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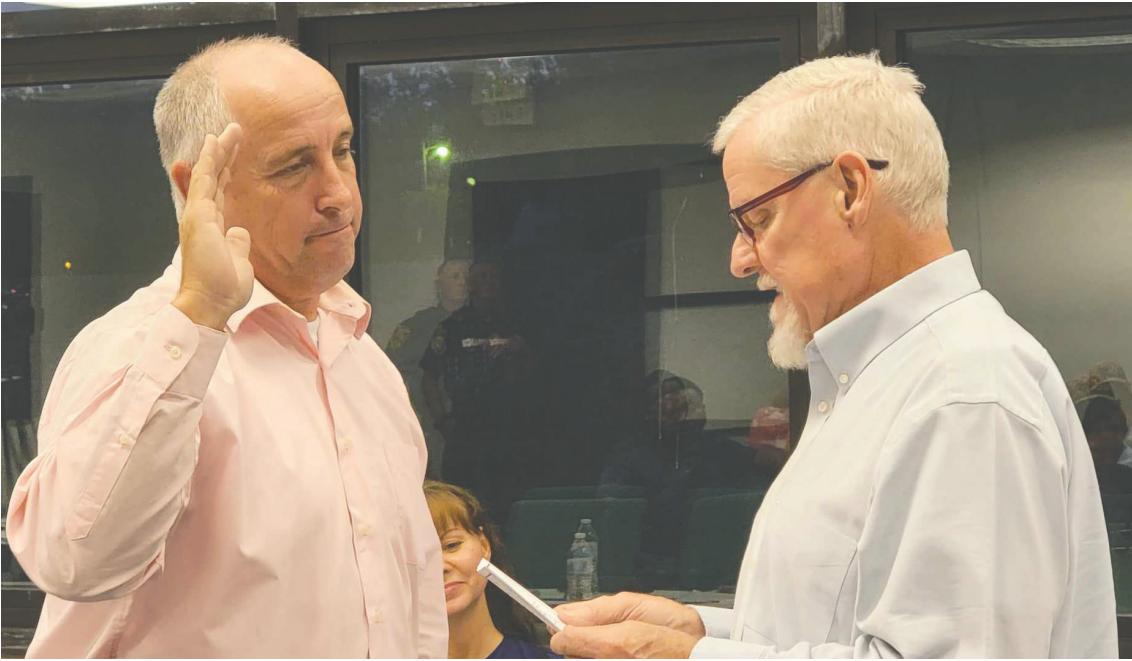
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# Bonifay sets budget and millage, swears in police chief



The Bonifay City Clerk delivers the oath of office to Johnny Whitaker, who was sworn in as full time Chief of Police. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]

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The Bonifay City Council adopted the final budget and set the millage rate for the 2023-24 fiscal year when they met in a regular session on Sept. 25.

While the Ad Valorem tax may seem like a new tax, it is an existing option that hasn't been utilized in more than 50 years. The council enacted the tax in order for their employees to enter into the Florida State Retirement system. The millage rate was adopted at 3 mills and will bring \$354,575 in revenue.

The 2023-24 budget is set at \$5,883,300.90 for the

fiscal year. The sanitation department has the highest budget at \$826,142.98 and the police department is the second highest at \$802,587.82.

After the council's approval, Interim Police Chief Johnny Whitaker was sworn in as the new chief. Whitaker became the interim chief when former chief Jimmy Macon was terminated in August..

"This is my hometown," said Whitaker. "I am excited to be able to serve my community in this capacity. We are starting at the bottom and will be adding policies and protocols that

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The family of Tyler Swearingen prepared to release balloons in his memory at Chipley High School on Sept. 28. From left: Bianca Tharpe, Dathan Tharpe, Ethan Tharpe, Shawn Tharpe, Courtney Tharpe, Jacob Swearingen, Nickolas Swearingen and Lily Hall. Tyler, a junior at CHS, was killed in a car accident on Sept. 23. Keep an eye out for a feature story on Tyler in an upcoming edition. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]

## Chipley business group announces upcoming block party

**STAFF REPORT**

As the business community gains momentum in Downtown Chipley, the sector is seeing a range of events take place.

That will continue with the Downtown Fall Block Party scheduled for Oct. 26. The event will be held from 6-9 p.m. and "include multiple games, live entertainment on both ends of town, kids crafts, photo props, a pumpkin patch, and the launching of [a] monthly Artisan Market," the Downtown Chipley Thursday Night Lights group said in a news release.

"Downtown businesses will also be open," the news release said.

The Thursday Night Lights group—so named for a rebranded event where local merchants leave their lights on while cornhole games and other entertainment options are offered in the area—said "upcoming events... have created a buzz that our community seems to have been missing."

"For the past year, Sip-N-Shop has taken place in Downtown Chipley on the third Thursday of each month," the news release said. "Originating with only a single open shop it has quickly grown into an event that draws a crowd."

Follow the Downtown Chipley Thursday Night Lights page on Facebook for more information and updates.

# Holmes County 4-H'er brings home state championship



Parker prepares for his win at the 4-H State Championship Tailgating contest in Gainesville. [CONTRIBUTED]

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A Holmes County 4-H'er has brought home the State Championship in the Tailgating Contest after competing in Gainesville on September 23.

Thirteen-year-old Parker M. qualified for the state championship after placing in the top competitors at the county level and the Northwest District competition.

Parker was one of 29 grillers to compete in the protein category which includes beef, pork, chicken, and shrimp. Of the five competitors to use shrimp, Parker reigned supreme.

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# Father charged in toddler’s death

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Christopher McClean, the 32-year-old father of two-year-old Margie June McClean, has been formally charged in connection with her death, according to the Holmes County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO).

The child’s mother, 23-year-old Kathreen Adams, has also been charged with aggravated manslaughter.

Margie June McClean died on May 16.

Adams and McClean were each initially charged with child neglect, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of paraphernalia.

The charges stem from when Margie was found unresponsive in the family car at a Highway 81 residence in the Prosperity community. Sheriff John Tate stated in a May 17 press conference that dispatchers received the call around 3:43 p.m. on May 16 from a “hysterical female.”

Records show a deputy arrived on scene within two minutes and was met by an individual carrying an unresponsive child. The deputy immediately began administering CPR on the child until Holmes County EMS arrived and took over. The child was pronounced deceased by EMS at 3:59 p.m.

Adam told investigators she found the child unresponsive in the house; however, HCSO states investigators began to piece together what happened after transporting the parents to the sheriff’s office for interviews. HCSO additionally requested EMS take the child’s body temperature, which was determined to be 107 degrees.



Christopher Mclean (left) and Kathreen Adams are each charged in the May 2023 death of their daughter, Margue June McClean

“With interviews from the parents and witnesses on scene, it was determined that the child had been in a car,” said Sheriff Tate. “When the mother was confronted with the information, she was forthcoming and admitted the child had been in the car.”

The mother told investigators she picked up the children from the babysitter after ending her shift at a Ponce de Leon convenience store around midnight and decided to leave Margie in the car because she was sleeping. According to Adams’ statement, the 4-year-old got out of the car and came into the house on his own.

“The parents ultimately fell asleep after smoking marijuana and did not wake up or realize she was still in the car until 3:41 the next afternoon when they found her unresponsive,” said Tate. “There is still a gray area of time from when they found the child and when they called 911. We are investigating that part and trying to piece together the puzzle.”

“Adams admitted to leaving the child in the car for around

14 hours. McClean has been uncooperative with the investigation,” continued Tate. “He invoked his Fifth Amendment rights and said he did not wish to speak to us at that time.”

Search warrants were executed for the residence and the car. Those searches yielded the discovery of marijuana, CBD gummies, methamphetamine smoking pipes and various other illegal items. Inside the home, investigators found “numerous bags of methamphetamine,” with some being located inside the child’s bag.

Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Jay Radke performed an autopsy and ultimately determined heat stroke as the child’s cause of death. Other forensic testing was processed for Margie, McClean, Adams, and their four-year-old son.

While it was concluded Margie did not have drugs in her system, investigators report both parents tested positive for methamphetamine, and a hair follicle test from the four-year-old boy also showed positive for methamphetamine.

# Supplier in federal meth trafficking case sentenced

## STAFF REPORT

Four Washington County residents were sentenced in federal court in July after being found guilty of trafficking in methamphetamine.

Those sentenced were deemed responsible by law enforcement officials for the distribution of multiple pounds of methamphetamine throughout Washington County and surrounding areas.

As a result of the Washington County Sheriff’s Office investigation, the main source of supply coming into Washington County was identified as Eddie Wayne Hutto of Hartford, Alabama. Hutto received a 20-year federal prison sentence out of the Middle District of Alabama.

The investigation was initiated in 2019 by the Washington County Sheriff’s Office Drug Task Force targeting the sale and distribution of methamphetamine, concentrating on major dealers in the county. This investigation spanned several years with countless man hours, undercover operations, and long term surveillance across several Florida counties as well as Georgia and Alabama.

WCSO worked closely with numerous law enforcement partners to include: the Drug Enforcement Administration of Florida, DEA of Georgia, DEA of Alabama, Chipley Police Department, Bay County Sheriff’s Office, Panama City

Police Department, Springfield Police Department, Panama City Beach Police Department, Dothan Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Office of State Attorney Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, and the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

The investigation led to the seizure of more than 50 kilograms of methamphetamine and secured multiple federal indictments in Florida, Alabama and Georgia.

A federal judge in Pensacola found all defendants guilty after hearing facts presented of this large-scale methamphetamine trafficking organization which primarily operated in Washington County.

The sentences handed down were:

Ashley Michelle Zurica, 43, of Caryville, 18 years federal prison

Ashley Elliot Brown, 41, of Caryville, 15 years federal prison

Donald Eugene Skipper, 55, of Chipley, 15 years federal prison

William Keith Carter, 52, of Wausau, 14 years federal prison

“We are continuing to work tirelessly to eradicate drugs from Washington County communities and to provide treatment for addiction to these drugs,” said Sheriff Kevin Crews.

“Cooperation and communication between law enforcement agencies is invaluable in the success of these types of investigations.”

# A Washington County road received a name after 30 years of being nameless

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A Washington County road received a name after 30 years of being nameless.

During a recent Washington County Board of County Commissioners meeting, a resident brought the matter to the board’s attention

requesting a specific name for the road - Lewis Lane.

According to county ordinances, 80 percent of landowners whose property touches the road have to be in agreement on the name; that requirement was unmet.

The road has been a private road and

had only two houses located there. When a new landowner bought acreage on the road and built a home, the road-by statute-must be given a name in order for emergency services to locate should they be needed in an emergency.

Without the needed percentage, naming

the road then falls to the 911 Coordinator to name the road. In the end, 911 Coordinator Clint Erickson named the road Copperhead Lane.

“Everyone seems to be happy with the new name,” said Erickson. “We are happy to have a positive ending to this situation.”

# Chipley adopts final millage and budget

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The Chipley City Council adopted the final millage and budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year in a special meeting on Sept. 29.

The tentative operating millage rate is 7.0000 mills which is

more than the rolled-back rate of 6.5640 mills by 6.64 percent.

With appropriations and revenue estimates, the city has a tentative budget of \$18,620,049.

The Chipley City Council will meet in a workshop at 5 p.m. on Oct. 5.

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were not in use previously. We have a ways to go but we will get there.”

In other business, the council approved motions to accept applications for the vacant council seat and for a seat on the charter review committee.

