



## County OKs land use change

Property switched from agriculture to commercial use

**BYRON SPIRES**  
FOR THE TIMES

Gadsden County Commissioners in a unanimous vote at their April 17 meeting approved a land-use change for a parcel of land from Agriculture II zoning to Commercial.

The property is owned by David and Tamara Perkins and were represented at the meeting by Elva Peppers, Florida Environmental & Land Services Inc. The 6.7-acre parcel is at 1464 Scotland Road, Havana. A Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) is required when the property

for land-use change is less than 10 acres. The Gadsden County Planning Commission had a public hearing on this amendment on March 15. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the BOCC to approve (6-0) the ordinance. A public hearing notice

was also mailed at least 30 days prior to the public hearing, and a legal advertisement was placed in local newspapers. Additionally, a sign was posted on the property. No members of the public spoke at the public hearing and the applicant had a Citizen's Bill of Rights meeting at 5:30

p.m. Jan. 25 on the property. No one from the public attended the meeting. In other business: The Gadsden County Commission approved the Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance) write-off from last year for \$558,101.49. The county auditor recommends each year that bad debt accounts are submitted for write-off to clear

the books on EMS accounts and to assure that the billing office is working on current accounts that are collectible. Approving the write-off and submitting these accounts to the contracted collection agency could help increase the revenue for the county and increase collections for Gadsden EMS, according to background materials for the agenda.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Woman charged with felony abuse

The Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division charged a certified nursing assistant, who was employed at Magnolia House assisted living facility in Quincy, with felony abuse of an elderly or disabled person 65 or older.

Georgette Pierce, 30, of Bainbridge, Ga., was charged and booked April 19 in the Gadsden County Jail, in connection with the alleged assault of an 81-year-old disabled resident at the facility.

The Gadsden County Sheriff's Office began an investigation April 2 after the matter was referred by the Florida Department of Adult Protective Services.

Pierce is accused of physically assaulting the elderly woman when she became combative and resistant to care, allegedly striking the woman's shoulder, causing severe bruising and skin tears.

According to a sheriff's office news release April 19, Pierce told Gadsden County investigators she was responsible for injuries on the woman's wrists but denied any other.

Pierce had her first appearance Monday. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

#### Relay for Life slated Friday

Relay for Life of Gadsden, an annual American Cancer Society fundraiser, will draw throngs when it returns from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday at the Martin Luther King Street Track in Quincy.

According to the Gadsden Relay event website, team participants have already raised more than \$23,600 toward the \$67,000 goal.

For information, contact Danielle Sowell at 850-329-4545 or email danielle.sowell@cancer.org.



## MEMORY LANE



Sisters Geneva Singletary, class of 1961, and Brenda Singletary, class of 1970, look at memorabilia from Havana High School during the grand reunion last Saturday at Havana Country Club.

### Havana High alum celebrate grand reunion

**KARRIE SHACK**  
FOR THE GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

Havana High School alumni celebrated their third grand reunion Saturday with festivities at Havana Country Club.

The special occasion drew a crowd of about 150 and included guest speakers, class photos and a country-style dinner buffet. The school's first graduating class dated back to the early 1920s, while the last being in the late '70s before changes and mergers created Havana Northside High School. At the grand reunion, the oldest class with alumni attending was the Class of 1941.

Special memories unfolded over the course of the night for the HHS alums as they spoke about unforgettable times at their alma mater.

"I remember August being the most exciting time of the year for us in school," Joris Brown said. "We used to wait all year and anticipate what new cars would release in the September catalogs. That was always my favorite thing. The member of the Class of '61 described her high-school experience as one she wouldn't trade for the world.

Frank Miller, class of 1945, recalled high-school days being the best for fishing and hunting.

"It was all I did back then," he said. "I've become an old boy now, so I'm not as good at



ABOVE: A group of Class of 1967 alumni catch up during the grand reunion. Pictured, from left, are: Randall Dodson, Jim Shelfer, Dianne Donaldson and Richard Shelfer. BELOW: Col. Earnest Moore, Class of '45, smiles for a photo.

it as I once was." Nell Gray Cunningham, 91, Also from the class of '45, went on to teach in Gadsden County schools, becoming a familiar face for many in the community.

Some former students who attended Havana High throughout their entire grade-school experience expressed deep feelings of appreciation toward one another and prided themselves on the valuing a strong community.

Keeping in touch regularly seemed to be a common theme among for all classes.

Although reminiscing about lifetime friendships that have spanned several decades awakened joyful memories, it also brings out more poignant feelings.

"My classmates are what I cherish the most," Donna Warlick, class of 1961, said.



"We went to school from first grade until 12th grade; I've been around them my whole life. Those are the people you never let go of because they know you them best."

## Business leaders chide

### Council Owners say costs to do business high

**CHERI HARRIS**  
GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

Two men came to Monday's Quincy Commission meeting to complain about the costs of trying to do business inside the city limits.

Bruce Shelfer and George Hackney told commissioners permitting costs for a commercial warehouse within the city limits of Quincy are three times higher than they would be in Tallahassee and six times higher than in the county and other municipalities in Gadsden County.

Shelfer said the high cost of doing business could stem from a simple math error, based on reviewing fees based on building size and calculated as a cost per square foot.

Handouts showed if the fees were adjusted, such changing the formula for fire rescue from \$0.113 to \$0.0113 per square foot would change that cost on a 12,000-square-foot building from \$1,356 to \$135.60, and adjusting other permitting fees based on square footage in the same way brought the city's permit fee structure more in line with surrounding areas.

Shelfer said he believes this likely error occurred in 2012 when the current permitting fee structure was adopted. When he based calculations based on revised fees for a warehouse, the total permit fee price came to \$3,600, the same as the county.

Hackney said the permit fees for a building on Ben Bostick Road within the city limits but served by Talquin Electric for electricity with only water and sewer available from Quincy were more than \$25,000, compared with \$3,800 in the unincorporated area of the county.

He urged commissioners See LEADERS/Page 3

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**NEWS NOTES**

**Support groups meet monthly**

Big Bend Hospice offers a monthly grief support group on the second Tuesday of the month. This group is open to community members.

For information or to register, contact Pam Mason at 850-671-6079 or pamm@bigbendhospice.org.

**Vets service office to be closed**

Gadsden County Veterans Service office will be closed Monday, May 7, through May 11, for training, which will be given by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.

The office will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, May 14. If you have an appointment to go to Tallahassee VA Outpatient clinic/the Annex/any VA authorized Doctor's appoints or connect with the DAV van going to Gainesville/Lake City. Call before 3 p.m. on Friday, April 27.

**Rotary hears about Alzheimer's**



BYRON SPIRES/Gadsden County Times  
Laurie Jordan speaks April 17 to the Quincy Rotary Club. The community resource director for Azalea Gardens Alzheimer's Special Care Center in Tallahassee spoke about dementia and Alzheimer's, including some of the symptoms to look for, as well as some of the programs her organization offers to help people with memory loss. Our commitment, she said, comes from the heart with knowledgeable experience and a sense of understanding each individual's need at Azalea Gardens. For information about Azalea Gardens, call 850-668-0509.

**OBITUARIES**

**Eugene (Haines) Haynes, 62**

Eugene (Haines) Haynes, 62, of Quincy, died April 20, 2018, at his home.

He is a native of Gadsden County.

He is survived by wife, Jeanette (Haines) Haynes; daughter, Tiffany (Haines) Haynes; sons, Larenza Haynes, Byron (Haines) Haynes, and Timmie Jordan Haynes all of Quincy; grandchildren, De'Dario Watson, Shambrai (Haines) Haynes, Serenity Watson and Isis Davis; and a host of other loving relatives.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at St. John AME Church with burial at the church cemetery in Quincy. Family will receive friends from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the mortuary.

Services have been entrusted to the care of Bradwell Mortuary.



Eugene (Haines) Haynes

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**Saturday, April 28, 2017**  
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# Kidnapped baby found by sheriff's office



David Cooper



Kaitlynn Lovel

The Gadsden County Sheriff's Office received information about an infant who was kidnapped April 20 from Hillsborough County and was believed to be in the Gadsden County area.

According to information

from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the baby's mother, Kaitlynn Lovel, had absconded with her 1-month-old son, Sage Cooper. She had had two children removed in the past for physical abuse allegations, according to an HCSO bulletin from the Criminal Investigation Division.

Upon further investigation, Gadsden County deputies located the suspect vehicle at a Quincy motel and later found the infant and his parents.

The infant was then taken into law enforcement custody without incident and per court order remanded to the Department of Children and Fami-

lies.

Both parents were detained and later the baby's father, David Cooper, was booked into the Gadsden County jail. Cooper was arrested Monday evening on warrant charges out of Illinois, and there are pending charges on both parents out of Hillsborough County.

## Commission honors former commissioner



Special to the Gadsden County Times  
County Commissioner Gene Morgan presents Mrs. Estelle Peacock, center, with the proclamation honoring her husband, James E. Peacock, with family and friends as well as fellow commissioners participating during the April 17 meeting of the Gadsden County Commission. James E. Peacock, who died March 8, served on the Gadsden County Commission from 1988 to 1996. The proclamation reads in part: "He devoted a lifetime of distinguished, continuous service to Gadsden County and his leadership and service to others is woven into the fabric of his local community and to Gadsden County."

## LEADERS

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to look at their permitting fees because he said Midway seems to be booming but Quincy has been slow to join.

"It may just be a decimal point," Hackney said.

