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Board funds rebuild of historic school

County Commission OKs \$466K expenditure

CHERI HARRIS
GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

The historic Stevens School site will have a new look and a new purpose thanks in part to \$466,000 approved for a rebuilding project at the Feb. 20

meeting of the Gadsden County Commission. Commissioner Sherrie Taylor said a community committee has been meeting regularly and developed a "smorgasbord" of great ideas they would like to see incorporated in the mission of the new building, from fostering entrepreneurship to housing educational programs.

The county has received an insurance check of roughly \$502,000 to cover the loss of the school to fire last year. About \$35,000 has already been spent on cleanup at the site.

Commission Chair Brenda Holt said they plan to ask state Sen. Bill Montford and state Rep. Ramon Alexander's to aid in finding matching funds in the state Legislature. Commissioners voted 5-0 to use the money toward the

school rebuilding project, transferring the money from the general fund to the capital project fund. Havana Fire Department is also on track to get a new fire truck with a price tag of roughly \$300,000 from the county's capital outlay coffers. Havana had the oldest
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Quincy Main Street's annual meeting today

The Quincy Main Street annual membership meeting will be from 6 to 7 p.m. today at the Historic Quincy Women's Club/Old Washington Lodge, 304 W. King St..

Come hear about the highlights and accomplishments of 2017, as well as future plans for 2018 and beyond. We welcome your input, ideas and feedback. This meeting is open to all parties interested in the revitalization of downtown Quincy, members, prospective members and volunteers. If you have not joined or have not renewed your membership, you can do so at the meeting.

For information, call 850-662-1812.

Civil War battle re-enactment slated

The Tallahassee chapter of the civil war era re-enactors citizen support group, PALLAS Athena, PALLAS-South, will participate Friday in the reenactment of the Union Army's march from St. Marks to Natural Bridge, and in the run up to the Battle of Natural Bridge on Saturday and Sunday.

Event schedule is as follows:

Friday: Troops depart St. Marks Lighthouse at 10 a.m. for the march to the Newport Park Campground near the U.S. 98 Bridge in Newport, camping there overnight. PALLAS-South will prepare a meal at approximately 3 p.m. and serve it to the troops at the end of Friday's march at approximately 6.

Saturday: Troops depart camp at 7 a.m. for Battlefield at Natural Bridge State Park, arriving between noon and 12:30 p.m.

For information, contact Karen Kugell, email kkugell02@gmail.com.

'SPECIAL' STARS



Photos by JAMILIA COLSON/For the Times

A young athlete gives it all in a race during one of the events in this year's Gadsden County Spring Special Olympics, which was Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Gadsden County High School's football and track field.

Gadsden County shows support for local Special Olympians

JAMILIA COLSON
FOR THE TIMES

Students from all over the county participated in this year's Gadsden County Spring Special Olympics. The games took place Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Gadsden County High School's football and track field.

Presence and support were not short-handed at the game. Fans and family came out to cheer on area athletes of all ages, rooting for them all the way to the finish line. Participation in this event was mandatory for local athletes who plan to qualify and compete against six other surrounding counties at the area games April 7 in Wakulla County.

The winners of the area games will secure a spot at the State Special Olympic Games in South Florida that will take place later in the spring.

Annie Trueblood, the Special Olympics County Coordinator, talked about attendance expectations of Wednesday's games.

"We are expecting 125 athletes

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Special Olympics athletes carry the torch, marking the opening of the Gadsden County Special Olympics.

Consultants suggest ways to increase city's appeal

Revitalize town key goal

GISELLE THOMAS
FOR THE TIMES

The Florida Main Street Resource Team met with Havana community members to introduce their recommendations to help boost the downtown area's appeal and improve the local economy.

The presented "The Main Street Approach for Revitalization" and two strategies to put the town on the way to meeting these goals.

"The Main Street Approach" consists of four categories: civic organizations, physical design, economic vitality and social promotion.

The goal of the approach is to promote revitalization for the Havana community by preserving the city's authenticity, encouraging entrepreneurship and pushing for active community life.

Tony Lombardo, executive director of Havana Main Street, said that new development will continue through 2018.

"This year, between ourselves, the town and the partners we're partnering with — the Garden Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the museum — I expect that this year we'll spend around \$100,000 downtown in projects to beautify and add signage and information kind of kiosks," he said.

After visiting Havana for three and a half days, touring, and meeting local business owners, the resource team had two recommendations for the city: focus on

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Sheriff finds old police station 'abandoned'

Special meeting to save building planned

BYRON SPIRES
FOR THE TIMES

Sheriff Morris Young has located the old Quincy Police station that sat on the courthouse square during the 1950s into the early 1960s.

The building is at the intersection of State Road 12 and U.S. 90 West (Douglas City).

The roof is gone and the building has been

stripped and left abandoned.

It was moved to Douglas City in the 1960s, where it was used for many years as a gas station office until the station closed sometime in the 1980s, it is believed.

Young noticed the old building, which has the same blond-colored brick as the courthouse a few months ago during the clean-up of the property and decided to see

if he could save the landmark.

He talked with the owner of the property, Wilson Hinson, who said he would donate the old building if it could be moved.

In 1963, the building was set to be razed and had been the center of a local controversy at the time about what to do with the now empty building. The police

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Gadsden County Sheriff Morris Young surveys the old Quincy police station last week. Young hopes to rally the community to save the building.
BYRON SPIRES/For the Times

RALLY IN TALLY



Christina Goswick, a survivor from the Pearl High Shooting in 1997, rallied at the Capitol. Photos by CARLY WATSON/For the Times

After Parkland school shooting, event draws thousands

CARLY WATSON
FOR THE TIMES

More than 2,500 people swarmed the Florida Capitol lawn on Feb. 21, according to Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Many of the rally goers were there to stand in solidarity with the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in their fight for stricter gun laws and an increase in mental health awareness. This comes a week after the students lost three of their mentors and 14 of their peers in a mass shooting.

People from all over came to show support.

Madhavi Sethna drove from Atlanta, Ga., to fight for the children in her family.

"I want my children in the family to be safe and not worry at school. I want them to



Shelley Godfrey rallied for students to be safe in classrooms.

be able to arrive home from school every day alive," said Sethna.

Sethna was not the only rally supporter with these sentiments. Shelley Godfrey, 58, drove for three days from Crescent City, Calif., to attend the rally.

"This has become a distraction in the classroom. Children cannot

focus out of fear. One day my generation will be gone. We have to protect the next generations. We have to protect the children," said Godfrey.

The rally kicked off at noon with Parkland students giving their stories on the tragedies that took place Feb. 14. Throughout the day chants of "Disarm

hate. We will not hate." "Arms are hugging" and "Never again." could be heard all over the Capitol grounds.

Christina Goswick, 37, was present at the rally. Goswick was a survivor from the 1997 school shooting at Pearl High School in Pearl, Miss. On Oct. 1, 1997, Luke Woodham came to the school and killed two of Goswick's peers and injuring seven others. Goswick was 17 years old.

"I'm here for change. It has been 20 years, and the shootings keep multiplying. Something has to be done. A 17-year-old should not be able to buy a military rifle," said Goswick.

Students from both Florida State University and Florida A&M University marched to the Capitol building to show their support of the movement.

HEADING OUTDOORS This one's for you, Florida teachers

TOM GILPIN
FOR THE TIMES

In the not-too-distant future, this school year will have ended and the latest covey of students will have soared from your classroom into the summer months, carrying with them all the wisdom you could impart in the limited time that you had their "undivided" attention.

You led them to the proverbial "trough of knowledge." Did they drink in that sweet nectar? Maybe. Maybe not. All you can be certain of is that you did your best to get them there. The rest is up to them, their parents, their future teachers ... and whatever social media they're synchronized to.

As for you, dear, exhausted Educator, what's next for you? Plenty of options, no doubt. But may I offer another option, especially for the science teachers out there? How about a free, four-day forestry adventure on Florida's northeast coast in June? OK, maybe this doesn't even closely resemble anything you listed in your vacation planner, but please, hear me out.

Each year, the Florida Forestry Teachers' Tour (FETT) gives the Florida Forest Service and Florida's forest industry the opportunity to share our story with educators from around the state. The purpose of FETT is to help teachers gain an understanding of the principles of forest activities that demonstrate how sustainability is the key to responsible management of both public and private forests. Ultimately, we hope that you

carry the information and insights you learn in this hands-on experience back to the classroom by incorporating them into your curriculum next school year.

This year's tour will be held June 19-22, based out of Fernandina Beach. Visit www.florida.stateforests.org/ for more information.

Participating teachers will earn 30 CEUs experiencing all aspects of forestry practices, from tree planting and growing processes to the mills and end products that we all use every day!

The event, including materials, lodging, meals, and transport from the hotel to the various sites in and around Fernandina Beach, FL is fully paid for by sponsors. The only cost to you, dear teacher, is the cost of getting to and returning from Fernandina Beach, FL.

Since participation is limited to 45 educators each year, time to apply is short! You must apply by March 8 to be considered! Historically, Gadsden County has not been well-represented. We think that should change, don't you? Applications are still available as of this writing so, if you're interested, visit the site mentioned above to apply.

Who knows? Maybe you'll incorporate your experience into a class field trip to Bear Creek Educational Forest in Gadsden County, where you'll likely impress this forester with what you've learned!

Tom Gilpin is senior forester at Bear Creek Educational Forest in Quincy.

2018 - 2019
Gadsden County School Board's
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School Day Program

All Make-Up Registrations will be held from
8:30am - 1:00pm

at the
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March 7 - 8, 2018

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Child **IS** required to attend

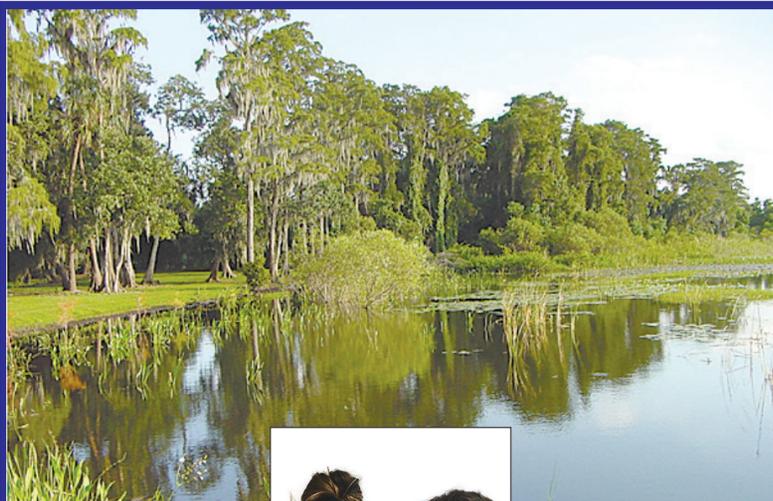
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September 1, 2018

Child **IS** required to attend

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at time of registration for all**

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Lead Test Results
Written proof of all income (**2017 W-2 Form (s) preferred**)
Medicaid Card
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NEWS NOTES

Earnest Ferguson, 78

Earnest Ferguson, 78, of Quincy, departed this life Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018.

He leaves to cherish is precious memories: daughters, Tewanna Ferguson and JeVonna Ferguson.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2018, at the mortuary. A service of celebration will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 3476 Old Federal Road, Quincy.

Williams Funeral Home is providing the services for the Ferguson family.

Viola Daniels Baker, 68

Viola Daniels Baker, 68, of Gretna, transitioned peacefully from this world to be with the Lord on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. (EST) Saturday, March 3, 2018, at New Direction Christian Center in Quincy, with burial at St. Paul Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Reed & Hall Mortuary.

