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OUT TO SEE

Farmers Market Saturday

The Apalachicola Farmers Market is this Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. under the Mill Pond Pavilion at the working harbor along Scipio Creek. Join the community as you pick up fresh produce, local eggs, seafood, tupelo honey and delicious breads and baked goods right out of the oven. Chat with local artists as you browse their silver, glass and beaded jewelry along with wooden bowls, furniture and paintings. Live music, rain or shine, year round!

Soup, Bread and Book sale Saturday

Don't miss The Friends of the Library, Soup, Bread, and Book Sale at the Carrabelle Branch this Saturday, Feb. 24. The book sale will start at 10 a.m. when the library opens, and the soup and bread will be available starting by 11 am. All proceeds from fundraisers benefit the continuing services and resources of the county libraries. Follow Friends of Franklin County Public Libraries Florida on Facebook for all of their great fundraiser events.

Book signing for wartime romance Saturday

Alice Tipton LaFleur will sign copies of her family memoir at Apalachicola's Downtown Books this Saturday, Feb. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. "Sir and Miss Annie is a must-read for World War II buffs and anyone else who enjoys a good old-fashioned love story.

Water workshop March 1

The City of Apalachicola and the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) will hold an informational workshop on Thursday, March 1, at 5 p.m. to help residents better understand recent increases in their water bill and suggestions on how to conserve water. The workshop will be held at the Battery Park Community Center on Bay Avenue. It will include discussions on how to read your water bill, how to read your water meter and detect possible leaks, and tips on how to save water in your home. For more information on the workshop call Anita Grove at 670-7708.

Schools focus on safety plans

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Last week's massacre at a high school in Parkland, in which 17 individuals were gunned down by a former student, has led to an acceleration of plans here at home to better secure the campus of the Franklin County School, and to make access more flexible in the event of an emergency.

At Tuesday's regular monthly meeting, school

board members reviewed a preliminary proposal to reinforce the interior fencing around the campus in Eastpoint, and to add additional gating that would limit access of vehicles to areas beyond the parking lot in front of the administrative building.

The school board is also looking to move forward on a long-standing proposal to add a secondary access road behind the school that would enable buses to enter and exit the campus

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Transportation Coordinator Bud Strange points out to school board members where the proposed secondary access road would go. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY FESTIVAL

'Our way of giving back'



Last year's Tiny Miss Hillside Madison Grady, left, helps crown this year's Tiny Miss Harmony Banks. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

By JonMichael Francis
Special to the Times

The streets surrounding Franklin Square were packed with cars and people last weekend as the 15th annual H'COLA African-American History Festival proceeded full-fledged.

Vendors lined the grounds and music encompassed the area as community members

celebrated African-American history, life and culture.

Blue skies, colorful African fabrics and the smell of soul food set the scene for the outdoor, family-oriented event. "We have had such a grand time," said Elinor Mount-Simmons, president of H'COLA. "This festival is our big signature event, and is our way of giving back."

Entertainment was held throughout the festival, highlighting local singer and songwriters, as well as talents from outside of the Big Bend. Eric Sharp-er's "Dream Reality" and the P and W Trio, both from Georgia, performed, while Tasia Jones recited a spoken word poem.

Other events included a parade, led by grand

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County OKs SGI overlay plan

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The approval by county commissioners Tuesday morning of an overlay plan for the St. George Island business district will be met with costly legal action, says the man whose property is likely to be the most affected by the change.

St. George Island resident and businessman George Kirvin Floyd, whose initial proposal to restore the island's former ferry boat basin to a working harbor, and subsequent plan to put in an RV park on the property, were both rebuffed last year by the county commission, is now promising to challenge the overlay plan in court.

County commissioners voted 4-1, with Noah Lockley opposed, Tuesday to approve the overlay plan, which is expected to go into effect shortly.

"The action to remove property ownership rights (that are) currently expressly allowed will create great harm and undue spending on legal fees," said Floyd. "This is a serious indictment on the integrity of this board. It's a very serious matter and it's going to be litigated heavily."

The seven-page overlay plan would affect such things as billboards, waste containers and landscaping, and restrict the putting in of a variety of businesses, including tattoo parlors and adult entertainment shops. But its most controversial elements would be the banning of RV parks and commercial boat storage.

Both Floyd and St. George Island businessman Walter Armistead have proposed, in separate projects, to put in RV

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marshal Fonda Davis, that commenced the festivities, fashion show and a Sunday worship service, presided over by Pastor Garry Reed, of St. Paul AME Church, with Bishop Horace Solomon, from New Life Church, as the speaker.

Fifteen local non-profits and eight food vendors lined grounds adjacent to the Holy Family Senior Center, with many food, clothes and crafts were selling out on the first day. The local health department, library, Democratic party, and several others, had booths as well, providing information and assistance for the community. Serving as a platform for others to showcase what they too can offer to the community, the African-American Festival is a testament of what a tight knit community is.

"It was certainly a great event and I like to think that a lot of people enjoyed themselves," said Apalachicola Mayor Van W. Johnson, Sr., who is serving his 10th year as mayor, and who has seen the importance of this event in his community.



Denny DeLoach, with Big Boi's BBQ out of Panama City, was busy all day at the grill. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

"In its 15 years, it has always been a well attended event," he said. "The fact that the attendance includes a mixed and diverse group shows that it is embraced by the community at large, which is a positive thing in Apalachicola. I would like to see more things like this happen across the county."

Johnson said the ethnic fashion show and the portion where children from the community spoke about the history of African-Americans as their heroes, resonated most with him. Taking part in the fashion show were coordinator Sherry O'Neal, Gladys Gatlin, Melissa Miller, Jessie Harris, Martha Greene, Sister Margaret Conley, Alonna Brown, Alonna Brown,

Zariah Harvey and Gabrielle Robinson.

Harolyn Walker brought youth speakers on famous black artists and activists. In addition, two more names were added posthumously to the Legends board, Warren Hayward Sr., a bus driver who was instrumental in securing the creation of single-member district, and Clarence Williams Sr., who later served as county commissioner.

On Friday afternoon, at an event overseen by Tami-Ray Hutchinson, four new queens were named. These were Franklin County High School junior Miss Hillside Beyla Walker, Junior Miss Hillside Ma'Halal Griggs, an ABC School fifth grader, Little Miss Hillside Ja'Nya Bell, an



Anita Grove, from the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, shows off aquatic life with Franklin County second grader Kelvin Byrd, left, and first grader Nevaeh Sims. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

ABC School first grader, and Tiny Miss Hillside Harmony Banks, a 4-year-old who attends North Florida Child Development.

The young ladies succeed last year's queens, Miss Hillside India Sewell, Junior Miss Hillside Trinity Barron, Little Miss Hillside London Lewis and Tiny Miss Hillside Madison Grady.

For first-time festival attendee, Michele Tribiani, the event deepened her appreciation for her town of Apalachicola. "Apalachicola,

though a small city, has a big city vibe," said Tribiani, "By that I mean it encompasses many ethnicities and everyone seems to embrace everybody."

She said she enjoyed the celebration of life and culture that the festival offered and looks forward to next year's event.

Held the third weekend of February, the festival is hosted by The Hillside Coalition of Laborers for Apalachicola, a non-profit, community-based organization that offers support to the Apalachicola Bay Area, H'COLA works year round for the betterment of the community, by working with senior citizens and providing meals, to supporting student's educational needs, striving to impact the lives of those living in Apalachicola.

"H'COLA consists of 15 hard-working men and women," Mount-Simmons said, "And all come together to give service to the community. It's our way of giving back, and we enjoy doing it, it is a labor of love."

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parks in the business district, which ranges from the Apalachicola Bay side to the Gulf of Mexico, and between Third Street East and Third Street West.

In his lengthy presentation prior to the vote, Floyd, a fifth generation county resident, said his 26-acre bayfront parcel on the west side of the entrance to the island would be affected by the change. He stressed that he had invested more than \$100,000 in improvements to the property and would like to eventually moor a 107-foot paddlewheeler that is completing a six-year restoration effort.

He said his proposed RV park would bring in increased property and sales tax revenues and jobs, bringing foot traffic to downtown businesses. He disputed that an RV park would decrease island property values.

Floyd argued that the new rules "would remove property ownership rights currently expressed allowed in the C-3 zoning code," and that the value of his property would be "significantly reduced" by the change to permitted uses.

"The county commission intends to make no financial reparations to the owners thus harmed," he said. "They have sought and received assurances from their outside legal counsel this will be achieved."

In making this argument, Floyd was alluding to a possible violation of the 1995 Bert



George Kirvin Floyd speaks out against proposed the St. George Island overlay plan. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act, which provides relief to private landowners when a law "inordinately burdens, restricts, or limits private property without amounting to a taking under the U.S Constitution.

"It's frustrating you're taking away every right from this property," said Floyd, mentioning too that he is suing over being afforded due process in the discussions surrounding the proposed overlay.

"You don't want to hear from people being affected? That's insulting," he said. "How is it that this county commission violates its own rules? You're stepping on our heads and we have to spend vast amounts of money to combat these legal affronts."

Floyd also spent time railing against the inclusion of a ban on "adult sex toy shops" in the overlay language, which he termed a "perverse addition."

"It's offensive that this even goes into the code of Franklin County," he said. "Those wouldn't be allowed anyway

with the existing code. This is not a sex toy shop kind of issue."

County commissions listened quietly to Floyd's lengthy recitation of his criticisms, but after Floyd several times referred to the adult sex toy issue, Commissioner William Massey angrily asked him why he was repeatedly bringing up the issue.

"I take it as a great personal insult," Floyd replied.

While Armistead was not present at the meeting, Floyd repeatedly referred to a recent decision by Circuit Judge Terry Lewis that Armistead was denied due process rights when county commissioners denied his request to put in an RV park, and that he was entitled to a rehearing on the matter.

"Fortunately, I have been blessed enough to challenge this continued practice by Franklin County - on behalf of all of us. Walter (Armistead) had the court require the county to hold now and in the future a quasi-judicial hearing where your rights will be protected and honored," he said. "I am going forward to ensure that

they do not abuse, arbitrarily and capriciously, the real and personal rights of the people of Franklin County by refusing to apply the current law to the current facts for a just and legal determination."

County Attorney Michael told commissioners the overlay plan would apply only to proposed businesses and not to existing ones. He declined comment, because the matters are in litigation, on what effect the overlay would have on the Floyd's and Armistead's RV park proposals.

After St. George Island real estate agent Marilyn Bean spoke out against allowing entirely residential units in the business district, often referred to as "skinny minis," commissioners agreed to disallow them as well, meaning only residences with a business operating on the first floor will be allowed.

Earlier, Bean's wife, Mason spoke out against the overlay, objecting to the ban on commercial boat storage that is included.

"I think you're trying to fix something that isn't broken," he said. "I hope you don't handcuff our future growth and development."

Because the overlay limits to two the number of boats that can be kept on properties, Shannon Hartsfield, president of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, asked what effect it would have on those oystermen who are granted permission by property owners to keep boats on vacant lots. Former County Planner Alan Pierce said most of these boats are kept on a state right-of-way and would not be affected, and

commissioners made no further change to the overlay.

Also speaking out were St. George Island businesswoman Daphne Evanoff asked that massage parlors be allowed, arguing that such a ban would restrict massage therapists and spas, and that any "foul play" is prohibited under existing laws.

St. George Island resident Jo Pearman spoke in favor of the overlay, arguing that the overlay would put a needed control on the explosive island growth over the past 30 years.

"The more people you bring in, the more garbage, the mere sewage," she said. "There are more people coming to that island than ever before. There's got to be a limit

"Let's use Eastpoint, let's put some things over there," she said.

County Coordinator Michael Morón read a letter from the owner of an existing henna tattoo parlor on the island, which drew the distinction between the temporary henna tattoos and the permanent type. Commissioners made no change to the wording "tattoo parlors" which is in the overlay.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Ricky Jones, who represents the island, took exception to Floyd's claim that the overlay was targeting him.

