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Sheriffs give local perspective on new Constitutional Carry law

STAFF REPORT

HOLMES AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES – Florida’s new permitless gun carry law – also called constitutional carry – is not expected to trigger a surge in violent crimes for Washington and Holmes counties, law enforcement officials say.

“It’s a brand-new law, but, honestly, I don’t anticipate that happening in our county,” said Washington County Sheriff Kevin Crews. “That’s because we’re a rural

county and a very conservative county. The residents, for the most part, are already pro Second Amendment and most everybody carries a gun.”

In addition to gun ownership being interwoven into the cultural fabric of small-town America, the premise that licensing impacts the rates of gun violence is questionable, according to Holmes County Sheriff John Tate.

“No, I don’t believe having the permitless carry is going to

increase our violent crime because criminals are going to get guns no matter what,” he said. He referenced the City of Chicago which had a ban on handgun ownership from 1982-2010. After the Supreme Court overturned the ban, the City swiftly enacted strict laws around gun ownership, ultimately banning ownership of what may be considered “assault weapons” like semi-automatic rifles.

Still, with strict laws in place, “they have the highest crime rate

in the country,” Tate pointed out.

All 50 states allow authorized citizens to legally own and conceal firearms. On

‘Any time you have a good person with a gun to possibly stop a bad person with a gun, you’re better off.’

However, the core guidance on concealed carry remains the same: it is illegal for a felon to own a gun; a gun owner may

not tote a gun in prohibited places such as courthouses, public schools, and bars; a gun owner must be at least 21 years of age to be a legal gun owner; a gun owner may not

legally carry a firearm concealed in a state that requires a conceal carry permit.

“It helps the good, honest, law-abiding people to tote concealed without having to go through the permit process,” Tate said.

Both Crews and Tate confirmed there has not been a noticeable impact on violent crimes in their counties since the law has passed. And both sheriffs also said the law does not

-Holmes County Sheriff John Tate

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Non-profit civic group Waukesha Way partnered with other organizations and local businesses at Memorial Field in Bonifay Saturday, August 5, to give away school supplies to local children. In addition to the supplies, students were able to also pick up a fun day of water activities, games, food, and more. To learn more about Waukesha Way, visit waukeshaway.org. [CAROL KENT | The News and Advertiser

Holmes Co. explores employees raises

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In a three to two vote, with Phillip Music and Earl Stafford voting no, the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners voted on August 1 to explore giving raises to all county workers.

The subject of raises was brought to the attention of the board by District five Commissioner Clint Erickson.

“A 2.5 percent raise is what I would like to see,” Erickson told fellow commissioners in the August 1 meeting.

The board expressed the discussion was a difficult one to have because the county already has a \$200,000 shortfall in meeting the annual budget.

“We have workers barely making their bills with all the increases like car insurance, house insurance,” said Erickson. “We need to do something if we can.”

The county is already stretched thin while attempting to make this year’s budget.

Rising cost in employee

health insurance paid by the county adds to the budget woes, commissioners said.

Adding countywide raises could reportedly add an estimated \$150,000 to the new fiscal year’s expenditure – as well as more strain on the county.

Other agenda items discussed included the unfreezing of a position to hire another shop mechanic. Currently there are only two, and a third person is needed.

The county is also looking into Florida Recreation Development Association Program (FRDAP) grants to be used for playground equipment for Dogwood Lakes and Prosperity Park. Grants of under fifty thousand dollars can be applied for with no matching funds.

County Attorney Nate Nolin is also moving forward with a new appointment and reappointment policy, which will be revisited at the next meeting.

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners will meet again at 9 a.m. on August 15.

Wausau Town Council holds interviews for town clerk

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Wausau Town Council met in special session, Thursday August 3, to hold job

interviews for the position of town clerk. Longtime clerk Margaret Riley will retire effective August 31.

Five prospective applicants were publicly

interviewed and asked a series of questions dealing with their background, business life, qualifications for the job, and their future plans.

The Council will review the applicants interviews and their applications, returning to vote on the new clerk in their next business meet-

ing, Thursday, August 17 at 5 p.m.

Other items discussed were: the paving of Jefferson Street - from 6th Avenue to the Possum Palace,

and Jackson Street from 4th Avenue to Pioneer Road.

Both project will be funded by Small County Outreach Program (SCOP)

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Money sought from state in at least ten ‘claim bills’ filed ahead of 2024 legislative session

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

In statewide news, ten bills are seeking “claims” from the state. A man shot in the neck by a Lakeland police officer more than two decades ago and a woman who was critically injured and later died after a Florida Highway Patrol officer used a stun gun on her are among the subjects of the newly filed “claim” bills in the state Senate.

The bills, filed before a Friday deadline for such legislation, seek more than \$38.1 million for incidents in which state or local government agencies played roles in people’s deaths or injuries.

A legal concept known as “sovereign immunity” typically shields agencies from paying

large amounts in lawsuits. But claim bills, if passed, direct agencies to pay more than sovereign-immunity caps.

As an example of the bills, Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, filed a measure (SB 20) that seeks \$312,500 for Reginald Jackson, who was shot in the neck by a Lakeland police officer during a 2001 traffic stop. The officer was deemed to have discharged his firearm in a careless and negligent manner, according to the bill.

A jury awarded \$412,500 to Jackson, but only \$100,000 has been paid because of sovereign immunity. As another example, Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-Miami Gardens, filed a measure (SB 4) that seeks \$1.75 million for the

estate of Danielle Maudsley, 20, who in September 2011 tried to flee while handcuffed at a Florida Highway Patrol substation in Pinnellas Park, where she was being processed for traffic offenses.

A trooper fired his stun gun into her back and she fell on the pavement, causing a traumatic brain injury. Maudsley remained in a vegetative state until she died two years later.

Under sovereign immunity, her estate received \$200,000 out of a \$1.95 million settlement reached in 2015. The bill calls for paying the remaining \$1.75 million. Past attempts to pass a claim bill in the Maudsley case have failed.

The bills were filed for consideration during the 2024 legislative session, which will start in Janu-

ary. Friday’s deadline did not apply to non-claim bills, which will be filed in the coming months.

Another claim was filed on behalf of a man who was exonerated after spending 34 years in prison for an armed robbery.

He would receive \$1.722 million from the state, under a newly filed Senate bill. Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-Miami Gardens, filed the so-called “claim” bill (SB 6) for consideration during the 2024 legislative session, which will start in January.

The bill, filed Friday, would compensate Sidney Holmes, who was convicted in April 1989 of armed robbery with a firearm for a 1988 incident outside a Fort Lau-

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CARRY

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change how their law enforcement offices approach encounters with potential criminals.

“It did not change anything,” Crews said, candidly. “We assume everybody has a gun.”

Local gun safety training

Holmes County Sheriff’s Office has long held gun safety training classes, including an Advanced Training course he launched in 2019 geared toward improving the firearm techniques of current concealed carry permit holders.

Through both a classroom session and time spent in simulations of real-life scenarios, participants reviewed safety practices and mental preparedness, as well as took part in exercises that focused on marksmanship, reacting, and shooting from a variety of positions, threat assessment, and other tactical principles.

Now with the new law in place, HCSO has identified an opportunity to schedule more dates for the advanced level of training.

“Any time you have a good person with a gun to possibly stop a bad person with a gun, you’re better off,” Tate said. “We’re going to revamp our class to include more shooting and gun safety. Education for people who want to get more familiar and comfortable with totting a firearm.”

HCSO has secured a grant from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to develop and implement the training program and will announce a launch date via their website and social media.

For more information: contact HCSO at holmescosheriff.org and follow at Facebook.com/HolmesCoSheriff; contact WCSO at wco.us and follow at Facebook.com/WashingtonCountySheriffsOffice.

New toll road eyed in Northwest Florida

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News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE --- Transportation officials have started working on a proposal that could lead to a new toll road linking Interstate 10 and U.S. 98 in Northwest Florida, as the state’s Turnpike Enterprise increases its presence in the region.

The Turnpike Enterprise, a division of the Florida Department of Transportation, introduced a rough outline last week for a multibillion-dollar, four-lane toll expressway from Interstate 10 to U.S. 98 along Florida Power

“So, the facility needs to prove that it can pay for itself.”

Recent proposals to build toll roads in other parts of the state have run into community opposition.

A department report in December on a proposed northern extension of the Florida Turnpike from Wildwood to Citrus County or Levy County said plans should wait until improvements are completed on Interstate 75, along with some other transportation work in the region.

The report also pointed to a need to “prioritize engagement to avoid

communities to the north, including at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.

Projected at a cost of \$2.76 billion to \$3.11 billion if opened in 2035, the approximately 50-mile corridor is pitched as providing an emergency-response route, improving commuter and tourist travel and providing support to Tyndall Air Force Base and the terminals at Port Panama City.

“A turnpike to I-10 would also provide us another emergency egress point in case of a hurricane,” Panama City Beach Councilman Michael Jarman told the Panama City News Herald. “With the growth of the area, having more ways in and out, especially those that can be faster, are only going to benefit us as a county.”

Three routes are being eyed, including one that would jog east into Gulf County. Each route would connect to I-10 more than 20 miles east of the U.S. 231 interchange in Jackson County.

The state estimates construction at \$58 million a mile, based on recent turnpike expansion costs. Motorists would face a 20-cent-per-mile charge. Transportation officials project tolls would offset bonded construction costs if the route does not go into Gulf County.



& Light property and easements in Bay, Calhoun and Jackson counties and maybe Gulf County.

Ivette Ruiz-Paz, a department spokeswoman, said in an email Monday that “a draft study report is being finalized.”

Any proposal would have to go through numerous studies and reviews, and the local community would have to show a transportation need and support through private-sector partnerships, Carol Scott, Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise planning manager, told members of the Bay County Transportation Planning Organization last week.

“Toll facilities are funded by toll revenues and bonds against those revenues,” Scott said.

communities and other resources that have substantial cultural, historic or other significance.”

The turnpike extension was among three toll-road projects that the Legislature approved in 2019. The plans were mostly scrapped two years later. They did not include projects in Northwest Florida.

The Bay County Transportation Planning Organization requested a study about building a toll road from I-10 to U.S. 98 about a year ago.

During the meeting last week, panel members said being able to drive 75 mph from coastal areas to I-10 for \$10 would bring a lot more SunPass users to the region.

But they also acknowledged a need to set up meetings with local officials in

McCall wins Ward 2 seat in Chipley elections

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The City of Chipley municipal election was held Tuesday, August 1 with Ward 3 Tracy Andrews running unopposed and John “Tommy” Sasser and Cheryl Gainer McCall vying for Ward 2.

Incumbent John “Tommy” Sasser has held the seat since 2014

but lost it by 29 votes in this election.

Cheryl Gainer McCall previously served on the council from 2007 to 2011 and says she is excited to serve her community once again.

The self-described “Harley-ridin’ Dachs-hund mama” says she isn’t afraid to ask the hard questions.

“Iran on the platform

of asking the hard questions,” said McCall. “I plan to do just that. Keep watch; there are changes coming to the city.”

“The people made their voices heard; they want change,” she added. “People aren’t happy with city hall being unfriendly. They aren’t happy with the Chipley Police Department not having

enough patrolmen on a shift. The condition of our streets is also a big issue that people are unhappy with, especially with our city having one of the highest tax rates.”

McCall says she is thankful to those who voted.

“I just want to thank all of the people who came out in 97 degree weather to vote,” said



Cheryl Gainer McCall

McCall. “I will do my best to help bring about much needed change to our city.”



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OPINION

Are you clinging to your landline?



DANNY TYREE
Guest Columnist

If I could somehow call my father in the Great Beyond, I'd confess that I'm turning into him.

