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NEWS BRIEFS

FDOT to host Quincy Bypass Northern Loop feasibility study

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will have a public information meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Gadsden County Board of County Commission Chambers, 9 E. Jefferson St., Quincy, to discuss the feasibility of a northern bypass connecting State Road 12 and County Road 268 (Solomon Dairy Road). The study team will outline the process used to identify reasonable corridors that best accommodate the purpose and need of the proposed project while minimizing potential impacts.

The meeting will follow an open house format with no formal presentation. Maps and other project information will be on display and FDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive input. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

Rock 'n' roll goes to the dogs (and cats) in Havana

The Gadsden County Humane Society will host its 2nd Battle of the Bands from noon to 8 p.m.

Saturday. The stage for the event will be at the center parking lot in downtown Havana. Admission is \$1.

Proceeds benefit the Gadsden County Humane Society. For information, call Bob Luther at 539-8424.

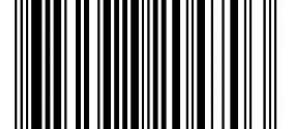
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Gretna school exceeds expectations

ROBERT ALLEN
Times Reporter
Gretna Elementary School received an Exceeding Expectations Award from the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC). Reginald James, district superintendent, presented the award during a

ceremony and press conference May 13 at Gretna Elementary School.

"It's an enormous feat because we are being compared to schools throughout the state of Florida," said Sonja Wilson-Lewis, a reading specialist at Gretna

Elementary. "We strive at being the best in Gretna. We teach the kids no matter what your economic situation is, not matter what's going on at home, you can be one of the best students in the state of Florida."

Academically, the

award is a measure of the school's achievement in both math and reading.

"We strive for excellence," said Chinita Bascom, a third-grade teacher at Gretna Elementary. "We expose our students to a variety of genres so they are exposed to every-

thing. Life is difficult as it is — so in order for them to be successful, they have to be able to read and understand what they are reading. It spirals over into our math and science areas as well."

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Soulful statesman

Acts old, new carry the torch for concert in Quincy

ROBERT ALLEN
Times Reporter

Thaddeus Shaw, a Quincy native, returned with his band to play at the Mother's Day concert May 10 at the Tanyard Creek Amphitheater. R&B singer Freddie Jackson headlined the concert. The evening also included performances by N'Spire, Donnell Davis and the Maximum Treble Band, and The Intruders — the legendary Philly soul group formed in the late 1960s.

"It was great," said Shaw, immediately after stepping off the stage. "Not just to perform and come back — but I had a little hand in getting it together." Shaw, who goes by "T Shaw" when he performs, said the event was designed to bring more activity and entertainment to Quincy.

His band drove all the way from Philadelphia to play the show — and they were quickly packing and returning to the Keystone state to catch a gig at the Hard Rock Café in Philly.

"It came together



by the grace of God," said Shaw, speaking about his band — a group originally formed for a few studio sessions.

"I met the guys in Philly and they became family. We put together a tight unit."

When Dean Morrow of The Intruders stepped off the stage, worn from

singing his way regraphed set, he

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TOP: Never still, Freddie Jackson keeps moving and singing for the crowd.

LEFT: T Shaw wears his feelings on his face as he sings another soul tune.

RIGHT: The Mother's Day concert was a popular outing for the whole family. Photos by Robert Allen

Midway police aim to unionize

ROBERT ALLEN
Times Reporter

The city of Midway held a special meeting May 6 to discuss the police department's interest in unionization.

"It would allow me to do my job that much better," said



Jerome Turner
Midway police chief.

polarize a lot of the decisions I have to make."

Turner said a more "black and white" code of policies and procedures would be helpful when dealing with decisions that might be controversial.

A press release issued by Leslie Steele, president of Steele Communications,



Dot Inman-Johnson
Midway city manager.

on the day of the meeting said Dot Inman-Johnson called the city together in an effort to prohibit the police department's unionization.

In a later Times interview, Inman-Johnson said this was not true. She said she does not oppose the police department's interest in unionization. She described Steele as "the mouthpiece for negativity in Midway."

"The woman does not have a close relationship with the truth," Inman-Johnson said.

According to the city manager, she only did her job: review the petitions delivered by the police department and respond to them within 20 days.

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Police: Traffic stop ends scheme hatched in Calif.

ROBERT ALLEN
Times Reporter

Two California women, Destiny Dean and Shalana Riggins, were arrested May 8 by Havana police when the out-of-state pair sped past a parked officer on U.S. 27. According to the Havana Police Department report, they were traveling 47 mph in a 30 mph zone.

When the officer arrived at the driver's window, he asked Riggins for her driver's license. According to

the report, she provided the officer with a Texas driver's license, bearing the name Monique Mercado.

The officer scanned the license — but, according to the report, he received negative results. When he asked the then-still-unknown driver why this might be the case, the report says Riggins told the officer she didn't know.

Destiny Dean

Shalana Riggins

the car. He reportedly found three prepaid Visa cards, 11 Green Dot Money Pack cards and a prescription for diphenhydramine, prescribed to Jermaine Fudge.

The officer also found Riggins' real California identification — and claimed to have no driver's license. She then gave the officer permission to search

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Superintendent Reginald James, left center, presents the academic leaders of Gretna Elementary school with their Exceeding Expectations Award. Photo by Robert Allen

GRETNA

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be a critical part of students — allow them to read what they want to read.

"We allow them to read some of the things that they want to read," said Wilson-Lewis. "That's what you have to do with

ECTAC members consider a combination of criteria, including FCAT scores, classroom observations, teacher interviews and student interviews.

The same press release said only schools with 50 percent to 100 percent of students qualifying for free or reduced lunches are eligible for this particular award.

"We don't use that as an excuse," said La'Ronda Lee, assistant principal at Gretna Elementary. "We go with our district, 'no excuses.'"

Students taking interest in ownership in their reading seems to

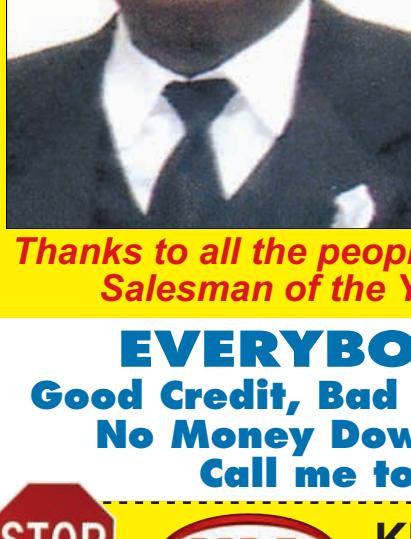
According to a May 12 press release from the school district,

Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Arrest Report May 12, 2014

1. Hernando Martinez Gibson Jr.: VOP, sudden snatch with no weapon
2. Dontavious Deonte Calloway: VOP, drug sale
3. Adarius Lasyrus Jackson: VOP, uttering forged bills
4. Morel Isiah Fuller: VOP, escape
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QPD to host bicycle rodeo for children

On Saturday, May 24, Quincy Police Department will host a Bicycle Rodeo Event for elementary- to middle-school-age kids, who live in Gadsden County. The event will take place at the Quincy Tanyard Creek Park located at the corner of S. Adams Street and Martin Luther King Blvd. The event will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A bicycle rodeo is a bicycle skills event, which provides an opportunity for children to practice and develop skills that will help them to become better bicyclists and avoid typical crashes. The department is promoting this event to help kids with better safety skills

when riding bicycles, and to promote healthier kids by exercising.

The rodeo is free of charge and open to all ages of the bicycling public with special emphasis on youth cyclist between the ages of 6 to 14. T

here will be giveaway drawings for two new bicycles for the youth category. Bike winners must be present to win.

QPD will also give away new bicycle helmets free of charge (while supplies last) and properly fit them to the child. Small prizes will also be given to children for completing the different portions of the course properly.

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license with Dean's photo — but the name Stephenie Jill Lambrecht. According to the report, Riggins said both Texas licenses were false — and she had tried to use her fake Texas license because she was afraid of going to jail.

According to the report, Dean said she and Riggins were approached by a man they only knew as "Dre" in Oakland, Calif. He asked if they were interested in

making money. The pair then reported receiving airline tickets from a man they only knew as "Dee."

So the pair flew to Tampa, paid for a hotel room using a fake driver's license and a stolen credit card. Then, according to the report, they drove to St. Augustine the next day, where they tried the cards in a number of different banks.

The pair succeeded in extracting \$5,000 from an account at Community First Credit Union in St. Augustine, according to the report.

The report does not

address how the pair secured transportation, why they entered Gadsden County or where they were heading at the time of their arrest.

Dean is charged with credit card forgery and possession of a fraudulent driver's license. Her bond was \$5,500. She was released May 10. Riggins is charged with possession of a fraudulent driver's license, false identification, and possession of legal drug without prescription. Her bond was \$10,500. As of May 13, she remained at the Gadsden County Jail.

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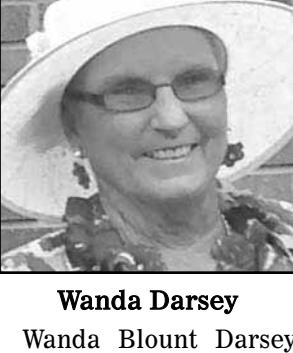
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Wanda Darsey

Wanda Blount Darsey
October 18, 1941 – May 6, 2014

Funeral services for Wanda Blount Darsey, 72, of Calvary, Ga., are at 11 a.m., Friday, May 9, 2014, at Family Worship Center, Cairo, Ga. Pastor Johnny Moore will officiate. Services will conclude at the Church. Interment will be in Piedmont Cemetery, Calvary, Ga. Mrs. Darsey passed away at Grady General Hospital, Cairo, Ga., on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

Active pallbearers will be the Administrative Council Elders of Family Worship Center. Mrs. Darsey was born on October 18, 1941, in Quincy, Fla., to the late Willis E. Blount and Louise Rudd Blount. On June 11, 1971, she married Terry Darsey, who survives. She retired from the Florida Department of

Labor after 34 years. She was a devoted member of Family Worship Center, having spent her time preparing thousands of brownies for first-time guests.

Survivors include: husband, Terry Darsey of Calvary, Ga.; daughter, Allison Brunson of Calvary, Ga., Nichole Tucker (R. C.) of Calvary, Ga.; grandchildren, Alexandra Brunson of Tallahassee, Fla., Kyle Brunson of Hosford, Fla., Slade Tucker and Addison Tucker, both of Calvary, Ga.; brothers-in-law, Johnny Darsey (Brenda) of Calvary, Ga., Neal Darsey (Debbie) of Calvary, Ga.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Willis and Louise Blount; sister, Hilda Blount Massey; and a brother, Wallace Blount.

Memorials may be made in Mrs. Darsey's memory to: Family Worship Center, Ladies Ministries, P.O. Box 402, Cairo, GA 39828.

The family will receive friends at Family Worship Center, Cairo, Ga., on Thursday, May 8, 2014, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Guests may sign the online register at www.clark-funeral.com/.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the City Commission of the City of Quincy, Florida, intends, at a meeting in the City Hall in Quincy, Florida, at 6:00 p.m. on the 27th day of May, A.D. 2014 to consider the enactment of the following proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1063-2014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF QUINCY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY TO THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR ANNEXATION AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING FOR A MAP OF ANNEXED AREA; PROVIDING FOR ZONING AND LAND USE; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH LAW; PROVIDING FOR FILING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

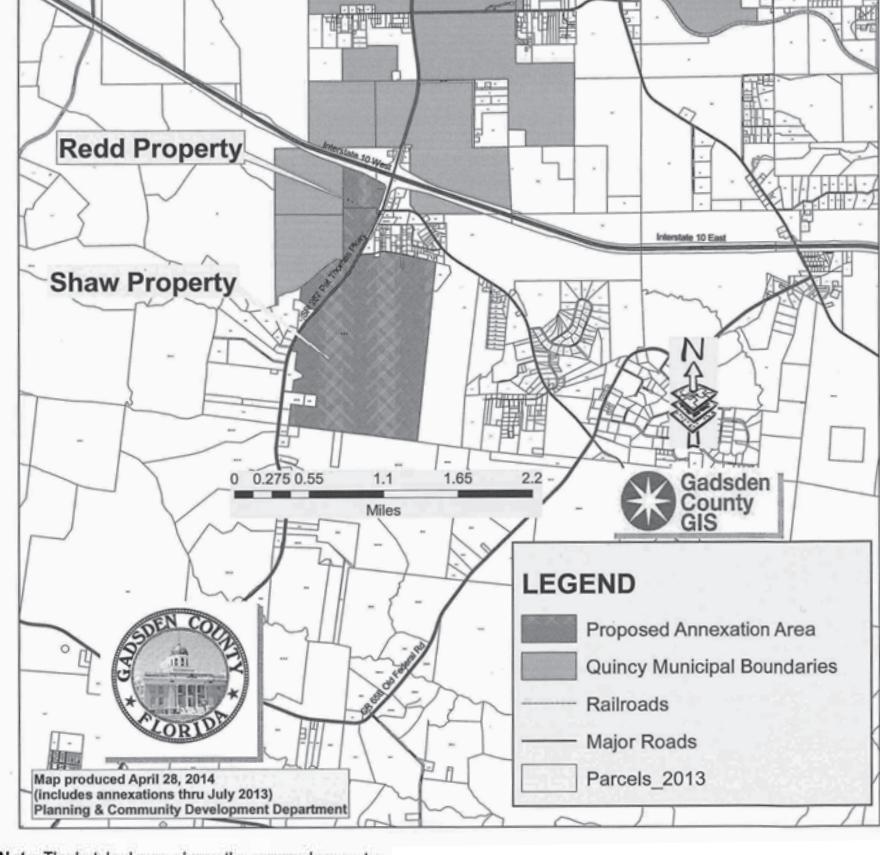
The subject area for the voluntary annexation is the Redd Properties II LLC & Redd Family Partnership LLP Parcel ID 3-25-2N-4W-0000-00333-1000, El Dorado Property 3-35-2N-4W-0000-00110-0100, and Shaw Rebecca R. Revocable Trust Properties 5-0L-0R-0S-0000-37100-0000 properties which is adjacent to the City limit of Quincy on Pat Thomas PKWY (Highway 267), Gadsden County, Florida. (See Exhibit A below for a map of the area).

The ordinance and complete legal description by metes and bounds can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk in the City Hall, Quincy, Florida.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be heard.

EXHIBIT A MAP OF REDD AND SHAW PROPERTY ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF QUINCY, FLORIDA



Note: The hatched area shows the annexed property.

This 28th day of April, A.D. 2014.

Sylvia Hicks, City Clerk

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AT YOUR LIBRARY



Dr. Carolyn E. Poole, Director

When doors opened at the McGill Library in Quincy on the morning of April 1, an elderly lady approached the front desk requesting her Social Security papers. She was under the impression her files had been transferred to the public library when the local Social Security office closed up shop the day before.

Within two weeks, Social Security services were indeed restored in Gadsden County, but it's a new, paperless operation. Video-conferencing equipment was installed in one of the library's study rooms so residents can meet face-to-face in real time with a Social Security representative to receive services that had previously been done at the building on East Jefferson Street. Same personalized services, just no lines or waiting!