Added Commissioner Derrick Elias: "That was quite informative," noting the costs also seem quite prohibitive and that the issue requires immediate attention.

"I can't agree more," Mayor Daniel McMillan said.

Commissioners agreed to a permit fee workshop at 5 p.m.

May 22.

Another business owner described a situation that he believes creates unnecessary expense for him to do business in Quincy.

Donald Murphy said he would like to park his food truck two or three days a week at 1116 W. Jefferson St., but the city wants him to have a mechanical bathroom for customers instead of a state-certified portable toilet because no other business with a regular restroom is on that site. He said the cost for that would be \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Dr. Bernard Piawah, the city's building and planning director, said city code does not allow

portable toilets to serve a permanent business.

Elias said that rule might need to be reviewed as well.

Scott Shirley, the city's attorney, said in order for the portable toilet to be allowed, the city's mobile vending code would have to be revised.

Elias asked City Manager Mike Wade and other city staff to look into the issue.

## MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners will be Tuesday, May 1, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m. The following items have been agendaed: **Amendments and Approval of Agenda:** Awards, **Presentations and Appearances:** Proclamation Honoring Mr. Courtney Wester, Presentation of Gadsden County Audit, **Clerk of Courts: Consent:** Ratification Memo. **Minutes:** January 29, 2018 - Special Meeting, February 5, 2018 - Special Meeting, March 20, 2018 - Pre-Meeting Workshop, March 20, 2018 - Regular Meeting, April 3, 2018 - Pre-Meeting Workshop, April 3, 2018 - Regular Meeting. Ratification of approval and execution of Transfer Agreement for transfer of water and sanitary sewer distribution system to serve Four Star Freightliner Property, and instruction for the Clerk to record the Transfer Agreement, Ratification of approval and execution of DEP Grant Agreement for St. Hebron Park "Walk and Bike Trail". **Items Pulled for Discussion: Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3-minute limit): Public Hearings:** Public Hearing: (Quasi-Judicial)-Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) High Speed Test Track Special Exception Use (SE-2017-02), Public Hearing: (Quasi-Judicial)-Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) High Speed Test Track Conceptual & Preliminary Site Plan (SP-2017-03), Public Hearing: Adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-001, An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, amending Chapter 6 of the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, regulating the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages; providing for repeal, severability, inclusion in the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, modifications that may arise from consideration at public hearing, and correction of scrivener's errors; and providing for an effective date. **General Business:** Approval and Execution of Satisfaction of Housing Agreement, Approval of the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Revised Annual Reports, CDBG Housing Assistance Plan (HAP) Revision Request, Approval of Off System Project Maintenance Agreement-County Road 268 Shoulder Construction, Discussion and Direction of the Continuing Service Contract for Architectural Services, Approval to Conduct a Classification and Compensation Study. **County Administrator Updates: County Attorney Updates: Discussion Items by Commissioners:** (This agenda, as well as a listing of the Receipt/File items, may be viewed in electronic format on the County's website at [www.gadsgov.net](http://www.gadsgov.net))

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

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

Telephone: (850) 875-8665 or 850-510-7842.

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**WORKSHOP NOTICE**

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Pre-BOCC Meeting Workshop to answer questions on selected agenda items regarding the May 1, 2018 BOCC agenda

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018 - 4:30 p.m.**

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

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

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**GADSDEN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Gadsden County Planning Commission will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Board of County Commission Chambers located at 7 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL. The proposed agenda will include the following public hearing item:

CHAPTER 1 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (Legislative) (LDR-2018-02) – Consideration of amendments to Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of the Land Development Code.

CHAPTER 2 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (Legislative) (LDR-2018-03) – Consideration of amendments to Chapter 2, Definitions and Interpretations of the Land Development Code.

FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT (Legislative) (LSPA 2018-01) – Consideration of amendments to the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

TRAFFIC (TRANSPORTATION) ELEMENT (Legislative) (LSPA 2018-02) – Consideration of amendments to the Traffic (Transportation) Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

CONSERVATION ELEMENT (Legislative) (LSPA 2018-03) – Consideration of amendments to the Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT (Legislative) (LSPA 2018-04) – Consideration of amendments to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (Legislative) (LSPA 2018-05) – Consideration 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.

Persons wishing to review the files on the above projects may do so on the County website at [www.gadsgov.net](http://www.gadsgov.net) or at the Gadsden County Building & Planning Department located at 1-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance in obtaining any information from the County or attending the public hearing should contact the County by calling 850-875-8665 or 850-510-7842, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at such public hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he or she may need to 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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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Drug take-back event Saturday**  
Gadsden County Sheriff Morris Young and the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office will participate in the annual National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration.
- From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Evidence Custodian Janice Tyus will be available to receive any expired and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs from citizens who would like them to be properly disposed of.
- Last weekend for 'My Fair Lady'**  
This is the last weekend to catch Quincy Music Theatre's production of "My Fair Lady" on stage at the Leaf Theatre in downtown Quincy.
- Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.
- The Leaf is at 118 E. Washington St., Quincy. Reserve your tickets at [www.qmt.org](http://www.qmt.org) or call at 850-875-9444.
- North Florida Wildflower Festival**  
Downtown Blountstown will be in full bloom from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. CST Saturday during the fourth annual North Florida Wildflower Festival on Magnolia Square.
- Highlights will be plant and flower vendors, jewelry, yard art, honey, clothing, jewelry, and arts and crafts. Free kids' activities will be provided by Calhoun County 4-H, and free train rides will take guests to the M&B Depot Park & Museum and back throughout the day.
- Freedom Fund banquet returns**  
Gadsden County NAACP Branch #5149 will host the ninth annual Freedom Fund Banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Florida National Guard Armory, Pat Thomas Hwy, Quincy.
- For tickets, call Sarah at 524-7860, Sam at 509-3504, or Arrie at 570-1296.
- May Day Celebration scheduled**  
Free food, drinks and Veteran Assistance will be available starting at noon Tuesday, May 1, at Conner Baseball Field, Gadsden County Agriculture Extension, 2140 W. Jefferson St., Quincy.
- For information, contact Master Sgt. Michael Jackson, U.S. Army, retired, at 850-875-8661.

**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 inquiries 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 [gadsgov.net](http://gadsgov.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 May 7, 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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OTHER VOICES

# Law comes at expense of public schools

Dual-enrollment offers eligible Florida students the opportunity to earn high school graduation credit at the same time they earn career certification or college credit. The program helps students get a jump on their next steps, preparing for careers or shortening the time they'll spend in college.

It's a great program, but continuing legislative micromanagement has produced yet another unintended consequence for state colleges.

Public schools pay state colleges for their students' dual enrollment classes, and that will continue. But as of July 1, a bill signed by Gov. Rick Scott exempts private schools from paying. That leaves state colleges in a financial bind, because the Legislature failed to allocate any funds to make up the difference.

Sen. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, sponsored the bill, saying that students in smaller private schools lose out because their schools can't afford to pay the dual-enrollment

fee. He also said there needs to be a "mechanism to make sure the colleges don't come up short" — but without legislative follow-through that didn't happen.

This new law is one more example of legislative bias toward private education at the expense of our public school system. In recent years there has been a continuing parade of legislative initiatives providing benefits without the strings and standards required of public schools.

It was part of the overloaded C.S./H.B. 7055, a compendium of some 200 pages including 37 separate items on topics ranging from state policy to local minutiae.

Debacles like this shouldn't occur. Tallahassee and the Legislature need to focus on leveling the playing field to achieve the mission of benefiting students and holding institutions accountable. While they're at it, they need to hold themselves accountable for cleaning up the messes they create.

— Citrus County Chronicle

FRONT PORCH VIEW

# Days gone by

As some of you might already know, mostly because I haven't been able to stop babbling about it for over a week now, I've recently discovered the television series "Downton Abbey." I will admit, I am very late to the game, so to speak, but my grand, I have enjoyed it immensely.



Michelle Mims

I made several jokes last week that I have begun to hear myself speaking British in my head-voice whenever I would read anything. And then, much to my surprise, and probably my husband's dismay, I also began "speaking" in that tone as well.

Most Saturdays are the day for linens to be washed. Today was no different. We might not be like most, though, as we wash and re-bed with the same sheets each week, never changing unless they are worn out. This is not to say I don't have extras. I do: I have three unused sets still in their original packing — should I need them — all bought on sale of course.

Well, today was the day for "the change." We've been using the same set for almost two years now, week in and week out. As I'm telling my husband I'm about to open a new set and we'll be discarding the others, he begins to argue the point that we should change out every other week so one pair won't get so worn.

In my best imitation of Mrs. Hughes — head housekeeper of Downton Abbey — I said: "You are most welcome to introduce another set of linens to be washed each and every week, ones that will also participate in the change-out of linens, but you, sir, shall be fully responsible for the task of re-folding that horrid fitted sheet as well, as my method never ever requires such a dreaded duty a'tall."

As I spoke, the accent gradually came out as well as the words. And as you can imagine — with mention of folding that ghastly fitted sheet — not another word was spoken! His face, however, reflected

laughter, and maybe just a tad bit of fear.

I am almost at the end of my journey through London and will miss those characters and their lives. As a good friend of mine said so well: "It was one of the best series to ever grace my television screen."

There doesn't seem much use for rank-and-file these days, or respect for general seniority and authority, for that matter. People walk around with imaginary masks, hiding their evil and hate. No one and nowhere is safe anymore, not a church, not a school, not two deputies sitting in a restaurant eating lunch.