For those interested in filling the council seat for the remainder of the term, visit the City of Bonifay

website or the Facebook page to find an application which can be submitted for the council’s consideration.

For those interested in sitting on the charter review committee, the same process will apply.

Applications for both council and the charter review committee are due before the Oct. 9 meeting.

The Bonifay City Council will meet again in regular session at 6 p.m. on Oct. 9.

## PARKER

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sored by Florida 4-H, Sonny’s BBQ and Publix. Parker won a \$1,500 scholarship.

However, this was not Park-

er’s first competition. He competed last year but didn’t quite hit the mark.

“This is a prime example of improvement in skills by attending 4-H camp through the years,” said Holmes County 4-H Agent Christopher Lauen.

“All of the skills Parker used to win were acquired during our summer day camps. We are very proud of him and his accomplishments.”

For more information on 4-H camps call 850-547-1108 or visit holmescounty4h.com.



Holmes County’s own Parker traveled to Gainesville where he won the State Championship Tailgating contest and scored a photo op with Albert the Gator. [CONTRIBUTED]



# Inmates find ‘purpose, confidence’ through dog training program



Inmate Shawn Cannon demonstrates obedience tricks his canine, Princess, has learned as part of a dog training program with the Florida Department of Corrections and Bay County Animal Control. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]

## Court orders justification for FPL rates

JIM SAUNDERS  
NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

The Florida Supreme Court on Sept. 28 said state regulators did not adequately justify approval of a settlement that increased base electric rates for Florida Power & Light and ordered a new explanation.

Justices, in a 4-2 opinion, sent a battle about the settlement back to the Florida Public Service Commission, saying regulators in a 2021 decision did not meet a legal requirement of showing why the agreement “is in the public interest and results in rates that are fair, just and reasonable.”

“The commission must therefore give us something to work with: a decision that is reasoned and articulated enough to allow us to assess on what basis it has concluded that the settlement agreement is in the public interest and results in rates that are fair, just and reasonable,” Justice John Couriel wrote in the majority opinion joined by Chief Justice Carlos Muniz and Justices Jorge Labarga and Jamie Grosshans.

But Justices Charles Canady and Renatha

Francis wrote dissenting opinions and said nothing in state law allows the Supreme Court to send the issue back to the commission for a new explanation.

“There is no statutory or constitutional support for us to assume this role of project manager for the commission,” Francis wrote.

The ruling came in challenges to the settlement by the group Floridians Against Increased Rates and a coalition of three other organizations, Florida Rising, the Environmental Confederation of South-west Florida and the League of United Latin American Citizens of Florida. They have argued that the settlement was not in the public interest and that some parts of it violated state law.

FPL reached the four-year settlement in 2021 with the state Office of Public Counsel, which represents consumers in utility issues, and other parties including the Florida Retail Federation, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

Base-rate issues are closely watched, as

they involve billions of dollars, make up large portions of customers’ monthly bills and help determine how much profit that utilities can earn.

After approval by the commission, the FPL settlement led to a \$692 million rate increase in January 2022 and another \$560 million hike that took effect this year. The wide-ranging settlement also included such things as allowing increases in 2024 and 2025 to pay for solar-energy projects.

The Supreme Court decision did not make conclusions about

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Shawn Cannon used to have a problem communicating with other people.

Since teaching a dog obedience tricks through a program called Top Dog, though, he’s gained confidence and learned patience, humility, and leadership skills.

Cannon is an inmate with the Florida Department of Corrections and demonstrated some of the skills his dog, Princess—a seven-month-old terrier—has learned at the FDC’s Northwest Florida Reception Center Annex Building in Chipley on Thursday, Sept. 28.

Top Dog pairs dogs about to be euthanized with inmates so the dogs can learn to sit, stay, and roll over and the inmates can learn responsibility and caring for another.

Cannon said his experience with the program has been “tremendous” and taught him that a leader can sometimes take the backseat to let others grow.

Just as Cannon has learned to communicate, the dogs too are being rehabilitated through socialization so they can be accustomed to different situations, he said.

“It taught me how to lead with asser-

tiveness,” he said. “This program has been a blessing. It’s amazing to have the opportunity to have dogs in the prison.”

Inmates stay with the dogs 24/7 during the program, which lasts for 10 to 12 weeks. Assistant Warden of Programs Michelle Witalec said Top Dog started this year and came about after an inmate asked if the prison could do a dog program, which galvanized correctional officials to reach out to Bay County Animal Control about the collaboration.

“[The inmates] get so much out of the program,” Witalec said. “It gives them a purpose. It helps them cope with their own emotions.”

So far, all of the dogs in the program—19, to be specific—have been adopted by new owners afterwards.

The local FDC branch plans to expand the program within the facility, Witalec said.

Working with the dogs can help inmates

form bonding skills since some of them come into the prison without any family, Cannon said.

Top Dog will not only grow within the prison and be successful but can set the standard across the state and be a model as far as inmate dog training schematics, he said.

Kathy Beatson, division manager for Bay County Animal Control, said they were convinced to join the partnership after FDOC gave a presentation on what the program would involve.

“The inmates are doing a great job sticking with the program and training the dogs,” Beatson said.

From Beatson’s end, Top Dog is a literal life-saver for the animals which makes her “so happy.”

“When I can come here, I’m in tears because there are animals that would not be able to get out the shelter alive,” she said. “It touches a lot of lives.”

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## Simplifying Medicare



LES BROWN  
Senior Life Specialist

Over the next 8 weeks, I'll be sharing some basic information on Medicare to hopefully provide you with a clearer foundation of how it works. This will by no means completely cover all the ins and out but should at least give you the ability to wade into the waters. It will be like putting a puzzle together – connect all the outside pieces and then you can begin to figure out where the inside pieces go! Let's get started!

### What is Medicare?

I know, probably too basic but humor me! Medicare is health insurance for people 65 or older. You may be eligible to get Medicare earlier if you have a disability, End-Stage Renal Disease

(ESRD), or ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Some people get it automatically, others have to actively sign up – it depends if you start getting retirement or disability benefits from Social Security before you turn 65.

If you're going to get retirement or disability benefits from Social Security at least 4 months before you turn 65, you'll automatically get Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) when you turn 65. You'll still need to make important decisions about your coverage, like whether you need to add drug coverage!

If you're waiting till you turn 65 or older to collect Social Security benefits: when you're ready you will have to contact Social Security to sign up for Medicare. Depending on whether you're working and if you have health coverage through your employer, you might not want to sign up for Medicare as soon as you become eligible.

\*\*\*there are a number of situations that we can not cover here! To make sure you are doing the right thing, you can go on Medicare.gov, call Social Security, or talk with an agent who does Medicare plans. Messing this up leads to lots of frustration, more confusion, and even cost you financially. **Let's get it Right!**

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# OPINION

## Happy Corner: Brooks remembers Cracker City



HAZEL WELLS TISON  
Guest Columnist

Who remembers Cracker City? Regina Wolfgang asked me the other day what I knew about it and I dug up the Happy Corner article I did a few years ago. Here it is.

Cracker City U.S.A. was located on Highway 177A near Dogwood Lakes in Holmes County. Those of us who regularly listened to Mr. J. Harvey Ethridge on WBGC Radio certainly knew about Cracker City.

Racking my brain to try to think of someone who might have some memories to share about the place, I thought of Geoffery Brooks (Jeff) because Dr. Brooks' family home adjoined the pasture-like property along Wrights Creek where Cracker City was located.

Mr. Bill Scoggins and his wife, Edna, owned the property which he turned into a park in a shady setting along the creek. They retired and moved here from maybe Kentucky and his purpose was to foster an interest in music among young people.

I don't know about his background in music but he built a theater, a small barn with a stage but too small to actually

hold productions... so events were held outside in the shade of the trees along the creek bank. I remember going there only once to a Holmes County Teachers Association picnic.

In talking with Jeff Brooks, I learned that he had fond memories of Mr. Scoggins whom Mr. Ethridge named the mayor of Cracker City. The Brooks family bought the house that Mr. Scroggins had built on adjacent property, so Cracker City USA was a playground for the Brooks children.

Jeff said that he attended Shady Grove Baptist Church on Sunday Mornings and then Sunday after lunch he'd climb the fence and walk over to Cracker City where a Sunday afternoon Gospel sing was held.

He remembers singing such hymns as "Leaning on The Everlasting Arms." Every session concluded with "Till We Meet Again." The programs were recorded and replayed and rebroadcast on Chipley Radio Station WBGC on Sunday mornings.

Either the mayor or Mr. Ethridge would thrust the microphone in front of various young people as they sang so that they could hear their own voice over the radio.

The mayor's stated purpose was to encourage youth to enjoy and participate in music. Since our oldest son, Hiram, Mike Kent, Steve Kelley and some other teens had a band

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## Margaret Riley is a small town treasure



CAROL KENT  
Publisher

One of my favorite things about both Holmes and Washington counties is that in a world so full of division and selfishness, we have managed to keep our sense of community and giving. To see a living example of this, one doesn't need to look farther than Wausau's own Margaret Riley, an often unsung hero for the town and its residents.

Margaret locked the doors to Wausau Town Hall last week for the last time, retiring from her post as Town Clerk after more than 27 years of faithful service.

Anyone who knows Margaret understands those years of service went beyond routine business hours and duties. It wasn't uncommon for Margaret to take food to shut-

ins, stop by to check on someone she heard was ill, or take on extra tasks, such as ensuring the participants were properly lined up for the town's annual parades. Truly, her dedication to Wausau and its residents extended beyond balancing books and keeping minutes, far past the boundaries of the physical office.

Inside the office, countless projects were likely made successful because of Margaret's behind-the-scenes meticulous attention to details and deadlines. From ensuring that council members dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's on various required state and federal documents, she also looked for

grants and other ways to bolster the general health of the town. Surely, projects such as the upgrades at the Possum Palace and Sportsplex, as well as the construction of the splash pad and Wausau's new fire station all are owed - at least in part - to Margaret's dedication and love for her hometown. Much of this work was done quietly and without anyone realizing the vast role she played as the "lady behind the curtain."

I've often said that Wausau could be used as a template for how a small government body should operate. That, too, is largely thanks to Margaret. From a journalist's viewpoint, she was a

dream with which to work. Not only were public record requests answered quickly; she always went the extra mile to make sure our reporters understood complicated issues and ensured public business was kept in the sunshine. Perhaps less importantly - but just as meaningful - she always kept a pot of coffee fresh and ready for caffeine addicts like to me enjoy during town meetings.

When asked what she will miss most about her work at Wausau Town Hall, her answer is sincere, albeit no surprise: "The people," she said. "My residents. I will miss just seeing everyone in my day-to-day."

The feeling is mutual, Margaret. With all the opportunities you had to pursue other endeavors, you still chose to invest nearly three decades of your life in us. We are forever grateful for your unwavering devotion to Wausau and Washington County.

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Margaret Riley, pictured here with her husband, James, has served the Town of Wausau for nearly three decades.

## Animals in entertainment: is our amusement worth their suffering?



DESTRA MOSES  
Guest Columnist

The inhumane use of animals in entertainment is pervasive and includes but is not limited to bullfights, elephant rides, lion walks, cockfights, and marine and land wildlife "performances." As animal advocates, let's stop taking part in this mistreatment.

Facts about the use of animals for entertainment: Bullfights are not "fair fights" but highly staged forms of government-subsidized animal cruelty that perpetuate the idea that torturing and killing animals for amusement is acceptable.

