



# GCHS passes, avoids takeover

## District earns 'C' for third consecutive year

**CHERI HARRIS**  
GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

"MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!"

Now that Gadsden County High School has received its school

grade for the 2017-18 school year, the blinking red digital sign serves as a messenger to proudly spread the word that the school has met the goal of earning a "C" – keeping it under control of

the school district instead of turning it over to an external operator. Because East Gadsden and West Gadsden high schools were combined to create GCHS for this past school year, this is

the school's first grade. However, the Florida Department of Education is tracking it as East Gadsden, which had not had a grade as high as a "C" since 2010 and 2011.

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	2018	2017
West Gadsden Middle School	D	N/A
Havana Magnet School	B	A
Gadsden County High	C	D
Gadsden Elementary Magnet	A	A
Greensboro Elementary	A	C
Chattahoochee Elementary	B	C
Stewart Street Elementary	B	C
Crossroad Academy Charter School	A	B
James A. Shanks Middle	D	D
George W. Munroe Elementary	A	F

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Thomas sentenced to 25 years for murder

Keveonte Thomas, 19, who was found guilty in April of Second Degree Murder has been sentenced to 25 years minimum mandatory in the Florida Department of Corrections followed by five years of probation. A jury convicted Thomas for the shooting death of 19-year-old Kentrell Thomas on Jan. 29, 2017, on the grounds of a Quincy apartment complex.



**Keveonte Thomas**

#### Crash slows I-10 traffic

A truck driver has been charged with failure to use due care after he crashed into a guardrail on Interstate 10 in Gadsden County.

According to an Florida Highway Patrol report, Richard B. Smith, 27, of Brandon, was traveling eastbound on the inside lane near Mile Marker 192 when he noticed traffic backed up in front of him because of a traffic crash. Smith was unable to stop in time and swerved left, entering the median and hitting the guardrail with the front left of the 2011 Freightliner tractor-trailer. The truck came to rest with the trailer partially blocking the inside eastbound lane and the truck resting on top of the guardrail. Traffic was backed up for about an hour. FHP was assisted by Florida Department of Transportation.

#### Monthly dog wash fundraisers slated

The Gadsden County Humane Society will have dog wash fundraisers from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly, through October, at First Presbyterian Church, at 213 N.E. 1st St., Havana.

Suggested donation is \$5 for small dogs and \$10 for large dogs. All proceeds directly benefit animals in Gadsden County.

For information, contact GCHS at 539-0505.



# INSPIRING CREATIVITY



A few campers draw in the art studio.

Photos by ANISSA FORD/Special to County Times

## Art camp takes hands-on approach

**JENNIFER SANTANA**  
FOR THE TIMES

In the Gadsden Arts Center and Museum, kids between the ages of 6 to 12 can enjoy a week full of creativity and art during the annual summer art camp in downtown Quincy. Over the course of six weeks, they will learn more about different art tools and techniques and will be encouraged to get creative and experiment with different mediums.

The theme of this year's summer art camp is "Art Exploratorium," and every week has a different focus that aims to challenge the children and inspire them to be as inventive and creative as they want to be. From shapes, color, texture, paper, build-it basics and painting, the art camp keeps campers engaged with new themes every week as they learn about different,

fun art techniques.

The camp has been a part of the Quincy community for more than 15 years. The goal is to encourage the children of Gadsden County to take part in the arts.

"Not all of the public schools in Gadsden County have art programs available for their students anymore," said Anissa Ford, the education director for the Arts Center and the coordinator of the art camp. "We just want to encourage these kids to think creatively."

Campers can sign up for the camp at any time, and they can choose to either participate in one week at a time, a few weeks, or all six. The cost of tuition for the art camp is \$75 per week for nonmembers, \$65 per week for members, and there are scholarships available for students. Students can apply for scholarships by writing essays



A young artist experiments with color.

about why art is important to them, and expressing how much art has meant to them.

"At least 85 percent of our students were on partial scholarship at the beginning of registration," said Ford, talking about how inspiring it

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Campers observe a demonstration in the upstairs studio.

### WINDING ROADS

## Marci Bell: The story so far

Each summer for the past 10 years I have written a serialized story that has been published in a local paper over the summer.

This past year I started "The Curious Life of Marci Bell," a



**Byron Spires**

story about a 12-year-old girl who was sold to a family to be the bride of their 17-year-old son.

The story is set in the 1920s here in North Florida, and is loosely based on a true story. The real story had been told to me many years ago by a woman who actually had been sold at age 12 for that very reason.

When she told me her story and the many turns and bends of her life, I became fascinated with what she said and thought at the time; her extraordinary life certainly had the makings of an epic novel.

I pondered for a long time how to write such a story, and last year I decided it would become a summer series.

In "Part One," I take the young girl, Marci Bell, from being sold for corn, two pregnant sows, two barrels of syrup and some moonshine to the birth of her son and the death of her young husband.

The story starts in Gadsden County, where Marci is the oldest of five children whose father dies in a work accident, which leaves her family destitute.

A man comes along and offers to marry Marci's mother, who is soon to be evicted from her tenant house.

She goes to live with the Clifford family in Holmes County, and although it is a terrible experience with many hard days ahead for her, things gradually change and she manages to start a new life.

That is where "Part Two" of Marci's life will pick up next week in the Times.

"Part One" will be published later this month as a novella and available for those who are interested at the Times and several other locations.

Many of the characters in this story are drawn from folks I have known

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# ARTISTIC MILESTONE



Eric Saponetti, 'Train to Blountstown,' 2017, acrylic, 24 x 18 inches. *Special to the Times*

## Arts Center & Museum celebrates 30th Art in Gadsden exhibition

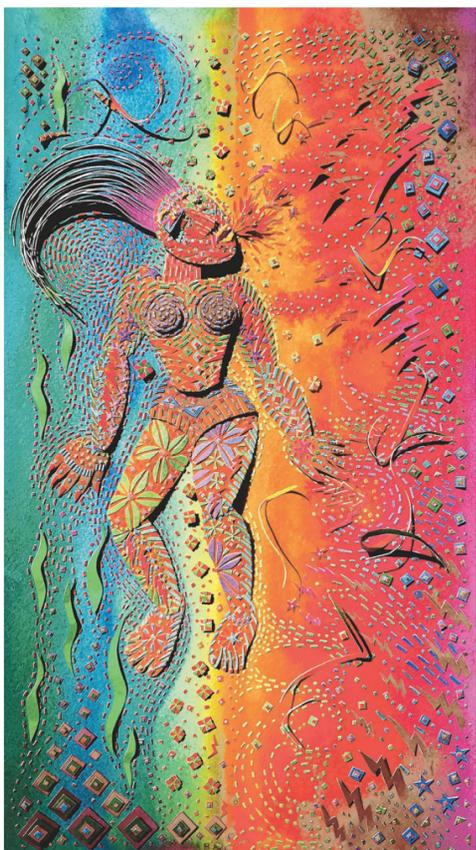
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Come out to the Gadsden Arts Center and Museum for a historic event, the 30th "Art in Gadsden Regional Exhibition of Fine Art" opening at 6 p.m. Friday, July 13. This year's exhibition celebrates three decades of promoting creative work from our region, presenting 88 pieces of artwork by 67 artists from a total of 237 original submissions.

Darlene Crosby, exhibitions and public art director for Thomasville's Center for the Arts, will serve as awards juror. Crosby is a seasoned arts professional, with impressive accomplishments across the United States and Europe, including architecture and lighting design projects completed alongside Howard Branston — the designer responsible for the Statue of Liberty's lighting program — Zaha Hadid, and Annie Chu of Frank Gehry.

"Art in Gadsden" continues to attract artists and art lovers into Quincy, a key part of the city's growing art scene. Now celebrating 30 years, the exhibition's longevity is a testament to the commitment of Gadsden Arts and the community to preserve and support this region's creativity and artistic culture.

This year promises to be worthy of the exhibition's reputation for diversity and quality, with a rich and visually electrifying collection of artworks awaiting audiences. Highlights from this year's selections include Beth Appleton's watercolor cut



Beth Appleton, 'Purple Rain: Tribute,' 2016, watercolor, cut paper assemblage, 8 x 14 inches.

paper "Purple Rain: Tribute", Eluster Richardson's panoramic painting "Carrabelle," and Gigi Gaulin's steel sculpture "Emergence."

As with every year, one artwork was selected to be used in a commemorative poster that will be available for purchase in the museum shop with the opening of "Art in Gadsden."

This year's honor goes to Eric Saponetti and his painting, "Train to Blountstown." The painting features a train traversing a lush, colorful, sun-soaked tropical landscape filled with Florida's natural treasures. To celebrate this 30th anniversary,

Gadsden Arts will also offer note card sets featuring 30 years' of Art in Gadsden poster designs in the museum shop.

"Art in Gadsden" opens at 6 p.m. Friday, July 13, with an awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. The exhibition will remain on view through Saturday, Sept. 8. Suggested exhibition admission is \$5 (museum members and children admitted free), with guided tours available for any group by reservation by calling 850-627-5023. The Gadsden Arts Center & Museum is at 13 N. Madison St., on the historic Courthouse Square in Quincy. Visit [www.gadsdenarts.org](http://www.gadsdenarts.org).



Eluster Richardson, 'Carrabelle,' 2018, oil on canvas, 36 x 12 inches.

# TCC names new director of Center for Innovation

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLAHASSEE — Tallahassee Community College has named Scott Balog the executive director of its Center for Innovation in downtown Tallahassee.

Balog, who has served as TCC President Jim Murdaugh's chief of staff since May 2011, will oversee planning and administration of the center, advancing it toward Murdaugh's vision of the facility as a crucial contributor to growing innovation and entrepreneurship across the business, nonprofit, education and government sectors.

"Scott's experience and track record at TCC, as well as his vision for the center and his strong desire to help local businesses thrive and grow, show me he's the right person at the right time for this task," said Murdaugh.

Balog plans to spend



Scott Balog

the first few months of his new assignment ensuring the center's programming is meeting the needs of those it serves through discussions and advice from stakeholders and partners.

"As one part of a much larger network, we will serve as a major conduit of activity that supports the local entrepreneurial ecosystem and promotes the wealth of resources already available in our community," Balog said. "We've got to be focused on the needs of businesses, nonprofits and government as we look to the future."

The new executive director will build on the progress made in the facility's initial phase, efforts spearheaded by Kimberly Moore, TCC vice president for workforce innovation.

"Kim did an amazing job getting us to this point," Murdaugh said. "Together they'll make a great team."

The center currently hosts programs, camps, meet-up events like Women Wednesdays and Working Class Wednesdays, and mentoring opportunities through TCC's Workforce Development Division and the TCC Spark! entrepreneurship initiative. The center also houses the Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence, WTXL ABC-20, Covalent Reality, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, and a Starbucks Coffee retail location.

The Center for Innovation's prominent position downtown makes it an attractive location for meetings and events. It also features space for companies and organizations to lease.

Balog holds a doctorate in higher education administration from Florida State University, as well as degrees from the University of Florida and Valencia College.

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## TCC maintains tops for employment results

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLAHASSEE — For the second consecutive year, Tallahassee Community College has been recognized as Florida's top two-year college based on employment rates for students 10 years after graduation. The rankings were published by Zippia.com, a website that provides career resources for students and job seekers.

In his article titled "These Are the Best Junior Colleges for Employment in Each State,"

author McLeod Brown said the rankings were based on data from CollegeScoreCard and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System of the National Center for Education Statistics, part of the U.S. Department of Education.

Zippia also identified 50 top-performing community colleges around the nation for employment rates. Overall, TCC ranked 31st nationwide for the percentage of graduates employed 10 years after graduation,

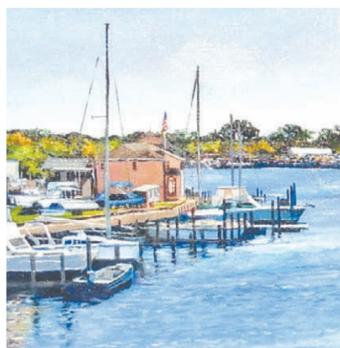
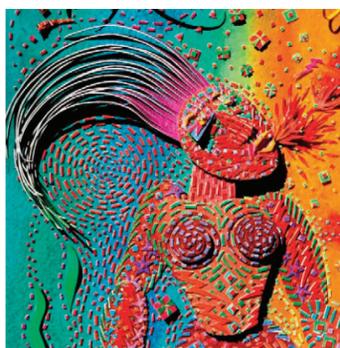
up from 40th last year.

"We already knew that a TCC education has a significant positive impact on graduates' lifetime earnings," said TCC President Jim Murdaugh. "These impressive employment statistics and our maintenance of the top ranking in Florida are further evidence that the work we do to help students identify and reach their career goals truly pays off."

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## 30th Art in Gadsden Regional Exhibition of Fine Art



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# Havana plans for community center expansion

JENNIFER SANTANA  
FOR THE TIMES

During Havana's town meeting on June 26, Jerome Harris came forward to discuss the groups that are authorized to use the Hazel J. Baker Community Center and the funding that would be used to update the facility. The building is not only used as a common area for groups in the community; it also houses Havana's fire department.

Harris asked that the funding for the community center be used to create a recreational space for the entire community to be able to use and enjoy.

"The youth in the south side of Havana has no recreational space," he said. "These kids have nowhere to play."

Mr. Harris expressed interest in establishing programs for Havana's youth with the funding for the community center, such as a mentoring program that could meet there.

"This would provide young people with a chance to interact with members of law enforcement and give them an opportunity to learn from these people," Harris said about the mentoring program. He said members of the community could also step forward and be mentors for these kids.

Aside from suggestions for

the funding for the community center, Harris also asked the council to reconsider the wording of the community center's rules, asking that they be reworked into something more inclusive to all Havana residents.

As the rules for use of the community center are currently written, only groups approved by the council are allowed to use the space to hold meetings. Although the rules allow nonprofit and civic organizations to meet there, the use of the space is not limited to these groups.

Harris also suggested that additional funds for the expansion be used to invest in

the properties surrounding the community center to allow for future growth as the town continues to grow and expand. Additionally, Harris mentioned the idea of hiring a director for the community center after the expansion. The director would be responsible for booking events and meetings in the community center and monitoring the community center. He said hiring a director would free the council members from the responsibility of having to keep track of the activities happening at the community center and would allow for the majority of the citizens of Havana to have access to the

facility.

Decorkus Allen, Havana's mayor pro tem, expressed interest in using the funding for other projects as well.

"There are other buildings in town that need to be updated besides the community center, like the police department," said Allen, expressing concern over the current state of the Havana Police Department.

Council members decided to have a workshop to revisit the wording of the rules for the community center to be more inclusive to all of Havana, stressing the importance of unifying the town and not dividing its citizens.

## Active gators a summer hazard

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Alligators become more active during warm weather months, and it's not uncommon to see them throughout the state. Most interactions consist of seeing alligators at a distance. However, if you have a concern about a specific alligator, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) urges you to call their toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286).

"The FWC places the highest priority on public safety," said Eric Sutton, FWC's executive director. "When someone calls our Nuisance Alligator Hotline to report an alligator they believe poses a threat, we dispatch one of our contracted nuisance alligator trappers to resolve the situation."

Although alligator bite incidents resulting in serious injury are rare in Florida, the



This photo courtesy Florida Fish and Wildlife shows an alligator in water.

FWC recommends taking precautions when having fun in and around the water. Alligators inhabit all 67 counties in Florida and can be found anywhere there is standing water. Reduce the chances of conflicts with alligators

by swimming only in designated swimming areas during daylight hours. Also keep pets on a leash and away from the water.

Because alligators control their body temperature by basking in the sun, they may be

easily observed. However, the FWC urges people to keep their distance if they see one. And never feed alligators because it is dangerous and illegal.