I realize it was a different time, and a different place, but the ideals were such that one would have never thought that the basic idea of it all would just die out. But they are, indeed, dying, if not already dead. I dare say I do wonder, what will be left of respect and honor in another 20 years' time? I'm not quite sure we really want to see that far into the future; the present day is scary enough.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Time to retool Second Amendment

In 1777, when delegates from the colonies returned to Philadelphia to revise the Articles of Confederation, they determined that the Articles were just too flawed and that they would have to be replaced, not revised, in order to satisfy the needs of the budding nation. Thus was born our current Constitution.

Sometimes, things just cannot be fixed. For the last number of years, the Second Amendment has clearly fallen into that category. It does not matter how old it is, but it most certainly matters that its conflicting terms are dividing us.

Complicating the subject is that, similar to prosecutors refusing to prosecute gun violence cases if both parties carried guns, a result of codifying using lethal force when feeling threatened as opposed

to actually being threatened, the Supreme Court wants nothing to do with settling arguments over the meaning of the Second Amendment. The Court knows that those arguments can never be settled because the amendment contains the competing philosophies of a collective and an individual right to bear arms.

Those who live in uninformed and irrational fear of our "gun rights" dissolving should have some faith in themselves and dive into the process of replacing our flawed Second Amendment so we can unify and move forward. Rest assured knowing that, in order to amend the U.S. Constitution, two-thirds of Congress must vote in favor, and three-fourths of the States must ratify the change.

Let's work together with confidence and solve this.

Rick Soskis, Havana

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PEACEVOICE

# Which nations are the happiest?

LAWRENCE WITNER  
 SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

America's oft-quoted Declaration of Independence, when discussing "unalienable rights," focused on "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Although "happiness" is rarely referred to by today's government officials, the general assumption in the United States and elsewhere is that governments are supposed to be fostering the happiness of their citizens.

Against this backdrop, it's worth taking a look at the 2018 World Happiness Report, released in mid-March 2018 by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, a U.N. venture. Drawing on Gallup Poll surveys of the citizens of 156 countries from 2015 to 2017, the report, written by a group of eminent scholars, focused on the influence of per capita gross domestic product, social support, healthy life expectancy, social freedom, generosity, and absence of corruption in securing public happiness. Its rankings were based on assessments by people in different nations of their well-being.

What the report found was that the nations whose people reported themselves happiest were: Finland, Norway, Denmark, Iceland and Switzerland. And right after these came the Netherlands, Canada, New Zealand, Sweden and Australia. By contrast, the allegedly "great" powers that have proclaimed themselves models for the world, including the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and

China, fared relatively poorly. The United States ranked 18th (having dropped four spots from the previous year's report), while Russia placed 59th and China 86th.

The 10 happiest nations share a number of characteristics. Pre-eminent among them is the fact that they have been governed for varying periods by Social Democratic and other parties of the moderate Left, which have provided the populations of their countries with advanced social welfare institutions. These include national health care, free or inexpensive higher education, child and family support, old-age pensions, public housing, mass transit facilities and job retraining programs usually funded by substantial taxes, especially on the wealthy. Certainly the five Nordic countries that appear among the 10 happiest nations, with four of them occupying the top four spots, fit this model very well. As Meik Wiking, CEO of Copenhagen's Happiness Research Institute, remarked, they "are good at converting wealth into well-being." They have also been good at defending the rights of workers, women, immigrants, racial and religious minorities and other disadvantaged groups.

Of course, it's also true that the 10 happiest nations are relatively prosperous ones. And the least happy nations tend to be those that are most impoverished.

Nonetheless, wealth alone cannot account for the highest rankings. Finland (#1) has less than half the wealth per adult that the United States (#18) has, while

Norway, Denmark, Sweden, New Zealand, Canada and the Netherlands also lag behind the United States in average wealth per adult. Discounting the dominant influence of wealth on national happiness, the writers of the report contend that belonging and respect in civil society also play vital roles, as do "high levels of mutual trust, shared purpose, generosity, and good governance." A minimum level of economic well being might be necessary to pull people out of misery, but once this level has been reached, further wealth doesn't necessarily produce greater happiness.

The United States provides a good example of this point. As Professor Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University observes in the 2017 report, America's per capita gross domestic product continues rising, "but happiness is now actually falling." Indeed, between 2012 and 2018, the U.S. happiness ranking dropped from 11th to 18th. Over the years, he notes, there has been a "destruction of social capital" in the United States, caused by the power of "mega-dollars in U.S. politics," "soaring income and wealth inequality," a "decline in social trust" related to immigration, a climate of fear triggered by the 9/11 attacks, and a "severe deterioration of America's educational system." Economic growth, Sachs argues, has not been (and will not be) successful in fostering greater American happiness. That will only be secured "by addressing America's multi-faceted social

# Thinking OUTSIDE the Book

## ROSCOE'S TREASURE: CHAPTER 1, ROSCOE'S DISAPPEARANCE

**FRANCES MILBURN**  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The line of words in my science book started to move back and forth like waves on Lake Nokomis. I shook my head to bring me back to my homework on the desk in front of me. Three questions still remained unanswered. I needed to finish. But my mind drifted to Roscoe. How could he disappear? I knew he loved me and wouldn't intentionally take off. But it was two days now. Where was he? Something must've happened to him. What if he'd been hit by a car?

"Belle!" Dad called from downstairs, interrupting my thoughts. "I need you to set the table for dinner."

Relieved, I shut my textbook and hurried downstairs. The smell of something yummy hit me. I felt suddenly hungry. Hopefully, dinner included mashed potatoes, my favorite. The kitchen light was on and a stack of plates was waiting for me on the table.

"Did you finish?" Dad looked up from the stove where he was stirring chicken and veggies in the frying pan. I could feel my tummy growl.

"Not quite, three more questions." I started to lay out the plates around the table - Dad, Mom, me, and my younger brothers Zach and Jordan. "I just keep worrying about Roscoe. Where could he possibly be?"

"He's probably just out exploring someplace. Some dogs like to wander now and then. But tomorrow, I'll check the animal shelter. If he's not there, we can put an ad in the newspaper. Dogs are smart. Roscoe knows where he gets fed."

I took out the silverware and began setting a fork and knife around each plate. "Don't forget, Dad, we found him wandering in our yard when we first took him in. I



just hope someone else didn't adopt our dog.

Roscoe had arrived at our country home a couple years ago. He appeared at the end of the driveway after school one day - a short and wide dog with a mix of brown, gold and black fur. As we turned in our long driveway, he ran next to the car with his tongue out, smiling up at us. When we got out of the car, he started wagging his tail, and his whole hind end wiggled.

"Ignore him and just walk by." Dad said to me as I started to bend down and pet him. "He's too friendly to be a stray... probably wandered away from his house. When he's hungry enough, he'll go back to his owners."

It was hard to ignore him because he followed me, wagging his tail. He was so full of hope... until Dad closed the door in his face. After I took off my jacket, I

looked out the window. He was staring at me and seemed to say, "Don't you want to play?"

We didn't see him the next morning when we headed to school. I was relieved but also a little sad. However, when we came home after school, he was right there again at the end of the driveway wagging his tail, waiting for us.

"I bet he's hungry. Can't we give him something to eat?" I asked, as Mom headed up the driveway with the dog running behind.

"Maybe we should just keep him." Zach added, looking out the window. "I've always wanted a dog."

"That wouldn't be very nice if he has a home elsewhere. His owners might be worried and out looking for him," Mom said, "Country dogs sometimes go on journeys, but he'll go back home if we leave him alone."

Another day passed, and he was still around. Only now, he was less peppy, and his eyes seemed to beg for food. Finally, Dad approached him. There was no collar, and burrs had lodged into his fur. "Poor little guy. Some jerk must have wanted to get rid of him and just left him out here in the country to fend for himself. We can't ignore him anymore. I'm going to feed him. Then we'll decide what to do."

Dad filled a bowl with bread pieces and milk and told us all to stay inside. We watched from the window as he set it on the ground near our garage. The dog cautiously approached, watching Dad. But he just turned back and came into the house. After a couple minutes, the dog wolfed down the food. Dad called the animal shelter and the humane society, but no one had inquired about a missing

black, brown and gold dog. After that, we fed the dog and he stayed around. At first, he only came up to the house in the afternoon when we got home, hoping for food. But eventually, he ventured onto the back porch. Then it was only a matter of time before we all introduced ourselves. He was love-starved and soon worked his way into all of our hearts. He came in the house, but still slept outside...until winter. Then he joined the family full-time. We bought him a dog pillow that became his bed. My brother Jordan named him Roscoe after a cartoon character, a roly-poly little guy with a big smile who always got in trouble without realizing it.

But in one way, Roscoe was different from all my friends' dogs. We never put him on a leash or locked him in the house when we went away. He was allowed to come and go as he pleased. Since he was a stray, Dad felt we shouldn't prevent him from continuing his travels some day. But for two years now, he'd lived with us and had never left our property.

I finished setting out the silverware and looked over at Dad. "But what if someone else took him in like we did?" I felt myself close to tears. Roscoe was my best friend. He'd been sleeping at the end of my bed for a year now. Of course, Mom and Dad didn't know because he only jumped up after they were asleep and left early before anyone was up. Such a smart dog!

Dad walked over and put his arm around my shoulder. "I know you're worried. I promise tomorrow, I'll try to find him. It's too dark now, but I'll look for him in the car and ask around town. We'll find him." He smiled at me.

"I just hope something didn't happen to him..."

### Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

#### CRISSCROSS - WHERE'S MA?

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

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 3 Letters | MAD     |
| 4 Letters | MAN     |
| 4 Letters | EMMA    |
| 4 Letters | LIMA    |
| 4 Letters | MAIL    |
| 4 Letters | MAZE    |
| 4 Letters | OMAR    |
| 5 Letters | AMASS   |
| 5 Letters | LLAMA   |
| 5 Letters | MAIZE   |
| 5 Letters | MALES   |
| 5 Letters | MAMBO   |
| 5 Letters | MASON   |
| 5 Letters | MAYBE   |
| 5 Letters | SMALL   |
| 6 Letters | DISMAL  |
| 6 Letters | MAMMAL  |
| 6 Letters | MATTER  |
| 6 Letters | NOMADS  |
| 7 Letters | ALMANAC |
| 7 Letters | AMATEUR |
| 7 Letters | ROMANCE |

### 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. Alphabet member    | ___ E ___ | Brood of puppies | ___ I ___ |
| 2. Dense              | ___ C ___ | Ponder           | ___ N ___ |
| 3. Subject matter     | ___ E ___ | Aromatic herb    | ___ Y ___ |
| 4. Rolled up document | ___ C ___ | Leisurely walk   | ___ T ___ |
| 5. Margin             | ___ R ___ | More daring      | ___ L ___ |
| 6. Brief acting role  | ___ O ___ | Desert taxi      | ___ L ___ |
| 7. Army rank          | ___ J ___ | Estate           | ___ N ___ |
| 8. Move, like jello   | W ___     | Snickers         | G ___     |
| 9. No longer sleeping | ___ K ___ | Cognizant        | ___ R ___ |
| 10. Cause of wonder   | ___ V ___ | Mime Marceau     | ___ C ___ |

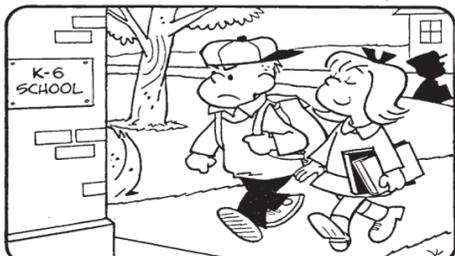
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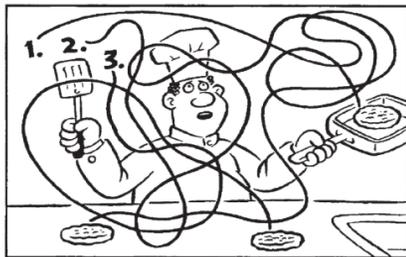
BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Cornerstone is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Classes are missing. 5. Book is moved. 6. Fireplug is missing. 7. Arm is moved. 8. Classes are missing. 9. Arm is moved. 10. Classes are missing.



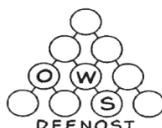
CALVIN, THE SHOWOFF CHEF, is lucky if he can flip one out of three burgers into the pan. See if you can guess which was the lucky patty!

Answer: Number two was the one that made it to the grill.

**PUNCTUATION TIME!** All right, students, you have one minute to punctuate the sentence on the blackboard so that it reads correctly!

Answer: It was 'and' | said, 'not' or, 'or'.

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



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Soot, soon, sown, sows, sewn, sews, sees, seed.

### Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

#### A "PURRFECT" WORD PUZZLE!

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | C | A | T |   |
| 2 | C | A | T |   |
| 3 | C | A | T |   |
| 4 |   | C | A | T |
| 5 | C | A | T |   |
| 6 | C | A | T |   |
| 7 | C | A | T |   |

A perfect score on this quiz will "catapult" you to the head of the class. To the left is a stack of eight words, each of which contains the word "cat." Using the following hints, see if you can pounce on them in less than five minutes.

- To find by searching.
- To leave a job.
- A list of things.
- A type of mimic.
- To provide knowledge.
- Storage area for odds and ends.
- To shorten by cutting off.
- Two boats in one.

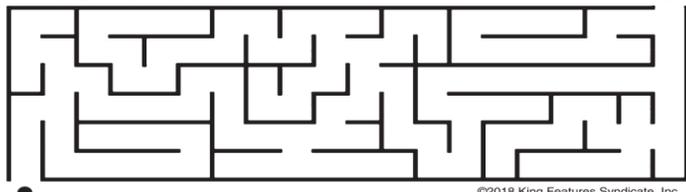
Answers: 1. Locate. 2. Vacation. 3. Catalog. 4. Copycat. 5. Educate. 6. Catchall. 7. Truncate. 8. Catamaran.



Kids' Maze Solution

- Even Exchange**
- ANSWERS
- Letter, Litter
  - Thick, Think
  - Theme, Tyme
  - Wiggle, Giggle
  - Awake, Awaire
  - Border, Bolder
  - Camel, Cameo
  - Major, Manor
  - Wiggle, Giggle
  - Awake, Awaire
  - Border, Bolder

### Kids' Maze



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ANSWERS

1. MAMMAL  
2. MATTER  
3. NOMADS  
4. ALMANAC  
5. AMATEUR  
6. ROMANCE  
7. MALES  
8. MAMBO  
9. MASON  
10. MAYBE  
11. SMALL  
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# The pull of a new gun



**S&W Airweight #642 has a 12-13 pound trigger pull. Yikes!**

When you're in the market for a defensive handgun, size matters. It has to be small, but, as one woman said to me: "It's going to be on the nightstand by my bed. I plan to carry it in my car. It has to handle well and shoot easily. And, of course, it has to fit in my purse."



**Marj Law**

When you're a woman and haven't handled guns, it's tempting to let a guy friend or husband "help" you choose one. After all, they know best for you, right? The answer is "no." Nobody, even another woman of your size and stature can tell you which gun is right for you.

## HOME ON THE RANGE

The only way to know what you might like is to borrow or rent several small handguns and go to a range to try them out. I'd strongly suggest a very safe range, like the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range. The WCSO range has common-sense rules that keep shooters safe when they practice.

Anyway, Mr. Guy Friend is hot to help you purchase a gun. He wants you to be safe. That's good. He wants a gun with strong "take-down" power, so if you manage to hit Mr. Evil-Trying-to-Kill You, you will do enough damage to stop him.

Guy Friend knows you  
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## NEWS NOTES

### Golf tourney funds scholarships

Quincy Kiwanis Club will host its annual Richard Combs Golf Tournament at 1 p.m. Friday, with registration beginning at 11:30 a.m., at the Golf Club of Quincy, Solomon Dairy Road, Quincy. Format is two-player teams, best ball.

For information, call Quincy Police Chief Glenn Sapp at 850-363-4824 or Kacy Dennis at 850-445-2785.

### Library scholarship winner announced

Claire Taylor, a senior at Robert F. Munroe Day School, was chosen the winner of the Friends of the Gadsden County Public Library's inaugural Julia Munroe Woodward Essay Contest.

Her essay about the importance of school and community libraries earned her a \$1,000 scholarship to the college or university of her choice.

### Munroe Bobcat baseball wrap

The Bobcat varsity baseball team of Robert F. Munroe Day School had mixed results in recent weeks.

On April 12m they won 19-0 against the Tallavana Christian Lions at home, then lost 10-4 against Wakulla Christian School at an away game in Crawfordville.

In the April 17 contest against Poplar Springs, at home, they won 11-2, then fell 7-3 to Aucilla Christian in a rivalry game in Monticello.

This week the Bobcat schedule included a home game Monday against Rickards and another game against Poplar Springs Tuesday in Graceville at Poplar Springs High School.