I always felt sorry for Dad because inertia took control, and he continued paying a monthly rental fee on his landline phone for years and years after telephone industry deregulation made it possible for consumers to own their unit outright.

Well, yours truly has been paying for both wireless service and a seldom-used landline (from a different provider) for an embarrassingly long time.

(In my defense, until just recently, our cell-phone coverage would huff and puff and not penetrate the front door. For years, it was as if we sprinkled Passover lamb's blood on the doorposts and lintel to ward off the Angel of Death and, oh yeah, doctor's appointment changes and severe weather alerts.)

I've appreciated 30 years of cheerful service from the maintenance team ("We'll remove the drooping tree limb that's causing static, although that acorn over yonder may still be problematic..."); but I finally cut the

cord today, discontinuing both landline phone and DSL internet service.

I realize a landline remains a lifeline for many people (including traditionalists who keep a set of birdwatching binoculars nearby for pursuing the rare ruby-throated printed phone book); but since I communicate with most friends and relatives either through social media or face-to-face, it became a luxury that was nickeling-and-diming me to death.

It was a nuisance as well. Signing up for a "Do not call" list was like posting a "Wet Paint" sign or ripping off a tourniquet in shark-infested waters.

Once in a blue moon, I enjoyed a surprise chat with a long-lost cousin; but mostly my family encountered a supertime barrage of calls alternating between (a) "Would you like to participate in an unbiased survey about which corner of hell should be reserved for the leading Democrat/Republican/Whig candidate?," (b) "We'd like to thank you in advance for your donation to the Sheriff of Nottingham's Benevolent Fund," (c) "Cost-effective Replacement Wasp Nests are easier to install that you might think" and (d) "Oops...we got the wrong continent, but maybe you'd like to hear this Amber Alert, anyway."

Don't get me started on our internet experience. Sure, our DSL

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Biden: Leader of the Fleece World



RON HART
Guest Columnist

The Bribe-en Family jig might be up.

The man, Joe Biden, who says he has only worked for us as a humble government employee his whole career, yet who managed to buy multiple million-dollar beachfront mansions (all the while fretting about seas rising because of global warming) is about to reveal the source of all those millions.

Devon Archer (whose name sounds

just like a prep school brat Hunter Biden would know) is a former best friend and "partner in crime" of Hunter, was deposed by the House Oversight Committee on Monday. He was previously convicted of defrauding the Wakpamni, a Native American tribe, of over \$59 million in a fraudulent deal.

It was the worst crime against Native Americans since Sen. Elizabeth "Pocahontas" Warren's appropriation scam. Now just because I call my Jeep "Elizabeth Warren" because it is pale white and identifies as a Cherokee does not mean it gets into Harvard with a 1200 SAT. A mosquito could bite Elizabeth Warren and take all her Native American

blood.

CNN and the rest of the corporate media ran with the headline: Archers said Hunter Biden trafficked in the "illusion" of his dad's involvement. "The 10% for the Big Guy," (then VP Joe Biden) was said on 20 calls, per Devon. The Bidens have systematically lied to the American people and normalized corruption.

Remember, these are the same media and Democrat politicians who, during the Presidential election three years ago, said that the Hunter Biden laptop was "Russian disinformation." Only recently did they admit it was real.

In the hearings, House Democrats feigned outrage when

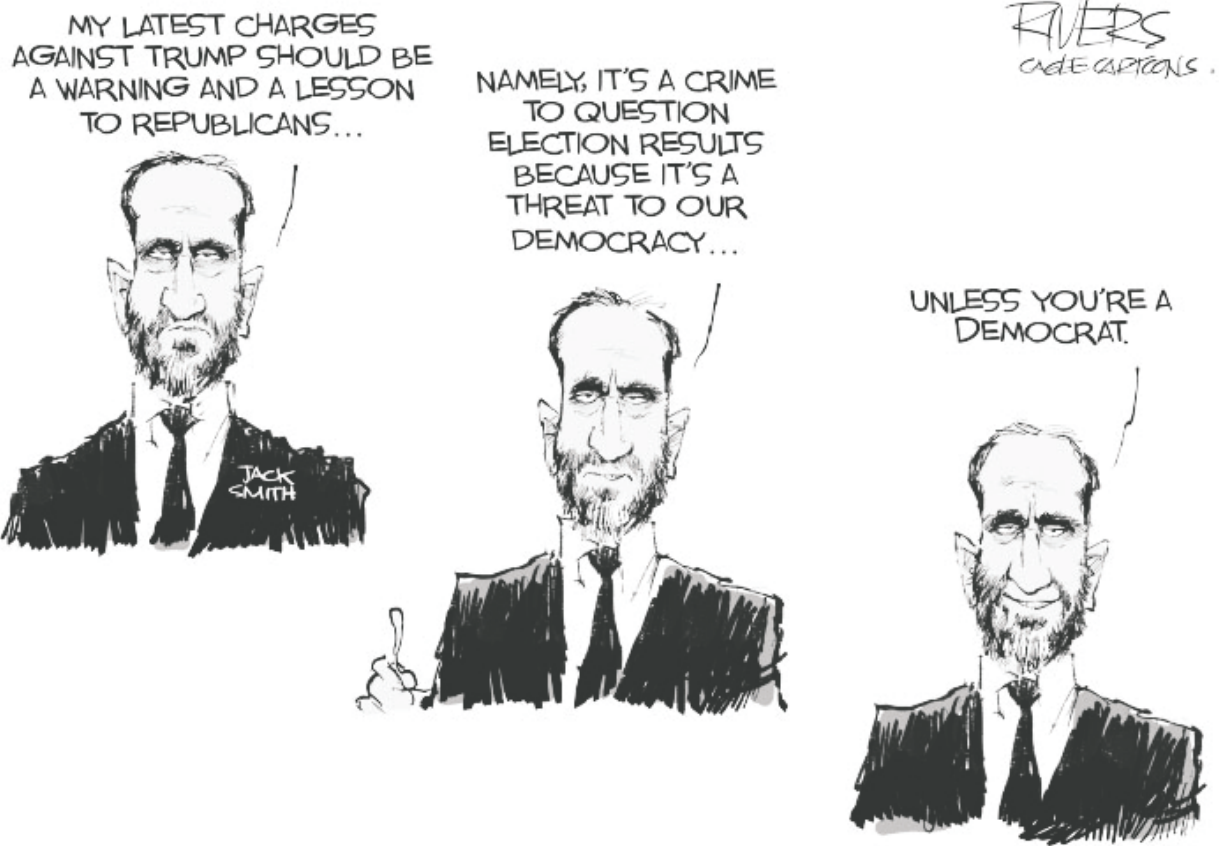
Republican members showed pictures of topless prostitutes from Hunter's laptop. I think that all Democrats know that they have no place in a closed Congressional hearing. They belong in an elementary school drag show for 2nd graders.

Just like politicians, they wanted to cut these images out of the hearing to save time.

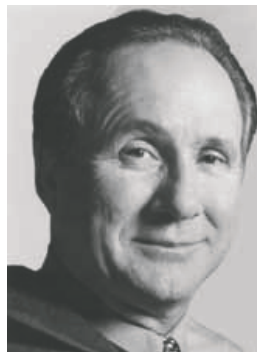
Where were they when the movie Oppenheimer was being edited? (As an aside, Hunter Biden saw Oppenheimer and then did mushrooms.)

Just remember the laptop, where Hunter told someone that he was shaking the person down because "10% was going to the

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Reagan family values versus Biden family values



MICHAEL REAGAN
Guest Columnist

"In the eight years that my father was President of the United States I never once sat in the room with business associates and called him on the phone. If I had, the Democrats would have skewered me."

When I posted that tweet the other day, it got a huge response.

As we know from this week's big whistleblower news, over the course of 10 years

— while Joe Biden was vice president and when he was out of power — Hunter Biden put his father on speaker phone at least 20 times during meetings he was having with foreign business people.

That bombshell proved Joe Biden was lying all those times he told voters and the media that he never once talked with Hunter about his sweet business deals with Ukrainian gas companies and Chinese banks.

It also showed how differently Joe and my father were when it came to using the power and political influence of the presidency to enrich their extended families and friends.

The story of how

my father "helped" me goes back to Election Night in 1966.

My dad was running for governor of California. I was 21 and working on a trucking dock in Los Angeles, loading oil well freight from 5 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

I had just dropped out of college. And when I did, my parents laid down the law.

They said, "While you were in college, we picked up the tab. But now that you've dropped out, you get to pick up the tab. Find a place to live and get a job."

The victory celebration for my dad was at the old Ambassador Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. I got off early from work and remember

going up to my father and congratulating him on winning the governorship.

The next thing I did was ask him for a job.

I thought any politician would immediately open the door and give their offspring a job if they wanted it or needed it. But my father said, "I don't believe in nepotism."

I guess I should have asked for the job before I voted for him, but he really believed what he said.

When he became president, I got a call from White House lawyer Fred Fielding. It was a simple conversation.

"You are going to be approached by many people who will want to use you

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REAGAN

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to get to your father,” he said. “They will offer you all kinds of things. Please, before you do anything, pick up the phone and call me. Here’s my number.”

Anytime anyone would call me – and many people did – I’d call Fielding. I’d tell him I was approached by X, Y or Z and what they wanted me to do.

Most of the time, Fielding would say, “You’re calling me, so your gut is probably telling you it’s not a

good deal. So go with your gut.”

That’s what I did – and still do – because the attempts to buy the Reagan brand have never really stopped.

In 2019, when Volodymyr Zelensky was running for president of Ukraine I was offered \$100,000 just to fly to Kiev to endorse Zelensky.

It wasn’t because I knew anything about Zelensky or Ukraine, it was because of who my father was.

I didn’t have a White House lawyer to call for advice, but I had the knowledge I need-

ed to make the right decision. I went with my gut and declined the Ukrainian offer, figuring it would not look good if I was ever hauled before a congressional committee.

Based on the revelations about the Biden family’s dirty operations, First Son Hunter obviously does things differently. So does his dad.

If I had called my father about endorsing Zelensky he would have told me not to do it, but he was a better kind of president.

He understood he was serving the coun-

try. He wasn’t asking the country to serve him – or his family.

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the son of President Ronald Reagan, is an author, speaker and president of the Reagan Legacy Founda-

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HART

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Big Guy.” And when talking about Joe and Hunter Biden: Hunter’s text to his daughter about a grift said, “But don’t worry.

Unlike Pop, I won’t make you give me half your salary.”

This is industrialized family corruption. For years Biden did not acknowledge

Hunter’s daughter by an Arkansas stripper, saying she was not his. She is. They probably just didn’t want to have to cut her in on the booty.

Just think about the tens of millions Hunter raked in hustling the “Biden Brand.”

Hunter and Devon Archer had no skills and no deliverable value to these corrupt countries who paid them money, other than what Joe Biden would do for them. This is textbook corruption. The DOJ is so mad at them that it is going to indict Barron

Trump for something. If the truth is ever told, we will learn that Joe Biden’s brother, Jim, was the biggest bagman for the Biden Delaware Crime Family.

And as Jill Biden’s ex-husband, Bill Stevenson, can attest (after suddenly tax charges were filed against him when he would not pay a Biden family bribe in Delaware), the Bidens control that small state like a Mafia boss controls a union port in New Jersey.

The family has become a joke, as has our nation. As the “Babylon Bee” reports:

“WILMINGTON, DE — A strange cocaine-like substance discovered at a federal court Wednesday definitely did not belong to Hunter Biden despite it being found on his courtroom chair. The Secret Service detail charged with protecting the President’s son says the illegal-like substance was probably left by “a tour group or something.”

“Courtrooms have tours, right? From kids on a field trip, maybe? I bet it was one of them,” said Special Agent Phil Quench.