Learn more about alligators at [MyFWC.com/Alligator](http://MyFWC.com/Alligator).

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Lecture series resumes July 10

At a critical time for families, Faith Eidse is raising her voice for women's prison reform and mother-child reunion. Eidse will read from and sign her first novel, "Healing Falls," to launch the annual Pie and Prose author series with the first event from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at The Literacy Center, William McGill Library in Quincy.

Dedicated to the women inside, "Healing Falls" "explores critical issues facing the American justice system, as well as the power of faith and artistic expression to transform lives," wrote Donna Meredith, author of 'Fraccidental Death' and other eco-thrillers.

Faith Eidse, Ph.D., is senior editor at the Florida Department of Health, Tallahassee. She taught writing for more than 20 years at Florida State

and Barry universities.

#### Cattlemens Tour set for July 12

The Jackson County Cattlemen's Association will host its annual ranch tour starting at 8:45 a.m. (Central Time) Thursday, July 12. Participation is open to interested cattle producers from across the Tri-state region.

Tour participants will meet at the grass parking lot for the Marianna High School baseball and football fields, north of Marianna on Caverns Road.

Drinks will be available at each stop to keep everyone hydrated in the summer heat. The tour will depart at 9 a.m. The tour will conclude with a sponsored hamburger lunch at the Jackson County Agriculture Center on U.S. 90, just west of Marianna.

To RSVP by July 9, call the Jackson County Extension Office at 850-482-9620.



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## A COMMON THREAD

# Suicide a waste of life, love

Perhaps it's different for guys, but not every woman is going to find a friend equally enthusiastic about binge-watching the "Pride and Prejudice" miniseries (with Colin Firth as Mr. Darcy) and battling through the "Lord of the Rings" video game on PlayStation 2 — all the way through to stabbing Gollum at Mt. Doom.

Jenny was that kind of friend.

If I had to be out of town, she would also stop by and check on my cat, Idgy, who was really a notoriously bad-tempered creature with sharp claws.

In spite of all the fun times Jenny and I had over a span of five or so years getting together at the gym and frequently as "couple friends" over dinner and cocktails and social events, over time I started piecing together Jenny's sad and complicated history, which really only came out in bits and pieces when a lot of alcohol was involved.

By the time she and her husband split and Jenny moved back to Utah in 2007, we didn't do much more than say "hi" across social media, though I did get to see her briefly on a short trip out there in 2010.

Then a few years ago her stepfather died, and not long after, her mother committed suicide.

Jenny surprised me when she messaged me out of the blue about a story she wanted to share involving dark family secrets. We set a time to talk about it over the phone but she never responded to my calls. She was obviously dealing with emotions she was having trouble handling, and I suspected she was still drinking too much. She probably looked at her message and listened to my voice mail and felt embarrassed, because as much as she hated what ever had happened that simmered just below the surface in her memories, she also had a strong sense of loyalty to her mom.

Then one of Jenny's sons, who had never lived with her, committed suicide after returning from military deployment, leaving behind a young wife and a baby. That clearly amplified her grief, and it became a recurring theme for her Facebook posts.

I was not surprised to learn that last month Jenny followed suit. I wasn't surprised and I was very sad, but also angry because I didn't want Death to beat Jenny. Besides leaving behind more friends than she probably realized (and an identical twin), she also left behind a fiancé, another son and a grandchild.

I know many people struggle with the fog of grief and depression and other mental illnesses and

have been through true horror. I also know there are amazing stories of hope and restoration and a new start, and that was always my hope and prayer for my friend.



Cheri Harris

For someone in the throes of depression and grief, it's important to understand that alcohol is a depressant, so it's not going to boost your mood. Prescription drugs for depression need to come from

a qualified professional, and they require regular monitoring and follow-up, hopefully with counseling to get to the root of the pain.

Additionally, little things can make you feel better, whether it's some fresh air and exercise or the occasional cold shower to basically give your body something else to focus on and force it to produce its own "anti-depressants."

For more practical reasons to not choose suicide and how to deal with those tendencies, I recommend the Jocko Podcast episode where Tim Ferriss talks to Jocko Willink about Ferriss' plans as a Princeton undergrad to end his life (but make it look like an accident) and what brought him out of the darkness.

The Nov. 23, 2016, episode (which contains explicit language) is online at: <http://jockopodcast.com/2016/11/23/50-with-tim-ferriss-darkness-how-to-stay-on-the-path-last-days-of-life-what-to-do-back-up-plans-misconceptions/>.

While my world is a poorer place without Jenny, it's also poorer for losing all the people who choose to end their own lives — young and old, rich and poor, famous and obscure — 41,000 a year, according to [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org). To put that figure in perspective, according to the 2010 census, Gadsden County's population was 46,036.

I would implore anyone looking down that road to dig in your heels, realize more people actually care about you than your depression- and pain-fogged mind can see and strive to "not go gentle into that good night."

Instead, reach out for help. Whether you phone a close friend or dial a hotline anonymously, you are the hero when you help save your own life.

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## Crisis Resources

\* If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call 911 immediately.

\* If you are in crisis or are experiencing difficult or suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273 TALK (8255)

\* If you're uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can also text NAMI to 741-741 to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line.

— Source: [www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org)

## OTHER VOICES

# Septic tank mandate is best for everyone

We don't even have to do a survey to come up with the answer to this question: Who likes government meddling in their affairs?

Not much of anyone. But just about everyone would agree that sometimes government rules are needed.

This thinking is top-of-mind right now because new state regulations took effect July 1 that require nitrogen-reducing septic tank installation. At first it will apply only to new construction, but eventually it will apply to existing homes when a substantial repair or replacement of the current system is required.

And that has people upset, because it will be costly.

There's no getting around increased costs for new construction, according to a state Department of Environmental Regulation

(DEP) representative. The high-efficiency septic systems just cost more than the old style. But they do a much better job of keeping pollutants out of our waters — and septic is a top pollution source in state waters.

Existing homeowners with old-style septic systems don't need to brace for such a big financial hit, though. Not only will the mandate not apply unless a major overhaul is needed, it also won't apply until the state establishes a fund that will pick up the incremental cost of the new system over what a straight replacement would be.

The ideal would be to have sewer systems everywhere, because DEP says that septic systems are major nitrogen polluters to our springs. In densely populated urban areas, sewer infrastructure is a reasonably cost-effective proposi-

tion, though government grants still come into play. In rural areas, though, it would be prohibitively expensive to implement universal sewerage.

That said, residents need to do what they can to maintain environmentally friendly septic systems. It's natural to take septic systems for granted, and not think too much about the enormous environmental costs they represent. Of all the things people worry about in their lives, "damaging the environment" generally isn't at the top of the list. But being good environmental stewards is critically important for our quality of life, and for our economic sustainability.

Doing the right thing can be expensive, even with government assistance. But it's an investment that benefits everyone.

— Citrus County Chronicle



## THE DIRT ROAD WONDER

# Bubba and Bataan, Part 2

Two years before Bubba Truluck died, his wife, "Miss Jessie," called me

at my home in Quincy and told me that Bubba had made a list of places he wanted to go on days that he felt up to it, and today they wanted to come over to see me and my family. Nothing in this world could have made me any happier. Miss Jessie said we were going to spend time together and do not even think of cooking anything. My children thought Miss Jessie was the "coolest" because she played cards and children's games with them while Bubba and I talked. They came over after lunch, and that night Bubba and I went and got chicken for supper. This is how a girl who was only five years old at the time of the Death March learned so much about it. I guess Bubba thought it was time to share what happened.

The POWs outnumbered the Japanese guards, and the way they controlled them was to slice off POW's heads and put them up on a pike for the other POW's to see. If anyone asked for water or food, they were decapitated, and their heads added to the pikes. If a POW couldn't walk, they

would bayonet them, so the prisoners helped one another even if they had to drag them along. They were divided up into groups of 100 and marched in the hot sun with very little water and almost no food.

Hospitals in the camp were just huts where they took soldiers to die. There was no care and no food for the patients, so very

few ever recovered. Bubba had a friend who was taken to the "hospital" to die. There was a latrine between the main camp and the so-called hospital. Bubba would wade through the latrine (human waste) to the hospital with a bit of food that he had saved for him out of his meager rations to try to save his life, but he was unable to. Several hundred men died each day from hunger, disease and brutality in the camps.

When they were in the camps, they would take them out in trucks to use as slave labor. Bubba said they were in the back of a truck and passed a Filipino lady along the road. She had her head down as they were suppose to do around the Japanese at that time, and had something in her apron. Just as soon as the cab of the truck passed,

she threw an apron full of boiled corn into the back of that truck to try to feed them. Bubba said he got hit in the head with an ear of that corn, but he sure didn't care. The Filipino people tried to help the prisoners as much as they could, and they were killed if they were caught doing it.

I never knew you could bring on your death by just giving up. Bubba said a lot of POWs who didn't have anything bad wrong with them would give up, turn their face to the wall and be dead in the morning. I guess you have to just keep on keeping on.

I have been trying to find Beth Truluck, Bubba's daughter, for nearly a month. Last Thursday night my phone rang, and it was Beth. She lives in Honolulu, Hawaii. Believe it or not, we talked for three hours and did a lot of catching up. I asked her about the broadcast the ham operator had transcribed that let them know Bubba was alive. She said, "Oh yes, I have that little red record." A group of men in this county want to add a marker to Bubba's grave that says he was on the Bataan Death March. I think he would have liked that.

Gwynn Peacock Kidd can be reached at [Gwynn0720@comcast.net](mailto:Gwynn0720@comcast.net).

## OPINIONS INVITED

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GUEST COLUMN

# Thomas Jr. vies for School Board

I am pleased and honored to announce my candidacy for School Board, District 2, as a living advocate for education, this topic has never been just another policy issue for me it's more of a personal priority. Stemming from a background of numerous family members who were educators they implanted in me the importance of education.



Kenneth Thomas Jr.

his high school tenure, Kenneth volunteered his time with the City of Quincy and became employed as a Computer Technician during his Junior and Senior year.

After graduating, he transferred to Florida State University (FSU) where he majored in Information Technology (IT) and received his Bachelor's degree in December 2008.

During Kenneth's undergraduate tenure at FSU, he was employed with the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners as an IT Specialist for several years. Eventually, Kenneth obtained his Master's degree in IT from Florida Institute of Technology in 2011 and moved on to become a state employee for the Florida Department of Health where he served in many technology roles. In 2013, Kenneth returned to school to pursue his Master's in Business Administration from Florida A&M University which he obtained in 2015.

Throughout his educational and professional career, Kenneth maintained a level of dedication of community service and support in his home area of Quincy and Gadsden by volunteering his time at local non-profit organizations, churches, K-12 schools and participating in certain campaigns. After the 2016 election, Kenneth was appointed by the newly elected State Representative, Ramon Alexander, as District Secretary for District 8 (All of Gadsden & Parts of Leon Counties).

Education opened so many doors and gave me the confidence to pursue my ambitions and have a voice. As the previous first lady Michelle Obama would say, "Education is power."

Above all, I believe unequivocally in the value of public education. I am dedicated to serving and teaching all children. Lastly, I will have good faith in the democratic process and understand that my role is to act strategically, in line with the interests of the entire school community.

Gadsden, It's time for a fresh perspective on advocacy and accountability. I appreciate your support. Let's Be Great!

More information can be found on Kenneth's campaign website at [www.kenneththomasjr.com](http://www.kenneththomasjr.com)

About Kenneth: Kenneth Thomas, Jr. grew up in Quincy, Florida and is a product of the Gadsden County Public School System. He graduated from East Gadsden High with honors in 2006 along with his Associates Degree from Tallahassee Community College. During

GUEST COLUMN

# McMillan seeks election to School Board District 3

My name is Leroy McMillan and I'm a retired U.S. Coast Guard Warrant Officer with 35 years of service. Prior to my retirement, I was the Lead Marine Inspector at Sector Mobile, Alabama where I provided project leadership in the enforcement of U.S. inspection and navigation laws. I was recognized with many awards including the U.S. Meritorious Team Commendation Award for exceptional performance and the Coast Guard Commendation Medal for outstanding achievement. I trained many inspectors, challenging and guiding them to reach new heights in the Coast Guard.

Along with my many years of service in the Coast Guard, I share an equally strong commitment to education. I was part of the Coast Guard Partnership in Education program which enhanced educational opportunities and career awareness through direct participation in the classroom. While stationed in Alabama, I worked diligently with the football quarterback club at my

son's school to help improve the program and its facilities, and providing the students their best chance for a bright future — an excellent education.



Leroy McMillan

My mission is to continue the process of school improvement. I will work hard to engage all employees, parents and the community to create a shared vision for our schools that will guide our path on a journey towards excellence. Together we can build stronger schools for our students to reach their greatest potential which will result in stronger

communities. Also, I would like to see our school safety programs enhanced so our students and staff will have a safe learning environment. When a climate of safety is created, learning will follow.

Lastly, "Putting Children First!" is our district's motto and I share the same commitment to our students so I humbly ask for your support and vote. It will be an honor and privilege to serve as a member of the Gadsden County School Board. Thank you for your consideration and support.

## Meeting Notice

The Gadsden County Tourist Development Council Review Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 3:30p.m. All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers located at 9 East Jefferson Street, Room 101, Quincy, FL.

Persons wishing to review the files may come to the Department of Planning and Community Development at 9 East Jefferson Street, Room 102, 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 Sonya Burns by calling 850-875-8659 or Facilities Maintenance at (850) 875-8665, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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## OBITUARY

## Ayana Stephens

Mrs. Ayana Sharie Mitchell Stephens, 37 years, of Tampa, departed this life Monday, June 25, 2018, in Tampa.

## CHURCH NOTES

## Special program at St. Antioch

The WIA (Women Intermediate Auxiliary) of the Union Baptist Association will have a Pretty Hat and Tea/Rainbow program at 7 p.m. Friday, July 6, at Antioch MB Church, 1003 W. Clark St. in Quincy. Pastor Jimmie Dickey and New Bethel AME Church will be in charge of the service.

For information, call Sis. Bernadine Jones at 229-200-2701. Sis. Bernadine Jones is WIA president and Elder Nathaniel Trumpet Jr., will serve as the moderator. Refreshments will be served.

## Women's group plans event

The WIA of the Union Baptist Association will have a movie/brunch hour starting at 10 a.m. July 14, at Antioch MB Church, 1003 W. Clark St., and everyone is invited to come out and be a part of the celebration. Sis. Bernadine Jones is WIA president, and Elder Nathaniel Trumpet Jr. will serve as moderator.

## Church plans special service

A Harvest Day program at Morning Star M.B.C., 366 Hardaway Highway, Chattahoochee, will start at 3 p.m. July 8. Speaker will be the Rev. Tony Williams and Bethlehem M.B.C., Quincy. Contact person is Pastor Shiella Mason, 850-570-1827; or church phone, 850-856-9388.

## Bear Creek Bethel Missionary Baptist Church



CHERRI HARRIS/Gadsden County Times

Bear Creek Bethel Missionary Baptist Church is at 3476 Old Federal Road, Quincy.

## NEWS NOTES

## Revival services start July 9

Antioch MB Church, 1003 W. Clark Street, Quincy, will have its annual revival, from Monday, July 9, through Friday, July 13. The Rev. James Redmon from New Oak Grove MB Church in Boston, Ga., will be the preacher/revivalist for the week. The community is invited. Elder Nathaniel Trumpet Jr., is the host pastor.

## Talquin Electric plans meetings

Talquin Electric Cooperative members are invited to participate in "Talk with Talquin" town hall meetings. The forums will provide members an opportunity to talk with Talquin professionals and have questions answered.