Most trained acts involving predatory animals thrived (and often still do) on the potential for danger. Trainers include whips and chairs in their act for dramatic effect. To perform these thrilling acts, trainers first gain dominance over the animal behind the scenes. The most popular ways to "gain dominance"

are by beating, starving, whipping, or even pulling an animal's teeth to reduce the likelihood of injury to the trainer.

Many species of animals are used in circuses, zoos, movies, exotic animal encounters, and other forms of entertainment. You can find tigers, lions, bears, sloths, elephants, fish, whales, dolphins, dogs, cats, monkeys, donkeys, horses, giraffes, and camels within the entertainment sector.

Keeping wild animals in captivity is usually a dangerous idea. Many incidents related to wild animals could have been prevented if the animals were not kept as pets, performers, or exhibits. All too often animals attack their trainers in circuses and other live shows. Wild animals are unpredictable. If they are startled, stressed, or enraged by something, there is not much a human can do to stop them from attacking.

These incidents are incredibly unfortunate for the humans involved and they are just as tragic for the animals, who never asked to be put in these situations. These animals never had a chance at a normal life. No animal should be kept in captivity, period.

Animals in captivity

are unable to fully exhibit natural tendencies like foraging, socializing, or swimming. Many animals suffer physically and psychologically when confined. Animals - especially large animals - need adequate space to roam, swim and explore.

Aside from large zoos, privately-owned zoos and exotic animal encounters are other areas of ethical concern. Investigations have found emaciated animals, dead and decaying animals, and psychologically distraught animals in zoos, including exotic petting zoos around the world. Yet zoos like this still exist around the world.

They will continue to stay in business as long as people continue buying tickets. The best way to help animals within these horrific environments is to stop supporting establishments that keep animals in captivity. When animals are exploited for human profit, cruelty is never far behind. Cruelty in animal entertainment is not exclusive to one or two companies.

Circuses, animal shows, races, and other forms of entertainment put animals in danger and strip them of their natural environments and behaviors.

Marine parks like SeaWorld cause physical and psychological damage to the animals held captive within them. In some parts of the world, marine animals are still taken from the wild and kept in enclosures for people to see. Wild whales and dolphins can swim up to 100 miles in one day and dive hundreds of meters with their pods but in captivity they are kept in tanks where they can only swim a few strokes before hitting a wall.

They are forced to spend most of their day performing in shallow water or above the surface. This causes cataracts and other eye issues in whales and dolphins. Signs of severe psychological distress are often found in captive marine life. They will grind their teeth on the tank walls, show signs of aggression, self-harm, and be driven into psychotic episodes.

It is also believed that SeaWorld feeds orcas a concoction of drugs including antipsychotics and benzodiazepines to reduce aggression and anxiety in their unnatural environments. Marine parks claim to be educational places for children to learn, but there is a much darker truth they keep

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# Government shutdowns are not disastrous; overspending is



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Guest Columnist

As I have said over the years, I am not at all concerned about a federal government shutdown. My worry is that it might open back up again.

A shutdown is an occasional phenomenon wherein hundreds of thousands of government bureaucrats have to stop not working for a few weeks.

Given past shutdowns, we are now at the point where government workers know they have the best of all worlds. They get to stay at home, get paid when the government opens, and

not have to work for weeks. It is the trifecta for a bureaucrat.

It is important for politicians to pin the blame for any impending shutdown on the other side. The last standoff saw Pelosi shutting down the government because she refused to fund Trump's border wall.

You do not want to get into blinksmanship with Nancy Pelosi to see who is the first one to blink. She hasn't been able to blink since 2011.

Maybe that is why Senate Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell locks up. Like blinking, if you negotiate and just stare, the other side folds and gives you what you want.

Biden takes a different tactic. If you want money from the government, you do not deal with him. You have to go through his family CFO and Appropriations Chair-

man, Hunter Biden.

Perhaps we do not need all these old dudes in D.C. running up debt. They will not be around to pay it.

A shutdown makes us reorganize our financial priorities and reminds taxpayers that Washington is awful at handling our money. All of this could have been avoided if Washington politicians didn't have the budgeting skills of an Ole Miss frat boy.

Washington Congressmen are just grown-up frat boys anyway and all of this is just political theater.

As taxpayers, we should wish that the government fully shuts down. Then we hire back any of the parts we miss.

Of course, the military stays but the rest of the federal government is basically worthless. If we can find the service in the yellow pages, government should not be

doing it.

We get 90% of what we really need and use from local government: police, DA, fire, EMS, hospitals (usually), libraries, roads, garbage pickup, schools, etc.

We get this for pennies on the dollar for the taxes versus the up to 40% of our income we have to pay the feds, who take that money and run up massive deficits issuing money they do not have, increasing the money supply and creating inflation.

We also pay for that.

Washington is in love with deficit spending. Eventually it will come to a head, and it won't be pretty. You cannot have a love affair with borrowed money.

It is like a love affair with opioids: long-term, it will not love you back. Maybe if we did not have 80-year-

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.  
302 North Oklahoma Street; Bonifay, FL 32425  
Due to on-going COVID-19 concerns, Tri-County Community Council, Inc., Board of Directors will meet via hybrid format at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at the Life Enrichment Senior Center located at 312 College Avenue, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435. The hybrid meeting will allow for in-person or online attendance. Finance, Head Start & Personnel Committee meetings will be held at 4:15. For more information, please call 1-800-395-2696.  
October 4, 2023

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Washington County Board of County Commissioners

Washington County Board of County Commissioners is requesting bids for **"Hardening of EMS Building"**. Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting Kimberly Birge-Gorman at kbirge@washingtonfl.com.

Sealed bids will be received at the County Administration office located at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428, Attn: Kimberly Birge-Gorman, no later than **3:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, November 1, 2023**. To be considered, the respondent must submit one (1) manually signed original, three (3) hard copies and one (1) digital copy on CD/USB Flash Drive (in pdf) of the SUBMITTAL in a sealed envelope or package, clearly marked with the respondent's name, address, and correct corresponding bid number and name.

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

ADA - Special Accommodations: Any person requiring accommodations by the Authority due to a disability should call Wendy White, Washington County Human Resources Coordinator at (850) 415-5151 at least five (5) days prior to any pre-response conference, response opening, or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Wendy White via the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).  
September 27, October 4, 2023

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WASHINGTON COUNTY

**WASHINGTON COUNTY** (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project(s):  
• ITB 2023-17: Countywide Miscellaneous Concrete Construction (headwalls, concrete ditches, mitered end sections, etc.)

Sealed Bids for the continuing services contract will be received by the **Washington County Board of County Commissioners at 1331 South Blvd, Chipley, Florida 32428 until 3:00 PM local time on Tuesday, October 31, 2023**, at which time the Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. The sealed bid submittal shall include 1 original, 2 copies, and one electronic copy on a USB flash drive. You may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by emailing Kimberly Birge-Gorman at kbirge@washingtonfl.com. Questions shall be emailed to Kimberly Birge-Gorman at the email address above. The deadline for questions is **Friday, October 20, 2023, by 10:00 AM local time**. It is the respondent's responsibility to determine if a license is required in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 489 and the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation to provide services under this contract. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from other sources. **This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Washington County Board of County Commissioners**  
Date: September 27, 2023 & October 4, 2023

## TISON

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during that time, I thought they had contact with Mr. Scoggins and Cracker City USA but if so their memory isn't as good as mine.

I remember them playing at the dedication of the trailer park behind Piggly Wiggly and Mayor Scroggins was there encouraging them on. (Most of their gigs were at high school dances, however.)

Jeff Brooks, a few years younger than that group, had fond memories of Cracker City. He remembers the fountain, a water hose leading to the creek from which water was pumped to the park and formed a

fountain.

Mr. Scoggins told visitors that if they drank from that fountain, they'd be Crackers for life. Brooks has a ship's bell that was mounted over Cracker City USA in his backyard as a reminder of the happy hours at the park where he developed a love for the old hymns and gospel music.

No doubt he had an inherent love for music. The well-loved Christmas hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by the brother of Dr. Brooks' great-grandfather, Philip Brooks, an Episcopal pastor who later presided over the funeral of assassinated President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

The Jeff Brooks family live at the home where Jeff grew up. He has two PhDs and teaches electrical engineering at FSU Panama City Campus. His undergraduate degree was at the University of Florida where he played in the Gator band alongside our son, Glen.

Brooks has discovered another type of music, sacred harp, a folk type of four-shaped music popular in this area a century ago. He says that he feels cheated that he has lived this long and not known that this music even existed and that it has been going on nearby all his life.

He now attends those singing sessions held at the Sa-

cred Harp Singing building located at Union Hill Church on Highway 177 near Bethlehem School. A group gathers there quarterly from the surrounding area and from distances such as Opp, Alabama, and Gainesville.

If you have memories of Cracker City USA we'd be happy to hear them. Stories and pictures would be welcome at the Historical Museum's THIS PLACE MATTERS section.

## Washington County Board of County Commissioners Invitations to Bid No. 2023-18

Washington County Board of County Commissioners is requesting bids for **"Deployable Flood Panel Barrier System"**.

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

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September 27, October 4, 2023

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from Washington County to construct a **Washington County Industrial Park in Chipley, Washington County, Florida**. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties. Notice is hereby given that the project is proposed to be located in, or may affect, a floodplain and/or wetland as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990.

The project **will include development of a new resilient manufacturing facility and supporting infrastructure at the Washington County Industrial Park**. Washington County intends to design, construct, and inspect the necessary infrastructure to support the development of a 400,000-sf manufacturing facility that will be occupied by "Gantry." Washington County owns and will maintain the industrial park property, the roads, the railroad spur, parking lots, drainage system, and stormwater Ponds. The City of Chipley is the utility provider for water, sewer, and natural gas. The project will be located **north of US 90 and south of SR273 east of the former Roulhac Middle School**. Project information is available for review at **Washington County BOCC, 1331 South Blvd, Chipley, FL, (850) 638-6200**.

If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project, please provide any comments by email to **ATRO-REO@eda.gov**.

Comments received by 5:00 pm eastern on November 17, 2023 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NH PA decisional document will be available upon request at the EDA Atlanta Regional Office.

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## Washington County Request for Proposals (RFP) for Old Spanish Trail Printed Guide

The Washington County Tourist Development Council (TDC) is seeking a qualified person or firm to contract for creation of an Old Spanish Trail printed guide. The printed guide will highlight the historic and cultural sites within Washington County. For a copy of the RFP, please send your request to Heather Lopez at director@visitwcfla.com or call (850) 638-6013.

This is a closed bid. Electronic submittals will not be considered. To be considered, the respondent must submit an original and three (3) hard copies in a sealed envelope or package, clearly marked with the respondent's name and address and the words "Washington County OST Printed Guide". All sealed bids must be mailed to:

Washington County Tourist Development Council  
c/o Heather Lopez  
P.O. Box 450  
Chipley, FL 32428

Or dropped off at the Washington County TDC Office at:

672 5 th Street  
Chipley, FL 32428

The deadline for submittals is 3:00 p.m. on September 8, 2023.

LATE SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AFTER THE FOREMENTIONED DEADLINE DATE, EITHER BY MAIL OR OTHERWISE, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED. THE TIME OF RECEIPT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE TIME RECEIVED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY TDC OFFICE STAFF. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRM OR PERSON SUBMITTING THE RFP FOR ASSURING THAT THE RFP IS RECEIVED AT THE POST OFFICE OR WASHINGTON COUNTY TDC OFFICE BY THE DESIGNATED DATE AND TIME. NO FAXED, ELECTRONIC OR ORAL RFP WILL BE ACCEPTED.