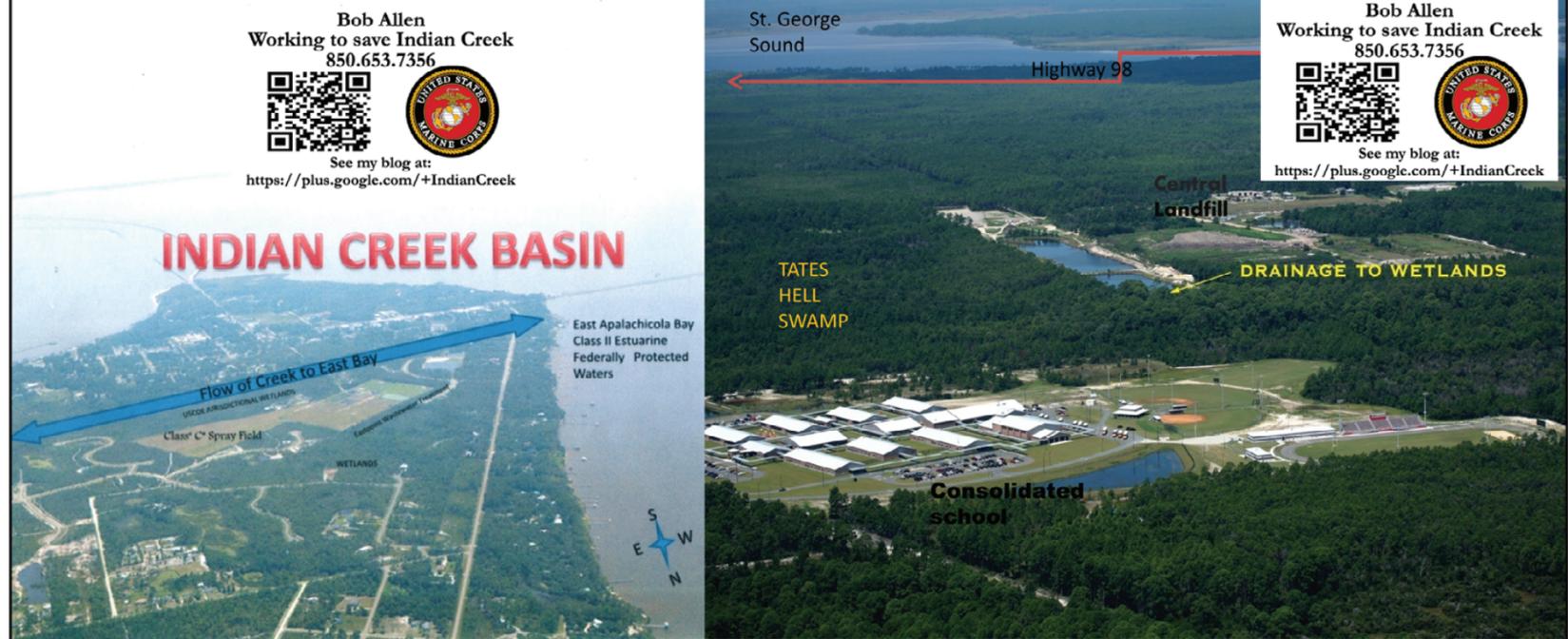
"To portray this as this as if it is about one project is a farce," he said. "Does it make everybody pleased? No, but for it to be portrayed that we are somehow trying to do whatever we do, and it's about one or two people, is wrong."

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OPINION

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Adjusting Baby Boomer retirement benchmarks



Margaret McDowell

“Every summer we can rent a cottage in the Isle of Wight, if it’s not too dear. We shall scrimp and save”

—From “When I’m Sixty Four” as performed by The Beatles

More financial advisors are suggesting that it has become necessary to rethink one of the primary rules of thumb in retirement allocation calculations: that we should spend no more than 4 percent of our nest egg annually.

Let’s consider the financial dynamics of the 4 percent rule. If your retirement accounts total \$1.5 million, that means that you should withdraw no more than \$60,000 in the first year of retirement. Factoring in inflation, in the second year you might need to spend a little over 4 percent of your nest egg to ensure the same standard of living. Simply stated, few of us can afford to spend through our nest egg too quickly.

So what has changed to render the 4 percent rule less valid? The most obvious answer is that we’re living longer, and thus our retirement accounts must serve us for more years. Also, the high cost of medical care for retirees has become a wild card, one that no financial planner or retiree can predict. Currently, though, estimates are that retirees will spend, on average, some \$400,000 in medical expenses after age 65. There’s another theme, however, that is becoming more pervasive in the financial planning industry: Investment returns are likely to be lower over the next 10 years than they have been over the previous decade. Stock market valuations are significantly higher than what they were nine years ago when the stock market bottomed out in March 2009, and the economy isn’t growing nearly as fast as it once did.

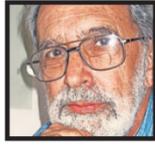
This combination of retirees living longer and an expectation of lower returns has caused many advisors to suggest that clients utilize a 3 percent rule as a new guideline for retirement spending. Granted, this doesn’t sound like much. But our fictional retiree (\$1.5 million at retirement) who is spending 3 instead of 4 percent of his nest egg the first year in retirement would see a 25 percent drop in annual spending, from \$60,000 to \$45,000. That’s a huge lifestyle adjustment. Consider also that once you spend that \$45,000, the next year you are spending 3 percent of a smaller nest egg, unless of course your investment growth outpaces your withdrawal.

Most folks possess an intuitive retirement spending barometer. In years when returns are poor, retirees may back off on that European river cruise, and in banner years, they may splurge on a Hawaiian vacation. This flex spending approach may work for some. Of course, this means that the stability of your portfolio value and the predictability of your portfolio income becomes that much more important.

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THE GOOD LIFE

‘Chain migration’ served my family well



Denny Bonavita

President Trump wants to get rid of “chain migration.” My paternal grandfather sure was glad that “chain migration” was in place in the 1910s. So am I. “Chain migration” allows close family members of previous immigrants preference to come into the United States. Trump and Republicans want to replace it with emphasis on job skills and desirable attributes rather than family relationships.

Grandpa Joe Bonavita immigrated into the United States sometime before World War I, as I remember the story. I don’t have documents, so the precise year is hazy.

His brother Tom had immigrated earlier. Tom worked driving spikes through railroad tracks and into wooden crossties at the Pennsylvania Railroad snaked northwest from Harrisburg toward Erie. In Warren, 60 miles east of Lake Erie, Tom found a job at the Struthers-Wells steel fabricating plant, sent for his family, and settled down.

Grandpa Joe found brutal work in underground coal mines in West Virginia and southwestern Pennsylvania. The story goes that his wife died, leaving him with two daughters, and he sent back to the “Old Country” for a new wife. His relatives sent him Philomena Fico, whom he dimly remembered as a younger girl in his town of Petilia Policastro, province of Crotona, region of Calabria.

In the 1920s, disaster struck.

Grandpa was slammed against the mine wall by a chain of breakaway handcars loaded with coal. The steel push handle sticking out from the side of the car ripped

through his back, breaking his spine and severing muscles.

It was two or three days before he even saw a doctor.

When his back healed, he could no longer stand upright. He was bent at the waist at a 90-degree angle, though he could prop himself upright by leaning on a chair, a sofa arm or his wife. I have a photo of Grandpa proudly standing almost upright while short, stout Grandma leans into him to disguise his handicap.

No Social Security. No disability. No pension. Nothing.

And mouths to feed. Probably five or six children by that time. Starvation loomed.

“Come to Warren,” said Tom, his brother.

Tom got Grandpa a job as a janitor at Struthers-Wells. This next statement is politically incorrect, but it is accurate: Grandpa was ideally suited to the job, because he was already bent down toward the floor. He could push the broom neatly, sweeping up the curly shavings from the chipped-out steel along with the dust from coal and dirt.

For the rest of his life, Grandpa was grateful to Struthers-Wells for having given him the job. When Dad and his brothers, still at home in their 20s during the Depression of the 1930s, partied heavily and moaned against getting out of bed at 5:30 a.m. to work at that same plant, Grandpa would turn their mattresses over, dumping them onto the floor.

Struthers “gave me a job when we were starving,” he would say. “You will not disgrace our name by not showing up for work.”

Grandma and Grandpa were happily married for a half-century or so. As a pre-teen, I practically lived with them and their son Frank in the house they shared. That house was located just across the street from Struthers-Wells, banging forging hammers, squealing cranes and all. It was a block away from the house

where Uncle Tom’s widow and their children, my cousins, still lived when I was growing up in the 1940s and 1950s.

That was the “chain migration” we still have today: Families helping families. If it had not been for Uncle Tom, I and other grandchildren probably would not have been born.

Now, “chain migration” is not perfect, or holy. I do not think that close relatives should get automatic admission. Actually, they do not. Convicted criminals and other undesirables are regularly denied.

I do see the desirability of the mutual support framework that “chain migration” allows. In instances where there are quotas from specific countries, I don’t have a problem with giving preference to immigrants with clearly desirable job skills — but that is “preference,” not “requirement.”

On my family tree’s other branch is the story that my maternal grandfather was a stowaway on a freighter, an illegal immigrant freeing a death warrant issued by the Mafia of that time. Again, I have no documentation, but I heard the story over and over. He lived with family until, eventually, he proudly became a naturalized citizen. Again, “chain migration.”

We ought to keep “chain migration” as a policy, in my view. Modify it? Sure. Stress the desirability of skilled immigrants to the United States economy? Yep.

But family ties are powerful ties. Immigrants of this and previous generations coalesced around families, then around common-country communities, then gradually flowed out into the mainstream.

So let’s not get rid altogether of “chain migration.” It has served us well.

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GUEST COLUMN

Half the county struggles to meet basic needs



Glenda Thornton

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

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

We know from United Way of Florida’s most recent Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed Report that 51 percent of households in Franklin County are struggling. While 19 percent are considered below the poverty line and are eligible for federal

aid and other assistance, 32 percent - more than 1,300 households - make too much to receive help and too little to survive.

Living at the intersection of that rock and a hard place you’ll find over half the population of men, women and children in Franklin County. If you look at the total number across our county footprint, that’s means there are 2,199 households filled with 5,930 people who don’t make enough to cover their basic needs in Franklin County.

That’s the hard news. Fortunately, the story doesn’t end there. While our community is filled with people in great need, it is also filled with people willing to help. As is with most cases, neither of these groups is mutually exclusive. As United Way of the Big Bend’s campaign chair, I’m fortunate to have a window into our local giving economy and I’m proud to report it is teeming with people who care enough to contribute to absolute strangers because they know their investment has the potential to change lives.

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

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

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

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

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CHASING SHADOWS

A history of Franklin County commerce: Part 3

The following is an excerpt from the Pensacola Daily News, Feb. 14, 1890. Over six weeks, Chasing Shadows will publish this piece in its entirety. Apalachicola was a remote destination in 1890 and difficult to reach except by water but it had much to recommend it, as we can see here. Thanks to Mark Curenton Apalachicola's premiere local historian for unearthing this gem.

FRANKLIN COUNTY. A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

Lovely, Prosperous, Thriving Apalachicola. ITS BIRTH, GROWTH, FALL AND RISE. From Poverty to Affluence. From Wealth to Indigence, From Penury to Prosperity, the Place has Run the Gamut. ITS PEOPLE AND THEIR BUSINESS. The Story of Carrabelle Briefly Related, Etc., Etc., Etc.

Steamboat Lines

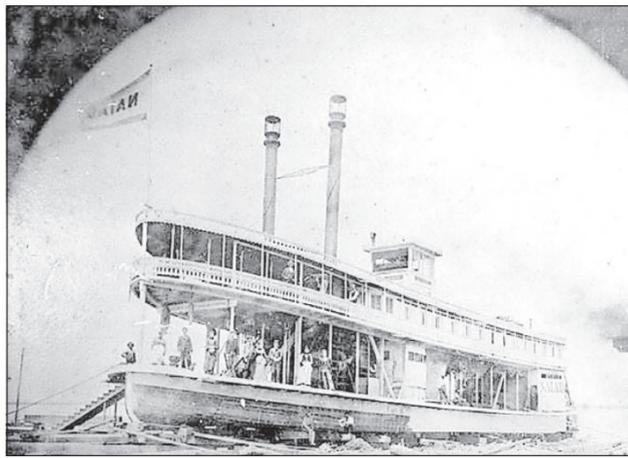
During the extensive cotton days of the port, before and after the war, regular steamship lines were established and in successful operation between this port, New Orleans, New York and European ports. The river steamers numbered at one time more than a score, carrying a large quantity of cotton to this place from the interior of Georgia and Alabama, returning with requitees of merchandise, supplies and materials brought hither by the steamships for the use of the extensive territory whence the cotton was obtained. In the rebuilding of the factories, railroads and other structures after the war, these river boats were very successfully employed, but the completion of the railroads did away with the necessity of transportation by river of the cotton shipments for foreign countries, and the river interests, with those of Apalachicola, suffered in consequence thereof.

Those steamboats presently plying the river are the Pactolus, Naiad, Milton H. Smith, Fannie Hearn, Wm. D. Ellis, Lotus No. 2 and Miss Haynes. These boats navigate the Apalachicola, Flint and Chattahoochee Rivers, a distance of several hundred miles from Apalachicola, connecting with various lines of railroad adjacent to and crossing these rivers, carrying all classes of freight to and from all eastern, northern and western markets.