Meetings will be:

- Gadsden County: 10 to 11 a.m. July 12 at the William "Bill" McGill Library at 732 S. Pat Thomas Parkway in Quincy.

- Wakulla County: 6 to 7 p.m. July 19 at the Wakulla County Library at 4330 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville.

- Liberty County: 11 a.m. to noon July 26 at Apalachee Restaurant, 10536 S.R. 20, Bristol.

- Leon County: 6 to 7 p.m. Aug. 2, Fort Braden Community Center, 16387 Blountstown Highway, Tallahassee.

- Leon County: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9, Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library, 5513 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee.

For information, contact member services at 627-6751 or email memberfeedback@talquin electric.com.

## FWC offers additional BearWise funds

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

For a third year in a row, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is inviting local governments to apply for BearWise funding to help their communities reduce human-bear conflicts.

The FWC will focus on providing funding to local governments with BearWise ordinances that require residents and businesses to keep garbage secure from bears. The funding will offset the costs for residents and businesses to use bear-resistant equipment to secure their garbage from bears.

Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature appropriated the FWC

\$500,000 in BearWise funding starting July 1.

"These new funds will allow us to expand our work with local governments to make it easier for people to avoid conflicts with bears," said Kipp Frohlich, director of the FWC's Division of Habitat and Species Conservation.

The FWC invites counties and cities to submit applications to be considered for funding. Preference will be given to applications from areas with BearWise ordinances and to large projects benefiting a large number of people.

Local governments are strongly encouraged to consult with FWC staff to discuss options and im-

plementation before submitting their applications. The FWC will assist any local government considering passing an ordinance, including providing example ordinances.

Since 2007, the FWC has provided almost \$1.6 million in BearWise funding to residents and businesses in the 16 counties with the highest levels of human-bear conflicts in Florida. Funds have been used to purchase over 10,000 bear-resistant trash cans, 9,700 sets of hardware to secure regular trash cans, and 160 dumpsters modified to keep bears out.

For a community to be considered, the FWC

must receive applications before close of business on Aug. 1.

Applications should be emailed to BearManagement@MyFWC.com or mailed to: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Attention: Bear Management Program, 620 South Meridian St., 6B, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

For details on the funding and application process, visit MyFWC.com/BearWise.

Support the FWC's efforts to help bears and other wildlife by purchasing the Conserve Wildlife license plate at BuyAPlate.com.

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## MEETING NOTICE

The Gadsden County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will hold a Meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:00 a.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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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners RFP No. 18-08

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting sealed proposals from civil engineering services related to the design of improvements for County Road 65B (Old Federal Road) Resurfacing Project. The scope of this project will include the surveying, design, and permitting (if applicable) to resurface Old Federal Road from north of State Road 267 and continue approximately 6.46 miles to County road 268 (High Bridge Road) Quincy, FL as identified in the County's Local Agency Participation contract with the FL Department of Transportation (FDOT). Consideration will be given to only those firms that are qualified pursuant to law and that have been prequalified by FDOT to perform the indicated types of work. Direct any inquires to the attention of Shandra Sheppard, Project Manager, at 850-627-4033.

If Interested, Proposers must submit four complete sets of the proposal with all supporting documentation, as follows: one unbound hard-copy original (marked ORIGINAL) and signed in blue ink, and three bound hardcopies (marked COPY) in a sealed envelope plainly marked with the RFP number and name, and addressed to the attention of the Management Services Department. Proposals that are not submitted in a sealed envelope marked "RFP No. 18-08; County Road 65B (Old Federal Road) Resurfacing Project - "SEALED PROPOSAL" and identified by the name of the proposer and time of opening will be considered invalid. A copy of the RFP is available for download at gadsdengov.net.

Firms mailing their proposals should allow normal delivery time to ensure receipt of their proposals by the Management Services Department. Proposals must be received by the Management Services Department, 5-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 by the Monday, July 16, 2018 @ 10:00 AM, EST deadline or they will be returned unopened. Proposals will be opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM, EST.

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and if an award is made, it will be made to the most responsive and responsible firm whose proposal indicates that the award will be in the best interest of the County. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in the proposal. The County further certifies that it will not discriminate during the selection process on the basis of age, sex, familial status, race, national origin, or handicap status. EEO/AA

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## 2018-2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP NOTICE

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Workshop on

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.

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

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## At-Risk Construction Management Services RFQ NO. 18-12

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners is requesting written proposals from experienced and qualified construction firms to provide professional At-Risk Construction Management Services for the Budgeting and Construction Phase on the proposed Gadsden County Courthouse.

It is the County's intention to employ the construction firm at risk to provide cost benefit studies if needed, information management, construction of scope of work and overall project management during the construction on a cost plus a fee basis, with a guaranteed maximum price. Potential respondents may obtain a list of qualification by contacting in writing Roosevelt Morris, Deputy Building Official at rmorris@gadsdencountyfl.gov

Sealed proposals must be received on or before Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the address below:  
Management Services Department  
ATTN: Shelia Faircloth  
5-B E. Jefferson Street, Room 204  
Quincy, Florida 32351

All proposals shall be submitted in duplicate (one original and five (5) copies) in sealed envelopes/packages addressed to the Management Services Department and marked "RFQ NO. 18-12 - At-Risk Construction Management Services". Any proposal received after the designated date will be returned unopened.

Proposers desiring copies of the RFQ document for use in preparing a proposal may obtain a set of such documents from the County's Website at www.gadsdengov.net or by contacting the Purchasing Division at 5-B E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, Telephone (850) 875-7243.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, to negotiate changes in the new scope of work or services to be provided, and to waive any technicalities or irregularities therein. The County further reserves the right to award the agreement to that proposer whose proposal best complies with the specifications. Proposers may withdraw their proposals by notifying the County in writing at any time prior to the deadline for proposal submittal. After the deadline, the proposal will constitute an irrevocable offer, for a period of sixty (60) days. Once opened, proposals become a record of the County and will not be returned to the proposers.  
Date Issued: 6-28-2018

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## SOUTH ADAMS STREET SIDEWALK DESIGN PROJECT FPID 436992-1-38-01 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS #18-02 REBID

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners is professional consultants for Engineering Services for the design of sidewalks on South Adams Street in the City of Quincy, FL. The scope of this project will include the construction of sidewalk on the western side of South Adams Street from County Road 274 MLK and near Clark Street in Quincy, FL as identified in the County Local Agency Participation contract with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The complete scope of services can be found in Part III of the Request for Proposals. Consideration will be given to only those firms that are qualified pursuant to law and that have been prequalified by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in accordance with Rule Chapter 14-75, Florida Administrative Code to perform the indicated Type(s) of Work.

Work Types:FDOT Group 3.1 - Minor Highway Design  
Response Deadline:Friday, July 13, 2018 at 10:10 AM, EST  
Opening Date:Friday, July 13, 2018 at 10:15 AM, EST

This project is federally funded with assistance from the DFOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). By submitting a letter of response, the Consultant certifies that they are in compliance with FDOT Procedure No. 375-030-006 (Restriction on Consultants Eligibility to Compete for Department Contracts) and that no principle is presently suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation on this transaction by any Federal Department or Agency.

Proposers must submit four (4) complete sets of the proposal with all supporting documentation as follows: one (1) hard-copy unbound original (marked "ORIGINAL") and signed in blue ink, and three (3) hard-copies, bound, (marked "COPY") in a sealed envelope plainly marked with the RFQ number and name, and addressed to the attention of Management Services Department. Proposals that are not submitted in a sealed envelope marked "RFQ 18-02; South Adams Street Sidewalk Design Project - SEALED PROPOSAL and identified by the name of the proposer and time of opening will be invalid.

Proposals must be received by Management Services Department, 5-B East Jefferson Street, Room 204, Quincy, FL 32351 no later than 10:15 AM, ET on Friday, July 13, 2018. PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.

Information regarding the proposal can be obtained at the Gadsden County Public Works Office, 1284 Highbridge Road, Quincy, FL 32351 and on the County's Web Site at <http://www.gadsdengov.net/>. For a complete scope of services contact Shandra Sheppard, Gadsden County Public Works, 1284 High Bridge Road, Quincy, FL 32351 @ 850-875-8672 or email [ssheppard@gadsdencountyfl.gov](mailto:ssheppard@gadsdencountyfl.gov).

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# Meltdown, go ahead Shanks class of 1976



Michelle Mims

It's only July, and I'm already asking myself how in the world I ended up here. How could I not have known how intolerant I would become in my older years? And how is that I didn't even realize it all those years ago?

Who was that person who years ago would intentionally lie out in the sun for hours, baking her skin to a brown crisp? Who would walk a mile, there and back, to the curb store down the road, just to get an ICEE that would be melted before we got halfway back home?

Now she's the person who gets irritable and mad 30 minutes before it's time to get off work because she's going to have to walk from the front door to her car, which is all of 10 steps. Because she knows the second she opens the truck door, the heat that will come rolling out in waves of steam will almost knock her to the ground, and most cer-

## FRONT PORCH VIEW

tainly take her breath away.

She won't even be able to touch the steering wheel initially; she'll have to turn the air on high, roll all the windows down, and let the heat of the last eight hours find its way out of the truck. She's almost tempted to drive 80 miles an hour down Highway 90 just so the circulation of air conditioner and the rush of the hot air coming in will at least move it out a little bit faster; even if it means sacrificing some of her cooler air to push it out.

As she drives down the road, she questions her entire intelligence for ever buying a black vehicle with black interior — as it seems to just soak up that heat and set it on fire, while it waits for her to come back to it every afternoon.

She told her mother the other day, she wonders how in the world she ever thought she could stand living here? And her mother said, but where would you live? Where it snows? And she was right, because gracious knows I'm not made for shoveling snow these

days.

There has to be somewhere in between the fire-breathing dragon of the south that we call Florida and the snow-bound north that could be most anywhere else but here.

And to top all of that off, we've been in a drought here for the last few weeks; but we finally got some much-needed rain tonight. At least when it rains, it cools off the atmosphere for a bit.

But tomorrow will bring another day of waking up with the sidewalks steaming and the temperatures with highs of what I'd like to weigh again, instead of how hot it is.

I want to be able to strap a portable a/c unit to my back and just carry it everywhere I go. Can't someone invent something like that? Isn't there anyone who hates the heat as much as I do? Isn't anyone else literally crying because we still have the whole months of July and August to get through before we see any relief? I don't think I'm going to make it, Folks. I really just don't.

## plans 60th party

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Members of the James A. Shanks class of '76 are invited to a 60th birthday celebration from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Parkway Center of Quincy, 1415 Pat Thomas Parkway, Quincy. Colors are red, white, blue and silver. Semi/sexy formal attire is suggested.

There will also be an All Classes Be Out Day from 1 p.m. to sunset Sunday, Sept. 2, at Corry Field (across from Shanks) in Quincy. Wear T-shirts, color scheme coming soon.

The fee for both events is \$80 and can be broken down to \$50 for the Saturday event and \$30 for the Sunday event. For classmate couples, the cost is \$150 per couple both events or \$90 for Saturday \$60 for Sunday; classmates plus non-member \$125 per couple both events or \$75 for the Saturday and \$50 for Sunday. The

fees include the rental of the Parkway Center for Saturday, food, DJ, security and set-up for Saturday, tent space plus field amenities, tent and food for Sunday. Does not include T-shirts. More information will be available after the June 23 class meeting.

Those interested in attending these events are asked to pay the fees as soon as possible. Please make checks or money orders payable to: James A. Shanks, Class of 1976. Mail to: Sheila Harris, P.O. Box 2011, Quincy, FL 32353. (NOTE: There is also

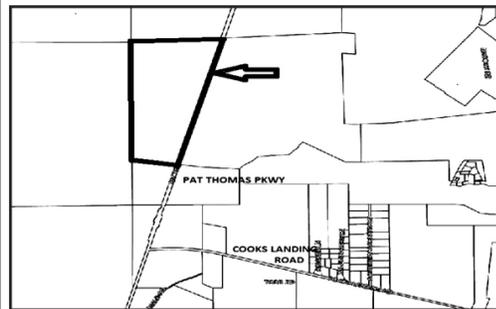
an app called CASH that you can download to your phone and you can send to Sheila that way also.)

For those class members requiring hotel accommodations, keep in mind this date is also FAMU's first home game weekend and the hotels in the area are starting at \$200/\$250. However, a couple of classmates were able to book at the Comfort Inn in Midway for \$99.99 for Saturday and \$189.99 for Sunday night. Contact Brook at the hotel at 850-576-7300. Please share this information with other class members.

## NOTICE OF INTENT

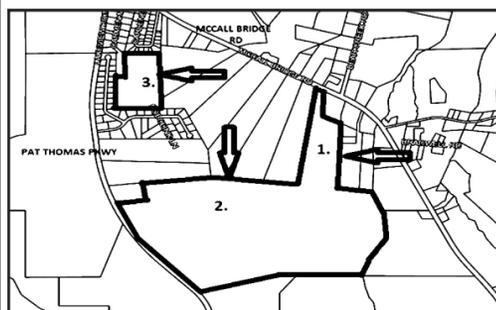
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners intends to hear the following at their regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commission Chambers located at 7 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL.:

**CW Roberts Future Land Use Map Amendment (Legislative) (LSPA-2018-07)** – Transmittal of an amendment to the Future Land Use Map from Agriculture 3 (AG-3) to Mining and Conservation for 145.5 acres addressed as 9914 Pat Thomas Parkway (SR 267) (Tax Parcel ID #4-28-1N-4W-0000-00200-0000).



**Policy 1.5.2, Future Land Use Element Text Amendment (Legislative) (LSPA-2018-08)** – Transmittal of an amendment to Policy 1.5.2 to remove parcels described by Tax Parcel ID(s) 4-23-1N-4W-0000-00340-0200 (25.69 acres), #4-23-1N-4W-0000-00340-0200, 4-26-1N-4W-3130-00000-0070 (25.59 acres), and 4-26-1N-4W-0000-00340-0000 (233.19 acres).

**Barnes Properties, LLC and Capital City Bank (Legislative) (LSPA-2018-06)** – Transmittal of an amendment to the Future Land Use Map from Rural Residential to AG-1 on Carmen Maria Lane, & McCall Bridge Rd. Quincy, FL 4-23-1N-4W-0000-00340-0200 (25.69 acres), #4-23-1N-4W-0000-00340-0200, 4-26-1N-4W-3130-00000-0070 (25.59 acres), and 4-26-1N-4W-0000-00340-0000 (233.19 acres).



**Traffic (Transportation) Element (Legislative) (LSPA 2018-02)** – Transmittal of amendments to the Traffic (Transportation) Element of the Comprehensive Plan to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**Conservation Element (Legislative) (LSPA 2018-03)** – Transmittal of amendments to the Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**Concurrency Management System (Legislative) (LSPA 2018-05)** – Consideration and transmittal of amendments to delete the Concurrency Management System in the Comprehensive Plan as it was previously replaced by Chapter 8, Concurrency Management System of the Land Development Code to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**Citizen's Growth Management and Planning Bill of Rights (Legislative) (LDR-2018-01)** – Consideration and transmittal of Ordinance 2018-005 amending Section 7001.1, Citizen's Growth Management and Planning Bill of Rights' and the relocation of Section 7001.1 to Chapter 1 of the Land Development Code to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as described by the following:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 7001.1, CITIZENS GROWTH MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING BILL OF RIGHTS OF CHAPTER 7, DEVELOPMENT ORDERS, DEVELOPMENT PERMITS, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, AND MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Persons wishing to review the files on the above projects may do so on the County website at [www.gadsdencountyfl.gov](http://www.gadsdencountyfl.gov) 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 ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be used.

