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## Primary election is Aug. 28

Along with selecting their preference for candidates to represent their party in the fall, voters participating in the August 28 primary election will decide three county-wide races in Levy.

The two Levy County Commission races and a School Board race are Universal Primary Contests, meaning the winner would have no opposition in the fall election, as both candidates are from the same party. The races are open to all eligible voters, regardless of party.

Incumbent Lilly Rooks is facing opponent Ryan Bell in the District 4 contest. Incumbent Rock Meeke is facing challenger Terance Reed in the District 2 race for County Commission.

Gary Bennett and Ashley Breeden Clemenzi are vying for the District 5 seat on the School Board of Levy County in a nonpartisan race that will also be decided in the primary.

Early voting in Levy County started August 13 and lasts through August 25. The early voting site is at the Supervisor of Elections Office in Bronson, at 421 S. Court Street. The voting hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Vote-by-mail ballots are due by August 28.

Visit [www.votelevy.com](http://www.votelevy.com) for more information on voting.

## Lawrence transitions into new role as school begins

**Lori Prevatt**  
 Beacon Correspondent

Kathy Lawrence, the former Cedar Key high school math teacher, who took over as principal August 10 at CKS, has found her new role has been a good fit.

Lawrence, who has 39 years experience in the field of education, says the unique small school setting and its surrounding small community is a plus for students.

“Cedar Key School benefits from the commitment of its families and the community; family and friends of Cedar Key support the students and staff by volunteering, by sharing expertise, by mentoring, and by providing donations of many kinds,” Lawrence said.

“With a school population of around 275, students benefit from their teachers’ knowing them individually; teachers can meet each student’s needs to fully equip each child for his or her future. We are here to help students fulfill their dreams, and the support from caring adults in the school and in the community makes our goal a reality.”

Lawrence says the transition has been made easy. “I have been an educator for many years and have held many different positions as a teacher and an administrator. For the past two years, I have been a math teacher and reading coach at Cedar Key School. I am loving this new position as principal. I feel that the transition has been smooth in that the staff and I have worked collegially for the past two years. Also,



Lawrence

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## Cedar Key Volleyball



SEAN ARNOLD/Citizen

Cedar Key senior Cassie Lozier hits a return in the Lady Sharks' volleyball match at Chiefland on Aug. 21. CKS is back in intra-county action Aug. 27 at Bronson, before returning home against Ocala Meadowbrook Academy on Aug. 30.

## Bishop of St. Augustine blesses St. Andrews Chapel

The Bishop of Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine said Mass Aug. 12 at St. Andrews Chapel in Cedar Key.

Parishioners and guests welcomed Bishop Filipe Estevez at the 3 p.m. Mass, which he conducted, and he blessed the chapel, named for Saint Andrew, patron saint of fishermen.

Assisting Bishop Estevez were Fr. Cesar Torres, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Chiefland, and Fr. Joe McDonnell, retired priest assigned to St. Andrews Chapel. Also assisting were two seminarians from Miami.

Bishop Estevez thanked all those who especially helped to make St. Andrews Chapel a reality in Cedar Key. He was happy to have a Catholic presence in Cedar Key, the westernmost part of the Diocese, so it can work with others in the community to spread the Ecumenical work in the region.

A reception followed Mass and the blessing of the Chapel.

Sunday Mass is at 3 p.m. at St. Andrews Chapel and all are welcome to attend.



Photo Provided

Bishop Estevez of St. Augustine Diocese reads the Gospel during Mass at St. Andrews Chapel, Cedar Key, August 12. Fr. Cesar Torres, left, and Fr. McDonnell, in back, concelebrate.



# Calendar

## Aug. 25

### Eagles Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Cedar Key Eagles are holding a dinner fundraiser Aug. 25 from 4 p.m. “till the cows come home.” There will be live music and home cookin’ for a cause! The dinner is spaghetti, salad and garlic bread, for \$8 a plate. Proceeds go to the Florida Fraternal Order of Eagles Disaster Relief Fund. The dinner is at the Eagles Aerie 4194 “The Little Red House,” at the corner of B Street and 3rd Street in Cedar Key. The Eagles have changed their October meeting from Oct. 18 to Oct. 25.