She leaves to cherish her memories two sons: Anthony Daniels (Ondrea) of Atlanta, Ga., and Alton Baker (Teresa) of Havana; brother: Willie Andrews of Irvington, N.J.; sisters: Mary Smith of Gretna, Fla., Ali Ray of Los Angeles, Calif., Inell Love of Tallahassee and Gwen Daniels of Rochester, N.Y.; a special niece and caregiver, Anitria Daniels of Midway; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins and other sorrowing family and friends. Services entrusted to Reed & Hall Mortuary, 116 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 3235, 850-627-5700.



Viola Daniels Baker

Honoring five years at Antioch MB



Special to the Times

Antioch MB Church in Quincy started celebrating Pastor and First Lady Elder Nathaniel and Loria Trumpet's fifth anniversary Feb. 24, with Pastor LaKendric Green and Queen Chapel PB Church in charge of the services. At 7 p.m. today, the celebration continues with Pastor Dr. Dale Harrison and New Hickory Hill PB Church in charge of services. At 6 p.m. Saturday, Bishop Willie Lamb Sr., and Lamb Temple Church will be in charge of services. The festivities will conclude with a special service at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, with the Union Baptist Association in charge of services. The community is invited. For information, call Sister Mable Underwood, chairwoman, at 850-627-2746.

WINDING ROADS

Remembering Billy Graham

I was saddened last week when I heard about the passing of the Rev. Billy Graham.

There have been many evangelists who have come and gone over the years, but Graham managed to survive through thick and thin and the changing of a country and its politics.

There is a reason he was successful all those years.

It was his simple, but honest message.

There is hope, and you don't have to face this world alone.

He was firm in the core beliefs of Christianity. That Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary and died on the cross for humanity's sins. Most importantly that Jesus rose again, overcoming death and sits at the right hand of God.

He never faltered from those beliefs, and if you heard him in his early career or heard him in the later years of his ministry, that is what he preached about: the saving grace of Christ.

It would be hard for a man like Graham in today's society to be as successful.

We have watered down Christianity with so many doctrines and philosophies that it has become generic.

You add in the fact that faith in God has fallen in the eyes of so many folks today it becomes even more important that we had a man like Graham as long as we did.

I recently read an atheist's opinions about death and God: There is no God and death is just

the end of life. There are no great reunions of loved ones who have died or anything beyond this carnal world that we live in today. When life ends, it is like a fire flickering out or a light switching off and nothing exists beyond life.

Graham preached thousands of sermons saying exactly the opposite of that:

There is something beyond this life.

We don't understand exactly what it may be, but I believe our lives are not the end of our existence.

As important as our own salvation is, it is also important to note that Christians believe those who have gone before will be there to greet us when we cross over into the next life.

Of the many funerals I have been to over the years, the most comforting thoughts for the family of those who have died is that their loved one was greeted by those who died before them and that they are in a better place.

For me it comes down to a personal experience concerning eternal life. My mother was greeted by her brother, mother, father and nephew James on her deathbed, and they took her with them to a better place. I believe that because she saw them and told us just a few minutes before she passed away.

In that light, I would rather live my life in the hope that there is a heaven like Graham preached all of those years.



Byron Spires

CHURCH EVENTS

Gospel music in the spotlight at program

Mt. Calvary PB Church Senior Choir invites the community to a Gospel Extravaganza featuring Brother Montrail Harris as emcee at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 17. All roads lead to Mt. Calvary PB church, 7095 Bainbridge Highway, Quincy.

For information, call 850-627-9916

Church anniversary at United Apostolic

United Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ will celebrate the church's anniversary.

Elder Odis Gammon, Elder Julia Gammon and the church family invite the community to the special programs that will continue at 7 p.m. today; 4 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday at the church at 15 S. Madison St., Quincy.

For information or if

you need transportation, call 850-933-4208.

Tuneful time for group's celebration

Hwy. 12 Gospel Singers invite the community to celebrate its sixth anniversary with special programs March 9 to 11 at Neals Temple Holiness Church, 240 Neals Temple Road, Havana, with Elder Allen Jones, pastor. Service times are 7 p.m. March 9 and 10 and 3 p.m. March 11.

For information, call Pastor Allen Jones at 850-251 9832 or Sister Shane Bozman at 850-688 5230.

Church announces Easter egg hunt

First Baptist Church of Greensboro will host an Easter Egg Hunt from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31. There will also be a variety of activity stations.

The event will be at 101 Gadsden Ave., Greensboro.

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WORKSHOP NOTICE

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Pre-BOCC Meeting Workshop to answer questions on selected agenda items regarding the March 6, 2018 BOCC agenda

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - 4:30 p.m.

in the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Chambers
9 B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Persons needing assistance in obtaining any information from the County or attending the public hearing must contact the Gadsden County Facilities Management Office, 1B E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida, (850) 875-8665 or (850) 510-7842, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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Notice of Election Town of Greensboro, Florida

Please take notice that an Annual Election is scheduled for the Town of Greensboro, Florida on the 24th day of April 2018, for the purpose of electing two Town Council Members for the term of four (4) years.

The Groups up for Election are:

Group I and Group II

All candidates seeking office are required to qualify with the Greensboro Town Clerk, at 150 E. 11th Street, Greensboro, Florida. Qualifying begins March 12, 2018 at 12:00 noon and ends March 16, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

Candidates seeking to qualify must be a registered elector with the town.

Also required as qualifying papers are: Form 1 Financial Disclosure, Candidate Oath, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer/Bank Depositor, Fine Notice and Statement of Candidate. The qualifying papers may be obtained from the Town Clerk any time prior to the qualifying deadline.

Anyone wishing to register to vote in this election may do so at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 16 S. Madison Street, Quincy, Florida or the Greensboro Town Hall, 150 East 11th Street, Greensboro, Florida prior to the closing of the books at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018.

The place of voting will be at the Greensboro Town Hall in Greensboro, Florida and the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The election is nonpartisan and any qualified elector residing within the Town of Greensboro, Florida may vote.

Vote by Mail (Absentee) ballots will be available at the Supervisor of Elections office.
Call 627-9910.

NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF QUINCY, FLORIDA

Please take notice that a Preliminary Election scheduled for the City of Quincy, Florida on the 24th day of April 2018, for the purpose of electing one (1) city commissioner for the term of three (3) years.

The District up for Election is District 3

All candidates seeking office are required to qualify with the Supervisor of Elections, 16 South Madison Street, Quincy, Florida. Qualifying begins March 12, 2018 at 12:00 noon and ends March 16, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

Candidates seeking to qualify must be a registered elector and reside within Quincy City District 3.

Also, required as qualifying papers are: Form 1 Financial Disclosure, Candidate Oath, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer/Bank Depositor, Fine Notice, Statement of Candidate, 25 petitions and Election Assessment (Qualifying Fee) \$161.67. Qualifying forms and petitions may be obtained from the Supervisor of Elections any time prior to the qualifying deadline.

Anyone wishing to register to vote in this election may do so at the office of the Supervisor of Elections or any Town/City Hall prior to the closing of the books at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018.

The place of voting will be at City Hall in Quincy; **the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.** The election is nonpartisan and any qualified voter residing within the above City Districts of Quincy, Florida may vote.

Vote By Mail (Absentee) ballots will be available at the Supervisor of Elections office.
Call 627-9910.

4GEN JOURNAL

Important to respect young voices

Iso deeply wish I did not have to write this message, but as an advocate, I feel compelled to do so.



Jack Levine

In less time than it takes to microwave a baked potato, a deeply disturbed young man terrorized Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and massacred 17 people — 14 students and three adults.

On a bright Valentine's Day afternoon in sunny South Florida, a day when love for others should have been celebrated, this young man decided vicious hate would be his dominant emotion. Murder is the ultimate act of rage. Mass murder of innocent victims is far and away the most heinous of all crimes.

The details of this abhorrent rampage are still unfolding; yet it is becoming apparent that sins of omission were committed by authorities whose inaction may have contributed to the horrific result.

I am not in a position to analyze the facts — that task will fall to experts far more qualified than I. My perspective is one of an interested citizen and policy advocate who is committed to positive outcomes despite the challenges we face.

The searing emotions felt by family members, peer witnesses and those in the Parkland community and in all corners of the world are too complicated to express.

What is not complicated and undeniable is the deep feeling of sorrow. If only this and other acts of mass murder did not happen. But the reality is that we live at a time when the death and wounding of innocents has become all too routine.

We live with a generation of young people whose lives have been imperiled too many times. Fear is commonplace in too many young minds.

Youth voices should be respected

What I also see, however, is a growing sense of hope rooted in a newly planted spirit of activism. I sense the era of young people being seen but not heard is coming to a swift conclusion.

Young voices in Parkland and elsewhere are being heard and, to some degree, listened to.

Today's youth self-advocacy energy is by no means new. There is historical precedent in civil rights, gender respect and sexual equity, juvenile and child welfare rights, fighting tobacco marketing as well as environmental activism,

where the voices of the young have questioned the wisdom of status quo norms when justice demands change.

I attended the Never Again rally in Tallahassee and heard a deeply passionate articulation of outrage at the violence our youth witness not only in schools, but in homes, the streets, in the media.

Their tone and verbiage may be a bit brash for older ears but the messages are clear and convincing. Our youth feel they are inheritors of policies, which have resulted in easy access to weapons of mass murder and substances feeding rampant drug addiction. The youth are angry and assertive, calling out adults for what we have not done to prepare for a safe and more sustainable future.

Statements of self-defense and determined defiance by young voices are filling the airwaves in rallies, interviews and gatherings the town squares of our communities.

The status quo is being rejected by a new generation of vocal and vociferous activists who feel betrayed by adults they perceive as all-talk-no-action when it comes to steps which are long overdue to ensure the safety, protection and preservation of their fragile young lives.

When schools, houses of worship and concerts are transformed into shooting galleries, young people no longer believe the rhetoric of self-righteous political voices is enough to make positive change in our laws and systems.

There is a swelling chorus of discontent, which is growing into a true movement decrying the absence of leadership in our traditional political hierarchies.

Like the tale of the Emperor Who Wore No Clothes, it's taking young voices stating the obvious to bring attention to the inadequacies of transparent power.

Rejecting this perspective may be convenient for some traditional parents, grand elders and the political ruling class, but the better response is mutual respect — listening and learning across the generations — so grievances are understood and solutions sought.

The positive paths forward

As the father of two sons who attended public school and university in an era of relative safety and an advocate of positive family policies for

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GUEST COLUMN

United Way pivotal in Gadsden County

Like many across the Big Bend, I was delighted by the gentle flurry of snow last month. Although I had read about the impending winter storm, to me, the possibility of snow sounded like wishful thinking. Thankfully, I was wrong. The next morning, I watched tiny snowflakes dance across my window and was filled with certainty that anything was possible. It's a morning I won't soon forget.



Audrey Williams

That was my experience. However, for many across the Big Bend, their experience was far different. For those in our community who struggle on a daily basis to make ends meet, lower temperatures come at a high cost and snowdays don't represent hope. They translate into higher heating bills, unbudgeted child-care, and making the impossible decision of which bill to pay when you've come up short.

We know from United Way of Florida's most recently published the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Report that 56 percent of households in Gadsden County are struggling. While 24 percent are considered below the poverty line and are eligible for Federal aid and other assistance, 32 percent — more than 9,000 households — make too much to receive help and too little to survive.

Living at the intersection of that rock and a hard place you'll

find men, women and children in Gadsden County who don't make enough to cover their basic needs. If you drill down even further, you'll find that more than half of the people, who call Gadsden County home fall into this category.

That's the hard news. Fortunately, the story doesn't end there. While our community is filled with people in great need, it is also filled with

people willing to help. As is with most cases, neither of these groups is mutually exclusive. As United Way of the Big Bend's Campaign Chair, I'm fortunate to have a window into our local giving economy and I'm proud to report it is teeming with people who care enough to contribute to absolute strangers because they know their investment has the potential to change lives. I appeal to you to support our local campaign and help make a difference. We need your help — so we can help those in our community.