Their connection for Apalachicola are made at Chattahoochee, Fla., the terminus of the F. C. & P. system and the P. & A. of the L. & N. system; also, at Bainbridge, Ga., a terminus of the S. F. & W. R. R. system, and at Columbia, Eufaula and Gordon, Ala., and Fort Gaines, Ga., with the Central Railroad of Georgia. The head of navigation for these boats is Columbus, Ga., where various railroad connections are also made. Some of these boats arrive at Apalachicola daily. Their connections with these various railroads are illustrative of the manner in which passengers and freight get to and from Apalachicola.

Railroads

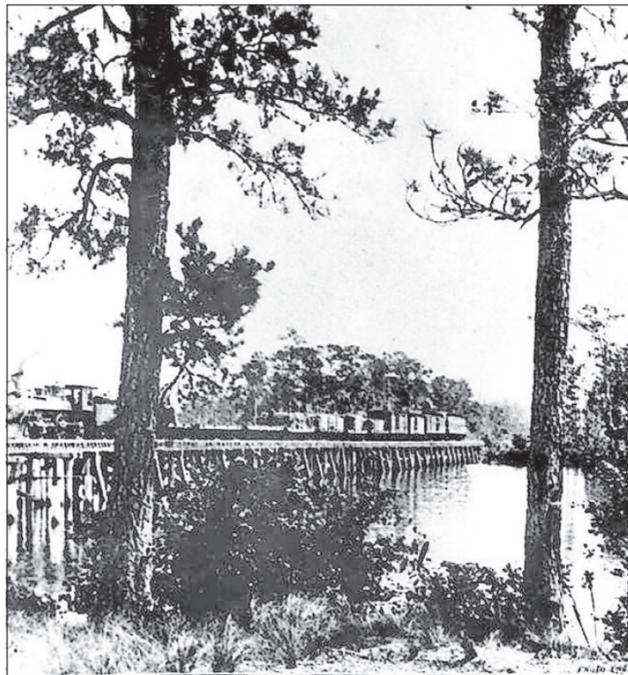
The first railroad was built a few miles above this town, from the Apalachicola River at Iola, Calhoun County, to St. Joseph's, a town on the



The Naiad drydocked in Apalachicola circa 1885. [PHOTOS FROM STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]



The John G. Ruge home circa 1895.



Carrabelle, Tallahassee & Georgia Railroad train crossing the Ocklocknee River bridge circa 1895.

gulf coast, about twenty miles west of Apalachicola, which road was abandoned when the town of St. Joseph was depopulated, owing to the visitation of cholera and yellow fever and the superior inducements and advantages of Apalachicola, then at the beginning of her prosperity. Since that time the place has been without railroad facilities, the nearest approach to its possession of such being the railroad now undergoing completion from Tallahassee to Carrabelle, a point a few miles below the city and easily accessible by water.

The Churches

The churches of Apalachicola are provided over by talented ministers of the gospel, and are well-supported, a fact speaking well for the general morality of the place. St. Patrick's Roman Catholic is presided over by Rev. Father Mathew Gardiner; the Methodist by Rev. Mr. Tompkins, minister; the Baptist by Rev. Mr. Trice, pastor. Trinity Episcopal Church is at present without a rector.

The colored population is represented by three churches; a Methodist

and two Baptist.

The Schools

The schools of the county are as good as any in the state. School No. 1 is at Apalachicola, with an enrollment of one hundred and twenty-five pupils. Miss A. E. King teaches the higher and Miss Ethel Kilbourne the primary departments. School No. 4 is at Carrabelle.

Schools Nos. 2 and 3 are the colored schools and are located, the former at Apalachicola and the latter at Carrabelle. Dr. W. T. Marler is the Superintendent of the public schools of the county.

The Press

The press is well represented by the Apalachicola Times. Editor Johnston is alive to any enterprise that is feasible to the promotion of Franklin County's interests and his well-merited efforts are reaping numerous and continued success.

Secret Orders

The Secret Orders are represented by the Masonic and Knights of Honor Lodges, one of each. The former was originally



George Norton Kilbourn, born Feb. 2, 1842 in New York state and died 1917. was commander of the Apalachicola Masonic Lodge.

Magnolia Lodge No. 3, one of the oldest in the state. It is now Franklin Lodge No. 6. It was again reorganized in 1886, as Franklin Lodge, on account of the decrease of active membership. W. D. Archer is W. M.; E. B. Smith, S. W., and Rev. Mr. Tompkins, Chaplain.

Franklin Lodge, K. of H. No. -,287, was organized November 8, 1886, and now has twenty-two charter members. The present officers are F. T. Robinson, D. T.; J. W. H. Wood, V. D.; A. W. Grant, A. D.; George A. Stephens, Reporter; F. W. Ordway, Treasurer; Rev. T. W. Tompkins, Chaplain; George A. Gedler, Guide; Charles Lichtenfeldt, Sentinel; John H. Shipke, Guardian; E. B. Smith, Sitting Past Director; Robert Knickmeyer, Grand District Deputy Organizer.

The City Officers

The city officers are Mayor, H. C. Hicks; Dr. M. T. Alexander, President; F. M. Stearns, Dr. W. T. Marler, R. G. Baker, and Henry Hutchinson compose the city council.

The County Commissioners

The county commissioners are O. P. Durant, President; John G. Ruge, John W. Wakefield, C. H. Smith and Charles M. Butterfield.

The boards are composed of energetic, reliable and progressive gentlemen, by whom the affairs of the city and county are conducted in an intelligent manner.

The financial affairs of the county are in a very gratifying condition, its paper being worth its face value. The efficient Clerk is R. L. Harrison, and the Sheriff is E. M. Montgomery.

The Telegraph Line

Operated by the Apalachicola and Marianna Telegraph Company, from Apalachicola to Marianna, it is managed by Editor Johnston.

The Timber Supply

The supply from which the new material for Apalachicola's mills are drawn, is not alone practically inexhaustible, but characterized by trees of the very largest growth. This fact enables timber manufacturers to enter into contract for cargoes of the very largest average sizes, any quantity of which may be procured. About 60,000,000 feet of timber was exported last year, and large quantities of shingles were also sent abroad. In addition to cypress and pine, there are oak, ash

and cedar in abundance.

The timber is located upon navigable streams, tributary to the Apalachicola river, and can be brought here at all seasons of the year, and at small cost.

Entrances and Clearances of Vessels

for the year ending July 11, 1889, are as follows: Entered 95 vessels, having an average tonnage of 43,000.

Cleared, 97 vessels of 44,000 tons; estimated number of small vessels and steamboats arrived and departed, of which no official record is kept, 598. Estimated tonnage, 75,000. Number of vessels employed in Apalachicola Bay, 67; value of exports to foreign countries, \$175,000; coastwise, \$550,000; shipped inland, \$150,000; estimated value of coastwise and river steamers, of which no official record is kept, \$700,000; estimated value of domestic shipments, \$1,300,000.

Mr. John E. Grady was Collector of Customs since 1885, until quite recently, when he was succeeded by W. B. Shephard, an appointee of the present administration.

The Harbor Entrances

The harbor entrances are everything that can be desired. East Pass is almost land-locked. It has a depth of 18 1/2 feet of water on the bar. West Pass has 14 feet of water on the bar. During the cotton days of Apalachicola in 1865-6, as many as 10 vessels have been in the bay at one time.

Climate

The climate at this point is equal to that of any other point of the state, the soil being dry, free from any surrounding swamps, or marshes. The mortality has always been unusually small. The city has been free of any epidemic since 1841 except some small pox in 1866, brought here by colored troops the previous winter.

A strict quarantine has always been observed at this port, the present

Board of Health

Being composed of young and energetic men, who are alive to the necessity of the prevention of any epidemic and careful as to the general health of the city and county. The board is composed of the following named gentlemen: Dr. J. D. Rush, President; Robert G. Baker, Secretary and Treasurer, and John G. Ruge. C. H. Lind is Port Inspector.

Health

Of course every town claims to be the healthiest in the world, etc., and for this reason we dislike to say anything about the health of Apalachicola. We therefore append the following official record as taken from the City Clerk's books, and rest the case with the assurance to every reader of this article that we have never yet seen or heard of a community that could equal Apalachicola for health.

Deaths from Dec. 1, 1888, to Dec. 1, 1889: 56
Under 3 years: 18
Over 50 years: 13
Non-residents: 6
Paralysis: 3
Unnatural causes: 3
Natural cause from 3

Chef Sampler packs the Armory

By David Adlerstein
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A full house of diners filled the Armory Sunday evening, Feb. 11 as the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce's Chef Sampler, its lone fundraiser of the year, was once again sold out.

Chamber Director John Solomon said 226 diners, and 40 restaurant personnel, filled the Armory.

"Comments from the attendees were outstanding, most saying it was the best one yet," said Solomon. "That being said I do not remember a bad Chef Sampler so that is very high praise for the job of the chamber board of directors and staff of the chamber and visitor centers."

"It flowed well from entrance to service, the line was never too long, and the food was a great representation of each restaurant," he said.

Offering samples of their cuisine were:

- **The Station:** Low country Boil, fried calamari and banana pudding
- **Blue Parrot Oceanfront Café:** Seafood Marguerite
- **The Apalachicola Seafood Grill:** Crab-stuffed shrimp, fish dip, homemade cornbread
- **10-4 BBQ:** Red beans and rice, bacon-wrapped smoked pork tenderloin
- **The Owl Cafe:** Gumbo, potato bread, orange/olive oil cake, bourbon chocolate cake and carrot cake
- **Oyster City Brewing Company:** Hooter Brown and Tate's Hell Ale
- **Up The Creek Raw Bar:**



The winning table, by Roberson and Associates, was decorated in a Star Wars theme.
[JOHN SOLOMON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

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Chamber Director John Solomon

- Conch ceviche, homemade corn chips, Bloody Marys
- **Up The Stairs:** Liqueur-filled chocolate, Goombay smash rum punch, blue cheese wedge salad, shrimp Sambuca
- **Bite Me Deli:** Tart apple bosc, pear-glazed brisket, orange salmon
- **Big Top Catering:** Pulled pork sliders, brisket sliders
- **Gormleys at the Gibson:** Southern-stuffed chicken wrapped in bacon, served over house-made ravioli in a chardonnay cream sauce
- **Doc Myers Island Pub & Sports Bar:** Smoked chicken wings with assorted dipping sauces
- **Mangia 850:** Meatballs in sauce, lasagna
- **Harry A's:** Twice-baked

- potatoes spring rolls, fried cheese ravioli with vodka cream sauce
- **Hole in the Wall:** Oysters on the half-shell
- **Crooked River Grill:** Shrimp and grits, peanut butter balls
- **Apalachicola Chocolate Company:** Chocolate strudel with homemade gelato
- **Ashley's Cakes by the Bay:** Chocolate and vanilla cake

Winner for table decoration was Roberson & Associates, decorated table by Betty Jean Baker and the staff. Themed as "Star Wars and Taxes," on the table was the lead-in from the film but reworded "A long time ago in a tax

world far, far away, the evil lord IRS, obsessed with finding Princess Taxpayer, has dispatched thousands of revenue auditor probes into the far reaches of the Forgotten Coast."

Much of the table was handmade by Baker including the seat covers which were costumes of Star Wars characters. Second place was the table of the Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic, designed by Bonnie Fulmer.

The tables were voted on by the attendees by using their name placards at their seats for the event. The winner will be featured on the 23rd annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler poster next year.

Also decorating tables were CareerSource and Bring Me a Book Franklin, both by Valentina



The second place table, featuring live greenery and a chandelier, was designed by Bonnie Fulmer for the Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic.



The crew from the Owl Cafe and Oyster City Brewing Company had a lively time all evening.

Webb; Mary Kay and Dail's Seafood, both by Anna Carmichael; Ashley's Cakes by the Bay, by Ashley Koch; Eastpoint Medical Center, by Paulina Pendarvis; HCOLA, by HCOLA members; Gordon Shuler Law Office, by Andrea Duval and Nancy Shuler; Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, by Solomon, Nancy Hodgson, and Samantha Gilbert; Bay-side Florist, and Panache Tent & Event, both by Amy and Evie Price; Enjoy Apalachicola, Up The Stairs, Up the Street and Bottoms Up, all by Judi Stokowski; Party Rental Company, by Shelley James; Dinner Divas "Wild Things," by

the Dinner Divas; Apalachicola Area Historical Society, by Caty Greene; Oysterbones, by the Dixie Theatre Foundation; Centennial Bank, by BJ Kent; and the fireplace room, by Bonnie Fulmer.

