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CKS seeks support for multi-purpose court

Cedar Key School, its Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) and the community is currently planning on how to best refurbish the school's pair of tennis courses so they will be used regularly. The goal is to create a multi-purpose center that will allow students and residents to enjoy a variety of different games and activities, such as: basketball, tennis, pickleball, volleyball, badminton, shuffleboard, hopscotch, foursquare, soccer and field hockey.

The project is expected to create more choices for outdoor activities and in turn create a better student-community relationship, leading to longer, healthier lives.

If you'd like to support the project, there are several tiers of donation club levels: Caulkers Club - \$20 (help fill in the cracks); Galloneers Club - \$50 (worth a gallon of resurfacing paint); Project Cedar Key Club - \$100 (an exclusive club that plans a project each year); and Over the Top Club (over \$100).

Checks are made payable to Cedar Key School Parent Teacher

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Traveling Smithsonian exhibits debuts in Cedar Key

By Suzette Cook/
Reporter

Ken Young says it makes perfect sense that the Smithsonian traveling exhibit titled "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" is making its debut in Cedar Key.

"This town stands as an example of a town that can survive through adversity and everything else and still continue to exist and persist," Young, the project co-director, says.

Through a grant obtained by the Cedar Key Chamber of Commerce, the exhibit that opened on Sept. 8 will continue to occupy the top floor of the Cedar Key Library through Oct. 20. It is part of a series of exhibits from the Smithsonian program Museum on Main Street (MoMS) which grants access to the Smithsonian to small-town America through museum exhibitions, research, educational resources, and programming. The MoMS website reports that these travelling exhibits have visited 1,400 communities across America since

1994.

Topics that are explored on 82-inch tall 3D wall panels include: Main Street Revitalization, Managing Change, Sustaining Community, Accelerating Change, Owning and Using Land, Resilient Americans and more.

It took a group of community volunteers and Young to install the showcase. "It arrived in boxes with instructions that said make sure your elevators are at least 82 inches high," Young said. "Some boxes weighed upward of 500 pounds."

Young will serve as docent for the exhibit and guide students and guests through the showcase if they request the extra guidance.

"Most of it is self-explanatory," Young said. "I will talk about how Cedar Key relates to these topics."

Young is excited to see the interaction between visitors and the features of the exhibit that invite participation. From videos, to mystery sounds, to



SUZETTE COOK/Beacon

Ken Young will serve as a docent for the Smithsonian exhibit Crossroads: Change in Rural America. The exhibit is open daily through Oct. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Cedar Key Public Library.

writing activities, each topic has a way for guests to get involved. "The Smithsonian is so good at hands-on stuff because they know kids like to touch things," Young said. "We're even inviting kids to write postcards," he added.

The exhibit is open

1-4 p.m. daily, said Young. "We've already got fieldtrips scheduled which, to me, is the super highlight of these things."

Young said this exhibit was more complicated than the previous Smithsonian exhibit that came to Cedar Key. "This is a way more complex

setup," he said. "Over here are photographs that are the harsh reality of the world as we know it, these are slides, there are videos, I'll put some Florida books in there," Young explained as he went through each area of the exhibit. "Can't help but

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Students recognized for perfect test scores

The School Board of Levy County on Sept. 10 recognized Cedar Key School sixth-grader Micah DeHaven and other Levy students for scoring perfectly on a Florida Standard Assessments (FSA) last spring.

DeHaven achieved a perfect score on the fifth-grade science FSA, which included such questions on concepts such as the role of the world's oceans, the importance of replicating science experiments, how electrical circuits work, and the classification of animals.

In recognition of his achievement, DeHaven received a plaque and certificate from the school board.

He returned the favor by presenting the entire School Board with a plaque in appreciation for the Board buying his pig during the 2018 Suwannee River Fair. The sixth-grader is a member of the Cedar Key 4H Club and among the first members of the club to compete at the annual Tri-County fair.