What are some of the services Gadsden County residents can receive through video delivery at the library? Well, just about everything one might need, such as benefit verification letters, changes of direct deposit or mailing address, SSN replacement cards, evidence of claims, enrollment for retirement benefits, Medicare changes, disability reviews and more.

You now have quick access to and the convenience of talking privately with a Social Security representative without the time and expense of driving to the Tallahassee office.

For those who would like to conduct their own business online by computer, there's a desktop link on all Gadsden County public access library computers to take you directly to the Social Security Administration website. Just click on the "SSA Express" icon to receive most of the same services you can do by video conference or onsite at the Tallahassee office.

The Gadsden County Public Library System is delighted to host these services as part of a pilot project. The U.S. Social Security Administration launched this experiment in 2009 to provide cost-effective assistance to busy or understaffed SSA offices and to increase their presence in rural areas. Hundreds of sites across the country are now connected with video-conferencing equipment in community centers, senior centers, homeless shelters, hospitals and on Indian reservations.

Only two other locations in the Florida Panhandle have this kind of video service delivery available — one at a workforce office in the tiny town of Century (near Pensacola) and another at a big veterans' facility in Jacksonville. Quincy holds the unique honor of testing it out in a public library. We've already had positive feedback and indications that it will be a hit.

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Opinion

Along Twin Ponds Road

"I don't care how well a church service or one of my better sermons is going, a 'glitch' could occur at any moment and usually does."

No sooner had those words been uttered by guest Pastor Kerry Beaty, when a sudden, very loud electronic noise blasted throughout our sanctuary.

I jumped.

The large assembly for the revival at Leesburg Missionary Baptist Church had been on its feet at the time for the benediction when the interruption occurred.

The glitch that Pastor Beaty had mentioned only a few minutes ago couldn't have been any timelier to help get his point across.

A few minutes before the evening revival meeting of a few nights ago, I had handed copies of my first of two columns written about the revival to my local pastor, Cecil Brown.

I wanted to be sure Pastor Beaty had a copy before he left to return to his own congregation at Lone Oak Baptist Church in Plant City.

I also shared with Brother Cecil that by rushing to write two columns dealing with the excitement of my first revival I had made a dear sacrifice.

You see, I write my columns at least a week in advance.

My next published column for May 15 would have featured Mercuries. Yep, I'd be writing about the now-defunct, Mercury automobile and Alan Jackson singing about them and the part that Mercuries played in my life.

In my haste and excitement to write a column about the revival to share with you, I figured I'd merely have to make a few minor adjustments on my computer dealing with files and documents.

I'd just switch the dates and a couple of other minor things and the column on Mercuries could be published after my later column written about the revival.

Did I ever panic when I lost the essay I'd written on Mercuries and

could not retrieve it! That's twice in less than a month I had written a column for you of about 900 words only to have to rewrite it in its entirety a second time.

Yes, I most certainly will have to be more careful with how I save my weekly essays on my computer, where I save them, and how I save and name the files.

I'm sure most of you can empathize with me about unforeseen computer problems, "glitches," and the agony that sometimes occurs.

The Rev. Beaty continued with this revival night's theme on the subject of glitches and human beings having to deal with unforeseen circumstances or setbacks often, and no matter how well things are going in our lives, a glitch is liable to — and most assuredly would — occur when least expected.

He reminded us that all people should always be prepared to deal with stumbling blocks or setbacks that may suddenly appear directly ahead whatever our path.

As the Apostle Paul has so often reminded Christians throughout the ages, his life, devoted to spreading the word of Jesus Christ, had been very difficult most of the time, with glitches galore, during his long, effective ministry. He and his brothers in Christ had faced death on many occasions.

Even with all the obstacles Paul had been faced with he kept the faith and moved, often stumbling, forward in his ultimate quest to spread the word of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible throughout the world of his time.

Today we are all living in a fallen world. Watching the news, be it local, national or international is vivid audio/visual testimony that people and the physical world are crumbling before our eyes. At any moment we may take our last breath on Earth as we know it.

How prepared are you for the end of time?

Paul reminded the people he encountered along his spectacular journey that life was as dangerous back then as it is for us living in the 21st century.

tury.

Beaty stressed that unrelenting faith in the Lord is what is needed more than anything to be saved from extinction in our troubled world.

He said that one of the many Biblical passages we should focus upon was Paul's first letter to Timothy: 1 Timothy 1: 12-14: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The 'grace' of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."

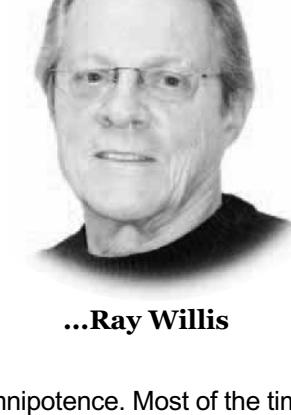
Had my own most recent, personal glitch, the loss of yet another "Along Twin Ponds Road" column, been caused or brought about by some higher power, or, that I should be writing first about a subject much more important, the revival, than the Mercury?

Some of you may recall that when I first started writing my column, its title, was accompanied by the byline: "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this 'space,'" a take-off on one of my favorite hymns, "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place." (I sang a solo of this beautiful hymn at my own Leesburg Baptist Church last Sunday.)

That byline was very important to me, because I wanted to remind my readers every week, that from my very first column, written back in December of 2008, that it was my Lord who had inspired me to write it in the first place.

I know in some of them you may have felt I hadn't given Him enough prominence. I'm human; I have frailties, but I always try to let you know that somehow, somewhere, in each column, that the Lord is present in some form.

It was along that wonderful early morning, daily walk along beautiful, pristine Twin Ponds Road when I felt closest to Him. It was during those times He most often provided me with profound ideas about His importance



...Ray Willis

and omnipotence. Most of the time glitches did not impede me from hearing, heeding them and later passing the messages to you in my writing.

I felt that God (and still do feel) was having a private dialogue with me at the time, urging me, stirring me, to write and share my experiences with Him to as many readers as possible.

As I have shared with my now, two favorite pastors, Cecil Brown and our revivalist, Kerry Beaty, I have indeed been blessed by a golden opportunity to write for such a wonderful paper as The Gadsden County Times, wherein I am able to share my closeness to God and his goodness and loving care with you, with the hope that my trying to be optimistic and faithful each week might rub off onto you and make you feel better for a time.

Pastor Kerry Beaty was exciting, passionate and faithful in showing up each night for a long week and giving his best to us who were thirsty for His work each night.

The attendance each evening would grow more than the day before. What a testimony, to the great work he had done for us and the Lord! Thank you, brother.

Our own Pastor Brown also toiled hard that week as did others who were responsible for organizing this blessed event.

God bless you, also, readers.

And, just in case you're wondering, I do indeed feel revived and alive right this minute!

Sen. Montford reports results of Legislative Session

TALLAHASSEE — The 2014 Legislative Session was productive and meaningful for the State of Florida. Sen. Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee) was an active part in passing many bills that will help the hardworking communities of North Florida. Montford maintained strong advocacy for the needs of his 11 counties: Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla. When asked about the 2014 Session, Montford said, "The country can easily look to Florida as an example of how common-sense and principled answers can be found on both sides of the aisle and quite frankly in the middle of the aisle. We have and will continue to work together, Senate and House, Democrat and Republican to do what is best for Florida."

In the 2014 Session, Montford helped to shape the following legislative decisions:

N Springs Protection: Senator Montford co-sponsored legislation with four other Senators in a bi-partisan effort that became known as the "Springs Bill." It addressed the

many water issues that the State of Florida is facing. While the bill passed the Senate, it did not make it out of the House. "We started very important and dire conversations about the state of our invaluable and irreplaceable springs in Florida and we have every intention of continuing them next year," said Montford.

N Maintaining the Florida Retirement System and State Employee Health Insurance: Montford is well known in the Senate as an advocate and voice for state workers and as such he helped to maintain the current, sturdy Florida Retirement System that faced many challenges throughout the 2014 Session. He was also instrumental in defending the well-managed health insurance policies for state workers.

N Preservation of the Instructional Materials Process: Montford was pivotal in the preservation of the statewide instructional materials process, which will not only maintain cost savings for local school districts but also give parents more opportunity for input in their child's learning materials.

N Effective Timeline for School Accountability: As a long-time educator, Montford advocated for a realistic timeline to ensure the proper implementation of the many facets in the Public School Accountability program including technology and testing.

N Local Pharmacy Choice: Communities will now be able to choose their local pharmacies or mail-order when ordering prescriptions on the State Group Insurance PPO (Preferred Provider Organization).

N Tax Cuts: The Florida Legislature came together this year to offer many hard working Floridians much-needed tax cuts totaling \$500 million. It included reduced annual motor vehicle license renewal registration fee. This alone will save drivers between \$20 and \$25 each.

N Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC): The Legislature passed legislation to help cities in RACEC communities avert the cost of removing or relocating utility lines on the State Highway System in certain circumstances, by

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The limits of military power

LAWRENCE S. WITTNER

PeaceVoice

Is overwhelming national military power a reliable source of influence in world affairs?

If so, the United States should certainly have plenty of influence today. For decades, it has been the world's No. 1 military spender. And it continues in this role. According to a recent report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, the United States spent \$640 billion on the military in 2013, thus accounting for 37 percent of world military expenditures. The two closest competitors, China and Russia, accounted for 11 percent and 5 percent respectively. Thus, last year, the United States spent more than three times as much as China and more than seven times as much as Russia on the military.

In this context, the U.S. government's inability to get its way in world affairs is striking. In the current Ukraine crisis, the Russian government does not seem at all impressed by the U.S. government's strong opposition to its behavior. Also, the Chinese government, ignoring Washington's protests, has laid out ambitious territorial claims in the East and South China Seas. Even much smaller, weaker nations have been snubbing the advice

of U.S. officials. Israel has torpedoed U.S. attempts to forge an Israeli-Palestinian peace settlement, the embattled Syrian government has been unwilling to negotiate a transfer of power, and North Korea remains as obdurate as ever when it comes to scuttling its nuclear weapons program.

Of course, hawkish critics of the Obama administration say that it lacks influence in these cases because it is unwilling to use the U.S. government's vast military power in war.

But is this true? The Obama administration channeled very high levels of military manpower and financial resources into lengthy U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and ended up with precious little to show for this investment. Furthermore, in previous decades, the U.S. government used its overwhelming military power in a number of wars without securing its goals. The bloody Korean War, for example, left things much as they were before the conflict began, with the Korean peninsula divided and a ruthless dictatorship in place in the north. The lengthy and costly Vietnam War led to a humiliating defeat for the United States — not because the U.S. government lacked enormous military advantages, but

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BOCC honors employees of the quarter



The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners hosted its Employee of the Quarter Luncheon for those employees recognized as the "Employee of the Quarter" from January 2014 through March 2014. These employees were selected for exemplary job performance, going above and beyond their regular duties and showing true dedication to the Gadsden BOCC and the citizens of Gadsden County. Hats off to these Star Employees for a job well done!! Pictured from left to right (front row): Sonya Solis – Probation, Sonya Burns – Housing & Community Development, Olivia Smith – County Administration, Rachel McPherson – Facilities, Carl Money – Public Works, (back row): William Shaynak – EMS, Jerry Conyers – Public Works, Ben Brown – Facilities, Myron Williams – IT Services. Not Shown: Andrea Blount – Library Services and Alejandro Bolques – Extension Services. Photo submitted

Guest to speak on forgotten road

The West Gadsden Historical Society will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, in the Patricia Fletcher Vice Meeting Facility at the Greensboro Depot, 115 Duffle Ave., Greensboro. Please be sure to note the change of date for this meeting due to the Memorial Day holiday. The meeting will be the third Sunday in May, rather than the usual fourth Sunday.

Robert "Bob" Hurst, vice-president of the Historical Society of Bay County in Panama City, will be the guest speaker. Hurst received his B.S. in Anthropology/Arcacheology from F.S.U. and a Post Graduate Academic Diploma in Middle Eastern Archaeology from the University of London. He taught Middle Eastern history at an international high school in Tehran, Iran, and

it currently president of his family's business in Panama City. His real love is in tracing historic trails and for many years he has plotted historic trails in this area of Florida. During high school, his article "Mapping Old St. Joseph, Its Railroads and Environs" was published in a 1961 quarterly of the Florida Historical Society.

Hurst will present a review of his tracing of the 465-mile-long Spanish Road, El Camino Real, across northern Florida from Pensacola to St. Augustine, which took him through Gadsden and other nearby counties. The El Camino Real, also known as the Spanish Royal Road, is the oldest road in Florida and was first used by the Spanish beginning about 1565 for commerce and mil-

itary defense. Later the road was used by the Spanish missionaries who spread Christianity to the Native Americans. Even though this road is of great historic significance, little recognition has been given to it in modern times. In many places, it has totally diminished from the scene and it is virtually unable to track.

Mark your calendar now to join us at this meeting. Mr. Hurst will have many photos as well as a replica of a British cartographer's 8-foot-long drawing of the old road. Come to this program and hear about some surprising evidence he found in this area of North Florida. Contact WGHS at info@gadsdenhistory.org, 850-442-6434, or P.O. Drawer D, Greensboro, FL 32330, for information.

Gretna Elementary to host book fair

Scholastic Book Fairs at Gretna Elementary School promote literacy and reading and at the same time help to build the media center's book collection. The Ram's annual Scholastic Book Fair will continue through Friday, May 16, and will open each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The theme for this year is "Come to Our Book Fair: Read Everyday. Lead a Better Life." The book fair will feature a wide range of age-appropriate books for children, including mystery and adventure novels, fantasy trilogies, sports guides, cookbooks, picture books, easy readers, posters and the latest bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

For information, contact Maurine B. Knight by phone at 850-856-5249, Ext. 4532; or by email at knightm@gcpsmail.com.

GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** intends to review and consider transmittal of the following item to the Florida DEO, State Land Planning Agency:

Public Hearing – A text amendment to the Housing Element of the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan (CPA-2014-01).

The public hearing will be held in the Board of County Commission Chambers located at 7 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL. Persons wishing to review the files on the above projects may do so on the County website at gadsdengov.net or at the Gadsden County Planning and Community Development Department located at 1B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance in obtaining any information from the County or attending the public hearing should contact the County by calling 850-875-8665 or 850-510-7842, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at such public hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be used.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned that the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, intends, at its regularly scheduled meeting, at the Gadsden County Governmental Complex, 9-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida, at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of June, 2014, to consider adoption of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING PROCEDURES TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY INTERESTS IN AND ACCEPT INTO THE COUNTY MAINTENANCE SYSTEM UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS CERTAIN PRIVATE ROADWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING A TITLE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY APPEAR AT THE MEETING AND BE HEARD WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO THIS MATTER, HE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE MAY NEED TO ASSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORDING OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the Clerk, Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 E. Jefferson St., Quincy, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____ Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

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Retiring in style



Retiring after 20 years with the Gadsden County Public Library System, Ricki Bennett (right) receives a commemorative plate signed by colleagues from Library Director Dr. Carolyn Poole (left). Photo submitted

St. John Elementary to host Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child that's not in school and will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2014? If so, start the school year off right by pre-registering your child for kindergarten.

