of Saga, Japan; two great-granddaughters, Sophia Sakino and Katelyn Sakino both of Saga, Japan; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Thursday, August 17, 2023, at East Mt. Zion Methodist Church with Pastor Roger Whitaker and Rev. Jonathan West officiating. Interment will follow in the East Mt. Zion Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 9 to 10 AM at East Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home or East Mt. Zion Methodist Church Building Fund.

MONTE CLINTON WILSON

Monte Clinton Wilson, 68, passed away peacefully on August 5th, 2023, with his children by his side. Born July 6, 1955, to Reta and Willis Wilson in Bethany, Missouri, Monte grew up on a hay farm in Tonganoxie, Kansas and was the eldest of four siblings. After high school, Monte joined the United States Air Force where he served as a mechanic working on aircraft engines during the Vietnam War. Following his stint in the military, he held multiple jobs in many trades, including carpentry, machinist, surveyor, auto mechanic, and satellite technician. He enjoyed working with his hands and he proved to be a fast learner in every venture he strived for. Monte was known to be able to fix or build anything!

Monte lived in Northern California for a few years during the 1970’s and moved to northwest Florida in 1982. He lived most of his life in and around Bonifay, Florida before



at times, but he also had a wonderful sense of humor - something he acquired from his mother. He was clever and full to the brim with knowledge. His passion for history was never-ending - in true Monte fashion, even as he lay in his hospital bed with his end drawing near, his television stayed tuned to the History Channel.

Monte is preceded

moving to Tallahassee in 2004.

Monte loved camping, gardening, canning, and all things outdoors. If he wasn’t outside in nature, he was enjoying his other love - cooking. Monte was strong-willed and stubborn in death by his father, Willis Clinton Wilson, and his sister, Cynthia Luana Cullifer.

Monte is survived by his four children: Amanda Christine Moody (AJ), Willis Patrick Wilson, Jessica Marie Kazmierski (Brett), Megan Lynn Creel (Mike), nine grandchildren: Stephen Farmer, Mikhael Senn, Aaliyah Senn, Lucas Wilson, Connor Creel, Arabella Wilson, Hallie Wilson, Brett Kazmierski, Jase Kazmierski, and one great grandchild: Milana Senn. Monte is also survived by his mother: Reta Eileen Wilson, and his sisters: Lorita Lyn Wilson and Angela Dawn Willsey (Richard).

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 am Friday, August 11, 2023, at Peel Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 am Friday, August 11, 2023, in the Bonifay Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

PAULETTE ESTHER JOHNSON

Ms. Paulette Esther Johnson, age 89, passed away Wednesday, August 9, 2023. She was born on March 7, 1934 in Flint, Michigan to John William Gibbs and Zola Veldora Johnson Gibbs.

Ms. Johnson was a resident of Ponce de Leon, Florida and was Christian by faith. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She owned and operated Johnson Appliance and Repair along with her husband, Aubrey Jack Johnson. She attended Chipola Junior College. She was an avid writer and poet.

Ms. Johnson was preceded in death by father and mother; husband of 34 years Jack Johnson; sister Eden Gibbs; son David Johnson; daughter Judy Johnson; and son-in-law Mike McBride.

Ms. Johnson is survived by her



and husband Hugh Quigley, Carlos Polanco and wife Ana, Daniel Polanco, Steven Stout and wife Stephanie, Christopher Stout, Sarah Tidwell and husband Victor; and great-grandchildren Aubrey, Avery, Dylan, Laura, Brea, Adeline, Naomi, and Vincent.

A time of visitation will be held from 3:00 – 4:00 PM, Saturday, August 12, 2023 at Otter Creek Methodist Church in Ponce de Leon, Florida 32455.

Funeral Service will be held at 4:00 PM, August 12, 2023 at Otter Creek Methodist Church.

Pallbearers will be Steven Stout, Christopher Stout, Victor Tidwell, Joshua Kennemur, Michael Paulk, and Randy Paulk.

Flowers are being accepted.

Burial will follow in Otter Creek Methodist Church Cemetery in Ponce de Leon, Florida.

