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Commission rejects changes

County officials sought to spur development

CHERI HARRIS
GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

Proposed changes to the county's Citizens Bill of Rights died for lack of a super-majority vote at a public hearing during the July 17 meeting of the Gadsden County Commission.

These proposed amend-

ments to the county's land development code ordinance included not requiring a supermajority vote from the county commission and allowing for a more streamlined process for developing property along the major transportation corridors in Gadsden County, such as U.S. 90, U.S. 27, and the Inter-

state 10 interchanges, in an effort to promote economic development.

One of the proposed amendment options came as a recommendation from the county's planning and zoning commission and another option, which included the relaxed development rules along major transportation

corridors, came out of a commission workshop on the issue.

Commissioners voted 3-2 in favor of adopting proposed changes but it required a supermajority vote for approval. Commissioners Gene Morgan and Sherrie Taylor cast the dissenting votes.

Commissioners voted 5-0 in a public hearing to approve changing the zoning of

a 145-acre parcel from Ag 3 to Conservation and Mining on the future land use map of the county's comprehensive plan to accommodate the request of C.W. Roberts, a road construction contractor with plans to have a sand mine on the site. Allara Gatcher, a planning consultant, told commissioners the planning commission had voted 6-1 to approve the

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Candidate forum slated Saturday

United Gadsden has announced candidate forums to give voters a chance to hear the views of local candidates seeking public office.

The forum for candidates in the race for School Board Seats 3 and 4 will start at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Chattahoochee Recreation Center.

Primary election day is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 28; voter registration deadline is July 30. Early primary voting is Aug. 13 to 25, weekdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., though dates and times are subject to change.

General Election Day is Nov. 6; polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more voter information, call the Gadsden Supervisor of Elections office at 850-627-9910, or visit www.gadsdensoe.com/.

Police arrests armed robbery suspect

On July 17, Quincy Police Department reported that they were investigating two armed robberies in Quincy at the Pizza Hut and Walmart. Quincy Police have secured an arrest warrant for Armed Robbery for a 15-year-old Quincy male for his alleged role in the Wal-Mart robbery. A second suspect has been identified but charges have not been made yet.

This 15-year-old arrestee is being held at the Leon County Juvenile Detention Center in Tallahassee, where he is also being charged with several armed robberies in Tallahassee where authorities say he had an accomplice.

Due to the age of the juvenile his name is being withheld at this time.



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FOR THE KIDS



FSU football players help aspiring football players with an agility exercise Saturday, July 21, during a football and cheer event hosted by De'Cody Fagg at Corry Field in Quincy.

5th annual De'Cody Fagg camp draws record crowd

VICKIE LILLO
FOR THE TIMES

Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger" fight song had just finished playing over the speaker system at Corry Field in Quincy.

De'Cody Fagg, a former Florida State University receiver under Coach Bobby Bowden, and NFL player for the Miami Dolphins and Buffalo Bills, picked up the mic to address the crowd.

"First, I want to thank all of the parents who brought their kids out here today," he said.

"I've been doing this camp now since 2014. That year, we only had 35 kids."

This year, attendance at the fifth annual De'Cody Fagg and Friends Football and Cheer Camp would wind up at 342, far exceeding last year's turnout of 250.

Interim City Manager Jack McLean had just

done the honors: "Let's give another round of applause to De'Cody. I'm announcing that he's officially the new Parks and Recreation Director, starting Monday."

Applause ensued — from spectators, the police and fire departments, sponsors, FSU football players and hundreds of children — all excited camp participants.

"This is the heart of Quincy, right here," he said. "We have the best rec dept in this region and in the state. Just remember kids: Your parents love you, your family loves you, your elders love you and the City of Quincy loves you. Be kind to one another, and when you get back to school, be respectful to your teachers... and your elders. Do that and you'll be successful. You'll make Quincy proud of you."

That's when Fagg, the

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De'Cody Fagg speaks to campers inside Quincy's recreation center.

WINDING ROADS

Marci Bell, part 2

Marci was brought into the hospital that evening and taken straight to a room in the west wing on the second floor.



Byron Spires

The orderly took her suitcase and laid it on one of the two beds in the room and walked out, leaving Marci alone.

She went to her assigned bed and sat down.

The room had only one small window, which was located between the two beds. There was a metal end table with a glass electric lamp sitting on top of it with a dull white lampshade.

The walls of the room were a pale yellow, and the room was no more than 10 feet wide and 12 feet long. The ceilings were high like the Dalton house, but Marci still felt cramped in such a small room.

As she sat on the side of the bed, she could hear people moving about in the hallway.

Those sounds continued while she sat in the room alone until they became so monotonous she no longer heard them.

With her feet still on the floor, Marci let herself fall backward across the bed.

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Mayor pushes to fire city manager

Chattahoochee city attorney resigned July 5

CORTNEY JONES
FOR THE TIMES

There was only standing room Monday, July 16, as the Chattahoochee City Council debated during a special workshop about whether they should keep Lee Garner as city manager. This issue arose after Mayor Christopher Moultry suggested the city needed a quick dismissal of

Garner without cause and to "move forward with change" for the city of Chattahoochee.

If the city council votes to dismiss Garner, he would receive one month's pay and severance pay for each year he has served the city — a total of 21 years.

Garner was supported by a number of city residents and some members of the city council. Councilman Ken

Kimrey is against the idea of firing Garner. He said, "We do not have any resolution to dismiss the city manager or any causes documented."

Chattahoochee's city charter requires a preliminary resolution that states the reasons for a city manager's removal, whether it is with or without cause — allowing the city manager opportunity to respond. The

process also includes workshops and a final resolution.

Moultry's recommendation is to make the current Assistant City Manager, T.J. Carlisle, interim city manager for a year on a trial basis. However, Carlisle was hesitant to accept the mayor's offer at the meeting. Carlisle recommended that the council suspend their decision until after the city's budget process was completed and all grant

applications are no longer outstanding.

When asked by city residents about why he wanted to dismiss Garner, Moultry told them he feels "it's simply time to move forward."

Chattahoochee also lost the city's attorney, J. David House, who resigned July 5. The city council was scheduled to reconvene at a special meeting on Monday, July 23 for further deliberation.

Art in Gadsden winners



Special to the Gadsden County Times

30th Art in Gadsden winners and supporters pose for a photo Friday, July 13, during the opening reception at the Arts Center & Museum in Quincy. Shown here, from left, are: Grace Robinson, Gadsden Arts Center & Museum; Cheri Harris, Gadsden County Times; Bill McKeown, First Place Award winner; Roger Raepple, Best of Show Award winner; Beth Appleton, Second Place Award winner and exhibition founder; Will Croley, Doug Croley Insurance Services; Mary Jane Lord, Third Place Award winner; Mary Alice Tiller, Capital City Bank; Lucy Harris, Damfino's Café and Market; Ron Green, The Greenery Tuxedo and Floral; Angie Barry, Gadsden Arts Center & Museum; and Alex Hinson, Lines, Hinson, and Lines.

Regional unemployment rate announced for June

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLAHASSEE — According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the regional unemployment rate for Gadsden, Leon, and Wakulla counties was 3.9 percent for June 2018.

The region's rate was 0.4 percent lower than the previous month and was equal to the states rate of 3.9 percent for June 2018. Gadsden County was at 4.9 percent, but significantly lower than it was during the throes of the recession in June 2011, when the county's unemployment rate was 11.9 percent.

Wakulla County's unemployment rate for June 2018 remained the lowest in

the Capital Region at 3.5 percent. Leon County followed at 3.8 percent. There were a total of 7,323 unemployed residents in the Capital Region.

The top five advertised occupations in the Capital Region in June 2018 were as follows:

- Registered Nurses.
- Computer Systems Analysts.
- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers.
- Management Analysts.
- Network and Computer Systems Administrators.

"We are excited to see growth in various industries," said Kara Palmer Smith, Senior Director at Career-Source Capital Region.