The silent auction featured over 96 items donated by businesses in the community and raised over \$5,000. Wayne Thomas provided the sound and music for the event.

Donna Duncan, president of the Chamber board, offered a big thank you to Solomon and his assistants Samantha Gilbert and Nancy Hodgson. She said tickets for next year go on sale, Jan. 1, 2019.

2018 Residential Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program Request for Contractor Services

Request for Documented Qualifications and Quotes, Professional Contracting Services for 2018 Residential Wind Mitigation Projects located in Apalachicola, Florida.

The City of Apalachicola is requesting documented qualifications and quotes for professional contractor services for wind retrofitting residential homes located in the City of Apalachicola. All wind retrofit activity will be based on current building code 1507 the 5th edition. Wind retrofit services may include but are not limited to door replacement, roof replacement, fascia/soffit repair, window replacement, potential foundation anchoring, strapping of all roof attachments, gable bracing and shutter installation. All residential homes will have an individual scope of work. Contractors will bid on the entire project except for shutter installation and roofing. Shutter installation and/or roofing can bid on as a separate project. The firm will provide or contract all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation and supervision as indicated in the bid packets. The City will assist with permitting process, however contractor is responsible for all fees and contractor related paperwork associated with permits, as part of their bid. The contractor must have proven track record, extensive experience, hold a State of Florida Certified Building Contractors License, hold an Apalachicola Business License, and be registered with the Franklin County Planning and Zoning Department.

The City of Apalachicola reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof and/or to waive the information if such is deemed to be in the best interest of the City. The City of Apalachicola also reserves the right to reject the bid of any bidder who has previously failed to perform adequately after having once been awarded a prior bid for furnishing materials mentioned in this bid.

Bid packets are available at City Hall, 1 Avenue E, Apalachicola Florida 32320 or by contacting Betty Webb at bettytaylor.webb@gmail.com or 850-323-0567.

Submission deadline: Continuing until end of program.

Proposals should be clearly marked "HLMP Proposal" on the outside of a sealed package. Deliver sealed proposals to:

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

FWC REPORT

Officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission were busy last month with hunting and fishing violations.

During the week of Jan. 19 to 25, in Wakulla County, Officers Carr and Simpson were on land patrol at the public boat ramp at Shell Point when they conducted a resource inspection of duck hunters returning from a hunt. The inspection revealed one of the subjects did not have a migratory bird permit. The subject was cited for the violation.

Officers Raker and Carr were working the deer decoy in the Apalachicola National Forest near Forest Road 340 when a subject passing by, stopped, stuck his rifle out the window and fired at the decoy. The subject was cited for violation of the management area rule and evidence was seized and stored in the evidence facility.

Officers Hofheinz and Korade were working the deer decoy in the Apalachicola National Forest near Forest Highway 313 when a subject stopped and looked at some deer tracks on the road in the area. He later returned with other subjects to prepare to deploy dogs. The members of the group saw the decoy and two subjects shot it from separate vehicles. The officers cited the subjects for the management area rule violation and transported one of them to the Wakulla County Jail for possession of a firearm with its serial number removed. All evidence from the case was placed in the evidence facility.

In Franklin County, Officers Matechik, Sauls, Stephens, Nelson, Raker, and Miller responded to an overdue vessel in the Apalachicola



Bay. The subjects had left the night before to go fishing in the freezing temperatures. Shortly after arriving at their fishing location, their vessel broke down. After spending 28 hours in the elements, the subjects were located in Lost Creek by the Aviation Unit and assisted back to the boat ramp.

During the week of Jan. 26 to Feb. 1, while conducting land patrol near Apalachicola Bay, Officers Nelson and Carr conducted a resource inspection of two individuals fishing from a bridge. It was discovered the individuals possessed 13 red drum located in a cooler in the bed of their pickup truck. The officers' measurements determined that only one met the minimum size requirement of 18 inches, with the dozen others all undersized. The fish were returned to the water alive and appropriate citations were issued.

Officer Kossey and Reserve Officer Martin were targeting undersized oysters in the Eastpoint area when they conducted a resource inspection at the Eastpoint Boat Ramp. During the inspection, they determined the subject was in possession of undersized oysters. After checking a bag of oysters for size tolerance, they determined the

bag contained 42 percent undersized oysters. The subject was cited and 120 undersized oysters were returned to the water alive.

During the week of Feb. 2 through 8, Officers Peterson, Kossey, and Travis were targeting undersized oysters in the Eastpoint area and conducted a resource inspection at the Eastpoint Boat Ramp. During the inspection, they determined the subject was in possession of undersized oysters. After checking a bag of oysters for size tolerance, they determined the bag contained 68 percent undersized oysters. The subject was cited and the undersized oysters returned to the water alive.

Officers Travis and Carr received a call about subjects hunting deer with dogs in the Apalachicola Wildlife Environmental Area during closed season. They responded to the Sand Beach area and contacted three subjects, one of whom admitted to allowing his dogs to pursue deer. The subject was cited for running deer during closed season.

Officers Carr and Nelson were patrolling Highway 65 when they conducted a resource inspection on two subjects fishing at the Cash Creek bridge. Nelson checked their fishing licenses, which were valid, and then requested to check the cooler and was given permission. The subjects immediately began to explain that the fish in the cooler were given to them about 10 to 15 minutes earlier. The resource inspection revealed 13 redbfish, only one of which was of legal size. The appropriate citations were issued to the subjects. Nelson returned nine back to the water alive and left the one legal-sized fish with the subjects.

ARREST REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests listed were made by officers from the Carrabelle Police Department, and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Feb. 5

Kalie Galasso, 24, Crawfordville, battery; released on own recognizance (FCSO)
Ronnie Jack Strops, 48, Apalachicola, aggravated battery, disorderly intoxication; \$11,000 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 7

Leroy Wesley Duval, 39, Eastpoint, violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)
Erik Wright, 45, Soperton, Georgia, violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

Feb. 8

Shane Zachary Creamer, 32, Apalachicola, disorderly intoxication, violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)
Brandy Marie Davis, 27, Eastpoint, child neglect, violation of conditional release; no bond (FCSO)
Henry Allen Shiver, 35, Eastpoint, child neglect, violation of conditional release; no bond (FCSO)

Feb. 9

Cole Harden Nichols, 34, Eastpoint, domestic battery, violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)
James David Carden, 28, felony violation of probation, violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

Feb. 10

Adam Lee Teat, 40, Apalachicola, felony battery, domestic battery warrant, conditional release

violation; no bond (FCSO)
Floyd B. Parramore, 57, Eastpoint, trespass on structure or conveyance; \$250 bond (FCSO)
Athan Michael Dempsey, 18, Carrabelle, assault with intent to commit a felony; \$15,000 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 11

Wilton Booth, 28, Sopchoppy, introducing contraband into a prison; \$1,000 bond (CPD)
Misty Reebin Murray, 23, Eastpoint, battery, possession of paraphernalia; \$1,500 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 12

Cierra Danielle Carlson, 28, Eastpoint, battery, \$1,000 bond (FCSO)
Nicholas Kenton Barnes, 20, Carrabelle, battery; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)
Stacy Leigh Francway, 27, Carrabelle, sale of methamphetamine; \$10,000 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 15

Jon D. Borel, 40, Eastpoint, failure to appear; no bond (FCSO)
Jesse J. Thompson, 34, Eastpoint, battery, violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

Feb. 17

Caurben Monroe, 18, Eastpoint, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 18

Mariah Nicole Mayes, 20, Acworth, Georgia, possession of marijuana more than 20 grams, possession of paraphernalia; \$3,500 bond (FCSO)
Leah Loveless, 21, Acworth, Georgia, possession of marijuana more than 20 grams, possession of paraphernalia; \$3,500 bond (FCSO)

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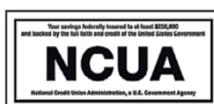


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SOCIETY

A labor of love

By Lois Swoboda
Special to the Times

Alice Tipton LaFleur's debut effort, "Sir and Miss Annie" is an iconic tale of the union of two prominent families during the uncertainty and disquiet of a world at war. The family history narrative typifies the many stories of World War II romances.

LaFleur's father, Col. James Tipton was a daring, handsome pilot. It took more than one meeting for him to fall victim to the charms of the lovely Ann "Miss Annie" Little against the backdrop of Great Britain, France and even Germany as the great war came to a climax. Fall he finally did after both survived complicated relationships.

Annie, an ARC girl (American Red Cross), navigated baffling waters as she offered solace and support to American GIs far from home in her role as manager of recreation facilities. Tipton navigated the stormy skies of western Europe in his quest to become an "Ace."

Like so many relationships forged on the

battlefields of the Western Front, the blue-eyed giant and feisty society belle likely would never have met, let alone married, without the cataclysmic struggle that left few American families untouched.

LaFleur sets the stage with a comprehensive and endearing description of the family members who formed the character of her late parents.

The volume is liberally illustrated with period photos and even images of important documents that allow us to become immersed in a world now long gone. The author bares all, not flinching at quirky or unconventional family stories.

Considerable work was obviously involved in distilling this warm-blooded liquor from letters, diaries and other sources. It is obviously a labor of love. Although LaFleur maintains the story was written for her descendants, history buffs, especially those interested in the on-the-ground experience of World War II, will enjoy this amazingly animated memoir.

Author to sign wartime romance Saturday

Special to the Times

Alice Tipton LaFleur will sign copies of her family memoir at Apalachicola's Downtown Books this Saturday, Feb. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m.

"Sir and Miss Annie" is a must-read for World War II buffs and anyone else who enjoys a good old-fashioned love story. Sir is Jim (General James Baird) Tipton, the author's father, who hailed from small-town Senath, Missouri. Miss Annie, Alice's mother Ann Livingston Little, grew up in Rochester, New York.

The story opens with charming depictions of their very different backgrounds and upbringings, but the heart of the story, based on hundreds of diary and journal entries and generously illustrated with family photographs, is how their improbable romance blossomed in wartime Europe, where Jim served as a Mustang fighter pilot and group commander, and Ann was a Red Cross volunteer.

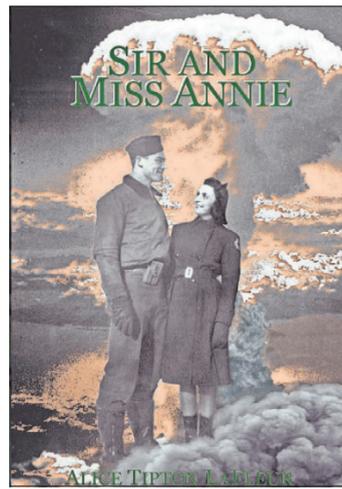
Alice Tipton was born at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Virginia and grew up traveling the world with her father. She and her husband, retired University of Georgia Classics professor and Times columnist Rick LaFleur,



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divide their time between Apalachicola and Arnoldsville, Georgia, under the watchful protection of their French bulldog Ipsa.



LANARK NEWS

Make weekday mornings count at Chillas Hall

By Jim Welsh
Special to the Times

Didn't get to the pancake breakfast or the covered dish over the weekend. Sumner. I just know you had a good time.

Lunch this afternoon, we will have fried shrimp, cheese grits, baked beans, cole slaw, hush puppies and cake cookies. Our lunch today is sponsored by Kelley Funeral Home. All this will take place at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center in Carrabelle. The line forms at noon. Be watchin' for ya! And thanks to the folks from the funeral home.

Big hamburgers with chips are on tap Fridays at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82. Orders taken from 5 to 7

p.m. For orders to go, call 697-9998.

A donation of \$6 will be collected at the bar, and while you're at the bar, take a chance or two on the pastry raffle, why dontcha?

Meanwhile, it's back at Post 82 for Sunday pizza. Your donation will be collected at the bar. By the slice is \$1, whole pizza \$8 and pizza to take home is \$10.

Orders taken from 5 to 7 p.m. and yes, we have no pastry raffle on Sunday.. Huffin' and puffin' between 5 and 7 p.m. is done on the screened-in porch. Thank you.

You can get your morning coffee at Chillas Hall Monday through Friday 9 to 11 a.m. Coffee is still 50-cents a cup, and on Thursdays it's free.

You can yell "Bingo"

Monday nights at the Franklin County Senior Citizen Center. Early bird at 6 p.m. regular at 7 p.m. Then on Wednesday nights it's bingo at Chillas Hall right here in Lanark Village. Bingo gets started at 6:30 p.m. Snacks and soft drinks are available at both bingos. Raise your hand if you're sure.

Better store up some Zzzzzz; you will need them in March, when we leap forward. That's right, folks, daylight-saving time is just around the corner.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound, and don't grumble about old age. Some people never get the chance.