And how about that sweetheart plea deal Hunter got from Delaware prosecutors for all his crimes?

Hey, prosecutors, I will plead to misdemeanors for crimes I did, or even did not do, with no jail time for immunity for anything else I did or may do.

Who wouldn’t?

The media will treat all these corruption proofs the same way Biden treated his 7th grandchild. They will take years and only acknowledge the facts when they are so embarrassed by those facts that they have to.

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was cutting-edge at the time we graduated from a dial-up connection; but its “I think I can, I think I can” tenacity just couldn’t handle the era of streaming. Netflix and chill? No, it was more like “Netflix and maybe it’ll finish buffering by the end of the next ice age.”

I felt guilty about how many years of service we squeezed out of our DSL modem/router. But

when we went searching from store to store for a replacement, I could see the “What century are you from?” look in the eyes of merchants. They humored us by advising, “If you really want to share communications, we have this lantern and this horse. Now practice saying, ‘One if by land and two if by sea...’”

I’m sure I’ll adapt to the reality of not having a (costly) backup plan, but I still regret mischievous stunts I never got to execute.

My wife and I often fantasized about keeping an airhorn handy for unwelcome callers.

And if only I could channel my father to respond to an overly bubbly telephone solicitor!

“Good evening. Am I speaking to Danny Tyree?”

“Not anymore, jack-ass!” SLAM!!!

Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page “Tyree’s Tyrades.”

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

TOWN OF WAUSAU REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES

The Town of Wausau is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit the Town of Wausau’s financial statements.

RFP Deadline: August 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM, CST and opened at 5:00 PM during the regular Council Meeting,

LATE PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE, EITHER BY MAIL OR OTHERWISE, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. PROPOSALS OFFERED ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR FOR ASSURING THAT PROPOSALS ARE RECEIVED IN CITY HALL BY THE DESIGNATED DATE AND TIME. NO FAXED, ELECTRONIC OR ORAL PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Information regarding the proposal can be obtained from Margaret Riley or Marcy Brock, at Town Hall, 1607 Second Avenue, Wausau FL 32463; 850-638-1781, townofwausau@bellsouth.net or clerk@wausaufl.net

To be considered, firms must submit one (1) original and seven (7) copies (total of 8) in a sealed envelope with the words “PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES” WRITTEN ON THE OUTSIDE AND ADDRESSED TO:

Margaret Riley
Town Clerk
Town of Wausau
1607 Second Avenue
P O Box 39
Wausau FL 32463

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

Washington County offering free service to alert property owners to potential fraud

CAROL KENT
Ckent@kentsmith.biz

Washington County is now offering a free consumer property protection service that will send alerts to homeowners and other property owners regarding potential fraud. Property Fraud Alert is an online subscription service offered to the public that allows them to have their name monitored within the Recorder's office in order to track possible fraudulent recordings that affects their property. The threat of mortgage fraud and identity theft crimes continue to rise, and all too often victims of these types of fraudulent activities are unaware their homes or identity have been stolen. While Property Fraud Alert

does not prevent fraud from happening; officials say it provides an early warning system for property owners to take appropriate actions should they determine possible fraudulent activity has taken place. Washington County Clerk of Court Lora Bell says the system is an effective tool in fighting fraudulent property transactions. "I encourage all property owners in Washington County to take advantage of this free service," said Bell. "We are grateful to have the opportunity to add Property Fraud Protection to the list of services provided through The Washington County Clerk and Comptroller's Office, and as always, invite you to contact us if we can be of assistance." A common property fraud scenario

involves a criminal filing a bogus deed making it appear that the actual owner had transferred ownership of a parcel to someone else. The criminal then takes that deed to a bank, fraudulently obtains a mortgage, and then disappears with a large amount of money. While it can happen to anyone, perpetrators of property fraud often prey on the elderly, people in long term care facilities, absentee property owners, and owners who spent large parts of the year out of town. Those who subscribe to the service will be notified when the name they have submitted is used in any recording activities within the Recorder's office. When subscribing to the service, the subscriber will have the option to choose from being notified by email

or through a phone call. "The best protection against property fraud is being proactive," said the Clerk of Court's Office in a press release. "This service is easy to sign up for and offers a little extra peace of mind with just a few clicks of the computer mouse." While not yet available in Holmes County, officials there say they are exploring the service as an option for property owners there as well. Property Fraud Alert is available in Washington County by free web subscription at: property-fraudalert.com/WASHINGTON or by calling 800-728-3858. The Property Fraud Alert link is also available from the on the Washington County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's website at www.washingtonclerk.com.

CLAIM BILLS

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derdale convenience store, according to the bill. Holmes, who had previous felony convictions, was sentenced to 400 years in prison but maintained his innocence in the armed robbery. This year, a review by the Broward County State Attorney's Office led to an order vacating his judgment and sentence. Under the bill, the Legislature would acknowledge that "the state's system of justice yielded an imperfect result that had tragic consequences

in this case." A third bill is seeking \$20 million from Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). A Senate Republican has filed a bill that calls for the state to pay \$20 million because of alleged negligence by the Florida Department of Children and Families that contributed to a child suffering neurological damage and other injuries. Rep. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, filed the bill (SB 8) Friday for consideration during the 2024 legislative session, which will start in January. The bill said the

child, identified by the initials C.C., was born in August 2014 addicted to methadone because of his mother's drug use. The child was hospitalized for about a month after birth before being discharged to his mother, a Fort Myers resident. The bill alleged the Department of Children and Families had involvement with the mother dating to 2012 and that it received a series of reports about her on a child-abuse hotline before and after the child was born. In September 2015, the toddler overdosed on the mother's methadone and was in a



Sidney Holmes is pictured reuniting with his family following being exonerated in a Broward County courtroom on March 13, 2023, after serving more than 34 years of a 400-year sentence for a 1998 armed robbery. A "claim bill" seeking \$1.722 million from the state has been filed on Holmes' behalf. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

coma for two weeks, according to the bill. He was hospitalized for a month and was ultimately placed in the care of his father. The bill said the "department's negligence resulted in severe and permanent injuries to C.C.

... including, but not limited to, an anoxic brain injury; seizures; strokes and neurological impairments; permanent hearing, vision, and speech impediments; cognitive impairment, including memory loss and learning disabili-

ties; and permanent injuries impacting his coordination and gross and fine motor skills, requiring lifelong care." The so-called "claim" bill seeks \$20 million, with money put in a trust for the child.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS

The following marriage licenses were issued in Washington County in August 2023:

July 5, 2023
Laura Bowman and Traci Morrell
July 7, 2023
Wayne Seaman and


Betty Watford
July 14, 2023
Holly Corne and Jacob Swindle
July 17, 2023
Janie Watkins and Jesse Mixon
Sierra Finch and Jonathan Padgett
July 19, 2023
Savannah Capps and Taylor Heath
Kathy Watkins and Edward Brannon
July 21, 2023
Susan-Marie Cushman and Kyle Rabon
July 25, 2023
Kelly Laing and Christopher Pearce
July 31, 2023
Skyler Clayton and Skyler Meadows

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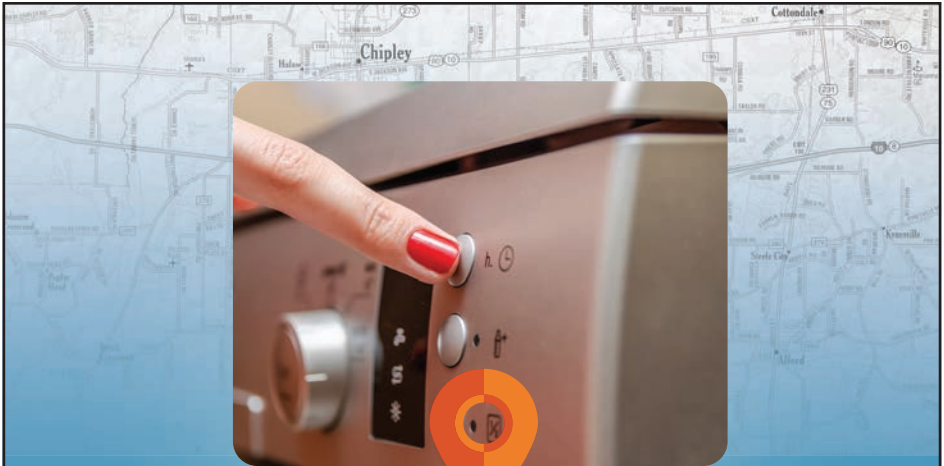



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WASHINGTON COUNTY
FELONY COURT DOCKET

The following cases were set to be heard in Washington County felony court proceedings Monday, Aug. 7, 2023 before Judge Colby Peel.

Caleb Luke Brooks- Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill X3, neglect child without great bodily harm X2, tampering in felony 3rd degree proceeding.

Mary Elizabeth Buckhalt- Grand theft more than 300 dollars less than 5000 dollars, possession of controlled substance without prescription, possession or use of drug paraphernalia,

Shaniyah Lee Byrd- Battery, criminal mischief: damage property 1000 dollars or more.

Justin Lee Cannon- Possession of controlled substance without prescription, elude LEO with lights/siren activated.

Jennifer Lynne Audrea Clayborn- Possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Timothy Lee Collins- Deal in stolen property.

Raveen Takeya Earnest- Possession of controlled substance.

Joel Nassier Echols- Battery second or subsequent offense.

Jamie Dawn Ewing- Possession of controlled substance X2.

Lee Earl Gaskins- DWLSR third or subsequent offense, hit and run with injury.

Willie Gibbs- Fail redeliv hired leased prop 300 dollars or more.

Noah Bryce Haddock- Tamper or fabricate physical evidence.

Sean Emerald Hammock- Lewd/Lascivious behavior molest victim age 12-16 offender age 18+.

Matthew S Harwood- Battery second or subsequent offense, possess counterfeit identification or driver's license X3.

Xavier Hooks- Intimidation-send written threat to kill or injure.

Timothy Wesley Tyler Hooper- Possession of controlled substance without prescription, possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

Andrzej Marcin Kalina- Larceny: grand theft more than 10 thousand dollars less than 20 thousand dollars, criminal mischief in church or religious building, unarmed burglary unoccupied dwelling.

Dana Lavon Lucious- Traffic methamphetamine more than 14 grams.

Antoinette Mary

Martin- Smuggle controlled substance into prison, traffic amphetamine 14 grams or over, traffic phenethylamines over 10 grams.

Thablit Nadir Maateen- DWLSR: habitual offender.

Hunter Lynn Mayberry- Interfere with custody of minor in-comp person.

Christopher Lee Robert- c, DWLS second offense, evidence destroying concealing physical evidence, possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon X2.

Scottie Dewett Shirah- Possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon, animal cruelty death with pain/suffering.

Lucas Clayton Slater- DWLSR habitual offender.

Randall Joseph Stasko- Possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Bronnie Tolbert- false identification given to LEO, possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon.

Troy Allen Tyus- Possession of controlled substance without prescription, grand theft of motor vehicle.

Nathan Scott Ward- Possession of controlled substance without prescription X2, DWLSR first offense, possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

Joan Deborah Anne Zero- Possession of controlled

substance without prescription, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Ashley Ann Allen- Fraud-illegal use CR/CRD use mre two tim six ms obt gds 06/30/2022 \$100/ovr, fraud: impersonation victim 60 YOA or older.

Richard Edmund Buswell- Battery on victim 65 YOA or older.

Gamon Jarelle Coleman- Battery, domestic battery by strangulation.

Reyji Ajerrion Davis- Carrying concealed weapon or firearm.

Desmond Tobias Dixon- Elude LEO at high speeds.