Utility truck overturns in I-10 crash

A 2016 International utility truck traveling eastbound at 11:18 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, on Interstate 10 in the outside eastbound lane crossed into the inside lane to avoid an unknown vehicle stopped in the outside eastbound lane.

According to a Florida

Highway Patrol crash report, the truck, driven by Ahmad Williams, 27, of Valdosta, Ga., ran off the roadway onto the northeast shoulder of the road.

As the truck continued to travel eastbound on the shoulder, Williams tried to correct the truck to the right.

The truck overturned right over left, one and a quarter times, finally coming to rest overturned on its left side. The unknown vehicle continued traveling eastbound, leaving the scene.

The driver suffered minor injuries. FHP was assisted by

Midway Police Department, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, Midway Fire Department, Wetumpka Volunteer Fire Department, Gadsden County EMS and the Florida Department of Transportation.

CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in a story on Page 1 of the July 18 edition of the Times. The Gadsden County Commission has offered roughly \$400,000 for Quincy's fire department budget. An incorrect amount appeared in the story. The Times regrets the error.

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Job Announcements

The Gadsden County Sheriff's Office is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions listed below. The deadline for applying is Friday, Aug. 3, 2018. For more information please contact Major Robert E. Barkley at 850-251-3623 or 850-875-8858.

Program Director - Full Time Position

40 Hours Per Week - \$24.48 Per Hour

Job Description

Oversee all aspects of the program, JJIS Data Entry, provide fiscal management, supervise staff, provide direction and guidance for staff and students, monitor ongoing evaluation of project, effectiveness, maintain records, provide applicable reports to the Department.

Minimum Qualifications

Shall have a minimum licensing standard with regard to professional qualifications, applicable licensing and/or certification requirements from his/her respective disciplines. Required to pass the Department's standards regarding background screening. Employment eligibility shall be verified through the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System.

Non-Clinical Counselor - Part-Time

(4 Positions Available)

15 Hours Per Week - \$20.00 Per Hour

Job Description

Assists Director with administration, facilitates connections and communication between school staff, family, and other resources. Coordinates placement and selection of children, mentors, and tutors.

Minimum Qualifications Shall have a minimum licensing standard with regard to professional qualifications, applicable licensing and/or certification requirements from his/her respective disciplines. Required to pass the Department's standards regarding background screening. Employment eligibility shall be verified through the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System.

Life Coaches - Part Time

(4 Positions Available)

15 Hours Per Week - \$20.00 Per Hour

Job Description

A connector between families and resources, encourages and listens to child and parent, facilitates monthly visitations with children and incarcerated parents, is present at support group meetings, spends three (3) hours each week with child and family, works with family to improve all aspects of life, and assist parent with career, health and educational resources to provide more stable income and home life.

Minimum Qualifications Shall have a minimum licensing standard with regard to professional qualifications, applicable licensing and/or certification requirements from his/her respective disciplines. Required to pass the Department's standards regarding background screening. Employment eligibility shall be verified through the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System.

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CareerSource Capital Region to host hiring fair

Event scheduled Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Armory

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CareerSource Capital Region, in partnership with the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Gadsden County Development Council, invites career seekers to a hiring fair in Quincy.

The event will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at the National Guard Armory, 2049

Pat Thomas Parkway, Quincy.

"Our hiring fair on August 1st will feature over 25 employers who are eager to fill open positions in the manufacturing, construction, transportation, logistics, health care, retail and other industries," said Kara Palmer Smith, senior director at CareerSource Capital Region. "The event will provide career seekers with an opportu-

nity to learn more about the companies and apply for jobs."

On the day of the hiring fair, Big Bend Transit will provide free transportation to the event from the Winn Dixie located at 1632 W. Jefferson St., Quincy, starting at 8:30 a.m. Shuttles will continue every 12 minutes. The last pickup will leave the National Guard Armory at 1:45 p.m.

Career seekers interested in attending the hiring fair are encouraged to visit their local CareerSource Capital Region career center prior to the event to update their resume and learn strategies for making great first impressions. The Gadsden career center will hold a "You're Hired: First Impressions, Interviewing & Follow-ups" workshop at noon Tuesday, July 31. This workshop is free for participants.

For information about the

hiring fair visit www.careersourcecapitalregion.com/job-seekers or call 850-922-0023. The list of participating businesses will be available to download prior to the event on the CareerSource Capital Region website.

The Gadsden County Hiring Fair is presented in partnership with Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners, the Gadsden County Development Council, Big Bend Transit, The Gadsden County Times and ABC 27 WTXL.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Alumni to host scholarship gala

A star-studded evening awaits the community, as Gadsden County welcomes the 12th president of Florida A&M University, Larry Robinson, Ph.D. The FAMU National Alumni Association's Gadsden County Chapter will host its annual scholarship gala Saturday, July 28, at the Gadsden County High School Gymnasium, 27001 Blue Star Memorial Parkway, Havana. Robinson will be the keynote speaker. Donations are \$55 for the gala, which starts at 7 p.m. Table sponsorships are available as well. Proceeds from the gala will help provide scholarships for deserving students who desire to pursue their academic dreams of attaining an education at FAMU. For details and sponsorship information, call Karla Brown, 850-688-3159.

Events for moms of infants planned

Gadsden County WIC, Woman to Woman and FSU Early Head Start will be at the following lo-

cations providing snacks, prizes and reloading WIC benefits in honor of World Breastfeeding Week 2018:

■ 10 a.m. to noon Monday, July 30, Neighborhood Medical Center, Havana 604 E 5th Ave., Havana.

■ 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 31, Greensboro City Hall, 150 E 11th St., Greensboro.

■ 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, Chattahoochee Public Library, 300 Maple St., Chattahoochee.

■ 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3, Gadsden County Department of Health, 278 LaSalle Lefall Drive, Quincy.

Monthly dog wash fundraisers

The Gadsden County Humane Society will have dog wash fundraisers from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month, 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. Proceeds benefit animals in Gadsden County.

For information, contact GCHS at 539-0505.

FHP breaks ground at new track site



Special to the Gadsden County Times

Florida Highway Patrol officially kicked off construction of a driving track with a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday, July 27, at the track site in Havana. Shown here with shovels, from left, are: Mark T. Oglesby, Director of Legislative Affairs, Florida Department of Military Affairs; Col. Robert J. Niesen, 202nd Red Horse Squadron, commander; Col. George V. Brown Jr., 83rd Troop Command, commander; Brigadier Gen. Paul B. Chauncey, Assistant Adjutant General Army Training Installations & Programs; Executive Director, Terry Rhodes, DHSMV; Col. Gene S. Spaulding, FHP, director; Lieut. Col. Troy Thompson, FHP, deputy director; Chief Mark Brown, FHP, Northern Region Commander; and Executive Director Amy Mercer, Florida Police Chiefs Association.

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Florida Highway Patrol broke ground on the state's Advanced Vehicle Operations and Training Complex at the Florida Public Safety Institute in Havana. The complex, which features a 1.4-mile driving track, will allow law enforcement officers to enhance their personal driving skills and experience emergency operations in a safe, controlled environment under the guidance of qualified instructors. The facility was funded through the support of the state Legislature, governor and cabinet.

"I am incredibly proud to break ground on the Advanced Vehicle Operations and Training Complex. The support for this new, innovative complex is a testament to the state's commitment to law enforcement and officer safety and the safety of

motorists on our roadways," said DHSMV Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes. "This new facility enhances training for law enforcement by providing real-world scenarios, best preparing our Troopers and officers to safely navigate the events they will undoubtedly experience as they work to protect us each day."

Driving continues to be one of the single-most important actions state troopers perform on a daily basis as they patrol nearly 32 million miles annually. Florida National Guard Brigadier Gen. Paul Chauncey joined Florida Highway Patrol Col. Gene Spaulding at the event to formalize their partnership to construct the complex.