Registration for kindergarten students will be from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 21, at St. John Elementary School. Please report to the guidance office to complete the registration forms. It is not necessary to bring your child to school for registration. It is very important to pre-register all new kindergarteners for the 2014-2015 school year. With our budget crisis, it is vital that we know before the end of the school term how many students we will have in kindergarten, so that we can determine class sizes and the appropriate number of teachers needed.

The following items listed below are required at the time of registration for all children.

A CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE - Hospital copies are not acceptable. If your child was born in Gadsden or Leon County, you may obtain a birth certificate from the Health Department.

UPDATED SHOT RECORDS (BLUE OR YELLOW CARD)

Immunization card must include Varicella Vaccine. (Personal shot records are not acceptable.)

A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

A FLORIDA PHYSICAL. The Florida Physical must be within the 2014 fiscal year when school begins.

If you have any questions concerning Kindergarten Registration, please call the Guidance Office at (850) 627-3442.

MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be Tuesday, May 20, 2014 starting at 6:00 p.m. The following items have been agendaed: **Amendments and Approval of Agenda: Awards, Presentations and Appearances**: Opportunity Florida Update. **Clerk of Courts**: County Finance and County Clerk Issues.

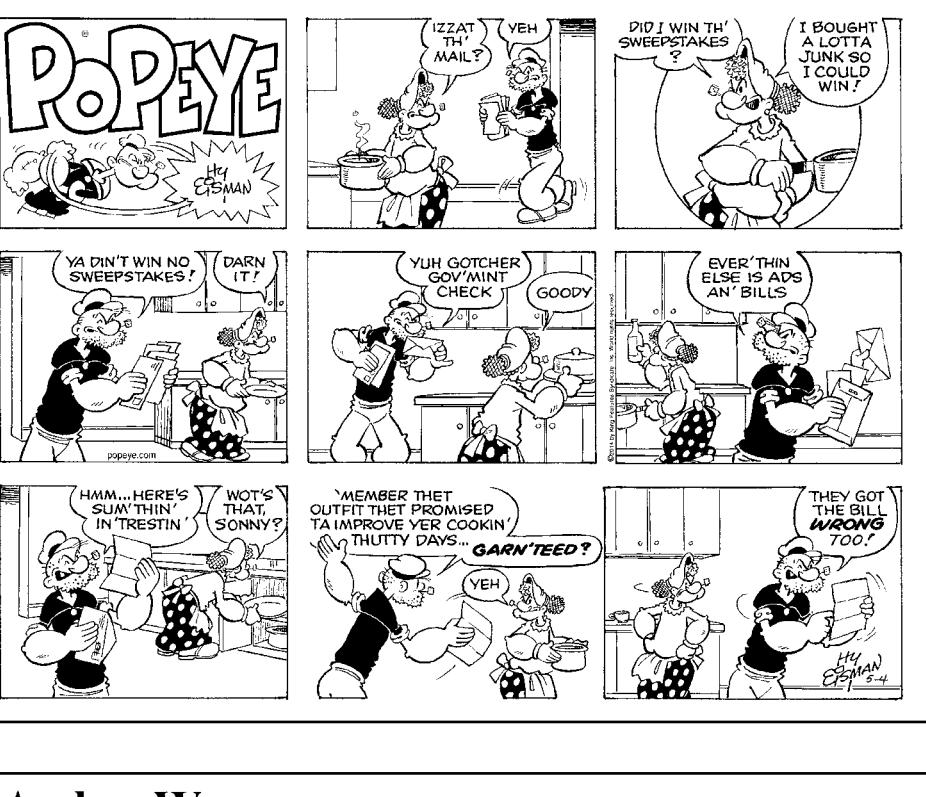
Consent: Approval of Minutes (April 1, 2014 & April 15, 2014 Regular Meeting); Approval to Accept the FY 2014 2nd Quarter Report. **Items Pulled for Discussion: Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3 minute limit): Public Hearings**: PUBLIC HEARING – Transmittal Hearing for the Amendment of the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Economic Opportunity For Review. **General Business**: Keith A. and Shady E. Trim; Parcel ID No.6-02-1S-4W-1270-0000C-0100/Code Enforcement; Approval and Execution of Resolution 2014-010 and the Non-Exclusive Interlocal Subscription Agreement Granting Florida PACE Funding Agency the Authority to Offer Voluntary Financing Through Non-ad valorem Special Assessments to Gadsden County Property Owners For Qualifying Improvements to Commercial Properties Subject to Non- Conventional or "Jumbo Loans;" Selection of Legal Services Provider For Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners. **County Attorney**: Update on Various Legal Issues. **Discussion Items by Commissioners**: Report and Discussion on Public Issues and Concerns Pertaining to Commission Districts and Gadsden County. (A listing of the Receipt/File items can be found on the County's website at www.gadsdencountyfl.gov.

If a person decides to appeal any decision by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at such public meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose he/she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence to which the appeal is to be heard.

In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Facilities Management Office, 1-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351, by written request at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding. Telephone: (850) 875-8665 or 850-510-7842.

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Fun and GAMES



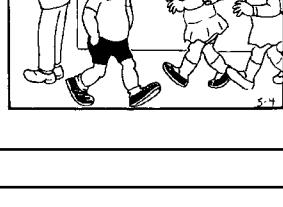
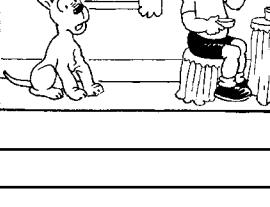
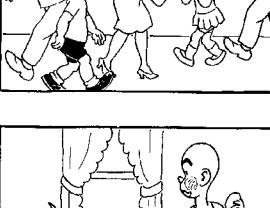
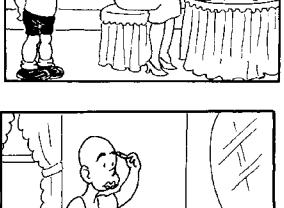
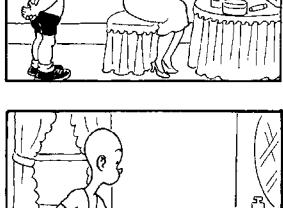
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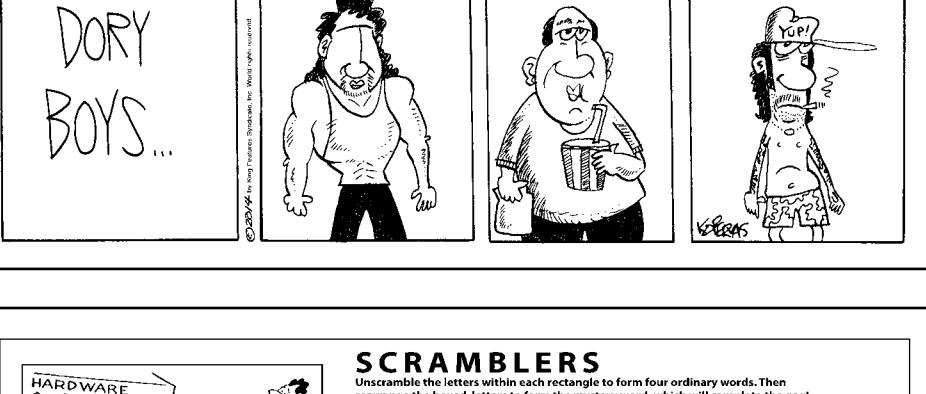
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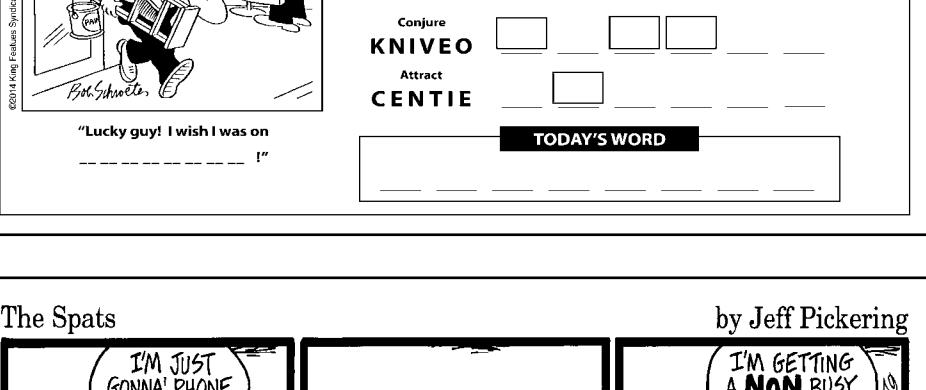
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The Spats

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Super Crossword

MOVIE HEADS

1	Highly ionized gases	57	Simian beast	106	Riddle's answer	15	Tilting type:	53	Embattled forest in World War I
8	More dreadful	58	"You — big trouble!"	114	Most chichi	16	Rubik's —	54	Turf anew
13	Gourmand	59	Additionally	115	Insults	17	Pope after Gregory XI	55	Cars such as the Rio and Soul
20	Opera house in Milan	60	Last one —	117	City WSW of Richmond	18	Christianity, e.g.: Abbr.	59	Interval of three whole steps
21	"Uncle!"	61	"Last one —"	118	Tennis great John	19	Suffix with Brooklyn	60	Books with a 6x9-inch size
22	Dispositions	62	"Last one —"	119	Pivotal point	27	Chrismas or Easter: Abbr.	61	Surprised cries
23	Cushioned footstool	63	Arrangement	120	Person making a bid	28	Rocky hilltop	62	Movie rat
24	Movie director — B. DeMille	64	Cookie-selling gp.	121	Forgives	33	Pack-folding equine	63	Affirmative replies
25	Long-running comic strip	65	Eyebrow, e.g.	122	Seventh	35	T-men, say	64	Playwright Levin
26	Start of a riddle	66	Riddle, part 4	123	Roof channels	36	Cruelest mo., to Eliot	65	Greek letter
29	Mattress company	67	Poor marks	124	Last leftover	37	Bit of a titter	66	"Me and —"
30	Yes, to Henri	68	Arachnid trap	125	"All right!"	38	Cruelest	67	(#1 hit for Janis Joplin)
31	Prefix meaning "egg"	69	Positive-thinking pastor	126	"Any?"	39	Novelist Janowitz	68	Hoo-ha
32	Miami Heat's org.	70	Norman Vincent —	127	Actor Bakula	40	Kitchen heat source	69	Washstand
35	Riddle, part 2	71	Tooke pains	128	"mia!"	41	Rent out	70	Pitcher
42	Volcano in the N. Cascades	72	82 Riddle, part 5	129	7	42	Mates of pas	71	See 83-Down
47	Fed, air monitor	73	90 Ox of Tibet	130	8 Declaration	43	Coached	72	Have a meal at home
48	Blood lines	74	91 Least sparse	131	9 "No need to explain"	44	Leapt	77	— platter
49	Riddle, part 3	75	92 End of the riddle	132	10 Well-to-do	45	IRS visits	78	"Only Time" singer
50	Riyal earners	76	93 Viral misery	133	11 1960s pop singer Sands	46	Jewish deli snack	80	Some Fr. matresses
51	101 Musty	77	94 Pal, to Henri	134	12 Depend (on) escarole	47	5 Not too difficult to pronounce	81	New newt
52	four (small cake)	78	100 Hip '60s type	135	13 Alternative to Tetralogy ender	48	6 Foldable bed	112	Toad's kin
53		79	101 Musty	136	14	52	7	113 Vegan staple	
54		80		137	15	53	8	114 Roadie's tote	
55		81		138	16	54	9	115 EMI rival	
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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you might still have to work out some problems with a business partner, things go more smoothly on the home front. An investment opportunity might need more study.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Don't be reluctant to act on your suspicion. Even if others see nothing wrong, the astute Scorpio could sense an underlying problem that isn't always obvious on the surface.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new opportunity presents some obstacles that need to be dealt with as soon as possible. Delaying action in hopes that the problems will go away could be counterproductive.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend or family member's request might carry some hidden factors that could later create problems. Be sure you know all the facts before you make your decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A setback in implementing a plan could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Use the downtime to rework your original concepts and see where changes could be made.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might not be consciously fishing for compliments, but admit it — won't you feel great when your efforts are noticed? So accept the praise gracefully. You earned it.

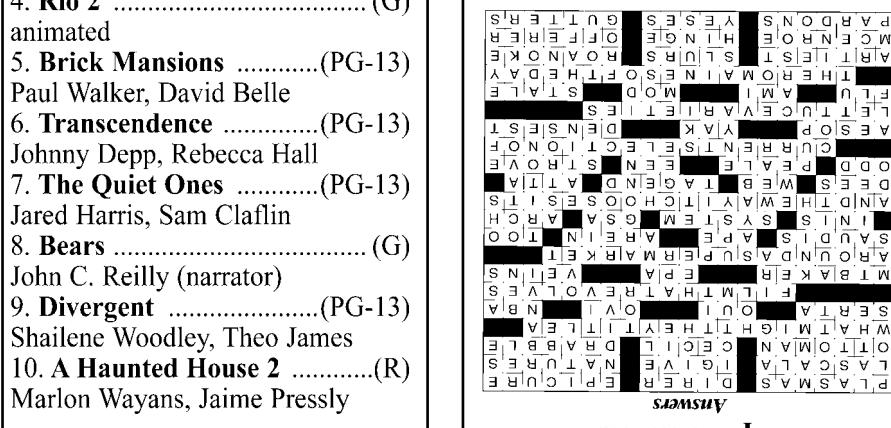
BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of beauty in your personal life extends to your efforts to protect and preserve the natural world around you.