Until next time, God bless our troops, the poor, homeless and hungry.

Philaco Arts and Crafts Show presents blue ribbons

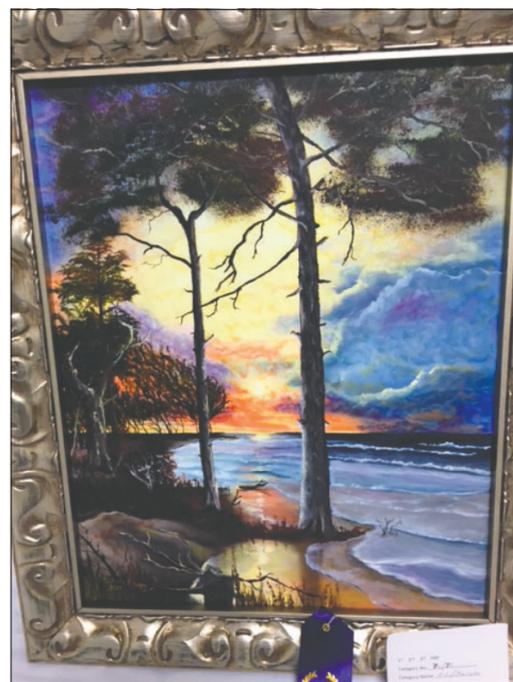
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GFWC Philaco Woman's Club of Apalachicola on Jan. 18 held its annual arts and crafts competition at the St. George Island Firehouse.

Our distinguished judges were Cecilia Harris and Shirley Richardson. Club members enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by the arts and crafts committee. Lynn Wilson lead Philaco members in an art activity which all enjoyed.

The program concluded with four blue ribbon winners, all of whom will go on to the District 2 Arts & Crafts Show on March 3 for judging.

Winners were Tammy Flagg, who entered an oil painting of a beautiful scenic landscape, Barb Paget's hand-woven flower basket made from delicate pine needles;



Tammy Flagg's oil painting of a beautiful scenic landscape [SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

and Cathy Bailey, who entered a handcrafted Christmas stocking embellished with heirloom stitching and smocking, along with a crib musical mobile beautifully adorned with embroidery, pin tucking, and smocking.

All winners at the district will be eligible to compete at the state level at the GFWC General Federation of Women's Clubs Spring Conference in Orlando.



Cathy Bailey's crib musical mobile adorned with embroidery, pin tucking, and smocking [SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society



HOOTIE is a 2 yr old female boxer mix and there is not a friendlier pup anywhere. This girl is little Miss Social and wants to meet and greet all newcomers be they human or canine. She is happy when she is close by and all she wants is to be next to you. If you are looking for a dog you can take anywhere with you without concern of bad behavior, Hootie is the one!

Volunteers are desperately needed to socialize all of our dogs and cats. We are always looking for people willing to bring one of our animals into their home to be fostered for various needs. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

Call Karen at 670-8417 for more details or visit the Franklin County Humane Society at 244 State Road 65 in Eastpoint. You may logon to the website at www.forgottenpets.org to see more of our adoptable pets.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018 AT 10:00 AM IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES, APPEALS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.

1. Consideration of a request to construct a retaining wall 25 feet into the front setback located on Lot 42 Sea Palm Village, 1432 Dogwood Drive, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Elliott Fann, agent for Dean Haldopoulos, applicant.
2. Consideration of a request to construct a house 15' into the front setback on Lot 7, Block 63, Unit 5, 701 Buck Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates Inc, agent for Kenneth Bowman, applicant.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL ADDRESS THIS REQUEST AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 20, 2018 AT 10:00 AM.

**PERSONS WISHING TO COMMENT MAY DO SO IN PERSON OR IN WRITING TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT, 34 FORBES STREET, SUITE 1, APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA 32320. TRANSCRIPTS OF THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE RECORDED, PERSONS WISHING TO RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS MUST MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO DO SO.

PUBLISH DATES: FEBRUARY 22, 2018 & MARCH 1, 2018

McIntosh named to President's List at Mercer

Lela McIntosh, of Carrabelle, has been named to the President's List for the fall 2017 semester at Mercer University, where she is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts.

Inclusion on the President's List and Dean's List requires students to meet rigorous grade-point-average standards specific to the college or school within the university.

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive

center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education. The university enrolls more than 8,600 students in 12 schools and colleges - liberal arts, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing, health professions, and Penfield College of Mercer University - on campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah - and two regional academic centers in the Atlanta metro area.

FAITH

OBITUARIES

JERRY HICKS

Jerry Miles Hicks, 67, of Panama City, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 to play the golden piano in the sky. Jerry was blessed with gift of being able to play piano by ear. He worked for more than 15 years at the Gibson Inn in Apalachicola playing dinner music before he moved to Panama City and started playing at Chef Imondi's and even on the Tom Najjar morning show in Panama City. Jerry was known best for his love of God and his kind heart. Jerry loved to



play his music for God in hopes that it would touch everyone who heard it. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Cecil and Edna Hicks, his sisters Alice Hicks and Marlene Hicks; his niece Jennifer

Falk; and nephew Brandon Creamer Hicks. Jerry is survived by his brother Wayne Hicks and wife Shirley; sister Margaret Reeder; brother Milan Hicks and countless nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. The funeral arrangements for Jerry will be on Friday, Feb. 23, with viewing beginning at 1 p.m. followed by funeral at 2 p.m. at Deliverance Tabernacle Church in Eastpoint. Jerry will be laid to rest in the Eastpoint Cemetery in the Hicks family plot. Kelley Funeral Home is handling all arrangements.

JACK HAM

Charles Jackson "Jack" Ham passed peacefully at the age of 64 in the early morning of Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017 with Richard and Jannie by his side. A Celebration of Life will take place at the Eastpoint Fire Station this Saturday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. Jack was born March 1, 1953 to the late Leonard Harold and Ethel Alice Ham, Jack, along with his brothers and sister, the late Billy Hamm of Apalachicola, Richard Ham (Jannie), of Apalachicola, Joe Ham (Shirley), of Carrabelle, and Melanie Smith (Barry), of St. James, all grew



up in Apalachicola. Jack also loved his many nieces and nephews, Tirah Chitty (Derrick), Alice Partridge, Amy Kelly (Scott), James Hamm (Lacey), Allen Ham (Katrina), Kimberly Andrews (Lavares), Amanda Ham (Barry), and Christopher Lovvorn (Tori).

Jack had a host of great nieces and nephews that he was also very proud of and loved very much: (Tirah) Peyton Chitty, Dax Chitty, (Alice) Dakota Partridge, Levi Partridge, Sydnee Partridge, (Amy) Scott Kelly Jr., Sierra Kelly, Gabriel Kelly, Bradley Kelly, (James) Aubrey Hamm, Garrett Strickland, (Allen) Sarah Ham, Andrew Ham, (Kimberly) Jonathan Ham, Ariel Andrews, (Amanda) Athens Shipman, Adrianna Martin and Joseph Martin, (Christopher) Branson Moore, Toby Lovvorn, and Blayden Lovvorn.

SELMA BODIFORD

Selma Marguerite Bodiford, 84, of Port St. Joe, passed away Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 at Covenant Hospice in Panama City. Selma, daughter to the late Lee and Marie Jane Peters, was born Dec. 5, 1933 in Columbus, Georgia. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and gardening. Selma was a member of Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness of Port St. Joe. Other than her parents, Selma is preceded in death by her husband Robert Bodiford,



a great-grandchild, and several brothers, and sisters. Selma is survived by her children; Cynthia Stengel (Ronald) of Naples, Rhonda Tull (Darrell) of Port St. Joe, Deborah Greynolds (fiancé Frank

Williams) of Port St. Joe, Dianna Lanier (Don) of Mexico Beach, Rick Needer of Eastpoint, Leah Carter (Scott) of Cape San Blas, and Steve Needer (Janel) of Asheville, North Carolina; 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, other relatives, and friends. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Covenant Hospice at Bay Medical Center in Panama City. Online condolences and memories may be offered at www.WhatleyFuneralServices.com.

HENRY SHIVER

Henry Saul Shiver, often known as Uncle Buck, passed away at age 79 in Wakulla County on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018 after a long illness. He enjoyed working with churches and boxing food for the First Baptist Church share program. He loved animals and his fruit trees. He is survived by sisters Mary V. Spivey and husband Jerry, of



Crawfordville, Sara Granger, of Eastpoint, and Christine Russell, of

Eastpoint; brother James Shiver and wife Joann, of Eastpoint; as well as nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at Deliverance Tabernacle. The Rev. Larry Hatfield will conduct services. Fellowship will follow. Services are under the direction of Comforter Funeral Home.

IN LOVING MEMORY — CHARLES E. KING, SR.

Happy birthday, my love in heaven. God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you and whispered you away. With tearful eyes we watched you go, although we love you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands at rest. God you broke

our hearts, but we know you only take the best. Charles, your love be the love of my life, and until we meet again in Heaven, one sweet day, I will carry you in my heart until that day. God bless, **Your wife Mary Lou King, Alina and Obie Pelt, Louise, Eugene and Aline Russell, and all your friends and family.**



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Worship Praise	11:00am
Sunday Night	7:00pm
Wednesday - "Power Hour"	7:00pm
Wednesday - "Youth at S.P.L.A.S.H"	7:00pm

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THOUGHTS FOR THE TIMES

Celebrate life today, and every day



Mel Kelly

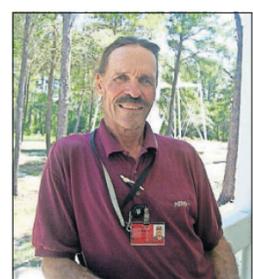
He was with her that morning as they planned the routines of their ordinary day. She was with him that afternoon as he lost his battle with his life-threatening injuries from the accident. They had been together for more years than they had been alone. But now it was over. Their extended family was scattered; they would join together for the memorial service and farewell. But then she would be alone again, in the home they had made and shared in the Carrabelle countryside. Home alone to learn the lessons of widowhood. Others had done it; she would too. The house, the garden, the yard, the animals, the taxes, survivorship paperwork and

day to day budgeting - all would require maintenance and upkeep. Some demands would be easier than others to manage; some had been his alone and now she would have to learn them. Sometimes death comes after a long and lingering illness. Sometimes it comes suddenly to a beloved child as an accident or via a terminal diagnosis. Sometimes it comes with age. But always, it must come. There is little comfort in that inevitability though. As a dying friend said to his wife of 69-plus years, "I thought we'd have more time." How much time is enough time for loved ones to share? Poet Alfred Lord Tennyson once wrote "Tis better to have loved and lost, then never to have loved at all." But to never love means not suffering the heart pain from the most intense kind of loss. Which would you want to choose? We all have friends who have lost a loved one. Those friends are living with that hole in their heart, with only

memories left for company every day. No matter how the loved one was lost to death, no matter how smooth or rocky the togetherness was, there truly was never enough time. My friend's marriage was not always smooth, and not always ideal. The couple met challenges and managed them in ways others might find disagreeable. But as the late actress Audrey Hepburn once said, "The best thing to hold onto in life is each other." And they did. So, when you begin your next routine day with someone you love, please remember how my friend's afternoon ended unexpectedly in great sadness, leaving her tragically alone to face her future days and nights. Of late, it has become customary to feature a celebration of life at funerals and memorials. But why wait for such a sad occasion to celebrate a life? Choose to celebrate it now, today, and every day. Tomorrow may be too late.

GREGORY NEWMAN

Family and friends celebrated the life of Gregory Newman, who passed away Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 following an airplane crash at the Carrabelle Airport earlier that day, at a memorial service Sunday afternoon at the Carrabelle Christian Family Life Center. Pastor Mark Collins led the service from the altar, which closed with musician Debi Jordan offering a moving musical tribute in memory of Newman. Newman's youngest son Paul spoke at the service, reciting a poem, and members of the audience offered remarks about the impression "The Sky King" had made on their lives. Newman was born Nov. 22, 1949 in Antonio, Jamaica to the late Walser and Babs Newman. He attended Kingston Tech School in Kingston Jamaica. He later immigrated to Fort Lauderdale, and in October 1982 met his future wife, Laurel. The two were married in the county courthouse of Franklin, North Carolina, and in 1995 moved to Carrabelle, where Gregory opened a marine shop "Captain Fix It" on Marine Street, and Laurel Newman worked as a reporter for the Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times. Newman, an avid flyer, became known as "Mr. Carrabelle Airport," and served on the airport advisory board. He volunteered his time daily to the facility, and assisted in the creation of its newest hangar. He was a welcoming presence at the airport,



acquainted with all who used the facility, and active with its growth. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Laurel Newman, of Carrabelle; his four children - daughter Tiffany Newman, and three grandchildren Tristen, Troy and Trevor, all of New Smyrna Beach; son Aundre (Lina) Newman, and three grandchildren Ashton and Quinn, all of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Ashley Newman, of Atlanta, Georgia; son Paul Newman and fiancée Lorraine, and two grandchildren Sage, all

of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Dillon (Masie) Newman, of Boca Raton; and daughter Wendy (Scott) Newman-Kiso, and grandchild Logan Kiso, of Mount Dora. He is also survived by three stepchildren - Jessica Thrasher, and four stepgrandchildren, all of Pembroke Pines; Valerie Welch, and four stepgrandchildren, all of Edgemere, Maryland; and John (Maggie) Cline, Jr., and three stepgrandchildren, all of Snellville, Georgia, and two brothers, Graham (Conchita) Newman, of Coral Springs, and Christopher Newman and fiancée Angela, of Fort White. A reception was held following the service. In the days ahead, the family plans to scatter Newman's ashes from a plane passing through a particularly calm stretch of sky off the coast of St. Marks.