ADA - Special Accommodations: Any person requiring accommodations due to disability should call Heather Lopez, Director of the Washington County TDC at (850) 638-6013 at least five (5) days prior to the bid close date. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Wendy White via the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).



# SPORTS



**WMBB**  
The Holmes County football team earns huge 56-20 homecoming victory over Vernon on Friday, Sept. 30. The Blue Devils improved to 4-1 and will visit Jay on Friday, Oct. 6. The Yellow Jackets fell to 2-3 and will host Port St. Joe on Friday, Oct. 6. All photos courtesy of Off My Frame Photography.





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## HART

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old politicians spending future generations into oblivion, it would be different.

These geezers do not think long-term. Most do not even buy green bananas.

If the federal government shuts down, who is going to spy on us, audit us, start stupid wars of choice, and leave \$85 billion of military equipment in Taliban hands in Afghanistan?

Who will interfere with local education, leave the border unsecured, use the DOJ/FBI etc. to go after opponents, and take kickbacks from big pharma and tech to force their will on us?

If we learned anything from the Fauci heavy-handed mandates, vaccines, regulations, business shutdowns and quarantines of the pandemic, it is that wearing a mask only helps you if you just stole a car or looted a store.

I love when government pays extra for staff to shut down open-air national parks during these shutdowns. This petulant move defines our government.

It has become populated by heavy-handed goons who run a swollen government monster that intimidates its funders: taxpayers. Why give them money?

A recent Gallup Poll found that only 16% of Americans trust government to do the right thing, down from 60% before Bush/Cheney and then Obama's wars of choice in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Yes, Biden does wars now too, but rest assured, this pending hot war with Russia that he is getting us into will be the most diverse, inclusive, equitable and green war--ever.

*A libertarian op-ed humorist and award-winning author, Ron Hart does commentary on radio and TV. He can be contacted at [Ron@RonaldHart.com](mailto:Ron@RonaldHart.com) or @RonaldHart on Twitter.*



Holmes County

Arrest Reports













The following arrests were made in Holmes County between September 22 and September 28 as reported by the Holmes County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until co

 <p><b>Brandon Lewis Ganey</b> 26, NONE- VOP: heroin X2, dealing stolen, VOP: heroin X2 [HCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Melvin Ray Turner</b> 68, homeless- Larceny: petit-theft [BPD]</p>	 <p><b>Sabrina Borgos</b> 28, Orlando- Possession of marijuana more than 20 grams [HCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Zaria Johnson</b> 22, St. Petersburg- Trafficking controlled substance, smuggle contraband into detention facility, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams [HCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Jene Irene Helmick</b> 33, Westville- VOP: DWLSR, possession of methamphetamine [HCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Richard Cody Donovan</b> 36, homeless- Possession of methamphetamine schedule I, possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Perry Eewell Lee</b> 21, Bonifay- Trafficking methamphetamine more than 14 grams, Neglect child without great harm, possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon [HCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Christina Adelaide Nishimura</b>, 46, Defuniak Springs- FFJ: Out of state warrant [HCSO]</p>
 <p><b>Warren Culp</b> 52, Tallahassee- Out of county warrant [BPD]</p>	 <p><b>Curtiss Ron McGough</b> 35, Westville- Out of county warrant [HCSO]</p>						

Washington County

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 <p><b>Tyler Thomas Roberts</b> 23, Vernon- Probation violation [WCSO]</p>	 <p><b>John Randolph Bledsoe</b> 60, Chipley- Aggravated assault with deadly weapon without intent to kill [WCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Brianna Rayne Putnam</b> 25, Chipley- DUI drugs or alcohol [WCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Taj Devon Smith</b> 21, Chipley- Trespassing structure or conveyance [WCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Jayden Reid Haines</b> 19, Ebro- Resist officer: flee/elude LEO with lights/sirens activated [WCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Timothy Michael Gallegos</b> 58, Ponce De Leon- Possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon FVOP [WCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Shana Rene Futral</b> 47, Southport- Producing marijuana schedule I [WCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Donald Michael Dickerson</b>, 46, Chipley- Probation violation, simple assault: threat to do violence [WCSO]</p>
 <p><b>Tabitha Mary Peavy</b> 26, Caryville- No charges available [WCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Christian Rene Crook</b> 44, Bonifay- Aggravated battery: cause bodily harm or disability, burglary: unoccupied structure unarmed, larceny: theft more than 300 dollars less than 5000 dollars [WCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Tina Lee Cox</b> 55, Vernon- Resist officer: obstruct without violence, aggravated battery: offender should have known/ knew victim was pregnant [WCSO]</p>	 <p><b>Shermana Latrice Curry</b> 32, Chipley- Battery, resist officer: obstruct without violence [WCSO]</p>				

FPL RATES

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whether disputed parts of the settlement should be upheld. Instead, it focused on whether the commission offered justifications needed to evaluate the legality of the settlement.

“In this case, after hearing from 60 witnesses and receiving 635 exhibits into evidence, the commission produced an explanation of its public interest determination that spanned little more than a page,” Couriel wrote. “The order provides conclusory statements about the virtues of the settlement agreement, not the reasoned explanation required for our review.”

Couriel added that the commission and FPL “assure us that the commission’s decision was warranted considering the evidence in the record. But it is not enough

to point to the pile of paper memorializing these proceedings and say, ‘It’s in there.’ Instead, the commission must do the job with which the Legislature has tasked it by showing, in its final order, how the paper in that pile supports its decision.”

But in her dissent, Francis pointed to evidence in the record that justified the commission’s handling of the issue.

“Although the portion of the order discussing the public interest is terse, the nearly 70,000 pages of record evidence establishes that the commission thoroughly considered considerable information in coming to its decision that the factors justified the settlement order,” she wrote.

FPL issued a statement that said it is “important to understand that today’s decision by the Supreme Court is procedural in nature and directs the

Florida Public Service Commission to make its final order more robust.”

“FPL customers are already benefiting from this agreement, which enables the company to continue making sustained, customer-focused investments in infrastructure, clean energy and innovative technology while keeping bills as low as possible,” the statement said.

Justice Meredith Sasso, who joined the court in May, after oral arguments in the case, did not take part in the Sept. 28 decision.

The Supreme Court sending such a case back to the commission is relatively unusual. But it made a similar move last year in a challenge to a Duke Energy Florida solar-energy program. The commission subsequently approved a revised order supporting the Duke program.

MOSES

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hidden.

Rodeos and bull riding: What started as a neighborly competition to see who could complete their daily farm chores faster has become a cruel source of entertainment around the world. The use of rope burning, electrical prods, brute force, testicular manipulation, and other scare tactics force these animals to react erratically while trying to escape.

Instead of escaping, they are ridden by humans as part of a game to see who can ride them the longest. Calf tying is just as disturbing. Calves are lassoed, tackled, and tied, often suffering broken necks, broken limbs, damaged internal organs, or even death. Horses are also abused during rodeos.

Circuses: Chimpanzees are known as humans’ closest relatives because we share

about 99 percent of our genetic blueprint with them. These animals are not treated like humans, though. They are subjected to confinement, abuse, and psychological damage like other circus animals. A strong second of my love for dogs are elephants.

Elephants are among the most abused in circuses, both physically and emotionally. These animals are incredibly social, intelligent, and friendly, but they are denied the opportunity to express these traits while training. Elephants are hit in the face, body, and ears with bullhooks if they move too much or try to socialize, and sometimes they are hit without doing anything wrong at all.

We can all help stop this. There are plenty of ways to help animals trapped within the entertainment sector. One of the simplest ways is to stop supporting the industries that exploit animals. Do not attend circuses, races,

parks, or any other activities that harm animals.

Another simple action you can take from the comfort of your own home is to sign petitions and share information on social media. If enough people sign petitions and start talking about the horrors within these industries, business owners will be more likely to change their ways.

Animals are still abused in most of the aforementioned ways to this day. Most of us are fascinated by animals, but that does not mean we should hold them captive so we can admire their beauty. We should push for reform in these industries because we love animals and want them to live happy lives, free from suffering.

*Destra A. Moses is an animal rights advocate who resides in Holmes County. She can be reached by email at [Ispeakforthem@yahoo.com](mailto:Ispeakforthem@yahoo.com).*

Washington County

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000322 NOTICE OF AP- PLICATION FOR TAX DEED Notice Is Hereby Given FIG 20 LLC, the holder of the following Tax certificate,	has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the	property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Num- ber 21-00-00775 Year of Issuance 2021	Parcel 00000000-00- 3738-0001 assessed to REBECCA HOPE WOODHAM AKA REBECCA HOPE CORBIN MICHAEL SCOTT CORBIN	Description 29 3 14 5.1 ORB 731 P 24 BEG NWC OF NE4 OF NW4, S 300', E 440', N 300', W 400' TO POB AS DESC IN ORB 731 P 24 AND PRCL DESC IN ORB 802 P 409 AS	FOLLOWS: BEG NWC OF NE4 OF NW4 , E 440' TO POB, S 300', E TO EXISTING ROW OF OWENS COMMUNIT Y RD, NE ALNG ROW TO INTERSECT ION WITH S ROW LN OF	BRUNER DA IRY RD, W ALNG ROW LN OF BRUNER DAIRY RD TO POB.. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State	of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest	bidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM  CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court,



Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk  
September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023

**000323**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED** Notice Is Hereby Given **FIG 20 LLC**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number **21-00-00805**  
Year of Issuance **2021**  
Parcel **000000000-00-4063-0000** assessed to **WENDLE W DOUGLAS**  
Description **35 4 14 20 OR 918 P 475 SW4 OF NW4 OF SE4, NW4 OF SW4 OF SE4, & ESMT**. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell,

Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk  
September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023

**000324**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED** Notice Is Hereby Given **FIG 20 LLC**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate #: **21-00-00068**  
Year of Issuance: **2021**  
Parcel: **000000000-00-0201-0000**  
Assessed To: **MARY E PATRICK**  
Description: **16 4 12 32.4 ORB 432 P 357 S2 OF SE4, N2 OF SE5 S. OF H-WAY LESS PRCL DESC IN OR 242 P 2232, ORB 432 P 359, ORB 602 P 53, LESS SOUTH 934' OF S1/2 OF SE1/4 AS DESC IN ORB 677 P 166, ORB 1216 P 920. ORB 1226 P 292**  
All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON.REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk  
September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023

**000331**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
Notice Is Hereby Given **BETHEA HUNTER**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate #: **20-00-03934**  
Year of Issuance:

**2020**  
Parcel: **000000000-19-1081-0011**  
Assessed To: **NAOMI W KEN-NEDY**  
Description:

**SUNNY HILLS UNIT #19 LOT 11 ORB 239 P 1531 BLK 1081**

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHINGTON.REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.**

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk  
Publication Dates: 09/20/2023, 09/27/2023, 10/04/2023, 10/11/2023  
September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2023

**000335**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED** Notice Is Hereby Given **COUNTY OF WASHINGTON**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 17-00-00020 Year of Issuance 2017 Parcel 000000000-00-0002-0067 assessed to **ROY BOSWELL GRACELYN BOSWELL** Description 5 2 12.18 ORB 547 P 400 PARCEL DESC IN ORB 547 P400. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON.REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk  
September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2023