Charles Allan Dunn- Child abuse without great bodily harm.

Gilroy Marvin Elizee- Possession of cocaine with intent to sell or distribute, destroying or altering physical evidence, possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

Davie Green Jr.- Assault on person 65 YOA or older.

Brian Isaac Hall- Sell marijuana within 1000 ft of specified area, possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

Jessie Dixon Hall- Domestic battery by strangulation.

Jarvis Jermaine Hampton- Grand theft of motor vehicle, sell vehicle with altered numbers.

Randall Raymond Hill Jr.- Burglary of dwelling over 1000 dollars, grand theft more than 300 less than 5000 dollars, flee/elude police with disregard to safety.

Jason Spencer Johnson- Possession of controlled substance without prescription, destroy or alter physical evidence, DWLSR second offense.

Gregory Oneal King- Flee/elude LEO with lights or siren active, DWLSR third or subsequent offense.

Hailey Michelle Lawson- Damage property 1000 dollars or more.

Marshall Lee Montgomery- Possession of cocaine with intent to distribute or sell, destroy or alter physical evidence, possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

Jackie Wade Moon- Commit felony battery.

Devin Lee Mott- Sale of methamphetamine.

Justin Cody Mullins- Aggravated stalking: follow harass cyberstalk after injunction.

William Preston Murphy Jr.- Smuggle controlled substance into prison, bribery.

Benjamin Pearson Jr.- Possession of cocaine with intent to sell or distribute, destroying or alte Wring physical evidence, possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

Darnell Keith Roy-

Possession of ammo or weapon by convicted felon.

Daniel Tyrome Sharpe- Battery second or subsequent offense.

Serena Cherlane Shipes- Possession or use of drug paraphernalia, smuggle contraband into a detention facility.

Cameron Thomas Shouppe- Burglary of unoccupied structure unarmed X3, sale of opium or deriv.

Leeazia Marie Taylor- Possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Tina Marie Wallace- Public order crimes criminal conspiracy felony second degree, bribery X9, public order crime use 2 way communication device to facil felony X9.

Edward Allen Walters- Damage property 1000 dollars or more.

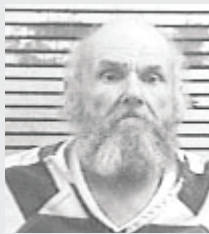
Kayla Leann Wasson- Aggravated assault with deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Brittney Leigh Williams- Sale of schedule I or II controlled substance X2, sale of oxycodone, grand theft more than 300 less than 5000 dollars.

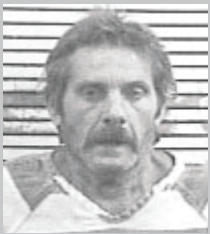
Brent Gerard Willis- Possession of cocaine with intent to distribute or sell, destroy or alter physical evidence, possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

Holmes County
Arrest Reports

The following arrests were made in Holmes County between July 29 and August 4 as reported by the Holmes County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Wiley Coleman Armstrong, 66, Vernon - Criminal mischief - 1,000 or more, Arson - second degree- two counts [HCSO]



Robert Wayne Bledsoe, 55, address not listed - VOP - warrant [HCSO]



Sierra Leeann Gery, 19, Bonifay - VOP - DWLSR, Out of county warrant [HCSO]



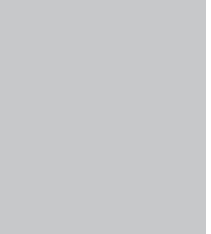
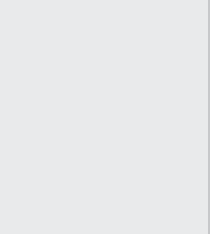
Kalen Keith Miller, 25, Bonifay - DWLS - First offense, Out of county warrant [HCSO]



James Braxton Kyler Oakley, 25, Cadiz, KY - Possession of cocaine, Tampering with evidence [BPD]



Summer Plass Arnold, 45, Greenwood - Petit theft - first offense, Possession of paraphernalia [HCSO]



Abdib Malik Bell, 26, Chipley- Battery second or subsequent offense. [WCSO]



Benjamin Ellis Best, 43, Chipley- Possession of controlled substance without prescription. [WCSO]



Christopher Guy Copeland, 31, Chipley- Sex Offender Violation: fail to register as required. [WCSO]



Kody Aaron Daugherty, 31, Caryville- Possession of controlled substance without prescription, possession or use of drug paraphernalia. [WCSO]



Octavin Jerome Davis, 45, Marianna- DWLSR habitual offender, resist officer: obstruct by disguised person. [WCSO]



Matthew Allen Finch, 33, Chipley- VOP: battery by person detained in prison or jail facility, Lewd/Lascivious behavior exhibition victim less than 16 YOA. or identification. [WCSO]



Matthew Steven Harwood, 42 - Panama City- Battery, possess counterfeit driver's license or identification. [WCSO]



Cynthia Lynn Hughes, 42, Homeless- VOP: Arson- first degree dwelling people present. [WCSO]



Tommy Jake Jackson, 32, Marianna- Deliver or distribute methamphetamine. [WCSO]



Nicholas Gregory Long, 43, Cottondale- DUI, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. [WCSO]



Atulkumar Gopalbhai Modi, 58, Chipley- Gambling: own or store slot machine first offense, Fraud: money laundering over 300 dollars less than 20 thousand dollars. [WCSO]



Hubert Earl Parrish, 61, Chipley- Battery. [WCSO]



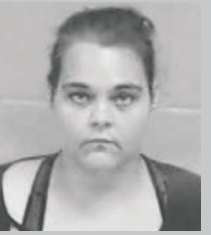
Donald Earl Pendleton, 33, Cottondale- Trespassing occupied structure or conveyance. [WCSO]



Cristian David Proctor, 23, Ebro- Lewd/Lascivious conduct by person 18 YOA or older, Lewd//Lascivious Battery victim age 12-16. [WCSO]



Billy Alan Smith, 43, Chipley- Sexual Predator Violation: fail to register X2, Sexual Predator Violation: fail to change or renew info on card within 48 hours, Sex Offender Violation: fail to report vacating residence within 48 hours. [WCSO]



Emily Margaret Van Avery, 33, Caryville- Trespassing occupied structure or conveyance. [WCSO]



Darrel Craig Wickson, 40, Bonifay- DWLSR third or subsequent offense. [WCSO]



Dominique Franchesca Works, 37, Caryville- Trespassing occupied structure or conveyance. [WCSO]



Michael Allen Young, 42, Ebro- Aggravated battery victim 65 YOA or older. [WCSO]