Levy County students earning perfect

FSA scores last spring included: Mina Zino (Bronson Elementary School, fifth grade, Science); Nicholas Wilson (Bronson Middle High School, ninth grade, English Language Arts); Micah DeHaven (Cedar Key School, fifth grade, Science); Noah Malone (Chiefland Elementary School, fifth grade, Science); Coburn Hardee (Chiefland Middle High School, ninth grade, Algebra 1 EOC); Obed Fonseca-Siras (CMHS, sixth grade, ELA); Madison Foote (CMHS, sixth grade, ELA); Carlos Salazar (CMHS, eighth grade, Mathematics); Courtney Harvey (Williston Elementary School, third grade, Math); Austin Putman (WES, fourth grade, Math); Kevin Chen (WES, fifth grade, Math); Lavontre Coleman (WES, fifth grade, Math); Jennifer Cook (WES, fifth grade, Math); John Wayne Caccavone (WES, fifth grade, Science); Amber McGillicuddy (Williston Middle High School, ninth grade, Civics EOC); Victoria Lake (WMHS, 12th grade, U.S. History).

SUZETTE COOK/Beacon

Cedar Key School sixth-grader Micah DeHaven receives an award from the School Board of Levy County for his perfect score on the Florida Standard Assessment in Science last spring.



September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 <small>Labor Day</small>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <small>Patriot Day</small>	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 <small>Fall Begins</small>
23 <small>30</small>	24	25	26	27	28	29

Community Calendar is sponsored by the

Levy County Visitors Bureau

www.VisitLevy.com



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

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 Nation-

al 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 ncbs.ifas.ufl.edu.

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.



Lessons in law enforcement

Having a school resource officer on campus is about more than just adding security; it's also a chance for students to learn more about how law enforcement operates, including the tools deputies and officers use.

On Sept. 13, Cedar Key School seventh-grader Raechel Brinkman volunteered to try on the handcuffs that Levy County Deputy Julie Girona wears on her belt. The sixth-graders also got a chance to see how bright her flashlights are, hear what happens when a Taser is deployed, and ask questions about her vest. Deputy Julie, the CKS school resource officer, got a round of cheers and thanks yous from the class of 2025 at the end of her presentation.

CKS students learn boating safety in SALT program

Students enrolled in a specialized vocational education program added to their industry certifications this week.

The four students who participated in the SALT (Sharks Aquaculture Life Training) program on Sept. 10 spent the day learning at the University of Florida's Nature Coast Biological Station. While they were there, the students learned boating safety basics such as right-of-way lights, safe anchoring, maritime laws, specialized knots, and lots of safety regulations. By the end of the day, the students had all earned their State of Florida Boating Education ID card and passed a federal boating safety course.

Boating safety is one of several mini-courses SALT students are taking to prepare them for careers on the water. Previously students visited a U.S. Coast Guard Station to learn about search and rescue operations



and on other days received specific training in skills such as forklift operations.

The SALT students would like to

thank the Cedar Key Aquaculture Association, U.S. Coast Guard, and Mrs. Lisa Custer for making the SALT program possible.

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Levy County Almanac

Temperatures, Rainfall, Winds

Thursday, Sept. 20 through Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018

	T	F	S	S	M	T	W
Low Temp.	74	72	74	75	75	75	75
High Temp.	87	88	88	87	87	88	88
Rainfall%	60	20	20	50	60	20	20
Hum (%)	79	74	72	75	77	76	77
Wind Speed	4	7	7	7	8	7	7
Wind Direction	NE	NE	Ne	SE	SE	SE	SE
Fire Danger							

Levy County Coast Tides at Cedar Key

Thursday, Sept. 20 thru Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018

20	High 12:06 AM	Low 5:15 AM	High 11:07 AM	Low 6:24 PM
21	High 12:46 AM	Low 6:12 AM	High 12:04 PM	Low 7:04 PM
22	High 1:18 AM	Low 6:58 AM	High 12:52 PM	Low 7:38 PM
23	High 1:47 AM	Low 7:38 AM	High 1:34 PM	Low 8:09 PM
24	High 2:14 AM	Low 8:15 AM	High 2:13 PM	Low 8:39 PM
25	High 2:39 AM	Low 8:51 AM	High 2:51 PM	Low 9:08 PM
26	High 3:03 AM	Low 9:26 AM	High 3:28 PM	Low 9:39 PM