"The complex will offer advanced training to include traffic incident management, high speed driving and comprehensive vehicle operations to im-

prove public safety," said Spaulding, director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "This project is possible due to the collaborative efforts of many different organizations including the Florida National Guard, which truly stepped up to make this project a reality."

"This collaboration," Chauncey said, "brings the opportunity not only to provide a state-of-the-art training facility for the Florida Highway Patrol, but an opportunity for our soldiers and our airman exercise their skillsets and leave an enduring mark on the state."

The Florida Highway Patrol plans to expand the complex in the future to institute emerging best practices based on intelligence training and national trends that affect law enforcement officers and the public. This project encompasses approximately 100 acres of land on the southeast portion of the

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Hi, my name is Tyrone Davis, owner of Direct Auto Exchange. I would like to invite all Gadsden County families to our 3rd Annual Backpack and School Supplies Giveaway on Saturday, August 4th from 9AM - 1PM at FSU Credit Union on Sharer Road in Tallahassee (same plaza as Chuck E. Cheese). It is such an honor for me to give back to Gadsden County, the community where I was born and raised, and helped shape me into who I am today. Some of you may remember me as a young boy, growing up in Gadsden County. You have cheered me and supported me as I have worked hard to be a local business owner that you can be proud of. I have such a special place in my heart for the people of Havana, Quincy and the surrounding communities, and that is why I'm passionate about being more than just a dealership. I love people and giving back to our community! Direct Auto Exchange strives to share its success with the community that contributed to its success. I hope to see you and your family at our 3rd Annual Backpack and School Supplies Giveaway. We'll have free food, tons of giveaways, and loads of fun! Thank you for supporting Direct Auto Exchange. It is truly a pleasure to serve my hometown folks, *my family* of Gadsden County!

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-Tyrone Davis

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4GEN JOURNAL

Top 10 reasons to vote

Florida is once again poised to serve as the center of the nation's political universe. We are the third-most-populous and, therefore, one of the most powerful of all of the swing states.

Every poll shows razor-thin margins in the gubernatorial, U.S. Senate and scores of down-ballot political contests, as well as a large number of constitutional initiatives and local referenda questions.

Because the size of the Florida ballot is daunting, I'm an ardent advocate of early or mail-in voting to avoid any possibility of long lines on Primary Day Tuesday, Aug. 28, and General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6.

In my world of ardent advocacy, not voting is an offense to our status as free citizens.

Please do not fall into the trap of complacency. Let's take every opportunity to accept the obligation to be dedicated citizens of this nation.

Our vote is our voice, and we should be passionate about exercising this right, which has been fought for, defended and even died for.

It is my earnest hope that despite all of the negativity, vitriol and divisiveness in today's politics we can come to a place that brings us to pledge to participate as informed, active and dedicated voters.

I implore you to participate and encourage others to join you.

Top 10 compelling reasons to vote

■ To honor those in our military who courageously fight for us and our law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency workers who respond to our needs and defend the peace at home. Those who sacrifice their personal well being in the name of our safety and security deserve our respect. Voting is a way of giving them and their families our word of honor for their heroism.

■ To honor people who struggled for civil rights, women's suffrage and the ideals of justice for all whose diverse voices are essential for our nation's moral health and community vitality. Freedom needs affirmation. Voting is a way to assure that our rights are protected by strengthening the voices of those for whom rights are sacred and need to be defended.

■ To be a good example to our children and grandchildren by exercising the right to vote as a symbol of our faith in democracy. By voting we send a signal of the importance of the choices we as adults make to secure a better future for ourselves, for our children and generations who will follow.

■ Voting is our society's great equalizer. No matter our station in life, income, or social status, every citizen over age 18 has the same power of one vote.

■ Pollsters do not determine who wins elections; voters do. Predicting the outcome of elections, especially close ones, is at best an inexact science. Pollsters and political pundits have their roles, but like each of us, they only have

one vote.

■ Elections are not about negative ads; they should be about the options we have to promote positive policy actions. Voting for candidates in whom we believe, and for or against ballot initiatives we know will affect our future, is a perfect counterbalance to



Jack Levine

the flood of negativity polluting the airwaves and filling our mailboxes.

■ Voting is now more convenient than ever. Early voting reforms and the wide availability for alternative and absentee voting makes it all the easier for us to participate. To avoid waiting lines on Election Day, I urge all to consider these early voting opportunities. Democracy is a team sport - and spectators simply don't count.

■ It's vital to be an informed voter. Pay attention to news reports and editorials about the campaigns. While how we vote is confidential, the fact that we have voted, or failed to vote, is public record. Elected officials know which individuals and demographic groups are voting, and we who do vote are more likely to be influential in policy debates. Non-voters are voiceless and by not participating can become victims of their neglect.

■ Regret is preventable. The day after the election is one day too late, and "could have, should have" are sorry alternatives to acting. Have a "no excuses" attitude by committing to vote, ask others to join us in voting, and promote a positive approach to making a difference among family, friends and colleagues.

■ Be part of making history. Because every indicator points to the prospect that the 2018 election will have impact for years/decades to come, every vote is even more important. As a Floridian, I know how close elections can be. Being a participant in affecting history gives each of us a sense of pride in democracy and the power to touch the future.

As I build the 4Generations Institute to promote inter-generational communication for benefit of all ages, I am awed by the power of relationships.

Just as in families, the health of a community is in the depth and breadth of relationships among those who share common interests and wish to personify the Golden Rule.

As an advocate, I'm dedicated to assist those whose mission is creating better policies and more accessible programs to meet the needs of those who count on us - across the generations.

While I enjoy writing, I also welcome the chance to share my messages in person.

Peace keep me in mind for inspirational keynote addresses, professional development seminars and strategic planning sessions. Let me know what's on your mind.

Wishing you and your loved ones a healthy summer season.

Jack Levine, founder of 4Generations Institute, can be reached via email at Jack@4Gen.org.

FRONT PORCH VIEW

Fly, fly far away

I get home in the evenings and part of my chores is making sure all the flowers and plants on the front porch are watered, and you all know me well enough by now to know I hate the heat. It's almost the end of July, and I'm not gonna even try and lie; I am over that, too.

Every day I come in the house, and I know better than to sit down in that comfy recliner in my very air-conditioned house, because I will not want to get back up.

And then it's a 10-minute wrestle with my conscience about just how hot it was out there today? I mean will it be so hot that if I don't water today would everything be dead tomorrow, or is it the kind of hot that I could skip a day and they may be wilted but they'll survive?

It doesn't take but one glance out the glass storm door to know that nothing out there is going to survive without me and that water hose doing our daily dance across the front porch, sprinkling

drops of the next best thing to heaven.

However, what my husband still can't quite seem to fathom is how I raise such a fuss about all that — how I seemingly have to moan and groan like a 12-year-old who has been told to clean his room before I can begin. Because those things really happen. Every. Single. Day.

All of those real-life duties, which I agreed to take care of every single time I bought a new plant, back in the excitement days. You know like before the baby gets here, and you vow to do all the midnight feedings and change all the diapers — yeah, those days.

Well then why on earth do I carry on so about my watering duties? But then around 7 p.m., most nights without fail, I'm back out there on that same porch, camera in tow, sitting in that same steam bath, forehead dripping water like a faucet and sweating like a sinner in church, watching for birds?!

I know! Crazy, right?! But it's real, I do it, and I LOVE IT. Because every night at feeding time, birds of all kinds come from everywhere to feed, fight and hiss at one another for a space to eat.