## Oct. 20

### Seahorse Key Open House

Seahorse Key is an island located three miles from Cedar Key by boat and is managed by the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge. It is open to the public about four times per year. Open houses are great opportunities for the public to experience the peacefulness, history and natural environment that Seahorse Key has to offer. Visitors can also tour the pre-civil war lighthouse. Access to Seahorse Key is available to the public through Tidewater Tours, Cedar Key Boat Rentals and Island Tours or accessed by private boats during the open house dates.

For information visit [nchs.ifas.ufl.edu](http://nchs.ifas.ufl.edu).

## Oct. 20-21

### 49th Annual Cedar Key Festival

Organized by the Cedar Key Lions Club, the festival offers fine food, entertainment, shopping and family fun. The Festival will also mark the opening ribbon cutting ceremony for the Florida Shellfish Trail tourism guide. The festival runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The festival parade is at 11 a.m. Saturday

For information visit [cedarkeylionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:cedarkeylionsclub@gmail.com)

## Nov. 30 – Dec. 2

### Pirate Invasion Weekend Cedar Key City Park

The sixth annual pirate invasion gives visitors and local alike an opportunity to put on their best pirate gear and enjoy a weekend of music and entertainment in the park, including a historical weapons demonstration and live-fire performances.

# August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Community Calendar is sponsored by the  

**Levy County Visitors Bureau**  
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## Box Tops for Cedar Key School

### Makenna Stottlemire

Shark reporter

Cedar Key School is collecting Box Tops for Education to help pay for the next Young Authors Conference, and we are asking for the community to help.

Box Tops coupons are found on many popular grocery items and are worth 10 cents apiece to schools. This year’s goal is to raise \$1,000, and we have already raised \$318. Media Clerk Mrs. Lisa Smith said the next deadline to cash in the coupons is Sept. 15, so if you have Box Tops to contribute, please bring them to the front office or send them to school with your student.

It’s easy to cut out the coupons and they can add up in a hurry. Since 2014, CKS has earned more than \$4,770 to help encourage reading and writing. Thank you in advance for helping with the fundraising project.



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**Temperatures, Rainfall, Winds**  
 Thursday, Aug. 23 through Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018

	T	F	S	S	M	T	W
Low Temp.	75	74	74	74	74	74	75
High Temp.	86	86	86	88	88	87	87
Rainfall%	20	60	60	507	60	60	50
Hum (%)	76	79	81	8	77	79	78
Wind Speed	8	5	6	7	6	6	7
Wind Direction	NW	SE	SE	E	E	E	SE
Fire Danger							

**Levy County Coast Tides at Cedar Key**  
 Thursday, August 23 thru Wednesday, 29, 2018

23	High 1:25 AM	Low 6:33 AM	High 12:23 PM	Low 7:38 PM
24	High 1:59 AM	Low 7:18 AM	High 1:07 PM	Low 8:12 PM
25	High 2:29 AM	Low 7:58 AM	High 1:48 PM	Low 8:42 PM
26	High 2:56 AM	Low 8:36 AM	High 2:25 PM	Low 9:11 PM
27	High 3:22 AM	Low 9:11 AM	High 3:01 PM	Low 9:39 PM
28	High 3:47 AM	Low 9:46 AM	High 3:38 PM	Low 10:08 PM
29	High 4:11 AM	Low 10:22 AM	High 4:15 PM	Low 10:38 PM

**Suwannee River Levels**  
 at Wilcox, near US 19 Bridge.  
 Readings relate to Mean Sea Level

Tues., Aug 21	5.33 Feet Rising
1 week ago	5.09 Feet Falling
2 weeks ago	5.55 Feet Rising
3 weeks ago	5.03 Feet Rising

**To the Citizens of Levy County**

I want to take a moment to thank you all for your input and concerns over the past years, but especially the past 6 months in regards to Levy County and how it is managed. I sincerely have a genuine love and concern for Levy County. If I didn’t believe that I could make a difference for the people of Levy County, I would not be running for this position. As a business owner and man that loves Levy County, I know that by listening to YOU, I can and will make a difference for this county. It’s time for a change. Thank you all. It’s been a learning experience all around and if elected, I will make a difference.