# STATE TOURNEY BOUND

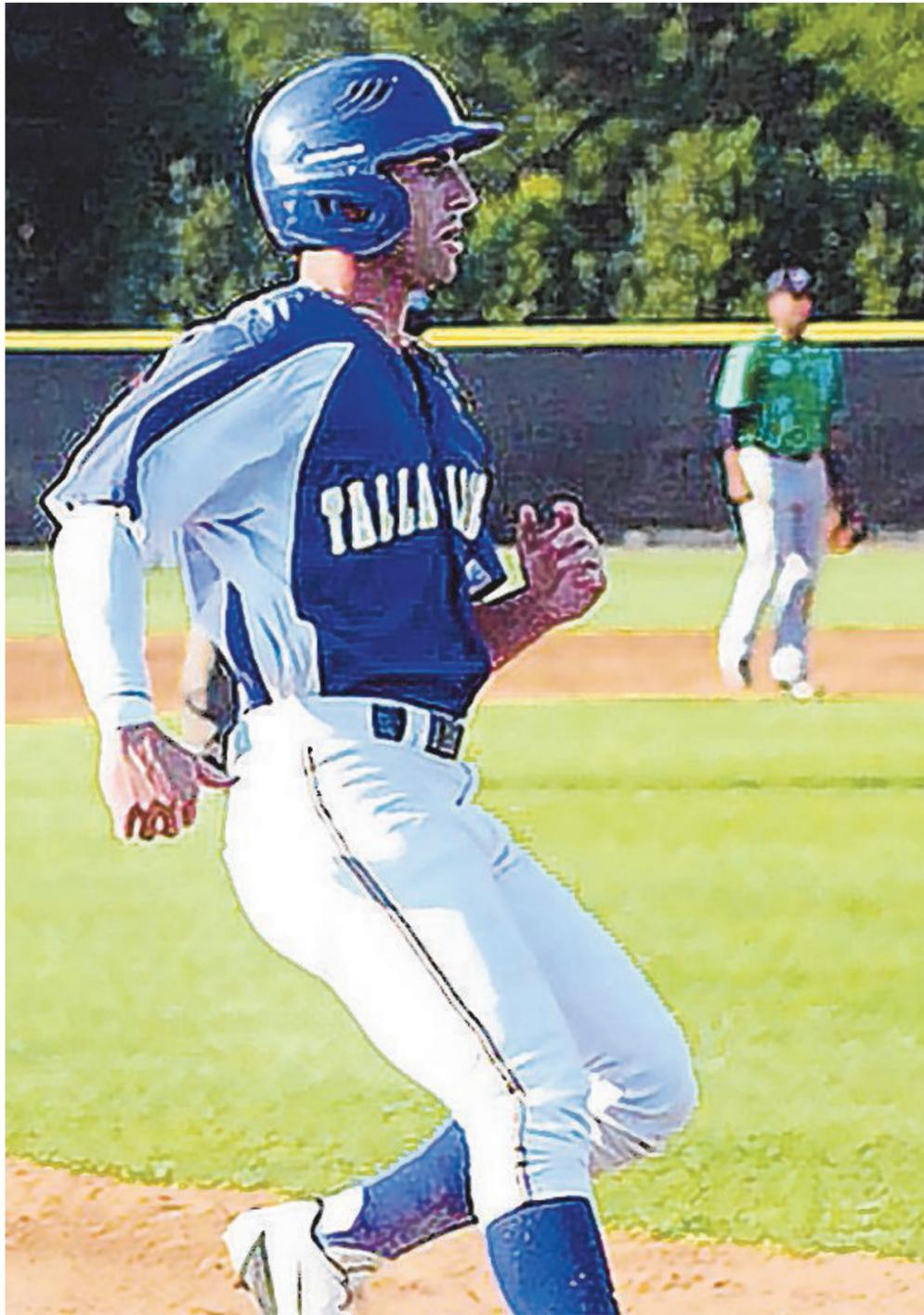


Photo courtesy TCC Athletics

Tanner Thomas and the Eagles are headed to Lakeland after a victory Friday, April 20, over Pensacola State College.

## Baseball punches ticket to Lakeland

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLAHASSEE — Tallahassee Community College clinched a berth in the NJCAA Gulf District/FCSAA State Baseball Tournament with Friday's 6-3 win over Pensacola State College.

Tallahassee has won nine of 11 since a 3-7 start to improve to 12-9 in Panhandle Conference play and 34-16 overall. The Pirates have dropped four straight and are now 22-26 (9-14).

Eagle righty Justin Sorokowski (5-0) labored through the first three innings before settling in and eventually pitched into the seventh. He won his fourth straight start while lowering his PC-leading ERA to 1.80, but only after minimizing a slew of early scoring threats by Pensacola State.

The Pirates' first two batters reached base in the first, which turned into a 1-0 lead following a fielder's choice and Josh Rulli's sac-fly to left. Griffin Rivers' two-out single put runners on the corners with two outs, but Sorokowski struck out Jake Nemith to end the inning.

Sorokowski found himself in trouble again in the second. After walking the lead-off batter for the second straight inning, Bucky McGlamry

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# TCC softball beats NWF State for first PC win



Photo courtesy TCC Athletics

Freshman Sidney Mathis pitches Wednesday, April 18, against Chipola.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLAHASSEE — Sidney Mathis pitched a complete game and Samantha Malik's third-inning homer provided the deciding run in Tallahassee Community College's 2-1 win over Northwest Florida State College in Monday's home finale at the TCC Softball Complex.

Tallahassee (11-32-1, 1-16 Panhandle Conference) picked up its first conference win of the season while ending the Raiders' hopes of forcing a three-way tie for second place. Instead, the Raiders were on track to carry the PC's No. 4 seed into this past weekend's three-team Panhandle Conference

Tournament.

Meanwhile, Pensacola State College (10-9) and Gulf Coast State College (10-9) met in Wednesday, April 18's regular season finale for the No. 2 seed and the right to host the weekend event, where the winner would be advancing to the NJCAA District/FCSAA State Tournament in Sanford.

Mathis (4-10) allowed six hits and three walks over seven innings, but Northwest Florida State could only manage a fourth-inning run, courtesy of Emily Sinclair's sac-fly to right that scored Venice Sanders. That cut Tallahassee's lead in half and Mathis made it hold up, allowing only two runners over the final three in-

nings.

The Eagles had base runners in each inning and stranded 10 for the game but single runs in the second and third innings proved enough.

D'kota Cassady's one-out double in the second started the Eagles' first scoring rally. She advanced to third on a groundout and came home on Brandie Callaway's single to left.

Malik doubled the lead an inning later when she took Amber Byrd's first pitch in the third over the left field fence for a solo home run.

Cassady was 2-for-3 with two doubles. Malik was 1-for-4. Ismay Poot was 2-for-4. Kacie Dobyanski didn't record an

official at-bat but drew three walks.

### TCC softball swept by Chipola

Chipola College swept a doubleheader from Tallahassee Community College on Wednesday, April 18, winning 10-0 and 8-0 in the Eagles' season finale.

Tallahassee ends the season with a record of 11-34-1, 1-18 in Panhandle Conference play. Conference champion Chipola bounced back from its first loss of the season to improve to 46-1, 18-1 in league play.

Ismay Poot and Monica Marquez each went 1-for-2 for Tallahassee. Sidney Mathis (4-11) struck out five for the Eagles.

**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Pack the pews event slated Sunday**

Sister Clara Wood and the rest of the church family invite the community to a Pew Rally at 3 p.m. Sunday at Greater Tanner Chapel

**Clara Wood**

AME Church, with Pastor Sterling Barkley Sr. Minister Palmyra Williams, St. Stephens M. B. Church, will be the guest speaker.

Greater Tanner Chapel is at 1911 Martin Luther King Blvd., Quincy.

**Church plans convivial event**

Church Women United of Tallahassee will host a May Friendship Day Tea at 10 a.m. May 4 at Centenary

United Methodist Church, 206 N. Madison St., Quincy.

Come and join in prayer fellowship and fun. A donation of \$3 covers registration. There will be door prizes and awards for the best table decorations and best hat, so come and join us. Event organizers ask that those attending the event bring baby items for a local charity.

For information, call Kay Roach at 850-627-9226, ext. 1; Ethel M. Wooten at 850-566-8021; or Kim Simpkins at 850-567-6852.

**Church to offer grief support group**

Fellowship at Midway Church, 32319 Blue Star Highway, Midway, will host a GriefShare grief support group from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through June 13.

To register or for information, call 850-251-9142.

**Seniors enjoy class trip to Colorado**



Photo special to Gadsden County Times  
Robert F. Munroe Day School's senior class trip destination was Breckenridge, Colo. Seniors, from left, are: Devonta Brinkley, Gage Rudd, Claire Taylor, Shiania Lee, Alex Shiver, Hannah Touchton, Jackson Boone, Slater Stephens, Saralyn Jenkins, Katy Blount, Jacqueline Castaneda and Garrett Franklin.

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# How much is an old wooden screen door worth?

I finally figured out what is wrong with America. We don't have wooden screen doors anymore.

That's right: If we have a screen door, it is made out of aluminum with a glass window in it and a mechanism to keep it from slamming shut.

So how long has it been since you have heard a screen door slam shut?

When I was growing up, we had one of those wooden screen doors with a long spring to help keep it shut. It had one of those simple latches that locked it to the doorframe.

That screen door became a center point of conversation around our house, leaving very little time for discussions about politics. You see, hardly an hour went by when my



Byron Spires

brother Eddie and I were at home that that screen door didn't come up in some way or another.

Like they say, if I had a nickel for the number of times we were told to shut that door, I would be close to a millionaire in today's money.

We didn't go in or out of the house — especially in the summertime — when that door wasn't mentioned.

We had a parakeet called Pee Wee, and his cage was near the front door. My mother taught that bird to talk, and he had those cute little sayings like, "Pee Wee wants a cracker," "Pee Wee is a pretty boy," "Hey there, what's your name?" and he whistled songs as well.

She spent hours teaching him those little sayings. The way they learn is by repetition, saying

something over and over to them.

However, Pee Wee added one on his own: "Byron shut the door!" Seems he heard that said enough to repeat it with ease.

I miss hearing, "Stay in or out; you're gonna wear the hinges off that door," or "Keep that door latched."

The truth is there are just not enough wooden screen doors and front porches left anymore. Instead we spend our time in air-conditioned

houses.

Wooden screen doors represent a time, especially in my life, when things were so much simpler and conflicts were mostly about keeping that door shut.

I would love to hear my mother say one more time, "Are you coming in or going out? You're letting flies in the house."

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

## Eighth-graders visit Washington, D.C.



Special to Gadsden County Times

Robert F. Munroe Day School eighth-graders, in March, visited Washington, D.C., for their class trip. Pictured here are: Tori Hollingsworth, Kaidyn Barkley, Tyler Dickey, Harrison Sadberry, Luke Drude, Warner DeGraw, Nathanael Livingston, the group's tour guide and Brett Robbins; front row: Lillian Keels, Madison Johnson, Carly White, Zoe Bergman, Josh Briggs, Khalia Brinkley, Kyle Keigans, Scott Bergman and Bo Suber.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Painter's on exhibit at Gadsden Arts

An exhibition of the work of John Isaacs is on display through June 23 in the Zoe Galloway Gallery at the Gadsden Arts Center & Museum in Quincy. With extensive study under notable instructors and years of dedications to his craft, John Isaacs focuses his skills on rendering images of wildlife. In keeping true to his belief that art is a vehicle for self-expression, Isaacs aims to capture wildlife in his surrounding world and portray each scene in his own creative way. Gallery hours to see "Wildlife of North America: Paintings by John Isaacs" are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Suggested admission donation is \$5 for adults, members and children free.