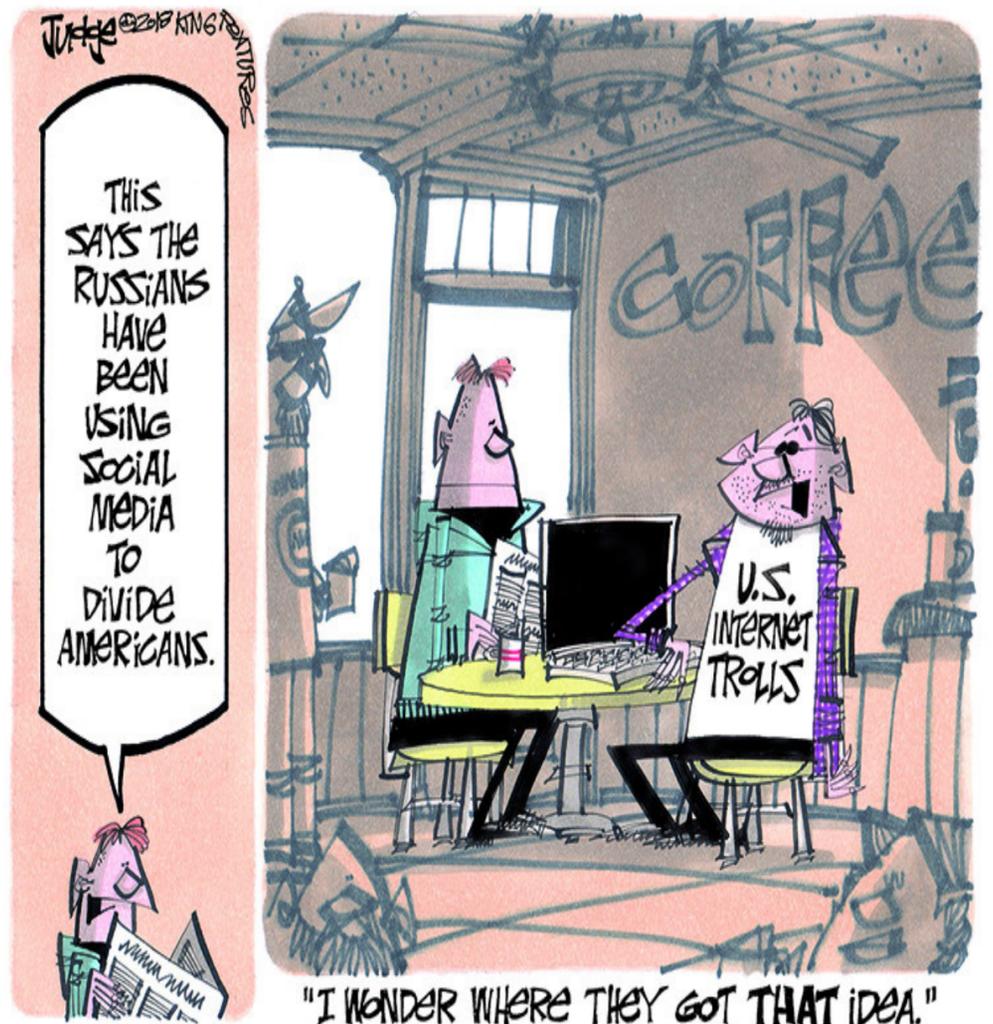
In particular, the last week or so, the hummingbirds have been turning up! I hadn't seen them since the beginning of spring, but now all of a sudden they are finally back and with a vengeance. Zooming in and out, running one another off from the feeders, making them stingy little buggers besides!

I saw a black-headed looking cardinal last night, which I now know was a bald-headed cardinal. I had never seen one, so of course, I'm telling my husband all about it, and before I'm done with this mystery bird — I have created a story of him being a re-located burn victim from the recent Eastpoint fires! I know - even as it was coming out of my mouth it sounded a tad (a lot) crazy.

I am positive I will never be called the Crazy Cat Lady, but Crazy Bird Lady — well, that just might be a reality!



Michelle Mims



THE DIRT ROAD WONDER

When Gadsden was damp

Our store, Holman's Place, was at the Salem crossroads one mile west of Havana, and it was the local watering hole for the farmers after they got off work. They could get a Pabst Blue Ribbon, Miller's, or Schlitz beer and with a wink and a nod, they could shake hands with Jack Daniels or Old Jim Beam or maybe see some Wild Turkeys.

This county was supposed to be "dry" in the 1940s, but it never made it. A dry county meant it was against the law to sell whiskey within that county, but everyone knew where they could get a fifth of whiskey. A fifth meant that it was a fifth of a gallon. If you couldn't get it here, you could drive to the Across the Line liquor store in Wakulla County. It was literally just a few feet across the county line from Leon County - another dry county.

I have never been any good at lying, and the biggest one I ever told brought swift justice. I was in the fourth grade

and the kids at school ganged up on me and said they knew my daddy was a bootlegger. Of course I denied it because in my eyes, my daddy could do no wrong. The very next day the headlines of the paper were about the raid on Holman's Place and finding whiskey. The kids had a field day with that one.

The type of whiskey Daddy sold was called "Bottled and Bond," and meant the federal tax had been paid on it. It was against county law but not federal law because of the tax. Daddy never had anything to do with moonshine because he said that stuff would kill you. The local sheriff's department was in charge of catching the bootleggers and fining them. Daddy said he would get "the call" when they were about to raid him. He went to his grave without telling who the person was that tipped him off about the raids.

Daddy knew the search warrant didn't cover the inside of

his safe. He would leave a few bottles out for them to find, but the rest was stacked in that safe by the cash register. He sat on a stool at the register, and when he saw them drive up he would just reach over with his foot and shut the door of the safe. They found whiskey, he paid his fine, and everybody was happy.

The thing I could never understand was that the church ladies said they wanted a dry county but didn't play by the dry county rules. They would come out to the store and park across the street and send their yardman in to buy whiskey for them. They would have said it was for their fruitcakes, but I imagine it was also for a late night toddy. I was a young girl and sometimes I would go out on the driveway and wave at them but they never looked at me or waved back. I had a real problem with that, and I think that is the reason I didn't go to church until I was 14 years old.

Gwynn Peacock Kidd can be reached at Gwynn0720@comcast.net.



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OBITUARIES

Carlton Edwards

Mr. Carlton W. Edwards, 78 years, of Quincy, FL, departed this life on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, in Tallahassee, FL. He leaves to mourn his precious memories his wife, Ella M. Edwards, Quincy, FL, four daughters, Audrey C. Battle, Columbus, GA, Lottie Marie Harris (Kelvin), Pembroke Pines, FL, Carla Patricia Maxwell (Parry), Orlando, FL, Corella Janel Edwards, Tampa, FL, one sister, Dr. Patricia Ann Tennell (Clarence), Quincy, FL, 7 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Visitation will be from 2 pm to 7 pm, on Friday, July 20, 2018, at the mortuary. A celebration of life will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 21, 2018, at St. John A.M.E. Church, on 4445 Bainbridge Highway, Quincy, FL with burial at Church's Cemetery, Quincy. Williams Funeral Home of Quincy will be providing the services for the Edwards family.

Walter King Jr.

Walter (Cracker/ Bo) King, Jr., 89, of Chattahoochee, FL, passed away Sun., July 8, 2018. Funeral Service was Sat., July 14, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Kingdom



Walter King Jr.

Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Chattahoochee, FL.

Walter (Cracker/ Bo) King, Jr. was born on March 2, 1929, in Pelham, Georgia, one of six children born to Walter King Sr., and Harriet Ross King. Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

On February 15, 1956, he married Erris (Scrap) McMillian and to this union two daughters were born. His beloved wife of fifty-five years preceded him in death on October 24, 2011.

His primary job was a cook at Florida State Hospital (FSH) for over four decades. His second job was fishing. Upon retiring from FSH, fishing became his primary job. His truck with fishing poles and a boot on the back was a familiar site to many residents of Chattahoochee. In September 2011, he made the front page of the Twin City News in an article entitled: The

One that Almost Got Away! The article noted he has been fishing at Jim Woodruff Dam since its completion in 1957.