**Please Vote Terance REED on August 28th!!! Let’s get things done.**

Paid for and approved by Terance Reed, Republican for Levy County Commissioner District 2



# Thank you for the donations

**By Porter Carlisle**  
Shark reporter

Cedar Key School would like to give a shout out to all the support from everyone who has helped make such a big gathering of school supplies to help CKS. Donations from Dilly Dally Galley, Stuff the Bus, and others made it possible for our students and teachers to start the year with the supplies they needed. Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

Photos by Alexis Lipscomb



# AVID students kick off year with activities

Cedar Key high school AVID students have begun the year learning about teamwork, leadership, following directions, and learning to communicate. AVID (Advanced Placement Via Individual Determination) helps students

build skills for college and other future ventures. Our three seniors lead the AVID class in group building games on Tuesday. Students followed up with a discussion of the values of the skills practiced for college and career.



The Levy County Library System invites you to make new friends and enjoy some friendly competition at its game events in September! Our experienced gamers will be on hand to teach a wide variety of new and classic games. Bring your own favorite games to share or choose to play from the library's selection. Don't miss out on this free all ages library event!

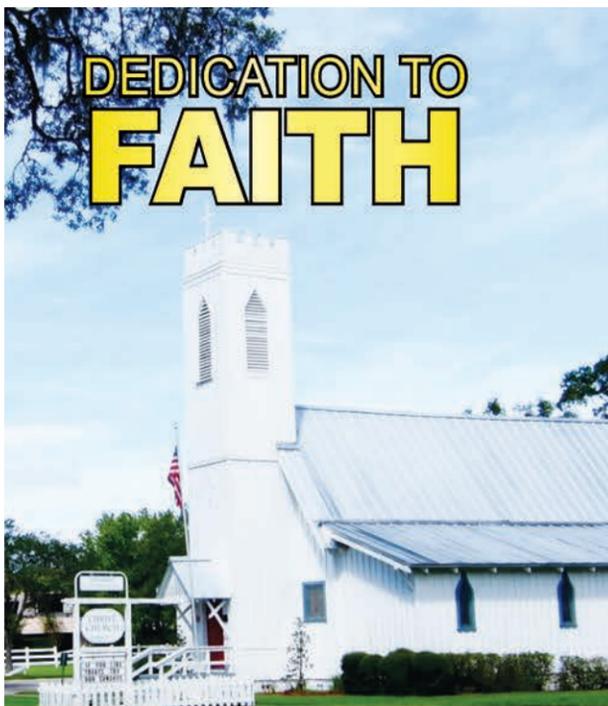
**Williston Public Library**  
Weds 9/05 @ 5PM

**Bronson Public Library**  
Mon 9/10 @ 6PM

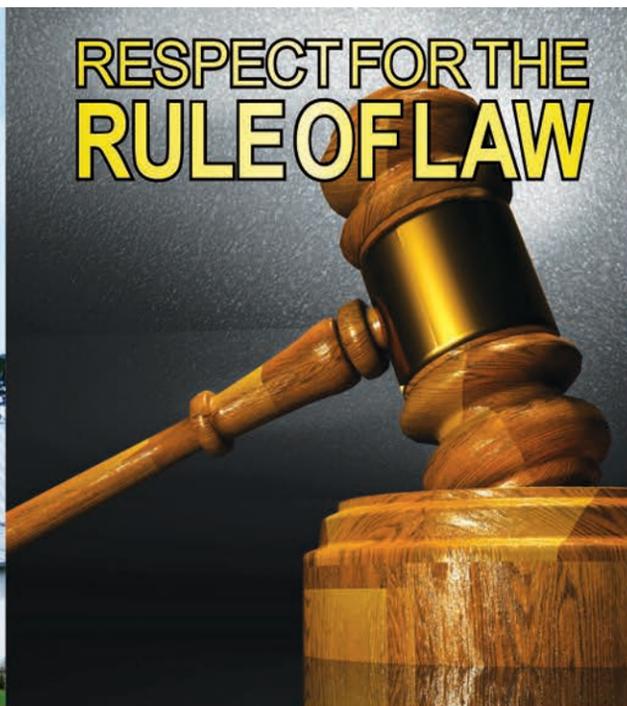
**A.F. Knotts Public Library**  
Weds 9/19 @ 4PM