Through workplace giving campaigns, events hosted by local businesses and by pledging online through United Way's website (uwbb.org), investors are uniting together to make a collective difference that's not just meeting immediate needs, but changing the trajectories of their neighbors' lives. And here's what may shock you — many of those who pledge their support are far

from wealthy. If you're like me, you may wonder why someone with the least among us would choose to help. Some do it because they know the life-changing impact firsthand or have a loved one that's benefited from programs created by United Way or administered by our agency partners. Others give because they feel called to do what they can to help those who can't. However, many choose to invest because they know their time, talent and treasure will be leveraged wisely and thus make the greatest impact.

Consider this: Through United Way and its community partners, just \$12 a pay period can be leveraged to feed a family of four for three months. I don't know about you, but that gets me excited. That makes me know anything is possible. That gives me hope. And unlike snow, it's not temporary.

If you haven't invested in this year's Community Campaign, I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage you to give. Please join me today in investing in United Way. To learn more, visit uwbb.org.

Glenda Thornton is the 2017-18 Campaign Chair of United Way of the Big Bend. She is also a past board chair of United Way of the Big Bend. Email Thornton at glebnda@gmail.com. For information about how to get involved, contact Audrey Smith at United Way of the Big Bend at Audrey@uwbb.org.



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FRONT PORCH VIEW

You can always go back home

It's hard moving to a town where you know no one but the people that you work with; the people that work for the company that you made a decision to transfer to 20 years ago. Especially when the town you leave behind, holds all the people you grew-up with, went to school with and learned how to become an adult with.



Michelle Mims

All those people who knew you has a chubby, snaggle-tooth young girl, then as a teenager who was slowly slimming-up and wore braces, to the high-schooler who had finally come into her own skin and was comfortable with most any group she should find herself standing in.

All those people, all those kids/teenagers/now adults, know you better than most anybody. They know your sense of humor, your shortcomings, your failures and your successes. They were with you through skipping classes and getting caught and through figuring out what school was sup-

posed to be about and how to make the most of it.

They were with you through your break-ups and heart-breaks, and cheering you on when you made editor of the high school newspaper and wrote an article that would turn the school on its head and show the adults that "kids" did have something to say, and sometimes it paid to listen.

They were there when a gang of you went to see "Halloween" at the movies in 3D and you were too scared to drive home alone afterward.

They were with you when you got your first real job, your first real car and made your own money while still in high school. They were with you for summer trips to the beach, getting too much sun and meeting so many cute boys. Cooking out on campfires and sleeping in tents on St. George Island. And for you people who didn't know, it really used to be a pretty desolate island. No houses of any kind, no

hotels, no food places — just one general store and a place for showers. All who ever came there were people to camp, either inside mobile campers or on the beach itself. What a time that was to be a teenager!

All of those things and so much more, I left behind when I moved. All of those people I left behind; my friends who went on with their lives making families, making babies and working jobs.

By the time you all are reading this, I will have already been back home to have lunch with a few of my girlfriends from home. I try and go home for those lunches a couple times a year, because I miss those people, my friends. I miss the familiarity, I miss the laughter, and I miss the girls who know me the best.

I miss the folks who can tell by my tone over the phone when something is wrong, and who won't rest until I open up about it and they try to help me out. I miss the girls who loved me first, who love me now, no matter the distance in between, whether it be in miles or minutes of time.

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- Letters to the editor must be no longer than 550 words, and writers will be limited to two letters per month.

Recognizing the importance of SNAP in rural America

In the nation's rural communities, where the food that feeds the world is grown, food insecurity is endured by millions of children, seniors and hardworking Americans. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps stave off hunger in one in six rural households.

for 2019 outlines a nearly \$214 million budget cut to SNAP over the next decade. A cut of this magnitude would undoubtedly impact rural Americans. Formerly known as the nation's food stamp program, from 2010 to 2015, rural America's SNAP participation rate rose from 12.5 percent to 16 percent, exceeding the national average.



Jordan Rasmussen

GUEST COLUMN

Overall, SNAP enrollments have declined following the Great Recession; however, rural SNAP rates have remained high as economies have been slow to recover. Given the broader socioeconomics of rural America, the importance of SNAP is heightened. SNAP exists as a resource to help negate concerns of

food security for seniors with limited incomes as they care for themselves and balance expenses. The program is also a resource for families with children under the age of 18, providing nutrition that is essential for childhood development. A greater percentage of rural households among both of these demographic groups participate in SNAP than do

nationally. As policymakers deliberate the funding and future of SNAP in the 2018 farm bill and broader entitlement reforms, SNAP must be recognized as an investment in rural communities. SNAP is, and needs to be, maintained as a critical safeguard against food insecurity and poverty for rural residents. Email Jordan Rasmussen, with the Center for Rural Affairs, at jordanr@cfra.org.

Remember when



In this undated photo from the Gadsden County Times archive, Jerry McMillian, then-president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at FAMU, speaks at a banquet for members of Shanks High School's student government.

211 Big Bend's 'Help Me Grow' program helps parents, children

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

For 47 years, 211 Big Bend has connected people to services and programs in the Big Bend region. Anyone can call 211 or 850-617-6333 for 24/7 hotline assistance, including community referrals. 211 Big Bend offers specialized information to parents who are concerned about their child's physical or emotional development, behavior or learning. The Help Me Grow program enriches the agency's services to include specialized care coordination and advocacy to parents with children aged 0-8. When a parent or caregiver calls 211 with a question or concern about their child's development or behavior they will be connected to Help Me Grow. A Help Me Grow Care Coordinator will listen to the caregiver's concerns and offer a free developmental screening questionnaire. These short questionnaires are a starting point to help gain a better understanding of a child's developmental progress.

Help Me Grow is a national program that is designed to increase access to services for children who may display developmental, behavioral or social challenges. Parents and caregivers of young children, between the ages of birth to 8 years who reside in Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, or Wakulla counties are eligible for Help Me Grow. Help Me Grow offers free developmental and behavioral screening to all children in order to identify a child's strengths and any

potential concerns. A developmental screening is a tool used to capture a snapshot of a child's growth and development at a single point in time. This snapshot can then be used to determine if a more in-depth assessment is needed.

The goal of Help Me Grow Florida is to promote healthy development for every child in Florida. Help Me Grow is designed to educate the community about the importance of early identification of developmental and/or behavioral concerns, and then to link children and their families to community-based developmental and behavioral services and supports. Help Me Grow Florida aims to provide parents with the tools and resources they need to monitor their child's development and advocate on their behalf.

Early detection and interventions are critical for optimal outcomes for children, but too often children miss this opportunity. Parents who are looking for help often get stuck in service gaps or eligibility mazes leading to no help. 211 Big Bend staff members are working to improve the system of care with many other organizations through partnerships and collaboration. Help Me Grow provides new resources and tested strategies designed to work with partners, provides ongoing care coordination and advocates for system improvements using data collected from its work.

If you have any questions about your child's growth and development, visit www.211bigbend.org/helpmegrow.

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some 40-plus years, I'm extremely engaged.

As a new grandfather, I consider my ardent advocacy a legacy opportunity. Our sweet baby Julianne has become an added inspiration for my commitment to doing the right thing.

One lesson is clear: It's essential to recognize our children and youth need every opportunity to grow to be healthy and positive adults. There are so many ways we can, from prenatal care through quality education and

special services, increase the odds for all children.

The costs of our failure to provide quality services for those who need them most are far greater than the amount we could and should invest in successful policies and programs for our children.

While we grieve for this tragic loss of life, I sincerely believe we must energize our resolve to take action to reform our laws and encourage voter participation.

Our policy leaders should be emboldened to enact prohibitions on gun show purchases without back-

ground records checks, limitations on the sale of super multi-round ammo magazines, as well as enact restrictions on access to military-designed automatic weapons.

Aurora, Colo.; Newtown, Conn.; Orlando; Sutherland Springs, Texas; Las Vegas, Nev.; San Bernardino, Calif.; and, Parkland.

In every single one of those mass shootings,

the shooter used an AR-15 or semi-automatic equipped with a bumpstock.

We should join forces with our law enforcement, public health allies, reform advocates and families affected by firearms violence in this fight to bring needed legal redirection.

Legitimate gun ownership for self-protection, historic

collections and sport hunting is not at issue, but what is clear is we are at a point in our lives when logical lines of defense must be drawn.

The debate should not be whether any change is needed, but to what degree are we willing to recognize that slaughter

can be prevented if we mesh quality mental health services and school safety measures with strong and enforceable firearms laws.

My best for your good works.

Jack Levine is Founder of 4Generations Institute. Email him at Jack@4Gen.org.

MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners will be Tuesday, March 6, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m. The following items have been agendaed: **Amendments and Approval of Agenda: Awards, Presentations and Appearances: Clerk of Courts: Consent: Minutes:** October 23, 2017 - Old Stevens School, November 20, 2017 - Old Stevens School, December 5, 2017 - Regular Meeting, December 11, 2017 - Old Stevens School, December 12, 2017 - Economic Development Retreat, December 19, 2017 - Regular Meeting, January 2, 2018 - Regular Meeting, January 16, 2018 - Regular Meeting, February 1, 2018 - Land Use Workshop, Ratification Memo. **Items Pulled for Discussion: Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3-minute limit): Public Hearings:** Approval to Recognize \$200,000 from the Discretionary Sales Surtax to the Capital Project Fund. **General Business:** Sheriff's Deputy Training Request - Florida SWAT Association 2018 Basic Sniper Course Amendment to the Contract for the Resurfacing and Reconstruction of Howell Road; 2017 Striping Project Phase II - Change Order; Approval to Extend the Current Lease Agreement with USDA for the FSA Service Office. **County Administrator Updates, County Attorney Updates, Discussion Items by Commissioners.** (This agenda, as well as a listing of the Receipt/File items, may be viewed in electronic format on the County's website at www.gadsgov.net.)

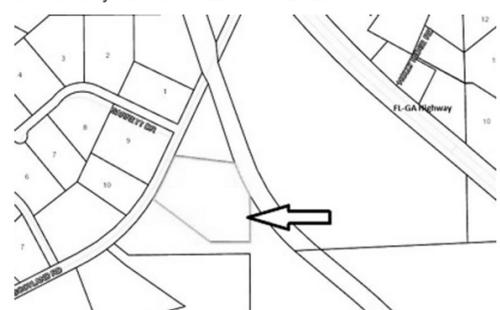
If a person decides to appeal any decision by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at such public meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose he/she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes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

GADSDEN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Gadsden County Planning Commission will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Board of County Commission Chambers located at 7 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL. The proposed agenda will include the following public hearing item:

Perkins Ridge Small Scale Plan Amendment (Legislative) (SSPA-2018-01) - Consideration of a small scale amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to change the future land use category from Agriculture 2 to Commercial for 6.7±acre parcel located on CR 159 (Scotland Road) and described by Tax Parcel I.D. 33-03-2N-2W-0000-00434-0100.



Hoover Treated Wood Products, Inc. Conceptual/Preliminary Site Plan (Quasi-Judicial) (MSP-2018) (Continued from Feb. 15th, 2018 Planning Commission Public Hearing) - Consideration of a conceptual/preliminary site plan for treated wood products to be located on sixty-five (65) acres (Tax Parcel I.D. #2-15-3N-0000-00441-0700) accessing Potter Woodberry Road.