Suwannee River Levels

at Wilcox, near US 19 Bridge.
Readings relate to Mean Sea Level

Tues., Sept. 18	3.95 Feet Falling
1 week ago	4.7 Feet Falling
2 weeks ago	System Down
3 weeks ago	5.08 Feet Falling

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AVID students make virtual college visits

AVID students at Cedar Key School visited colleges and universities from UF to the University of West Florida to Full Sail to the University of Southern California, all without leaving class on Sept. 12. Learning interesting facts and developing opinions about the schools

they studied, AVID students traveled the country virtually as they become better prepared for life beyond high school.

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is a college and career readiness program offered to middle and high school students at CKS.

Cedar Key School FFA 2018-19 Officer Teams

Senior
 President – Hannah Brinkman
 Vice President – Amanda Robinson
 Secretary – Anna Lavoie-Ingram
 Treasurer – Alexis Lipscomb
 Reporter – Cassie Lozier
 Sentinel – Macy Ryan
 Student Advisor – Mikey Beckham

Middle
 President – Payton Campbell
 Vice President – Raechel Brinkman
 Secretary – Reese Solowski
 Treasurer – Alexis Barber
 Reporter – Alyssa McCain

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Organization. Please drop off your donation at the school with Coach John Miller's name on it, or if you see community member Bill Heckler City Commissioner Sue Colson, or Coach Miller, hand them your donation. The mailing address is: Cedar Key School 951 Whiddon Ave. Cedar Key, FL 32625 Attn: Coach Miller.

For more information on the Project Cedar Key, contact Commissioner Colson at 352-477-0136.

Golf charity nets over \$7,770 for Sheriff's memorial

Friends of the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office received a check from the Chiefland Golf and Country Club on Sept. 14 for over \$7,700. The net proceeds were the results of the wonderful golf tournament "Never Forget" the Club hosted. The benefit tournament was held on Saturday, August 25, to raise funds for the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office memorial and the families of the slain officers, Sgt. Noel Ramirez, 29, and Deputy Taylor Lindsey, 25. The two deputies were brutally murdered last April in Trenton.

The Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all of the



Pictured from left to right: Krystal Holly, Vice President of the Friends of the GCSO; Shirley Meggs, representative of the Chiefland Golf and Country Club; Gilchrist Sheriff Bobby Schultz; and Captain Sheryl Brown.

sponsors, volunteers, donations, and staff of the Chiefland Golf and Country Club. The GCSO appreciates the support from the people of this community in helping the families of the slain

officers and the dedicated men and women of the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office. What a great way to honor those fallen heroes and promote the strong, united community we live in.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Cedar Key Water and Sewer District has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy..... \$217,446
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes..... \$ 23,282
- C. Actual property tax levy..... \$194,164

This year's proposed tax levy.....

\$203,712

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

Date: September 24, 2018

Time: 5:01 p.m.