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**GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVANA STREET SIDEWALK DESIGN PROJECT FPID 438127-1-38-01**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS #18-01 (Re-Bid)**

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners is seeking professional consultants for Engineering Services for the design of sidewalks on Havana Street in the City of Havana, FL. The project length for Havana Street is 900 feet. Consideration will be given to only those firms that are qualified pursuant to law and that have been prequalified by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in accordance with Rule Chapter 14-75, Florida Administrative Code to perform the indicated Type(s) of Work.

**Work Types:** FDOT Group 3.1 - Minor Highway Design

**Response Deadline:** Friday, July 13, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. ET  
**Opening Date:** Friday, July 13, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. ET

For a complete scope of services contact Shandra Sheppard, Gadsden County Public Works, 1284 High Bridge Road, Quincy, FL 32351 @ 850-875-8672 or email Ssheppard@gadsdencountyfl.gov.

Proposers must submit four (4) complete sets of the proposal with all supporting documentation as follows: one (1) hard-copy unbound original (marked "ORIGINAL") and signed in blue ink, and three (3) hard-copies, bound, (marked "COPY") in a sealed envelope plainly marked with the RFQ number and name, and addressed to the attention of Management Services Department. Proposals that are not submitted in a sealed envelope marked "RFQ 18-02; South Adams Street Sidewalk Design Project - SEALED PROPOSAL and identified by the name of the proposer and time of opening will be invalid.

Proposals must be received by Management Services Department, 5-B East Jefferson Street, Room 204, Quincy, FL 32351 no later than 10:00 AM, ET on Friday, July 13, 2018. PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.

For a complete scope of services contact Shandra Sheppard, Gadsden County Public Works, 1284 High Bridge Road, Quincy, FL 32351 @ 850-875-8672 or email Ssheppard@gadsdencountyfl.gov.

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any one proposal or all proposals, any part of any proposal, to waive any informality in any7 proposal, and to award the purchase in the best interest of the County. Any person requiring a special accommodation because of a disability should contract the Management Services Department at least five (5) days prior to the proposal opening. Gadsden County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status in administration of its programs, activities or services. EEO/AA

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Bid #18-09 REBID FDOT FPID NO. 440860-1-54-01**

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners is seeking civil engineering services relating to the construction engineering and inspection (CEI) of the Little Sycamore Resurfacing Project. The scope of this project will include the construction of Little Sycamore resurfacing project from County Road 270 to County Road 270A in Quincy, FL as identified in the County's Local Agency Participation contract with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Consideration will be given to only those firms that are qualified pursuant to law and that have been prequalified by FDOT to perform the indicated types of work.

**Work Types:** 10.1-Roadway Construction Engineering Inspection

**Response Deadline:** Monday July 16, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. ET  
**Opening Date:** Monday, July 16, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. ET

This project is state funded with assistance from the FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration

(FHWA). By submitting a proposal, the Consultant certifies that they are in compliance with FDOT Procedure No. 375-030-006 (Restriction on Consultants Eligibility to Compete for Department Contracts) and that no principle is presently suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation on this transaction by any Federal Department or Agency. Information regarding the proposal can be obtained at Management Services Department, 5-B East Jefferson Street, Room 204, Quincy, FL 32351 and on the County's Web Site at [www.Gadsdencounty.gov](http://www.Gadsdencounty.gov). In order to ensure a fair, competitive, and open process, once a project is advertised for Letters of Qualifications, all communications between interested firms and the County must be directed to Shandra Sheppard, Project Manager, (850)875-8672 or SSheppard@gadsdencountyfl.gov.

If interested, qualified Consultants are required to submit the original and three (3) copies of the letter of response to Management Services Department, 5-B East Jefferson Street, Room 204, Quincy, FL 32351 by the response deadline. The response must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked RFP 18-09; CEI - Little Sycamore Resurfacing Project. The name and address of the firm submitting the proposal must also appear on the envelope. Any proposals received by the Management Services Department after the response deadline will be refused and returned to sender.

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and if an award is made, it will be made to the most responsive and responsible firm whose proposal indicates that the award will be in the best interest of the County. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in the proposal. The County further certifies that it will not discriminate during the selection process on the basis of age, sex, familial status, race, national origin, or handicap status. EEO/AA

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# SPORTS & EDUCATION

GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

## TCC, Riley Center partner on initiative Career pathway program set to begin in fall

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLAHASSEE — Tallahassee Community College and the John G. Riley Center/Museum announced a partnership agreement to offer a new career pathway opportunity for TCC students beginning Fall 2018.

The Museum Management and Historic Preservation pathway program will offer ed-

ucation, training, hands-on museum management experiences and student job placement prospects within the Riley Center/Museum operation. The collaborative program will also allow students to transfer to a four-year institution to seek a degree in that field.

"This partnership, as well as the pathway program, will make a difference for TCC's

students by providing internships that offer real world work experience," said Calandra Stringer, TCC associate vice president for academic affairs and a member of the project's steering committee. "I am encouraged by the student feedback and interest we have received."

Althemese Barnes, CEO of the Riley Center/Museum, expressed her excitement about

the TCC partnership and opportunity to broaden the preparation of professionals interested in the field.

"I welcome the concept of the Riley Museum/Center and TCC jointly creating a prototype combining education and operational management in association with museums and historic preservation," Barnes said.

This academic pathway and partnership will serve as a national laboratory and incubator of museum and higher educa-

tion linkages and replication.

The project was made possible by a John G. Riley Center/Museum grant award from the National Institute of Museum and Library Services. The vision of IMLS is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities.

The TCC library has housed the Riley Archive since 2003.

For information, contact Althemese Barnes at 850-681-7881 or abarnes2619@gmail.com.

# 'RUN WITH PURPOSE'



Run with Purpose track members shown here, from left, are, seated: Jayvion Holt, Tyran Thomas, Izayah Vickers, Neteru Peoples, Nile Peoples, Ma'kayla Drake, Israel Harrison, ToRon White and Isaiah Farmer; standing, from left: Calbert McMillan, Tyrell McMillan, Damien Johnson, Makari Vickers, Jordan Washington, Khalil Gunn, Me'Yauney Peoples, Zania Squire and Aarion Thomas. Coaches are: Patricia Vickers, Rufus Peoples, Tiffany Brown and Ron Vickers.

## Youth track program continues to grow, finds success

TERRANCE CHISOLM  
FOR THE TIMES

For the past few years, Coach Ronald Vickers has been building the foundation of his Running with Purpose track club and training several young runners ranging from age 6 to 16.

Last year, the track club's season ended on a high note as both Khalil Gunn and Makari Vickers captured medals during their first trip to the Nation Meet in Detroit, Mich. After experiencing their most successful year last season, Vickers and his runners are eagerly working toward more accomplishments in the club's fifth year.

This year as he teaches his athletes, Vickers will have another former track star

alongside him, as Gadsden County native Rufus Peoples has decided to join the team as a coach.

Peoples said, "The reason why I'm volunteering is because before I moved back home, I was hearing that the track legacy that me and Vickers knew was gone. I (want to) make my mark by being the person that helps with the jumpers. That's what I did in high school."

In addition to his newly acquired assistant, the club's leader also plans to utilize his older athletes to help show the way and be role models.

"Now that I have some older kids, I want to put some of the responsibility on them to teach the younger kids the right way to do some things."

Along with pushing them to improve their strides on the track, Vickers said he will also continue to push his kids toward improving in the classroom and in life.

"We get our name from I Corinthians 9:24, which says every man that sets out to run a race does not win, but we should run as to win, meaning that you should always have a purpose in mind on what you're trying to do. We want to teach them how to set goals to work towards that purpose. I found that when kids have a purpose, they will fight for it and give their lives for it. If I can get them to work hard and understand their purpose and why they are here, I feel they will be successful."

This dedicated coach has

not only gained the trust of his runners, but his athlete's parents are also helping and supporting the club in any way that they can.

One parent, Calbert McMillan Sr., shared his reasoning behind allowing his son to be a part of this club: "It's the small things that he does that makes sense; he helps the kids improve in a lot of areas, and this whole process builds character. As long as the kids improve, it's a positive."

Coach Vickers said his one of his ultimate goals is to see his kids obtain track scholarships in the future.

"We understand that this is a long-term thing and we are in this for the long haul, and I want my parents and anyone else that is interested in joining to know that."

### NEWS NOTES

#### 4-H STEM camp deadline looms

Teachers can tell if students engaged in active learning over the summer. The summer camps offered through UF/IFAS Extension-Gadsden County 4-H program include hands-on learning experiences and fun. 4-H day camps help youth gain specific knowledge and skills as well as transferable life skills such as problem solving and decision-making.

The final camp offered this summer is a 4-H STEM camp: The Marvels of Engineering, the week of July 23 to 27. Camp is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the NFREC-Quincy and is open to 15 youth (ages 8 to 18). Deadline to register is July 11. The registration fee is \$75, which covers snacks, lunch and supplies. The camp will culminate in a district wide Derby car competition in Jackson County.

For information, email [yygoode@ufl.edu](mailto:yygoode@ufl.edu) or call 850-875-7255.

#### TCC basketball celebration Aug. 8

Tallahassee Community College will have a celebration for its 2018 National Champion women's basketball team on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

The event, hosted by the TCC Eagle Boosters, the TCC Foundation's President's Circle, and the TCC Alumni & Friends Association will be held inside the Bill Hebrock Eagledome in Tallahassee.

Festivities will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. The program will tip off at 6 p.m. and include the unveiling of the Eagles' championship banner and official championship team photo.

Tallahassee won its first women's basketball national championship March 24, defeating eight-time champion Trinity Valley (Texas) Community College, 69-51, in Lubbock, Texas.

The celebration is open to the public. For more, contact director of athletics Rob Chaney at [chaneyr@tcc.fl.edu](mailto:chaneyr@tcc.fl.edu).

# Home on the Range: Where to carry?

"So take the class a third time," said Joe because I don't have a clue where paperwork is from the last two concealed carry classes.

"We're going to the gun show at the Fairgrounds," he adds. "You can take the class again there. They give the lecture, have you shoot a gun, and take your fingerprints and your photo. They put it in a large envelope, and all you have to do is send it in."

So, I take the class (and pass it the third time) and forward the paperwork. A couple



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weeks later, the concealed carry permit is in the mailbox.

"Got it!" I gloated to Joe. "OK, now how are you going to carry?" he asked.

"I got a shoulder holster for \$2 at a yard sale. Let's try that."

So he helped me into the shoulder holster. Not bad. The fit was just right, except...

At 94 excepted and plenty muggy, who is going to wear a jacket or blazer in order to wear a shoulder holster? Maybe in our Flor-

ida winter, but not now.

Maybe I would skip the holster altogether. I slid the Springfield XDS behind me, into the small of my back.

My pants were tight enough to keep it in place. I wore it around the house.

Metal is cold. Did you know that? A cold lump is not comfortable in the small of your back.

I waited for the metal to warm up. After vacuuming the house, putting a load of laundry in the washer and cleaning the bathroom, that gun was still cold, cold, cold.

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### HOME ON THE RANGE

#### The Carry Purse



# Troops to Teachers, TCC pair together for program

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLAHASSEE — Tallahassee Community College and the Florida Department of Education have announced a new partnership to bring the successful Troops to Teachers program back to Florida.

The nationwide Troops to Teachers program is designed to help transitioning service members and veterans begin new careers as K-12 school teachers. The program's goals are to reduce unemployment among veterans, address critical teacher shortages and increase the number of male and minority teachers in the nation's classrooms.

Troops to Teachers is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Education and is available to eligible individuals in all 50 states. It previously operated in Florida through a partnership with Florida Atlantic University. However, that partnership ended in November 2016, and the program is currently dormant in Florida.

That will change soon as TCC begins recruiting and serving participants from across Florida, helping them to access and complete any needed postsecondary education and become certified teachers.

The Florida Department of Education and TCC submitted the Troops to Teachers application in January of this year. The grant anticipates five years of funding to TCC — \$346,927 in the first year and \$1,723,770 over the life of the grant.

One of the most important objectives of the program is recruiting service members and veterans who are interested in a new career as a schoolteacher. Program staff will host Teaching as a Second

Career seminars for personnel at military installations throughout Florida and information tables at reserve and National Guard centers, with the goal of signing up 40 individuals each month. Former Troops to Teachers participants will also be engaged as recruiters in their home regions.

The program will focus on helping participants earn a teaching certificate — offering tailored support based on their current educational background. Staff will provide admissions and enrollment assistance for veterans who need to enroll in an associate degree or bachelor's degree program at a Florida college or university or, if they already have a bachelor's degree, will guide them through the state teacher certification process.

Participants will also receive individualized counseling and career transition planning, help with navigating state teacher certification and licensing requirements, employment assistance, and ongoing support mentorship. Additionally, those who meet certain education and military service requirements may be eligible for financial assistance of up to \$10,000 to support their transition to the classroom — in addition to any Veterans Affairs educational benefits to which they are entitled.

"TCC has been recognized as a military-friendly college numerous times," said TCC Provost Feleccia Moore-Davis. "We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to play a broader role in helping our veterans transition to civilian life and take on their next mission in service to Florida's school children."

For information, email ACADAFFAIRS@tcc.fl.edu or call 850-201-8680.

# National Hook-Up of Black Women presents scholarships



Special to the Times

Some members of National Hook-Up of Black Women – Gadsden County Chapter stand for a photo. Shown here are, from front row: Linda D. Jefferson, Jacqueline N. Edwards, Diane B. Jordan, Thelma D. Dixie, Mary W. Taylor, Lauren S. Wright and Debra W. Roberts; second row: Rebecca H. Gaines, Kimberly N. Cummings, Shirley A. Knight, Emma Brady, Cynthia Davis-Holloway, Gwendolyn P. Robinson and Mary Woods.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

During the June 23 event honoring National Hook-Up of Black Women — Gadsden Chapter's Persons of the Year with an awards luncheon at Gadsden County High School, members of the organization also presented scholarship awards.

NHBW, Inc.-Gadsden's Dr. Jessie V. Furlow Scholarship Awards were presented by Sister Shirley Knight, (Chapter Scholarship Chair) to two 2018 high school graduates: Trentoria Green from Gadsden County High School, who plans to Florida State University as a nursing major; and Shari'Ann Love Sanders from Crossroad Acad-

emy Charter School, who will attend FAMU, majoring in physical/medical sports therapy. NHBW Inc.'s National Scholarship Recipient, Jordan McCrone, who is a music education major at FAMU, also attended the luncheon. She will be performing with the FAMU marching band.

Guest speaker for the awards and scholarship event was Minister Sharon Brinson Thomas, who shared an all-inspiring message on how to effectively speak up to find a solution to important personal and community needs that go unresolved.

Linda D. Jefferson, NHBW Inc. National First Vice Presi-

dent and Chair of this event thanked everyone for their support and willingness to assist wherever and whenever needed.

Chapter President Debra W. Roberts presented the 2018 President's Award to Sister Shirley Knight. Roberts' closing remarks included special accolades to the Sisters of NHBW, Inc.-Gadsden for the love and sisterhood expressed as they planned for this momentous event. She said, "NHBW, Inc.-Gadsden is about community service. One person cannot do this work alone. Everyone working together always ends in a spectacular outcome such as what we experienced today."

"For where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them." —Matthew 18:20

## GATHERINGS

A DIRECTORY OF AREA CHURCHES

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# Scallop season set to make a splash



FWC map and photo special to the Gadsden County Times.

Scallop season opened July 1 in Florida.

Special to the Times

Starting July 1, state waters off the following areas will open to bay scallop harvest: Franklin through northwest Taylor County (including Carrabelle, Lanark and St. Marks) and Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties (including Cedar Key, Crystal River and Homosassa). These areas will remain open to harvest through Sept. 24.