Washington County

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<p>000250 NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX DEED</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Certificate #: 16-00-04478</p> <p>Year of Issuance: 2016</p> <p>Parcel: 00000000-10-0613-0012</p> <p>Assessed To:</p> <p>DARA SHOFF</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>SUNNY HILLS UNIT #10 LOT 12 ORB 780 P 487 BLK 0613</p> <p>All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023</p> <p>000255 NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX DEED</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Certificate #: 21-00-01127</p> <p>Year of Issuance: 2021</p> <p>Parcel: 00000000-00-5360-0193</p> <p>Assessed To:</p> <p>CAROLYN LEDFORD AIELLO, DEBORAH LEDFORD DICERO, FAYE LEDFORD MCCALL, GLENDA LEDFORD EVANS, KATHY LEDFORD HENSON, KATHY LEDFORD HENSON & ETAL FAYE LEDORD MCCALL, KAY LEDFORD GUY, WILBUR CLAUDE LEDFORD, WILLIAM DAVIS LEDFORD</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>16 2 16 ORB 858 P 289 LOT 193 HOLMES RIVER CAMPSITES, UNRECORDED PLAT</p> <p>All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023</p> <p>000258 NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX DEED</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Certificate #: 21-00-00452</p> <p>Year of Issuance: 2021</p> <p>Parcel: 00000000-00-2888-0000</p> <p>Assessed To:</p> <p>CHARLES ANDREW FISH CO-TRUSTEE OF THE IRENE G FISH TRUST AGREE-MENT, IRENE G FISH TRUST TABITHA A F WICHOWSKI % CHARLES FISH, TABITHA ANN FISH WICHOWSKI CO-TRUSTEE OF THE IRENE G FISH TRUST AGREEMENT</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>33 5 13 ORB 810 P 20 LOT 16 & N 25' OF LOT 17 1/A BLK FA, ORB 900 P 506-508</p> <p>All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023</p> <p>000261 NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX DEED</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Certificate #: 21-00-00282</p> <p>Year of Issuance: 2021</p> <p>Parcel: 00000000-00-1227-0000</p> <p>Assessed To:</p> <p>GWAUN REED</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>4 4 13 BEG.166 1/2", N. OF SEC OF LOT 7, RUN N. 56 1/2", W.120"; S.56 1/2" OF LOT 7 TO BEG. N1/2 OF NE1/4 BLK 2, O RB 572 P 265</p> <p>All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023</p> <p>000296</p> <p>IN THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CITY OF CHIPLEY, a Florida municipal corporation, Plaintiff,</p> <p>Case No. 2023-CC-39</p> <p>v.</p> <p>ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSHA a/k/a MARY C. MYDOSHA a/k/a MARY MYDOSHA a/k/a MARY CARMELLA DAVIS, deceased, ALL HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, SPOUSES AND CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSHA a/k/a MARY C. MYDOSHA a/k/a MARY MYDOSHA a/k/a MARY CARMELLA DAVIS, deceased, and CHARLES SMEJKAL, JR., individually, Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION IN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>TO: ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSHA A/K/A MARY C. MYDOSHA A/K/A MARY MYDOSHA A/K/A MARY CARMELLA DAVIS, DECEASED, ALL HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, SPOUSES AND CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSHA A/K/A MARY C. MYDOSHA A/K/A MARY MYDOSHA A/K/A MARY CARMELLA DAVIS, DECEASED, AND CHARLES SMEJKAL, JR. YOU ARE NOTIFIED</p> <p>that an action to foreclosure municipal code enforcement liens on the following described property in Washington County, Florida, to wit,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Located at 589 Main Street, Chipley, Florida 32428 and being referenced as tax parcel identification 000000000-00-2840-0000, and on the following-described real property in Washington County, Florida, to-wit:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Located at 592 Main Street, Chipley, Florida 32428 and being referenced as tax parcel identification 000000000-00-2872-0000, (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.</p> <p>Dated: 7/10/2023</p> <p>LORA BELL CLERK OF THE COURT</p> <p>WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>Kelsey Odom</p> <p>As Deputy Clerk August 9, 16, 2023</p> <p>000297</p> <p>IN THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CITY OF CHIPLEY, a Florida municipal corporation, Plaintiff,</p> <p>Case No. 2023-CA-59</p> <p>v.</p> <p>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,</p> <p>Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION IN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>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</p> <p>that an action to foreclosure a municipal code enforcement lien on the following described property in Washington County, Florida, to wit,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Located at 1278 Holley Ave., Chipley, Florida, being tax parcel numbered 00-2847-0000 (the "property"), 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,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Dated: 6/7/23</p> <p>LORA BELL CLERK OF THE COURT</p> <p>WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>Jo Ann Hayes As Deputy Clerk August 9, 16, 2023</p> <p>000305 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>IN RE: ESTATE OF</p> <p>JANE R. SHUMAKER, a/k/a LORENA JANE SHUMAKER JANE REYNOLDS SHUMAKER</p> <p>PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-48 Decision U Deceased.</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>The administration of the estate of JANE R. SHUMAKER, f/k/a LORENA JANE SHUMAKER, deceased, whose date of death was February 8, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1293 W Jackson Ave # 100, Chipley, FL 32428. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.</p> <p>All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF three (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR thirty (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p> <p>All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN three (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.</p> <p>The date of first publication of this notice is August 2, 2023.</p> <p>Attorney For Personal Representative:</p> <p>Personal Representative:</p> <p>STEVEN E. QUINNELL Attorney Florida Bar Number: 586595 913 Gulf Breeze Parkway Suite 8 - Harbortown Gulf Breeze, FL 32561 Telephone: (850) 432-4386 Fax: (877) 829-6329 E-Mail: FILING@QLAWFLORIDA.COM</p> <p>DAWN SHUMAKER SMITH 401 Bryant Rd. Pensacola, FL 32507</p> <p>August 2, 9, 2023</p> <p>000307</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT</p> <p>IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>IN RE: Estate of Joyce Brunelle</p> <p>PROBATE DIVISION</p> <p>Parker, deceased. CASE NO. 23-86-CP</p> <p>NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>The Administration of the estate of JOYCE BRUNELLE PARKER, deceased, whose date of death was June 15, 2023,</p> <p>and whose social security number is XXX-XX-4033, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the mailing address of which is 1293 West Jackson, #100, Chipley, FL 32428. The estate is testate and the date of the decedent's Will is May 23, 2013. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and personal representative's attorney are set forth below.</p> <p>Any interested person on whom a copy of the notice of administration is served must object to the validity of the will (or any codicil), qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of the court, by filing a petition or other pleading requesting relief in accordance with the Florida Probate Rules, WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THE NOTICE ON THE OBJECTING PERSON, OR THOSE OBJECTIONS ARE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>Any person entitled to exempt property is required to file a petition for determination of exempt property WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW OR THE RIGHT TO EXEMPT PROPERTY IS DEEMED WAIVED. Any person entitled to elective share is required to file an election to take elective share WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW.</p> <p>All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.</p> <p>The date of first publication of this notice is August 2, 2023.</p> <p>Attorney For Personal Representative:</p> <p>Personal Representative:</p> <p>JOHN Y. ROBERTS Joyce R. Fulford 2879 MADISON STREET</p> <p>580 Highway 273 POST OFFICE BOX 1544</p> <p>Chipley, FL 32428 MARIANNA, FLORIDA 32447 (850) 526-3865 FLORIDA BAR NO. 0496871</p> <p>RobertsLawfirm-service@gmail.com August 2, 9, 2023</p> <p>000309</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Christopher Newton - Unit 41</p> <p>Norman Moss - Unit 15</p> <p>Karen Gibson - Unit 24</p> <p>Sarah Brunson - Unit 33</p> <p>Ronnie Ashmore - Unit 84</p> <p>Carolyn Smith - Unit C</p> <p>Erika Carter - Unit M</p> <p>Rachel McGrew - Unit 27</p> <p>Kimberly Williams - Unit 29 August 9, 16, 2023</p> <p>000311</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION</p> <p>Nationstar Mortgage LLC</p> <p>Case #: 22000129CAAXMX Plaintiff, -vs.-</p> <p>Jaquelin P. DeAngelo a/k/a Jacqueline P. DeAngelo a/k/a Jackie DeAngelo; Unknown Spouse of 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)</p> <p>Plaintiff, vs.</p> <p>NATHANIEL WESTRY, et al. Defendant(s).</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling 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:</p> <p>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 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 82, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 32 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, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 82, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE 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 1/4 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</p> <p>Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:</p> <p>LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP</p> <p>2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360</p> <p>Boca Raton, Florida 33431</p> <p>(561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707</p> <p>The above is to be published in: Washington County News</p> <p>22-327622 FC01 MYS</p> <p>August 9, 16, 2023</p> <p>000313</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION</p> <p>CASE NO. 22000141CAAXMX</p> <p>U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.</p> <p>NATHANIEL WESTRY, et al. Defendant(s).</p> <p>NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE</p> <p>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; ONTAYAL PETERSON; DELESHIA ROCHELLE DAVIS; SHANTRALIA MONGUE BELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHANTRALIA MONGUE BELL are the Defendant(s). Lora C. Bell is 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:</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO-WIT: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/2 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 1/4 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</p> <p>Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff</p> <p>6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487</p> <p>Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909</p> <p>August 9, 16, 2023</p> <p>000314</p> <p>The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Nichols Auto Repair and Towing at 1146 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428 on the following dates: 2 0 1 3 To y o t a 4T3ZA3BB4DU072292 September 11, 2023 1998 Ford 1TRX181L1WNB93875 September 11, 2023 August 9, 2023</p> <p>000315 INVITATION TO BID</p> <p>Project: Classroom Renovation Project at Vernon Elementary School</p> <p>Childers Construction Company, (GCG45514), the Construction Manager for this project will receive SEALED BIDS until 2:00 PM CDT on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at the office of Washington County School Board Office, 750 Sinclair Street, Chipley, FL 32428. Bidders are advised to bring sealed bids directly to the office. Sealed electronic bids will be accepted per the specified procedure. Bids will be received for the following bid packages:</p> <p>Bid Package 02A Demolition</p> <p>Bid Package 08A Doors and Hardware</p> <p>Bid Package 09A Drywall</p> <p>Bid Package 09B Flooring</p> <p>Bid Package 10A Specialties</p> <p>Bid Package 15B Plumbing</p> <p>Bid Package 16A Electrical</p> <p>Bid Package 15C HVAC</p> <p>Childers Construction Company encourages MBWE firms to prequalify for this project. Prequalified bidders cannot be on the Federal Vendors Debarred or Suspended List.</p> <p>BID DOCUMENTS: Will be provided to all prequalified bidders.</p> <p>Contact Childers Construction for information on the prequalification process at (850) 519-2998, fax a request to (850) 222-7749 or email to jdaum@childers-construction.com.</p> <p>Washington County District Schools and the Construction Manager reserve the right to waive any irregularities and to reject any and all bids.</p> <p>August 9, 2</p> <p>000316 Notice to Creditors</p> <p>Estate of Connie Lynn McDill Date of Birth October 06, 1948</p> <p>To All Creditors: _____</p> <p>Notice To Creditors: The decedent, Connie Lynn McDill, who lived at 5470B Blue Springs Rd., Youngstown, Florida 32466 died March 06, 2023.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Troy D. Strahl, Personal Representative for the Estate 5470A Blue Springs Rd Youngstown, Florida 32466 850-381-6932 August 9, 16, 2023</p> <p>000317</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION</p> <p>IN RE: ESTATE OF</p> <p>SHIRLEY JEAN BRAMAN, File No. 23-87-CP Deceased.</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIMS FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.</p> <p>The date of the first publication of this notice is: August 9, 2023.</p> <p>MICHAEL C. BRAMAN Petitioner/executor 2629 Cora Lane Chipley, FL 32428</p> <p>KRISTI MILLER NOVONGLOSKY Florida Bar No. 0182044</p> <p>Post Office Box 1129 Chipley, Florida 32428</p> <p>Telephone: (850) 6387587</p> <p>Attorney for Petitioner knovonglosky@gmail.com August 9, 16, 2023</p> <p>LAND/ACREAGE</p> <p>1-Acre plot and 2-Acre plot in Jacob City Florida (850) 849-9338</p> <p>August 9, 2</p>								

CELEBRATE



Joe Tharp holds a baby possum as auctioneer David E. Corbin calls for bids at the 54th annual Wausau Possum and Funday Festival.

Wausau’s 54th annual Possum Festival & Fun Day draws hundreds

STAFF REPORT

The 54th annual Possum Festival took place in Wausau Saturday, August 5, and just about the whole community came out to partake in the festivities.

From the crowning of the Possum King and Queen Friday night to the parade and other events Saturday, hundreds of festival-goers packed the area surrounding the Possum Palace.

All proceeds raised during the festival help fund scholarships for graduating Washington County high school seniors.

Here are a few scenes from the festivities.

[PHOTOS BY CALEB WILLIAMS | The News and Advertiser]

AT RIGHT: Shaddai Shriner and Eastern Star Pirates tossed beads amid cannon booms from their parade float. BELOW: The Shriner’s “tub guy” helped parade goers beat the heat by spraying them down with water.



Tiny baby possums were a hit during the possum auction.



ABOVE: Possum Queen Pearl and Possum King John Depp Possum are this year’s Possum Royalty. BELOW: Crowd favorites Shaddai Shriner’s Hot Rods swerved through the parade route.



SCHOOLS & EDUCATION



Chipleys residents gather educational supplies for children across the globe

STAFF REPORT

As the school year approaches, shoebox packers are making use of back-to-school prices to purchase gifts and essential items for children in need around the world. Residents in Chipleys are collecting school supplies, along with personal care items and fun toys, to pack in shoeboxes. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, will deliver these gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries.

For many children, access to these simple items is essential to an education. This

was the case for Justin Thomas, a shoebox recipient in Southeast Asia whose parents could not afford the supplies needed for school.

Thomas remembers the specific day he received a gift-filled shoebox from Operation Christmas Child and found it filled with toys and most exciting to him—school supplies.

Growing up with hand-me-down clothes and used items, Thomas used to write with a pencil so short that he held it using a pen cap. Having an entire packet of new pencils and a pencil sharpener all his own was a treasure to him.

This simple gift made a life-changing impact for Thomas because it opened the doors for him to receive an education.

For more information, visit samaritanaspurse.org/occ. National Collection Week is Nov. 13-20. Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through “Follow Your Box” and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child’s specific age and gender, then finish packing the

virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, seeks to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry.

‘Adopt a Teacher’ still underway in Holmes Co.

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Holmes County Adopt a Teacher is in full swing celebrating its fifth year.

As the school year approaches, teachers once again find themselves pulling out of their own pockets to make the classrooms conducive to learning, and have the needed supplies on hand.

With the help of social media platforms like Facebook, teachers have shared their wish lists of needed supplies. Students, parents, family members, and local businesses can find a wishlist, order the items, and send them to the teacher or teachers of their choice.

Teachers have requested supplies such as bottles of glue, tacky putty for hanging posters, hand sanitizer, pens, pencils, sensory items, and the list goes on.

Five years ago, Miranda Stafford brought this idea to Holmes County teachers to help offset some of the expenses of the classroom set up. Since then, the program has helped many teachers.

The school board supplies books, and the necessities, but not decorations, educational posters, or handheld items teachers use day to day in their lessons.

School begins Thursday, August 10, but teachers were already in their classrooms weeks ago preparing for the first day. However, some of their Amazon wish lists are still waiting to be fulfilled.

You can help a Holmes County teacher by going to their Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/61606150386092 named Holmes County Florida Adopt a Teacher.

Have some good news?

Kent Smith Group is working to restore that old fashioned community news feel - while still keeping up with the newest innovations and conveniences. That includes sharing wedding, birth, and other society announcements, as well as community, church, and school news free of charge. If it makes you proud, it makes us proud, too! Send submission to: news@holmescounty.news or news@washingtontownship.news

Holmes County cadets graduate JROTC leadership challenge

HCHS JROTC STAFF

Cadets from the Holmes County High School JROTC program attended the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge from 16-21 July 2023, at Camp James E. Rudder on Eglin AFB.

The cadets got to experience a week in the life of a soldier as they were housed in military barracks and fed three meals a day during prescribed times in the Ranger School dining facility in between three daily training sessions.

Cadets say the training was a great blend of challenging but fun activities even though the weather routinely stayed in extreme heat conditions.

Cadets mastered the importance of nutrition and hydration, which enabled them to perform despite the tough conditions.

Day 1 and 2 consisted of rotating through training on rappelling, aquatics, ACFT and low rope activities. The low rope activity consisted of four stations. Station 1 was the trust fall, which is where you fall backwards off a platform trusting the group of cadets to catch you. Station 2 was the Spider web, a homemade web made out of ropes in which cadets use teamwork to crawl through holes in the web without mak-

ing the bells jiggle. The third station was an elevated tire obstacle, where a squad of cadets had to get one another through an elevated tire.