Place: Cedar Key Water and Sewer District Office: 510 3rd Street

Town: Cedar Key, Florida

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

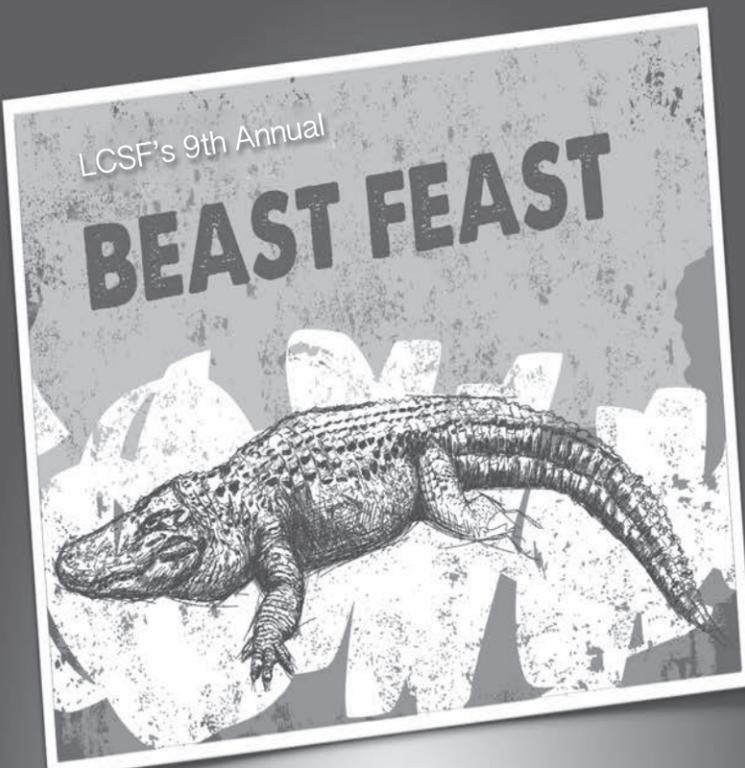
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BUDGET SUMMARY CEDAR KEY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019	
THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CEDAR KEY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT ARE 16.3 PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	
REVENUES	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 203,712
Millage: 1.2000	
Water Revenue	\$ 445,000
Wastewater Revenue	\$ 389,000
Rent	\$ 4,600
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 5,512
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 1,047,824
Non-Revenue Receipts	
State and Federal Grants	\$ 180,000
Balance Brought Forward 2017-2018	\$ 50,000
TOTAL REVENUES, RECEIPTS AND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$1,277,824
EXPENSES	
General	
Payroll	\$ 321,300
Office	\$ 14,000
Utilities	\$ 16,700
Professional Fees	\$ 82,000
General Repair and Maintenance	\$ 100,500
Contingency	\$ 17,124
Other	\$ 50,600
Direct Water Expenses	
Chemicals and Filters	\$ 166,000
Laboratory	\$ 7,000
Regulatory	\$ 1,000
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 80,750
Utilities	\$ 22,400
Professional Fees	\$ 90,000
Contingency	\$ 9,500
Loans	\$ 47,000
Direct Wastewater Expenses	
Chemicals and Filters	\$ 36,000
Laboratory	\$ 18,100
Regulatory	\$ 45,200
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 22,150
Utilities	\$ 21,000
Capital Improvements	\$ 100,000
Contingency	\$ 9,500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,277,824
CARRY FORWARD/RESERVES	\$ 0
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES AND BALANCES	\$1,277,824

CKS students learn US History on Constitution Day

Constitution Day may not be a major U.S. holiday, but it was cause for celebration in Mrs. Kim Bishop's eighth-grade civics class Sept. 17. Students wore red, white and blue clothing items, drank blue Kool-Aid, and enjoyed red, white and blue Jello before getting to work learning more about the U.S. Constitution. For example, students learned that delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia actually signed the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787.





WHAT: 9th Annual Beast Feast for the Levy County Schools Foundation. Enjoy a unique southern dinner with door prizes and drawings for an evening supporting a great cause.

WHEN: Saturday, October 20, 2018
Dinner served at 6 p.m.

WHERE: The Etheridge Farm & Produce
2351 NE 140th Ave, Williston, FL

TICKETS: \$20
\$10 students (8-17 years)

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Discover Levy Photo Contest Entry Form

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- Pictures must meet the following specifications:
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 - Emailed photos should be sent as a .jpeg file.
- All pictures must have accurate captions.

Photo Deadline
October 11th



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Suzette Cook joins the Beacon

The Cedar Key Beacon welcomes new reporter and photographer Suzette Cook.

Cook joins the Beacon and the Chiefland Citizen as a highly accomplished and talented photographer, writer and layout editor with 30 years of experience in journalism and teaching.

Cook has worked at several publications in Florida, California and New York, and even published her own newspaper, Suzette's Gazette, in Newberry.

She's been an adjunct professor at UF and Santa Fe College in her spare time.

Cook, who was born in



Batavia, New York, says small-town news is where her heart remains. She started collecting newspapers on road trips at the age of 10 and became a journalist who loves photographing sports and exploring and capturing the essence of small, close-knit communities.