Gov. Rick Scott said, "Scalloping is a great way to enjoy Florida's incredible waters and pristine beaches. I encourage all Floridians to get outside and enjoy our world-class scallop season with family and friends."

"Scalloping with your friends and family is classic Florida fun in the sun," said Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Chairman Bo Rivard. "The season brings people and an economic boost to these coastal areas, all the while encouraging conservation and connecting residents and visitors to the wonders of Florida's outdoors."

## Bag limits and other regulations

Bag and vessel limits in open bay scallop harvest zones are 2 gallons whole bay scallops in shell or 1 pint of bay scallop meat per person, with a maximum of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in shell or 1/2 gallon of bay scallop meat per vessel.

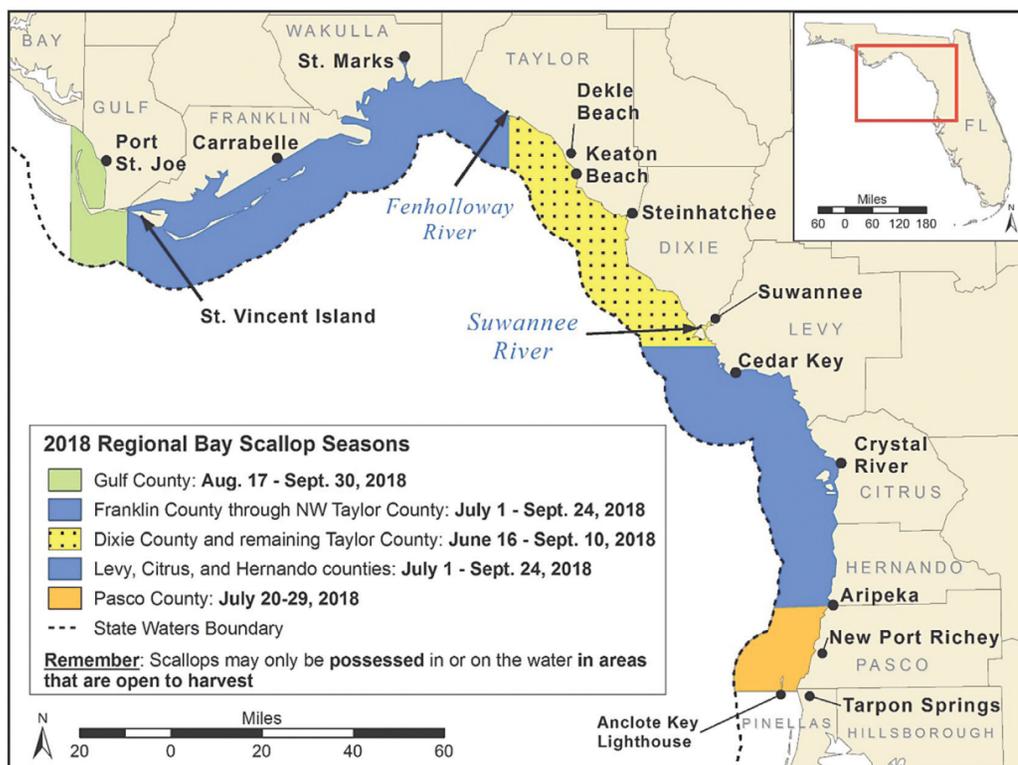
Scallops may be collected by hand or with a landing or dip net. Scallops must be landed within areas that are open to harvest and may not be possessed on waters outside of areas that are open to harvest or during the closed season.

There is no commercial harvest allowed for bay scallops in Florida.

For information on bay scallop regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Bay Scallops."

## Boater and scalloper safety

Be safe when diving for scallops. Stay within 300 feet of a properly displayed divers-



down flag or device when scalloping in open water, and within 100 feet of a properly displayed divers-down flag or device if on a river, inlet or navigation channel. Boat operators traveling within 300 feet of a divers-down flag or device in open water or within 100 feet of one on a river, inlet or navigational channel must slow to idle speed. For more information, visit MyFWC.com/Boating/Regulations and click on "Divers-down Warning Devices." Always remember to properly stow divers-down devices when divers and snorkelers have exited the water.

- Other best practices
- Snorkel with a buddy.
  - Always have an observer on board the boat while others are scalloping.
  - Do not discard scallop shells in in-shore waters common-

ly used for recreational activities such as the Homosassa River or Crystal River. Piles of discarded scallop shells can create hazards for swimmers and damage seagrass habitat. Scallop shells can be discarded in a trash receptacle or in larger bodies of water where they are more likely to disperse.

- Be aware of changing tides.
- Stash your trash.
- Wear your personal flotation device when the boat is underway.

## Season dates and boundaries

• St. Joseph Bay and Gulf County: Aug. 17 to Sept. 30. This region includes all state waters from the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County to the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County.

• Franklin through northwest Taylor County (including Carrabelle, Lanark and St. Marks): July 1 to Sept. 24. This region includes all state waters from the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County to Rock Island near the mouth of the Fenholloway River in Taylor County.

• The remaining portion of Taylor County and all of Dixie County (including Keaton Beach and the Steinhatchee area):

June 16 to Sept. 10. This region includes all state waters east of Rock Island near the mouth of the Fenholloway River in Taylor County and north of Alligator Pass Daybeacon #4 near the mouth of the Suwannee River in Levy County.

• Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties (including Cedar Key, Crystal River and Homosassa): July 1 to Sept. 24. This region includes all state waters south of Alligator Pass Daybeacon #4 near the mouth of the Suwannee River in Levy County to the Hernando - Pasco county line.

• Pasco County: A trial 10-day open season will occur July 20-29. This region includes all state waters south of the Hernando - Pasco county line and north of the Anclote Key Lighthouse in northern Pinellas County, and includes all waters of the Anclote River.

## Share your thoughts

These season dates are for 2018 only. In late 2018 or early 2019, the FWC will set the 2019 seasons for Gulf and Pasco counties, consider continuing the 2018 season structure for the remaining portions of the open scallop harvest area in 2019, and will work toward creating a more permanent season structure for 2020 and beyond.

As the 2018 season moves forward, share your comments on what you would like to see for a future season structure at MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments. The FWC is very interested in understanding whether the public prefers regional differences in the season dates or a consistent season across the harvest area, as well as what season dates work best for various regions. Public feedback will be an important factor for determining whether further changes are needed when making a decision about the long-term season dates.

## Citizen science

Done for the day? Help FWC's scallop researchers by completing an online survey at [svy.mk/bay-scallops](http://svy.mk/bay-scallops). Harvesters can indicate where they harvested scallops, how many they collected and how long it took to harvest them. Participants can email [BayScallops@MyFWC.com](mailto:BayScallops@MyFWC.com) to ask questions or send additional information.

Learn more about long-term abundance trends in the open and closed scalloping areas by visiting [MyFWC.com/Research](http://MyFWC.com/Research) and clicking on "Saltwater," "Molluscs," "Bay Scallops" and "Bay Scallop Season and Abundance Survey."



**Blockers (R)** — Three effervescent teens (Kathryn Newton, Geraldine Viswanathan and Gideon Adlon), friends since kindergarten, make a pact to lose their virginity before the end of senior year. It comes down to that holiest of high-school nights — prom night — to make it happen. When the trio's single parents (played by Leslie Mann, Ike Barinholtz and John Cena) get wind of their plan, it's a cavalcade of parental hijinks as the parents follow the girls from party to party in an attempt to, um, "block" their plans. You think it's going to be a nonstop run of sex gags and trashy jokes, and it is — in the best way — but there are also sweet bits about parenting, growing up, trust and letting go.

"Another WolfCop." Basically, Wolf Cop is an alcoholic police officer who also happens to be a werewolf. He bates a local politician who is plotting addict residents to a microbrew call Chickenmilk Stout, and there's alie and also hockey involved. In the role is Leo Fafard, who — and I'm r even kidding here — got the WolfC gig after donning a werewolf suit fo local Saskatchewan band's music vi eo. Jonathan Cherry, whom you mig remember as the plucky goaltender "Goon," reprises as Willie Higgins, a Amy Matsysio is Tina, the by-the-bo straight man (or woman, as it were).



Gideon Adlon, Kathryn Newton and Geraldine Viswanathan in "Blockers"

**Finding Your Feet (PG-13)** — In this sweet British romantic comedy, Sandra (Imelda Staunton) lives what she thinks is a wonderful life, until she finds out her husband of 40 years has been cheating on her — with her best friend, no less. She moves out of a luxury home and into the small London flat of her sister Bif (Celia Imrie), who is eccentric and vibrant — worlds different from the staid and sedate Sandra. But, it may be just what she needs to rediscover her inner self, a love of dance and help her find her footing in a new life. Also starring Joanna Lumley, and Timothy Spall as Sandra's charming suitor.

**7 Days in Entebbe (R)** — Rosamund Pike and Daniel Bruhl play two German revolutionaries intent on drawing attention to the Palestinian problem in director Jose Padilha's retelling the real-life 1976 hijacking of an / France flight en route from Tel Aviv to Paris. The flight is taken over a diverted to Uganda, where we experience events from the perspective the hijackers. Much is made of re-creating the 1970s vibe, and it shows in well-done hazy brown-gold tone, but it could use more tension, more action and less atmosphere.

## NEW TV RELEASES

- **New Girl** Final season
- **Grimm: The Complete Collection**
- **Striking Out** Season 2
- **Shark Week: Sharktacular Adventures**

**Another WolfCop (NR)** — Oh, Canada. I swear you are the gift that keeps on giving: Justin Trudeau, gravy on French fries and the 2014 horror camp comedy "WolfCop" — and now its sequel, the appropriately titled

## For the birds



A pair of laughing gulls make the most of food scraps the evening of May 18 in the parking lot of Roses Express store in Quincy. Photo by Cheri Harris

## FAMILY FEATURES

Of the many challenges parents face daily, encouraging healthy eating habits for their children can be one of the most vexing. While the consumption of nutritious foods like vegetables is good for kids while they're young, it can also serve an important role in encouraging lifelong healthy habits.

One strategy for achieving that goal is to pair familiar foods with vegetables and prepare them in interesting ways. This tactic – pairing foods kids already enjoy with the foods you want them to start eating willingly – is called “associative conditioning,” and can help encourage children to try the new food, according to research conducted by Elizabeth Capaldi-Phillips and Devina Wadhwa and published in the “Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.”

For example, prepared beef products like hot dogs, deli roast beef, salami and summer sausage provide sources of nutrients like protein, zinc and vitamin B12. In addition to the direct benefits, these meats can also be used in recipes like Green Bean Twists and Salami-Babs to help encourage the consumption of vegetables.

Easy-to-make recipes such as Jerky Trail Mix, Fried Bologna Cups and Beefy Lettuce Cups also provide simple snacking solutions for kids that include the nutritional benefits of both beef and veggies.

Find more family-friendly recipes and tips to encourage nutritious eating habits from the North American Meat Institute, a contractor of The Beef Checkoff, at [meatpoultrynutrition.org](http://meatpoultrynutrition.org).

**Fried Bologna Cups**

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff

Yield: 8 bologna cups

Vegetable oil spray  
8 slices beef bologna

**Potato-Vegetable Filling (enough for one bologna cup):**

1/4 cup mixed vegetables  
1/4 cup mashed potatoes  
1 tablespoon grated cheddar cheese

**Apple Salad Filling (enough for one bologna cup):**

3 tablespoons chopped apple  
2 teaspoons minced celery  
1 teaspoon golden raisins  
2 teaspoons light mayonnaise  
1 teaspoon plain, low-fat yogurt

Spray large, nonstick skillet with vegetable oil spray. Set skillet over medium heat and lay bologna slices in pan, as many as will fit in one layer. Let bologna fry until it cups. Transfer cups to serving plate and fry remaining bologna in same fashion.

**To make Potato-Vegetable Filling:** In small, microwave-safe bowl, stir together vegetables and potatoes; microwave until hot.

**To make Apple Salad Filling:** In small bowl, stir apple, celery, raisins, mayonnaise and yogurt.

Spoon desired filling into each cup. For cups with Potato-Vegetable Filling, top with grated cheese.



Fried Bologna Cups

# Encourage Healthy Eating Habits



Jerky Trail Mix

**Jerky Trail Mix**

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff  
Yield: 4 cups

1 1/2 cups kettle corn with no added sugars  
1 cup mini unsalted pretzels  
1/2 cup unsalted, dry-roasted peanuts  
1/2 cup beef jerky, broken or chopped into 1/4-inch bits  
1/2 cup golden raisins

In large bowl, stir kettle corn, pretzels, peanuts, beef jerky and raisins together. Seal in sandwich bags or serve in bowl.



Salami-Babs

**Salami-Babs**

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff

Yield: 8 kebabs

6 ounces beef salami or summer sausage, cut into 3/4-inch chunks  
8 bamboo skewers (8 inches long)  
4 ounces cheese (cheddar or swiss), cut into 1/2-inch chunks  
16 small broccoli florets  
4 baby carrots, cut in half crosswise

Thread pieces of meat onto skewers, alternating with cheese, broccoli and carrots. Arrange on plate and serve.

**Note:** To prevent choking, children should be seated while eating, especially when a recipe involves toothpicks; encouraged to take their time and thoroughly chew their food; and should be carefully supervised. When serving young children, cut any circular-shaped foods like grapes, carrots or hot dogs into thin, coin-shaped slices or long, thin strips.

**Green Bean Twists**

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff  
Yield: 16 twists

8 ultra-thin slices roast beef, about 2 ounces, cut in half lengthwise  
16 green beans, trimmed, blanched and chilled

Wrap one slice roast beef around each bean, creating spiral, arrange on plate and serve.



Green Bean Twists and Beefy Lettuce Cups

**Beefy Lettuce Cups**

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff  
Yield: 8 lettuce cups

8 ounces corned beef, chopped  
1/2 cup shredded carrots  
1/2 cup chopped water chestnuts  
2 tablespoons unsalted, dry-roasted cashew pieces  
2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce  
8 butter lettuce leaves

In medium bowl, stir together corned beef, carrots, water chestnuts, cashew pieces and teriyaki sauce. Spoon onto lettuce leaves and serve.

## 6 Strategies to Encourage Nutritious Snacking

With an abundance of prepared-in-advance snacks available that likely come along with unnecessary salts and sugars, it can be difficult to encourage kids to eat snacks with healthier ingredients.

Quick recipes that include beef and veggies may not be the first snack idea that comes to mind for kids (or parents), but it's not impossible to instill better decision-making in the kitchen. Skip the chips and improve your children's snack habits with these simple ideas for influencing healthier decisions:

- Enhance the visual appeal of foods by piercing them with decorative toothpicks.
- Offer a variety of colorful foods on a plate.
- Create color contrasts with foods on a plate or in a bowl.
- Arrange foods in an orderly way using a bento box or divided plate that helps keep them separate.
- Involve kids in preparing their meals.
- Pair nutritious foods, like fruits and vegetables, with well-liked or familiar foods.

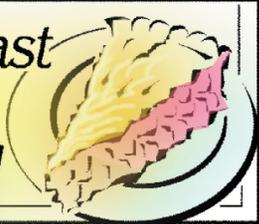


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# Crispy, sweet dessert a peach of an idea

## Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

**Peach Pecan Crumble**

Peaches make one of the best tasting “crisp” desserts. Give this one a try, it is simple and

easy to put together.