Although his formal education was limited, countless individuals have recalled how they benefited from his common sense, sage wisdom, and animated stories of life lessons that he shared with them. Walter was quick witted, very out spoken, kind, generous, and always willing to help others. He began to study the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses and truly loved what he was learning. So much so, he began sharing with others the things he was learning. Before his death, he was taking steps to become one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Walter King Jr. is survived by daughters Luvert King of Chattahoochee, Florida and Elease Jackson (Fletcher) of Titusville Florida; four grandchildren: Marcia Smith of Tallahassee, Florida, Jameiah Jackson of Orlando, Florida, Devenah Jackson of Titusville, Florida, and Kaylah Jackson of Orlando, Florida; sisters: Johnnie Mae Daniels of Sneads, Florida and Deloris King of Chattahoochee, Florida; and a host of beloved and cherished nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Crawford & Moultry Funeral Home of Chattahoochee was in charge of arrangements

Jerome Roger Dodson, III

Jerome Roger Dodson, III, 57 passed away Saturday, July 14, 2018, at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee following a brief illness. He is survived by his



Jerome Roger Dodson III

wife Angela Dodson of Quincy.

The funeral service will be held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, July 19th at New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Quincy, where Jerry served as Pastor. A reception will follow the service at the church. Burial, with military honors will take place at 12 o'clock noon at Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Gifts in memory Jerry may be made to Third Millennium Ministries (thirdmill.org).

Jerry was born in Greensboro, NC, on 14 July 1961. He attended Brooks Elementary School in the Lake

Daniel neighbourhood of Guilford County, NC. In 1971 at the age of 10 he set out with his family for Papua New Guinea in the southwest Pacific Islands, where they served as missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They sailed from the west coast of the USA on the P&O liner, Arcadia.

In 1975 the family returned to Greensboro for a year of furlough, traveling via southeast Asia, visiting the Philippines and Thailand. During that year he attended Kiser Middle School. Returning to PNG, he completed his junior and senior high schooling, and graduated in 1979.

Following his interest in the arts, theatre and acting especially, he returned to the USA and spent a semester at Northwestern College in Iowa. He soon came back to Greensboro however, and in 1980 he trained at GTCC as a paramedic. He later enrolled at UNCG and in 1987 graduated as a RN. He worked at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital as a cardiac nurse, where he was well known for his skill and care.

In 1989, Jerry married Angela Prevatt at Lawndale Baptist Church. As newlyweds they moved into a home on Euclid St. in Greensboro, where they developed a heart for and ministered to the homeless. He often returned to the hospital after his third shift to take Bibles to and pray with the patients. Jerry served his country in

the Air force National Guard and was on active duty during Desert Storm. He was also a chaplain for Sons of God Motorcycle Club Ministries, that is, to former Hells Angels. So many people asked him if he was a pastor and as a result he discovered his heart's true desire and set out to become one formally. He received an honorable discharge as 1st Lieutenant with a National Defence Service Medal. In 1994 Jerry began to pursue training at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando where he excelled, and where his fellow students called him "Bible boy" due to his commitment to rightly divide the word of truth.

He became a voracious reader and avid debater of the finer points of theology. Following graduation with a Master of Divinity, Jerry served at Ligonier Ministry where he answered founder R.C. Sproul's mail as well as theological questions that came in from all over the world. He was ordained by R.C. Sproul at Saint Andrew's Chapel in Sanford FL., following which he received a call to Northside Presbyterian church in Melbourne, FL. There he served faithfully for many years, and later he became pastor at New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Quincy, FL. Jerry loved much and was much loved by all that knew him. He has always had a servant's heart and served faithfully as a servant-shepherd

pastor.

Jerry was truly a man of multiple talents and passions. For those who knew him well, he was definitely a character. He possessed a clever mind, sharp wit and generous spirit. He held a lifelong interest in words, language, spoken accents, humor and music, as well as books (he built a personal library of over 30,000 books). His loves were theology, teaching and preaching the Bible. He closely followed Contemporary Christian music as it developed during the 1970s and later grew to love the richness of the great hymns of faith. He became an avid listener to classical music and Frank Sinatra. He was a great fan of the 1960s TV series, The Andy Griffith Show, which summed up his love for the North Carolina he left as a young boy and his desire for wholesome viewing. He took considerable care in crafting his weekly sermons, which he delivered wearing a Geneva gown, which was designed to deflect the focus from the pastor and to the sacred Scriptures.

Jerry desired to live an authentic Christian life and serve his Lord, and to that end faced his share of struggles. He was a faithful man who lived the gospel he believed. He will be remembered for his great love of life and for his generosity. In recent years he used social media to reach many in friendship and discipleship. Jerry departed this world on his 57th birthday. He

will be hugely missed as a much-loved son, devoted husband, affectionate brother and uncle, as well as committed pastor and friend.

Other survivors include his parents Roger and Polly Dodson of Greensboro, NC; two sisters, Ellen Webb (Michael) of Australia and Carol Bost (Bo) of Greensboro, NC; and his brother Paul Dodson also of Greensboro.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) assisted Mrs. Dobson with her arrangements.

Solomon Malone

Solomon Malone, 57, of Quincy, died on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, in Tallahassee. Service will be 11 AM Saturday, July 28 at St. Peter Apostolic Church in the Sawdust Community with burial to follow in the Union Chapel AME Church Cemetery. Viewing will be from 2 PM to 7 PM, Friday, July 27 at Bradwell Mortuary in Quincy.

He is survived by his daughter, Martina Malone; his siblings, Lonnie Finn (Demetria), Pearlle Dawkins (Ben), Agnes Malone, Lucious Malone (Jackie), Avis Malone and Benjamin Malone and two grandchildren.

Virmie James

Ms. Virmie James, 84 years, Quincy, FL, departed this life on Friday, July 20, 2018, in Quincy, Florida.

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Growing up Gadsden, part two

Like I said last week, life was not easy for my family. Even though I have used my brother Eddie as the blunt of many of my stories, he did not get such a good start in life.



Byron Spires

Eddie was born two and a half months premature - not such a good thing in 1954.

He is a miracle baby, and the fact he survived is a testament to our parents.

It was a different time for sure in Gadsden County, and it was relatives and friends who made the difference I'm sure.

Tobacco was king

during those days, and folks were working hard in the fields to make a living.

What few ever think about was the many, many businesses that sprung up from those tobacco days.

Grocery stores were abundant, and we had clothing stores as well.

Chattahoochee, Havana, Greensboro, Quincy and Gretna had thriving downtowns.

There were other businesses that put folks to work as well. My Uncle Marcus Hanna worked for Southern Life Insurance Company, and

WINDING ROADS

my good friends J.T. Akins and C. T. Straughn, Eddie Taylor, Andy Anderson and a host of others worked for Independent Life, just to name a few.

My father worked for Butler and then William's Furniture Company as a route man.

There were rolling stores that crisscrossed the county every week and many Mom-and-Pop stores in local communities as well.

That is the era I grew up in, and it is also the era that made a lot of successful people.

You see there is nothing wrong with

working hard for a day's pay and those like myself took those tobacco days and decided that that kind of work was not for them.

Yes, it was a segregated time, with separate schools for blacks and whites. There was a lot of unrest especially in other places around the country, but I believe tobacco made Gadsden County a little different.

You see, it literally in some ways leveled the field. Because black folks and white folks worked in the same fields, the same barns and the same packing houses side by side, day after day.

I'm not saying there were no prejudices or that some of the farmers didn't treat their workers well. That happened too.

What I am saying is that for many of us who needed the money, we got through it.

My good friend R.D. Edwards gave me the best example of those days.

During the 1960s when there was so much turmoil in the country, and there were race riots popping up everywhere, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover had a map of places where they expected a lot of trouble like Atlanta, Birmingham and Miami.

He placed red pins

on those cities, and little Quincy had a red pin. That unrest never filtered to Gadsden County as they had expected.

By the way, we did have a riot of sorts in October of 1970, and, yes, then-Sheriff Robert Martin's car was overturned, and he had a heart attack that night. The riot was started over a black police officer who in self-defense shot a black man.

That is another story for another time.

That incident led to Sheriff Martin dying, in February of 1971 and the eventual appointment of W.A. Woodham as sheriff.