She earned a Master of

Arts in Mass Communication from UF with specialization in Community Journalism and Coverage of the Arts.

Cook started in Gainesville at The Alligator and Gainesville Sun and went on to work at the Ann Arbor News, Syracuse Papers, Stockton Record, the Oakland Tribune and Alachua County Today. Taught high school journalism for 12 years.

She enjoys canoeing, Scrabble, travel, biking, hiking and thrifting. She's married to Aaron Mankins, and they have two Corgis and a Lab named after Ansel Adams.

Vote-by-mail ballot deadlines

The Division of Elections announces the following vote-by-mail ballot deadlines for Florida's upcoming General Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6:

For absent stateside and overseas uniformed service members and overseas civilians (also known as UOCAVA voters), the deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail ballots for requests already made is Saturday, September 22.

For all non-UOCAVA voters, the window for Supervisors of Elections to mail ballots is from October 2 to October 9.

A request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to any voter must be received by the Supervisor of Elections before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

The last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots requested after the initial deadlines listed above is Friday, November 2, 2018.

"Florida voters who want to take advantage of the convenience of voting by mail should submit their request for a vote-by-mail ballot to their local county Supervisor of Elections," Secretary of State Ken Detzner said. "Voters also have the option of early voting and voting on Election Day at the polls. I encourage Florida voters to select the method of voting in the General Election that works

best for them."

Voters who would like to request a vote-by-mail ballot should contact their county Supervisor of Elections office. The United States Postal Service encourages voters to mail back their voted ballots early to ensure timely receipt by Election Day.

A voter may pick up a vote-by-mail ballot from the office of their Supervisor of Elections up to the day before the election or, if an emergency exists, on the day of the election.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the local county supervisor of elections office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day in order for the ballot to count. A 10-day extension exists for overseas voters. The overseas voter's vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated by Election Day and received within 10 days of the election in order to be counted.

The Division of Elections is providing daily vote-by-mail ballot statistics based on county reports filed by Supervisors of Elections. To access these statistics, click here.

For additional information on 2018 election dates, vote-by-mail ballots, or how to contact Supervisors of Elections, please visit dos.myflorida.com/elections/.

Therapeutic equestrian program hosting charity auction

Tomorrow's Equestrian Center Therapeutic Riding Program, based in Levy County, will hold its 10th annual charity auction and BBQ Nov. 10 at 12 p.m.

The event will be held at United Hays Sales Inc., at 13101 West Hwy 326, Ocala, on the corner of Hwy 27 and Hwy 326. For more information, call 352-351-8861.

To reserve a table for eight people, the cost is \$100, which includes eight Bar-B-Q tickets. General admission seating will be available to all others.

The barbeque begins at 12 p.m. and costs \$8 per plate. Takeout is available. Bar-B-Q includes two pieces of chicken, cole slaw, beans, bread and tea.

The preview of live

auction items begins at 12 p.m.. The auction is scheduled for 2 p.m. In addition, there are Hermit Crab Races, a silent auction, a Chinese auction and the wheel of fortune. The children's booth is free!

Tomorrow's Equestrian Center provides recreational therapeutic riding to the physically, mentally and emotionally disabled, whose symptoms range from autism to Down Syndrome. Additional students are welcome.

The organization has been collecting items for its auction for several months. They will continue to accept donations until the event. Acceptable donations include horse tack and equipment; riding clothes, including boots,

chaps and show clothes. Household items are also welcome, though everyday clothing is not. Office equipment and furniture would be greatly welcomed.

New items and baskets for the silent auction and door prizes are sought from local individuals and businesses who would like to help.