**Ingredients**

4 1/2 cups peeled and chopped fresh peaches  
3/4 cup Splenda Granular  
3/4 cup Bisquick Heart Smart Baking Mix  
6 tablespoons purchased graham cracker crumbs  
2 tablespoons I Can't Believe It's Not Butter Light Margarine  
3 tablespoons chopped pecans

**Directions**

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray.  
2. In a large bowl, combine peaches, 1/2 cup Splenda and 1/4 cup baking mix. Spread mixture evenly into prepared baking dish.  
3. In a medium bowl, combine remaining 1/2 cup baking mix, graham cracker

crumbs, remaining 1/4 cup Splenda and margarine. Using a pastry blender or 2 forks, mix until mixture is crumbly. Stir in pecans. Evenly sprinkle crumb mixture over top.

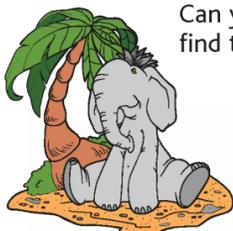
4. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes or until top is golden and filling is bubbly. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for at least 5 minutes. Divide into 6 servings.

**TIP:** A self-seal sandwich bag works great for crushing graham crackers.

\* Each serving equals: 186 calories, 6g fat, 3g protein, 30g carbs, 251mg sodium, 27g calcium, 3g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Fruit, 1 Starch, 1 Fat; Carb Choices: 2.

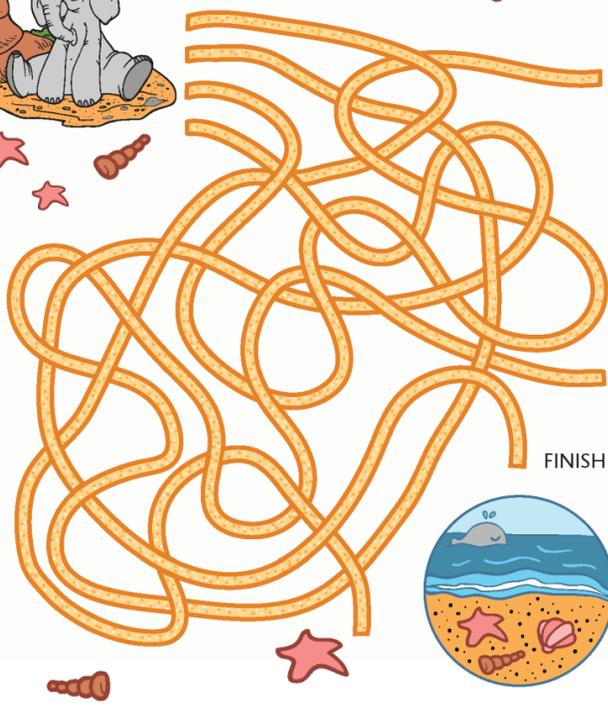
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# Amazing maze



Can you help Charlie find the ocean?

START



FINISH



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## JUST kidding

**Q:** Why is a baseball team similar to a muffin?  
**A:** They both depend on the batter.



## JUST kidding

**Q:** What does a shark like to eat with peanut butter?  
**A:** Jellyfish.

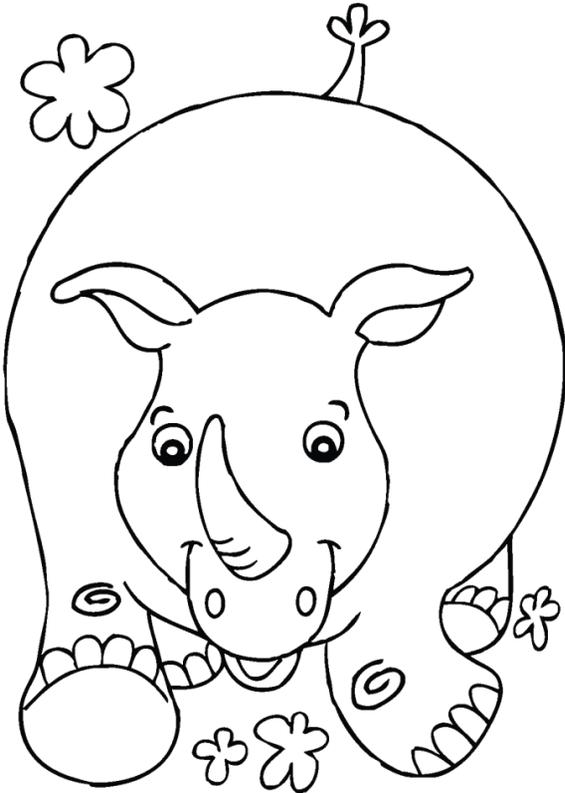


## JUST kidding

**Q:** What do you give a dog with a fever?  
**A:** Mustard; it's the best thing for a hot dog.



For the up-and-coming artist



# Sudoku 4 x 4

			4
	4	3	
	1		
2			

COMPLETE EACH GRID WITH NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 4, KEEPING IN MIND THAT:  
- a number can only appear once per row  
- a number can only appear once per column  
- a number can only appear once in each box of 4 squares

1	4	3	2
3	2	1	4
2	3	4	1
4	1	2	3

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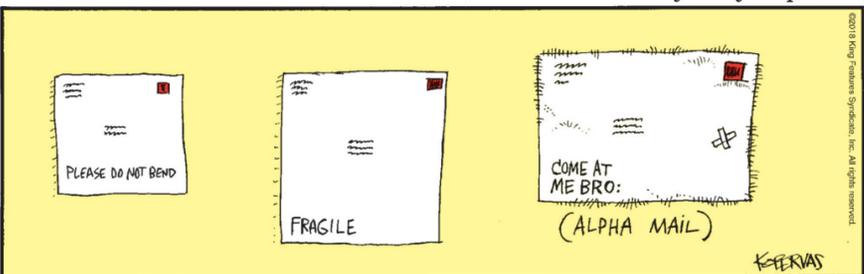
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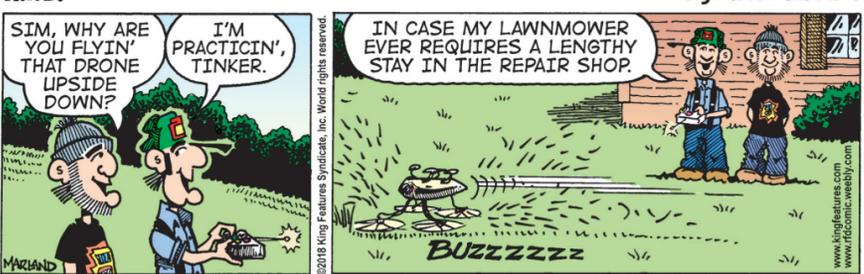
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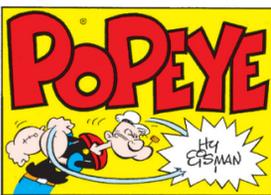
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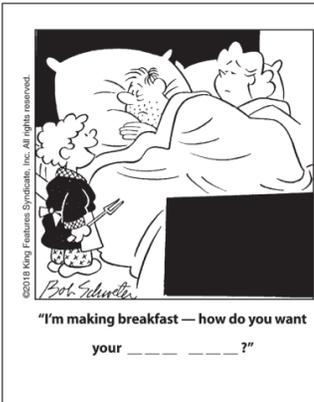


### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



### LAFF-A-DAY



### SCRAMBLERS

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

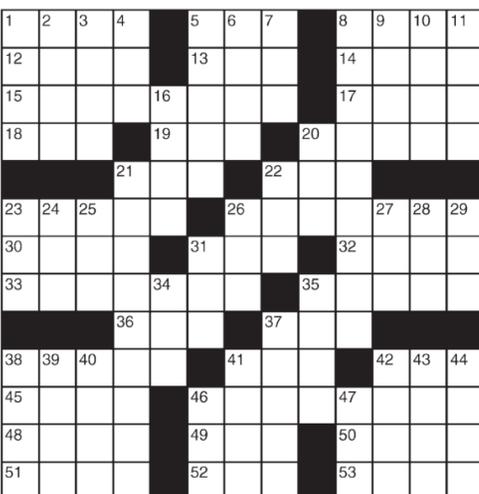
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- Drawing: TROTYLE
- Crazy: AGENDER

TODAY'S WORD

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- Piquant taste
- Winter ailment
- Painter
- Chagall
- Thought
- Arctic bird
- Met melody
- Slaughter
- Vend
- Type squares
- Doctor's due
- Any of 150 in the Bible
- Doorstep item
- Lemon meringue, e.g.
- Sacrifice site
- Spa fixture
- The Red and the Black
- Formal wear
- Start a garden
- Popular place to socialize
- Heredity factors
- Pick a target
- Existed
- Animal
- Purse
- Mauna —
- Not pizzicato
- "Manon" composer
- Opposed
- Pismire
- Unaccompanied

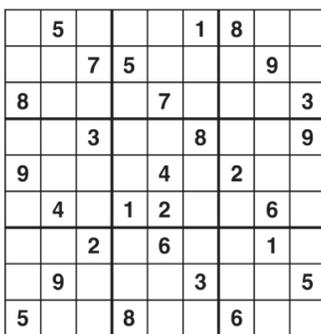


- For fear that
- Fourth letter
- Recipe meas.
- Fourth dimension
- Leading man?
- Untouchable
- Eliot
- Petrol
- Aspect
- Entice
- Guitar's cousin
- Some physiotherapists
- Vicinity
- Small stream
- At peace
- Somewhere out there
- Snap shot
- Chief who befriended the Pilgrims
- Latin for "peace"
- Fire residue
- Zodiac cat
- Tit for —
- Stick out
- Buddhist sect
- Wye follower
- Egos' counterparts
- Male turkey
- Fruit stone
- Jokes
- Squander
- False god
- Sea eagle
- Performances
- Poison
- Door opener
- Morays, e.g.
- On
- Crazy
- Superlative suffix

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Trivia test

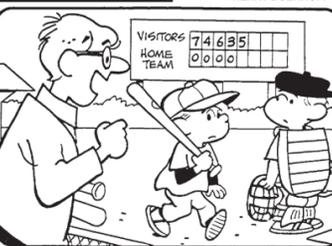
by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: Who was Jesse James' brother and partner in crime?
- ANATOMY: Where in the human body would you find the tympanic membrane?
- MUSIC: Which artist recorded the album titled "Blood on the Tracks"?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Swiss Family Robinson"?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element magnesium?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Portugal?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of Robert Blake's cockatoo in the TV series "Barretta"?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "ornitho" refer to?
- MATH: What does the symbol "π" stand for in classic geometry?
- ADVERTISEMENTS: What product's slogan is "When it rains, it pours."

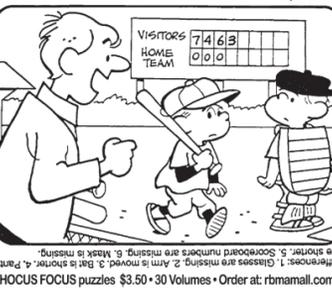
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



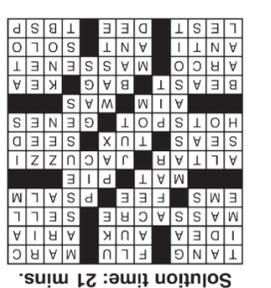
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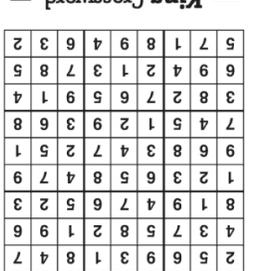
1. Frank James
2. Between the outer and middle ear (ear drum)
3. Bob Dylan
4. Johann Wyss
5. Mg
6. Lisbon
7. Fred
8. Bird
9. Radius
10. Morton Salt

Trivia Test Answers



Solution time: 21 mins.

### King Crossword



Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU



Since the fire-breathing beast is totally deficient in proper sleep, at day the dragon is drag!

## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: V equals D

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 QS MFCMRF BORRM, NOO VNH  
 YWR VFNP0S QB VFNP0S'

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### HOT DOG

Today's Word

- 3. Letter; 4. Denange
- 1. Homily; 2. Target;

SCRAMBLERS

## SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Before you adventurous Arians charge right into those new projects, take a little time to learn where you'll be going so you can avoid getting lost before you get there.  
**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your time is devoted to career demands through much of the week. But Venus, who rules your sign, might be planning how (and with whom) you'll spend your weekend.  
**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Don't be put off

by the surprising turn in the way your project is developing. You've invested enough time in it to know how to make all the necessary adjustments.  
**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** The work week goes smoothly for the most part. But a weekend visit to a place in your past could hold surprises for your future, especially where romance is involved.  
**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A sudden attack of shyness for the usually

loquacious Lion could be a sign that deep down you're not sure enough about what (or whom) you had planned to talk up in public.  
**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Deal with that job-related problem on-site -- that is, at the workplace. Avoid taking it home, where it can spoil those important personal plans you've made.  
**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** It's a good time to let those favorable comments about your

business dealings be known to those in a position to be helpful. Don't hide your light; let it shine.  
**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Avoid added pressure to finish a project on deadline by steering clear of distractions. To put it somewhat poetically: Time for fun -- when your tasks are done.  
**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You might be uneasy about an offer from a long-time colleague. But before

you reject it, study it. You might be surprised at what it actually contains.  
**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Deal firmly with a difficult family matter. It's your strength they need right now. You can show your emotions when the situation begins to ease up.  
**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A recent dispute with some co-workers might not have been completely resolved. But other colleagues will be only too happy to offer

support of your actions.  
**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Let go of that Piscean pride long enough to allow someone to help you with a surprising development. That could make it easier for you to adjust to the change.  
**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your willingness to open up to possibilities is why people like you are often among our most popular political leaders.  
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# Big Bend Hospice partners to keep pets, families together

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Big Bend Hospice now has a program aimed at helping hospice patients care for their pets. Pet Peace of Mind, which recognizes and actively supports the unique bond between hospice patients and their pets, launched this month and aligns with Big Bend Hospice's mission to inspire hope by positively impacting

the way our community experiences serious illness or grief — one family at a time.

Pet Peace of Mind allows patients to complete their end-of-life journey without worrying about their pet's current or future needs. The initiative provides volunteer pet care services for patients who are unable to care for their pets while on hospice. Services include assistance with long-range planning for

their pet, resources and referrals for daily assistance, volunteer support and financial assistance.

Pet Peace of Mind, a national nonprofit headquartered in Salem, Ore., offers the national program to nonprofit hospices throughout the country.

"Having seen firsthand the devastating affects a terminal illness can have on a family, the question of what

will become of the beloved family pet is almost always front-and-center," says Bill Wertman, Big Bend Hospice COO. "Partnering with Pet Peace of Mind will help families deal with just this issue. I am proud of the work we do each and every day at BBH Inc. to help patients and families plan for transition, and this program is one more service that we are pleased to offer."

"Many hospices want to start a pet care program, but are unsure about how to get one started. Pet Peace of Mind offers them the tools and training to help care for their patients' four-legged family members," said Dianne McGill, president of Pet Peace of Mind.

You can help support this effort by volunteering or by donating to BBH Pet Peace of Mind program.

## PASSES

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EGHS dropped to a "D" in 2012, then took back-to-back F's in 2013 and 2014, before earning three "D's" in a row.

That disappointing performance had the Gadsden County School Board prepared to comply with state mandate and allow a consulting organization brought on to help improve scores to take over operation of the high school if this year's performance had not improved.

Steve Scott, school board chairman, credited that organization, the school's principal, Juliette Fisher-Jackson and school district strategy led by Schools Superintendent Roger Milton for helping the high-school improve upon its predecessor's score.

Some other local schools also showed improvement.

George W. Munroe Elementary School soared from an F to an A. It is worth noting that some students who used to attend St. Johns Elementary and Gretna Elementary attended GWM for the 2017-18 school year after both of those schools were closed after the 2016-17 school year. Additionally, that school now serves students from kindergarten through third grade instead of through fifth grade as it did in the past.

Greensboro Elementary School jumped from a C to an A, Chatahoochee Elementary School moved from a B to a C, as did Stewart Street Elementary School.