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February fishing in the Panhandle



Trout are a primary February target in Panhandle backcountry, with the fish stacking up in river channels, dredged canals and potholes. [FRANK SARGEANT PHOTOS]



By Frank Sargeant
Special to The Star

Most anglers will be wishing it was March this month in the Panhandle, as it looks like continued chilly weather from repeated fronts are going to be part of February as they were January.

While the weather may not be particularly comfortable for Florida, there are still plenty of fish in inshore waters, for those willing to put on a few jackets and get out on the water.

Spotted Sea Trout

Trout are one of the primary targets in winter here, but fishing for them tends to be feast or famine. They're not often found on the grass flat haunts of warmer weather, where casual casting can almost always drum up dinner March through November. In cold winters, trout tend to huddle into deep river channels, backwater potholes and dredged residential canals from Apalachicola all the way west to the Alabama line.

Since the fish are concentrated, they can be hard to find. As a salty old skipper used to tell me, "There's an awful lot of places where they ain't."

But for those who are persistent, running from one likely deep-water refuge to another to make quick sampling casts, finding the mother lode is a daily possibility. And while catching 40 or 50 trout in a day no longer means a fish fry for the whole neighborhood, anglers can readily put their five-fish daily limit in the cooler.

Cold trout are slow trout, and the lures that succeed will also move slowly. A jig with a 1/8 to 3/16 head and a 3 to 5 inch soft plastic tail in tan or pearl is the go-to lure for most winter anglers. This is fished on light spinning gear and 10-pound-test braid, with a couple feet of clear 15-pound-test mono leader between running line and lure.

The action that usually draws the trout bite is to let the lure hit bottom (the light heads allow a slow fall), let it sit a couple seconds, then hop it a couple feet, then let it settle all the way to bottom again and sit another second or so, and repeat. The faster jigging that works in summer usually does not do the job in cold weather.

A lure very familiar to bass anglers but rarely used in saltwater can also do the job—the Strike King Redeye Shad, a compact lipless crankbait that sinks like a stone, can be deadly when fished right. Rather than cranking



Chum, Live shrimp

it to make it vibrate, as most anglers do, it works best for winter trout if allowed to sink all the way to bottom, then pulled up a foot or two, then allowed to sink back to bottom. The process is repeated in a series of slow hops—trout usually strike as the lure falls back. The bait looks much like a cold-stunned pinfish, which may be the reason it's effective. (Flatten the barbs on the back treble so that you can release undersize or over-limit fish without damage.)

Also effective are artificial shrimp, including the 3" DOA, the LiveTarget Shrimp and the Egret Baits Vudu Shrimp. The DOA works particularly well if there's current running through a hole—it can be drifted with the flow, without imparting any added movement at all, and absolutely kills the fish at times. The Vudu may need a tiny shot added just ahead of the leader to get it down to trout territory, but it's also a deadly fish catcher.

Live shrimp is also effective, though if there are catfish or pinfish in the hole, as there may well be, they will clean you out of shrimp before the trout can get to them. Again, a tiny split shot that will just drift the bait slowly through the hole is the best bet. A size 1 short-shank, light wire hook is the best choice, hooked under the horn if there are larger trout present, or through the last joint of the tail if you have to cast any distance to reach the fish. (Adding a half-inch cutting of fresh shrimp to a jig hook will greatly boost the number of bites, if you want to be conservative with your shrimp.)

While trout will generally be found in the deepest water available on the coldest days, a bright, sunny and calm day after a front may see them heading up unto shoal areas with black mud or rock bottom, where they soak up the sun in water as shallow as a foot. Keep your eyes open during a warm-up for spots like this—the fish may be up there so shallow their fins show as they bask in the warmth. (Of course, they're spooky in this situation—an unweighted

Vudu Shrimp or the real thing is the best bet.)

Trout tend to get picked over in the back country by February, so you may have to hit a lot of spots before you find keepers, but persistence with the run-and-gun process will usually turn up a school of quality fish.

Sheepshead in February

Sheepshead are not nearly so affected by cold as other nearshore species, and they continue to bite pretty much all winter long as they fatten up for the March spawn. While trout seek depth, sheepshead seek rock, wood pilings, concrete or anything else that barnacles and oysters might grow on. Find a heavily-barnacled bridge standing in more than 5 feet of water and it's likely to produce sheepies all winter long.

In fact, in areas where the water is clear, it's not uncommon to see the sheepshead browsing on the shellfish, their black and white stripes clearly visible at depths of several feet. Their love for these creatures can be their undoing, because if you carry along a spudding hoe or other digging tool, you can knock the barnacles off the pilings to create a chum line that will soon bring every sheepshead nearby to your hook.

Once you get the chum stream going and see the sheepshead starting to show up, you simply lower down a fresh-cut shrimp section, about an inch long, on a size 1 to 1/0 hook with enough weight to take it to bottom and the sheepshead will do the rest.

They can be a bit tricky to hook, so using small hooks and baits is essential—their mouths are small and very hard, not surprising for a creature that lives by grinding up shells. There's a bit of a touch to it, setting the hook not at the first bump but rather just when you feel the rod start to "get heavy". Again, braided line can help—the no-stretch fiber allows you to feel the bite very clearly, and also provides a more solid hook-set in the hard mouths.

Another tactic that works well in holes with



Soft plastics that do the job on trout.

shell or rock bottom is to make a "shrimp jig", which is a bare jig in 1/4 ounce size, with an inch long section of fresh shrimp on the hook. This is simply dragged slowly on bottom until a sheepshead picks it up. The ratio of hook-ups is usually pretty high with this rig, but again it takes a quick and firm set to stick them.

February Reds

What goes for sheepshead pretty much goes for reds in winter—they tend to hang around hard structure, with the main bay bridges particularly likely. One way to locate them is to slow-troll a diving lure like a Mann's Stretch 15 Plus as close to the pilings as possible, up one side and down the other, until you connect. Once the first fish is caught, a buoy goes over the side to mark the spot and you can anchor up to work on them with jigs or live shrimp. The fish found on the main bridges tend to be large, maybe beyond the 18 to 27 inch slot—if you're looking for keepers, oystery backcountry potholes and rocky canals may be more likely, and live "bull minnows" or killifish are one of the better baits. (Flounder also love bull minnows, and there are likely to be a few of those around the passes now, as well, though most are off the beach through the winter.)

Bull reds, 30 inches and up, tend to hang around the inlet jetties and fishing piers in winter when sea conditions are moderate. Again, towing large diving plugs can be a good way to locate them. Fishing live finger mullet, pinfish or pogies at the tip of the jetties and off the commercial piers can also be effective when the fish are in. Occasionally, a school will chase bait to the top, and diving gulls will quickly announce these locations.

February fishing can often be a challenge, no question about it, but hey, it's the shortest month of the year—and March is gangbusters fishing for everything the Panhandle's coastal waters have to offer.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, February 22	73°	62°	10%
Fri, February 23	73°	62°	10%
Sat, February 24	74°	64°	10%
Sun, February 25	76°	64°	20%
Mon, February 26	76°	62°	20%
Tues, February 27	74°	61°	20%
Wed, February 28	73°	61°	20%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from these given for APALACHICOLA:

	HIGH	LOW
Cat Point	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27

To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from those given for CARRABELLE:

	HIGH	LOW
Bald Point	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
22	Th	9:46a 0.8	8:10p 1.2	3:02a 0.1	2:01p 0.6
23	Fr	11:58a 0.8	8:53p 1.2	4:35a 0.0	2:30p 0.7
24	Sa	9:50p 1.2		6:10a -0.2	
25	Su	3:38p 0.9	11:03p 1.2	7:26a -0.2	6:19p 0.8
26	Mo	4:03p 1.0		8:27a -0.3	7:52p 0.8
27	Tu	12:24a 1.2	4:28p 1.0	9:19a -0.4	8:53p 0.8
28	We	1:41a 1.2	4:50p 1.0	10:04a -0.3	9:42p 0.6

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
22	Th	7:53a 1.4	6:17p 2.2	12:14a 0.2	11:13a 1.1
23	Fr	10:05a 1.4	7:00p 2.2	1:47a 0.0	11:42a 1.3
24	Sa	7:57p 2.2		3:22a -0.3	
25	Su	1:45p 1.8	9:10p 2.2	4:38a -0.5	3:31p 1.6
26	Mo	2:10p 1.9	10:31p 2.2	5:39a -0.6	5:04p 1.6
27	Tu	2:35p 1.9	11:48p 2.2	6:31a -0.8	6:05p 1.4
28	We	2:57p 1.9		7:16a -0.6	6:54p 1.1

FISHING REPORT



Things really started to heat up fishing this last week. With warmer weather and the water temp. starting to heat up so has the fishing. The warmer temps will start to push the Trout and Redfish out of the rivers and canals and back into the bays. We spoke to several folks this week that had good success still up in the canal and they were catching Redfish and Black Drum. Live shrimp still seems to be the bait of choice right now. Also we were getting reports of Sheepshead along some of the markers in St. Joe Bay and along the sea wall at St. Joe Marina. I personally wade fished at St. Joe Beach this week just wearing swim trunks and it was tolerable for February however the fishing was slow. We are so excited that spring is quickly approaching and are looking forward to another great season of fishing. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

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SPORTS

Seahawks open regionals tonight at Baker

By David Adlerstein

The Apalachicola Times
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The Franklin County Seahawks fell 45-35 to the Port St. Joe Tiger Sharks Saturday evening, to finish as runner-up in Class 1A, District 4.

The Seahawks (12-15) now head west to Baker (15-9). They'll square off on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. against the Gators in the regional semifinal.

Baker defeated Chipley 76-51 Friday evening to win the District 3 crown.

"Defensively we held St Joe to the season low, but we couldn't get stops down the stretch when they mattered," said Coach Nathan West. "We did a terrible job at taking care



of the basketball as we committed 25 turnovers as a team.

"St. Joe did a good job at pressuring the basketball and getting into the passing lanes," he said.

The Seahawks missed 15 free throws on the night. "I always tell the guys more games are lost than won," West said. "St. Joe didn't win that game, we lost it. We beat ourselves."

Junior Daijon Penamon led the way with 19 points. Junior Alex Hardy finished with a team high nine rebounds.

A fierce fourth-quarter rally

lifted the Franklin County Seahawks Friday night to a 49-37 win over Bozeman, and a spot in Saturday night's contest for the district crown at Port St. Joe.

Trailing by eight at the half, 23-15, the Seahawks slowly eroded the margin against the second-seeded Bucks, but even after three quarters, trailed by six, 30-24.

"We picked it up defensively, we made them take shots. We rebounded well. We took their point guard out of the game," said Coach Nathan West. "Offensively, we remained patient, moved the ball around real well, and slowly chipped away."

In the final stanza, the third-seeded Seahawks outscored the Bucks 25-7 to secure the 12-point win, and avenge two regular season

losses.

West said the Bucks "did a good job packing the lanes. They took away our inside game. We stretched the zone out and once we got them man-to-man, we started running a motion offense.

"It was a good team win," he said. "Everybody contributed their part. We've done a good job playing as a team.

"Going into the game, I made sure the guys knew that it was a win-or-go-home situation. Their level of focus to attention to detail had to be high. I thought we did a good job at following the scouting report and executing down the stretch," West said.

West made light of a weak spot in the team's performance, that has bothered him all season, an inability to execute at the 3 free throw line.

"We missed 23 free throws," he said. "We were trying to set a state record and get a win at the same time.

"It's all mental," he stressed. "Too many guys go to the line shooting not to miss instead of shooting to make."