**Luther Callaway Public Library**  
Fri 9/21 @ 5:30PM

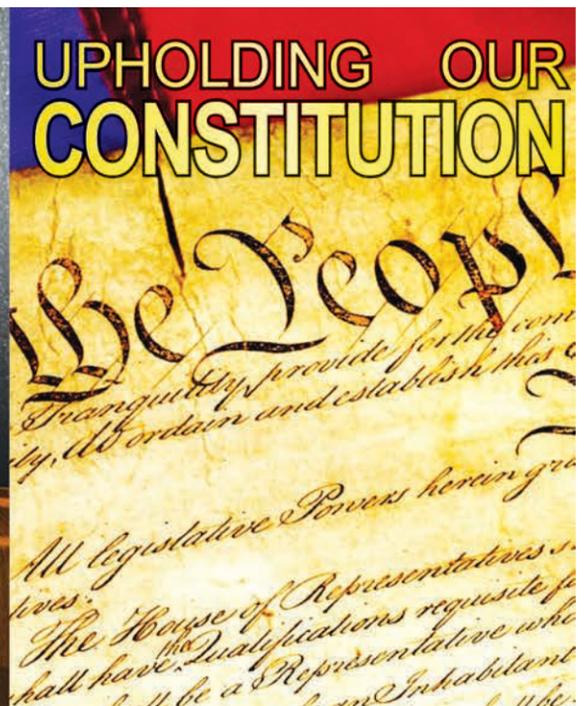
**Cedar Key Public Library**  
Weds 9/26 @ 2PM



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# July jobless rate unchanged over the month, reflects strong gains over the year

The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region was 4.9 percent in July, the same as it was in June, but 0.4 percentage point lower than the region's rate of 5.3 percent a year ago.

The labor force was 201,458, up 2,473 over the year, employment increased by 3,150 to 191,532 and there were 9,926 unemployed, 677 fewer than July 2017.

According to the release of the July employment summary by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Levy County continues to hold the lowest jobless rate in the region at 4.3 percent, followed by Marion County with 4.7 percent, and Citrus County at 5.7 percent. Florida's not seasonally adjusted jobless rate – a measure that matches the way local rates are calculated – is 4.0 percent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point over the month.

For the fifth consecutive month, the Ocala/Marion County metropolitan statistical area had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all other metro areas in the state in education and health services, at 7.1 percent. The Ocala MSA had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to other metros in manufacturing, at 7.2 percent.

CareerSource CLM's CEO Rusty Skinner said that once again the report reflects "mixed movement" for each county in the area. Skinner stressed that the monthly fluctuations, which are not seasonally adjusted "tend

to not reflect employment and labor force strength."

"Each county has shown positive labor force and employment growth since July 2017," he said. "This long-term picture is also reflected in the tightness of the labor market, with openings exceeding job candidates."

Marion County's labor force grew by 545 over the month to 137,082, the number of those with jobs increased by 482 to 130,587, and the number of unemployed fell by 63 to 6,495. Compared to July 2017, when the unemployment rate was 5.1 percent, the labor force has grown by 2,392, the number of employed has increased by 2,833 and the number of unemployed has dropped by 441.