More about growing up Gadsden in next week's column.

OBITS

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Sylvia Ann Russ

Ms. Sylvia Ann Russ, 49 years, of Quincy, FL, departed this life on



Sylvia Ann Russ

Wednesday, July 18, 2018, in Quincy, FL. A celebration of life will be held

11:00 a.m. (EST) on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at St. John Church of God in Christ, 3490 Bainbridge Highway, Quincy, FL with burial

at St. John A.M.E. Church Cemetery, Quincy, FL. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018, at Reed & Hall Mortuary.

She leaves to mourn her precious memories her devoted companion, Samuel Price, Sr., Quincy, FL; one daughter, Ariel D. Bridges, Quincy, FL; two sons, Jeffery Bridges and Samuel Price, III, Quincy, FL; one grandchild: Ai-Yana Powell; ten special children that shared her life: Sierra, Samuel, Samantha, Samira, Ethan, Samuel IV, Ly'Land, Aubree, Mc'Kenize, and Lylah; six sisters: Virginia Lewis, Bettie Russ,

Margaret Ann Russ, Shirley Thomas, Carla Russ and Marie Gunn; three brothers: Willie Russ, Jr., Alexander Russ, and Marcus Russ. Reed & Hall Mortuary of Quincy will be providing the services for the Russ family.

Otis Green

Otis Green, 94, of Quincy, Florida passed away on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at his residence in Quincy, Florida.

Lewils Telusca

Lewils Telusca 44, of Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, passed away on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, in Quincy, Florida.

CHURCH EVENTS

Temple announces special program

Elder Allen Jones, pastor of Neal's Temple Holiness Church, and the Women's Ministry of Neal's Temple Holiness Church invites the community to their Annual Women in White Program at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at 240 Neal's Temple Road, Havana. Guest speaker will be Elder Trina Wiggins-Jackson of the Life Church International, Tallahassee; Overseer/Pastor Greg James and the Chosen Disciples of Tallahassee will be providing the song service. For information, contact the church secretary, Sis.

Shane Bozman, at 850-688-5230.

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Brother Charlie Shaw, deacon; and St. John AME Church, the Rev. Matthew Bryant, pastor.

The service will begin at 7 p.m. daily, and the evangelist for the week is the Rev. Vivian Mitchell-Grant, pastor of St. Peter AME Church, Quincy. She is also the Florida Conference Director of Evangelism. The theme to be uplifted is, "Coming to be revived, not just to survive, but to thrive."

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WINDING

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She lay there with her head partially hanging off the other side of the bed and alternately staring at the slatted ceiling and glancing out the window of her room at the darkening sky outside.

Her melancholy mood began to take over, and all she could think about was losing the only real love in her life, Isaiah Sr. Cora Mae and Dr. Wilhoit had talked to her about the way she felt, and asked if she understood that Isaiah Jr. had been a product of the love she had for his father, but each day the hole in her heart left by Isaiah Sr.'s death had grown larger.

Like a giant wave, the grief she felt would nearly overcome her and leave her breathless, then subside and start all over again.

Her thoughts were interrupted when she heard Dr. Wilhoit's voice as he spoke to someone in the hall just outside her door.

Dr. Wilhoit had been with her throughout the birth of Isaiah Jr. and the death of Isaiah Sr., and for that she had felt close to him. But even hearing his voice did not move her as it once had. She continued to lie across the bed even when he entered the room.

Dr. Wilhoit walked to the foot of the bed and stood there for a few seconds, waiting to see if Marci would sit up.

When she did not, he spoke.

"Young lady, you need to sit up and we need to talk," he told her.

Marci had been a difficult case for Dr. Wilhoit. It had been a hard delivery, which had taxed his skills. Now with her deep depression, he was treading in an area he was unprepared to deal with.

Marci slowly sat up on the side of the bed and looked up at Dr. Wilhoit.

One thing he did know about Marci was that she was grieving about the loss of her husband, and there was little but time to help her heal from that emotional wound.

What had perplexed him was the missing joy of having a healthy child. Marci did not seem to be able to grasp the fact that she had brought another human being into the world — something wonderful.

There was a single chair by the door, and Dr. Wilhoit stepped over and picked it up, sitting it by Marci's bed where he could face her.

As he sat down he looked at her, trying to make eye contact. Marci would not look at him directly.

For a few seconds the two of them just sat there.

"I don't want to scare you, Marci, but we need to get you out of this depression and back at home where you can start raising Isaiah Jr.," he said to her.

It was not that Marci did not want to say something or that she did not want to get better and do exactly what Dr. Wilhoit had said. She just could not respond. Her mind and body seemed to be out of sync with each other, and words would not come.

He waited for her to respond, finally shaking his head at her hollow stare.

There seemed to be little he could do at that point, he thought.

"I'm going to keep you here in the hospital for a few days and make sure that you are eating well," he said. "If we cannot snap you out of this, my only alternative will be to send you over to the Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee, where they have folks trained to help you."

Dr. Wilhoit said as he

looked at his pocket watch.

"I've got to make some more visits here in the hospital. I'll stop in tomorrow morning and we'll talk again," he said as he placed the chair back at the door and walked into the hall.

Shortly after Dr. Wilhoit left the room, a nurse entered and went straight to Marci.

"Dr. Wilhoit just told me to come in here and get you ready for bed," the nurse said as she reached and grabbed Marci's hand.

Marci did not resist her and was soon in her nightgown and tucked into bed.

"Now you just lay there and try to get some sleep. Mrs. Dalton will be here early in the morning with your son, and the morning nurse will get you up and ready about 6 o'clock," the nurse said as she bent over and turned the lamp out that sat on the night table by the bed.

"By the way, there will be someone in the other bed tomorrow," the nurse said as she closed the door behind her.

Marci lay there in the dark room and pulled the bed covers up tight around her neck with only her head exposed.

She held onto the sheet with all of her strength until her hands could no longer hold the grasp.

It was the first tinges of anger now that she felt. She was angry because her husband was dead, and she could do nothing about it but lie in a hospital room alone with so much grief in her heart.

She could finally feel herself slowly drifting off to sleep, and she prayed that her dreams would be about her husband and their life together.

Contact Byron Spires, playwright, novelist, Times columnist and retired newspaper editor at byronspires51@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Title celebration set for 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 last of five consecutive wins in as many days at the NJCAA Tournament.

The celebration is open to the public. For more,

contact director of athletics Rob Chaney at chaneyr@tcc.fl.edu.

Sneads school plans enrollment

Victory Christian Academy of Sneads has announced open enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Limited seating is still available for 3k through 12th grade. The Christian school has been operating since 1986. For enrollment information, call the school office at 850-593-6699.

REJECT

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project, noting there were no technical reasons to deny the request, which would allow 80 acres for conservation and 65 acres for the mining operation.

A number of residents who live in the area spoke against approving the change, citing concerns about danger to aquifer and wetlands they believe to be posed by the project, as well as the possibility for additional truck traffic.

Elva Peppers, a consultant representing C.W. Roberts Contracting, said the site had been previously mined, with a permit issued in 1994.

"It was approved quite a long time ago," she said.

She noted that the sand would be used only by C.W. Roberts, which currently buys sand from a nearby mine. If approved, she said the project would create about 15 jobs.

Commissioner Eric Hinson did not attend the meeting in person but he participated by phone for part of it.



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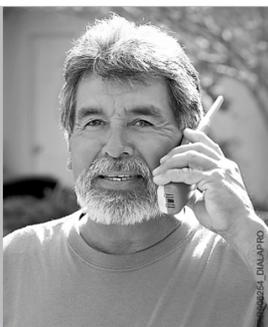
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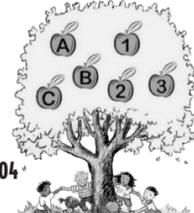
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List 10 words that rhyme with "slam."

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- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Some answers: bam, cam, clam, dam, gam, ham, jam, lam, lam, sham, wham

Jokes & Riddles

Q: What kind of cats like to go bowling?
A: Alley cats.