**000337**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED** Notice Is Hereby Given **COUNTY OF WASHINGTON**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 17-00-00045 Year of Issuance 2023 Parcel 000000000-00-0007-0010 assessed to **ROBERT P FERNANDEZ** Description 8 2 12 1.98 ORB 241 P 1195 BG 431.64' N,.220.26' W OF SEC OF NE1/4 OF NW1/4, RUN

N.396.71', W. 220.42', S.3.94.96', E.220.19' TO POB. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT

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**000338**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED** Notice Is Hereby Given **COUNTY OF WASHINGTON**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 17-00-00365 Year of Issuance 2017 Parcel 000000000-00-1324-0000 assessed to **HERRING EARNEST &ETAL KEY**

**NATHANIEL % MATTIE KEY**

**EARNEST HER-RING**

**NATHANIEL KEY BERTHA BAGLEY**

**RODELLA KEY BROWN**

**DONTAVIOUS JOBE SHACKEL-FORD**

Description 4 4 13 LOT 100' N&S BY 50' E&W, IN SWC OF E1/2 OF LOT 8, S1/2 OF NE1/4 ORB 536 P 14, ORB 687 P 203. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT

WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Cler  
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**000339**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED** Notice Is Hereby Given **COUNTY OF WASHINGTON**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 17-00-00360 Year of Issuance 2017 Parcel 000000000-00-1307-0000 assessed to **JUANITA NEAL ESTATE %MONICA WHITE**

Description 4 4 13 ORB 176 P 240 LOT 2, N1/2 OF NE1/4 BLK 20. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE

AT WASHINGTON.REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Cler  
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**000340**  
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to **GERALDINE BLOUNT** Description 3 4 13 ORB 230 P 782 W1/2 OF LOT 75 C/H. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT

WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell,

Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk  
September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2023

**000344**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED** Notice Is Hereby Given **FRANK ZURICA**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 18-00-01329 Year of Issuance 2018 Parcel 000000000-00-4905-0000 assessed to **WILLIAM WILLIAM, SR SUESAN WILLIAM** Description 35 3 15 OR 321 P 267 E 80' OF LOT 9, BLK 9 ORB 353 P 423. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy

Clerk  
September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2023

**000349**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
Notice Is Hereby Given **COUNTY OF WASHINGTON**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate #: 17-00-00549  
Year of Issuance: 2017  
Parcel: 000000000-00-2823-0000  
Assessed To: **TEEJAY LLC**  
Description: 33 5 13 ORB 909 P 248 LOTS 38,39,40, R&L/A BLK A, ORB 1094 P 86

All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.

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**000350**

of Total Amount of Bonds, Mortgages, or Other Securities:  
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September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2023

**000351**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED** Notice Is Hereby Given **COUNTY OF WASHINGTON**, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 17-00-05646 Year of Issuance 2017 Parcel 000000000-08-0476-0015 assessed to **ROBERT B FREEMAN ESTATE** Description **SUNNY HILLS UNIT #8 LOT 15 ORB 604 P 352 BLK 0476**. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk  
September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2023

**000383**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners in and for Washington County, Florida, will hold a public hearing to consider a proposed Ordinance to be titled as follows:  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-4, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL, DEFINING THE AUTHORITY OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER(S); providing for the restraint, confinement, adoption and disposal of stray, dangerous or nuisance animals; providing regulations for the treatment, care and use of animals; providing for enforcement, penalties and fines; providing for the use of revenues collected; PROVIDING FOR severability AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
The passage of the proposed Ordinance will be considered by the Board of County Commissioners, at their regular meeting at **9:00 A. M., C.S.T., on Thursday, the 19 th day of October, 2023, at the County Commission Boardroom**, Courthouse Annex, 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a regular meeting immediately following this public hearing for adoption of the Ordinance and such other business as may be necessary.

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A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be inspected by the public at the County Commissioners' Office, 1331 South Boulevard, Suite 400, Chipley, Florida.

All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Kimberly Birge at the Administrative Office by calling 850-415-5151 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

WITNESS my Hand and Official Seal, this the 21 st day of September, 2023.

/s/ Lora C. Bell  
LORA C. BELL,  
Washington County Clerk  
October 4, 2023

**000384**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
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WITNESS my Hand and Official Seal, this the 21 st day of September, 2023.

/s/ Lora C. Bell  
LORA C. BELL,  
Washington County Clerk  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023

**000385**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR TOWD POINT MASTER FUNDING TRUST 2021-PM1, Plaintiff, VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES,; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A BRITTANY HILL; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/K/A CODY HILL; MONICA JOINER; JOSHUA CARNLEY; SAMUEL JAMES CARNLEY, A MINOR CHILD UNDER THE CARE OF HIS MOTHER AND; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendant(s). 22000008CAAXMX AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on August 23, 2023 in Civil Case No. 22000008CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR TOWD POINT MASTER FUNDING TRUST 2021-PM1 is the Plaintiff, and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES,; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A BRITTANY HILL; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/K/A CODY HILL; MONICA JOINER; JOSHUA CARNLEY; SAMUEL JAMES CARNLEY, A MINOR CHILD UNDER THE CARE OF HIS MOTHER AND; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, Plaintiff, vs. The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by,

WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Lora C. Bell will sell to the highest bidder online at www.washington. realforeclosure.com on October 18, 2023 at 10:00:00 AM CST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 3, AND THE S 1/2 OF LOT 2, BLOCK 48, ALL IN THE TOWN OF WAUSAU, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THE EASTERLY 15 FEET OF JACKSON STREET RIGHT OF WAY, ABANDONED BY THE TOWN OF WAUSAU, FLORIDA, LYING ADJACENT TO SAID LOT 3 AND THE S 1/2 OF LOT 2, BLOCK 48, AND BEING IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on , 20\_\_.

CLERK OF THE COURT  
Lora C. Bell  
Deputy Clerk  
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP

Attorney for Plaintiff  
5300 West Atlantic Avenue  
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Delray Beach, FL 33484  
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IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email ADARequest@jud14.flcourts.org.

October 4, 11, 2023  
**000386**  
The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Nichols Auto Repair and Towing at 1146 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428 at 8:00 am on the following dates: 1989 Chevrolet 2GCEK19K9K1169306 October 18, 2023 2005 GMC 1GTH-K29U75E33123 October 27, 2023  
**000387**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, Plaintiff, vs. The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by,

through, under or against the Estate of Betty Spencer a/k/a Betty J. Spencer, Deceased, et al.,

Defendants.  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

Case No. 22000074CAAXMX AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment and/or Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, entered in Case No. 22000074CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit, in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein Specialized Loan Servicing LLC is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Betty Spencer a/k/a Betty J. Spencer, Deceased; Robert Shannon McCallister; Kristen Nicole Chambers; Gloria June Paige a/k/a Gloria J. Paige f/k/a Gloria Jean Gainey; Winston Terry Spencer; Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for BCAT 2020-3TT; Clerk of the Court, Washington County, Florida are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, https://washington. realforeclose.com/, beginning at 10:00 AM on the 1st day of November, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, THENCE RUN WEST 210 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN SOUTH 210 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 210 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 210 FEET, THENCE RUN EAST 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

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

Dated this 27th day of September, 2023.

Lora Bell  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Kelsey Odom  
As Deputy Clerk

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October 4, 11, 2023  
**LAND/ACREAGE**  
1-Acre plot and 2-Acre plot in Jacob City Florida  
**(850) 849-9338**

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As published in the Washington County News October 4, 2023



# CELEBRATE

## Trucks, helicopters and boats, oh my

**DIANE M. MOORE**  
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West Pittman Baptist Church held its third annual Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, Sept. 30, as a way to bring the community together and allow children to learn about all sorts of heavy equipment and vehicles.

Event Coordinator Catherine Peel said the most important thing they wanted the event to do had nothing to do with the vehicles themselves. “It is a great thing that these kids get to see and feel all of these

things,” Peel said. “But what we want most of all is to spread the love of Jesus Christ.”

With vendors, first responders, farmers, Florida Forestry Service, Fish and Wildlife Commission, and new this year a concrete pump truck and an airboat, the event was a success. More than 300 kids came out to enjoy the trucks.

“We’ve had a tremendous turnout,” Peel said. “We couldn’t have done this without the help of everyone involved. We are very thankful to everyone who helped make this happen.”



The Griffin siblings from left: London, Benjamin and Hank packed into a tractor at the West Pittman Baptist Church Touch-A-Truck event. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]



The airboat was a big hit with these boys on its first visit to the Touch-A-Truck event at West Pittman Baptist Church. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]



Two-year-old Ransom Skinner had a great time pretending to fly the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office helicopter at the Touch-A-Truck event. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]



Benjamin Griffin moved around the fire truck firmly stating, “no” because he didn’t want to get out. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]



Florida Forestry Service Forester Morgan Rushing showed Ainsley Skinner how to handle a fire hose. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]



West Pittman Baptist Church’s Pastor Daniel Smith enjoyed telling Judson Peel all about the motorcycle he was sitting on. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]



Touch-A-Truck event coordinator Catherine Peel and her son Judson flashed big smiles in front of the heavy equipment. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]



Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Susan Barge talked to 4-year-old Banks Hall about the DUI bicycle utilized by FHP. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]



# FOOD

## A cool BLT salad, with a nod to Dr. Gorrie



Stephanie Hill-Frazier  
Guest Columnist

*"Man cannot live by bread alone. Every once in a while he needs a salad."* - Woody Allen

Dr. John Gorrie is a local hero in Northwest Florida, particularly Apalachicola, and rightfully so. When sitting in a home or office on a steamy August afternoon and a cold breeze comes through the vents into the room, we have Dr. Gorrie to thank for that. While he didn't invent the air conditioner as it is today, he certainly kicked things off by inventing a machine that produced ice, and which had a compressor which could be powered by steam,

wind-driven sails, water, or horsepower. This all began with his desire to cool and cure his yellow fever patients during an outbreak in Apalachicola in the early 1840s. A hero, indeed!

I know the exact moment I became appreciative of Dr. Gorrie's genius. It was in 1978, and we had just moved into our new home on St. Joe Beach. It did not have an air conditioner. It was late May, the end of the school year was near, and it was already getting pretty toasty indoors without cooled air. Dad put ceiling fans in all the rooms, of course, but that humid Florida air was a challenge for them.

One afternoon our sixth grade class, led by science teacher extraordinaire Herman Jones, had an end-of-year party at our classmate Phil Watson's house on the beach at Beacon Hill. I remember lots of fun, with games and swimming and coolers full of cold

drinks for us to enjoy. It went by quickly, and then mom came to pick me up at his house along Highway 98. I climbed into the car, sandy, sweaty and hot, and we headed home.

When I walked into the warm house, I saw immediately that there was a stranger in the kitchen, kneeling over a vent in the floor doing some sort of adjustment. Moments later, I heard something mechanical turn on, and felt a blast of cool air come through another vent nearby. What a joy it was to suddenly have a home being filled with that gloriously cooled air! I stood in front of a vent and allowed the cool air to blow on my face. I felt richer than if someone had handed me a \$50 bill! (I was only 12, remember.)

I remain thankful for cooled air, whether I'm in Florida or Texas, the two places my life takes me to regularly. And even with cooled air, in the summer, most of us prefer to keep our kitchens cool, usually to save money on our electric bills, but also to keep ourselves from getting cranky and hot. Because of that, I find myself gravitating toward easily prepared but unique salads during the hot months for light, yet filling and tasty meals.

What's better than a nice piece of chicken or fish right off the grill paired with a lush, flavorful salad?