Persons wishing to review the files on the above projects may do so on the County website at www.gadsgov.net or at the Gadsden County Building & Planning Department located at 1-B 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 insure 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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SPORTS & EDUCATION

GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

Gadsden reaches regional semifinals

DON MORRIS
FOR THE TIMES

GADSDEN TEAM ROSTER

Head Coach: Andrew "Drew" Moten
Assistant Coaches: Jamaal Holt, Barry Coker, Thomas Frazier and Palanski H

Jersey Number	Player's Name
03	Marlon Henry
05	Barry Coker, Jr
10	Sergio Rivera
11	Jamell Hall
12	Calvin Jackson
15	Jabari Harris
20	Jordan Kenon
21	Paul Mathews
22	Sammy Carter
23	Jimmy Hester
24	Marquis McMillan
32	Jaylon Dawson

Managers: Cedrick Conyers, Maggie Conyers, Henry Milton & James Pruitt

The win moved the Jaguars record to 12-14 on the season. Gadsden High traveled to Pensacola to take on Pensacola Catholic (26-1).



Gadsden High Jaguars win in a regional quarterfinal contest.

Special to the Times

Following their district championship win, the Gadsden High played host to West Florida High from Pensacola last Thursday in a Class 5A regional quarterfinal match up.

The first half turned out to be a real battle with the hometown Jaguars taking a three-point lead, 26-23, into the locker room at the half.

Whatever Coach Andrew Moten said to the Gadsden High players at half-time must have been a wake up call as they would hold the visitors from Pensacola to just 15 points in the second half.

The host Jaguars scored 35 points in the second half on their way to a 61-38 victory to advance to the regional semifinals scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Hester led the Jaguars with 26 points and Harris with 19 points.

ONE WIN AWAY



TERRANCE CHISOLM/For the Times

Coach Gennie talks to the Crossroad boys basketball team Thursday, Feb. 22, during the game against Eagle View Academy.

With another victory, Crossroad's would play in final four

TERRANCE CHISOLM
FOR THE TIMES

Crossroad continued its post-season success with a 78-56 victory last Thursday against Eagle View Academy at West Gadsden Middle School's gymnasium. The second-year Scorpions jumped out to a 24-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back.

The Scorpions got huge performances from their junior big men Jammal Dixon and Dedric Streeter. After the game, both players spoke on

their performances and personal experiences throughout the year.

"I was just playing in the flow of the game, and whatever came I just took the opportunity," Streeter said. "Every time we come to practice we gotta give it 100 percent; we can't be playing around."

Added Dixon: "Tonight I just played in the system. I love the team. It's a nice program."

Head Coach Donte Gennie felt as though his team played up to his expectations.

"The boys came out and executed our game plan for 32

minutes," he said. "That's what we have talked about all week in practice. I just want them to stay focused and humble."

Gennie also shared his thoughts on the team's upcoming home game this Tuesday against Impact Christian Academy from Jacksonville. The winner of the game will head to Lakeland for the state tournament.

"I think it's gonna be tough Tuesday," Gennie said. "We are gonna have to come with it and control the glass. It will be a big steppingstone if we can get to Lakeland."

RETHINKING EDUCATION

Sleep, children, performance

The more I read about the stunning positive effects a good night's sleep has

on brain development in children and, conversely, the alarming negative effects sleep deprivation can cause, I worry deeply about how many of our schools and pre-schools are set up. It is as if these studies don't even exist, their results being a complete non-factor in school planning. If the studies are noticed at all it is in the form of annoyance, because if they were heeded it would mean a drastic rethinking of the structure of the school day, which is one huge headache for everybody involved. It is easier to pretend these studies didn't happen.

The NFL has had its "What in the world were they thinking?" moment when the seriousness of brain trauma was taken seriously, and it has started to change the game. As I watch school buses on the road at six in the morning and pre-school centers opening their doors earlier and earlier to accommodate working parents, I have the feeling I am witnessing what will later become the educational system's "What were they thinking?" moment.

The benefits of a good night's sleep — let's call it on average eight hours — are many. Sleep acts

as a brain detox — creating an abundance of good chemicals and cleansing the brain of

bad ones. Sleep is where lessons learned during the day are cemented into memory. Even more than that, it is where the brain prepares itself for learning the next day.

What this means is that when a child doesn't get enough sleep, not only does the brain not retain information properly — up to 40 percent less than a well rested child, but the brain will process information more poorly the next day. If that child gets lousy sleep the next night, they lose a lot of what little they got during their stunted day.

It is a vicious cycle made even more so by the fact that the bad chemicals that aren't cleaned out of the brain attack the sleep ability of the brain, speeding the downward spiral. Evidently some of these negative effects can't be reversed later on in life, can't be "made-up" by getting good sleep years later. And when I am using the word "children" I mean from birth through their early 20s. Some of these studies involved college students.

Just as in the NFL, dealing with a problem that goes to the very core of the game is, at



Bill Hoatson

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Ammo for a .22, but what kind?

You are new to shooting. You purchased a .22 like the one your friend.

But wait! You forgot to buy ammunition! So, back to a store you go.

"I want some ammunition for my .22," you say.

"What kind of .22 ammo do you want?"

You're a bit surprised.

".22 ammo for my .22 handgun," you reply reasonably, thinking the guy behind the counter might be a bit, well, slow.

He sizes you up. "You want .22 short, long, long rifle, or rat shot?" he asks.

What? You got a .22. Isn't that all you need to know? Apparently not.

The .22 short was made first in 1857, firing

a 29-grain round-nose bullet powered by 4 grains of black powder.

Some handguns still use it. My old RG was one. Newer handguns that use the .22 short are the Baretta 950, the Rohm RG10 and the Astra Cub.

While revolvers today may be able to shoot the .22 short, you probably won't want to buy some if you have the Rugers Mark II, III or IV, or the Smith & Wesson Victory or the Browning Buckmark. These semi-automatic handguns require more charge in their ammunition to push the slide back to recycle. Mis-feeds would be likely, and any owner does not want a mis-feed! So, if you have one of

these three really great .22 target guns, do you want a .22 long? .22 longs were first introduced in 1871. They have more power than the .22 short, but, like the .22 shorts, can mis-feed in most semi-automatic handguns.

The .22 long rifle ammunition is what you'll want for those three handguns listed above. It is more powerful than the .22 long rounds. This allows the slide to whack backward to reset the gun for the next shot. Some of the .22s are a bit picky about ammunition. Always remember to read your owner's manual. It may even suggest a particular brand of ammunition. If your gun doesn't like one brand of .22 long rifle ammo, try another. Better yet, go to

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Marj Law

Danielle Lee signs with Valdosta State

BYRON SPIRES
FOR THE TIMES

Danielle Lee of Panama City has signed a girls softball scholarship with Valdosta State.

Lee is the daughter of Stephanie McCroskey of Panama City and Donny Lee of Havana. She is the granddaughter of Dennis and Marsha Walsh of Concord and the late Sterling Renfro and Vera Renfro of Greensboro.

She has had a stellar high school softball career with the Arnold High School Marlins, helping lead them to a state title



Special to the Times
Danielle Lee will play softball on a scholarship to Valdosta State.

Senior year) season, Lee batted an outstanding .612 with four home runs, eight doubles, a triple, 49 hits, 41 RBIs, 25 runs and 11 stolen bases. Her slugging percentage was .887.

Lee's other notable accomplishments are: All-County Team (Bay), and District Player of the Year.

In addition, Lee holds three school records for most RBIs, most hits and batting average. In July of 2016 (her sophomore year), Lee was chosen to be one of 14 girls to play for the USA Athletics International Softball Team.

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Thinking OUTSIDE the Book



JIM THE WONDER DOG

CHAPTER TWO

Written by Carolyn Mueller

Illustrated by Christopher Grant

We dogs are a pretty smart bunch. We do lots of things for humans, not just hunt quail. We also herd sheep, pull sleds, find people who are lost or need help, guide the blind and assist the police and military. Everyone knows that dogs can be trained to perform a number of tasks. Why, even I can shake hands, sit, lie down, and catch a tennis ball with the best of them! But what my father, Jim, did was different.

The first time Sam realized that Jim was more than just the average bird dog, they were in the woods together. It was a warm, fall afternoon, and Sam was looking for a shady place to rest. The shade of a hickory tree is a fine place to enjoy an autumn afternoon.

Sam said, "Jim, let's find a hickory tree."

Sam was really just talking to himself. He didn't expect Jim to understand. But my father knew much more than any human had ever given him credit for!

As soon as Sam asked the question, Jim ran right over to a hickory tree and placed his front paw on it. He looked at his master as if to say "Here's one!" Of course, humans are a doubtful bunch, so, naturally Sam thought this had to be a coincidence. Nevertheless, it was pretty funny, so he thought he'd give Jim another try.



"Yes sir, Jim, that is a hickory," Sam said. "Now show me a black oak."

Sam was shocked when Jim calmly trotted over to another tree and placed his paw right on the trunk of a black oak. Once again, he looked to his owner as if to say, "Here's one!"

This time Sam got excited! It couldn't have been a coincidence! What were the chances his setter would be right twice in a row? Sam intended to find out. He asked Jim to find more trees and other plants.

"Walnut tree! Hazel bushes! Show me a stump!" he called out.

Again and again Jim placed his paw on the right object. Sam believed he had a miracle on his hands. The trouble was, who else would believe him?

When Sam returned home that evening, he recounted Jim's tale to his wife. She looked at him skeptically.

CLEVER HANS

Many animals are famous for showing unique intelligence. In the early 20th century, there lived a horse named Clever Hans. Hans was famous for being able to do math! His owner, Wilhelm Von Osten, could ask him "Hans, what is 45+11?" and Hans would stomp his hoof 56 times. Hans was almost always right, and everyone believed that the horse could not only understand the German questions, but also solve math problems! Soon though, people realized that Hans often got problems wrong when the person asking him did not know the answer.

They learned that Hans actually did not know how to do math. He was picking up on subtle signs given by his questioners. For example, when Hans stomped his hoof and got closer and closer to the right answer, the people around him would get excited, communicating tension to the horse through their body language. When Hans stomped the correct number of times, this tension was released, so Hans knew that he should stop stomping. Pretty clever, but he wasn't doing any math. Horses communicate with each other through body language, so once Hans figured out how to read the humans, he could stomp away, getting questions right nearly every time!

Scientists decided to call undetected signs humans accidentally give off when communicating with animals the Clever Hans Effect after this horse.

Jim the Wonder Dog's observers designed clever evaluations to see if he was actually just responding to the Clever Hans Effect. Jim passed these tests with flying colors!

"It's alright to tell me this, Sam," she said. "As long as you don't tell anyone else."

She had reason to think her husband had lost his marbles. Humans have always questioned animal intelligence.

When Sam told his wife that their dog could understand English and identify trees, she thought her husband was either crazy or had been somehow tricked.

But doubt never stopped my father. Jim the Wonder Dog was just getting started.

PAPER TRAINING

Choose five headlines. Rewrite each as a complete sentence, using correct punctuation. Imagine Jim's special talents have been highlighted in a news story. What would the headline say?

Learning Standards: I can read historical fiction and make text-to-text and text-to-world connections.

For a companion teaching guide, visit mo-nie.com and use download code: teachm017.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – CLEAN UP!
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters	DRY
	RUB
4 Letters	IRON
	SOAP
	TIDY
5 Letters	BRUSH
	RENEW
	RINSE
	SCOUR
	SHINE
	SWEEP
	WATER
6 Letters	BLEACH
	FINISH
	HANG UP
	NEATEN
7 Letters	CLEANSE
	FRESHEN
	LAUNDRY
	SORT OUT

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Snap into	___ R ___	Drab	___ L ___
2. Big Ben locale	___ O ___	President Johnson	___ Y ___
3. Trade places	___ W ___	Sew up	___ T ___
4. Twirler's stick	___ T ___	Breakfast meat	___ C ___
5. Old MacDonald, e.g.	___ A ___	Previous	___ O ___
6. "Rah rah rah"	___ R ___	Blush locale	___ K ___
7. Elizabeth or Swift	___ Y ___	Clothes maker	___ I ___
8. Cereal piece	___ K ___	Burst of fire	___ R ___
9. Give permission	___ W ___	Mix of metals	___ Y ___
10. Customer	___ R ___	George C. Scott role	___ T ___

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. Childog, 2. Dogged, 3. Hangdog, 4. Dogfight, 5. Dogleg, 6. Underdog, 7. Doggerel, 8. Boondoggle.