The fourth station was a nuclear biological station where six people had to wear blacked out goggles and could not see. There were six ropes attached to a lid, and the squad leader had to tell each person how to move to put the lid on the bucket to complete the task, it was very complicated but a lot of fun. The ACFT consisted of lifting squatting weights, pulling a 45-pound weight 100 feet, throwing a heavy medicine ball over their head and behind them. They also conducted a CPR / first

aid class.

Day 3 and 4 consisted of a Leader Reactionary Course (LRC) / obstacle course, a land navigation course, an EOD training, and some archery training. After dinner on Monday through Wednesday, the three platoons played internally amongst their platoons kickball, volleyball, and MEGA ball to determine their players for the tournament being held on Thursday evening.

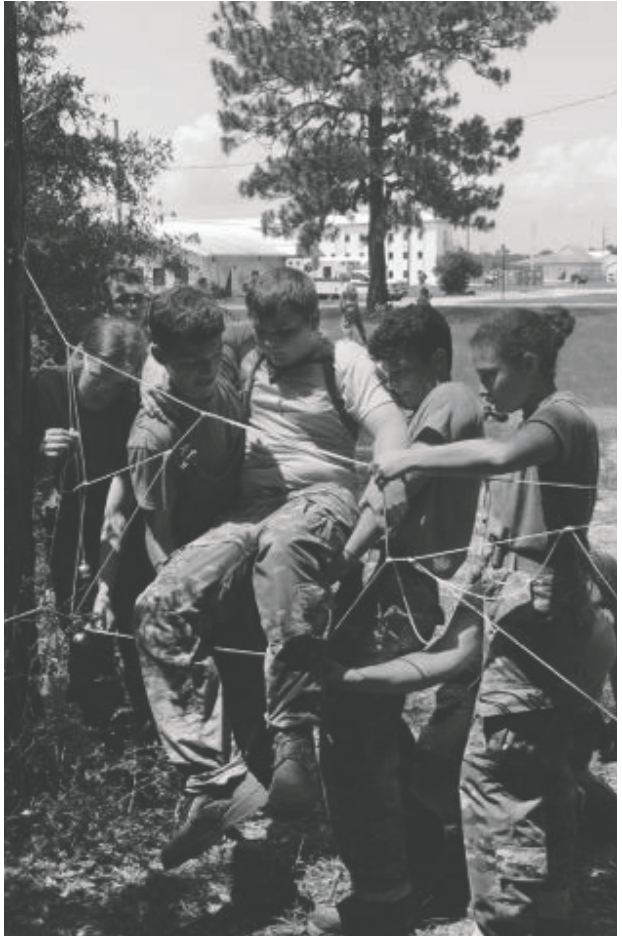
Before conducting the kick ball, and volleyball tournament Thursday evening, the three platoon performed in a platoon drill competition.

On Friday, day 5 before graduating, each

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ABOVE: Cadets learn first aid. AT RIGHT: Cadets train at Camp Camp James E. Rudder. BELOW: Holmes County JROTC cadets pose before camp begins. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]



COMMUNITY

Chipley Garden Club announces yards of the month

STAFF REPORT

Chipley Garden Club recently announced the Yard of the Month for July and August 2023 on behalf of the City of Chipley. The honor can be bestowed on any home or business within the city limits of Chipley for multiple reasons: Marked improvement, beautiful flowers, well maintained lawn and hard landscaping. The award also honors time devoted to making Chipley a nicer and more attractive place to live. July's Yard of the Month was awarded to the Merchant Family at 1385 South Boulevard. August's Yard of the



ABOVE: The Payne Family on Grace Ave. in Chipley had the August Yard of the Month. RIGHT: The Merchant Family on South Boulevard in Chipley had the July Yard of the Month. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]

Month was awarded to the Payne Family at 1245 Grace Avenue. The winners will be recognized at the August Third Thursday meeting of the Wash-

ington County Chamber of Commerce and presented a Certificate of Appreciation. If you notice grounds within the city limits of Chipley that you

think is worthy of recognition or would like to learn more about Chipley Garden Club, call Gweneth Collins, Club President, at 850-260-4049.



Chipola Artist Series announces the 2023-2024 season

STAFF REPORT

Chipola College Center for the Arts reports the 2023-2024 season promises to be an exciting line-up of great entertainment for all ages opening September 7 with Trio Pacificque. The Jacksonville based Trio Pacificque unites three international artists, Russian cellist Alexei Romanenko, violinist Jonathan Kuo, and Canadian pianist Christine Yoshikawa. Successful soloists on the international stages throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, recent seasons have taken them on a tour throughout the Southeastern United States, the Midwest, including appearances in the Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series and live

for Chicago's WFMT, Boston, San Francisco, New York, Milwaukee, and throughout Canada. Judy Carmichael will have audiences dancing in the aisles on January 16, 2024, with high-energy interpretations of the Great American Songbook, witty original compositions, and hilarious between-song patter: think Randy Newman meets Peggy Lee! From swinging romps on Cole Porter and Harold Arlen to sultry takes on Gershwin and Ellington, an evening with Judy is a don't miss, joy-filled experience! Grammy nominated pianist/vocalist Judy Carmichael is one of the world's leading interpreters of stride piano and swing. Count Basie himself nicknamed her "Stride" in reference to her mastery of that early

piano style popularized by Thomas "Fats" Waller, Count Basie and James P. Johnson. Judy's music and wit have been featured on A Prairie Home Companion, Entertainment Tonight, CNN, NPR and weekly on her Podcast/NPR show Judy Carmichael's Jazz Inspired... celebrating over 23 years on stations across the country. Let's SWING! Learn more at www.judycarmichael.com The season rounds out on March 26, 2024, with Celtic Angels Ireland. Headed by the powerhouse creative team direct from Ireland and featuring award winning Irish and World Champion singers, dancers and musicians. Celtic Angels Ireland is a theatrical feast for all ages. Escape to Verdant Valleys and

Heathery Highlands. Step back in time to the Land of Saints and Scholars. Lose yourself in the alluring Angels' magical melodies. Feel your heart pound to raucous rhythms of the champion Celtic Knights Dancers. Immerse yourself in Ireland's infectious influences across the Wild Blue Ocean to the Amber Waves of Grain and Beyond. With over 30 Irish traditional and contemporary tunes masterfully intertwined and performed fully live by the Trinity Ensemble,

the Heavenly Celtic Angels and the Dynamic Celtic Knights Dancers, the spectacular Celtic Angels Ireland is guaranteed to entertain and delight. Learn more at www.celticangels.com. Season tickets go on sale Aug. 21. Season tickets are \$50, far less than that of sister institutions where prices are double or triple this amount. Season ticket holders receive reserved seating renewal privileges for the next season. Patrons who are renewing their season tickets may con-

tact the Box Office beginning Aug. 21. Single event ticket prices this year are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 18, and \$5 for Chipola students and employees. Single event tickets go on sale Aug. 21. For more information, call the Center for the Arts Box Office at 850-718-2420 or visit www.chipola.edu/boxoffice. The Box Office will open for the Fall Semester on Monday, Aug. 21. Box Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon.

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BUSINESS

Paw Barn Pet Resort celebrates grand opening



Paw Barn Pet Resort held their grand opening on August 2. Owner James Clark, along with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, held the official ribbon cutting at the business, located at 982 Hwy 90 in Chipley. Paw Barn offers doggy day care, boarding for both dogs and cats, and grooming for dogs. [NAN THOMPSON | The News and Advertiser]

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Russian painter

6. Very fast jet

9. Phillipine municipality

13. Intestinal

14. Small freshwater fish

15. Algerian coastal city

16. Vomit

17. Famed astronomer

18. Ghanaian currency

19. Improved the condition of

21. Int'l association of interpreters

22. Infections

23. Dish made with lentils

24. Thou

25. Former CIA

28. Unit used to compare power levels

29. Members of Pueblo people

31. Myanmar monetary units

33. Polished

36. Signed a contract

38. Nothing
39. Once-ubiquitous department store

41. Neural structures

44. Thick piece of something

45. Slang for trucks with trailers

46. Longing

48. Senior officer

49. Levels of frequency

51. Bird's beak

52. Move rapidly downwards

54. Koran chapters

56. Stretches out

60. Top of the human body

61. A Chinese temple and Indian town are two

62. Fertility god

63. Sea eagle

64. Dry

65. Zodiac sign

66. "Horizon Call of the Mountain" character

67. Have the ability to

68. Take somewhere

CLUES DOWN

1. "Iron Man" actress Leslie

2. Wings

3. Adjust the spacing

4. They're usually locked

5. Atomic #43

6. Wise individuals

7. Horse mackerel

8. Pearl Jam's debut album

9. Confines

10. Colorless crystalline compound

11. Unsatisfactorily

12. Plant of the parsley family

14. Determines time

17. Causes the birth of

20. Small ornament on a watch chain

21. Richly decorated cloth tapestry

23. Vito Corleone was one

25. Igbo musical instrument

26. Put in harmony

27. Japanese alcoholic drinks

29. Tinseltown
30. Closes tightly

32. Songs sung to one's lover

34. One thousandth of an inch

35. Small drink of whiskey

37. Political divisions in ancient Greece

40. Helps little firms

42. Baby's eating accessory

43. Very long periods of time

47. Small block of wood

49. Town in Surrey, England

50. Enquiry

52. Murdered

53. Bura-__: Chadic language

55. Crater on Mars

56. Mammal genus

57. Sock

58. Make

59. Stony waste matter

61. Partner to cheese

65. Pound

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Payne joins Jackson County Extension as Horticulture Agent

STAFF REPORT

UF/IFAS Extension Jackson County recently announced that Abigail (Abbey) Payne is the new Commercial and Environmental Horticulture Agent. Abbey will be focusing on consultations and educational programs for specialty crop farmers in the county which includes fruit and vegetable producers as well as ornamental, nut, and sod production growers. Abbey will also be coordinating the Jackson County Master Gardner Program that provides homeowners with educational programming and consultation on gardening, lawn, and landscape maintenance. Abbey's educational programming will utilize a wide range of tools for local horticulturists including educational classes, electronic newsletters,



ABBEY PAYNE

publications, and educational videos. Abbey will provide consultation services including plant, insect, weed and disease identification, soil and nematode testing, as well as management recommendations to address these issues. Abbey is native of Kentucky who moved to Florida two years ago. Prior to her current position, she was a grower for a local nursery in the area, and most recently, a Program Technician for the Farm Service Agency of USDA. Abbey has a background in ornamental

horticulture and floriculture. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Horticulture with a minor in Floriculture from Western Kentucky University in 2020. She will start working on a master's degree with the University of Florida in the coming years. If you have questions about specialty crop farming or home gardens and landscapes, contact Abbey at the UF/IFAS Extension Jackson County office at 2741 Penn Ave, Marianna, FL; by phone at 850-482-9620, or via email at payne.abigail@ufl.edu. You can also follow the horticulture program by signing up for email newsletters at subscribe.ifas.ufl.edu. Once on the site, select Gardening in the Panhandle for homeowners or Panhandle Age-News for commercial farmers.

Easy ways to support small businesses

STAFF REPORT

It's easy to overlook how integral small businesses are to local, national and even global economies. The Small Business Administration and the U.S Census Bureau indicate small businesses account for 99.7 percent of all American businesses, employing 56.8 million people. Similarly, according to Statistics Canada, local businesses classified as micro or small businesses made up 98.1 percent of all the employers in Canada in 2021. Since mall businesses are the economic engine of many neighborhoods and communities, it's in everyone's best interest

to pitch in and ensure such firms' success. Thankfully, it's easy for anyone to support the small businesses that make their communities unique. • Shop locally and online from small businesses as much as possible. If you cannot shop right away, consider purchasing gift cards to the retailer or service provider and share them as gifts to others. • Before you immediately go with a well-known chain or e-commerce giant, find out if a local retailer offers the same items you need and shop there. • Actively discover new brands, check them out, and then spread the word about your findings to others.