Citrus County experienced shrinkage of its labor force by 1,011 to 47,515 and a decrease in the number of employed by 991 to 44,802, while the number of unemployed fell by 20 to 2,713. Compared to July 2017, when the jobless rate was 6.1 percent, that's an increase of 200 with jobs and a decrease of 180 unemployed.

Levy County's labor force expanded by 44 over the month to 16,861, the number of those with jobs rose by 33 to 16,143 and the number of unemployed decreased by 11 to 718. That's an over-the-year increase of 117 in the number of employed and drop of 56 in the number of jobless when the unemployment rate was 4.6 percent.

According to the employment data for July, unemployment rates rose in all 37 counties, dropped in 11 and

remained the same in 19.

Citrus County's dropped a notch from the third highest unemployment rate to the fourth highest among Florida's counties, Marion County fell two spots for the 14th highest and Levy County tied with six other counties to hold at the 23rd highest rate.

Among the metro areas, the Homosassa Springs/Citrus County MSA had the second highest rate behind the Sebring MSA's 5.8 percent and the Ocala MSA tied with the Port St. Lucie MSA with the fifth highest rate.

Nonfarm employment in the Ocala/Marion County metropolitan statistical area was 103,900, an increase of 100 jobs over the month and 2,800 jobs over the year for a 2.8 percent growth rate.

The Ocala MSA, which led the state's metros with the fastest annual job growth rate in education and health services, posted 19,700 jobs in education and health services, an increase of 100 jobs over the month and 1,300 more than in July 2017.

Manufacturing, which held the third fastest job growth rate, posted 600 new jobs over the year.

Both industry sectors grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year. So did professional and business services (200 new jobs for an increase of 2.2 percent); trade, transportation and utilities (+400 jobs for

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# 2018 Youth Speech Contest

Hosted by Levy County Farm Bureau

**Topic:** "How has the introduction of agricultural mobile apps impacted the agriculture industry?"

**Contest Date:** September 6 at 6:30 P.M.

**Where:** Bronson Middle/High School Auditorium



**Prizes:**

- FIRST - \$100
- SECOND - \$75
- THIRD - \$50

**Requirements:**

- Must be 14 - 18 years of age
- Must reside in Levy County

**Deadline to Register:**

August 31 by 5 P.M.

**Contact:**

Jaime.Jerrels@gmail.com



## Concession volunteers put in work

When it comes to concession stand help, the Cedar Key Sharks always get a great crew of volunteers. For the volleyball home opener on Aug. 20, Cedar Key school board member Chris Cowart, varsity boys basketball coach John Miller, and Jerry Lawrence, husband of principal Kathy Lawrence, showed off their skills at scooping nachos, popping corn and making change. CKS thanks its volunteers.

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- Vocational programs for our youth in Levy County.

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## Stream the Lady Sharks

Anyone who can't make a Cedar Key Lady Sharks volleyball match can watch matches on YouTube under the

CKSSharkSports account. The Lady Shark netters are next at First Christian Academy in High Springs at 4:30 p.m.

## Annual Chamber of Commerce Auction

Plan on attending the Annual Chamber of Commerce Auction, Sunday, Sept 2, at the Cedar Key Community Center at 6th and F Street. The preview starts at 12 p.m., with a cash bar, and bidding starts promptly at 1 p.m. We have weekend getaways, coastal lamps, handmade

quilts, fresh clams and oyster certificates, Yeti cooler bag, art, pedicab ride, glass dolphin table, fishing charter, custom clam seed jewelry, Cedar Key custom throw, aerial photos of the island and so much more.



## Much ado about nothing

*A stimulating cultural experience for the community*

The Chief Theatre home of the Suwannee Valley Players (SVP) would like to invite you to experience the first show of our 2018-2019 season, "Much Ado About Nothing" a Shakespearean comedy. We are putting a fresh spin on the play by setting it in Woodstock 1969. The show runs August 31st-September 3rd and the 7th- 9th. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. The Chief Theatre is located at 25 E Park Ave, Chiefland, Florida. Tickets can be reserved by calling our Box Office Manager at 352-493-2787. Tickets are \$12. You can keep track of what's going on at The Chief Theatre by following us on our Facebook page.