HERE'S A SCHUSSBOOMER PUZZLE!

You have one minute to pick out a matching pair of skis in the rack pictured above.

Answer: Skis 3 and 8.

A CHEESY PROBLEM! Cheese is made from the curds of sour milk pressed together until solid and allowed to ripen. What cheese is made backward?

Answer: EDAM cheese is MADE backward. (I told you it was a cheesy problem.)

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Chat, chap, chop, crow, crop, crow, crah, crag.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

DON'T ROLL OVER ON THIS ONE!

It's time to "unleash" your word power. Each of the eight words above contains the word "dog." Using the following hints, can you fetch them in five minutes?

- Popular fast food.
- To be stubborn; tenacious.
- Shamefaced or guilty.
- Type of air combat.
- Type of golfing fairway.
- At a disadvantage in a struggle.
- Crude, humorous verse.
- Trivial, pointless work.

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Answers:

- Break, Bleak
- London, Lyndon
- Switch, Stitch
- Baton, Bacon
- Farmer, Former
- Patron, Patton
- Taylor, Tailor
- Flake, Fare
- Allow, Ally
- Patron, Patton

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ROAD TRIP

BIRDS OF A FEATHER, FLOCK TOGETHER



Photos by VICKIE LILLO/For the Times

ABOVE: A group on a birding tour spots birds in flight in a far away field while hiking along a trail at Birdsong Nature Center in Thomasville, Ga. INSET TOP LEFT: A blue jay finds a snack. INSET BOTTOM LEFT: A female cardinal makes her appearance in front of the Bird Window.

BIRDSONG NATURE CENTER: A PEACEFUL SANCTUARY FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS, NATURE LOVERS

VICKIE LILLO
FOR THE TIMES

Originally, a longleaf pine forest in the early 1800s, then a cotton plantation, followed by a cattle farm, today's Birdsong Nature Center, in Thomasville, Ga., is 565 acres of pristine wilderness — a sanctuary for avifauna, wildflowers, and vegetation — open year-round to the public. Twelve miles of nature trails, for the avid or casual hiker, meander around a multitude of habitats, including meadows, ponds and swamps — each supporting different kinds of plant- and wildlife.

According to its brochure: "These unique environments support a great diversity of wildlife species. The result is a living museum and outdoor classroom."

For botanists and plant enthusiasts, Birdsong offers a world of opportunity for study. Sweet gum trees flourish beside sourwoods and hickory stands. Featherly white horse sugar flowers bloom on sweetleaf branches, while shrubs of Innocence and purple violets sprout in the pastures come springtime. Perennial ferns of dog fennel, minty blue curls, and lacy yellow blossoms of silkgrass compete for 'growing room' in the fields. Clusters of parasitic mistletoe thrive in the leafless oak trees in winter, sapping nutrients and moisture from their host; whereas, flowing strands of Spanish moss — harmless epiphytes — dangle from live oaks and seek their vitamin sustenance from rainfall and the air via their leaves. Close to the farmstead, spiny balls of aster seeds flutter in the breeze, not yet in blossom, along with fuzzy shafts of goldenrod.

For three generations, Birdsong has prospered as an estate, specializing in agricultural experimentation. With a recent grant, the caretakers and volunteers have been able to plant 10,000 long-leaf pines in an effort to stamp out the short-leaf eco-system. In so doing, they have helped improve and expand the territory of the Southeastern gopher tortoise, which, in turn, offers refuge for hundreds of other animals that frequent the safety and shelter of their reptilian burrows.

Maintaining healthy communities of living organisms began with years of practice by the founders of Birdsong Nature Center, Betty and Ed Komarek, who followed a strict annual routine of prescribed burning, which is a formula for intentionally setting wildfires to stimulate forest regrowth — a practice that has been used by indigenous peoples for hundreds of years throughout history. The practice continues at the refuge with the

initiative of any or all of these benefits: to expose mineral layers in the soil, which improves seeding; to help control tree disease; to improve short-term foraging grasses, and to control invasive vegetation. That is, non-native foliage that tends to spread aggressively and can threaten the balance of the habitat.

"We have lots of holly woods. About 800 of these trees get burned out every year. That's good," said Birdsong Director Kathleen Brady.

"We also have lots of broom sedge (a native grass) growing. It's taking over the bahia grass. We mow periodically, to get rid of briars and cut back on winged sumac. And then, there's the annual burn."

"How do you control the fire?" someone from a birding tour group asked.

Kathleen laughed, saying, "It's an art and a science. We use fire lanes and have a tractor with a water tank on it."

But some species of intrusive plants aren't deterred by the pre-

SO YOU KNOW

- Birdsong Nature Center is at 2106 Meridian Road, Thomasville, Ga.
- Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 4 to 12 years old and free to members.
- For information, call 229-377-4408 or 800-953-2473 or visit www.birdsongnaturecenter.org.

black gum tree.

Marvin Collins, a DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) alumni, is the incumbent bird expert at the retreat, having been a volunteer birding guide for between 10 to 15 years; he can't remember how long. He has familiarized himself with the varied kinds of birds 'by ear,' and instructed the early-morning assembled party of a dozen or so that, "Today, we'll be walking about 3 miles. There'll be lots of looking and listening. For most of you, identification is by ear."

sanctum to Eastern Bluebirds, Tufted Titmice, Brown-headed Nuthatches, and Carolina Chickadees. Since monitoring of the houses began in 2002, more than 3,000 fledglings have been nurtured and successfully left the roost.

Suddenly, the guide stopped: He heard the 'teakettle' song of a Carolina Wren. Followed by the 'wah, wah' of a nuthatch. A dozen pairs of binoculars focused skyward, toward the distant pines. "Did you hear that chirp? No, I thought it was a distinct cheep, cheep." Doug Schwarz, a first-time visitor to Birdsong tried to described the banter amongst the bird-watchers. "Each one is pointing in a different direction, and they are all listening to different bird calls."

It's no surprise, with the variety of avian species found on the premises. Especially in the marshy territories, near Farm Pond and Upper Pond (draining from Meridian Road), both of which are part of the Ochlockonee River watershed and at Big

notebook, remarked, "Birding gives you warbler neck." Indeed, that stiffness in the nape and muscle aches in the shoulders from extended use of field glasses can be a chronic condition for many lovers of feathered-friends.

But today, no one is complaining. A black-and-white warbler, the original 'jailbird', has just been sighted. Boldly striped in alternating lines of jet and snowy-white, the small bird circled the tree trunk much like a nuthatch — upside down, then sideways — in search of delectable insects camouflaged in the bark. A plethora of photos and the group moved on, toward the farmhouse and the famous Bird Window.

In 1958, a large section of plate-glass was commissioned — commissioned as a transparent porthole for enjoying innumerable kinds of backyard birds feeding. What was once a barren chicken yard has been transformed into an oasis of ferns and foliage, bright green moss surrounding a fountain/waterfall with a pond for wing-washing. "It's an absolute smorgasbord of birds," said Glen Harris of Tifton, Ga., a teacher and researcher at the University of Georgia.

A beautiful crepe myrtle, in full blossom, sets the stage for an intimate viewing of blue jays, male and female red cardinals, Carolina chickadees, a Towhee, and a northern mockingbird at the water's edge. With cornmeal, plenty of suet and sunflower seeds spread out on a chopped-off tree trunk, the birds foraged without any never-mind to the horde of bird-watchers eyeing them through the windowpane. Doug especially enjoyed "the burst of color, when the blue jay and the cardinal get together."

And speaking of color — the Butterfly Garden is alive with vividly patterned Lepidoptera — moths and butterflies — from April until November. Young and old alike can expect to learn about these amazing winged insects that begin their life cycle as clumsy, fairly unattractive caterpillars, before metamorphosing into adult kaleidoscopes of dynamic patterning and multi-faceted pigmentation.

There's a bonus — many of the flowers that attract these fliers, along with hummingbirds, can actually be purchased at Birdsong's 12th annual Old Timey Plants Sale, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 17.

And all of the proceeds go directly to the Birdsong Nature Center, an educational nonprofit refuge where you can spend an entire day, if you like, being at one with South Georgia wildlife, your family and your own private thoughts.



A robin seems to pose for a photo in front of the Bird Window.

scribed burns. Like the coral ardisia.

"We want to get rid of it. Sure, it's pretty, with these bright red berries," Brady acknowledged, but it re-sprouts quickly after the conflagration, and once more, begins to encroach on the desired local flora population. The resident birds gorge on the ruby drupes, then re-disperse the fruits after passing them through their digestive tracts; these newly fertilized seed kernels, along with the guano, are deposited back into the earth and regeneration begins anew.

In spite of all its attributes for attracting nature lovers, ecologists and walking enthusiasts, Birdsong Nature Center mostly entices the birding community. For the genuine bird-watcher, it's an absolute paradise. A chance to view predators, like the Red-tailed Hawk, seen flying across the Gin House field, or a kestrel, the most diminutive of the falcons. Perhaps a woodpecker — the red-bellied or downy — tap-tap-tapping on a

He tugged at the flap on his hat and pulled it tighter around the back of his neck. It was a cold morning, in the 40s, with a bit of a wind. Marvin smiled and said, "Sometimes you have to brave the elements. You're gonna be uncomfortable sometimes," when using your observation and auditory skills to distinguish bird breeds. He patted his pocket, making sure he hadn't forgotten his well-worn, rather-tattered field guide.

Tramping along the path, the eclectic group of birders — agriculturalists, a legislative 'bill drafter' fostering his favorite form of stress relief, a girl from DEP working on Environmental Restoration of the Everglades, and a quartet of friends who just enjoy the outdoors — passed by many hanging gourds, which serve as homes for the purple Martins that nest from January to July. Along the Bluebird Trail, flanked by the tall grasses and fodder from the Gin House Field, the site of the yearly burn, more than 43 nesting boxes offer

Bay Swamp, a robust wetland with decorative wood ducks and wading wood storks, as well as a healthy assortment of amphibians and reptiles.

The live oak hammock yawns ahead. A ruby-crowned kinglet, momentarily perched on a pinecone, darts from tree to tree, flitting. A yellow-rumped warbler, whose nickname is 'butter butt', according to Glen Harris, one of the 'regulars' of the unofficial Birdsong birders' club, distinguishes its recognizable chek, chek call. A hermit thrush, pretending to be a roadrunner, zips along on the ground, scurrying over logs, dodging sunflower stalks and rustling the underbrush in his endless haste.

A moment of unexpected excitement ensues: Fingers point toward the higher branches in the nearby grove of trees, cameras are 'on the ready', and the whole entourage, Marvin and Kathleen included, snap their heads in unison toward the 'just-spotted' fowl. Mary Janik, after scribbling hastily in her

Residents dig groundbreaking for new fire station



CARLY WATSON/For the Times

Gadsden County commissioners and other officials prepare to put those golden shovels to work at the groundbreaking ceremony.

CARLY WATSON
FOR THE TIMES

The residents in the Green-shade-Dogtown area will soon be able to sleep a little easier at night.

Many residents of the area gathered Feb. 22 for a groundbreaking ceremony for the Greenshade-Dogtown Volunteer Fire Station.

A number of residents have worried about what would happen if their homes or properties caught on fire.

"My mother in law, who is 90

years old, lives down the road from here. This will help her if she has a fire. It will help the whole community. It is a well deserved project for our county," said Mary Brock of Quincy.