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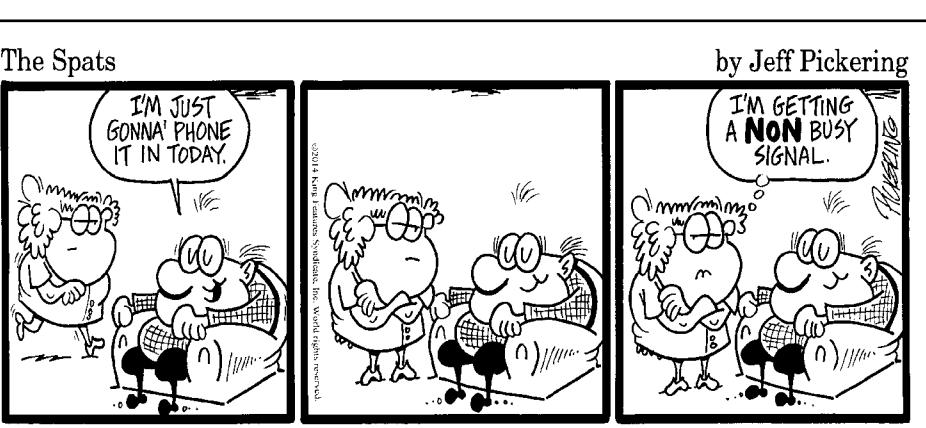
top 10 movies

Casa Blanca lilies are easily grown in well-drained soil, if located where the upper plant is in full sun and the roots are in shade. Mulch around the plants to keep the roots cooler. Remove flowers as they fade; cut plants back only after the leaves and stems have turned yellow. Its flowers are showy and very fragrant. The plants may need staking if exposed to strong winds. - Brenda Weaver

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Answers



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Sports

Future so bright

Sneads High School senior Tasherica McMillon smiles for a photo Monday during a basketball scholarship signing ceremony with Chipola College in Marianna. Photo by Kathy S. Johnson, courtesy Twin City News



RFM Summer Sports Camps 2014

SPORT	WEEK	AGE	TIME	COST	OTHER INFO	COACHES' CONTACT INFO
BASEBALL	June 9 - 12	3rd thru 8th	9:00am-2:00pm	\$75	Bring lunch and drink each day	Jayme Williams Jayme.williams@rfmunroe.org 229-221-6137
VOLLEYBALL	June 16-20 Three sessions	1st thru 5th	9:00-11:00	\$60	Bring snack and sports drink or water!	Spenser Morris Spenserlmorris@gmail.com 850-510-1841
		Middle School 6-8	9:00-1:00	\$70	Bring small lunch and sports drink or water!	
		Varsity 9-12	10:00-2:00	\$75	Bring small lunch and sports drink or water!	
FOOTBALL	June 16-19	3rd thru 8th	8:00am-1:00pm	\$75	Bring lunch and water/sports drink daily	Vic Culley Vic.culley@rfmunroe.org 850-510-3592
BOYS BASKETBALL	June 23 - 27	1st thru 8th	9:00am-2:00pm	\$85	Bring lunch and water/sports drink daily	TBA or Susie.morris@rfmunroe.org 850-510-1881
GIRLS BASKETBALL	June 30, July 1 & 2(3 days)	3rd thru 10th	9:00am-11:00am	\$50	Bring snack and sports drink or water!	Beth Sloan Beth.sloan@rfmunroe.org
SOFTBALL	June 24 - June 26 (3 days)	1st thru 8th	8:30-12:30	\$60	Bring snack and towel. Water provided.	Mark Allen markallen85@hotmail.com 850-508-8958

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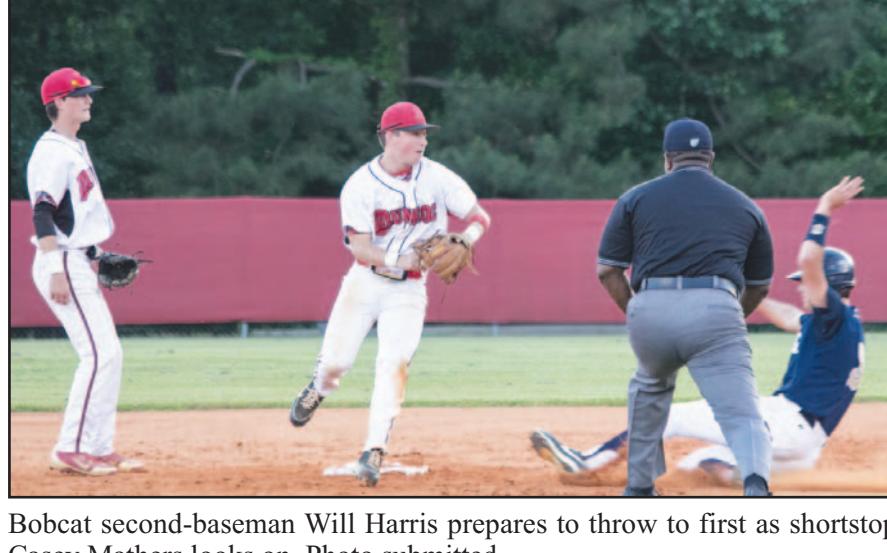
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Munroe falls to Aucilla



Bobcat second-baseman Will Harris prepares to throw to first as shortstop Casey Mathers looks on. Photo submitted

Baseball season for the Munroe Bobcats ended

Tuesday May 6 in a regional playoff game, but the coach said the team had a good season and seven Munroe starters are slated to return next season.

After besting rival Aucilla Christian three times this season, the last for the District 1-2A championship, the Munroe Bobcats couldn't make it four for four.

Their season came to an abrupt end in the regional playoffs as the visiting Warriors prevailed 4-1 Tuesday, May 6, at Bradford May Field. Aucilla limited Munroe to only two hits and took advantage of Bobcat errors to complete the upset.

"We did not hit the ball well at all," said Coach Jayme Williams. "Their pitcher did a great job of mixing up his pitches and he kept us off balance all night. He pitched a great game."

The game stayed scoreless until the bottom of the third when the Bobcats' Myles Edwards lifted a two-out fly to left-center that was dropped, allowing Stephen Miller to score the Bobcats' first and only run. The score remained 1-0 until the top of the fifth when Aucilla would take advantage of some timely hits and Bobcat errors to plate four runs.

"We weren't as efficient in the field as we normally are," said Williams. "We knew it was going to be a tough game, and I think we might have been a little tight, but we've overcome similar deficits this season. This time, we just couldn't get the hits when we needed them."

The Bobcats tried to rally in the top of the sixth, but a two-out run on a misplayed infield fly

was erased when the first base umpire overturned the run by ruling that the fielder was interfered with, ending the inning. The Bobcats would go down in order in the seventh and their season, which featured twenty-one wins, came to a close.

For the game, Will Harris and Myles Edwards collected the only Bobcat hits. Nolan Haire took the loss, as the junior starter went five and one-third innings, striking out three and walking three while yielding four earned runs.

"We're disappointed that it came to an end, but we had a good season," said Williams. "We'll miss our two seniors, Myles (Edwards) and Stephen (Miller), but we've got seven of our starters returning, so we expect to play some good ball again next season. This is a great group of ball players and I'm very proud of what they accomplished."



QUINCY BYPASS NORTHERN LOOP NEAR STATE ROAD (S.R.) 12 AND COUNTY ROAD (C.R.) 268 (SOLOMON DAIRY ROAD) CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

State Road (S.R.) 12 to County Road (C.R.) 268 (Solomon Dairy Road)

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a public information meeting concerning the feasibility of a northern bypass connecting S.R. 12 and C.R. 268 (Solomon Dairy Road). There will be no formal presentation; however, maps and other project information will be on display. FDOT representatives will be available to answer questions, receive comments and outline the process used to identify reasonable corridors that best accommodate the purpose and need of the proposed project while minimizing potential impacts.



Thursday, May 22, 2014

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. EDT

Gadsden County Board of County

Commission Chambers

9 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact FDOT Project Manager Ray La Fontaine, toll-free at (888) 638-0250 extension 1507 or via e-mail ray.lafontaine@dot.state.fl.us. For additional project information, please contact Ian Satter, FDOT District Three Public Information Director at (888) 638-0250 extension 1205 or via e-mail at ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us.

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Beebe Baloo explores career options

she finally asks.

I have to laugh.

"I meant literally," I say, "not figuratively."

"Speak English," she mutters as I hustle to the kitchen. There I find a brown paper bag on the floor with a fluffy black tail sticking out. The bag is undulating from the loud purring going on inside. Beebe loves bags — handbags, shopping bags, grocery bags, book bags. Any bag is a playhouse, a hideout, a refuge, or a cat pad for him. I tickle the bag and the tail disappears as he spins around and a little nose

and white whiskers appear. I point my toe at the bag and a little paw flies out like lightning and swipes at it. This is one of his favorite games. He hides in a bag, and when an unsuspecting person walks by, ankles and toes are attacked. He never uses claws or bites hard — just a little nibble. Still, Nurse Judy always screams and makes a big deal of it.

As I watch the melodrama unfold in my kitchen, I suddenly have a worry. I thought Beebe's future career choices would be in the

arts. He did love the violin and violin music. He is a great cat dancer, leaping and piroetting as well as any ballerina. Then there are his poses — as poised and majestic as any model. He certainly did seem to be headed toward the arts. With this new interest in bags of all kinds, Beebe may have other aspirations for his life. Does he want to be a bag lady — Excuse me — bag gentleman? Does he want to be a bagger at Harvey's or Winn-Dixie? I confide my fears to Nurse Judy.

She scoffs at me. "Beebe would love to be

a bag lady — errrr gentleman — and sleep under bridges or in a cardboard box, but he is only allowed outside on his leash. Besides, he could never push a shopping cart."

"Then I guess he'll be a bagger," I say.

"He could never be a bagger," Nurse Judy says, chuckling. "He would be in everyone's grocery bag and the groceries would still be on the belt. No, you don't have to worry about that."

Still, wanting to be the perfect cat mom, I don't want to stifle Beebe's

dreams. I try to think of other career options utilizing bags.

"Perhaps Beebe would like to join a hunter's club like the hounds do to retrieve game for their owners to bag," Nurse Judy offers. Beebe does kill bugs and he brings them to me and drops them at my feet. I reject this idea. I don't want my sweet kitty in such a vicious occupation.

"He could work in a department store cosmetic counter giving out gift bags," Nurse Judy

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"It's in the bag," I hear Nurse Judy, my alter ego, shout from the kitchen. "What's in the bag?" I shout back.

"The cat's in the bag," she answers.

"Let the cat out of the bag," I tell her.

There is a long pause. "Isn't that snitching?"

EVENTS

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Former restaurant to come back as B&B

The historic Nicholson Farmhouse Restaurant property is beginning a new life as White Dog Plantation, an events center and boutique bed and breakfast establishment. Lynn Badger, owner of the property since 2007, has announced the grand opening of her new venture for May 17 and 18.

For information on the grand opening, email Badger at info@whitedog.co, call 850-274-7744, or visit the website at www.whitedogplantation.com.

Event targets non-traditional parents

"What If It's Just Me" single-parent conference is set for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 17 at First Baptist Church, Quincy. This event geared to single parents and grandparents raising grandchildren is designed as an exchange of ideas to help parents with the psychological impact of raising a child. Breakfast and Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. Group conversation is 9 to 9:45; breakout session will be 9:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, call Pastor Douglas Harris at 728-3844.

Get a clean dog for a good cause

The Gadsden County Humane Society will host dog wash fundraisers the first Saturday of each month, through October, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, at 213 N.E. 1st St., in Havana. The suggested donation is \$5 for small dogs and \$10 for large dogs. Warm water will keep the dogs comfy! All proceeds will benefit the care of the animals in GCHS's rescue program. For information, call 539-0505.

Family reunion planned

Looking for descendants of Will Zilliner, Maggie Tober, Will Davis and Lee Hayward Diggs for a reunion set for June 27 and 28 in River Junction. Contacts: C. Williams, 321 591-6797; R. Zilliner 863 248-9006.

Carter-Parramore High School alums plan Super Reunion

Attention classes 1956-1970. It's Super Reunion time again. The three-day event will be May 16 through 18. All classes have been represented at the previous meetings. If you have not been contacted, please get in touch with your class representative or chairperson. For information call Mary McLeroy, chairman — 627-8740; Arrie Battles, co-chairman — 570-1296; Emma Gunn, secretary — 627-7715; or Charlie Shaw, treasurer — 627-8730.

PEACE

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because, ultimately, the determination of the Vietnamese to gain control of their own country proved more powerful than U.S. weaponry.

Even CIA ventures drawing upon U.S. military power have produced a very mixed result. Yes, the CIA, bolstered by U.S. military equipment, managed to overthrow the Guatemalan government in 1954. But,

seven years later, the CIA-directed, -funded, and -equipped invasion at Cuba's Bay of Pigs failed to topple the Castro government when the Cuban public failed to rally behind the U.S.-instigated effort. Although the U.S. government retains an immense military advantage over its Cuban counterpart, with which it retains a hostile relationship, this has not secured the United States any observable influence over Cuban policy.

The Cold War confronta-

tion between the U.S. and Soviet governments is particularly instructive. For decades, the two governments engaged in an arms race, with the United States clearly in the lead. But the U.S. military advantage did not stop the Soviet government from occupying Eastern Europe, crushing uprisings against Soviet domination in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, or dispatching Soviet troops to take control of Afghanistan. Along the way, U.S. hawks sometimes called for war

with the Soviet Union. But, in fact, U.S. and Soviet military forces never clashed. What finally produced a love fest between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev and ended the Cold War was a strong desire by both sides to replace confrontation with cooperation, as indicated by the signing of substantial nuclear disarmament agreements.

Similarly, the Iranian and U.S. governments, which have been on the worst of terms for decades, appear

sometimes to be en route to resolving

their tense standoff — most notably over the possible development of Iranian nuclear weapons — through diplomacy. It remains unclear if this momentum toward a peaceful settlement results from economic sanctions or from the advent of a reformist leadership in Tehran. But there is no evidence that U.S. military power, which has always been far greater than Iran's, has played a role in fostering it.

Given this record, perhaps

military enthusiasts in the

United States and other na-

tions should consider whether military power is a reliable source of influence in world affairs. After all, just because you possess a hammer doesn't mean that every problem you face is a nail.

Lawrence Wittner (<http://lawrencewittner.com>), syndicated by PeaceVoice, is Professor of History emeritus at SUNY/Albany. His latest book is "What's Going On At UAardvark?" (Solidarity Press), a satirical novel about campus life.

RESULTS

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allowing FDOT to pay for such costs. In addition, the legislation will allow municipalities within a RACEC or a RACEC community to compete for project funding using Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) criteria.

N Flood Insurance

Legislation: Legislation

was also passed to estab-

lish a private flood insur-

ance market in Florida,

which will hopefully

lower flood insurance

rates for Florida Citi-

zens. The proposal is

aimed at addressing the federal flood insurance crisis caused by the rising rates being imposed by the National Flood Insurance Program.

Budget Items:

In recognition of the importance of acting this year on Florida's springs, the legislature funded \$25 million for spring's restoration plus another \$1.7 million for springs monitoring.

The legislature recog-

nized the importance of improved learning envi-

ronments for children

and funded \$14 million

dollars for public school

construction in Senator

Montford's district.

The Senate and the House agreed on \$6,937.23 per student, public school funding, which is \$176 more dollars per student than last year, and totals \$18.9 billion toward public schools.