I created a salad idea to share with you here which echoes the flavors of a favorite American sandwich, the BLT. Crusty French bread croutons take the place of sandwich bread, flavorful cheese is added, and the dressing is made with a Ranch dressing packet and mayo. Finish it off with some cracked black pepper, and you will have a salad that you'll both enjoy in summer and dream of in winter, when fresh local tomatoes are nowhere to be found.

Enjoy!

Stephanie Hill-Frazier is a writer, food blogger and regional television chef, whose on-air

nickname is "Mama Shas three sons who are significantly taller than she is. You can find more

of her recipes at [WhatSouthernFolksEat.com](http://WhatSouthernFolksEat.com).



BLT salad with toasted French bread croutons [STEPHANIE HILL-FRAZIER]

### BLT Salad With Toasted French Bread Croutons

#### Ingredients:

##### For the croutons

- 1/2 loaf day old, crusty French bread, sliced in half through the center
- olive oil
- garlic powder

##### For the salad

- bag of pre-washed mixed greens (lettuce, spinach, baby kale etc... if fresh from the garden, even better)
- tomatoes (chopped if large, or sliced in half if grape or cherry tomatoes)
- 5 slices bacon, pan fried, drained on paper towels, and crumbled
- 4 ounces white cheese, cubed or shredded, such as fresh mozzarella, provolone, Swiss, smoked Gouda, or chevre
- Ranch dressing (preferably made with Ranch seasoning packet, Dukes mayonnaise, and milk)

#### Method:

- Spread each half of French bread loaf on the cut side with olive oil. Sprinkle with garlic powder. Toast in small toaster oven until crisp, but don't allow to get dark. Alternatively, grill the oiled and seasoned bread on a grill pan on stovetop, or over embers on grill. When cool, cut into 1-inch cubes with a serrated knife.
- Combine greens and tomatoes; toss. drizzle with the dressing and toss well again.
- Sprinkle salad with bacon pieces, cheese, and toasted croutons, as well as salt and pepper, if desired.



A 1914 statue by C. Adrian Pillars represents Florida in the Capitol. [NATIONAL STATUARY HALL]



A look at Dr. John Gorrie's original ice machine. [FLORIDASTATEPARKS.ORG]



# SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

## Vernon High culinary program receives Rachel Ray grant

**NAN THOMPSON**  
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Three years into the culinary arts program at Vernon High School and things are moving forward.

The 80 students currently enrolled are waiting for improvements to their culinary class, which will be financed through grants. Once completed, the class will have a commercial 5 burner stove, dishwasher, and new countertops.

“This will be such an improvement from what we started with,” said culinary arts teacher Laurie Simmons.

Simmons didn’t want to stop there, so she and her students applied for the Rachel Ray Grow Grant. The grant is given to high schools to improve their National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Prostart culinary arts and restaurant management program.

Simmons and her students wrote letters explaining why they need the grant and the rest is history. Only 40 schools around the country were chosen this year, Vernon High being one of them.

The award was \$5,000 for small items: baking pans, utensils, storage containers, and other small

kitchen items.

“This is huge for the program,” said Simmons. “We have been working with items donated to us.”

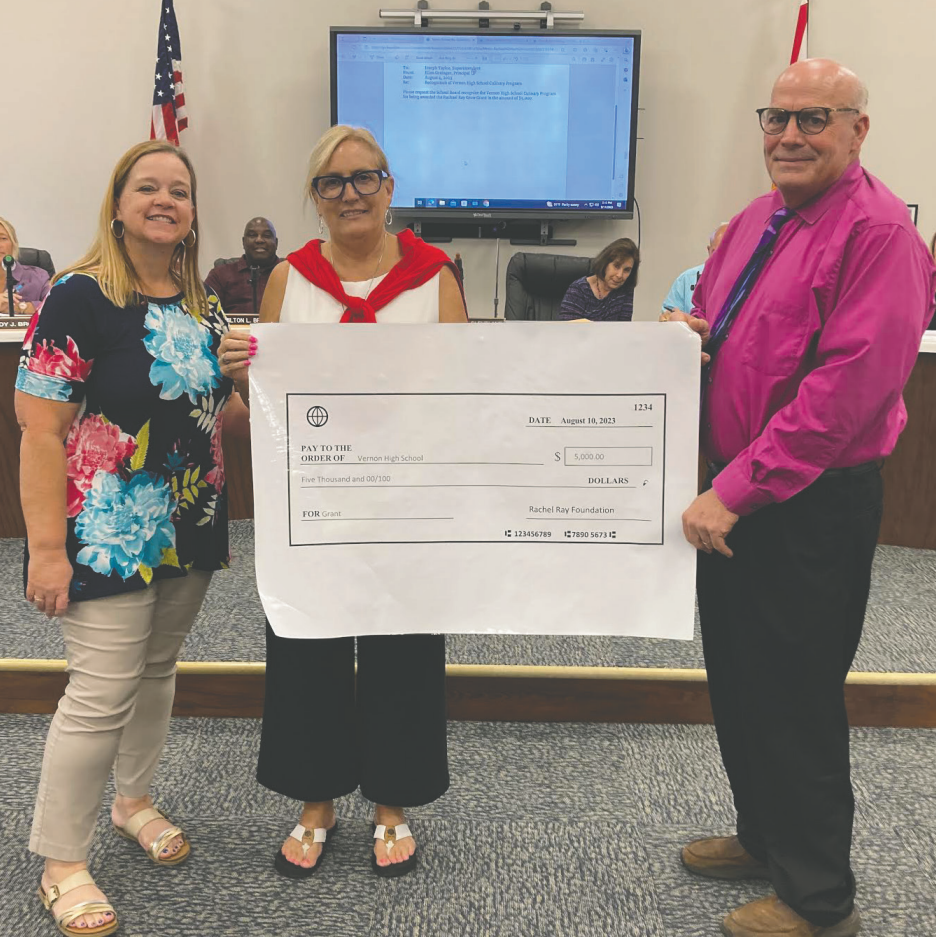
The culinary program offered is no longer just a cooking class since students can obtain food service certificates—the first being a ServSafe certificate which proves that the student has the knowledge to protect the public from foodborne illnesses.

Students can also obtain the National Registry of Food Safety professionals certificate, allowing them to be considered for management positions in the food industry.

To help fund the culinary program, the school sells Boar’s Head meats by the pound throughout the year, as well as working concessions at all home football games.

The culinary department was at the Fresh Fest on Sept. 30 at the Washington County Public library in Chipley, serving up several different dishes to taste.

The program is always looking for donations of items for students to prepare. For more information on how to help the Vernon Culinary program, contact Laurie Simmons at Laurie.simmons@wcsdschools.com.



Vernon High School Principal Ellen Grainger, culinary arts teacher Laurie Simmons, and Washington County School Superintendent Joe Taylor display the Rachel Ray Grant at a school board meeting. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

## Holmes County High celebrates homecoming



Left to right: juniors, Nicole Young, Kegan Stafford, Emma Whitaker, Sophia Pollard, Randy Boyd, Bradlee Johnson, Cora Osteen, Shelby Gardener dressed in the 80s [HAYLEE NALLICK]



Physical science teacher Mrs. Chandle and Anatomy teacher Mrs. Belser dressed in the 70s. [HAYLEE NALLICK]



Sophia Pollard, junior and Madellyn Tate, senior. [HAYLEE NALLICK]



Kelly Godwin, junior. [HAYLEE NALLICK]



Riley Cooper, senior. [HAYLEE NALLICK]



Cassie Ivey, senior. [HAYLEE NALLICK]

## Holmes County school board approves personnel recommendations

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During a brief Holmes District School Board meeting on Sept. 26, the board approved an urgent status condition for hiring instructional personnel for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Personnel recommendations were approved for Bonifay K-8

School, Ponce De Leon Elementary School, Holmes County High School, and Poplar High School.

Bonifay K-8: Hiring of April Watkins, Jordan Dady and Alicia Higgins and the resignation of Paige Lawson.

Ponce De Leon: Hiring of Tina Brannon and internal transfer of Kimberly Blain-Cobb.

Holmes County High: Resigna-

tion of Karen O’Steen, hiring of Major Justin Shaw, Erin Bevis, and Eva Watkins.

Poplar Springs High: Hiring of John Brad Hall, Jared Austin Owen, Mandy Worthy, Karon Register, Lacy Brown, and Missy Pierce.

Also approved were all overnight and out of state travel for Bethlehem Culinary to Tallahassee, Bethlehem FFA to Moultrie, Georgia,

the 2023-2024 Holmes County High School girls basketball schedule, Poplar Springs FFA, ( District Forestry Competition), and Holmes County High School to Moultrie, Georgia.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 9 a.m. in the Holmes District School Board room at 701 East Pennsylvania Avenue in Bonifay.



# COMMUNITY

## Door-to-door trick-or-treating returns to Downtown Chipley

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Spooky ghosts and goblins, superhero characters, and princesses will once again walk the streets of Chipley in search of sweet treats on Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

After the tradition of door-to-door trick-or-treating faded in the past few years, trunk-or-treat became the new way of passing out candy on the spooky holiday.

Two mothers, Brittany Goynes and Taylor Hampton, decided to bring back their childhood memories to share with their own children.

Working several months gathering information, permits and approval by Washington County Sheriff Kevin Crews, Goynes said door-to-door trick-or-treating is back in Chipley.

The specific areas to trick or treat are 3rd Street to 7th Street and Church Street to South Boulevard. All homes wishing to par-

ticipate are encouraged to have porch lights on.

Homes that wish to participate in associated contests can contact Brittany Goynes at 850-703-9546.

Hampton and Goynes have further plans to celebrate the Halloween season. There will also be a festival at the old Kate Smith Elementary School at 750 Sinclair Street from 3 to 6 p.m. There will be contests, games, prizes, food trucks, candy, music, and local businesses on hand to help with the celebration.

Businesses wishing to participate can contact Goynes or visit the Facebook page for Downtown Chipley Trick or Treat. [www.facebook.com/events/7233314913431649](http://www.facebook.com/events/7233314913431649)

Food trucks wishing to set up at the festival can contact the City of Chipley for permit information at 850-638-6350.

This event is open to all ages. All proceeds go to the Washington County Sheriff Department's toy drive.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Bonifay of Bonifay, Florida will accept sealed proposals until **2:00 PM Wednesday, November 15, 2023** for City Attorney Services (Proposal provisions and related specifications may be obtained from City Hall, 401 McLaughlin Ave, Bonifay, FL 32425; Telephone:850-547-4238; Email:Rickey.Callahan@cityofbonifay.com, or CityHall@cityofbonifay.com )

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Come enjoy this show in the Spanish Trail Playhouse's newly remodeled theatre! Show times are Saturday, October 7, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 8, at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at [spanishtrailplayhouse.com](http://spanishtrailplayhouse.com)!. *John, His Story* is presented by arrangement with A.D. Players and directed by Mil Cox.

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# BUSINESS

## Chipley-raised sisters open moonshine distillery in Kinsey

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Jenifer Wyatt and her sister Gina Odom come from a family of bootleggers—so when they brainstormed a retirement plan, opening a distillery focused on serving moonshine was a natural option.

Of course, the two women are doing so legally.

Hoochie Hooch Distillery recently opened in Kinsey, Alabama, a short drive from their hometown of Chipley. Odom still lives in Chipley, while Wyatt has moved away.