The Greenshade-Dogtown Volunteer Fire Station has been a project that District 2 Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie and former county manager Robert Presnell worked on for the past three years.

"This area has been a fire-service dead zone. There

have been too many lives and properties lost in this area," said Viegbesie.

The county has put in \$50,000 into the project so far to get the station built. They were able to acquire this money through the penny fire tax. Once the building is complete, county will continue to maintain it.

According to the county's facilities director, Clyde Collins, the cost of the add-ons needed for the station may be near \$500,000. However, Collins is hoping to spend less.

During the ceremony District 4 Commissioner Brenda Holt reminded residents that 15 years ago the county tried to build the station but the plan was nixed.

"People in this area are now going to get coverage. Life is more important than money," she said.

The fire station will be staffed completely by volunteers. Kirk Douglas has agreed to be the volunteer fire chief.

"Four people in this community have died because there was no fast, response team to

help. Now we have hope," said Douglas.

Douglas also intends to be able to aid surrounding fire stations in the area when needed.

Viegbesie plans to have the building completed by the end of April.

According to Viegbesie, county residents will be able to track the progress of the structure by logging on to the Gadsden County website.

The Greenshade-Dogtown Volunteer Fire Station will be at 7297 Salem Road, Quincy.

Get a leg up on the legume research

Legumes are an economically important forage in the southern United States. With production benefits being found not only in the feeding value, but also in their ability to fix nitrogen to improve soil composition.

In an effort to increase producer, industry, and university's knowledge in

the management and successful integration of legumes into southern grazing systems, Dr. Jose Dubeux from the University of Florida, along with the North Florida Research and Education Center, and the University of Florida's Panhandle Extension Team presents the North Florida Research and Edu-

cations Center Forage Legume Conference, which is scheduled for March 15 at the Jackson County Extension Office, 2741 Penn Ave #3, Marianna.

For information about the Forage Legume Conference, call Dr. Jose Dubeux at 850-526-1618 or Kalyn Waters at 850-547-1108.



GISELLE THOMAS/For the Times

Jim Barman speaks to Havana community members Thursday, Feb. 22, at a meeting to present recommendations about how the community can improve the downtown area.

APPEAL

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building a day-trip-based economy, and a home-based economy.

A day-trip-based economy focuses on tactics used to attract visitors. Todd Barman, one of the consultants on the team said the community needs to apply itself to bring in guests.

"A transformation within this area will focus on your economic developmental strategies," Barman said. "If you really want to be a sought-after day-trip place, you really have to provide great customer experience."

He recommended im-

proving the sidewalks, working on building maintenance, adding heritage-based murals, indoor and outdoor entertainment, and creating an experience-based retail mix, as well as strengthening the food and beverage options.

A home-based economy focuses on downtown seeing Havana as the area home base. The goal is to sell home-made/home-grown products, and aid in homemaking.

The Main Street model aims to improve the community connection, pride and spirit in Havana.

Debbie Revell, a local business owner said she is excited for the new upcoming projects.

"We have the potential to become a Thomasville, and we would all like that," Revell said. "I would like to see some other business services so that the local people don't have to drive out of town to Tallahassee."

The next step of the revitalization approach is to further define and align transformation strategies to current efforts. Making the town of Havana an active destination stop for North Florida.

REBUILD

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county-owned fire truck. It was purchased in 1998 and had excessive miles. Maintenance to keep it running is up to \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year as it becomes less reliable. Andre Walked, interim EMS director, told the board Havana answers more than half of the calls in the county.

Commissioner Gene

Morgan asked if anyone had looked at buying a pre-owned truck. Walker said he felt a new truck would be more reliable. Approval to buy the new fire truck passed 4-1 with Morgan opposing the purchase.

Holt said in response to some feedback from the community that the conversation during county commission meetings becomes redundant she plans to re-introduce a timer, which would give commissioners three min-

utes to make comments and a minute for rebuttal.

Taylor said she did not agree because she believes that infringes on civil liberty to speak and have cross-conversation.

Holt said she is going to use the timer at the next meeting to be fair and respectful of the community, and it is up to commissioners how they use it. She also said they can use workshops to discuss agenda items more in-depth before the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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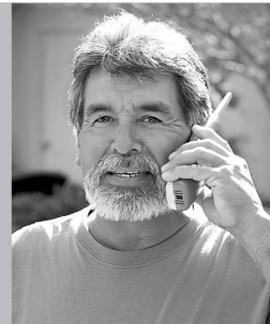


THE GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE CONSIDERING PROPOSED CHANGES TO ITS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018. THE CHANGES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE BOARD'S NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 6, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 9 EAST JEFFERSON STREET, QUINCY, FLORIDA. ALL CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. A FINAL DECISION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL BE MADE AT THIS MEETING. A SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES ARE:

	TRANSPORTATION FUND	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
REVENUE		
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TAXES	(200,000)	200,000
NET CHANGE	\$ -	\$ 200,000
EXPENDITURES		
CULTURE/RECREATION		200,000
NET CHANGE	\$ -	\$ 200,000

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NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF GRETNA, FLORIDA

Please take notice that a Preliminary Election scheduled for the City of Gretna, Florida on the 24th day of April 2018, for the purpose of electing (2) city commissioners for the term of four (4) years.

The Seats up for Election is
Seat 1 and 3

All candidates seeking office are required to qualify with the Supervisor of Elections,

16 South Madison Street, Quincy, Florida. Qualifying begins March 13, 2018 at 12:00 noon and ends March 17, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

Candidates seeking to qualify must be a registered elector with the city.

Also, required as qualifying papers are: Form 1 Financial Disclosure, Candidate Oath, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer/Bank Depository, Fine Notice, Statement of Candidate, 50 petitions and an Election Assessment of \$110.33, per F.S. 99.093. **Qualifying papers and petitions may be obtained from the Supervisor of Elections any time prior to the qualifying deadline.**

Anyone wishing to register to vote in this election may do so at the office of the Supervisor of Elections or any Town/City Hall prior to the closing of the books at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018.

The place of voting will be at City Hall in Gretna; the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The election is nonpartisan and any qualified voter residing with the City of Gretna, Florida may vote.

Vote By Mail (Absentee) ballots will be available at the Supervisor of Elections office.
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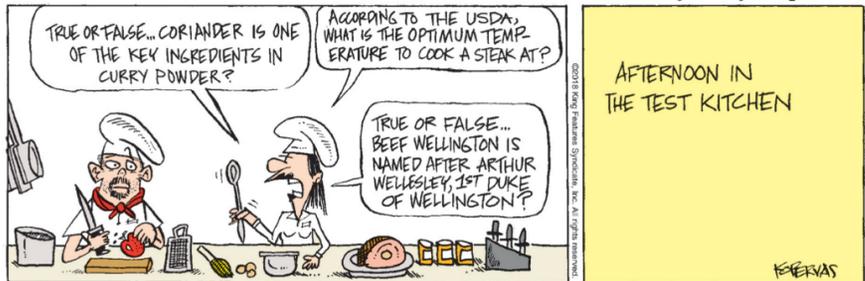
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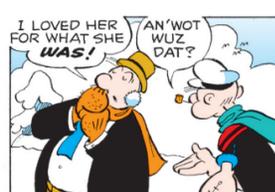
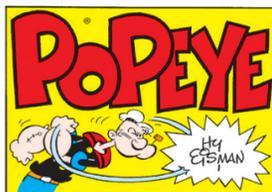
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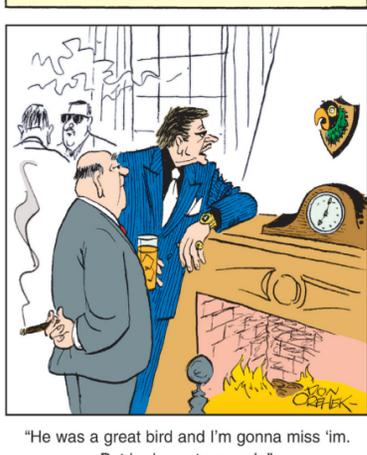


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

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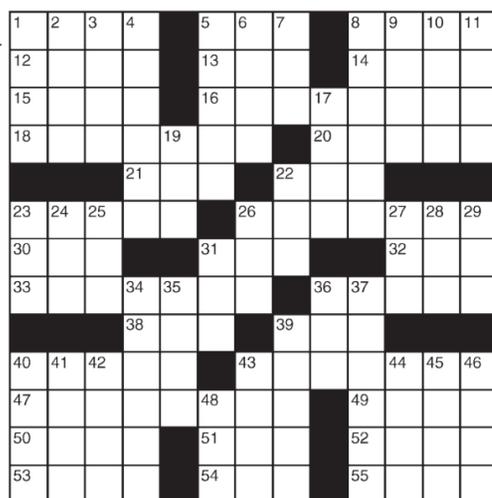
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King Crossword

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- 8 Otherwise
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- 15 "Metamorphoses" poet
- 16 Make less intense
- 18 Disappointment
- 20 Shampoo directive
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- 26 Square dance party
- 30 — constrictor
- 31 Prompt
- 32 Court
- 33 Overwhelm
- 36 Archipelago components
- 38 Suitable
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- 40 Frighten
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- 47 Prison security measure
- 49 Pelvic bones
- 50 Baseball's Hersher
- 51 Varnish ingredient



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- 10 Cutting tools
- 11 Sea flyer
- 17 Great Lake
- 19 "— the ram-parts ..."
- 22 Pirouette pivot
- 23 Recede
- 24 Cattle call?
- 25 Satchel
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- 27 Hooter
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- 36 Hostel
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What American poet wrote the line, "My candle burns at both ends; it will not last the night"?
2. MATH: The Roman numerals MCDXIV are equal to what Arabic number?
3. MONEY: Which U.S. president's image appears on the \$50 bill?
4. MEASUREMENTS: What does a "candela" measure?
5. MOVIES: What was the original name of Disney's Mickey Mouse?
6. HISTORY: What war is the Battle of Leipzig associated with?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birthstone associated with March?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the most populous city in the world?
9. NOBEL PRIZES: Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a yacht titled the "Honey Fitz"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



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best, really, really inconvenient. It is, in every sense of the word, a "game-changer." In the case of schools, the entire game is education and learning, and it is becoming increasingly clear that proper sleep is at the very core of the brain's learning process.

Dealing with this realization is going to take some very creative thinking, but deal with it schools must. The fact is that schools don't exist in isolation; scheduling must factor in many outside forces including parent work schedules and proximity and distance from a school. And further behind the parents are societal forces at play

that affect everything, including economic ones.

Somehow, some way, the school day needs to be structured to meet the needs of the child and not the reverse. Somehow, some way, the economic needs of our society should be set up to meet the needs of families, and not the reverse.

The school schedule needs to be set up to allow proper sleep for children, thus ensuring that child has the best chance for a quality education, not just a rat race. School systems may want to embrace smaller, more local schools to avoid large bus times for children. This applies doubly to rural areas. The science of a child's brain performance is clear. Schools need to adapt. Please.

RANGE

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to the range and try out a few .22 long rifle rounds from a friend.

Recently, I saw .22 rat shot, or shot. This is a weird looking round with tiny round marble-looking things in its plastic capsule. It's a less powerful ammunition than that .22 long rifle, and again may cause a mis-feed in your semi-automatic. However, if you have a revolver, it would be a decent varmint load.

There's also a .22 magnum load. Your gun will say ".22 magnum" right on the frame, if it can take a .22 magnum round. Don't purchase it unless your gun and manual say you can. It has a different size casing and is too powerful for the three target guns listed above.

So, these are the major types of .22 ammunition available: the .22 short, the .22 long, the .22 long rifle, rat shot, and the .22 magnum. Again, read your manual. It will tell you exactly what you need.