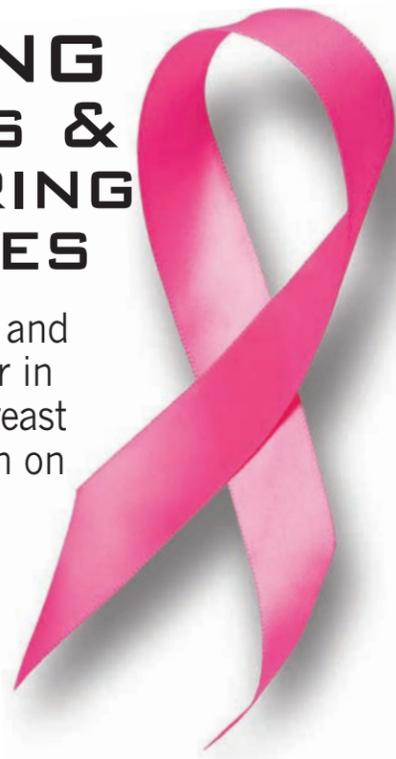
This auction helps to keep this very important activity available to help its clients with posture, mobility, flexibility and muscle tone, while, perhaps more important, boosting communication skills and self esteem.

Thank you for your support.

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SBLC begins accreditation process

Suzette Cook
Reporter

Levy County School District teachers, administration, faculty and students are working with a non-profit review team toward the renewal of the district's accreditation, which will expire June 30, 2019.

AdvancEd, based in Alpharetta, Georgia, is sending five representatives to conduct classroom evaluations, gather survey data and to meet with faculty and staff at all Levy schools.

"We anticipate five team members including a lead evaluator on this AdvancED External Engagement Review Team," said AdvancEd Director of Public Relations Mariama Jenkins. "All team members are educators; three are from Florida, but not from the school system in question (to avoid a conflict of interest) and two are from out of state."

Schools Superintendent Jeffery R.

Edison announced during the Sept. 10 school board meeting that the team would be visiting Levy County.

"We have begun the accreditation process," Edison said. "We started the process with our team here. There's going to be many student, parent and teacher surveys coming out, and the accreditation team will be on every campus this year."

Assistant Superintendent John Lott said the accreditation process is a chance for the district to make improvements.

"Part of that process is getting feedback from stakeholders," Lott said.

"Student engagement surveys go to all schools," he added. "The climate and culture surveys will be administered to grades 3-12 by each school's staff."

"We'll take an inventory of experiences, and get a gauge of what they do on a daily basis."

According to Lott, teacher surveys will look at demographics and classroom strategies.

"One part of the teacher survey is demographic," he said. The other will part will have questions such as that address classroom strategies, professional development, learning goals, structure of lessons, teaching practices and forms of assessment. "It's a total of 26 questions," he said.

Parent surveys will be administered online, and are made available through individual school websites.

"They address climate and culture questions and demographics such as how many kids, what grades are they in."

"This is a new system this year," Lott said about working with AdvancED. "Bottom line is it's a way to look at what you're doing."

According to Jenkins, the results of the surveys and 20-minute-long classroom observations are reviewed by the team and presented in the final accreditation report.

Preliminary findings are presented verbally to the district immediately following the review—typically during a regularly scheduled or specially called board of education meeting," Jenkins said. "However, a final written report is usually available 30 days after a review depending on the type of review being conducted. The final report is delivered to the head of institution. The district is responsible for making the final report available to stakeholders."

Lott said the accreditation program has expanded during his time with the School Board. "I remember when we didn't have accredited schools," Lott said. "Then accreditation was as a district instead of individual schools, and the original focus was on secondary (high school)."

"When you are accredited, you have a plan of action," Lott said. "It's like The Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval."

That gunk on your car?

There's an app for that

**Samantha Grenrock
UF/IFAS**

You're driving down the highway, and all of a sudden — splat — a bug smacks your windshield, leaving gooey smear on the glass.

They might be a little gross, but University of Florida professor Mark Hostetler sees these close encounters as a chance to learn about the natural world around us.

Hostetler and his son, Jamm Hostetler, have created a mobile app to help people identify bug splats on their cars. Called "That Gunk on Your Car," the app helps users figure out which bug made a particular splat.

For example, according to the app, a splat that's long, yellow and relatively large is probably a grasshopper. If you're not sure, just click on the name to get a more detail description and color images.

"Once they have identified the splat, they can learn more about the insect itself. The app has lots of natural history information, conservation and science related to each insect," said Hostetler, a professor of wildlife ecology and conservation in UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

"With the app, these bugs don't have to die in vain. We can learn something about them," Hostetler said.