The sisters work as nurses but wanted to open a business so they have a nest egg when they walk away from their current vocation. Hoochie Hooch offers 21 different flavors of moonshine, some of which Wyatt describes as “clear.”

No matter the flavor, the family venture aims to remove the harsh flavor other-

wise associated with the beverage, with “sweet and smooth” flavors geared towards women.

“It’s a really good drinking moonshine,” Wyatt said of Hoochie Hooch’s selections.

The distillery also has a gift shop.

Hoochie Hooch is not just a safety net for Wyatt and Odom in their twilight years. The business also came about so the sisters have something to pass onto their daughters.

Given the family’s legacy with bootlegging, Wyatt said they’re just as drawn to the technique of crafting moonshine as they are the taste and business revenue.

“The process is fascinating,” Wyatt said. “What comes out the other end is a clear, beautiful flavor.”

The sisters also have safety in mind with their moonshine business, noting the distilling light flame has to be blue for good and safe

liquor. A red flame, conversely, can cause blindness, Odom said.

The beginning stages to open Hoochie Hooch began in January when the sisters registered the business name and then moved on to securing federal approval, which Wyatt said was “not that hard.”

The next step was getting a state license, which Wyatt described as a different story.

“They have thrown all kinds of hurdles,” Wyatt said.

Hoochie Hooch actually had to be licensed as a kitchen, meaning the sisters had to increase the size of their distillery barn.

While a grand opening is set for Friday, Sept. 29 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., the distillery already had a soft opening that Wyatt said was “wonderful.”

“Our name has gotten out there,” Wyatt said. “People seem to be coming from all over.”



Sisters Gina Odom (left) and Jenifer Wyatt, both from Chipley, recently opened Hoochie Hooch Distillery in Kinsey, Alabama, which specializes in moonshine. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

One reason people are drawn to moonshine is it can still have that allure of being illegal, Wyatt said.

“We try to keep ours as close as possible to what you could get from an illegal distillery without being illegal,” Wyatt said.

Keeping with that down-home vibe, Hoochie Hooch also

intends to stay away from being a “big industrial distillery,” as Wyatt puts it.

Wyatt hopes people look at Hoochie Hooch’s opening as an example of what can be achieved through perseverance.

“If you put your heart and soul into something, you can achieve anything,”

Wyatt said. “If you push, you can get anything you set your heart to.”

Hoochie Hooch is located at 1285 Watson Bridge Road. Visit the distillery’s website at [hoochiehoochdistillery.business.site](http://hoochiehoochdistillery.business.site) or their Facebook page for more information.

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## SUDOKU

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Level: intermediate

### Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

ANSWERS, Page 8B

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Information  
5. Seaport (abbr.)  
8. Agricultural disease (abbr.)  
11. Riding horses  
13. Boxing’s GOAT  
14. Hurt or discomfort  
15. A small sharp knife to trim vegetables  
16. A beaver builds one  
17. Horizontal passage into a mine  
18. Self-immolation by fire rituals  
20. Chain bar with lots of games (abbr.)  
21. Goo Goo Dolls' hit  
22. Agreeable  
25. In an early way  
30. In a way, struck  
31. It’s there in the morning  
32. County in the S. Pacific
33. Central Florida city  
38. Numbers cruncher  
41. Mexican beers  
43. Lawyers say you can indict one  
45. Capital of South Australia  
47. Wings  
49. Drug used to treat HIV/AIDS  
50. Fencing sword  
55. Capital of Qatar  
56. Portable bed  
57. Afflicted  
59. Lying down  
60. Midway between northeast and east  
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation  
62. Inflamed  
63. Soviet Socialist Republic  
64. Impudence

### CLUES DOWN

1. A way to fish  
2. Greek mythological figure  
3. Scarlett’s home  
4. Assist  
5. More doleful  
6. Premeditated  
7. Dish featuring minced food  
8. San Diego ballplayer  
9. Eight  
10. Unwelcome picnic guests  
12. Human gene  
14. Bucket  
19. Make full  
23. Dirt  
24. Person cited as ideal example  
25. A part of (abbr.)  
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet  
27. Very long period of time  
28. Gas usage measurement
29. North American native people  
34. It says “moo”  
35. Folk singer Di Franco  
36. Resinlike substance of certain insects  
37. Residue  
39. Grand homes  
40. Popinjays  
41. Man who behaves dishonorably  
42. Figures  
44. One who watches over children  
45. Expressed pleasure  
46. No longer living  
47. Hebrew calendar month  
48. Part of the ear  
51. Swiss river  
52. Prejudice  
53. Italian Island  
54. Resist authority (slang)  
58. Criticize

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# FAITH

## A note to our pastors



SHERYL BOLDT  
Guest Columnist

Dear Pastor,

We appreciate you – a lot. Aside from your family, we’re your biggest fans.

We know being our pastor isn’t an easy job. Your hours well exceed a 9-5 occupation – and we can sometimes be a handful. Your commitment to God’s calling demonstrates that you want to be a good representative of the God you preach about.

We’re grateful for the way you increase our hunger for God’s Word and admonish us to honor Christ in all we do. You encourage us to reach our full potential by serving Him in our homes and communities. Your weekly messages challenge us not to allow life’s distractions to keep us from focusing on God’s purposes.

Most especially, we’re eternally thankful for all the times you remind us that God loves us so much that He gave His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins.

We can’t thank you enough for the many hours you’ve spent reading and researching Scripture, praying for clarity. You’ve persevered, prayed through and taught us the hard verses. We admire you for not backing down from teaching “unpopular” verses and doctrine, even when they’re politically incorrect.

We appreciate the sacrifices you and your wife make for us. For selflessly putting others’ needs ahead of your own. For being available and approachable. For representing Christ well.

Your years-long dedication clearly shows how much you want to be there for us, even when you can’t.

We understand your schedule and human limitations. We know, present or absent, that you bring our needs to our powerful – and omnipresent (ever-present) God in

prayer.

Thank you, Pastor. You and your wife are important to us and to our community. We’re praying for you as you continue to “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14 ESV). Please let us know how else we can pray for you and your family.

With much love, Your biggest fans

This Pastor Appreciation Month – and throughout the year – make it clear to your pastor and his wife how much you appreciate them and how their faithfulness to God is a source of encouragement to you.

A side note: To the pastors who had to make the difficult decision to leave your churches for varied reasons, we thank you for your years of service to your congregation and community. We’re praying for God’s continued grace in your lives.

*Sheryl H. Boldt is the author of the blog, [www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net](http://www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net). Connect with her at [SherylHBoldt@gmail.com](mailto:SherylHBoldt@gmail.com).*



CALEB DUNCAN  
Guest Columnist

Have you ever had a God-sized goal that seemed to fall apart? Maybe you had a dream for a ministry or some other plan for God’s glory and it seemed to lose traction before it began. Your intentions were good. Your heart was set! But when the rubber hit the road, it fell apart.

Several years ago, I remember planning for a large event. The event’s goal was simply to have a night of worship and share the gospel. In preparation, we advertised as much as possible with flyers, church announcements, and social media posts. We had asked musicians to come and lead worship with the expectation of a big turnout.

On the night of the event, we had 15 people show up. We discovered that we had planned it on the same night as another community event much more attended. We still had the night as planned but it was awkward in a large gymnasium with such few people!

Outside of bad timing and not acting in wisdom, one of the reasons that I believe this event also didn’t have a great response

## Godly Goals

was that we didn’t spiritually prepare in any kind of way. While there may have been a few prayers, we did not ask for God’s blessing and seek his face about it. Have you ever had an experience like this?

One of the scriptures I’ve been studying lately comes from 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12. It says, “To this end, we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

In this passage, Paul is offering a prayer over the Thessalonian church. Notice that he prays for them to live worthy of their calling by resolves for good and acts of faith. We live to glorify God through decisions and actions of faith that will bring him glory! But notice the caveat: by His power!

All our attempts to glorify God are impossible without the help and power of God. It’s only by God’s power that he enables our goals, plans, and decisions to bring him glory. Trying to live for God’s glory, apart from God’s power, is like flicking a light switch when the breaker is off.

You can try to change the light bulbs and flicker the switch all

day, but you have no power when you’re cut off from the power supply!

In the same way, we can attempt to serve God with our “plans” in this life if we are disconnected from his power. He desires that we would be close to him.

Notice another caveat: “So that the name of our Lord Jesus would be glorified in you, and you in him.” If we are trying to do something for God’s glory, but secretly and inwardly, it’s really for our glory, that too will fail. Make sure that if you’re trying to live for Jesus, you are living for Him and not secretly for yourself.

God wants to honor your goals and plans for Him. But make sure you have the right intention. That’s why Paul prays this prayer in the first place.

In order to echo his words, I pray that God would make you, the reader, worthy of his calling on your life, and that he would fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that Jesus Christ would be glorified in you.

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## OBITUARY

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

- Cassandra Clare

### Kenny Frank Day



[CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

Kenny Frank Day, 72, passed from this life on Friday, September 22, 2023. Frank was born on June 22, 1951 in Solano County, California to his parents Kenneth and Myrtle Day.

He was a father, friend, and mentor to everyone he met and loved being around people. While hunting and fishing were two of his favorite pastimes, it was the people he did it with that made those hobbies so special. Frank truly loved being surrounded by those he loved and nothing made him happier than to cook for his friends and family. His family will remember him as the rock you could always lean on. He was the best “Poppy” to his grandchildren and the best “Daddy” to his girls.

In addition to his parents Kenneth and Myrtle, Frank is preceded in death by his stepmother, Dorothy Jean Day, his

wife, Sharon Shawley Day, sister-in-law, Jeanette Day, son-in-law, Justin Guettler, and granddaughter Gillian Guettler. He is survived by four daughters, April Day Williams, Summer Day Guettler, Katie Day Strickland (Jake), Morgan Brackin (Cameron), one son, Caden George, siblings, Keith Day (Ann), Don Day (Lisa), Sunny Collins (Joe), grandchildren, Nathan, Karson, Athan, Gavin, Davis, Collin, Levi, Eli and many nieces and nephews, one of which, Donald Roy Day (Lisa), looked to him as a father.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at First Baptist Church of Chipley. Visitation will be held from 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. with the Funeral Service to follow. Reverend Phillip Gainer will be officiating. Interment will be held at New Orange Baptist Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to New Orange Baptist Church, P.O. Box 46, Chipley, FL 32428, c/o Ruth Lee.

Brown Funeral Home & Blue Lake Crematory of Chipley, FL is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends may sign the online register at [www.brownfh.net](http://www.brownfh.net)

## OBITUARY

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

- Cassandra Clare

### Tyler John Swearingen



Tyler John Swearingen, 16, of Chipley, FL, passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 23, 2023. He was born in Panama City, FL, on February 15, 2007.

He is preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Clarence and Debbie Bruce.

Left to treasure his memory are his parents, Robert Swearingen and Shawn and Courtney Tharpe; grandparents, Charles and Teresa Tharpe, Kristi Bruce, Ken and Christina McVay, and Tammy Brady; siblings, Ethan Tharpe and Emily Stone (fiancé), Gage Tharpe, Bianca Tharpe, Nickolas Swearingen, Jacob Swearingen, Dathan Tharpe, and Conner

Swearingen; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Tyler attended Chipley High School as a member of the graduating class of 2025. He lived life to the fullest every single day by spending time with friends and being surrounded by his loving family. He also enjoyed playing video games, anime, and especially Iron Man.

Though he left this world far too soon, he left it a better place. He touched and reached so many lives with his infectious smile and loving spirit. Tyler’s life will continue to live through his family and friends carrying his memory forward.