Local Items: Montford also worked tirelessly to ensure Gadsden County was awarded the following allocations:

Town of Greensboro -

Town Park, \$50,000

City of Chattahoochee -

Palm Street Park, \$50,000

Gadsden County -

Rosedale Community

Park, \$50,000

City of Gretna - Sandlot

Park, \$50,000

African Caribbean Dance Theatre, Inc. - 18th Annual FL African Dance Festival, \$25,000

Gadsden Arts, Inc., \$29,931

Historic Structures Survey of Chatta-

hoochee, \$50,000

The Quincy Music The-

atre, Inc. - Salary Assis-

tance Request, \$20,000

R D Edwards Building

Restoration, \$350,000

AMI Kids-Gadsden

Program, \$500,000

YMCA Gadsden

County, \$20,000

Gadsden Correctional

Facility Payment in Lieu

of Taxes, \$100,000

Gadsden County Agri-

culture Facility, \$250,000

Midway Sewer Project, \$75,000

Senior Energy Effi-

ciency Program, \$110,000

TOTAL: \$2,204,862

FDOT Road Projects Total:

Quincy Municipal Air-

port Construct T-hanger

Access Road, \$101,818

SR 12 from Liberty

County line to Yon Creek

Bridge, \$325,778

SR 12 from SR 10 (US

90) to SR 63 (US 27) Main

St, \$7,600,000

SR 65 from Ocklawaha

Creek BR to SR 12, \$5,900,000

Town of Havana Land-

scaping & Scenic Beauti-

fication, \$83,856

SR 10 (US 90) From W of Flying J to Leon

County Line, \$2,200,000

CR 159 Over Attapul-

lus Creek Bridge NO. 500033, \$950,000

Hogan Lane from Be-

ginning of Rd to SR 267

Pat Thomas Pkwy, \$99,452

S Atlanta Street from

SR 10 (US 90) to MLK JR Blvd, \$35,000

Big Bend Transit Com-

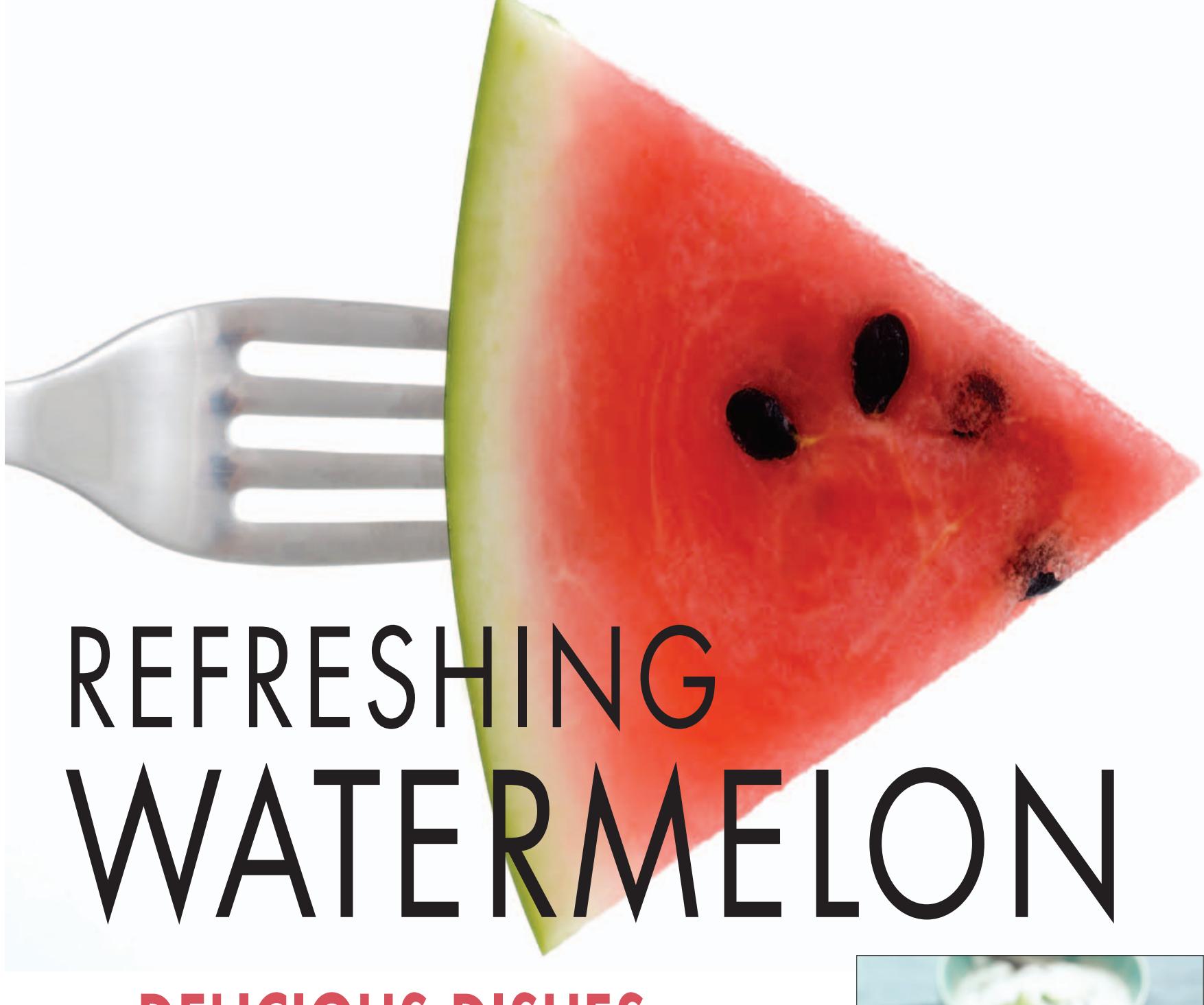
muter Route, \$66,000

TOTAL: \$17,361,904

GRAND TOTAL: \$19,566,766

**All line items are

subject to the governor's veto



REFRESHING WATERMELON

DELICIOUS DISHES FOR EVERY MEALTIME

FAMILY FEATURES

Watermelon conjures images of warm weather days, refreshing sweetness and the delightful dribble of sticky juice trickling down your chin. Though it is, indeed, a delicious seasonal snack, watermelon is a healthy treat that can be enjoyed year-round and all day long, too.

These recipes show how easily nutrient-rich watermelon can be incorporated into meals throughout the day, starting with a morning breakfast on the go. Variations on traditional sandwiches, salads and slaws give you more opportunities to explore how watermelon pairs with some of your other favorite dishes.

For these and other recipes featuring the distinctly crisp flavor of watermelon, visit www.watermelon.org.

Breakfast a Go-Go

Servings: 1

1/3 cup low fat granola
3/4 cup de-seeded watermelon chunks
5 ounces low-fat banana yogurt

In tall glass or to-go container, layer ingredients as follows: half each of granola, watermelon and yogurt. Repeat to create two of each layer.

Greek Pita Flatbread with Watermelon

Servings: 4

4 wedges seedless watermelon, cut into bite-size pieces
1 cup chicken, cooked and diced
1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped
2 tablespoons Greek yogurt
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1 dash cayenne pepper
2 pieces whole pita bread, halved
1/4 cup prepared spreadable herb cheese
4 large lettuce leaves

Place sliced watermelon on paper towels to remove excess liquid. Mix chicken, cilantro, yogurt, garlic salt and cayenne pepper. Spread inside surfaces of pita bread halves with herbed cheese and fill each with about 1/4 cup chicken mixture. Top with watermelon and lettuce before serving.

Watermelon Rind, Carrot and Pineapple Slaw

While half of some fruits are tossed when you throw away the seeds or the peel, all of the watermelon can be used. Save your rinds and make this yummy slaw. Besides, the rind is packed with citrulline and arginine, two compounds that aid in healthy blood flow.

Servings: 4 one-cup

Dressing

1/4 cup fat-free, plain Greek yogurt
1/4 cup low-fat sour cream
1 1/2 tablespoons stone-ground mustard

1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
4 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon poppy seeds

2 teaspoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Slaw

4 cups grated watermelon rind with fruit and green peel removed
1 cup grated carrot

1 1/2 cup diced fresh pineapple

In small bowl, blend together dressing ingredients thoroughly. Set aside.

Place watermelon rind on several layers of paper towels to soak up excess fluid.

In medium-sized bowl, place dressing, rind, carrot and pineapple and toss to thoroughly coat.



Breakfast a Go-Go

Watermelon Pomegranate Toss Salad

Servings: 4

Dressing

1 cup pomegranate juice
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

1 1/2 tablespoons orange zest

1 tablespoon agave syrup

1 small shallot, minced

1/8 teaspoon stone-ground mustard

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
Dash of salt and pepper, to taste

Salad

8 cups baby spinach (one 6-ounce bag)

3/4 cup diced red onion

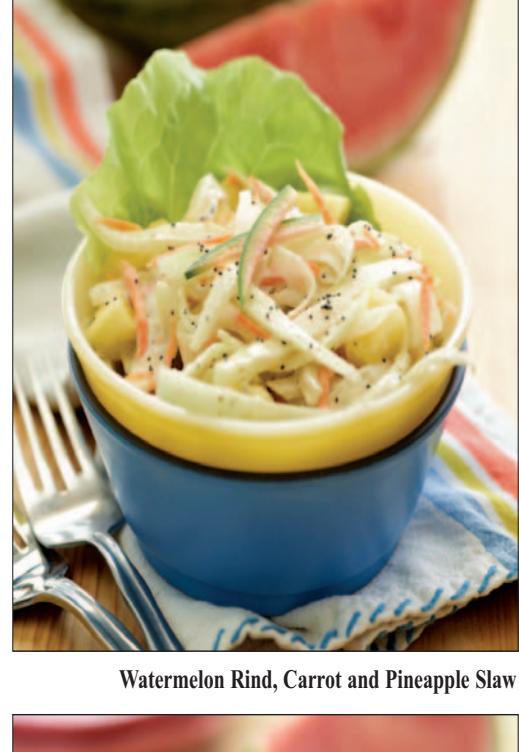
2 cups diced watermelon
6 ounces fresh raspberries
1/2 cup pomegranate seeds

Simmer juice in small saucepan over medium-high heat until reduced to about 3 tablespoons and liquid is a thick syrup. Set aside. When cool, add remaining dressing ingredients. Whip; set aside for flavors to blend.

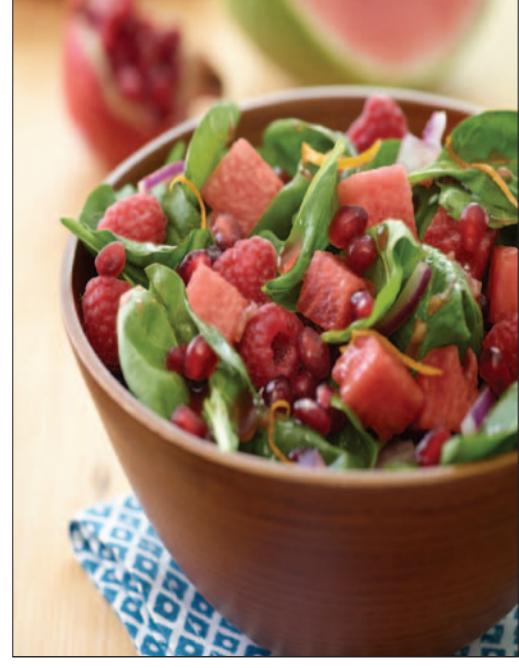
Place watermelon on paper towel to absorb excess fluid. Place spinach in large serving bowl. Top with onion, watermelon, raspberries and pomegranate seeds. Divide onto four salad plates and drizzle with dressing.



Greek Pita Flatbread with Watermelon



Watermelon Rind, Carrot and Pineapple Slaw



Watermelon Pomegranate Toss Salad

Selecting a Watermelon

With a thick rind covering the fruit inside, you may wonder how to choose the best watermelon at the market. Actually, it's as easy as 1-2-3.

1 Look the watermelon over.

You are looking for a firm, symmetrical watermelon that is free from bruises, cuts or dents.

2 Lift it up.

The watermelon should be heavy for its size. Most of the weight (92 percent, in fact) is water.

3 Turn it over.

The underside of the watermelon should have a creamy yellow spot from where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.

UNION

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addressing any questions and concerns she might uncover regarding the proper procedure for such a process.

"I'm a big union person, myself, as a teacher for 28 years," said Inman-Johnson, noting she was not only a member but also a leader in the teachers' union. "I would be the last to prevent people from exercising their right to unionize."

SOUL

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said how good a time we was having at the show.

Morrow said he was happy to be able to take people back, to sing some of the same sounds to which some audience members would remember dancing in their basements with girlfriends when they were teenagers.

In honor of the holiday, they sang their song "I'll Always Love my Mama."

Morrow and the rest of the In-

Inman-Johnson said her only misgivings so far regard the eligibility for certain members of the department to unionize. According to the city manager, the union precludes membership for ranks of authority and part-time members of the force.

Turner, on the other hand, said he thought all members of the police department would be able to have union representation.

According to Inman-Johnson, if enough petitions pass, a hearing will be held to determine the police department's next step.

truders, the elder statesmen of Philly soul that evening, spent the rest of the evening backstage, quietly smoking cigarettes and intently listening to the younger generation perform of a sound they helped inspire.

Freddie Jackson, armed with 11 No. 1 hits, brought a full band and ended the night strong.

He stoked the crowd, inspiring a level of fervor unreached before his set. Jackson stripped down and loosened up as he proceeded through his performance. Fans in the front row reached and stretched to touch him throughout the show.

GRACE

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"In light of that, how do you think God feels about you? Delighted? Disappointed? Mixed feelings?" he asked.

I knew the correct answer was "delighted," but at that moment I didn't feel at all "delight worthy." Actually, at that moment, despite my best efforts to look holy and pious and spiritually mature, I had been daydreaming about a shirt that was at home in a dye bath that I was hoping to get a certain shade of aquamarine to match a pair of pants I had found on sale.

On top of that, I hadn't touched my Bible in weeks other than to move it out of the way of my coffee cup. Plus, I had been watching a lot of TV, and not news or educational TV or anything uplifting, but the junky stuff that rots your brain and your soul — and I couldn't wait to get home from church to watch the latest episode of "Who the (Bleep) Did I Marry?"

Delight worthy? Hardly.

It seems I find myself returning to this same place again and again and again.

I want God to be delighted in me, I want to be satisfied with my level of spiritual maturity — I want to actually be spiritually mature.

And I want new shoes.

And pie.

So, with all these competing thoughts in my head, I sat there in my front row pew spot in the pastor's direct line of vision, squirming because I knew God was pointing me out, which made me try even harder to look as holy and sanctified on the outside as I could while on the inside trying to drum up God's favor, all the while berating myself for not having my Bible with me so I could open it and at least pretend I was an object of God's delight.

Honestly, sometimes it's exhausting being me.

My pastor had asked, "How do you think God feels about you?"

At that moment, and many moments since then, I figured he felt disgusted. As proof, just a few days before he had sent a plague upon me: an itchy rash on my chin and cheeks after trying a new "peach tree and coconut" facial scrub.

Could locusts and gnats be far behind?

A long time ago, the Apostle Paul scolded the Galatians (as he scolds us), accusing them of having a hex put on them. They had been gung-ho believers in "grace alone by faith alone in Christ alone" until they started forgetting what made them eligible for God's delight was not what they did or did not do. It was not the rules they kept or the traditions they per-

formed, but that God delights in his own simply because they trust in his Son.

Paul wrote: "How did your new life begin? Was it by working your heads off to please God? Or was it by responding to God's Message to you? Are you going to continue this craziness? For only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God. If you weren't smart enough or strong enough to begin it, how do you suppose you could perfect it?" (Galatians 3:2-4 The Message)

That passage always makes me laugh and always brings me back to the pastor's question: How does God feel about me?

If it's as we sing: "God has smiled on me; he has set me free. God has smiled on me; he's been good to me," then he delights in me, a dandy-minging, junky-TV-watching, Bible-neglecting, spiritual slug.

He delights in me. Not my sin, of course, but because of Jesus, he smiles on me. He smiles on you, too.