You may view obituaries, offer condolences and sign the guest book at www.clary-glenn.com. Clary-Glenn Funeral Homes & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements.

Goodbye, summer slump



CALEB DUNCAN
Guest Columnist

Ephesians 5:14, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Why is summer a time when there seems to be a spiritual drought in our lives? If you’re like me, this summer has seemed more draining than restful. As a young man, I still equate my life’s seasons to fall and spring semesters. If you work in the education system, you know what I mean. While Spring is a time for new life, the summer season seems exhausting and draining.

The summer, while eagerly anticipated, often brings with it a unique kind of exhaustion. The sun’s

unrelenting heat and the prolonged daylight hours can gradually drain one’s energy, leaving a sense of weariness that seeps into both body and mind.

The allure of outdoor adventures and social gatherings clashes with the fatigue that accumulates under the sweltering sun. The vibrant energy that initially characterizes the season can sometimes morph into a heavy, listless feeling as the days progress.

Balancing the desire to make the most of the fleeting warmth with the body’s need for rest becomes a delicate dance. Yet, despite the exhaustion, there’s a bittersweet charm to the summer weariness—a reminder that even the most enjoyable seasons can challenge our vitality in unexpected ways.

Even in church trends, summer seems to drop in activity, attendance, and function. But fall brings a pickup of life and vitality because sum-

mer vacations are over, and it’s time to return to the regular routine. Fall brings school, football, fun, and gatherings again. All of this is related to how humans thrive in the practice of routine.

I believe that we feel this drought most of all, in our spiritual

‘...despite the exhaustion, there’s a bittersweet charm to the summer weariness – a reminder that even the most enjoyable seasons can challenge our vitality in unexpected ways.’

lives. But let me encourage you, as you consider your own life, to begin again your pursuit of God’s presence. The Bible tells us in the above verse that if we wake up and pursue spiritual vibrancy and life, Christ will shine on us.

What does this mean? Friends, we will experience more joy from Christ when we seek a joyful life in him.

Indeed, the promise in scripture stands. James 4:8, “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” Do not expect to feel anything from God if you are not drawing near to him.

It will not happen on its own. Philippians 2:12 says, “Work out your own salva-

tion with fear and trembling.” We must pursue God in our personal lives by making a daily effort.

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Where have all the pastors gone?



MICHAEL BROOKS
Guest Columnist

Many things are different in today’s church. Research shows we took a hit during COVID-19, just as other organizations did. Some who weren’t core members, but on the sidelines, haven’t come back. On average churches have between 60 and 80 percent of our pre-COVID attendance. But hope springs eternal. We trust these wandering sheep will come back to the fold and find welcome.

Another perplexing trend is the pastor shortage. I think we saw some of this pre-pandemic. The church I served in Perry County while working at Judson College searched 18 months for my replacement. I assumed there were

many bi-vocational ministers available in the area, but apparently not.

I attended a seminar lately at the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions facility in Prattville. A leader told us we had 554 Alabama Baptist churches currently without pastors, and this number represents 17 percent of our churches. Research shows many pastors retired during the pandemic. But this really doesn’t explain why we don’t have more and younger pastors-in-training coming along.

I remember as a teenager we had two or three “preacher boys” in our congregation committed to church ministry. I recall other local churches did, too. No one seems to have an explanation for the current lack of recruits. (My denomination is primarily staffed by male pastors, but I realize females serve in other churches more regularly.)

Another trend we’ve seen is the aging of pastors. The average age in America today is 38,

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A verse that could transform your marriage



SHERYL BOLDT
Guest Columnist

“Freeze!”

What would happen if, throughout your week, you heard the command to freeze (stop in mid-track) whatever you were saying or thinking? In that frozen moment, would you be OK with the words and thoughts you stopped on?

Would God be OK with them?

Let’s apply the same concept to your marriage. What if your words to your husband or wife (and your thoughts about them)

were suddenly frozen—captured long enough to force you to see and hear your attitude, context and intent?