A Celebration of Life Service for Tyler will be held at Grace Assembly (567 Main Street in Chipley, FL) on Friday, September 29, 2023, at 2:30 PM followed by a graveside service at Macedonia Cemetery (1838 Macedonia Road, Cottondale, FL).

Prior to the service, a public visitation will be held at 1:30 PM.



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Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 10/17/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 8/1/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By: ACJ,Deputy Clerk. September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023.

**000100**  
NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That IDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.348 Year of Issuance: 5/29/2021 Description of Property: 0909.03-002-000-044.000 SEC:09 TWN:05 RGN:15 LOT 44 UNIT 17 DWL EST OR-91/59 DES IN OR-132/673 OR-108/9 WD-OR366/709 WD OR569/463 Name in which assessed:JERRY BASS, ANDREW HAMMONDS, Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 10/17/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 8/1/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By: ACJ,Deputy Clerk September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023

**000101**  
NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That IDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.570 Year of Issuance:5/29/2021 Description of Property: 1334.04-001-002-373.000 SEC:34 TWN:05 RGN:16 LOT 373 UNIT 2 CRC OR-206/168 OR-263/990 OR-274/345 OR-259/182 OR-288/214 OR-289/367 WD-OR343/418 OR-343/519 WD-OR359/167 LIFE/EST WD-OR368/111QC-OR478/51 Name in

which assessed: CARL L. DELONG, DAVID MESSERSCHMIDT, DAVID RIEHL,DEAN R. HOLBROOK, JAMES F. RIEHL. Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 10/17/2023, at 11:00 A.M. DATED this 8/4/2023.. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By:ACJ, Deputy Clerk September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023

**000123**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF NICHOLAS JOSEPH LACASTRO, File No. 23-94-CP Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Paul A. Bay, Jr., deceased, File No. 23 PR 100 , is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, Florida 32425 . The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. ALL CLAIMS DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of the first Publication of this notice is: September 27, 2023. Kurt A. Bey Personal Representative 4946 Creek Road Extension Lewiston, New York 14092 Dennis L. Pratt Florida Bar No. 814954 770 Baldwin Avenue DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435 (850) 951-2244 September 27, October 4, 2023

DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH ARE BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is: September 27, 2023. NINA D. FULLER Petitioner/executor 2616 Hwy. 173 Bonifay, FL 32425 Kristi Miller NO-VONGLOSKY Florida Bar No. 0182044 Post Office Box 1129 Chipley, FL 32428 Telephone: (850) 6387587 knovonglosky@gmail.com September 27, October 4, 2023

**000124**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 23 PR 100 IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL A. BAY, JR., Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Paul A. Bey, Jr., deceased, File No. 23 PR 100 , is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, Florida 32425. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. ALL CLAIMS DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of the first Publication of this notice is: September 27, 2023. Kurt A. Bey Personal Representative 4946 Creek Road Extension Lewiston, New York 14092 Dennis L. Pratt Florida Bar No. 814954 770 Baldwin Avenue DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435 (850) 951-2244 September 27, October 4, 2023

**000127**  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2023-232-CC LEE BERTHA CLARK, Plaintiff, v EDD JOHNSON, HAS-SIE JOHNSON, and others, Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION TO: Defendant EDD JOHNSON, if alive, and if dead, his known spouse HAS-SIE JOHNSON (known to be deceased), and any unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, judgment creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them; the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, and judgment creditors of defendants, deceased, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against defendants; and all unknown natural persons if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, and judgment creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, or under those unknown natural persons; and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property described in this complaint, with the exception of Pam Taylor, Frederick Taylor, and Mary Ann Taylor, YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint to quiet title to real property in Holmes County, Florida, described as:

**Lots 1,2,6,9,11,12,13, 14,15, and 16 of Block 8, Lot 5 of Block 11, Lot 4 of Block 14, Lots 2,3, and 4 of Block 16, Lots 4 and 5 of Block 17, and Lot 1 of Block 15, less and except the West 36 feet of Lot 1 and less and except a square measuring 100' by 100' located in the SW corner of the remainder of Lot 1 after the removal of the 36 feet previously stated, of the Town of Noma, Florida as shown on that map on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Holmes County, Florida in Section 27, Township 7 North, Range 14 West, Holmes County, Florida**  
**Property Appraiser's ID #0327.04-001-008-001.000 and Lot 6 of Block 17 of the Town of Noma, Florida as shown on that map on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Holmes**

**County, Florida in Section 27, Township 7 North, Range 14 West, Holmes County, Florida**  
**Property Appraiser's ID #0327.04-001-017-002.000 has been filed in the County Court for Holmes County, Florida, and that you, as a potential claimant, are entitled to notice as a matter of state law.**  
**You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to the Complaint, if any, on the plaintiff's attorney, Timothy H. Wells, Post Office Box 155, Bonifay, Florida 32425-0155, and to file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the attorney or immediately thereafter by October 23, 2023; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.**  
**Dated on the 21st day of September, 2023. SAM BAILEY, Clerk of Court By: Tara Hicks, Deputy Clerk September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2023**

**000130**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 22000281CAAXMX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 2000-4, Plaintiff, v. SHERRY M. BYRUM; LEONARD L. BYRUM , et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment in Foreclosure Nunc pro Tunc entered on September 18, 2023 and entered in Case No. 22-000281-CA in the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Holmes County, Florida, wherein SHERRY M. BYRUM; LEONARD L. BYRUM , are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Sam Bailey , will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Holmes County Courthouse, 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, FL 32425 On November 2, 2023 at 11 : 00 A M , following a public sale of the real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 4 OF BETHLEHEM ESTATES: COMMENCE AT A 1/2" IRON PIPE MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST

1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN S87°58' 54"E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION FOR 810.86 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S87°58' 54"E FOR 270.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S03°33' 55"W FOR 770.15 FEET; THENCE RUN N87°58' 54"W FOR 270.00 FEET; THENCE RUN N02°48' 47"E FOR 621.09 FEET; THENCE RUN N06°41' 43"E FOR 149.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 4.84 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

ACCORDING TO SURVEY DATED 04/27/00, BY LOUIS WILLIAM KATHMAN III, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, FL CERT. #2495.

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And Commonly Known As 2922 YANCEY ROAD, BONIFAY, FL 32425 ANY PERSON OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE LISEPE NDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR BY MAIL AT P.O. BOX 1089, PANAMA CITY, FL 32402 OR BY PHONE AT (850) 767-3550 AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, PLEASE CALL 711 OR EMAIL ADAREQUEST@JUD14.FLCOURTS.ORG.. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail upon all parties registered to receive notification via the service list for this action maintained by the Florida Courts

E-Filing Portal Governed By The Florida Courts E-Filing Authority or via U.S. Mail to those parties on the attached service list on this 25 th day of September, 2023. GHIDOTTI | BERGER LLP Attorney s for Plaintiff 1031 North Miami Beach Blvd North Miami Beach, FL 33162 Telephone : (305) 501 2 8 08; Facsimile : (954) 780.55 7 8

By : /s/ Tara L. Messenger Tara L. Messenger, Esq. Florida Bar No. 0059454 fcpdaddings@ghidottiberger.com

October 4, 11, 2023

**000131 Pursuant to FL ST. 713.78, Eastern Diesel & Auto Wrecker Service, Inc. will sell at public sale at the following: 2005 S. WAUKESHA BONIFAY FL 32425 Time 8:00 A.M. Sale 10/04/2023 1993 oldsmobile cutlass ciera 1G3AG55N0P6432015 1998 DODGE INTREPID 2B3HD56J1WH129794 2005 KIA SEDONA KNDUP131556663947 2006 FORD F-150 1FTRF122X6NA54864**

**000132**  
Notice of Final Agency Action Taken by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Notice is given that Department has verified that the activity proposed by Katherine Burke of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (620 South Meridian St. Tallahassee, FL 32399) to construct a 1,285 square foot pier on Lake Victor (Water Class 3, 1310 Riddle Dr, Westville, Holmes County) is exempt from the need to obtain a regulatory permit under Part IV of Chapter 373 of the Florida Statutes. File No. 0436515-001-EE/30.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rules 28-06.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399- 3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency\_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated

above at the time of filing. October 4, 2023

**HELP WANTED**  
Doctors Office in Bonifay, Florida is accepting resumes/ applications for an Office Managers Position. Person responsible for, business affairs functions, processing incoming and outgoing mail, reading and responding to emails, preparation of monthly and quarterly reports. Must be able to multitask, be organized, money management, make deposits, reconcile bank and credit card statements. Knowledge of Medical billing and background in accounting. Must be able to work in cooperation with other employees and clinical director. Must exercise independence, judgement, competence and dependability in carrying out assigned tasks. If you have the experience we are looking for please bring your resume or come in and fill out an application. Applications will be taken through October 2023.

**CITY OF BONIFAY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT VACANCY**  
The City of Bonifay is seeking proposals for full-time City of Bonifay Administrative Assistant of the Bonifay Police Department. Salary will be negotiable. Applications must be submitted by October 18, 2023 at 3:00PM at City Hall, 401 McLaughlin Ave, Bonifay, Florida 32425. Phone 850-547-4238. A detailed job description can be found on the City's Website www.cityofbonifay.com or you may contact tracy.walker@cityofbonifay.com or johnny.whitaker@cityofbonifay.com

**CITY OF BONIFAY OFFICER VACANCY**  
The City of Bonifay is seeking proposals for full-time and part-time City of Bonifay Patrol Officer of the Bonifay Police Department. The applicant is required to meet the requirements of Florida Statutes, Chapter 943. Salary will be negotiable. Applications must be submitted by October 18, 2023 at 3:00PM at City Hall, 401 McLaughlin Ave., Bonifay, Florida 32425. Phone 850-547-4238. A detailed job description can be found on the City's Website www.cityofbonifay.com or you may contact tracy.walker@cityofbonifay.com or johnny.whitaker@cityofbonifay.com

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## Lonely Paws Club



Bully mix Dolly Momma is looking for a cuddle buddy. This dog likes car rides and treats. [CONTRIBUTED]

### CUDDLE BUDDY APPLICATION

**NAME:** Dolly Momma  
**CITY:** Bonifay  
**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:** The Lucky Puppy Rescue  
**STATUS:** Single  
**AGE, SEX:** Approximately five years old, female.  
**WEIGHT:** Approximately 35 pounds, give or take.  
**COLORING:** White with perfectly placed brown spots.  
**MOOD:** I love people but I can be a bit bossy at times.  
**LIKES:** Car rides, soft beds, toys, good food, treats.  
**DISLIKES:** Rainy days and Mondays.  
**HEALTH:** I am heartworm positive but going through the treatment now. Don't worry...you can't catch it. I am also spayed and up to date on all my other required vaccines.  
**WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR?** I am looking for a loving person to be my special person, for love and affection.

**A LITTLE ABOUT ME:** I'm a bully mix, big and loveable. Where I live now, they say I can be a bit bossy at times. I don't see it because I think I'm perfect just the way I am. I have learned to use a doggy door, so I can go outside as I want to. My needs will be a fenced-in yard, so I can run and play...but, most of all, someone to love.

**Can you complete my cuddle buddy application?**  
If so, contact The Lucky Puppy's Rescue on their Facebook page for or theluckypuppy.org.

*Lonely Paws Club is a weekly feature to help shelter animals find a loving home, brought to you by Paw Barn Pet Resort and Kent Smith Group.*

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