We've had great audiences for our last three shows; the local community helped close our 2017-2018 season with a bang. The new season is starting off with a challenge, Shakespeare's, "Much Ado

About Nothing." Shakespeare is considered the best writer in history, as he wrote 37 plays and numerous poems; he even invented 1700 English words like: eyeball, amazement, swagger, and generous. Shakespeare's contribution to English and literature are incredible, as we are still discussing his work over 400 years later.

A part of the theatre's mission is to bring culture and challenging works of art to our stage. Shakespeare is the pinnacle of challenging art. It is a stimulating challenge for audiences and actors alike, but for those that are willing to accept a challenge receive the greatest rewards. The stage is almost ready, and the actors will be taking their places soon, so get your group together, share a live experience, and forge a new memory. Now is the time to contact the Box Office at 352-493-2787 and reserve your seats.

# Julie WALDMAN

for

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- 5th generation, born and raised in Levy County and lived in Levy County all my life.
- Married to Michelle Keith Meeks and have 6 children: Trey (11), Anna Jane (10), Evie Louise (9), Newt (7), Eliza (4), Audra (8mo.)
- Graduated from Countryside Christian School in 1999.
- Member of First Baptist Church of Chiefland where I serve as Usher, Deacon, Children Church worker and member of the Share Team.
- Coach for CAAA Baseball for 8 years.
- Served on the Otter Creek City Commission for 10 years.

- Levy County Commissioner for 4 years.
- Worked for Levy County for 8 years in the same department, Mosquito Control and Parks and Recreation.

*I have an intimate knowledge of Levy county and believe it is important that our county's leadership set the stage for a brighter future that attracts clean industry, creates a stable environment for both new and existing industry*

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**Position close date is August 23, 2018.**

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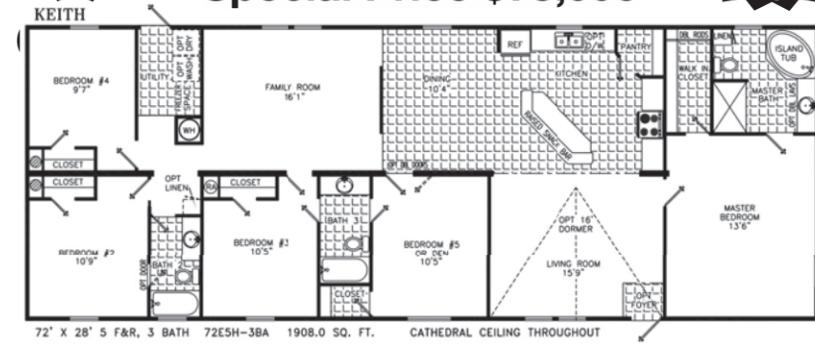
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# FWC expands access to boating safety exam

Access to Florida's Boater Education Temporary Certificate Program has been expanded, thanks to work done by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to make allowances for online course providers to offer the required courses over the internet.

In August of 2017, the FWC amended Florida Administrative Code 68D-36.108 to allow the temporary certificate exam to be offered in an online version. This change makes it easier and more convenient for both vessel operators and vessel liveries to comply with Florida's boater education laws, which require liveries to verify that customers born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, have met Florida's boating safety education requirements before allowing them to rent their vessels.

Online temporary certificate exam providers will create a system that allows 24-hour, seven-day a week accessibility to the exam using tablets, laptops, or other electronic devices. This added convenience will make it easier for both visitors and residents by allowing them to take the test before a vacation to Florida.

Currently, one online boating safety education provider, Boat Ed, has completed the process to offer the exam

online. Boat Ed has been a leader and innovator in boating safety education since 1995. Study or learning materials are available on the Boat Ed site to prepare students for the exam, improve their boating knowledge and increase their chances of successfully completing the exam on the first try. The exam costs \$3 and study materials are available for an additional charge. A link to the exam can be found at Boat-Ed.com/FloridaRental/.