Would the impact of your words and thoughts encourage your partner’s heart toward you?

Likewise, do your words and thoughts help you feel better about your spouse?

Do you find yourself acting unlovingly toward your wife or disrespecting your husband? It’s especially easy to do so when our spouse makes it hard to love and respect them.

I struggle with this as much as I suspect you do. In fact, during the week while I was writing this article, I blew it more than once. Without intending to, I spoke harshly to Bert, disregarded his opinion and neglected his need for companionship.

So you can imagine how relieved I was when I found the perfect verse to help get me (and you, if you can relate) on track and keep us on track. This verse works even on days when we’re not convinced our spouse is our better half.

Perhaps you’ll recognize Psalm 19:14 (ESV): “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.” Some translations use “strength” in place of “rock.” I like both words.

What would happen if we wrote this verse on an index card or sticky note and meditated on it throughout the day – every hour, if need be? Because if any of our words and thoughts aren’t acceptable in God’s sight, then they probably won’t be in our

partner’s eyes either.

Along with meditating on Psalm 19:14, how would it change all our relationships if we prayed this verse? Envision the transformation in our marriage if we prayed with our whole heart for God to help us change the way we speak and the thoughts we dwell on.

Every word. Every thought. It’s very possible that, as we meditate on, pray and apply Psalm 19:14, we’ll change so much that our spouse’s heart will once again be encouraged toward us.

This, my friend, would be a powerful step toward saving our marriages.

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FAITH EVENTS

Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church Anniversary and Homecoming

Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church will commemorate the church’s 153rd Anniversary and 42nd Homecoming Sunday, Aug. 20, at 11 a.m. The church is located at 816 Sunday Rd. in Chipley.

Night of Worship with Grace and Glory Worship Center

Grace and Glory Worship Center will host a night of worship on Aug. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with no admission cost. The event welcomes anyone age 12 and up but will be mainly geared towards youth and young adults.

ANSWERS

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Mapping the future of agriculture

STAFF REPORT

The demand for food is directly related to population growth. By 2050, food needs are expected to double, according to a study published in the journal Agricultural Economics. That puts increasing pressure on the agricultural sector to meet growing demand. However, many experts think the industry will fall short.

In addition to increased food demand, consumer habits, technology, and policies continue to force the agricultural industry to evolve. Indeed, the agricultural sector may look very different in the future.

Bigger digital footprint

Social media has transformed many industries, and it can

do the same for agriculture.

Farming supply chains can communicate with one another by getting feedback from customers in real time through social media. However, agricultural operations will have to devote teams to manage social media presence, especially since misinformation is so widespread on social media.

Apart from social media, local farmers may increase their efforts to utilize mobile apps and direct-to-consumer purchasing options. The global pandemic helped businesses reimagine takeout and curbside shopping.

Local farms may want to market to the home-shopping community, providing ways to deliver

produce, fresh meat and poultry and other items direct to customers' homes.

Regenerative agriculture

The future may feature a significant shift in the way farms source their ingredients. Regeneration International says that regenerative agriculture can be the future.

This describes farming and grazing practices that may help reverse climate change by rebuilding soil organic matter and restoring degraded soil biodiversity.

Some insist that farmers who utilize regenerative agriculture produce food that is more sustainable and healthy.

This is something eco- and health-conscious consumers can stand behind.



Technological advancement

There's a good chance that technology will continue to play important and growing roles in farming operations.

New agricultural technologies can collect data on soil and plant health and produce results in real time. Precision

farming technology can be developed to deliver integrated solutions no matter the size of the operation.

Shift in what's grown

Farmers may give more thought to sustainable products. Crops like hemp and cannabis are being utilized in new and

innovative ways, and they're only the start as consumers have expanded their views on plant-based foods and products.

While there's no way to see into the future, individuals can anticipate changes that could be in store for the agricultural sector in the decades ahead.

Tips to pick the right plants for your landscape

STAFF REPORT

Veteran gardeners may know their landscapes well and be able to pick the right plants on their own. Novices may need a little help as they look to give their landscapes a whole new look. The following are some helpful tips to help homeowners pick the right plants for their landscapes.