"That Gunk on Your Car: A Unique Guide to the Insects of North America" is also the title of a book Hostetler published in 1997. Like the app, the book also allowed

App Store Preview

This app is only available on the App Store for iOS devices.



That Gunk On Your Car 4+

Unique guide to insect splats

Jamm Hostetler

★★★★★ 5.0, 7 Ratings

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Screenshots iPhone iPad

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Splats

Any Sound Elongated

Any Small Medium Large

Any

- Ants 8-15 mm; elongated; white
- Anillons 8-15 mm; elongated; white
- Biting Midges 1-3 mm; round; clear, black
- Black Flies 3-5 mm; round; red, yellow
- Butterflies and Moths 10-90 mm; elongated; white, cream, yellow
- Caddisflies 10-15 mm; elongated; cream

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< Splats Horse and Deer Flies



Usually quite large for horse flies (20 to 70 mm in length) and small for deer flies (8 to 14 mm). Each consists of dirty-white, gooey stuff. There will be a smear of red if the fly was full of blood (from an animal).

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< Horse and Deer Flies More Information

HORSE AND DEER FLIES

ORDER: DIPTERA

FAMILY: TABANIDAE

Flies in this family are fierce biters and due to their size (up to 25 mm), they can inflict pain. As with most biting insects, only females bite and both sexes feed on flower nectar. There are about 300 species in North America.

Adults commonly hang out around water. I am sure that people who swim in rivers, springs, and lakes are quite familiar with these biting flies. I can recall many a time when my peaceful, relaxing trip on an inner tube down a river had been interrupted by an obnoxious horse fly trying to bite me. Even worse, smaller deer flies are silent, and you do not notice their presence until they have already taken a big chunk out of you!

One story claims that because horse flies in Philadelphia were biting so fiercely in the summer of 1776, the delegates decided to sign the Declaration of Independence by July 4 just to get away from them! Just think, if horse flies were not

people to identify bug splats. Hostetler got the idea for the book when he took a cross-country trip in the mid-1990s.

"I was at a gas station, and a guy pulled up next to me, looking exasperated about all the lovebug splats on his car. He turned to me and said, 'What is all this anyway,'" Hostetler remembers.

"Well, he asked the right person. I spent several minutes talking about insects, insect ecology and conservation. The idea for the book was born there."

Mixing science, fun and ick-factor, the book got Hostetler invited to the Tonight Show with Jay Leno in October of 1997.

True to his role as an urban wildlife ecologist, Hostetler brought live Florida wood cockroaches

to the show, which led the comedian Drew Carey, who was also on the show at the time, to jump out of his chair and away from Hostetler.

More than two decades later, his son, Jamm Hostetler, now an engineering student at UF, would work to convert the information in the book into an interactive app, now available for free in the iTunes store. In addition to splat identification, the app also includes game where players match splats to their corresponding insects.

"As a wildlife biologist, I had no programming skill but my son learned the programming platform and converted the book into an app," said Mark Hostetler. "As a Dad, I was very proud of

my boy. It was a great father-son project."

"In the future, I might add some new games and support for a user database of photos and identifications," Jamm Hostetler said.

While the app is a fun way to pass the time on long road trips, its creators hope it also sparks curiosity about insects.

"I think many people only think about insects when they bother them. However, insects play a very important role in our environment," Mark Hostetler said. "They are part of the food chain and they are important pollinators. I hope this app helps people learn more about insects and their importance to our way of life."

Inmate dies in custody at Levy County Detention Facility

A female inmate died while in custody at the Levy County Detention Facility Sept. 15.

At approximately 4:15 a.m., Levy County Detention staff discovered Megan R. Downing, of Williston, deceased in her cell. Downing, 37, was in custody after her arrest on Sept. 12 by the Williston Police Department.

Downing was being housed in the medical department at the Facility for unspecified medical issues. She was under constant video monitoring throughout the night, and staff didn't notice any unusual occurrences, according to a sheriff's report.