### Dog wash fundraisers back

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. Warm water will keep the dogs comfy!

All proceeds directly benefit animals in Gadsden County. For more information, please contact GCHS at 539-0505.

### AMIKids Gadsden enrolling for summer

Enrollment is underway for the upcoming summer program at AMIKids Gadsden.

Students ages 11 to 17 will have an opportunity to learn valuable skills in culinary arts and information technology as well as industry certification.

The program will operate 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition to coursework in the above topics, students will also be able to participate in career development topics such as resume writing, job interview skills, dressing for success and completing the job application.

Job placement will be a major goal of AMIKids Gadsden for all work-age ready students. Mentoring, homework help, field trips, community service and hands-on training are also included in the curriculum. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or need additional enrollment information, contact AMIKids Gadsden at 627-1844. There is no cost for the program.

## STATE

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doubled and the Pirates had two runners in scoring position with nobody out. Sorokowski didn't flinch, however, and retired the next three batters — two on strikeouts — to get out of the inning unscathed.

Thanks to an assist from his defense, Sorokowski snuffed out another scoring opportunity in the third. With one out, Wilfredo Alvarez tagged up from third on Rivers' fly out to right, but Tanner Thomas made a near-perfect throw and catcher Kyle Benson applied the tag on the second attempt after Alvarez avoided Benson's first but missed home plate.

That turned out to be the Pirates' last real scoring threat until the eighth. By then, Tallahassee led 6-1.

The Eagles also missed a couple of early opportunities to put runs on the board. They loaded the bases in each of the first two innings, despite only recording one hit, but could only score one run. A passed ball in the second allowed Trey Polewski to race home from third.

Tallahassee manufactured single runs in the third and fourth, again with only one combined hit.

Logan Lacey reached on an error to start the third and eventually scored on Polewski's sac-fly. In the fourth, Benson drew a leadoff walk — one of 11 free passes issued by the Pirates — and later scored on Lacey's single.

Benson added a two-run homer in the fifth to

extend the Eagles' lead to 5-1, and Jayson Sowden's pinch-hit, RBI-single in the sixth plated Thomas.

Tallahassee preserved its lead with some timely defense in the latter innings.

With a runner on first and one out in the seventh, James Parris sent one deep to right-center but Miller raced over from center and made a diving catch on what turned out to be Sorokowski's final pitch.

Sorokowski scattered six hits and two walks over 6.2 innings while striking out five.

Tyler Lehrmann recorded the final out of the inning, but only retired one batter in the eighth before handing the ball to Jake Kinney with two runners in scoring position.

Rivers singled home Alvarez and Nemith's sac-fly scored Josh Rulli to make things interesting and cut the Eagles' lead to 6-3. Cameron Wright, who replaced Benson behind the plate in the sixth, threw out Rivers attempting to steal second to end the eighth.

Sowden, who stayed in the game following his sixth-inning at-bat, made a sliding catch in left-center for the first out of the ninth. The Pirates, however, eventually brought the tying run to the plate, but Kinney, fittingly, ended the game with a strikeout — the Eagles' seventh of the game and 465th on the season, which continues to lead the nation.

Seven different players accounted for the Eagles' seven hits. Benson finished 1-for-1 with two RBI and two runs scored.

Thomas was officially 0-for-1, but walked four

times. Tallahassee and Pensacola State will conclude their season series Saturday, April 21, in Pensacola.

### TCC 5, PSC 2

Tallahassee Community College scored five runs over the last two innings, including three in the top of the ninth Saturday, to break a 2-2 tie and beat Pensacola State College, 5-2.

Tallahassee (35-16, 13-9 Panhandle Conference) has won three straight and 10 of 12 overall.

After scoring two runs in the eighth to tie the game Saturday, the Eagles went to work again in the top of the ninth.

Jayson Sowden drew a leadoff walk, stole second then reached third when the next batter, Trey Polewski, bunted his way on. Kyle Benson drew a one-out walk to load the bases, and Mason Miller singled to score Sowden with the go-ahead run although Polewski was thrown out at the plate trying to score from second.

Miller went 3-for-5, scored twice and drove in a run for the Eagles, who played their final home game of the season at Monday against Northwest Florida State College. Results were not available at press time.

### Looking ahead

The NJCAA Gulf District/FCSAA State Tournament will take place Friday, May 11 to Tuesday, May 15, at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, the spring training home of the Detroit Tigers. Tallahassee will open postseason play at 10 a.m., May 11, against the champions of the Suncoast Conference.

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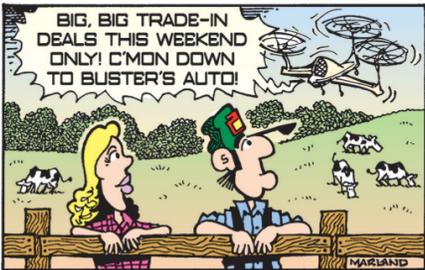
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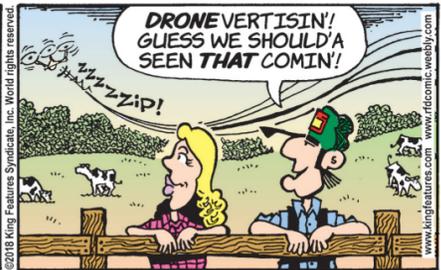


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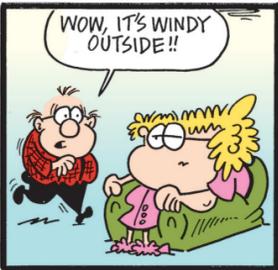
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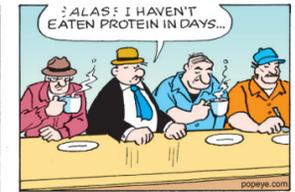
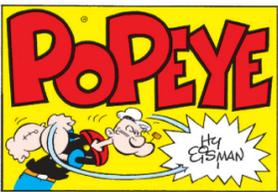
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### LAFF-A-DAY



### 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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Aspect  REAFUTE

Adorned  PRADED

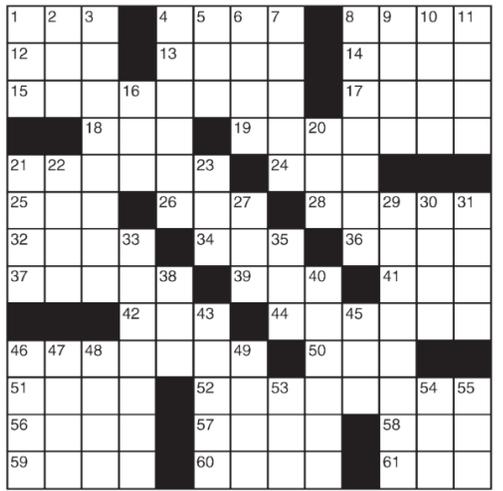
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TODAY'S WORD

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Restroom, for short
- 4 Back talk
- 8 Blunders
- 12 Yale student
- 13 Friends, old style
- 14 Manner of walking
- 15 Gut level
- 17 Sans siblings
- 18 Feline
- 19 Snake or lizard
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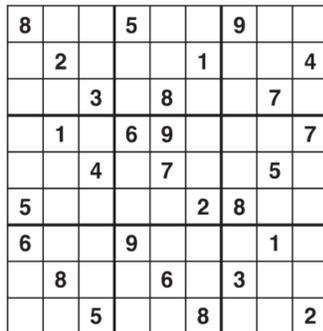
### DOWN

- 1 Third O.T. bk.
- 2 Boxer Muhammad
- 3 Baron's superior
- 4 Draw
- 5 Melody
- 6 Celebrity
- 7 Drag (Var.)
- 8 Braggart's journey?

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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

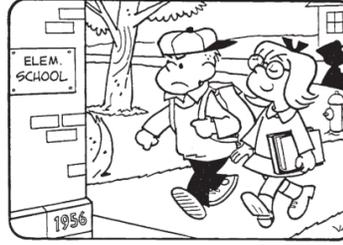
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ART: Which artist from Iowa painted the iconic "American Gothic"?
2. BUSINESS: Where is the Target store's headquarters?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest mountain range in North America?
4. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin term "ad infinitum"?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When does winter begin in the Southern Hemisphere?
6. NOBEL PRIZES: Who was the only prime minister to win the Nobel Prize for Literature?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What are the ingredients in a Moscow Mule?
8. ANATOMY: What is the most common blood type in human beings?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest rodent in North America?
10. LITERATURE: How many lines are in a Shakespearean sonnet?

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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- JGB GJ IYBN RMPA HEYBYHDV
- QYXXYHGVBYPAR? INAO BNA
- RNYJR DEA QMIO.

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### SEAFOD

Today's Word

- 1. Endow; 2. Feature;
- 3. Draped; 4. Scowl

### SCRAMBLERS



Solution time: 25 mins.

### Answers

- 1. Grant Wood
- 2. Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 3. Rocky Mountains
- 4. Going on forever
- 5. June 21
- 6. Winston Churchill
- 7. Vodka, ginger beer and lime juice
- 8. O positive
- 9. The beaver
- 10. 14

### King Crossword

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### Weekly SUDOKU

Put up with some critical difficulties? When the ships are down.

## SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** You easily handle your tasks this week, thanks to those high energy levels that never seem to run down. But pace yourself, Lamb, for the demanding week ahead.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20):** With the arts dominant this week, you might want to pick up any of those creative projects you've neglected. A workplace situation benefits from some fresh insight.

**GEMINI (May 21 to**

**June 20):** Music helps replenish your energy levels. Stream your playlist if you must. But a live concert could prove more rewarding, especially if you go with that very special someone.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22):** Close friends reach out to help perk up your lagging social life. That workplace situation also eases, leaving you time to do more fun things by week's end.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22):** A revelation clears up

that perplexing job-related problem. Some changes will have to be made, which, no doubt, will meet with the Big Cat's roaring approval. Good luck.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22):** Reaching out to someone in need is the noble thing to do. But try to restrain the temptation to add a lecture -- no matter how well-intended -- to your good deed.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22):** There could be another tough chal-

lenge to face before the month is over. But all that hard work is winning you lots of important recognition from your peers.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21):** Keeping to your work schedule could prove difficult with all those personal distractions. Best advice: Stay with it. There'll be time later for socializing.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21):** Jumping hurdles this week might be vexing for most, but not for the sage

Sagittarian, who recognizes that meeting a challenge can open up opportunities.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19):** More obstacles might be thrown in your path as you try to finalize a new agreement. But the sure-footed Goat ignores the stumbling blocks and stays the course.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18):** We know the Water Bearer takes pleasure in giving to others. But why not let someone else enjoy the expe-

rience too by accepting that offer of help?

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20):** You might find that you need to ease up on your hectic schedule this week. Don't fret about it. It could be helpful to take a break and replenish your energy supply.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of finding practical solutions to complex problems, and you do it with grace.

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RANGE

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need a small gun that will fit into all those locations you've mentioned. And he wants to find you one that will never jam, because he knows you might not be able to figure out what to do if jamming ever happens.

Guy Friend is looking at a Smith & Wesson .38 #642. It is very light at 14.4 ounces and overall is small at 6.3 inches in length. Even better, he'll put on a pretty set of pink grips!

Suchadeal. Don't let him talk you

into this revolver.

OK, I'm really biased against .38s in general, and those Airweight .38s in particular for a newbie shooter.

Most women will say they want a handgun that is "easy to shoot," so let's consider how hard it is to pull the trigger on this .38.

Almost all modern .38s have double-action triggers. Roughly speaking, this means that pulling the trigger will perform the two actions of cocking the gun and setting the firing pin to whack the round. Because these triggers have to do two things, you have to pull pretty hard to fire the gun.

Trigger pull is rated in pounds. More pounds equals more work to pull that trigger. So, a 10-pound trigger requires a lot more pull than a 4-pound trigger. What this boils down to is that a lot of people, men and women alike, find that a 10-pound trigger is downright hard to pull. If it's hard to pull, you won't want to practice shooting. If you don't practice, you won't be much good at defending yourself.

Getting back to this 642 revolver: It's got a 12- to 13-pound trigger pull. That's a whole lot of pull. I like to read "The Truth About Guns" on the Internet, and

Ralph in one article says of the 642 trigger pull:

"Frankly, the trigger of any new Airweight is as stiff as a dead carp and cries out for a power assist."

Doesn't he have a way with words? If you've read this and are not sure you believe it, since Smith & Wesson does have a great reputation, just ask someone to let you shoot a .38.

What do you do now? Many handguns have much easier trigger pulls. For instance, the Browning Black Label 380 1911 handgun has a 4-pound trigger pull. When practicing with this little guy, you're not likely to get tired or to

have a red and sore trigger finger. The Black Label is easy to handle, can be kept by your bedside and placed in your car, and it is a bit larger than the Airweight, but will probably fit in your carry purse just fine.

The Black Label is a semi-automatic handgun and not a revolver. There is a possibility that it might jam, but then, a revolver can malfunction, too. I've shot a friend's Black Label, and neither he nor I have had any jamming difficulties. Any gun can malfunction, so I think inexperienced people get too hung up on "jamming."

Other small handguns

with easy triggers are the Sig Sauer .380, and the Smith & Wesson Shield .380 EZ. It's not the only factor that makes good defense handguns, but an easy trigger pull is, to my mind, a top priority or you simply won't practice. When you maintain your gun and have broken it in well, and have made several trips to the range, you'll have confidence in it. Jamming won't be a big worry anymore.

Try out several handguns before you decide on the right one for you. Feel that trigger.

If you're lucky, you might even find one with those pretty pink grips.

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Attorney for Personal Representative: CAROLYN T. LEBOUF, ESQ. Florida Bar No. 0362409 909 East Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Telephone: (850) 222-2000 Facsimile: (850) 222-9757 Email: carolyn@tallahasseeattorneys.com Secondary Email: kbaleiy@tallahasseeattorneys.com
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of HUGHIE LEE SIMMONS, deceased, whose date of death was March 29, 2018; File Number 18-000143-CPA, 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 PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
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Tax Deed Notices
4037-0426 GCT (Cert# 843)
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Luis De La Puente, 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: 843 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 475 P 396, COMM AT THE NWC OF THE NE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECT 31-3N-4W, RUN N89°42'13"E 841.27 FT, S00°04'04"E 1375.66 FT TO N/LY RT/WY BNDRY OF CR 268, N85°09'00"W 558.16 FT, N85°29'59"W 141.17 FT TO BGIN N86°11'59"W 141.17 FT, N00°13' 36"W 174.40 FT, S85°09'00"E 146.36 FT, S01°26'09"W 171.73 FT TO POB; LESS & EXCEPT THE E 15 FT FOR EGRESS & INGRESS, ALSO LESS THE FOLLOWING EASMT: COMM AT THE NWC OF THE NE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECT 31-3N-4W, RUN N89°42'13"E 841.27 FT, S00°04'04"E 1375.66 FT, N85°09'00"W 418.16 FT, N03°09'43"E 321.62 FT, N85°09'00"W 275.89 FT TO BEGIN, N85°09'00"W 15.03 FT, N88°23'04"W 15 FT, S01°26' 09"W 322.26 FT, S85°50'59"S 30.04 FT, N01°26'09"E 322.74 FT TO POB
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-31-3N-4W-0000-00210-0400
Name in which assessed: Willie Fred and Jeanette M Winbush
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 1st Day of August, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Dated this 5th DAY OF March, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: MARYLYN BARNES
whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARY THOMAS, DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s).
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
PARCEL 1: COMMENCE AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK G, OF BURMAH HEIGHTS ADDITION, A MAP OR PLAT OF WHICH IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN NORTH 2 DEGREES 59 MINUTES EAST 200.1 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 24 MINUTES EAST 200 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF NINTH STREET, NORTH 0 DEGREES 24 MINUTES EAST 100 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES WEST 150 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 24 MINUTES WEST 100 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES EAST 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LANDS BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, STATE OF FLORIDA, AND BEING IN THE CITY OF QUINCY, COUNTY OF GADSDEN, AND STATE OF FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 or on before May 19, 2018 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) 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 filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Gadsden County, Florida, this 11 day of April, 2018.
Nicholas Thomas, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(COURT SEAL)
By: Pam K. Carter, DEPUTY CLERK
Published April 19 & 26, 2018. 17-047412

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
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whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARY THOMAS, DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s).
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
PARCEL 2: THE EAST HALF OF LOT 15, BLOCK M, OF BURMAH HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF QUINCY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, OF BLOCK M, OF BURMAH HEIGHTS, A MAP THEREOF BEING OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN NORTH 37 AND 50/100 FEET, THENCE WEST 51 AND 46/100 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 37 AND 50/100 FEET, THENCE EAST 51 AND 46/100 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF QUINCY, COUNTY OF GADSDEN, AND STATE OF FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 or on before May 19, 2018 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) 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 filed herein.
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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Gadsden County, Florida, this 11 day of April, 2018.
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Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices
4073-0426 GCT
Hughes, Diane F. 17000956CAA Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 17000956CAA

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices
4073-0426 GCT
Hughes, Diane F. 17000956CAA Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 17000956CAA

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices
4073-0426 GCT
Hughes, Diane F. 17000956CAA Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 17000956CAA

Tax Deed Notices
4038-0426 GCT (Cert# 2834)
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Tax Tea Party.com LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERTIFICATE NO: 2834 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A tract of land lying in the Lakebed of Lake Talquin being located in Section 3, Township 1 South, Range 4 West, Gadsden County, Florida, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Commence at the northeast corner of Lot 21, Block "C", of Lake Talquin Camp, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 111 of the Public Records of Gadsden County, Florida, and run thence South 12 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East (bearing base for this description) along the Easterly boundary of said block "C", a distance of 789.65 feet to an iron pipe, thence continue South 12 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 12.12 feet to a point located on the 70.00 foot contour line of Lake Talquin as established per the City of Tallahassee Flow Report on November 3, 2006, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run along said 70.00 foot contour as follows: North 41 degrees 33 minutes 06 seconds East 15.01 feet, North 18 degrees 06 minutes 34 seconds East 11.47 feet, thence North 38 degrees 20 minutes 54 seconds East 1401 feet, thence North 32 degrees 22 minutes 10 seconds East 13.59 feet, thence North 31 degrees 52 minutes 19 seconds East 8.56 feet, thence North 43 degrees 44 minutes 32 seconds East 9.18 feet, thence East being said 70.00 contour line run South 50 degrees 35 minutes 02 seconds East 870.00 feet into the lakebed of Lake Talquin, thence South 34 degrees 36 minutes 12 seconds West 71.07 feet, thence North 50 degrees 35 minutes 02 seconds West 870.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 603154W000001200700
Name in which assessed: Tax Tea Party.com LLC C/O Pace Allen Jr.
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 1st Day of August, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Dated this 5th DAY OF March, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
Published April 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2018.