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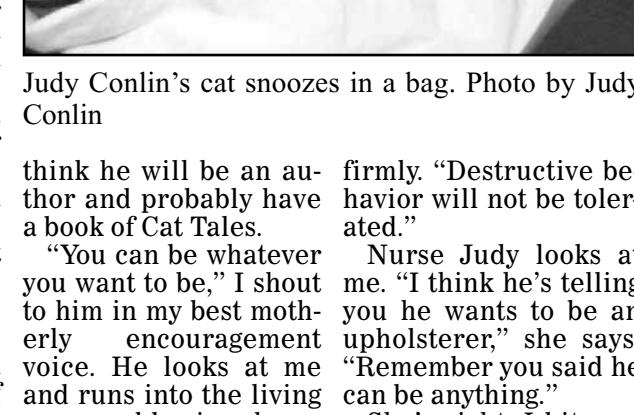
TALES

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Judy Conlin's cat snoozes in a bag. Photo by Judy Conlin

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Judy

County plans pavement, gradually

ROBERT ALLEN
Times Reporter

The Board of County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 6. Major discussion surround the current maintenance and future paving of private dirt roads in Gadsden County.

According to Robert Presnell, county administrator, the county contains about a hundred miles of private roads.

Larry Ganus of 2174 Frank Smith Road, a private citizen, spoke at the meeting in support of a new ordinance that would help provide for the paving of these private dirt roads in the county.

Commissioner Brenda Holt reminded commissioners that paving dirt roads changes the way rain and run-off water flows, an issue fresh in many minds after the recent flooding throughout the county. Holt wanted to make sure communities would be aware of this side effect before they decided to pave.

She also wanted to make sure commissioners understood the county government would become

responsible for damages accrued by rechanneling current drainage patterns.

Commissioner Doug Croley voiced similar concerns about drainage — and also natural history.

He said some private Gadsden roads have "legacy trees" along them, giant old trees that people do not want removed — yet the paving and widening process will threaten them.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor expressed a different concern.

"What about the people that live on those dirt roads?" she asked. "We need to do our due diligence around here."

The ordinance requires a road's surrounding community invest their private dollars to elevate a road to county standards before the county will adopt the maintenance of a private road.

Commissioner Eric Hinson voiced concerns over the propriety of a public entity discussing the take-over of private roads.

"I'm hoping we're not doing anything illegal," he said.

David Weiss, county attorney, confirmed that he was on lawful ground — and assured the commissioners he would notify them if the situation were otherwise.

The last discussed version of the ordinance would allow one road paved per year in each of the county's districts.

Holt motioned to pass the ordinance. Taylor seconded the motion. Croley and Hinson voted in favor of the ordinance. Morgan voted against it.

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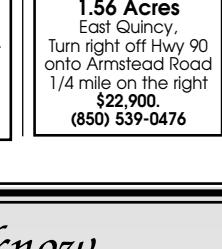
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All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice has been served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is: May 15, 2014.

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Plaintiff;

v.
LATASHA MURRAY; NOAH MURRAY, JR.; TAYLOR'S BUILDING SUPPLY, INC.; and CAPITAL CITY BANK;

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 23, 2014, in Case No. 12000998CAA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Gadsden County, Florida, in which FLORIDA BANK, a Florida Banking Corporation, as successor in interest to THE BANK OF TALLAHASSEE, a Florida Banking Corporation is the Plaintiff and LATASHA MURRAY; NOAH MURRAY, JR.; TAYLOR'S BUILDING SUPPLY, INC.; and CAPITAL CITY BANK are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Door, Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, the following described property set forth in the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure:

BEGIN at the Southeast corner of Lot No. 154, according to the map or plat of the original town of Quincy, Florida, a copy of said map or plat being on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, and thence run North along the West side of Jackson Street 75 feet; thence run West 140 feet; thence run South 75 feet to the North side of Crawford Street; thence run East along the North Side of Crawford Street 140 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said lot being a part of Lot 154 of the original Town of Quincy, and being in Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Gadsden County, Florida.

Together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, and appurtenances; all water, water rights; watercourses and ditch rights (including stock in utilities with ditch or irrigation rights); and all other rights, royalties, and profits relating to the real property, including without limitation all minerals, oil, gas, geothermal and similar matters.

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 within sixty (60) days after the sale.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2014.

(COURT SEAL)
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk
Reid M. Wakefield, Esq.,
Coppins, Monroe, Adkins, & Dincman, P.A.
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Phone: (850)422-2420, Fax: (850)422-2730, Email: rwakefield@coppinsmonroe.com

May 8 & 15, 2014

4132-0515 GCT

vs. Est. Ferree, Martha D. 20-2014-CA-000148 Notice of Action

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 20-2014-CA-000148 Division:

ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B.
Plaintiff;

v.
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARTHA D. FERREE A/K/A MARTHA OLIVIA FERREE, DECEASED; JOSEPH BROCK A/K/A JOE BROCK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.

Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARTHA D. FERREE A/K/A MARTHA OLIVIA FERREE, DECEASED

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown Defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein

TO: ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Miami-Dade County, Florida:

LOT 2, BLOCK "C", BROWNSDALE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 196, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

This property is located at the Street address of: 105 Cherry Avenue, Havana, Florida 32333

YOU ARE REQUIRED to serve a copy of your written defenses on or before June 7, 2014 a date which is within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on **Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A.**, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 350 Jim Moran Blvd., Suite 100, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442, and file the complaint with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This Notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The Gadsden County Times.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on April 23, 2014,
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF THE COURT
(COURT SEAL)

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Rahim West, Esq., Arista Certain, Esq.
Telephone: (954)354-3544, Facsimile: (954)354-3545
Primary email: rwest@rwlaw.com
Secondary email: servicecomplete@rwlaw.com

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 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: SUSAN WILSON, ADA COORDINATOR, 301 SOUTH MONROE STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301, 850-577-4401 AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

May 8 & 15, 2014.

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4133-0515 GCT

vs. Allen, Virginia H. 12-001049-CA-A, Notice of Foreclosure Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 12-001049-CA-A

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff;

v.
VIRGINIA H. ALLEN A/K/A VIRGINIA ALLEN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VIRGINIA H. ALLEN A/K/A VIRGINIA ALLEN; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.

Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, will on the 22nd day of May, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the South front door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 East Jefferson St., in Quincy, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situated in Gadsden County, Florida:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF GADSDEN, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO WIT: LOT NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED THIRTY TWO (232) AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OR PLAT COVERING LANDS OF FLORIDA GRAVEL COMPANY AND TORREY HEIGHTS, INC., AND RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT REFERRED TO SAID LOT IS A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION FOUR (4) TOWNSHIP THREE (3) NORTH, RANGE SIX (6) WEST, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF CHATTAHOOCHEE, COUNTY OF GADSDEN AND STATE OF FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 23rd day of April, 2014.

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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850-577-4401; or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

Attorney For Plaintiff:
Monica D. Shepard
Butler & Hosch, P.A.

3185 S. Conway Rd., Ste. E, Orlando, Florida 32812
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vs. Johnson, Regina B. 20-2012-CA-000827 Notice of Sale

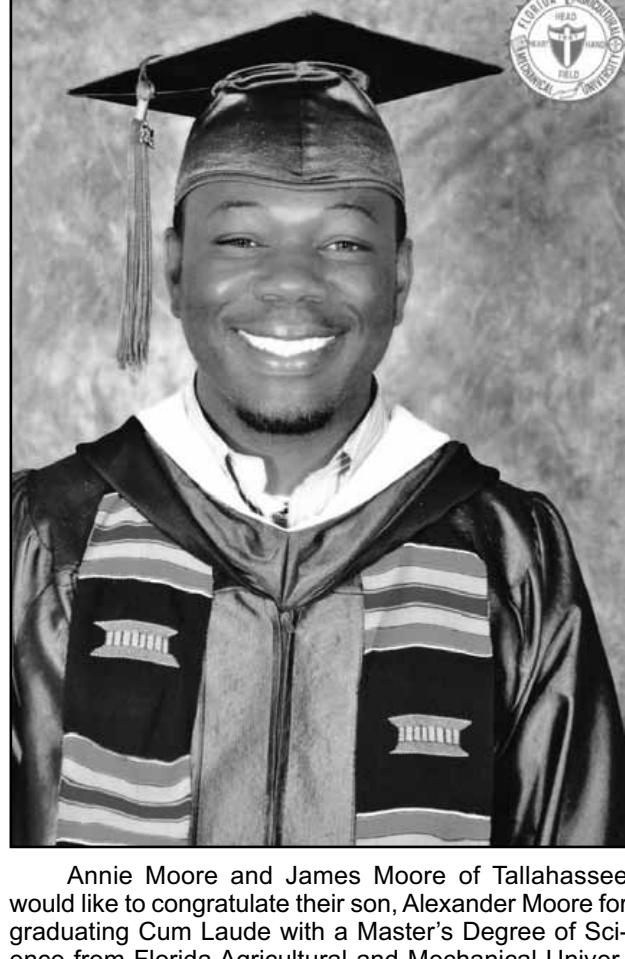
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Reaping the rewards of science

Khalik Robinson, Michael Mitchell's 10th-grade biology student from EGHS received two special awards at the 59th annual State Science and Engineering Fair on April 8 to 11 in Lakeland. He is shown here proudly displaying the \$50 cash J. T. Malesky Award and the Sony FM/AM clock radio dream machine from Thomas Alva Edison Regional Science and Engineering Fair. The awards were given as a result of Khalik demonstrating outstanding enthusiasm for his research project entitled "What is the Wooly Mammoth's Closest Living Relative?" Khalik is the son of Shakonda Harrison and Gaberil Robinson of Havana. Photo submitted



New Rattler



Annie Moore and James Moore of Tallahassee would like to congratulate their son, Alexander Moore for graduating Cum Laude with a Master's Degree of Science from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. The graduation ceremony was held Saturday, May 3, at the Alfred Lawson Jr. Multipurpose Center Teaching Gymnasium. Alexander Moore will be pursuing a Ph.D. from Florida State University in the spring of 2015. Alexander is the grandson of Thomas Winbush (deceased) and Pearlie Winbush of Gretna; and Roosevelt Moore and Willine Moore of Tallahassee. The parents would like to thank everyone who helped celebrated this momentous milestone.

Hospice is a service, not a place

One of the biggest misconceptions I hear from people in the community is they think "hospice" is a place, when in essence, hospice is a service. Many think it is the Hospice House located in Tallahassee, when instead hospice services can be provided wherever the wishes to be.

Wendy Melton Abbott
BIG BEND HOSPICE

home, surrounded by loved ones. We would prefer to die a natural death at home without being a burden, financially or emotionally, on our families. Even when faced with a terminal illness, most would still prefer to spend their time at home, around familiar patient faces.

But there is a discrepancy between what people say they want and where at the end of life and what actually occurs. Surveys show that an overwhelming number feel it is important to put their wishes about end-of-life care in writing; however, less than 25% have actually done so. More

than half say they have not talked with a loved one about their wishes.

I want to encourage you to put a plan in place. The single most important thing you can do is to talk to your loved ones and physicians, and put your wishes in writing. A written plan helps you have a say if you are unable to speak for yourself should you face a healthcare crisis. An advance directive, which should be filled out by any adult regardless of one's health status, provides a broad outline of a person's wishes relating to end-of-life care. It allows an individual to appoint a "health care proxy"—the person they want to speak on their behalf if they cannot. These written instructions/wishes could have a profound impact on where one will spend their final days.

If you don't have a written

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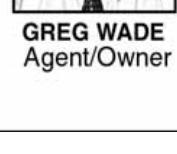
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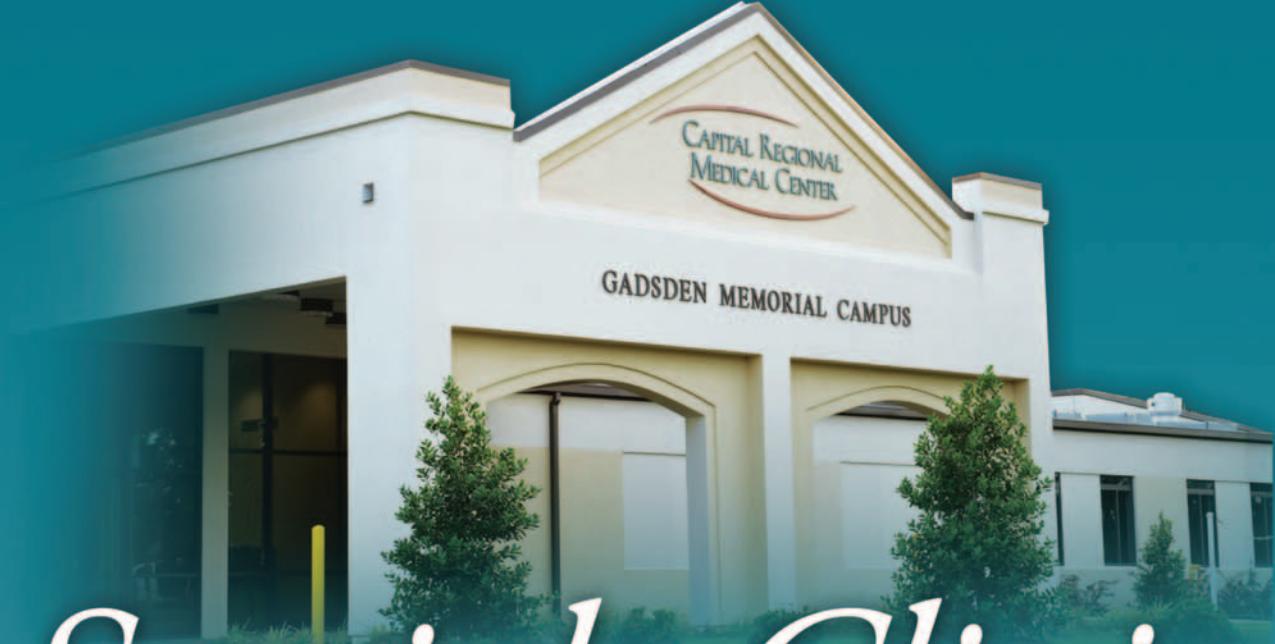
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Historic property ready for new purpose

ROBERT ALLEN
Times Reporter

White Dog Plantation is being prepared for its grand opening from 2 to 6 p.m. on May 17 and 18. The business, located just west of Havana at 200 Coca Cola Avenue, will combine a dog-friendly bed and breakfast with various facilities fit for weddings, parties, conventions, and meetings.

According to owner and proprietor Lynn Badger, many of the business's buildings are historic structures, which have been moved to the grounds from their original sites within the region.

The bed and breakfast section of the business currently has four rooms. According to Badger, a fifth will soon be finished. It is currently under construction inside an old general store moved to White Dog from Mexico Beach.

Badger decorated each of the rooms herself, a process she said she enjoyed. The proprietor self-defined her design sensibility as eclectic. Each room has a different Florida-centric theme, with corresponding art and furniture. Badger also holds a specific affinity for 19th-century French pieces. These are integrated among the domestic décor.

"Little by little, slowly but surely, over



seven years, I've been working on the place," said Badger.

The properties original home has been retro-fit and repurposed over the years. Badger said she is working toward returning the structure to its original 1890s form. The house is typical of many old southern homes in its large porch and wide breezeway that allows air to flow unimpeded from the front to the back of the structure. The house is atypical, however, in at least two other features.