Also, you may have heard the term "dry-fire." This means you can jack the slide and pull the trigger. Most buyers want to get a feel for the trigger pull. But, if you're

buying a .22, it's a rimfire gun. You can't dry-fire it. If you do, you can hurt the gun frame and the firing pin.

This is why: The primer that gets whacked by the firing pin is placed in a circle around the perimeter of the .22 round base. The firing pin hits a spot in the perimeter of this rim, which ignites the charge that sets the bullet flying. You can see if there is no bullet in the gun, that firing pin will hit the frame of the gun. Then, you can have a broken firing pin and a damaged frame. Don't dry-fire any gun unless you ask, and never dry-fire any .22 caliber handgun.

Oh, my! Such a lot of choices!

Come to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range on Wednesday mornings if you're in the market to buy a handgun: especially if you are new to shooting. Quite a few women and some men come around 10 to practice their safety and shooting skills. They're really good at explaining about their own handguns, and several will ask if you'd like to try them out.

Trying before buying a handgun is always a good idea.

And, just as important, we do lunch after we practice.

Spread of love on Valentine's Day



TERRANCE CHISOLM/For the Times

On Valentine's Day, Annette Speed-Crews and her son, Jordan Crews, decided to bring some joy to the residents of Riverchase nursing home. Jordan and his mother collaborated with his senior class at Crossroad Academy Charter School, and on Valentine's Day they went to Riverchase and handed out bouquets of flowers to the residents. Mrs. Crews said their goal was to show the residents that someone cares and loves them. Crews also said she had aspirations to implement a challenge to other schools in the area to get involved in the event, or to simply do something nice for the elderly. According to Mrs. Crews, the bulk of monetary resources for the event were donated by family, friends and parents at Jordan's school. At the age of 14, Jordan suffered from a stroke, and shortly thereafter the mother-and-son tandem created Jordan's Fight Against Strokes, which is an initiative to educate people on the signs and warnings of strokes. With the support of his family and friends, Jordan has fought hard during his recovery and currently holds the title of Mr. Crossroad.

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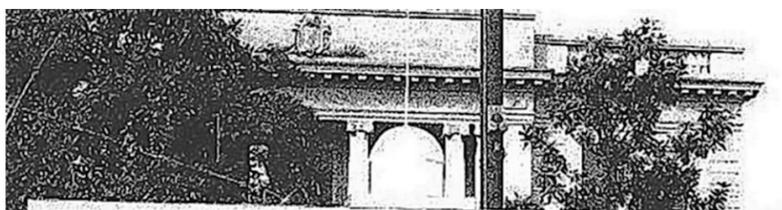
department had moved to the new city hall.

The Gadsden County Commission ordered it razed, according to archival records.

At the last minute, however, it was saved and moved to its current location.

Much of the building's history is still unknown, and a picture of the early 1950s police department is included with this story.

Sheriff Young is asking anyone who remembers the building and its history as well as those folks who would like to participate in saving the old police station to attend a special meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. March 22 in the classroom at the W.A. Woodham Center (Sheriff's Office) on East Jefferson Street.



Quincy Police Department officers circa early 1950's as it sat on the south side of the courthouse square (Jefferson Street side). Not sure of all of the officers, but far left is R.D. Edwards; far right is Chief J.W. Haire next to him is Robert Martin.

NEWS NOTES

Munroe falls in district tourney

Munroe's boys basketball team was defeated by the Aucilla Warriors, 62-25, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the opening round of the district tournament before a home crowd. The Warriors hit 11 3-pointers to build a lead that proved too much for the Bobcats to overcome.

Max Reinhard led the Bobcats with six points, three rebounds and two assists. Nasser Mohammed also had six points and Tyrek Barkley added three points, three rebounds and one assist. This defeat ended the Bobcats 2017-2018 season.

— Don Morris, For the Times

Buddy Hosey's Fishing Report

The Crappie fishing is wide open right now. The Crappie have been hitting jigs and minnows. The fish have moved into the lily pads. A lot of the fishermen have also been fishing at night. The Cario crew caught almost 100 Crappie this week at night. If you fish at night be sure to be safe and have a good light.

The bass tournaments are now happening about every week. Last weekend was my club's fishing tournament and first place was over 23 lbs. This weekend the adult tournament was won by just over 33 lbs.

The bream will start ganging up the last week of March. I would look in the places they were at last year. Remember the T.B.A. (Talquin Bass Association) tournament will be the Saturday before Easter. Remember if you are on the water be safe.

— Buddy Hosey, For the Times

QPRD accepting baseball sign-ups

Quincy Parks and Recreation Department (QPRD) is currently accepting registrations for T-Ball and coach-pitch softball, ages 4 to 7; machine-pitch baseball, ages 8-10; and baseball, ages 11 to 13. Registration can be made at the QPRD Ferolito Recreation Center, 122 N. Graves Street in Quincy. For information, call 850-618-0042.

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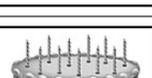
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Tax Deed Notices

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Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4957-0308 GCT (Cert# 1384) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Home Works of The Upstate, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERTIFICATE NO: 1384 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2014
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 497 P 1496 DB 88, P 6 LOT 8, BLK H. SHAW'S ADDITION, LESS 10 FT OFF W. END FOR STREET. OR 333 P 1985 OR 347 P 565.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-08-2N-3W-0780-0000H-0080
Name in which assessed: Anthony J Jamison
Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4959-0308 GCT (Cert# 2214) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Opheim, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERTIFICATE NO: 2214 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2010
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 650 P 1644 LOT 6 BLK "E" ORION'S POINT PHASE 2 PER PLAT BK 2 PAGES 145-148
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 4-06-1N-2W-1543-0000E-0060
Name in which assessed: Fred Wakeel Nuriddin and Deborah R Nuriddin
Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
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4965-0308 GCT (Cert# 627) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Sylvia Braswell, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERTIFICATE NO: 627 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2015
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: BEGIN AT NW COR. OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4, RUN E 5 CHS S 11.37 CHS TO ROAD, W ALONG ROAD S 5 CHS N 10.25 CHS TO P.O.B. 1 ACRE ADJOINING S OF ROAD. IN SECTION 15-3N-4W.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-15-3N-4W-0000-00114-0100
Name in which assessed: Estate of Lilla Wilson C/O Sylvia Braswell; Darnella & Banks Mitchell; Charles Wilson; Carro E Ellis; Carlton I Wilson; Henry W Wilson; Roosevelt Wilson; Lillian Goldwire
Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4965-0308 GCT (Cert# 2614) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Opheim, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERTIFICATE NO: 2614 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 725 P 241 LOT 3 BLK "E" MIDWAY FOREST PER PLAT BK 2 PG 79
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 4121N3W1510000E0030
Name in which assessed: John S Coulter
Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4965-0308 GCT (Cert# 2667) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Opheim, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERTIFICATE NO: 2667 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 684 P 210 OR 443 P 406 OR 593 P 1633 OR 445 P 86 LOT 21, TALQUIN RESORTS SUBDIVISION UNRECORDED, OR 325 P 309.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 4261N4W000002132100
Name in which assessed: Shelton N. Turner
Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4964-0308 GCT (Cert# 2667) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Opheim, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERTIFICATE NO: 2667 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 684 P 210 OR 443 P 406 OR 593 P 1633 OR 445 P 86 LOT 21, TALQUIN RESORTS SUBDIVISION UNRECORDED, OR 325 P 309.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 4261N4W000002132100
Name in which assessed: Shelton N. Turner
Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4961-0308 GCT (Cert# 1173) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Fig 2241 LC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and

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LIBRARY ASSISTANT I

Part-Time Position # 0271, Chattahoochee Branch Library,
Salary \$10.15 to \$15.23 Hourly, Position Closes March 5, 2018. To obtain additional information about this position visit our website www.gadscengov.net EEO/AA

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4966-0308 GCT (Cert# 626) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Sylvia Braswell, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERTIFICATE NO: 626 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2015
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: SW1/4 OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4, LESS PART TO SRD. LESS PART TO GADSDEN COUNTY PER OR 151 P 367 IN SECTION 15-3N-4W.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-15-3N-4W-0000-00113-0100
Name in which assessed: Estate of Nancy Hines C/O Sylvia Braswell; Darnella & Banks Mitchell; Charles F Wilson; Carro E Ellis; Carlton I Wilson; Roosevelt Wilson; Henry W Wilson; Lillian Goldwire

Tax Deed Notices

4960-0308 GCT (Cert# 2689)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Ophem, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 2689 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 637 P 1962; OR 637 P 1958; OR 357 P 235 COMM AT THE SWC OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECT 35-1N-4W AND RUN N 40 DEG 57'29" E 696.55 FT; N 13 DEG 25'07" E 392.00 FT; N 27 DEG 00'00" E 213.28 FT; N 89 DEG 17'00" E 8.00 FT; N 25 DEG 44'00" E 392.00 FT; N 28 DEG 46'00" W 68 FT TO BEGIN; THENCE N 28 DEG 46'00" W 130.50 FT; N 54 DEG 21'00" W 128.00 FT; N 31 DEG 21'00" W 262.91 FT; S 74 DEG 39'01" E 131.64 FT; S 02 DEG 00'15" E 223.90 FT; S 86 DEG 25'26" W 121.92 FT TO THE P.O.B.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 4-35-1N-4W-0000-00424-2300

Name in which assessed: Craig R Millette

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4958-0308 GCT (Cert# 1440)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Home Works of The Upstate, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 1440 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2014
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 417 P 1487; OR 440 P 1109 OR 356 P 592 RIGHT-OF-SURVIVOR OR 210 P 606; OR 238 P 783 LOTS 3, 4, 5 AND 8 OF BLOCK E OF HIGH BRIDGE SUBDIVISION, A RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 14, 15 AND 22 AND PORTIONS OF LOTS 16, 21 AND 23 OF WARD'S PLAT RECORDED IN DEED BOOK M, PAGE 26, IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND A STRIP OF LAND WEST OF SAID LOTS, THE SAME BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-18-2N-3W-0800-0000F-0030

Name in which assessed: Verdell D Keaton

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4967-0308 GCT (Cert# 1043)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Bowles TL LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 1043 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 461 P 1698-1699 THE S1/2 OF LOT 3 IN BLK 11 OF MORGAN BOYKIN ADDITION.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-03-3N-6W-0450-0001-0031

Name in which assessed: Corey L Lawrence

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4968-0308 GCT (Cert# 1097)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Bowles TL LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 1097 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 326 P 1547 THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 7 AND ALL OF LOT 6, BLK "A", OF PARKER'S ADDITION.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-04-3N-6W-0500-0000A-0060

Name in which assessed: V R and Shirley Joyner

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4969-0308 GCT (Cert# 54)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Mark H Fink, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 54 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2014
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 582 P 550; OR 564 P 1138 OR 354 P 1598- LOTS 244, 245, AND 246 IN TORREYA HEIGHTS.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 1-33-4N-5W-0020-00000-2440

Name in which assessed: Samuel L Daniels and Patricia A Robertson

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4970-0308 GCT (Cert# 835)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Mark H Fink, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 835 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2014
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 729 P 1540-CORRECTION DEED OR 729 P 197 OR 706 P 963 OR 492 P 1907 OR 423 P 1954 OR 162 P 514-OR 168 P 691- COMM AT THE INTERSECTION OF S LINE OF NE1/4 AND THE CENTER OF A & N/R/R. RUN E 583 FT., N 20 FT TO POB. RUN N 210 FT., E 210 FT., S 210 FT., W 210 FT TO POB. IN SECTION 21-3N-5W.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-21-3N-5W-0000-00144-0200