• Share posts from small businesses on social media. It's good exposure for them and can help to widen their customer base. • Attend special events or promotions hosted by local businesses. Well-attended events may spark others' curiosity. • Share a quick photo of something you bought at a small business or of a service they provided. For example, if a local landscaping company did a wonderful job putting in a new patio or pavers, share the before and after with those you know. Communities can embrace various strategies to support the small businesses that make Main Street unique.

BROOKS

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platoon had a tug of war competition, a physical fitness competition, and a ski race competition. The following cadets from Holmes County High School graduated from this long weeks worth of training and games: (Black hats)-helped instructors conduct

trainings: Autumn Poulson (Senior) Jenna Mims (Senior) Junior Cadets: Allison Reynolds Sophia Pollard Carly Raines Colton Jones Max Lawlor Sophomore Cadets: Garrison Folds Gage Nicholson Brian Worley Wesley Stanley Rebecca Snowden

Hunter Presley Tristen Caraway Each one of these cadets will receive a certificate of completion, a higher rank, and a new job title in the Holmes County JROTC program. The following cadets stood out in training and received the following arcs that they will be wearing on their uniform:

Cadet Rebecca Snowden received the JCLC, Rappel, Aquatics, Esprit, and Rope arcs. Cadet Sophia Pollard received the JCLC, Rappel, Confidence course, and Rope arcs. Cadet Hunter Presley received the JCLC, Rappel, Fitness, and Land Nav arcs. Cadet Allison Reynolds the JCLC, Rappel, and Rope arcs.

Cadet Garrison Folds received the JCLC, Rappel, Confidence course arcs. All remaining Holmes County High School cadets earned the JCLC and Rappel arcs. Cadets Tristen Caraway, Garrison Folds, Max Lawlor, and Sophia Pollard were members of the honor platoon. Holmes County High School Senior Army Instructor, Justin Shaw,

attended his first JCLC camp as the Public Affairs Officer taking photos of all the events. He will be a great asset to the Blue Devil Battalion. Holmes County JROTC extended their congratulations to all cadets who attended and graduated JCLC and their appreciation to the friends and family who supported them.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Leisure Lakes Back-to-School Bash

On Saturday, August 12, 2023, Leisure Lakes is hosting a back to school bash for parents and children with activities such as: a free pool movie at 8 P.M., the park, and a sidewalk chalk art competition from 6-7 P.M. Free school supplies will be given away from 5:00 P.M. until the end of the night, and Big Jim's BBQ will be set up from 4:00 P.M. until sold out.

Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System

The next meeting for the Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System will take place on August 16, 2023 at 10:00 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.

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 4x4" 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. top 8 p.m. Thursday, September 14. Submissions should be family friendly. Ages 18+ and all skill levels are welcome to participate.

Holmes County Peewee Cheerleaders Father-Daughter Dance

On September 15, 2023, the Holmes County Peewee 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.



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

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FAITH

This world is not our home



CAROL ROUND
Guest Columnist

“For this world is not our home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven”—Hebrews 13:14 (TLB).

A Christmas gift I received from my youngest son has led me to ponder life—my life to be exact. Unwrapping the present, I discovered a book titled tell me your life story, Nana, which put a smile on my face. The subtitle reads A Grandmother’s Guided Journal and Memory Keepsake Book.

Since I will be celebrating my 70th birthday later this year, the timing is perfect. Who knows how many more years I’ll be in this world? Yes, God does,

but while I’m not especially anxious about facing my death, I look forward to meeting Jesus when my time arrives.

In the meantime, I have almost 120 pages to fill for my loved ones to read after I leave this world. As of January 12, I’ve only answered part of the questions through page nine. I need to get busy.

We live in a busy world

Have you ever felt as if you’re on a merry-go-round that never stops long enough for you to climb off? As a young mother, I felt that way. Juggling a teaching career with

and made sure my sons had a spiritual foundation. But I was too much in this world, caught up with my career and keeping up with an image defined by my “need to please” others.

Romans 12:2 says, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (ESV).

Transformed by Christ

I was in late my 40s when life’s trials led me to my knees. It was only then that I began a journey to know Jesus as my personal Savior and Lord. In part of my testimony, I tell others how “Jesus got ahold of me.” Until then, I was lost, lost to the world, and my own identity.

Until we’re transformed by a relationship with Jesus Christ, we’ll never fully grasp our true identity. I was a Christian, but

While we’re all a work-in-progress, we can’t accomplish what God has called us to do if we’re focused on worldly concerns.

my family responsibilities, I didn’t always make the right decisions when I had to make choices. I can see that now.

At the time, however, I wasn’t following Jesus. Yes, I believed in God, attended church,



I wasn’t a Christ-follower.

Theologian and church leader, John Owen, once said, “We all profess that we are bound for heaven, immortality, and glory: but is it any evidence that we really design it if all our thoughts are consumed about the trifles of this world, which we must leave behind us, and have only occasional thoughts of things above?”

Where are your thoughts?

I’ve sought to grow in Christ since 2001,

and I’ve come to understand what’s important in this life. It’s not material things, seeking power, or impressing others with our wealth, knowledge, titles, and degrees. In other words, “the trifles of this world.”

What’s important in this life is worshipping God, growing in His grace, serving others, and using our gifts and talents to bring Him glory. In addition, we’re to be witnesses to His amazing grace and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. While we’re all a work-in-progress, we can’t accomplish

what God has called us to do if we’re focused on worldly concerns.

Evangelist Bill Graham puts it this way: “The Bible says that as long as we are here on earth, we are strangers in a foreign land. There are enemies to be conquered before we return home. This world is not our home; our citizenship is in heaven.”

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OBITUARIES

JOHN WAYNE CARTWRIGHT



Mr. John Wayne Cartwright, age 73, of Esto, Florida passed away August 1, 2023, at his home. He was born September 25, 1949, in Westville, Florida to the late John Richard Cartwright and Wynola Hawthorne Cartwright.

Mr. Cartwright is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sheela Cartwright of Esto, FL; three children, Starla Vermillion and Joshua Pedersen of Chipley, FL, John Wayne Cartwright, II and Amy Gammons of Hartford, AL, and April Nichole Cartwright Gary and Michael Gray of Esto, FL; six grandchildren, Nicholl Vermillion, Billy Vermillion, Trey Cartwright, Robyn Cartwright, Sarah Cartwright, and Callie Gray.

The family received friends one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 PM at Peel Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Friday, August 4, 2023, in the Peel Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in the Campground Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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

- Cassandra Clare



IRMA MARIE BRUMFIELD GLASS

Irma Marie Brumfield Glass, age 85, passed away in her sleep on Monday, July 31, 2023, at her home in Chipley, Florida. She was born July 19, 1938, in Bedford, VA to the late Walton (Walter) Brumfield and Susie Pearl Spriggs Brumfield. As a young child, her father was a sharecropper and lived in various places throughout Virginia. She attended Gretna High School in Gretna, VA.

She loved sewing, reading, word search puzzles, watching soap operas and wrestling. She had a big heart and loved helping people. She worked as a volunteer for many years at Washington County Nursing Home in Chipley as well as Kate M. Smith Elementary School. Her work at the school became her passion and at the age of 50, she proudly received her GED so that she could become a teacher’s aide as then a teacher’s assistant working with Special Education Students at Kate M. Smith. After retiring from working full-time, she was called upon as a substitute

teacher for the Washington County School District.

Mrs. Irma met her match 58 years ago in Atlanta, GA. A single mother of 2 children, she fell in love and married this young man who was brave enough to take on a ready-made family. She is survived



by her husband, Donnie V. (Tex) Glass, of Chipley, FL and their children. Daughter, Kathy Meeks Hethcox of Tallahassee, FL, and sons, Ricky Fowler of Cottonwood, AL, Jimmie Glass of Jacob, AL, and Robbie Glass of Chipley, FL. She loved and adored her family which included 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Her surviving siblings include her sister, Louise Everett of Cornelia, GA, and brothers, George (Bonnie) Brumfield of Providence, NC, Frank Brumfield of Summerfield, NC, Carroll (Dora) Brumfield, Sr. of Stokesdale, NC, and Wayne (Janice) Brumfield of Grand Saline, TX. She was blessed with multiple friends that she adopted as family.

Follow the Money



MICHAEL BROOKS
Guest Columnist

It’s said that no one enters ministry for financial gain, but several recent accounts take issue with this.

Let me hasten to say that the overwhelming majority of ministers live and work with integrity. And many live below the comparable wages of their parishioners. Nor do pastors take what belongs to others.

A former staff colleague reported to me that the church secretary began to tell people who were searching for something at church that “the pastor must’ve taken it with him”—the pastor being me. I’m not sure what folks were looking for, but I only took my books and sermons.

Long before electronic storage, I printed sermons as “hard copies.” I still have several file drawers full of them. In fact, I was wondering lately why I’ve saved all these sermons for so long. Looking back at them I’m chagrined that I was ignorant about so many things and would be ashamed for people to see or

hear them now.

But that’s another story.

The aforementioned secretary was asked to leave a few weeks later, so, as they say, she had issues.

An FX documentary series recently called into question several aspects of church life in a mega-church, money being one of them. Evidently there was a lack of accountability. And author Mary Kinney Branson in “Spending God’s Money” wrote of mismanagement in a large denomination, including a missionary agency head who spent thousands of dollars for an excursion to London for a movie premier. Branson also told about an employee interpreting “entertainment” on his expense report to include a massage he got on a trip. And a seminary just released reports of a former president’s extravagant spending, including an \$11,000 espresso machine.

British novelist Henry Fielding wrote, “Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.”

Accountability is important.

In the New Testament the Apostle Paul insisted “the spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets” (1 Corin-

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A verse I need, even though it stings



SHERYL BOLDT
Guest Columnist

Often, my husband, Bert, will come home from work and head to the bedroom saying, “I’m going to go change.” To which I teasingly reply, “Good. I’ve been praying for you to change.”

As playful as our back-and-forth, we wives often pray for

our husbands. And, helpful servants that we are, we often lend God a hand by pointing out to our husband the specific areas he needs to work on. Unfortunately, the more “helpful” we are, the less good it does.

Have you read Proverbs 21:9 lately? Or do you tend to skip this verse? If it’s been a while, here it is in the Amplified Bible Classic version. But I warn you, it won’t be your favorite verse. (It sure isn’t mine.)

“It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop [on the flat oriental roof, exposed to all kinds of weather] than in a house shared

with a nagging, quarrelsome, and fault-finding woman.”

Ouch. I warned you. And no ... your husband didn’t request to have this verse added to the Bible. Nor did he contact me to include it in this week’s column. All kidding aside, the reason this verse is one of our least favorites is because it’s a painfully convicting description. Not every day, of course, but certainly on the days when we’re end-of-our-rope frustrated.

We’d much rather be like the wife described in Proverbs 31:12 (AMPC): “She comforts, encourages,

and does him only good as long as there is life within her.”

Yet we often behave in ways that cause our husband to want to escape from our presence. He’d rather live on the roof, exposed to sweltering heat, torrential rain and blizzards than be inside his home ... with us. Wow! Ouch again.

I’m not saying our husbands never drive us to the point of wanting to escape. But if you commit to hearing me out for the next few weeks, I promise not to marginalize your frustration. I’ve found, however, that I never find lasting satisfaction when I disrespect

Bert. No matter how much I try to justify my actions.