Tax Deed Notices
4039-0426 GCT (Cert# 1801)
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Heritage Consulting Group-888926, 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: 1801 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOTS 3 & 4, BLK A, RAINBOW PARK, OR 310 P 410
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-11-2N-4W-0940-0000A-0030
Name in which assessed: David L Bradley C/O Lita S Bradley
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 1st Day of August, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Dated this 5th DAY OF March, 2018.
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Dated this 5th DAY OF March, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
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Amended Notice of Action
4070-0426 GCT
Delorey, Linda 20-2018-CA-000212 Amended Notice of Action IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 20-2018-CA-000212
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
LINDA DELOREY; et al., Defendants.
AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: LINDA DELOREY Last Known Address 192 SIOUX CIR, HAVANA, FL 32333 Current Residence is Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Gadsden County, Florida:
COMMENCE AT CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST AND RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES EAST 793.0 FEET ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 13 TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE SOUTH 58.35 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 22 MINUTES EAST 676.90 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE EASTERY HAVING A RADIUS OF 333.49 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24 DEGREES 21 MINUTES, THENCE RUN SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 141.73 FEET TO THE END OF CURVE, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTE EAST 292.88 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES WEST 118.0 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTE EAST 120.0 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES EAST 163.0 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 55.0 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES, THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY AND NORTHERLY ALONG SAID CURVE 86.39 FEET TO THE END OF CURVE AND THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 45 SECONDS WEST 65.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;
BEING LOT NO. 59 OF AN UNRECORDED PLAT OF OCHLOCKONEE ESTATES.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME SITUATED THEREON.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on SHD Legal Group P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is PO BOX 19519 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318, (954) 564-0071, answners@shdlegalgroup.com, within 30 days from first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
DATED on April 10, 2018.
NICHOLAS THOMAS As Clerk of the Court
(COURT SEAL)
By: Pam K. Carter, As Deputy Clerk
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing spe-

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problems — rising inequality, corruption, isolation, and distrust.”

One factor not considered by the report is the role of violence in reducing happiness. The 10 happiest nations certainly have much lower murder

rates than the United States and Russia. Also, when it comes to gun homicide rates, these vary from 1/35th (Norway) to 1/8th (Canada) of the rate in the United States. It is also worth noting that at least five of the world's least happy countries are war zones: Ukraine (#138), Afghanistan (#145), Syria (#150), Yemen (#152) and South Sudan (#154).

Although the 10 happiest na-

tions maintain armed forces, none can be classified as a major military power or has chosen to become one. For example, given their economic strength and technological prowess, they could easily develop nuclear weapons. But none has opted to do so. This contrasts with the nine nuclear powers, which retain some 15,000 nuclear weapons and are engaged in a new, vastly expen-

sive nuclear arms race. Whatever else these nuclear nations have achieved through prioritizing the building of nuclear weapons, it has not — as the happiness rankings show us — led to widespread happiness among their citizens.

Overall, then, it appears that the pursuit of ever-greater wealth and military power by national governments doesn't necessarily create happiness

for their people. By contrast, governments that seek to improve everyone's lives — or, in the words of the preamble to the U.S. Constitution, “promote the general welfare” — do a much better job of it.

Dr. Lawrence Wittner, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is Professor of History emeritus at SUNY/Albany and the author of “Confronting the Bomb” (Stanford University Press).



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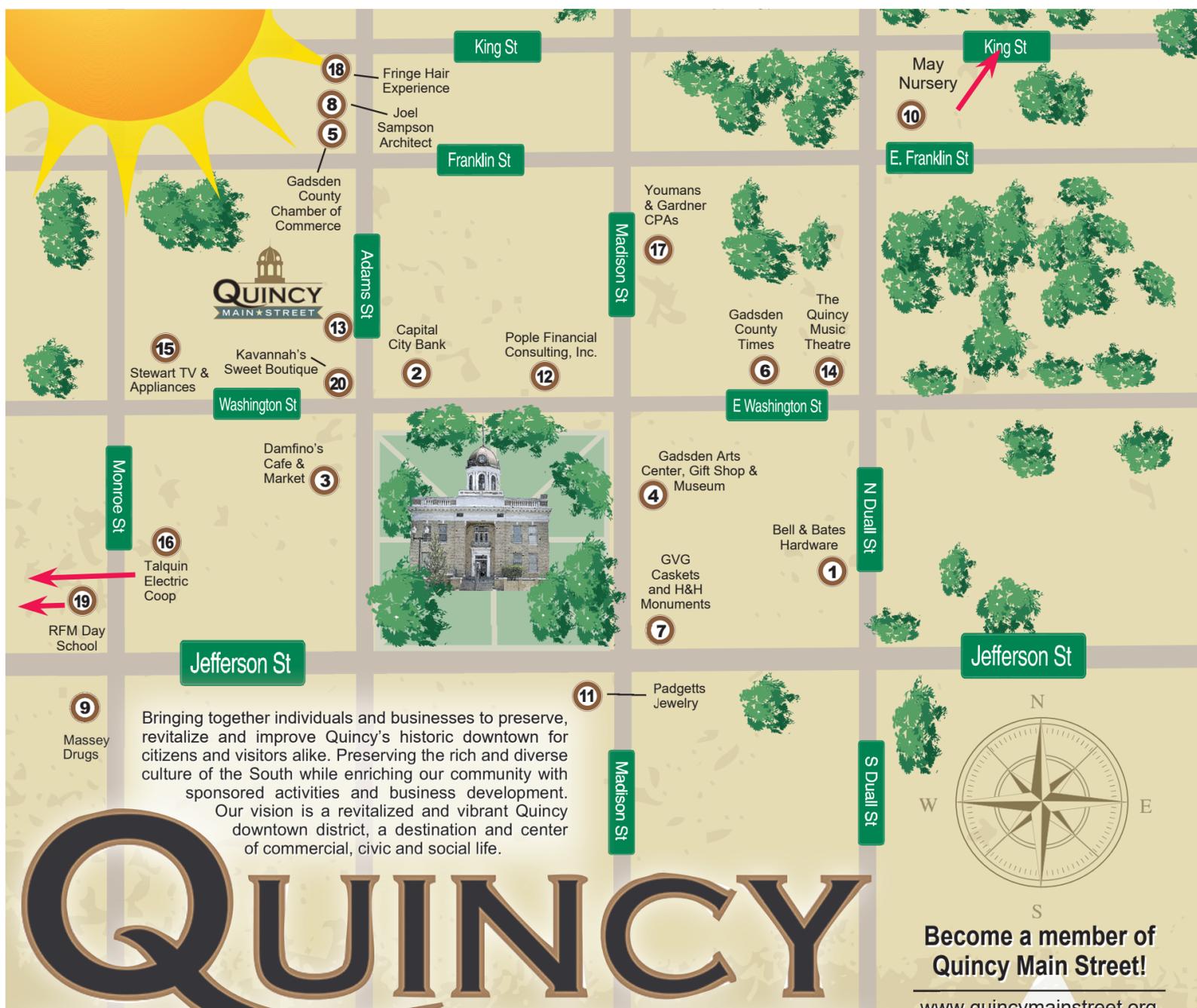
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# Arts & Bikes Festival slated

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A lot is going on in downtown Havana on May 11 and 12, and the entire community is invited.

That's the weekend of the inaugural Havana Festival of Art and Bikes (FAB), and it promises to be not only an art, wine and cultural event but also a family-friendly festival for kids, parents and grandparents to all enjoy.

On Friday, May 11, the Murals, Wine & Art Walk will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Artists will accompany walking tours around town to view newly painted wall murals. A Wine Around the Block will follow at 6:30 p.m., featuring artists in several shops and a jazz band on 1st Street NW.

Thirteen downtown establishments are participating in the Friday event. Tickets are \$20.

Bikes and art will highlight activities on Saturday, May 12, that also include a pancake breakfast, food vendors and arts and crafts on Havana's streets.

The pancake breakfast will take place at the pavilion at The Planters Exchange complex from 8 to 10 a.m. Pancakes, Bradley's sausage, coffee and juice will be served. Tickets are \$6.

At 10 a.m., the Florida Department of Transportation's "rodeo trailer" will be

at the East 7th Avenue parking lot (next to Alexander's) to conduct a bike awareness program. Thirty bikes will be available for kids to use and 50 helmets will be given away.

People of all ages are urged to bring their personal bikes to the festival. Not only are 4-mile and 8-mile bike rides available beginning at 10 a.m., but participants can also have a free safety check of their bikes by Hubs & Hops bike shop of Thomasville.

Pimp your ride! That's right, dress up your bike during art activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the stage area. Tables will be set up to decorate bikes and helmets with tassels, sound effects, stickers and antennas.

A bike parade at 1 p.m. will circle around the block to show off the decorated bikes as well as any other bikes that want to participate.

Approximately \$6,000 worth of bikes will be raffled or given away beginning around 2 p.m. They include both youth and adult bikes, one of which is valued at nearly \$1,000 (donated by Hubs & Hops). Bike raffle tickets may be purchased for \$5 each at the Havana Main Street tent, located in the parking lot, until the drawings begin.

Tickets for these events are also available at Eventbrite.

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