Crossroad Academy Charter School improved from a B to an A school.

The only school in the district that went down was Havana Magnet School, which went from an A to a B.

West Gadsden Middle School, which was a high school last year, received its first grade since it has been reconfigured, and it received a D.

Shanks Middle School and Gadsden Elementary School grades were unchanged from the prior school year, with a D and an A, respectively.

According to a press release, Florida Department of Education calculates school grades annually based on a number of components, including student achievement and learning gains on statewide, standardized assessments and high school graduation rate.

While school grades are intended to measure school performance and provide a snapshot of how well a school is doing, when comparing historical data on school grades, it must be noted that over time the testing standards and other factors pertaining to grades have changed, in many instances becoming more rigorous.

With the June 27 release of the 2017-18 school grades, high schools had the largest increase in the percentage of schools improving their grade, with 26 percent (115 schools) moving up at least one letter grade. Additionally, the percentage of schools statewide earning an "A" or "B" increased to 58 percent compared to 56 percent last year.

And this year, no districts in Florida received a "D" or "F" grade. The Gadsden County School District earned its third straight "C."

## ROADS

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over the years, and one in particular many of you will remember — Dr. Wilhoit.

"The Curious Life of Marci Bell," is a work of fiction, and although it parallels the story I was told all those years ago, it embellishes much of what happened with new characters and a lot of imagination on my part.

You see, Marci Bell is that lady who sits on the second row of your

church and is there every Sunday. She is a person you would never expect to have lived such a life by the way she acts today.

Because today she seems like a simple lady who loves the Lord and is a pillar of your church.

Although her life had many curious turns and twist she lived it to the best of her ability under the unusual circumstances in which she found herself — and that is the story of Marci Bell.

Email Byron Spires at [byronspires51@gmail.com](mailto:byronspires51@gmail.com).

## Programs heating up at local libraries



"Elsa" from Disney's "Frozen" smiles for a photo. She made a recent appearance at a library event.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Summer has come early for the Gadsden County Public Library System, so come and join in the programs.

For our youngest members, we offer a variety of preschool programs designed to help them read, play and be creative. Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., we offer preschool story time, hosted by Children's Librarian Kris Odahowski. This program utilizes a classic approach to early childhood literacy and through a fun and interactive learning environment helps to foster a lasting love of reading.

For patrons who have older children, the libraries offer a myriad of programs throughout the summer to encourage creativity and

encourage lasting learning. One of the most popular summer programs is the Summer Reading Program, which officially started May 21.

This provides our local youth with the opportunity to flex their mental muscles and keep their minds active — and win some great prizes in the process. We also have great things happening through our literacy department.

Literacy Director Mari VanLandingham created the "Pie and Prose" series that is free and open to the public. This program has many benefits to latent readers by modeling good interpretive reading skills. It also helps to develop important critical listening skills. It also provides library patrons with

the ability to interact with local writers, build new vocabulary and learn about local subjects — all the while enjoying good company and delicious pie.

If you are interested in this, or the many other programs we provide, feel free to contact your local branch: William McGill Library, 850-627-7106; Havana Public Library, 850-539-2844; or the Cowen Public library at 850-663-2707.

## ART

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is to read about how art has impacted the lives of these children and how it has become an integral part of their lives.

Visiting the two studios, it is clear that art has become an important outlet for these children. In the basement studio, the 6- and 7-year old students colored canvas bags with markers and were encouraged to draw about the things they enjoy — like their favorite pastimes and hobbies. Some of the young students talked about their love for music and decided to draw instruments on paper with crayons, while other students mentioned their love of video games and found inspiration there.

In the upstairs studio, the students between the ages of 8 and 12 experimented with different materials to create texture within their projects, using media like dried pasta, packing peanuts, beans, beads, and other fun materials. They were encouraged to fill up as much space as they wanted to in their projects.

Using the things that they had learned in their lesson about texture at the beginning for the week, these students were allowed to get as creative as they wanted to.

At the end of the six weeks, there will be an art camp exhibition and reception on Friday, July 27 where the students' work will be displayed for their families to see all of their hard work and creativity. Registration for the camp can be found online at [www.gadsdenarts.org/education/](http://www.gadsdenarts.org/education/).

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Case No.: 18000409DRA Division:

ANA M. MENJIVAR,  
Petitioner,  
and  
JOSE E. QUIJADA,  
Respondent.

#### NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: JOSE E. QUIJADA  
(Last Known Address): UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANA M. MENJIVAR, whose address is 473 Ashton Ct., Quincy, FL 32351, on or before July 14, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 10 East Jefferson St., Quincy, FL 32351 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must file the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may keep Notice of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

\*\* WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: May 29, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
(COURT SEAL)

By: Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

Published June 14, 21, 28, and July 5, 2018.

**Tax Deed Notices**

**4142-0726 GCT** (Cert# 256)  
**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: 256 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2016**  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 255 P 556 LOTS 57, BLK "C" HAMPTON HTS.**  
**PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-26-3N-2W-0210-0000C-0570**  
**Name in which assessed: Heirs of Carrie Mae Copeland C/O Michael Oliver**  
 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 5th Day of September, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Dated this 11th DAY OF June, 2018.  
 NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida  
 By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk  
 Published July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2018.

**Tax Deed Notices**

**4143-0726 GCT** (Cert# 1229)  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Sam Jones Jr, 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: 1229 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2016**  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 47, P. 501, OR 1, P. 242, DB 104, P. 80: BEGIN AT SWC OF LOT 176 ORIGINAL QUINCY RUN S. 150 FT., E. 125 FT., N. 150 FT., W. 125 FT. TO P.O.B. IN SECTION 7-2N-3W.**  
**PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-07-2N-3W-0000-00312-0400**  
**Name in which assessed: Heirs of Ed Baker**  
 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 5th Day of September, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Dated this 11th DAY OF June, 2018.  
 NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida  
 By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk  
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**Tax Deed Notices**

**4144-0726 GCT** (Cert# 1564)  
**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: 1564 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2015**  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 767 P 812 OR 581 P 349; OR 582 P 474 OR 581 P 347; OR 581 P 512 OR 576 P 1783; OR 581 P 351 OR 576 P 1784; OR 582 P 474 OR 581 P 512; OR 581 P 349 OR 581 P 351; OR 581 P 347 OR 576 P 1783; OR 581 P 342 OR 581 P 345; OR 592 P 1318 OR 519 P 946; OR 256 P 703 OR 530 P 1742; OR 529 P 11 OR 576 P 1784 OR 563 P 1330 COMM. AT SEC. OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 27-2-3 AND RUN N00°28'58" W 1343.78 FT. S89°48'28" W 1321.31 FT TO BEGIN; S00°05' 28" W 237.03 FT; N89°34'44" W 765.50 FT; S00°28'22" E 668.94 FT; N89°16'44" E 883.83 FT; N00°05'28" E 889.62 FT; S89°48' 28" W 124.84 FT TO POB LESS PARTS PER: OR 602 P 2000; OR 602 P 2004; OR 602 P 2005; OR 602 P 2006**  
**PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-27-2n-3w-0000-00243-0200**  
**Name in which assessed: National Asset Service LLC**  
 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 5th Day of September, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Dated this 11th DAY OF June, 2018.  
 NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida  
 By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk  
 Published July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2018.

**Tax Deed Notices**

**4145-0726 GCT** (Cert# 2019)  
**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: 2019 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2013**  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: DB 106, P 389; BEGIN AT N.E.C. OF SW1/4, RUN S. 1010 FT., RUN W. 365 FT. TO RD., N/E ALONG RD. 1058 FT., E. 53 FT. TO POB. LESS PART TO DOT PER OR 144 P 364 AND OR 180 P 565 IN SECTION 18-2N-4W.**  
**PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-18-2N-4W-0000-00314-0100**  
**Name in which assessed: Edna White**  
 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 5th Day of September, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Dated this 11th DAY OF June, 2018.  
 NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida  
 By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk  
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**Tax Deed Notices**

**4146-0726 GCT** (Cert# 2255)  
**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: 2255 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2016**  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 380 P 1528-BEGIN AT A PT 2466.65 FT S & 2049.36 FT W OF NEC OF FRAC TECT 25-1-4. RUN N S DEG 25 MIN E 396 FT., S 84 DEG 35 MIN E 110 FT., S 5 DEG 25 MIN W 396 FT., N 8 S DEG 35 MIN W 110 FT TO POB. OR 345 P 25 IN SECT. 25-1N-4W.**  
**PARCEL ID NUMBER: 4-25-1N-4W-0000-00244-0200**  
**Name in which assessed: Cassie Mae Alford**  
 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 5th Day of September, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Dated this 11th DAY OF June, 2018.  
 NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida  
 By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk  
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**Tax Deed Notices**

**4147-0726 GCT** (Cert# 2325)  
**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: 2325 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2016**  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 73, P. 180-COMM. AT NWC OF LOT 76, LRS RUN S. ALONG LOT LINE 1258.5 FT., S. 29 DEG 54 MIN E. 2095 FT. TO BEGIN, S. 29 DEG 54 MIN E. ALONG STATE RD. #65-C 120 FT., N. 69 DEG 16 MIN E. 363 FT., N. 29 DEG 54 MIN E. 120 FT. TO FENCE, S. 69 DEG 16 MIN W. ALONG FENCE 363 FT. TO P.O.B.**  
**PARCEL ID NUMBER: 5-0L-OR-0S-0000-76300-0200**  
**Name in which assessed: Heirs of Wilma Anderson**  
 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 5th Day of September, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Dated this 11th DAY OF June, 2018.  
 NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida  
 By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk  
 Published July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2018.

**Tax Deed Notices**

**4148-0726 GCT** (Cert# 2367)  
**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: 2367 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2016**  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: (LYING IN LOT 61 L-R-S) OR 484 P 59; OR 437 P 1074 OR 437 P 631; OR 488 P 580 LOT 4 "A"; CRACKER BARRELL; COMM AT NEC OF LOT 61, LRS, & RUN N 87 DEG 40 MIN 49 SEC W 2307.17 FT, S 02 DEG 36 MIN 27 SEC W 1912.33 FT TO BEGIN AND RUN S 86 DEG 37 MIN 39 SEC E 1152.47 FT, S 03 DEG 22 MIN 21 SEC W 379.18 FT, N 86 DEG 37 MIN 39 SEC W 1147.41 FT, N 02 DEG 36 MIN 27 SEC E 379.21 FT TO THE POB.**  
**PARCEL ID NUMBER: 5-0L-OR-0S-1285-0000A-0040**  
**Name in which assessed: Martha Gail Smith**  
 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 5th Day of September, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Dated this 11th DAY OF June, 2018.  
 NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida  
 By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk  
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**Notices to Creditors/Administration**

**4159-0705 GCT**  
 Thiel, John Edward 2018-07-05 Notice to Creditors  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 FILE NO. 2018 CP 248 Division Probate

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of John Edward Thiel, deceased, whose date of death was December 30, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gadsden County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AF-

**Notices to Creditors/Administration**

TER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
 The date of first publication of this notice is June 28, 2018.

Personal Representative:  
 Thiel, John Edward  
 1891 Denver West Court Apt 1424 Lakewood, CO 80401  
 Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 Lauchlin Tench Waldoch Florida Bar No. 0262749  
 E-Mail Addresses: lauchlin@mclawgroup.com also@mclawgroup.com  
 Waldoch & McConaughay, P.A. 1632 Metropolitan Circle Tallahassee, FL 32308 Telephone: (850)385-1246

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**4162-0712 GCT**  
 Tipper, Dott Kennington 18000266-CPA Notice to Creditors  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
 IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 FILE NO.: 18000266-CPA

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DOTT KENNINGTON TIPPER, Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of DOTT KENNINGTON TIPPER, deceased, whose date of death was February 28, 2018, File Number: 18000266-CPA is pending in the Circuit Court for Gadsden County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1649, Quincy, Florida 32353-1649. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
 All creditors of the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
 The date of the first publication of this notice is July 5, 2018.

Personal Representative:  
 MARY TIPPER BARFIELD  
 165 Tipper Lane Quincy, FL 32352  
 Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 JACK A. HARNETT, Attorney at Law, Fla. Bar No.: 0033786  
 16 E. Washington Street, Quincy, Florida 32353  
 Cell No.: (850) 728-6266  
 E-Mail Address: jharnett@outlook.com

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**Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices**

**4140-0705 GCT**  
 Torres, Jose Venancio 18-428-CA Notice of Action  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Case No. 18-428-CA

Anita Perez a/k/a Anita Perez-DelaCruz and Jose Juan Torres,  
 Plaintiff,  
 v.  
 Any Unknown Heirs of Jose Venancio Torres a/k/a Jose Venancio Torres, deceased et al.,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

**TO: Any Unknown Heirs of Jose Venancio Torres a/k/a Jose Venancio Torres, deceased.**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for declaratory judgment on the following property located in Gadsden County, Florida:

**A parcel of land lying in the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Gadsden County, Florida, as recorded in Official Record Book 402, page 775 of the Public Records of Gadsden County, being more particularly described as follows:**

Commence at a point on a fence line 2055 feet North of the S/W corner of the S/E 1/4 of the S/W 1/4 of Section 31, Twp. 2 North, Range 5 West and run East 673 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 64 degrees and 00 minutes East 58.0 feet to the Point of beginning. From thence run East 78.7 feet to a concrete monument on the West side of a proposed road, continue East 30 feet to middle of said road, thence South 02 degrees and 35 minutes West 168 feet, thence South 29.00 degrees West and 00 minutes West 69 feet to a fence, thence run Northwesterly along said fence 138 feet, thence run North 29 degrees and 00 minutes East 156 feet more or less to P.O.B. Subject to a 30 foot easement for egress and ingress on the North and South side of above description. Being more particularly described by recent survey as follows:

Commence at a point on a fence line 2055 feet North of the S/W corner of the S/E 1/4 of the S/W 1/4 of Section 31, Twp. 2 North, Range 5 West and run East 673 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 64 degrees and 00 minutes East 58.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.  
 From said Point of Beginning continue thence South 64 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 78.65 feet to a concrete monument, thence continue South 64 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 30.00 feet to a 5/8 inch iron bar and cap #6297, set, in the middle of Perez Lane, a county maintained right of way; Thence run South 01 degrees 33 minutes 29 seconds West 141.16 feet to a 5/8 inch iron bar and cap #6297, set; Thence run South 62 degrees 00 minutes 24 seconds West 30.00 feet to a 5/8 inch iron bar and cap #6297, set, at a fence corner and the apparent right of way line of said Perez Lane; Thence run South 62 degrees 00 minutes 34 seconds West 39.78 feet to a 5/8 inch iron bar and cap #6297, set, at a fence corner; Thence run Northwesterly along said fence North 52 degrees 21 minutes 37 seconds West 136.38 feet to a 5/8 inch iron bar and cap #6297, set; Thence run North 28 degrees 44 minutes 44 seconds East 157.63 feet to said Point of Beginning. The Easterly 30 feet being subject to a 60 feet roadway known as Perez Lane.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Michael Rayboun, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 105 West Fifth Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32303 on or before July 14, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact 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.