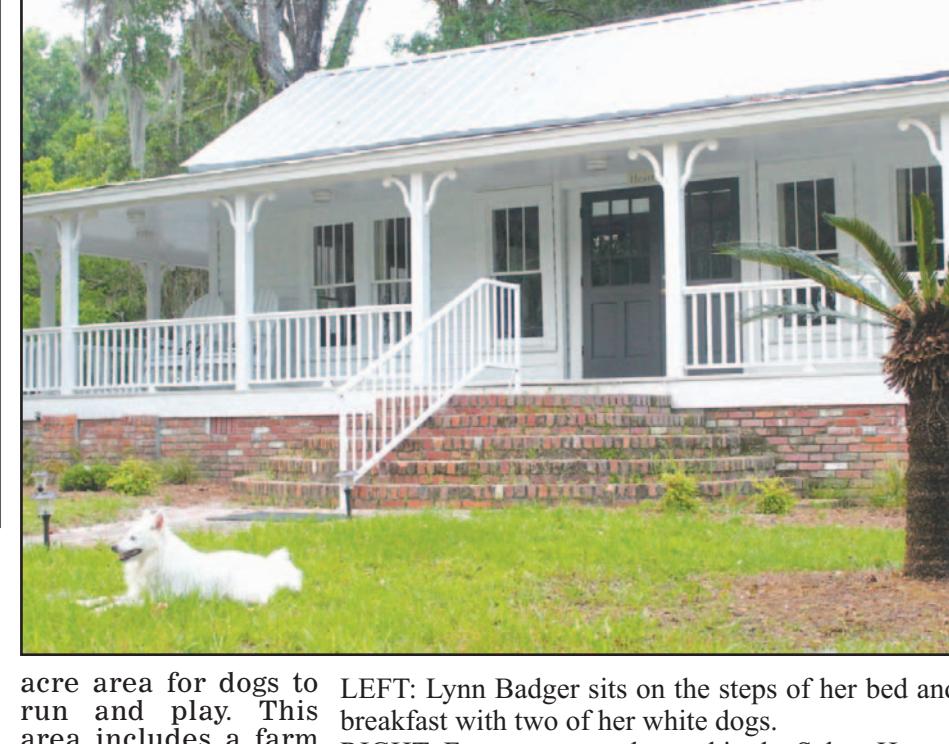
The house is frame — but the interior walls are brick, a feature Badger said is much more common among Louisiana architecture of the same period. Furthermore, the top of the breezeway is an arch, curving along the length of the passage. Badger said she has never seen this feature in another

home.

Badger said the grounds were once known for their wildflowers — but when a previous owner mowed the meadows too regularly, too few of the flowers managed to pollinate and reproduce. This nearly wiped away the once-colorful fields. Badger said she invested a couple hundred dollars and re-sawing the meadows with wildflower seeds. And she mows just once a year in January.

"I grew up in the country," said the owner. "I wanted my next business to be in the country."

Badger, whose most recent business was an urban dog park in Jacksonville, said she wanted a place where she and her three dogs, all American Eskimos, could be comfortable. The grounds include a fenced 4-



acre area for dogs to run and play. This area includes a farm pond in which the visiting dogs can play.

Badger said her entire operation may employ two or three people aside from herself.

"It's not like when it was a restaurant," said Badger. "I think they may have had 50 people working here."

But this doesn't trouble Badger, who explains she pursued the business for the lifestyle it would allow her and her pets.

"At some point, I like to go on to my next project," said Badger. "The only way I'd ever get my money back is by selling it. I didn't do this to make money. If I'd done this for money, I'd be a very foolish person."

LEFT: Lynn Badger sits on the steps of her bed and breakfast with two of her white dogs.

RIGHT: Four rooms are located in the Salem House, an 1880s structure originally located between White Dog Plantation and Havana. Photos by Robert Allen

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Wendy Melton Abbot is the Team Manager for Gadsden/Liberty Counties of Big Bend Hospice.

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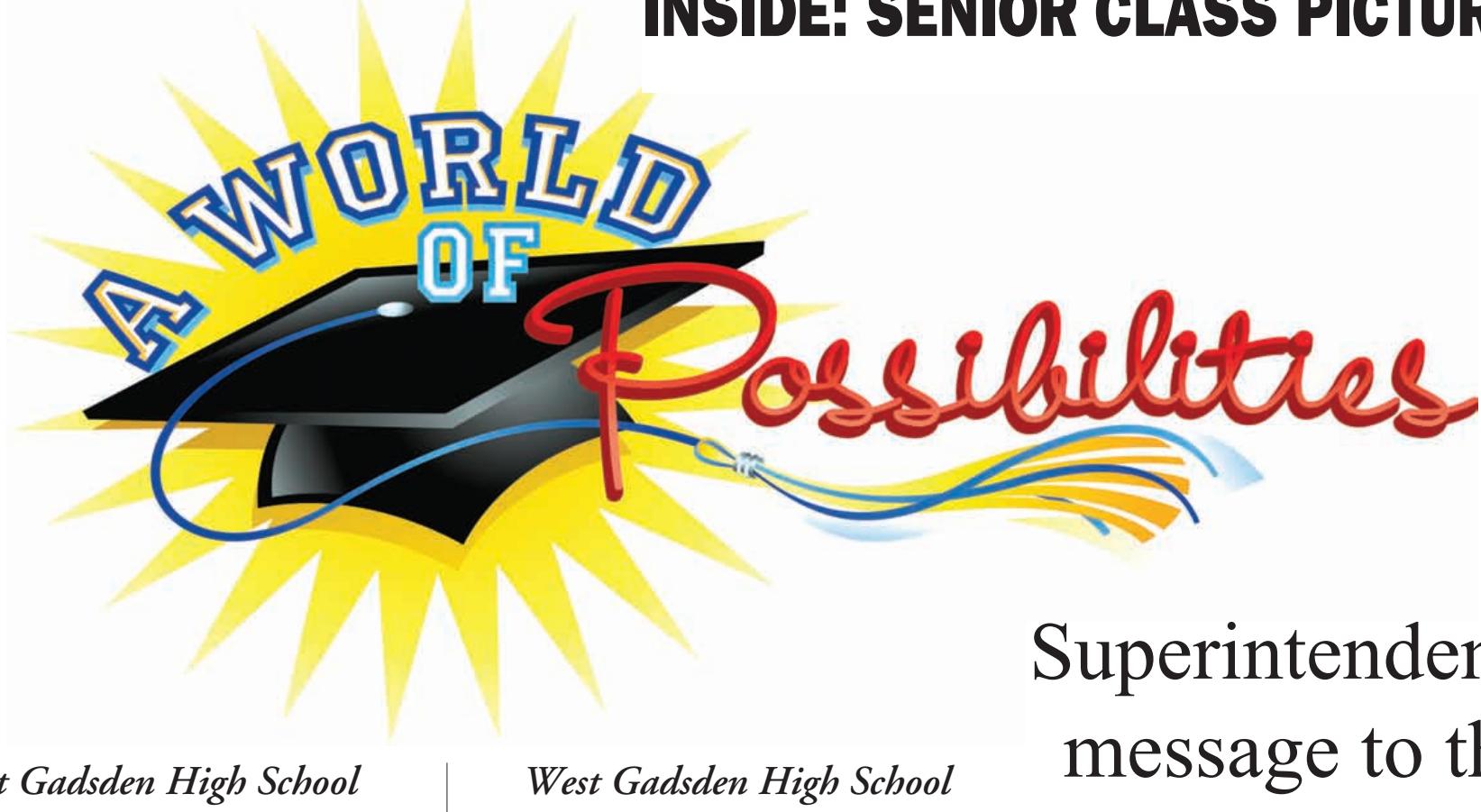
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ing. I didn't really pay attention to what was going on around me."

Sapp now plans on attending the University of Florida where she would like to study biology with the intention of continuing to medical school at the same university.

"I chose UF because they have an amazing medical field," said Sapp. "Florida State University doesn't have a research hospital."

Sapp indicates high expectations for her future, wherever she may go.

"It's not over yet," she said. "I'm just getting started."

transfer directly into Florida A&M's business administration program where she will opt to study an additional concentration in entrepreneurship.

After graduation with her degree in business administration, Wisheka said she would like to continue in academia and pursue a master's degree in the same field.

Williams said she valued her experience with the Future Business Leaders of America program at EGHS — an organization that helped inform her future aspirations.

After graduation from college, Williams is uncertain where she would like to begin her career.

EGHS SCHEDULE

BACCALAUREATE:
8 a.m. Sunday, May 18, EGHS Gymnasium.

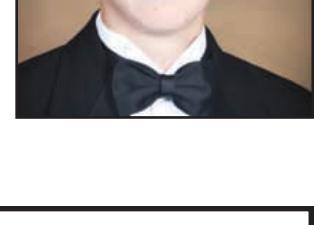
CLASS NIGHT:
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, EGHS Gymnasium.

COMMENCEMENT:
9 a.m. Friday, May 24, EGHS Gymnasium.

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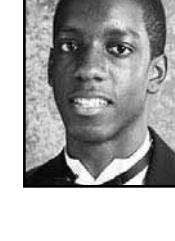
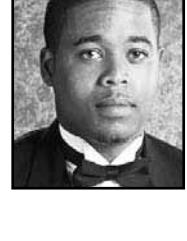
While at Munroe, Norman was a student athlete and class secretary during his junior year.

Norman plans to attend the University of Florida where he would like to study biomedical engineering.

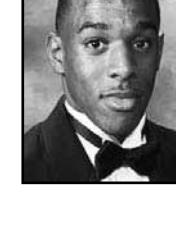
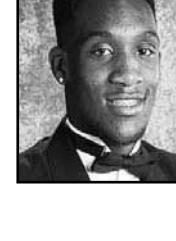
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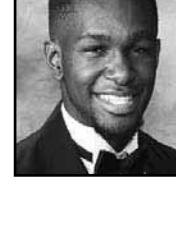
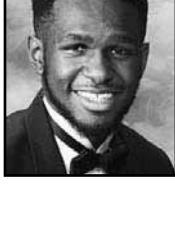
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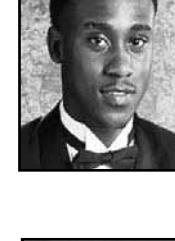
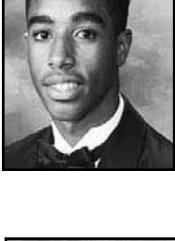
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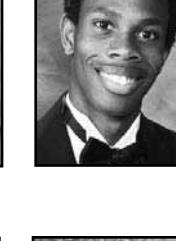
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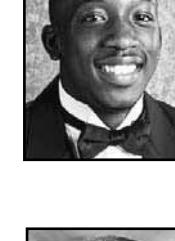
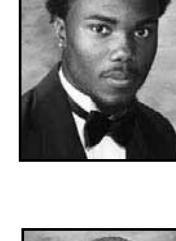
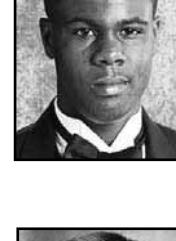
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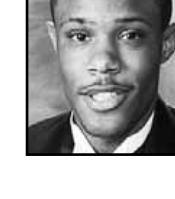
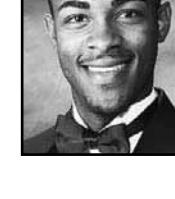
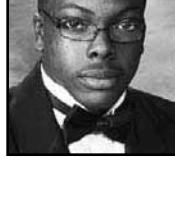
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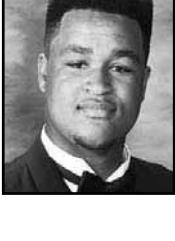
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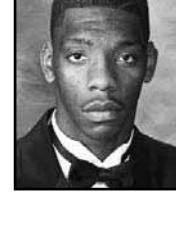
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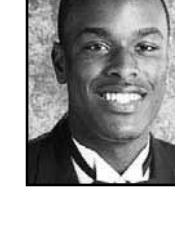
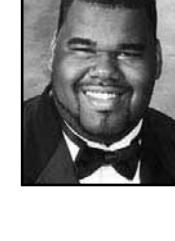
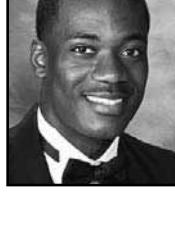
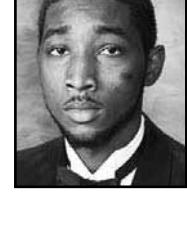
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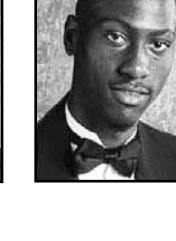
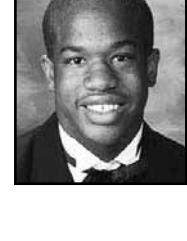
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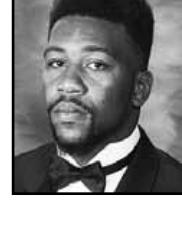


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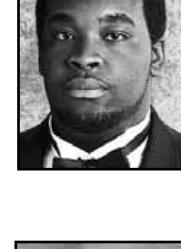
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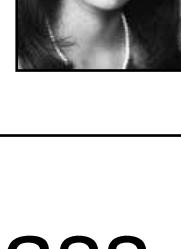
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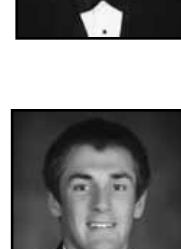
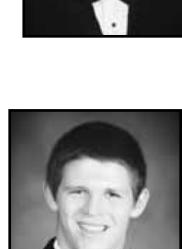
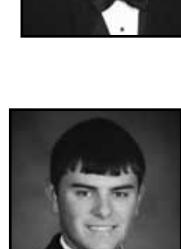


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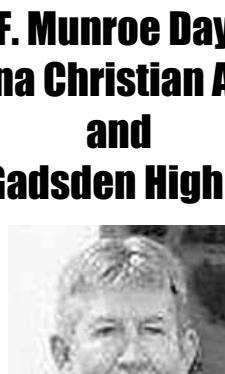


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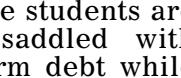
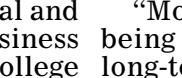
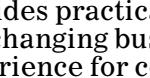
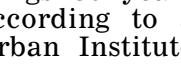
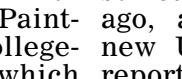
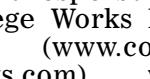
These days, it seems as though Americans are spending more for college while getting less value in return — a trend research validates, says entrepreneur Matt Stewart. "The average cost for an in-state public college is \$22,261, and a moderate budget for a private college averaged \$43,289 for the 2012–2013 academic year; for elite schools, we're talking about three times the cost of your local state school," says Stewart, a spokesperson for College Works Painting, (www.college-works.com), which provides practical and life-changing business experience for college students who have shown potential for success. Interns operate their own house-painting business with hands-on guidance from mentors.

"More students are being saddled with long-term debt while getting less value for their education," Stewart says. "Because of the difficulty recent college grads are having finding jobs in today's tough economy; today's students may have even less worth in their 30s than 30-somethings today."