Prior to this change, paper exams were the only option and were required to be completed and passed by rental vessel operators. The ability for liveries to continue to offer paper exams has not changed with the addition of this online option. Liveries can still purchase and administer the paper exams, as long as their contract and insurance are valid.

The temporary certificate exam is a knowledge check, not a full education course. It cannot be converted into a boater safety identification card that is valid for life. Temporary certificates are not valid in any other state and do not meet boater safety education requirements in other states.

The online exam will be 25 questions, randomly

selected from a large pool of questions. The cost for the exam will remain \$3. Upon successful completion of the exam, students will be provided an electronic proof of their successful completion and their passing score. A livery will be able to inspect this proof to ensure that a prospective vessel renter has met Florida's boating safety education requirements.

The new change offers various benefits to liveries:

- Liveries are not required to contract with any other company to use the online exam.
- A link that will send customers directly to the online exam can be provided by liveries.
- Liveries are not required to continue purchasing paper exams from the FWC.
- The burden of mailing paper tests back to the FWC is removed with the online option.
- Liveries will be able to provide speedier service to customers who take the exam in advance of renting.

The FWC encourages liveries to transition to the new online exam system to increase accessibility and streamline the testing process for renters interested in enjoying Florida's beautiful waterways by boat.

## JOBS from page 4

a 1.7 percent increase); and government (+100 jobs for a 0.7 percent increase).

Leisure and hospitality also gained 500 jobs over the year.

Industries losing jobs over the year were mining, logging and construction (-200); and other services (-100 jobs).

Information and financial activities were unchanged over the year.

Nonfarm payroll employment in the Homosassa Springs MSA was 32,400, down 1,400 jobs over the

month but an increase of 200 jobs (+0.6 percent) compared to July 2017.

The Homosassa Springs MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all other Florida metros in government at 3.1 percent.

The region's employment summary for August will be released on Friday, Sept. 21.

## Taste of Nature Coast returns to Chiefland

The second Taste of the Nature Coast will occur on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Haven Community Center in Chiefland (311 NE 9th Street).

This gourmet tasting event will feature local chef's food samplings and raffles, offering an exhilarating evening for guests, while raising funds for a valuable cause. We're especially excited about the addition of live music, featuring local artists Sarah Gore and Corey Griner!

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$20 each, online or in person at Tri-County Community Resource Center at 15 N Main Street in Chiefland. The day of the event, a limited number of tickets may be purchased for \$25 each (cash/check only) at the door.

Proceeds of this event benefit the work of Tri-County Community Resource Center (TCCRC). The resource center opened as a result of the dedication and hard work of Tri-County residents, advocacy organizations, local businesses, and community leaders who envisioned improving the lives of those living in Dixie, Gilchrist, and Levy counties.

Tri-County Community Resources, Inc. (a 501(c)3 charitable foundation) supports the daily work of the resource center and helps identify gaps in services and supports, advocating to make these resources available to area residents. In March 2015, TCCRC opened its doors, providing an array of on-site services and assistance, such as substance abuse/mental health services and referrals, veteran's resources, health care screenings, employability education, financial literacy assistance, parenting supports and much more - all under one roof!

To purchase tickets online, visit:

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## PRINCIPAL from page 1

I already know all of the students individually since I have been their teacher and coach."

Lawrence says she plans to assist her staff on focusing on the needs of individual students.

"Cedar Key School is a great school, and the staff always needs to

look at each child and ensure that each child is receiving a quality education.

"I will never forget what a former student once told me at the beginning of a school year when she completed my opening-day questionnaire. I had asked her, 'What do you expect of me this year?' Her response was, 'I want you to treat me as if I were your own daughter.'

"Each student at CKS is precious to us; we feel that each child is our son or daughter. We will not rest until all students graduate with the skills necessary to build the future of their dreams."

Lawrence succeeds Joshua Slemph, who served two years as principal at CKS.

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