Q: What has 18 legs and catches flies?
A: A baseball team!



Fact or Fiction?

SPORTS BALL CHALLENGE

Many sports need some type of ball. Here are some questions about some sports balls. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Baseballs are larger than softballs. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) Soccer balls usually have black hexagons and white pentagons. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) Golf balls have dimples. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) Tennis balls come in different colors, most often bright yellow. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) Footballs are covered in felt. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 6) Ping pong balls are heavy. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 7) Bowling balls are light. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 8) Basketballs are usually orange with black lines. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 9) Volleyballs are rainbow colored. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 10) Billiard balls, or pool balls, are soft. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fiction, softballs are larger than baseballs; 2) Fiction, the hexagons are white and the pentagons are black; 3) Fact; 4) Fact; 5) Fiction, tennis balls are covered in felt; 6) Fiction, ping pong balls are light; 7) Fiction, bowling balls are heavy; 8) Fact; 9) Fiction, volleyballs are usually white or have two or three colors; 10) Fiction, billiard balls are hard

Name That Athlete

There are hundreds of professional athletes. Some stand out above the rest. Fill in the blanks to name some standout athletes.

- 1) LE ___ ON J ___ M ___ S
- 2) D ___ V ___ D BE ___ HAM
- 3) N ___ ST ___ A LIU ___ IN
- 4) E ___ I MA ___ ING
- 5) A ___ ERT PU ___ OLS
- 6) S ___ DN ___ Y CR ___ SB ___
- 7) S ___ R ___ NA WI ___ IAMS

Answers: 1) LeBron James; 2) David Beckham; 3) Nastia Lukin; 4) Eli Manning; 5) Albert Pujols; 6) Serena Williams; 7) Sidney Crosby

Lucky Indeed

Some athletes are so great their jersey numbers are retired some time after they leave the sport. Lou Gehrig was the first baseball player whose jersey number was retired in 1940. The year before, Gehrig announced he was leaving the sport because he was very ill.

Lou Gehrig was one of baseball's best, and to show him how much he meant to them, over 60,000 fans attended "Lou Gehrig Appreciation Day" on July 4, 1939. Gehrig received a lot of praise and gifts that day, including a trophy from his teammates, which now sits in the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

Lou Gehrig was grateful for all of the support, and after everyone had spoken and all of the gifts had been handed out, he gave a speech. In it, he thanked everyone and called himself, "the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
XIBU EP ZPV DBMM TPNFPOF
XIP ESBXT GVOOZ QJDUVSFT
PG BVUPNPCJMF?
B DBS-UPPOJTU.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Mr. Fudd	___ M ___	Church senior	___ D ___
2. Ocean vacation	C ___ _ _ _	Black-and-blue mark	B ___ _ _ _
3. Once a day	___ _ L _	Creamery	___ _ R _
4. Hemingway's big fish	___ A ___ _	Authurian magician	___ E ___ _
5. Mend a tire	___ A ___ _	Throw a baseball	___ I ___ _
6. Greasy dirt	___ _ M ___	Complain	___ _ P ___
7. Stay behind	___ M ___ _	Hire a lawyer	___ T ___ _
8. Olympic prize	___ D ___ _	Copper or gold	___ T ___ _
9. Firearm	___ _ _ L	Moving engine part	___ _ _ N
10. Oscar or Emmy	___ _ _ D	Cognizant	___ _ _ E

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Answers: There are many answers. Our solution: start with the top ball and go around clockwise: 5, 7, 6, 2, 9, 1, 8, 4, 3.

Answers: U-R-F-A-B-U-T-I-N.

Answers: First row: 8, 12, 18, 2. Second row: 17, 3, 8, 13. Third row: 4, 20, 10, 7. Fourth row: 11, 6, 5, 19.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

THE WEB MASTER

In the grid on the left, there is room for nine terms associated with the Internet. The following hints should help you navigate our web and lead you to the correct words.

1. To be up and running.
2. Web messages.
3. Used to get around the Web.
4. Internet location.
5. Unit of computer storage (very big).
6. A computer disaster.
7. Type of Web page.
8. Bad for your computer.
9. Unwanted messages.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will give you the name of a group of single-topic messages.

Answers: 1. Online; 2. Email; 3. Browser; 4. Website; 5. Gigabyte; 6. Crash; 7. Home; 8. Virus; 9. Spam.

Illustrated by David Coulson

Even Exchange

Answers

1. Elmer, Elder
2. Cruise, Cruise
3. Daily, Dairy
4. Martin, Merit
5. Patch, Pitch
6. Grime, Grippe
7. Remain, Retail
8. Medal, Metal
9. Pistol, Piston
10. Award, Aware

Kids' Maze

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Havana baseball team heads to Alabama for tourney



Special to the Gadsden County Times

The Havana 15U All Stars travelled to Ozark, Ala., to play July 19 to 21 in the Dixie Boys Invitational World Series. On Thursday, July 19, they played Chester County, Tenn., and came out on top of a 15-1 score. Friday the 20, they played the Wiregrass Eagles and would come up on the short end of an 8-5 score. This game can be viewed online at Jock Jive.com. They played Ruston, La., later in the day and would be shutout 5-0. The Havana All stars and Cindy Mentry are grateful for their continued community support in making travel to the tournament possible. The Havana All Stars have enjoyed a great season. Shown here are members of Havana 15U All Stars (standing): Manager Kane Rudd, Coach Pat Durden, Jacob Singletary, Caden Brock, C.J. Albritton, Nolan Barr, Jackson Machado, Colton Harrell, Coach Greg Albritton; kneeling: Tim Brown, Seth Jones, Emory Layerd, Tucker Rudd, Nathaniel Livingston and Harrison Sadberry.

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Name in which assessed: Edna White
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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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 BARREL; COMM AT SEC 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
Published July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2018.

Self Storage Notices

4172-0726 GCT
Aug. 4 sale
B & S Rentals, 649 Industrial Drive, Quincy, FL 32351, will have a sale on Saturday, August 4, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. This sale will be on items stored in the estate of Charles Brown, A-1, A-8, C-36; Anthony Farlin, A-7, C-30; Steve McGriff, B-14; Nalasha Smith, D-48 for non-payment of rent. All contents are described as household goods. All items will be sold or otherwise disposed of.
Published July 19 & 26, 2018.

Notices to Creditors/Administration

4196-0802 GCT
Harris, Marilyn J. 2018-CP-000173 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2018-CP-000173 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARILYN J. HARRIS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Marilyn J. Harris, deceased, whose date of death was March 7, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gadsden County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 10 E. 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 AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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 July 26, 2018.

Personal Representative:
Abria J. Harris
4821 Attapulgus Hwy., Quincy, Florida 32352

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Gwendolyn J. Spencer, Attorney Florida Bar No.: 083569
SPENCER LAW GROUP 1725 Capital Circle NE Suite 205 Tallahassee, FL 32308
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gwendolyn@spencerlawgroupllc.com
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Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

4195-0816 GCT
Green & Cannon Estates 2018CA000513 Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2019CA000513

In re: Johnny L. Cannon Plaintiff,
vs.
The Estate of Mattie Green, The Estate of Rosie Green Cannon, The Estate of Ben Cannon, And the Estate of Vernon Cannon, All parties claiming interests by, through, under or against the Estate Defendants, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

Comes now, Johnny L. Cannon, and hereby provides Notice of the Verified Complaint to Quiet Title, filed on July 2, 2018, and states as follows:

1. The Defendants are Estate of Mattie Green, the Estate of Rosie Green Cannon, the Estate of Ben Cannon, the Estate of Vernon Cannon, all parties claiming interests by, through, under or against the Estate Defendants, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

2. This is an action to quiet title to two parcels of real property located and situated in Gadsden County, Florida pursuant to Florida Statute section §65.061.