Penamon led the way in scoring with 22 points and eight rebounds.

The team opened post-season play earlier in the week with a 59-25 win over Altha.

"I thought our guys came out with good energy and focus. We did a good job at playing very unselfishly and playing as a team."

Junior Rufus Townsend led the way with 12 points, followed by senior Nate Jones with 11 points and eight rebounds. Penamon finished the game with a season-high 10 assists.

Lady Hawks slam Godby to open season

By David Adlerstein

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The Lady Seahawks varsity softball team opened the regular season Tuesday with an 11-1 trouncing over Class 5A Tallahassee Godby.

The game ended after five innings because of the mercy rule. Sophomore Jaylin Charles was the winning pitcher, hurling three scoreless innings and striking out five while giving up one hit. Eighth grader Sage Brannan threw the last two innings, also striking out five while giving up one run on four hits.

"Our pitchers threw really well tonight and stayed ahead in the count," said coach Scott Collins.

Junior Sophia Kirvin and Junior Melanie Collins each hit

a triple and were both walked three times by the Godby pitcher. Senior Madison Smith, sophomore Rosie Davis and Charles added singles.

The team traveled to Leon Wednesday, and hosts Wakulla in a home opener Friday.

The team warmed up for their season with two pre-season games at Wakulla on Saturday.

The Seahawks won the first game 9-7. After opening up a 7-1 lead by the third inning, the team added two seventh-inning runs to hold Wakulla off for the win.

Charles was the winning pitcher throwing a complete game. Collins was 3 for 3, with eighth grader Brooklyn O'Neil and Charles going 2 for 3. Kirvin, Brannan, senior Michaela Cassidy and freshman Abby Johnson had one hit each.

"This was a good win for

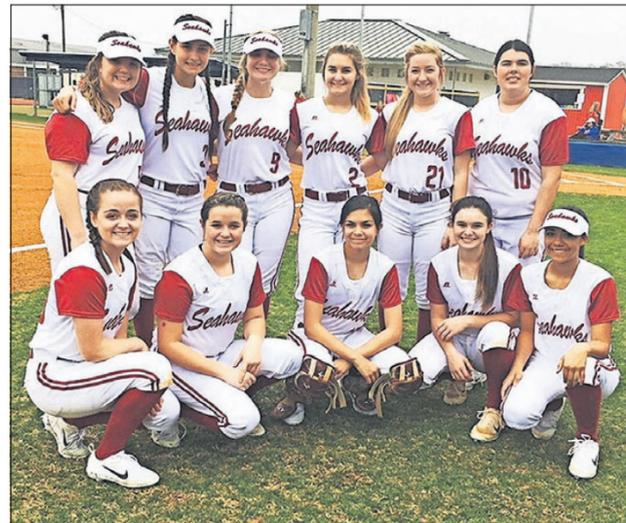
us against a 6A school, and it should give us some confidence going forward," said coach Collins.

In game two, Wakulla broke out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. The Lady Seahawks battled back, but lost 11-10 in the end.

Brannan was the losing pitcher, throwing a complete game. Collins was 5 for 5, junior Alexis Johnson was 3 for 5 and Brannan helped her cause going 2 for 2. Smith and Cassidy had one hit a piece.

"We are a very young team compared to the last couple of years, but I have a lot of confidence in these girls and they are working hard to get better every day," said Collins.

The Lady Seahawks graduated four starters from last year's team and will be attempting to make a fourth consecutive run at the playoffs.



Lady Seahawk softball team, back row, from left, sophomore Jaylin Charles, junior Alexis Johnson, junior Melanie Collins, sophomore Rosie Davis, junior Sophia Kirvin, and senior Michaela Cassidy. Front row, from left, senior Madison Smith, eighth grader Sage Brannan, junior Abby Johnson, eighth grader Ariel Andrews and eighth grader Brooklyn O'Neil. [PHOTO COURTESY FCHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT]

LIBRARY CORNER

Soup and bread sale Saturday in Carrabelle

Hello Franklin County!

The Franklin County Public Libraries are a buzz of activity. All programs and events are free and open to the public, and a library card is not required to attend any programs we offer. We invite you join the library and sign-up for a library card to give you full access to all the print and online resources available. Library cards are free to all county residents; just proof of residency is required.

It's finally here! Don't miss The Friends of the Library, Soup, Bread, and Book Sale at the Carrabelle Branch this Saturday, Feb. 24. The book sale will start at 10 a.m. when the library opens, and the soup and bread will be available starting by 11 a.m. All proceeds from fundraisers benefit the continuing services and resources of the county libraries. Follow Friends of Franklin County Public Libraries Florida on Facebook for all of their great fundraiser events.

Computer classes continue on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the Eastpoint branch. The last class this month will be Tuesday, Feb. 27 and is "Excel Part II - Formulas." Coming March 6, Facebook will be the topic, followed by sessions to sign up for one-on-one assistance for technical



Attending a reception for Kids Tag Art in Carrabelle are, from left, Tax Collector Rick Watson, Carrabelle City Commissioner Tony Millender, runner-up Jadelyn Lively, winner Garyson Millender, Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper and Carrabelle Mayor Brenda La Paz. [PHOTO COURTESY FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY]

needs. No registration is required for weekly classes.

The Basics of Better Living program returns Friday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Carrabelle branch, with the topic "Cooking with Herbs." Gardening programs are monthly and the next scheduled event "Totally Tomatoes: Tips, Tricks and Techniques for Success" is Tuesday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Carrabelle branch.

Calling all quilters; one last available date this season! Join others Wednesday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Eastpoint branch

to work on projects and share techniques and ideas with others. The completed Butterfly Quilt will be raffled at the St. George Island Chili Cook-off in March.

AARP Tax Assistance continues on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through April 12. Representatives will be at branches on alternate weeks and the next scheduled session will be at Eastpoint on Feb. 29. Registration is required. More information is available at both library locations.

Congratulations Garyson Millender, first place

winner in the inaugural Kids Tag Art competition for the Franklin County School District. Garyson, from Carrabelle, a home-schooled fifth grader, represented the First Baptist School in the competition. Additional winners, Jadelynn Lively and Madison Millender of Carrabelle, were honored at a reception held at the Carrabelle branch. Attendees included Tax Collector Rick Watson, Carrabelle Mayor Brenda La Paz, Carrabelle City Commissioner Tony Millender, Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper, family and friends.

Check the calendar of events for dates and times for book clubs and socials, yoga classes, Steam programs and the monthly writer's forum meetings. The Eastpoint branch will return to regular operating hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 5.

Find us and follow us on Facebook at Franklin County Public Library and Franklin County Public Library Eastpoint Branch. The calendar of events and online resources are on the library website at fcpl.wildernesscoast.org/. Contact the Eastpoint branch, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 670-8151, and the Carrabelle branch, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 697-2366. See you at the library!

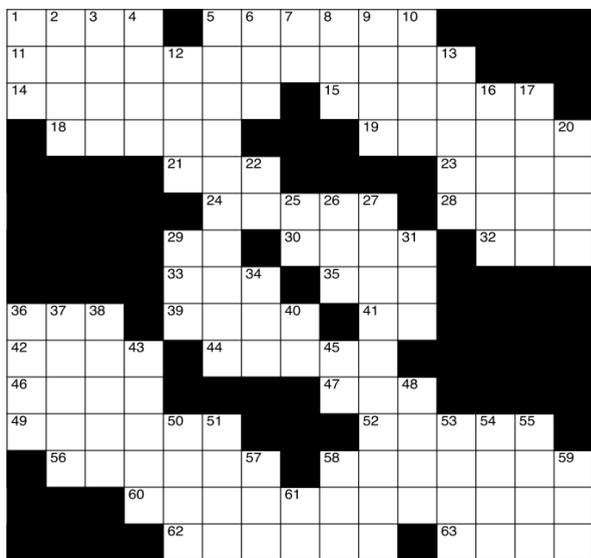
Full Moon Climb March 1 at lighthouse

The March Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be Thursday, March 1. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and includes light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association.

The sun will set at 6:39 p.m. and the "Worm" moon will rise at 6:31 p.m., so called because as the snows melt and the ground thaws, earthworms begin to appear and the robins of spring are not far behind. Full Moon names are attributable to native American tribes, most notably the Algonquin, who named the moons to mark the changing seasons.

After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10 for the public and \$5 for SGLA members.

The Cape St. George Light is located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 927-7745.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Emperor of Russia
- 5. Abounding in rocks
- 11. Increase in speed
- 14. Music app
- 15. Not nice
- 18. Tables (Span.)
- 19. Decomposes
- 21. ___ student: learns healing
- 23. Nursemaid
- 24. Joke-teller
- 28. Male parent
- 29. Group of countries (abbr.)
- 30. "Rambling Rose" actor Lukas
- 32. Midway between south and southwest
- 33. Cartoon Network (abbr.)
- 35. Peacock network
- 36. Principal ethnic group of China
- 39. Made of honey and water
- 41. Exclamation of surprise
- 42. Evaluates skill or knowledge
- 44. Stage in ecological succession
- 46. Ethnic group of SE Asia
- 47. Not small
- 49. A cat is one
- 52. Broken piece
- 56. French president
- 58. Artist's workroom
- 60. Ability to apply knowledge and skills
- 62. Visually stunning
- 63. Ancient region south of Dead Sea

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used to pour beer
- 2. Con game
- 3. Skin disorder
- 4. Communists (slang)
- 5. Subjects to hostility
- 6. A major division of geological time
- 7. Hitting statistic (abbr.)
- 8. British thermal unit
- 9. Influential envoy to Woodrow Wilson
- 10. Goes on neck of animals
- 12. Fertile soil
- 13. Type of battery
- 16. Khoikhoi peoples
- 17. Consist of two parts
- 20. Small group of trees
- 22. Execute or perform
- 25. Millihenry
- 26. 007's creator
- 27. Associated with esoteric doctrine
- 29. Electronic countermeasures
- 31. Schenectady County Airport
- 34. No (Scottish)
- 36. Position of leadership
- 37. Statement
- 38. Raccoons belong to this genus
- 40. One who diagnoses
- 43. True mosses
- 45. Blood type
- 48. Albanian
- 50. Emergency response notification system
- 51. College reservists
- 53. Away from wind
- 54. Tough outer layer
- 55. Art __, around 1920
- 57. Born of
- 58. The greatest of all time
- 59. Georgia rockers
- 61. Natural logarithm



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1. Which U.S. time zone includes all or part of more states than any other?

Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific

2. What's the closest planet with a moon to the sun?

Venus, Mars, Earth, Mercury

3. Which sense is less sharp after one eats too much?

Hearing, Smelling, Sight, Taste

4. What number wife was Lauren Bacall to Humphrey Bogart?

2, 3, 4, 5

5. To an archer, what's a practice arrow?

Fainter, Quiller, Brewer, Bluffie

6. What "Captain" is/was Billy Batson?

Kangaroo, Hook, Marvel, Ahab

ANSWERS: 1. Eastern, 2. Earth, 3. Hearing, 4. 4, 5. Bluffie, 6. Marvel

F-STOP FRANKLIN

March approaches



Herons nest at the cut on St. George Island Sunday [BILL SCOWCROFT | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

f-stop, an abbreviation for a camera lens aperture setting that corresponds to an f-number, which is the ratio of the focal length of a lens to the effective diameter of its aperture.

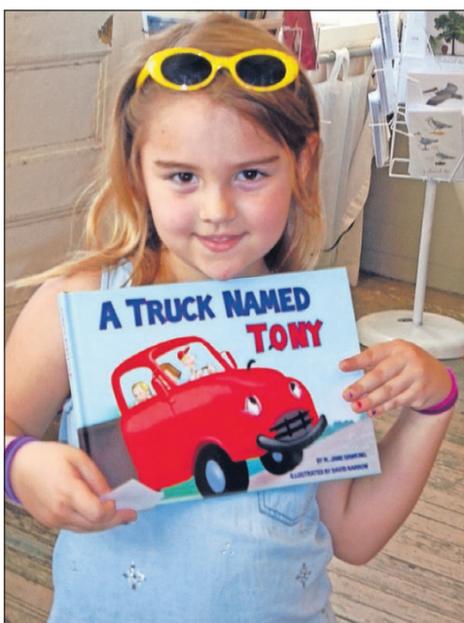
March is about to come in like a lion, and it will be another busy month showcasing the many sights and sounds of Franklin County. The Times welcomes readers to send us their best photographs. Whether they capture the brisk wind, a sunny smile, brilliant color, an unusual image, person, place or thing, please share. Photos can be of any subject, but we especially like people.

Please send photographs to David Adlerstein at Dadlerstein@starfl.com.