Name in which assessed: Kaleena Diane Carroll and Stacey D Manuel

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4972-0308 GCT (Cert# 2123)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, IDE Technologies Inc, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 2123 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2013
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 492 P 709 1 ACRE FROM THE NEC OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 RUN S 00 DEG 42 MIN E 1334 FT., N 89 DEG 26 MIN 30 SEC W 84.4 FT., S 02 DEG 31 MIN 30 SEC E 158.9 FT., CONT S 02 DEG 31 MIN 30 SEC E 420 FEET TO BEGIN; THENCE RUN N 89 DEG 26 MIN 30 SEC W 210 FT., S 02 DEG 31 MIN 30 SEC E 210 FT., S 89 DEG 30 MIN E 210 FT., N 02 DEG 31 MIN 30 SEC W 210 FT TO POB. IN SECTION 26-2N-5W OR 291 P 1419
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-26-2N-5W-0000-00431-0400

Name in which assessed: Vivian J Jones

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4973-0308 GCT (Cert# 1594)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Ophem, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 1594 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2015
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 275 131 COMM AT SWC OF LOT 10, BLK Q, BURMAH HEIGHTS, RUN N 24 DEG E ALONG WLY BDRY 51.41 FT TO NLY R/W BDRY OF FLETCHER DRIVE, RUN N 79 DEG 30 MIN W 61.18 FT, S 70 DEG 37 MIN 51 SEC W 437.44 FT, S 55 DEG 27 MIN 10 SEC W 147.04 FT TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT, ALONG R/WAY CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 125 FT THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 55 DEG 36 MIN ARC DISTANCE 121.30 FT, S 00 DEG 08 MIN 50 SEC E 143.64 FT TO A PT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT, ALONG R/WAY CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 175 FT, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 42 DEG 48 MIN 27 SEC FOR ARC DIST OF 130.75 FT, RUN S 42 DEG 39 MIN 37 SEC W 565.45 FT TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT, ALONG R/WAY CURVE A RADIUS OF 30 FT, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 87 DEG 42 MIN 31 SEC AN ARC DIST OF 45.92 FT TO NELLY R/WAY BDRY OF SR# 268, ALONG R/WAY BDRY N 49 DEG 37 MIN 52 SEC W 133.52 FT TO POB., RUN ALONG R/WAY BDRY N 49 DEG 37 MIN 52 SEC W 150 FT, LEAVING R/WAY BDRY RUN N 42 DEG 43 MIN 02 SEC E 213.56 FT, RUN N 48 DEG 16 MIN 52 SEC W 141 FT, N 14 DEG 02 MIN 51 SEC W 371.50 FT ON THE BANK OF QUINCY CREEK, N 14 DEG 02 MIN 51 SEC W 15.48 FT TO APPROXIMATE CENTERLINE OF QUINCY CREEK AS FOLLOW N 03 DEG 42 MIN 24 SEC W 101.53 FT, S 70 DEG 34 MIN 24 SEC E 170.58 FT, S 34 DEG 20 MIN 24 SEC E 53 FT, LEAVING SAID APPROXIMATE CENTERLINE OF QUINCY CREEK RUN S 14 DEG 02 MIN 51 SEC E 32.65 FT TO A MONUMENT ON BANK OF QUINCY CREEK, RUN S 14 DEG 02 MIN 51 SEC E 308.70 FT, IN SECTION 19-1W MIN 53 SEC E 221.39 FT, S 42 DEG 43 MIN 03 SEC W 215 FT TO POB. IN SECTION 21-2N-4W.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-01-2N-4W-0000-00324-0100

Name in which assessed: Rainer Weiske

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 12th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4974-0308 GCT (Cert# 1981)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Ophem, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 1981 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2015
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 651 P 780 OR 542 P 1823; OR 516 P 1291 OR 504 P 1650 OR 316 P 682 COMMUNITY AT THE SEC OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 05-2N-5W AND RUN N 89 DEG 11'55" W 1322.79 FT; N 00 DEG 21'59" W 303.74 FT TO BEGIN; N89°11'55"E 1297.79 FT; N00°21'59"W 335.65 FT; S89°11'53"W 359.70 FT; S89°11'58"W 360.75 FT; S89°11'58"W 360.78 FT; S89°11'58"W 216.56 FT; S00°21'59"E 335.66 FT TO POB. LESS 1/4 AC PER OR 537 P 39.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-05-2N-5W-0000-00444-0200

Name in which assessed: Cheryl W Blanchard and Luke Blanchard

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 12th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

Tax Deed Notices

4971-0308 GCT (Cert# 1399)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, MGD-F LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 1399 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2014
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 723 P 1830 OR 721 P 940 OR 719 P 1967 OR 709 P 520; OR 707 P 1740 OR 547 P 1314 OR 510 P 1393 OR 519 P 551; OR 139 P 624 OR 440 P 981; NEW DESCRIPTION FOR '09 PER DEED DESC'D AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT A PT 628 FT E AND 218.55 FT SOUTH OF THE NWC OF SECTION 11-2N-3W, SOUTH 145.70 FT WEST 132 FT; NORTH 145.70 FT; EAST 132 FT TO THE POB. ALL BEING IN SECTION 11-2N-3W.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-11-2N-3W-0000-00222-0300

Name in which assessed: Joshua L & Sarah Ruda; Lenora Wade Land Trust

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 4th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
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4975-0308 GCT (Cert# 2065)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, David Ganff, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 2065 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2014
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 641 P 362 OR 654 P 1709 OR 485 P 1542, OR 486 P 296 OR 459 P 1453, OR 479 P 1059 COMMENCE AT THE NEC OF THAT PARCEL PER OR BOOK 307 P 1106 AND RUN N 01 DEG 06'55" EAST 15.12 FT; S 87 DEG 43'39" EAST 165.66 FT; S 02 DEG 56'44" W 2052.99 FT TO BEGIN; THENCE S 02 DEG 51'35" W 1823.88 FT; S 86 DEG 28'42" E 164.39 FT; N 02 DEG 51'35" E 1823.88 FT; N 86 DEG 28'42" W 164.39 FT TO THE P.O.B. IN SECTION 31-2N-5W
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-31-2N-5W-0000-00241-0100

Name in which assessed: Anthony Patterson and Christine Jordan

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 12th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

4976-0308 GCT (Cert# 618)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Ophem, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 618 **YEAR OF ISSUANCE:** 2015
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: PER OR 793 P 191 PRC1 3 NEW FOR 2014 COMMENCE MARKING THE NWC OF SEC 14 AND NEC OF SECT 5 3N-4W AND RUN THENCE N 89°12'27" E ALONG NORTH BOUNDARY OF SECR 14 169.75 FT THENCE LEAVING NORTH BOUNDARY RUN S 00°03'14" W 673.97 FT TO POB. FROM POB CONTINUE S 00°03'14" W 751.85 FT TO A PT ON THE NORTHERLY ROW BOUNDARY OF CTY RD 272 SAID PT LYING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHERLY WITH A RADIUS OF 3784.83 FT, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02°31'23" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 166.67 FT (CHORD OF ARC BEING N 88°05'41" W 166.65 FT), THENCE LEAVING ROW BOUNDARY RUN N 00°08'20" E 756.10 FT TO A PT ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SECT 15-3N-4W; THENCE N 88°41'11" E 166.02 FT TO POB CONTAINING 29 AC MORE OR LESS;
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-14-3N-4W-0000-00230-0200

Name in which assessed: David Brown

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 12th DAY OF January, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 BY: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Published February 15, 22, March 1 & 8, 2018.

Self Storage Notices

4011-0301 GCT 3/2/2018 sale

Home Trailer Park & Mini Storage located at 2215 W. Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351 will have a sale on 03/02/2018 at 8:00 am. The following units will be sold to cover past due rent and fees. All contents include household items.

Unit #1 Driana Robinson

Donald Kipatchik, 850-875-3553
 Published February 22 & March 1, 2018.

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

4010-0301 GCT

Gear, Yelissa Kameen 2016-00550 CA Notice of Sale
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 2016-00550 CA

REX D. KEVER and BERNICE KEVER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

YELISSA KAMEEN GEAR a/k/a YELISSA KAMEEN PRIDE as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Theodore Pride, Deceased, et al.
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 8, 2018 and entered in the above styled cause now pending in said Court, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at South Door, 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 beginning at 11:00 a.m. on March 08, 2018, at the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment to wit:

Commence of a point along a fence line 1757 feet north from the S/W corner of the S/E1/4 OF THE S/W 1/4 of Section #31, Twp. 2 North, Range 5 West and run East 202.0 feet to a point on the East R/W of a proposed 60 foot road, thence run South 66 degrees and 30 minutes East along the East R/W of said proposed road 85.0 feet to a concrete monument, the POINT OF BEGINNING. From thence run North 81 degrees and 30 minutes East 310 feet more or less to a point in the middle of a pond, thence run, North 36 degrees and 30 minutes up the middle of said pond 200 feet more or less to a point which is South 81 degrees and 30 minutes west 150.0 feet to a concrete monument on the East side of a 60 foot proposed road, thence run Southeast along the East side of said proposed road 167 feet to a concrete monument and the P.O.B. Containing 0.854 acre more or less., IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS GADSDSEN COUNTY, FLORIDA a/k/a 585 KEVER LN, QUINCY, FL 32351

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding or program, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator 301 South Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850-606-4401 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.

NICHOLAS THOMAS Clerk of Court for Gadsden County

(Court Seal)

By: Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

Published February 22 & March 1, 2018.

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

4017-0308 GCT

Ferrell, Harvey 17000643CAA Amended Notice of Sale
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 17000643CAA

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC

Plaintiff(s),

v.

HARVEY FERRELL A/K/A HAVVEY F. FERRELL; TRACEY FERRELL A/K/A TRACEY L. FERRELL A/K/A TRACEY L. FERRELL;
 Defendant(s)

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 20th, 2017, in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 22nd day of March, 2018 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK "G", RESTON INCREMENT NO. 4, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE



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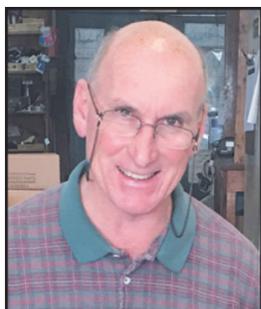
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Local student athletes arrive for the start of the opening parade.



Christopher Berry, freshman; Alvin Ford, junior; Zion Davis, freshman; Kailyn Palacios, junior; Kevonte Ford, junior; Kevontrez Faulk, junior; Deborah Bailey, ESE teacher; and Nicholas Stolz, sophomore stand as they wait for the opening ceremony to start.



ABOVE: Winners of the girls long jump, from left, are: Labriya Rowls, Amber Smith and Zerria Street. BELOW: Participants Deric Young and Tony Williams hold a Special Olympics Banner at the start of the opening ceremony parade with Robert Jackson.

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from all over Gadsden County elementary- and high-school ages as well as some adults that will be competing. We're also expecting 400 to 500 to attend the event," she said.

Rosa Hudgins, a physical education teacher at James A. Shanks Middle School, understands the

importance of supporting young student athletes. Over the years Hudgins has formed a personal relationship with the majority of the student athletes and knows what this competition means to them because she taught them physical education.

"This event means to them (students) that they can compete, and, in their mind, they are on the same level of the regular education stu-

dents. The7 feel very important as if they won just the Olympics," said Hudgins.

Christopher Berry, a ninth-grade student at Gadsden County High who has always loved to run and has been running for a long time could be considered a veteran at the Special Olympics.

When asked which race he favored, Berry couldn't pick just one. "I love all of them," he

said. "But the 100-meter is my best race."

Labriya Rowls, a fourth-grade student at Stewart Street Elementary School and second-place winner of the girls' long jump said, "It's not important to win." She came to the games to enjoy herself and support her classmates. "It's just fun."

These games are fun for all and attendance from the public is welcomed and encouraged.





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