To add value to their professional career, Stewart encourages students to seek outside-the-box avenues for increasing their career stock while in college. Running a business is a great way to do that; he explains why.

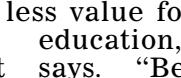
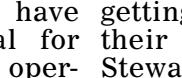
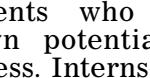
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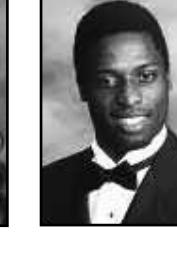
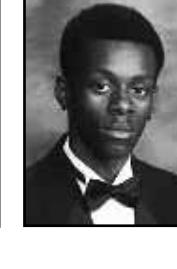
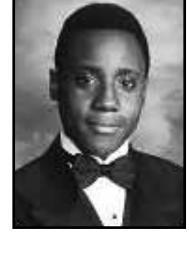
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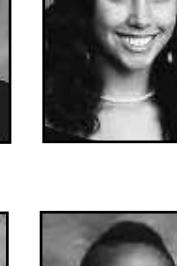
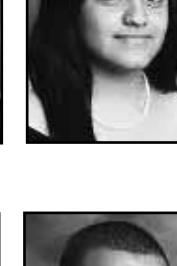
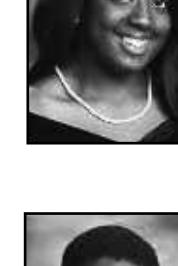
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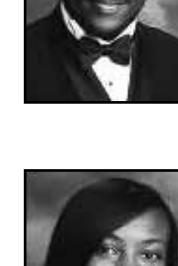
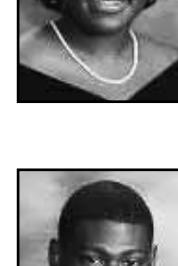
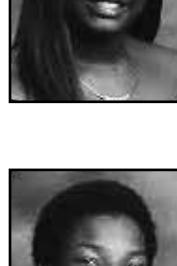
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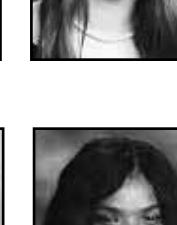
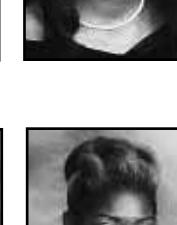
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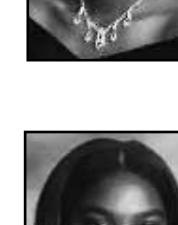
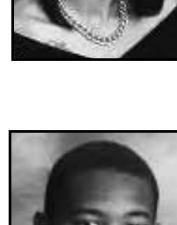
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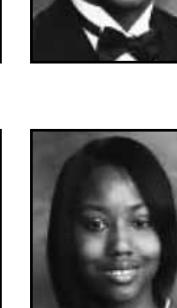
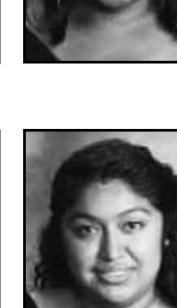
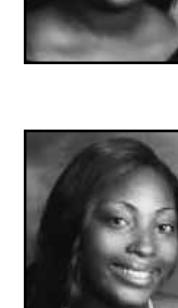
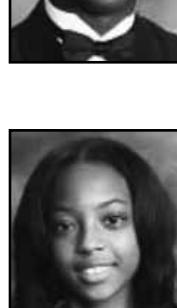
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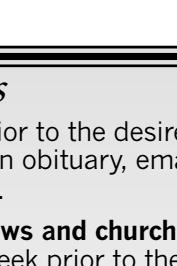
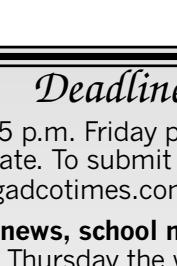
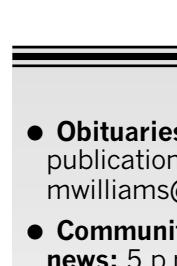
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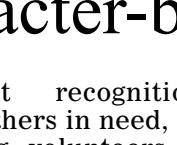
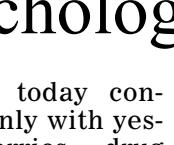
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Parents today contend not only with yesterday's worries—drug abuse, bullying, teenage sex and delinquency—but new challenges. The digital age has introduced adult predators and other online hazards, and body-altering decorating such as tattoos and piercings are popular temptations, said James G. Wellborn, a clinical psychologist with 18 years of experience working with parents and teens.

"The teenage years are unlike any other in a person's life—it's a unique in-between period from childhood to adulthood, and it's helpful to remember that problems during this time are actually normal," said Wellborn, author of the new book "Raising Teens in the 21st Century: A Practical Guide to Effective Parenting," (www.dr-jameswellborn.com). "But teens still require guidance, encouragement and good ideas to see them through to adulthood."

A universally admired trait, spanning all cultures, religion and philosophy, is compassion. A truly compassionate teen will inevitably have a host of other positive qualities, Wellborn said, including patience, understanding, sensitivity, tolerance, intuition and more. He said parents can encourage compassion in the following ways:

■ **Model it:** Compassion is largely learned, so be aware of how you act around your children. How did you respond to the request for money from that panhandler on the street? What comment did you make behind his back, in the presence of your kid? What did you say about that idiot driver who just cut you off in traffic? Your teens are watching and listening.

■ **Notice it:** Point out examples of compassion that occur around you. It comes in many forms. Relevant to our daily lives are the people who quietly, and

without recognition, help others in need, including volunteers of all types. Make a game of identifying instances of compassionate deeds you've witnessed.

■ **Teach it:** Compassion has to be taught, so be prepared to provide direct instruction on how your teen needs to think and act in order to develop that quality. One important component is empathy. If your teens can't see things from another's perspective, it is difficult for them to appreciate what that person is going through. Help them learn to walk a mile in their shoes.

■ **Guilt it:** A personal value system serves as a

means of accountability to oneself (and your family and community). This begins with the value system parents promote in their kids. If they fulfill the promise of personal values it is a source of justifiable pride. Violating personal values should result in guilt for not doing what's right and shame for letting other people down. Parents need to help their kids along with this.

■ **Repeat it:** Once is not enough when it comes to character. Find every opportunity to work it into the conversation. Using all of the strategies mentioned above, you will be able to work character issues into every possible situation in a remarkably diverse number of ways. You need to have mentioned character so often—at least once every couple of days—and in so many different forms that they are sick of hearing about it by the time they graduate from

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Psychologist offers character-building tips

**Shalaunna Washington
Sheniqua Williams
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Tips for becoming an intellectual maverick

SCHOLARS

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No matter how well our lives may be going, many of us seem to be at our wit's end when it comes to attaining that next level of success, but there is a solution to this challenge, says world-traveling entrepreneur Julian Pencilliah.

How does one start this process? Become a student of your own history and become an intellectual maverick, says Pencilliah, who reviews the attributes that must be developed to make progress possible.

Irrevocably change your world. Piece together an ever-fuller understanding of yourself with the intention of reinventing yourself a thousand-fold. We should always aim toward exponential achievements, with

the wisdom of knowing we are not chasing the achievement, but rather chasing the consciousness of who we need to become in order to materialize our success.

- Think with sophistication. This is your capacity to become more strategic in your approach to life. This simply means you need to become more process-oriented, rather than goal-oriented. Intelligence is knowing what's required of you. Sophisticated thinking is the process of making successful decisions over a lifetime.

- Exceed probability amplitudes. Achieving success in any arena of your life is framed within your ability to eliminate innate weaknesses and biases. History tells us not all greats have off-

the-chart IQs, nor are they born with limitless freedom. In fact, it's the triumph over less-than-favorable circumstances and a determination to achieve that often builds the character necessary for success. Great individuals set out to achieve outstanding results and make their decisions within intellectual criteria. All the greats have engaged a higher impulse, a higher bandwidth and an inherent strength.

- Smile with radiance. Life is beauty in every direction, but we are often unable to see it if we are too consumed with our lives. The simple truth is that you can touch more of the beauty of life only by touching your own beauty. If you look through the lens of love, gratitude

and contribution, then you will be able to see and touch more of the infinite beauty that makes life on Earth a heaven. Learn to smile like sunshine every day and brighten up your world.

- Get lucky. "I would love to tell you that your destiny is written in the stars, but it is actually written within the confines of your interpretation of life," Pencilliah says. "Luck has more to do with self-engagement than any random twist of fate. Be bold and champion your life to exceed the probability amplitude of any statistic of luck."

"Above all, I live by three simple words: compassion, love and gratitude," Pencilliah says. "We need to act on these three words daily. Doing so will irrevocably change your world."



Jacob Williams, nephew of Thomas and Stormie Doyle, ranked as Tallavana Christian's salutatorian with an unweighted GPA of 3.7.

Williams said his experience at Tallavana has shaped him.

"You don't just learn academics," said Williams, speaking about his time at Tallavana

Christian. "You learn how to live life. That's one thing I'm going to take with me. It wasn't part of the curriculum."

Williams said he plans on attending Tallahassee Community College for two years and then transferring to Florida State University for his second two years. He would like to study athletic training, aiming to work on a team's staff after his degree.

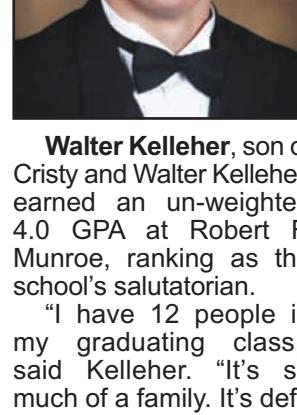
"Hopefully I'll get picked up by a pro team and get out of my state," said Williams.

Williams said, however, he will gladly go wherever a professional opportunity might present itself, near or far from home.

TCS SCHEDULE

■ COMMENCEMENT/BACCALAUREATE:

6 p.m. Thursday, May 22, Centenary United Methodist Church.



Walter Kelleher, son of Cristy and Walter Kelleher, earned an un-weighted 4.0 GPA at Robert F. Munroe, ranking as the school's salutatorian.

Kelleher said he plans to attend Florida State University, where he would like to study chemical engineering. Rather than start in the fall, however, Kelleher is opting to begin his studies at FSU this June. He said this way he will satisfy an elective or humanities credit before the regular school year even begins.

After his time at FSU, Kelleher said he thinks he might want to continue with graduate school — or begin working in a laboratory setting where he "feels at home."

RFM SCHEDULE

■ BACCALAUREATE:

6 p.m. Sunday, May 18, Centenary United Methodist Church, Quincy..

■ CLASS NIGHT:

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, The Leaf Theatre, Quincy..

■ COMMENCEMENT:

7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, The Leaf Theatre, Quincy..

Gas-saving tips

Tips to spend less on gas from www.fueleconomy.gov:

- **Drive sensibly** — Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gas. It can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by 5 percent around town. Sensible driving is also safer for you and others, so you may save more than gas money.

- **Observe the speed limit** — While each vehicle reaches its optimal fuel economy at a different speed (or range of speeds), gas mileage usually decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. You can assume that each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.30 per gallon for gas. Observing the speed limit is also safer.

- **Remove excess weight** — Avoid keeping unnecessary items in your vehicle, especially heavy ones. An extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could reduce your MPG by up to 2 percent. The reduction is based on the percentage of extra weight relative to the vehicle's weight and affects smaller vehicles more than larger ones.

- **Combine errands** — Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as one trip covering the same distance when the engine is warm.

- **Avoid excessive idling** — Idling can use a quarter to a half gallon of fuel per hour, depending on engine size and air conditioner (AC) use.

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high school.

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ambition. A college degree is the minimum qualification employers are seeking. What hiring managers are looking for is that something extra when reviewing a stack of qualified resumes. At the heart of the economy is innovation; it's the difference between simply existing in a market, and thriving in one. Employers know they need people with creativity and gumption for innovation.

• Real-world management of time and money. College is a time when young adults learn to live autonomously. It's the rare student, however, who learns to manage his or her own affairs and the most precious

resources in the business world – time and money. Managing employees, driving sales, developing specific skills for a real market and building strong customer relationships are best learned with hands-on experience.

- Learn where they need help. What do you do well and where do you need help? The best way to know with any certainty is through experience. Running a business while attending college allows students to circle back to their education and focus on their trouble areas by adjusting their curriculum in future semester.

- Develop meaningful bonds. One of the most meaningful aspects of the college experience is the relationships students develop with each

other, which often have professional consequences after college. Enlisting the help of fellow students for a common business purpose tends to have a powerful bonding effect.

- Immediate ROI — finding phenomenal success. Most students who run a business during college will not prove to be the next Steve Jobs, Mark Zuckerberg or David Geffen, which is precisely why students should not drop out of college like those pioneers did. However, a student doesn't have to be the next Zuckerberg to experience amazing success as an entrepreneur. College Hunks Moving Junk is just one recent example that began in an entrepreneurial student mind.

Matt Stewart co-founded National

GALLOWAY ACADEMY

FOREIGN LANGUAGE IMMERSION CHARTER SCHOOL

Are you ready to unmask the opportunities for your child to learn how to effectively read, write, problem-solve and communicate in a foreign language, resulting in high academic achievement? Well, **Galloway Academy Foreign Language Charter School** is starting Pre-Enrollment for School Year 2014-2015.



What will Galloway Academy Foreign Language Immersion School offer my child?

Galloway Academy is offering an edifying opportunity for your child to learn a different language and to be able to compete in a diverse society.

Which grade levels are offered?

The Galloway Academy Foreign Language Immersion Charter School is an elementary school, Pre-k – 5th grade. (**Slots are limited**)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does Galloway Academy charge tuition?

No, as a public elementary school, Galloway Academy does not charge tuition.

Does Galloway Academy provide food?

Yes, Galloway Academy will provide breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Does Galloway Academy provide transportation?

Yes, Galloway Academy will provide transportation.

Does my child have to take a test to qualify for Galloway Academy admission?

No test is required for admission, just an interest in learning a foreign language in order to compete in the global marketplace.

Does Galloway Academy offer a comprehensive educational program?

Yes! – Galloway Academy offers an enhanced educational program including Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Technology, Foreign Language and Physical Education.

What is expected of Galloway Academy parents?

Parents are expected to: support the mission of the school; meet quarterly with the Galloway Academy staff to discuss their child's progress; contribute time and/or talent to the school; assist with certain homework assignments; keep appointments, ensure uninterrupted attendance; participate in all student-parent events; and support the teachers and administration.

PRE-ENROLLMENT APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Date: May 12-30, 2014

How can I enroll my child?

Parents, you may pick up, mail back, or drop-off the pre-enrollment packet at the following locations listed below:

Time: 9:30am. – 6:00pm.

Locations:

Little Successful Angels
16 South Ernest Street, Quincy, FL 32351

Phone: 850-627-9189

Or

Reach One Teach One, Inc.
1715 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351

Phone: 850-627-2025

Parents you can also download the packet from: <https://Reach1-teach1.com>

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Gadsden District-Wide

Parent Meeting

Stewart Street Elementary Cafeteria

May 15, 2014 6:00 p.m.

6 p.m. – Registration & Resource Materials

Food and Child Care will be provided

For more information contact:

Parent Services

(850) 627-9651 ext. 1252

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