3. The action to quiet title was instituted in the Circuit Court in and for Gadsden County, Florida. The Case Number is 2018CA000513. The abbreviated case title is Johnny Cannon v. The Estate of Mattie Green, the Estate of Rosie Green Cannon, the Estate of Ben Cannon, and the Estate of Vernon Cannon, et al.

4. The land referred to in the Complaint as Parcel I is the Mattie Green Farm, consisting of Approximately 29 acres as is legally described as follows:

LOT 1 LESS ONE ACRE SQUARE IN SOUTHEAST CORNER IN SECTION 36-4N-4W.

The land referred to as Parcel II is the Ben Cannon Farm, consisting of 9 acres. Plaintiff's homestead and legally described as follows:

DB CCC PAGE 219 BEGINNING 454.08 FEET N OF SE COR. RUN W 287.79 FEET TO BEGINNING, RUNNING NORTH 454.08 FEET WEST 959.30 FEET 454.0 FEET SOUTH 454.08 FEET EAST 959.30 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING LESS PART PER ORDER BOOK 195 PAGE 119.

DATED ON July 13, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS
Clerk of the Court

(COURT SEAL)

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Fictitious Name Notices

4194-0726 GCT
Fictitious Name
Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:
LEGGETT'S LAWN CARE
located at 135 Ash Bow Trl., Havana, FL 32333, in the County of Gadsden, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL.
Dated at Havana, Florida, this 13th day of July, 2018.
Kellie Lynn Leggett and Wesley Raymond Leggett, Owners
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KIDS

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gracious host of this event, started the official proceedings. Male athletes, ages 4 to 17, were staggered two- and three-deep across the goal line, dressed in the matching free T-shirts they received at registration.

"This is my way of giving back to the community," he said. "We didn't have these types of camps when I was growing up. I first got to experience this when I played professional ball, and I wanted to bring it back to Gadsden County."

He glanced across the field.

"I played right here, from Little League right through high school." He motioned toward the FSU players. "We have the big, cool guys to help us out today. I know that 'Nole blood runs deep."

Apparently so does the admiration the Florida State athletes have for Fagg's training camp. Johnathon Vickers, another Quincy native at FSU, graduated in December and is going on to graduate school for International Affairs; this is his second time working with Fagg.

"(The man) is a legend and a legacy to current and former players," Vickers said. "You know, when I was young, my mom was all about sports, all about keeping me busy and out of trouble. The Seminoles have great camaraderie, and De'Cody wanted to spread that same camaraderie within our community."

Fagg went on to introduce three groups of cheerleaders, including one team that had driven down all the way from Stone Mountain, Ga.

"Wouldn't be no football without cheerleaders, I'll tell you that," he said, with a laugh.

After rousing renditions of 'Go Team Go', toe touches, herkies and a series of gymnastic back-



Cheerleaders perform Saturday, July 21, during a football and cheer event at Corry Field in Quincy.

VICKIE LILLO/Gadsden County Times

flips, the crowd dispersed to their pre-determined locations.

Warm-ups came first, with bending and stretching and some squats. Afterward, some of the boys began resistance training - running with a parachute strapped to their backs. Others moved on to the fancy footwork drills, trying to perfect their dexterity and coordination skills by 'high-knee running' over conditioning bags and exercising with speed and agility ladders. At the back of the ballfield, still other youths ran an obstacle course, skirting orange disc cones, followed by side-to-side and backward shuffles around flexible poles.

Joshua Smith, 10, of Quincy, said he came "to get a work-out," while KJ Casteel, 6, of Tallahassee, said he was interested in building his muscles. Richard Jackson, 11, also from Tallahassee, said he wanted to support Quincy, because this is where he grew up.

Only little Christopher James Summerlin, 6, from Blountstown, was not all that impressed by the Seminole presence. "I'm a little sick today, but I still came because I want to be a middle linebacker and play for the Gators."

Even the tiniest tots had to get into the action. C.J. (Cody Jr.) was playing his own version of chutes and

ladders, jumping amongst the plastic rungs, while Rakein Fagg, De'Cody's Fagg's daughter, was clinging tightly to the hand of Grandpa Donald Fagg.

"I've lived in Quincy my entire life," he said. "I used to play ball with all of them when they were young, and before you'd know it, I'd have a whole yard full of kids."

By the perpetual grin on his face and his jovial demeanor, it's obvious he still enjoys taking the youngsters onto the field and letting them have fun improvising their own personal training style.

Danielle Fagg, De'Cody's sister, volunteered her time at the camp. She said she did it to support her brother. "I love giving kids the opportunity to work with the Seminoles," she added.

Meanwhile, on the adjoining field, the girls were busy going from station to station at the cheerleading camp. There were training stations for jumps, motions, cheers and dance. One of the cheer coaches, sporting garnet-and-gold, reminded the ladies: "Cheerleaders always SMILE. Let's try it one more time, with more spirit. More what? Spirit!! More what? Spirit!!!"

Kylie Newcombe, 10, from Tallahassee, was just delighted being with her friend, Azariah Jean 9,

who was there "to do a cheer for the 'Noles and celebrate."

All in all, everyone seemed genuinely inspired by the day's events. Ricardo Shaw, track and football coach at Gadsden County High School, who graduated from the same high school as De'Cody - Shanks, had only praise for the camp.

"Every year, this gets bigger and bigger. My 6-year old played flag football last year. He couldn't wait to do it again. After all, everybody wants to play football. You have to get 'em at 3,4,5 years of age - it starts with youth."

After all the activities, it was time to eat. Then Fagg presented apprecia-

tion awards to Dawn Keller, the owner of the local Domino's, whom he referred to as his 'biggest sponsor every year'; Taronda Card, all-around helper; and Danielle Green, for kitchen work all five years. In turn, the city rewarded De'Cody with a crystal trophy for his half-decade of outstanding community work.

"I have one more surprise for you," Fagg brayed out across the length of the Recreation center basketball court, currently festooned with balloons, streamers and rows of cloth-covered dining tables. "How many of you would like some free supplies for school?"

A whooping-and-hollering went up, followed by the scrambling of hundreds of pairs of tennis shoes squeaking across the polished wood floor. The ruckus inside the building was only usurped by the roar of thunder, the crackle of lightning, and the pounding of torrential rain on the pavement outside.

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Commissioner earns recognition

'Dr. V' gets Advanced County Commissioner designation

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

At the 2018 Annual Florida Association of Counties Conference and Educational Exposition in Orlando, from June 26 to 29, the Florida Counties Foundation (FCF) presented Gadsden County Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie with the Advanced County Commissioner (ACC) designation following completion of a comprehensive study program developed by the Foundation. Viegbesie received the designation along with nine other county commissioners during an awards ceremony at the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference in Orange County.

When asked about achieving this milestone, Viegbesie quoted Henry P. Broughton, saying, "Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave. In my opinion, to learn is to grow and anyone who no longer has a desire to gain knowledge is a living dead. I am very grateful to the Florida Counties Foundation Inc., for giving me an opportunity to expand my wealth of knowledge."

Beginning in 2006, the Advanced County

Commissioner (ACC) education program is an advanced leadership program designed for graduates of the Certified County Commissioners (CCC) program. The course content focuses on leadership with an emphasis on the future of Florida. Participants are tasked with preparing for the future by thinking and acting anew and asserting skillful leadership in times of daunting challenges and rapid change.

"Commissioners who choose to participate in this voluntary program have shown their commitment to the future of their communities," said Florida Counties Foundation Director

Eric Poole. "By bringing together veteran commissioners from throughout Florida, this program provides a foundation for commissioners to work collaboratively on Florida's most pressing challenges."

Organized as a series of three seminars, the ACC program is completed after 27 hours of total course work. Participating commissioners must commit to fully participate in all three seminars. This year's seminars focused on "Preparing County Leaders for Florida's Future."

The University of Florida/IFAS Extension has sponsored this program for the last 10 years in Alachua County. For more information about the ACC program and other educational courses, visit the FCF website at factor.fl-counties.com.



Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie

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