The Levy County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, in cooperation with the 8th Circuit Medical Examiner's Office, is conducting a thorough investigation. No suspicious circumstances had been discovered in preliminary investigation.

Downing is survived by her husband and four children. The Sheriff's Office asked to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Retired educators plan club's agenda

**Sue Reed
Levy-Gilchrist Retired Educators**

The Levy-Gilchrist Retired Educators held its first meeting of the 2018-19 year at The Gathering Table in Chiefland Sept. 17. We discussed our membership, our state convention, and our program schedule for the year.

Sarah Lourcey, a 2018 graduate of Chiefland Middle High School, was our scholarship recipient; she and a previous recipient, Raven Jordan, have received state scholarships as well, and they are renewable for three years.

We are trying to find a bank which will grant us free checking. Mrs. Nancy Hauk was our hostess, and Rick Reed, Paula Marczynski, and Larry and Harriet Bachle were our gift winners.

We were then entertained by Don Thomas and Dwight Smith, a musical duo. They played 60's tunes, older country, and gospel music. They used a combination guitar and electric guitar. It was a wonderful, welcome addition to our meeting.

We missed Mrs. Mary Jo Mansfield, who is in the hospital, and were saddened to hear of Mrs. Betty Ramey suddenly passing. Mrs. Nancy Hauk was also missed (she is a caregiver right now).

Be sure to join us for our October meeting, when Mr. Charles Watson, of the Bell Woodturners, will be our guest.

We meet the third Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Gathering Table. Oct. 15 is our next meeting.



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CKS students take trip to Smithsonian Museum

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Cedar Key middle and high school students visited the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street exhibit Sept. 14. The presentation is based on the concept of Crossroads: Change in Rural America. It is filled with interactive displays that intrigued the students. The displays depict how rural communities have evolved and helped the U.S. grow.

admire the workmanship.” Sue Colson, Vice-Mayor of Cedar Key, was the co-director of the project and hopes the timing of the exhibit boosts activity in town. “This is traditionally one of our slower months, and we did this to pick up our pace and schools are open so we’re hoping they’ll plan field trips, she said. Colson and a team of local businesses and partners are creating a Cedar Key specific version of the Smithsonian exhibit as a way of localizing the trends and topics that are addressed at the national level.

“I’m mimicking the ideas and pillars of this exhibit at our city building, showing all of those things like identity, persistence, land, sea,” Colson said. “Then, people in town will represent them,” she added.

“With Identity, it will be all of the things that make us us. We’ll have the service clubs represented, The Biological Station.”

The premiere of “Cedar Key Crossroads” video will also occur at the local showcase on Oct. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, 609 6th St.

The video is made up of cultural stories through different points of view from Cedar Key citizens.

Colson hopes the local showcase will capture the essence of Cedar Key.

“If you live in the community you will come out of it so proud to be a part of this life here,” Colson said. “And if you are a visitor, you’ll feel proud to have visited us.”

If You Go: Crossroads: Change in Rural America Sept. 8-Oct. 20 Daily from 1 to 4 p.m. Cedar Key Public Library 460 Second Street, Top Floor

Shark runners finish high at Yankeetown

Photo by Carrie Tomlin
Congratulations to Cedar Key School runners Payton Campbell, John Boyle, Trinity Boyle, Tamela Greenhaw and Jyri Jackson for placing in the top 10 at the cross country meet at Yankeetown School on Sept. 13. All of the Cedar Key runners run in the varsity division, and they continue to represent with Shark Pride! The boys’ team placed third overall and the girls’ team placed second overall. Way to go Sharks!



SWAT members help clean Cedar Key streets

By Caden Mann & Kendall Bailey Shark reporters

During Saturday’s Coastal Cleanup in Cedar Key, SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) club members joined more than 300 other people who turned up to help clean up our coastal community. SWAT members collected 1,774 cigarette butts off of three streets: 1,200 from Dock Street; 227 on 1st Street; and 347 on 2nd Street. All of the students and adults that participated received a free t-shirt. The streets of Cedar Key are much cleaner now thanks to all of the volunteers. If you would like to participate next year, mark your calendar for the third Saturday in September.