Until next time, think about the two verses I quoted in this week’s column.

Next week, I’ll share one of the best verses to help you be the wife your husband will enjoy living with. And if your husband also decides to read and remember the verse, it may help both of you look forward to spending the rest of your lives ... together.

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Pictured from left are the Rev. Luther V. Farmer and Thelma Bell Farmer
[CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church to mark 153rd year of service

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Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church will mark a milestone at 11 a.m., Sunday, August 20, under the pastorate of Rev. Malcolm O. Nelson.

The church will be celebrating 153 years of being a beacon light in the Orange Hill Community. The theme is “Saints With A Testimony” (S.W.A.T.) (Romans 1:16). The preacher will be the Rev. Luther V. Farmer. Thelma Bell Farmer planned the very first Homecoming in 1980.

The Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church is the oldest African American Baptist Church in Washington County. It was founded in 1870 when President Ulysses S. Grant was U.S. President and in the year the 15th Amendment, giving Blacks the right to vote,

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thians 14: 32). He was advocating for order in the assembly and against anyone claiming a word from God falsely. No minister has unparalleled access to God or his word, and sometimes we who stand behind the pulpit must admit our often-fallible interpretations of scripture.

For example, everyone who’s predicted the return of Christ thus far has been wrong.

Accountability in the spoken word is mandatory, and accountability in the matter of money is mandatory.

Church leaders should remove themselves from handling cash offerings, and from spending without budget guidelines or receipts.

And, again, the vast majority of ministers are people of integrity.

Those who aren’t give rise to books and documentaries that, sadly, give the church a bad reputation.

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Arresting negative thoughts



CALEB DUNCAN
Guest Columnist

Do you struggle with constant negative thoughts, at your work, your home, or even your church?

Do you always feel like you are in a state of judging others or talking negatively about yourself or others?

According to the Sage Neuroscience Center, negative thoughts can manifest as incorrect assumptions, unrealistic self-criticisms, and even the denial of reality itself. Here are a few ways that these negative thoughts can seem to overcrowd our minds and put us in a state of confusion: Black-or-white

thinking: This type of thinking paints unrealistic expectations of decisions.

Examples are “me vs. them” thinking, good vs. bad, right vs. wrong, and “If someone is not for me, they are against me.” How about emotional reasoning? This happens when we insist that something is true, but our only “facts” are our feelings. Emotions can cloud our judgment.

How about “overgeneralization”? Someone may overly fixate on one negative detail and overgeneralize it to all of life. Then we start labeling. Labeling is when you place negative labels on yourself or others, and it comes from a sense of shame. An example is, “I forgot to do this. I am a terrible mother, worker, or wife.”

Other ways that negativity can consume us is jumping to conclusions, fortune-telling,

catastrophizing, having an inability to be wrong, minimizing, and self-blaming. And the longer the negative thoughts continue, the more you question your identity and sense of self-worth.

Negativity can also rob you of the calling God has placed on your life!

While we are saved people who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, the reality is that we are still living as physical beings with flesh. That means having a mind that can sometimes be distorted by sin.

So how do we arrest negative thoughts and become more mindful and self-aware?

Second Corinthians 10:3-5 says this:

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...”

This scripture tells us that Christians have been given the power of the Holy Spirit to take every thought captive to obey Christ. Toxic negativity can drive our minds to madness where we feel there is no way out. But the reality is that sometimes we need to arrest those thoughts and remind ourselves of our identity in Christ and the validity of the situation we are in.

I know of many conflicts that have been started and gone on for years, just because someone had an incorrect assumption about someone else, and decided to let it fester and never tell that person! It led them to a point of anger and bitterness, unnecessarily. This is

what negativity can do.

If you want to arrest negative thoughts, do this: Instead of listening to your negative thoughts, intentionally listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, God’s word, and mature friends. That transforms our thinking and our mind. Don’t just identify negativity, but chase it out when present and get back to a healthy, vibrant mindset. Mindfulness always starts with becoming more self-aware. If you need help getting started, we would love to hear from you. And always be mindful...of your mind.

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FAITH EVENTS

Revival at Otter Creek

Otter Creek Church is holding revival August 7-11. Pastor Gary Gibben and his wife, Debbie, will be guest speakers. Organizers state Gary is well known to the area and always delivers excellent scriptural messages, and Debbie provides great music and testimonies. Services will start at 7 p.m. each evening. Otter Creek Church will also have its Annual Homecoming service on Sunday, Aug. 13, and Gary will also be bringing the message

for homecoming. Services will begin at 11 a.m. following the 10 a.m. Sunday School. Church members say there will be a covered dish lunch afterwards, so “cook your favorite dish and join the church for some wonderful worship and fellowship.” Otter Creek Church is located 4 miles north of Ponce De Leon off of Hwy 81 on Jack Johnson Lane.

Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church Anniversary and Homecoming

Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church will host ser-

vices to commemorate the church’s 153rd Church Anniversary and 42nd Homecoming Celebration Sunday, Aug. 20, at 11 a.m. The church is located at 816 Sunday Road 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.

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Animal Lives Matter: Keep dogs cool



DESTRA MOSES
Guest Columnist

Summer is a fun time of year for humans and dogs alike. Many dogs love to play outdoors despite the heat. Summer safety is no joke, and it's up to you to make sure your dog stays cool and comfortable. Fortunately, there are a number of steps you can take to keep your dog safe on the hottest days of the year.

Dangers of high temperatures

People can take their ability to adapt to hot weather for granted and forget that their dog

does not have the same natural cooling capability. Dogs cannot cool themselves by sweating like humans. They might sweat a small amount through the pads of their feet, but the main way a dog cools off is by panting. Unfortunately, panting is not enough when it is extremely hot and humid. While you may not find that the temperature is too hot to be outside, your dog may be miserable or simply going along to please you. On really hot days, it's best to keep your dog at home in the air conditioning. Heatstroke or exhaustion and injury can occur in dogs faster than you may think and your dog's safety should be your top priority. If your home is not air-conditioned, you will need to take appropriate steps to keep your pooch cool while you're away.

Cool Water

It is essential that

you keep fresh, cool water available to your dog at all times. In hot weather, this is even more crucial. Make sure you keep the water dish in a shady location and change the water frequently. To constantly keep fresh water available outdoors, consider installing a watering system that hooks up to a faucet. These are designed to provide water as needed and are usually triggered by motion or a specific action. If you go to the park or somewhere else with your dog, take along as much water for it as you do for yourself so you both stay hydrated. In addition to water, you can try feeding your dog some delicious homemade chilled treats.

Shelter from the sun

Your dog might enjoy a little sunbathing, but it ultimately needs a cool, shady spot to relax. Prolonged sun exposure

not only leads to heat exhaustion, but it can also cause sunburn. Yes, dogs can get sunburned too. While sunscreen is available for dogs, it does not protect them from heat stroke. The best thing is to offer shelter. Shade from trees is nice, but it's not perfect either. An actual structure is better. Consider getting an insulated dog house, but make sure it is large and well-ventilated. Alternatively, you might put up an open-air tent or canopy. The addition of a fan will help cool things down further. If possible, put the shelter in a shady area to keep it extra-cool. Of course, the ideal shelter is your home. If possible, install a doggie door to allow indoor access.

Just remember as humans our dogs need us to keep them safe and cool. Nothing can substitute fresh water and shade. No dog should go

for long without plenty of both. One common mistake people make is taking their dog on a walk in the heat. Pavement gets very hot under the summer sun and can easily burn the pads of your dog's feet. If it's too hot for you to walk on barefoot, it's far too hot for your dog. Take your summertime walks in a grassy park or, in the least, direct your dog to walk on the grass next to the sidewalk. Cooler air is the best way to prevent and relieve overheating in your dog. No matter how you try to keep your dog cool, the best thing you can do is to keep a close eye on it. When in doubt, get the dog to a cooler area. Never leave your dog in the car unattended, even with the windows cracked.

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Greater Amberjack season closes Aug. 25

STAFF REPORT

The 2023-24 recreational season for greater amberjack in Gulf state waters opened Aug. 1 and will remain open through 12:01 a.m. EDT on Aug. 25. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued an executive order to close the 2023-24 recreational season for greater amberjack in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico, consistent with the federal closure, during its July Commission meeting.

The Gulf greater amberjack stock is overfished and experiencing overfishing and is currently under a new rebuilding plan.

For current recreational amberjack regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Marine and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Amberjack."

FWC invites public input on burrowing owl conservation, permitting guidelines

STAFF REPORT

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) invites the public to upcoming webinars, where staff will present draft revisions to the Species Conservation Measures and Permitting Guidelines for Florida Burrowing Owls.

FWC staff will present draft revisions to the guidelines during the scheduled webinars, with each of the three online workshops providing the public with the opportunity to give feedback and offer suggestions. As a component of the FWC's Imperiled Species Management Plan, these guidelines outline biological background, recommended survey methodology and voluntary conservation practices designed to improve conditions for the state-designated Threatened Florida burrowing owl.

People interested in participating can join any of the public webinars:

Monday, Aug. 14

3 – 4:30 p.m. (ET)

Wednesday, Aug. 23

9 – 10:30 a.m. (ET)

All webinars will feature the

same presentation by staff. Information on joining the webinars is available at MyFWC.com/wildlifehabitats then clicking on "Wildlife" and then "Species Conservation Measures and Permitting Guidelines." Participation in the webinars requires access to the internet. A copy of the webinar agenda can be obtained by emailing Imperiled@MyFWC.com. In addition to the opportunity to provide feedback at the webinars, public comment can be submitted at: Research.net/r/Burrowing-Owls_Feedback. A copy of the presentation will be posted online following the webinars.

The burrowing owl is the smallest owl in Florida. This species is found in open areas with short vegetation throughout the Florida peninsula. The owls use burrows, which are typically 5-10 feet long, for nesting and shelter. The Florida burrowing owl was listed as a state-designated Threatened species in 2017. To learn more about burrowing owls, visit MyFWC.com/wildlifehabitats, click on "Wildlife," then "Species Profiles" and "Burrowing Owl."



ORANGE HILL

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was added to the Constitution. The Emancipation Proclamation had been signed just 7 years earlier. This historic Church was established for the worship to our Almighty God and the fellowship of His people set forth in the New Testament. Out of Orange Hill sprung the Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church and from them the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.

Matthew 5:19 says "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee". Therefore, under the Pastorate of Rev. Adolphus McLaughlin 43 years ago, Thelma Bell Farmer and Flora Wilson McIntyre planned the very first homecoming. There have been 16 pastors serving the Church on the hill. "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." (Jeremiah 3:15) The first Pastor of Orange Hill

was Rev. James Cady from Jackson County. He was Deacon Jefferson Cady's father. The following pastors have been. Rev. Webb, Rev. Benjamin, Rev. Green, Rev. Gipson, Rev. Lindsay, Rev. B. A. Allen, Rev. Blount, Rev. Woods, Rev. Joseph Young, Rev. Jessie Ward, Rev. Jefferson, Rev. Sam Cherry, Rev. Adolphus McLaughlin, Rev. James Johns (longest serving pastor) and our current pastor Rev. Malcolm O. Nelson. The Associate Pastors have been Rev. Nesby Brown, Rev. Earl Cooke and Rev. George Davis.

At one point in its rich history in partnership with the Washington County School System the Church gave one of their 20 acres of land to build a public school for Black children in the community. After the schools were consolidated in Washington County, the School Board gave the acre of land back.

All are invited to join in grand celebration at the annual Homecoming Service on Sunday, August 20 at 11 am.

The church is located at 816 Sunday Road in Chipley.

Lonely Paws Club



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