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 DATED: June 6, 2018.  
 Nicholas Thomas As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 (COURT SEAL)  
 By: Pam K. Carter, As Deputy Clerk  
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**4160-0705 GCT**  
 Evans, Michael 20-2017-CA-000259 Notice of Foreclosure Sale  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY  
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
 CASE NO. 20-2017-CA-000259

CIS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 MICHAEL EVANS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL EVANS,  
 Defendants

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed May 1, 2018 entered in Civil Case No. 20-2017-CA-000259 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Gadsden County, Quincy, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 26 day of July, 2018 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth to said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

**COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST; THENCE RUN WEST 795 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN WEST 346.37 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 503.15 FEET TO THE CENTER OF GRADED ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 48 DEGREES 1' EAST ALONG SAID ROAD 464.3 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 192.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**SUBJECT TO 30 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT LYING SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE CENTER LINE OF THE GRADED ROAD AS SET FORTH ABOVE, SAID EASEMENT BEING SET FORTH IN DEED DATED JULY 29, 1978 FROM ALLIE MAE ARMSTEAD AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 248, PAGE 513, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**TOGETHER WITH A 2013 DESTINY 32X60 DISH05331GA A&B LOCATED ON SAID PREMISES.**

**AKA 328 ARMSTEAD ROAD, QUINCY, FL 32352.**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 Dated this 1 day of May, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)  
 By: Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC  
 110 SE 6TH STREET, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301, (407) 674-1850

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administration at (850) 577-4401, or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. The ADA Coordinator for the courts in Leon County is Doug Smith. He may be reached at (850) 577-4444 or through the Florida Relay Service, TDD at 1-800-955-8771. The address for the Office of Court Administration is: Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301. In all other counties in the circuit please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office and ask for the ADA Coordinator. The Clerk's number is included on each county page.  
 Published June 28 & July 5, 2018. 17-00141-2

**4163-0712 GCT**  
 Grimes, William Walter 18000098CAA Notice of Sale  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
 IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO. 18000098CAA

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 WILLIAM WALTER GRIMES et al  
 Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June

**Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices**

12, 2018, and entered in Case No. 18000098CAA of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for GADSDEN COUNTY, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is Plaintiff, and WILLIAM WALTER GRIMES, et al are Defendants, the clerk, Nicholas Thomas, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at South Door, 10 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 26 day of July, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 5, BLOCK "K", OF LAKE TALQUIN CAMP, UNIT NO. 2, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, AT PAGE 112 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A STRIP OF LAND BEING A PART OF LOT 4, BLOCK "K" OF LAKE TALQUIN CAMP, UNIT NO.2, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, AT PAGE 112 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT A TERRA-COTTA MONUMENT (FOUND) MARKING: THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4, ALSO SAID POINT LYING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF LOOP DRIVE; THENCE SOUTH 74 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 4 A DISTANCE OF 238.27 FEET TO A TERRA-COTTA MONUMENT (FOUND) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTH 77 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST 135.10 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (SET); THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST; PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTHERN BOUNDARY, A DISTANCE OF 101.71 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (SET) ON SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 7.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

Property Address: 152 Loop Dr., Quincy, FL 32351-8974

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

Dated at Quincy, GADSDEN COUNTY, Florida, this 12 day of June, 2018.  
 Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of said Circuit Court  
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)  
 By: Pam K. Carter, As Deputy Clerk

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
 c/o Phelan Holliman Diamond & Jones, PLLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-462-7000

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Danny Davis, Office of Court Administration 301 South Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32303, 850-577-4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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**4164-0712 GCT**  
 Porter Donald W. 17000541CAA Notice of Sale  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
 CASE NO. 17000541CAA

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, BENEFICIARIES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DONALD W. PORTER, DECEASED; DONNA JANE GREEN; DORA LYNN SELZER; LILLIAN BEACH; ANDREW BYRD; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June 19, 2018, and entered in Case No. 17000541CAA of the Circuit Court in and for Gadsden County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, BENEFICIARIES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DONALD W. PORTER, DECEASED; DONNA JANE GREEN; DORA LYNN SELZER; LILLIAN BEACH; ANDREW BYRD; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Front Door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, 11:00 a.m., on August 2, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

**COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NUMBERED ONE (1), OF BLOCK D OF BURMAH HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF QUINCY, FLORIDA, A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID BURMAH HEIGHTS ADDITION BEING ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN NORTH 59 DEGREES 39 MINUTES WEST ONE HUNDRED TWO (102) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY COMPANY OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS "QUINCY SPUR" LEADING FROM QUINCY FLORIDA DEPOT TO THE QUINCY LIGHT PLANT AND FULLERS EARTH PLANT, THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY, TWO HUNDRED (200) FEET TO A POINT EXACTLY NORTH 59 DEGREES 39 MINUTES WEST OF NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT ONE, BLOCK D OF BURMAH HEIGHTS, THENCE**

## WINDING ROADS

## Granny's reunion

A couple of weeks ago I attended the Sawyer cousins' reunion. This reunion stems from what we used to call Granny's Reunion, where my Grandmother Mada Sawyer's four children would gather with their families in the late summer.

Originally there were eight of us first cousins, and over the years Granny's Reunion grew as our families grew.

We continued to get together even after Granny passed away. Eventually so did her four children: my Aunt Mae, Aunt Bonnie, Uncle Herman and my mother.

There are only six of us now, having lost two over the past 10 or so years.

We still try to get together twice a year in the fall and spring.

This year our spring reunion hit a snag when Cousin Don Hampton ended up in the hospital.

So we postponed it and were able to get together in June instead.

It is always fun to sit and reminisce about the family and those days when Granny and our parents were still with us.

It is hard to believe so much time has gone by, and we have all grown older and are now at the age our parents were in the heyday of this reunion.

My Cousin Buddy remarked while we were sitting after lunch that we were lucky to have grown up in such a family.

They believed in being a family, and that is why we were together so much in those years.

There were few week-

ends during those days that somebody wasn't visiting with someone else in the family.

We saw each other a lot in those days, and I think that is why it is so important to us today to try and get together at least twice a year.

It is a simple reunion, by the way.

Steinhatchee is about halfway for the ones who can come from West Florida and Central Florida, so that is the place we chose to meet.

We meet at the Fiddle Restaurant and eat lunch then go to Don's cabin on Rocky Creek to sit and talk.

This time my brother, Eddie, was there and a second cousin Deanna. My Cousin Buddy White and his wife, Skipper, Cousin Don Hampton and his wife, Shirley, and Cousin Sam Sawyer and his wife, Julia, bringing the total to 10 folks.

Not many when you think about past reunions when Granny was alive and we would meet in Fanning Springs. Sometimes with the expanded families there would be 30 to 40 of us.

The younger generations of our families are now spread far and wide, and that is the sad part about this particular reunion, because as time goes on it will probably end.

But for now we will try and gather as often as we can and enjoy each other as long as we can.

That is what we learned all those years ago at Granny's Reunion — the importance of family.

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## Tallahassee native serving in Navy



Photo special to the Gadsden County Times  
Airman Nicholas Douso, a Tallahassee native, serves aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, which recently returned from a seven-month deployment.

## SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — A Tallahassee native and 2006 Lawton Chiles High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, which recently returned from a seven-month deployment.

Airman Nicholas Douso is an aviation boatswain's mate (handling) aboard the carrier operating out of San Diego. A Navy aviation boatswain's mate (handling) is responsible for the movement, spotting and securing of aircraft and equipment.

Douso credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in Tallahassee.

"I learned to not become complacent,"

Douso. "If you never challenge yourself and step outside your comfort zone, you won't grow."

The crew spent the deployment supporting Operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel, as well as maritime security cooperation efforts in the Arabian Gulf and Pacific Ocean.

The ship transited more than 56,000 miles, and made five port calls in four different countries, to include the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Republic of Singapore, and the Republic of the Philippines, as well as port calls in Hawaii and Guam.

"This deployment gave me the chance to meet and work with new people," said Douso.

## RANGE

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"Would you like to try a holster?" asked Joe. "I've got a couple that might work for your gun."

"OK." I was ready for something new. He gave me a holster.

"This thing has to hook onto a belt," I said. "These pants don't have a belt. Most of my pants don't have belt loops."

"So put on a pair that do," he suggested.

Well, duh.

I put on the belt. "Let's put it on your right side towards the front," suggested Joe. "You shoot better with your left hand, but you're so right-handed, I think you'll need to access your gun with your right."

That made sense. We placed the holster above my right pocket. I reached for the gun.

"That shoulder doesn't go up. I think cross-drawing might work better."

"Cross-drawing is more dangerous," he cautioned.

"Well, it's the way that will work for me."

So we moved the holster above the left pocket. I drew the gun. Perfect.

"Now you have to put your shirt over your gun so it doesn't show," Joe instructed.

I pulled my shirt over and down. There was a lump at my waistline. I didn't want any more lumps at my waist.

"Joe, this isn't going to work. It makes me look fat. What about that ankle holster you found?"

We strapped on the ankle holster.

Whoops. Not a good look with shorts. I found a pair of jeans with wide-ish legs and

tried walking around. It's not comfortable at all.

"This thing hurts!" I complained.

"Do you want to try one of those bra holsters?" Joe asked. He was half grinning. He was having fun at my expense.

Anyway, a few days later, he came in with a box. Inside is a fabric bag. Within the bag is a buttery-soft leather purse in a lovely shade of fawn brown.

"Very nice!" I exclaimed. We fitted the Springfield into the special compartment that has a Velcroed holster. I practiced whipping it in and out. Perfect.

Several weeks later, Joe asked: "Why aren't you using your new carry purse?"

"Well, I'm going to the range."

"Your point?" "It'll get dirty at the range. That's why I'm using this old ratty purse."

"Use the carry purse I got you." He sounded a tiny bit impatient.

So I found this hooky-do thing that holds your purse off the ground when you are sitting at a table having lunch with your friends. And the purse gets laid on the seat of the car, instead of on the floor where I would usually put it. No spots so far.

"I'm glad to see you are using your purse," Joe said when I return home from an outing.

"Let me see you pull out your gun," he continued. "Is it fully loaded?"

"Ummm," I began.

"Well, let's see it!" he persisted.

I opened the gun compartment.

"No, it's not loaded," I replied.

My glasses are fitting very nicely into the holster.

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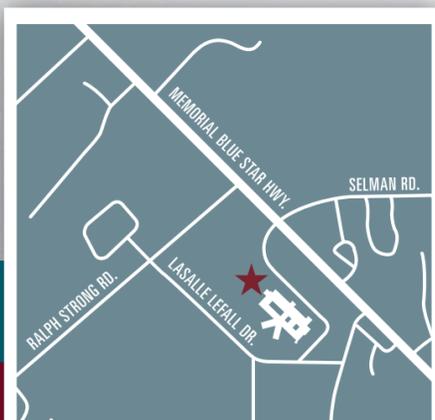


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This underground wonder is a haven for cave-diving enthusiasts

# Devil's Den

*Editor's note: This is the first in a series on outdoor water activities available in northwest Florida.*

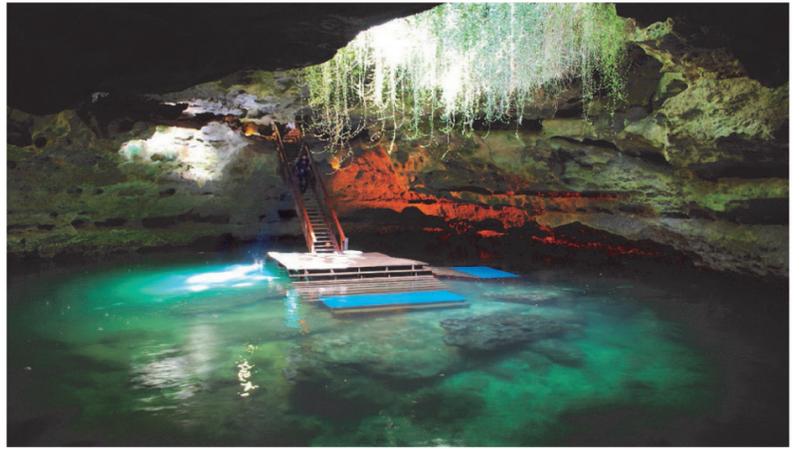
Devil's Den, located just a few miles northwest of Williston, has become a cave diving destination for enthusiasts who want to explore nature in one of its most primitive settings.

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that has collapsed over the river, which is 50 feet deep and a constant 72 degrees year round.

In winter, when the outside temperature is cooler, gentle mists of vapor rise through the earthen window giving an appearance of the biblical fire and brimstone hell wafting through a chimney.

Today, divers, snorkelers and swimmers have easy access to the water, which rises and falls with the water table.



IF YOU GO

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**Costs:** Diving – \$38/diver and \$40/person for full equipment rental; Snorkeling \$15/person and \$10/person for mask, snorkel and fins. Anyone under 18 years old must have a parent on-site; children 6 and under do not have Den access.

**Location:** Devil's Den is located two miles north of US 27-A outside Williston. From I-75, take Gainesville Exit 382 onto SR 121 or Ocala Exit 354 onto US 27. From Crystal River, take US 19 to SR 121N.

- 5390 NE 180th Ave., Williston
- (352) 528-3344
- Diveshop@devilsden.com

Pets are not allowed and the Den retains the right to refuse admittance to emotional support animals due its own pets that roam the property.

# Exploring the world of music

A lot of children have a lot of free time over the summer, which can often lead to "I'm bored." It can also lead to a lot of electronic face time to relieve the boredom – sometimes an unhealthy amount of electronic face time. I suggest that children be encouraged to go exploring — in this case, exploring the world of music. Everybody loves listening to some kind of music — it is ingrained into the human brain and spirit. It is part of what makes humans special and unites us as a species. You can go to any part of the world, and people will be making and enjoying music. The enjoying part is easy; it is the making

part that is special. Learning how to play a musical instrument — is good for children (and adults) on many different levels. One of the hidden values is the discovery of the mathematical underpinnings of most music. The structure of music is all math, with a large dose of fractions to boot. You have got eighth notes and quarter notes and half notes and whole notes, all of which add up to phrases. For children to understand how to replicate the music they enjoy hearing, they have to understand the mathematical structure on which it is based. Learning how to read music pulls the curtain back on



Bill Hoatson

## RETHINKING EDUCATION

the hidden world of creation and empowers children to not just play other's music, but to make their own. Learning how to read musical notation is relevant to all instruments and opens a lot of doors. Note to parents: I would not, however, in trying to get a child interested in playing an instrument, lead off with the glories of learning the math and music theory part. They will discover that later. Another benefit of learning how to play an instrument is the physicality of it — of manually trying to get this instrument to produce the sounds you want, which reside solely in your head. It is the perfect antidote

to children spending endless hours of their lives watching mindless or negative electronic images. Physically manipulating an instrument grounds a child into the real world and, with practice and patience, the child begins to control that world — the world of music. Not only is having control over a musical instrument thrilling, but empowering. That sense of empowerment and competence spills over into other areas in a child's life. This is especially good for children who are struggling in school. So is the ability to focus and have patience. Speaking of school: There are seven types of human intelligence, and

the academic school experience often rewards just two or three. If a child's brain is wired such that musical talent is their latent strength, teaching a child to play an instrument is like an oilman tapping into a hidden reserve — it can produce a gusher. A gusher that would have remained untapped, by the way. There is no telling how much talent remains untapped in schools where the curriculum focus is way too narrow. So, how to get a child interested in learning to play a musical instrument? Exposure and opportunity. Don't limit a child to just guitar or piano, for instance. You might be surprised if you broaden the experience. I, personally, could care less about the oboe or clarinet.

A couple of months ago I was at a square dance/ contra dance and a young lady played both, amidst the fiddles and guitars. Her virtuosity on these "boring" instruments was jaw-dropping, soaring and thrilling. I never knew in my wildest dreams that what I heard was possible. Which is the whole point. Schools, as part of their curriculum, should expose children to a large variety of instruments and give them a chance. Parents, the summer is a perfect time for you to do the same. Besides, one of the benefits is that children learn to entertain themselves and not be bored — a parent's dream. Contact Bill Hoatson at [billhoatson@yahoo.com](mailto:billhoatson@yahoo.com) or visit [www.childachievement.com](http://www.childachievement.com).



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