• **Conduct a site evaluation.** A colorful landscape featuring an array of plants and flowers can be eye-catching and add curb appeal to a property. However, where plants will be planted is a significant variable that must be considered before homeowners choose what to plant. The Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment at the University of Massachusetts Amherst notes that site evaluation is the first step when picking plants.

A number of factors must be evaluated, including light availability; water availability; exposure to the elements, including wind and extreme temperatures; and competition from existing vegetation, among other things. Document these variables prior to

picking plants. For example, take note of the area you plan to plant to see if it is full sun or partial shade, and then pick plants whose growing conditions align with those you observe.

• **Look at more than looks.** Aesthetic appeal might be what homeowners most desire from their landscapes, but that appeal is only achieved when the right plants are chosen for a space. If the wrong plants are chosen, they're unlikely to thrive or they could threaten existing vegetation, thus compromising the overall appeal of the property. Native plants can often handle local weather conditions, so prioritize natives over more exotic plants whose key attribute is aesthetic appeal. If jaw-dropping aesthetic appeal is your top priority, speak with a local landscaping professional about which natives can provide that without compromising surrounding vegetation.

• **Consider maintenance prior to planting.** Maintenance is another variable gardeners must consider. Newly planted trees may require substantial watering until they've fully

established their roots, and some homeowners may not have time for that. In addition, certain plants may require a considerable amount of pruning in order to create and maintain the look homeowners desire. Individuals must be willing to invest the time and effort necessary to maintain new plantings that require such diligence. If not, look for plants that don't require much maintenance while keeping in mind that even low-maintenance plants still require some effort and attention.

• **Consider local wildlife.** If your lawn is routinely visited by local wildlife, then look for plants that won't look like a meal to these welcome, if uninvited, guests. For example, if you routinely see deer lounging around in your backyard, look for deer-resistant plants. This is a good way to protect your investment, of both time and money, and ensure minimal wildlife traffic through your newly landscaped yard.

Spring gardens are awe-inspiring, especially when homeowners embrace various strategies for successful planting.

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and the average pastor is age 60. I've known pastors in their late 70s and 80s, including the late, great Charles Stanley.

Though we've seen a number of retirements in recent years, other pastors have "stuck it out" for various reasons. Some say they feel commitment and don't want to leave their churches without leadership during this time of regrowth. Most pastors find great fulfillment in their ministries and don't have overpower-

ing reasons to leave unless health issues surface.

Baptist pastors often joke that they move for one of two reasons: the "pull" of the Lord, or the "push" of the people! A friend involved in multi-denominational ministry told me, sadly, that some pastors "can't afford to retire."

Churches can help in this time of change by encouraging their young people to consider a call to ministry as a worthy vocation. And of course, we've seen those other than young people commit to ministry. A local

community college reported their median student age is 28. This shows it's not just recent high schoolers who study for new careers.

Congregations should offer service opportunities to members considering future ministry. This will not only give them valuable experience, but also be an investment in God's work tomorrow.

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Lonely Paws Club

Hazel is looking for her forever home. (NAT THOMPSON / The News and Advertiser)

My name is Buddy, and I am a single boxer not looking for a fight. I am a brown and white boxer mix who is approximately 2-3 years old and weighs around 35-40lbs. Sometimes, you are just in the wrong place at the wrong time. I guess that was my problem since I spent most of my young life tied to a tree. My previous family just didn't have the time to spend with an energetic young pup, so they tied me up to keep me from running away.

A nice lady rescued and placed me in a foster home with other animals. I love playing with the dogs and cats here, but I would really like a place to call my own. I also love kids, so if you have children, that would really make me happy.

My foster mom says I'm really a good boy and gives me treats. I like treats.

I'm a typical boxer, full of spirit and energy, so a fenced in yard where I can run and romp is a must. I will need some training, but Boxers are smart and learn quickly.

I am currently up to date with my needed vaccines but will need to be neutered. That can be arranged when you adopt me.

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