For more information, call 653-8894.

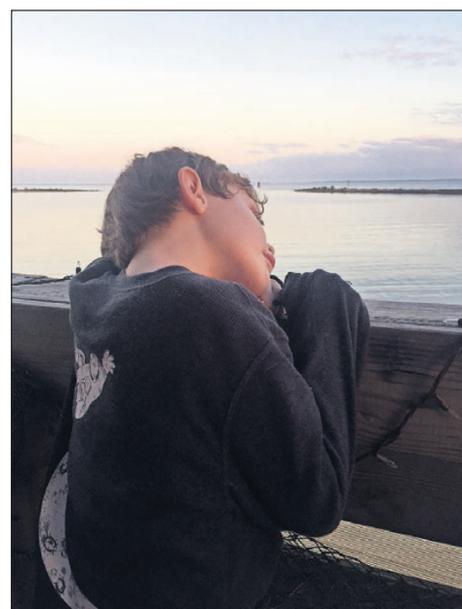


The tree that owns its house, at 13th and Avenue C in Apalachicola [RICK LAFLEUR | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Annabelle Ganzero, 5, with her new copy of "A Truck Named Tony"

[DALE JULIAN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Grandson contemplating the water from restaurant on the bay

[PEGGY HOWE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



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LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100

19304 THE SCHOOL BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND A RULE

RULE NUMBERS/TITLES: Policy 1430.04, 3430.04, 4430.04, 1430.03, 3430.03 and 4430.03

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT:

PLACE: Willie Speed Board Room, 85 School Road, Eastpoint, FL DATE: March 29, 2018 TIME: 6:00 p.m.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED RULE MAY BE OBTAINED BY WRITING TO:

Franklin County District Schools 85 School Rd., Suite 1 Eastpoint, FL 32328 (850)670-2810 Pub: Feb. 22, 2018

18954T Case #41242

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, Petitioner

vs.

ASHLEY D. WILLIAMS, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ASHLEY D. WILLIAMS, Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder.

You are required to serve a written copy of your intent to request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S. upon Dean Register, Director, Criminal Justice Professionalism Program, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489, on or before March 23, 2018. Failure to do so will result in a default being entered against you to Revoke said certification pursuant to Section 120.60, F.S., and Rule 11B-27, F.A.C.

Dated: January 23, 2018 Dean Register, Professionalism Director FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT By: s- Ashley Black, Division Representative Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

19008T NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, US Bank Custodian for Empire Tax Fund V, LLC, the holders of the following certificate have 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:

PARCEL ID #: 01-095-08W-8330-0210-00 Certificate No. 1326-2012 Certificate Year: 2012

Description of Property: LOT ONE THROUGH SEVEN (1-7) INCLUSIVE OF BLOCK TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) IN GREATER APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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IDA. Property Address: 348 12th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320

Name in which assessed: John Daniel Howard and Carey Jane Howard

All of said property being in the State of Florida, Franklin County.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on the First (1st) Monday in the month of March, 2018, which is the 5th day of MARCH, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

Dated this 26nd day of January, 2018.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF COURTS FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Lauren Luberto Deputy Clerk Pub: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

19106T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2018-CP-0006 Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD F. JOST, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Richard F. Jost deceased, whose date of death was December 6, 2017 is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida. Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market St., Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All 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 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 SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED 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.

The date of first publication of this notice is February 15, 2018.

Kevin Jost, Personal Representative 768 South Broadway Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Victoria E. Heuler, B.C.S., FL Bar No.: 0984825 1677 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32308 Phone: (850)421-2400 Fax: (850)421-2403 E-Mail: Victoria@hweldlaw.com Counsel for Kevin Jost Pub: Feb. 15, 22, 2018

19116T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN File No. 17-000074-CP Division Probate

RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE EDWARD STEVENSON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100

The administration of the estate of George Edward Stevenson, deceased, whose date of death was July 19, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Avenue B, # 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is February 15, 2018.

Personal Representative: Christine Anderson 101 N. Myrtle Drive, Unit 212 Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Attorney for Personal Representative: Daniel W. Uhlfelder Attorney FL Bar No.: 133922 Daniel W. Uhlfelder, PA 124 East County Highway 30-A Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459 Phone: (850) 534-0246 Fax: (850) 534-0985 E-Mail: Daniel@dwulaw.com Reception@dwulaw.com Pub: Feb. 15, 22, 2018

19150T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 16000301CAAXMX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

GREG HOLMSTROM; BRENDA HOUGH; DENNIS COOK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 25th day of January, 2018, and entered in Civil Case No. 16000301CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, where-in BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and HOLMSTROM, GREG, et al, are Defendants. The clerk MARCIA JOHNSON shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Franklin County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Lobby, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, at 11:00 AM on March 08, 2018, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk Pub: Feb. 15, 22, 2018

19176T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CASE NO. 19-2017-CA-000058

CU MEMBERS MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF COLONIAL SAVINGS, F.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

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LOT 25, BEACON RIDGE, PHASE II, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 37, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: BEGIN AT AN IRON ROD AND CAP MARKING THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 25, BEACON RIDGE, PHASE II, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 37, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID POINT LYING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF JONNA DRIVE; THENCE RUN ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 25 SOUTH 63 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST 678.23 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE LEAVING SAID BOUNDARY LINE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 207.88 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 455.39 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 38 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST 62.68 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 63 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST 122.20 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 177.86 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP LYING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF JONNA DRIVE, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 334.37 FEET; THENCE NORTH WESTERLY 138.29 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 23 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 50 SECONDS, CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING NORTH 40 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 137.31 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1916 Jonna Dr Carrabelle, FL 32322

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administration at (850) 577-4401, or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2018.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk Pub: Feb. 15, 22, 2018

19184T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2017-60 CP Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA SALMON WALL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PATRICIA SALMON WALL, deceased, whose date of death was January 28, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. 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 SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, OTHERWISE A DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 16th day of January, 2018.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Court

By: Terry C. Segree As Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC 225 E. Robinson St. Suite 155 Orlando, FL 32801 Phone: (407) 674-1850 Email: MRSservice@mccalla.com File No.: 16-03190-1 Pub: Feb. 15, 22, 2018

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PAUL H. MATTHEWS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: MIRANDA L. GLADDEN A/K/A MIRANDA MATTHEWS, 22 AMBER RIDGE RD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32218

SAMANTHA NICOLE MATTHEWS, 506 7TH AVE, NASHVILLE, GA 31639

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MIRANDA L. GLADDEN A/K/A MIRANDA MATTHEWS, 22 AMBER RIDGE RD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32218

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAMANTHA NICOLE MATTHEWS, 506 7TH AVE, NASHVILLE, GA 31639

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 6 AND THE NORTH 14 FEET OF LOT 7, BLOCK D, PICKETT'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Sara Collins, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 on or before thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Apalachicola Carrabelle Times 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 demand in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 16th day of January, 2018.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Court

By: Terry C. Segree As Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC 225 E. Robinson St. Suite 155 Orlando, FL 32801 Phone: (407) 674-1850 Email: MRSservice@mccalla.com File No.: 16-03190-1 Pub: Feb. 15, 22, 2018

19184T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2017-60 CP Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA SALMON WALL, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MARVIN HENRY WALTERS - Last Known Address: 1445 Highway 67, Carrabelle, FL 32322; Previous Addresses: 28 Cayuse Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327; 129 Carlton Millender Road, Carrabelle, FL 32322;

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARVIN HENRY WALTERS - Last Known Address: 1445 Highway 67, Carrabelle, FL 32322; Previous Addresses: 28 Cayuse Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327; 129 Carlton Millender Road, Carrabelle, FL 32322;

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

**Correct legal description for the vesting deed:

Commence at a St. Joe Paper Company concrete monument marking the South-west corner of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 4, West, Franklin County, Florida and thence run East 89.20 Feet, thence turn left 53 degrees 30 minutes and run North 36 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 399.99 feet, thence turn right 45 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East 410.45 feet, thence turn left 14 degrees 17 minutes and run North 67 degrees 23 minutes 00 seconds East 654.46 feet to the Westerly right-of-way boundary of State

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 ABOVE, OTHERWISE A DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is February 15, 2018.

Personal Representative: Mark Hanson Wall Rome GA 30161 Attorney for Personal Representative: Kristy Branch Banks, PA Attorney FL Bar No.: 517143 PO Box 176 Apalachicola, FL 32329 Phone: (850) 670-1255 Fax: (866) 601-4805 E-Mail: info@kbbblawfi.com Secondary E-Mail: susan@kbbblawfi.com Pub: Feb. 15, 22, 2018

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file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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19312T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 17000245CAAXMX

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff(s),

vs.

MARVIN HENRY WALTERS; SARA B. WALTERS AKA SARA K. TRAIL; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARVIN HENRY WALTERS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SARA B. WALTERS AKA SARA K. TRAIL; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-H14; Defendant(s).

Correct legal description for the Subject Mortgage:

*****Correct legal description for the vesting deed:

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From said Point of Beginning continue Northeasterly along said right-of-way boundary and curve having a radius of 1387.83 feet through a central angle of 02 degrees 59 minutes 13 seconds for an arc distance of 72.35 feet (chord being North 36 degrees 26 minutes 59 seconds East 72.28 feet) to a concrete monument (set by DOT) marking a point of tangency, thence run North 37 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary (non tangent) having a radius of 1387.83 feet through a central angle of 15 degrees 04 minutes 44 seconds for an arc distance of 365.25 feet (chord being North 27 degrees 25 minutes 06 seconds East 364.20 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked no. 4261) marking the Point of Beginning. 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NEW TODAY

DIRECT SERVICE

Liberty County Senior Citizens Association Inc. - Franklin County is currently seeking applicants for a 30-40 hour a week Direct Service position. The candidate must be able to pass a Level II Background Screening, possess a valid driver's license, reliable transportation and valid motor vehicle insurance. Job duties include light housekeeping and bathing assistance. Certified CNA or Home Health Aide preferred but not required. Salary will be based on experience.

Qualified applicants can obtain an employment application at Fort Combs Armory 66 4th St. Apalachicola, FL 32320 or Franklin Senior Services 302 W Ave. F Carrabelle, FL 32322 or Fax Resume with cover letter to 850-643-5672. **Liberty County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.** PH: 850-643-5690

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Independent Contract Cleaners

Looking for extremely reliable and experienced cleaners for vacation rentals on St. George Island. Must be professional, have own transportation, and liability insurance. Weekend work is required.

Please come by 115 East Pine on St. George Island to fill out a cleaner application.

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PETSAFE HIDDEN FENCE SYSTEM INSTALLED \$599 Call or text 740-390-0820 pettechusa@gmail.com

Keep your pet safe from the road or from bothering your neighbors w/ an underground Petsafe dog fence, once installed completely invisible & a fraction of the cost of a regular fence. Using top of the line Petsafe equipment, I can install a hidden fence system in your yard for \$599, this is anything under 1/3 acre (in town or subdivision size lot), comes w/ 1 collar

\$699 for up to an acre/\$799 for up to 2 acres \$899 for up to 3 acres/\$999 for up to 4 acres Can do up to 25 acres

Extra collars are \$80 (first collar provided w/system)

Once installed I will spend some time with you and your pet to help introduce the new system, but there is no return pet training provided. Price above includes Equipment, Installation and Warranty. Heavily wooded lots may be extra. Concrete, Gravel and paved drives are no problem. I work out of Panama City area, but I will come to you anywhere on or near the Gulf Coast.

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- Full-time LPN/CNA needed for young adult with multi-system illness in Destin Florida.
- Full Time Weekends with Benefits.
- Must have knowledge/willingness to work in a functional/holistic setting. Will work along side RN and a team of doctors.
- Detailed job description available upon request.

Send resume to: laurap@howgocxmail.com

NEW TODAY

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners

Job Announcement

Position: Animal Control Officer
Closing Date: 3/15/2018
Annual Salary: \$25,000.00
Contact Person: Fonda D. Davis, Director
Animal Control Department
210 State Road 65
Eastpoint, Florida 32328
Phone (850) 670-8167

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Job Summary:
Performs animal control work for the County. The work involves patrolling assigned areas of the County to enforce animal control ordinances and related laws, rules and regulations. Officers carry out daily assignments, follow through on matters, and use independent judgment and training to take appropriate actions to deal with standard recurring situations.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Enforces County and State animal regulations including, but not limited to, cruelty to animals, dangerous/vicious animals, and animal bites, including dogs, cats, livestock, raccoons etc...
2. Patrols assigned County areas, contains and pick-up stray, sick/injured, feral, and/or unwanted and captured domestic animals, transporting them to appropriate destination.
3. Performs emergency animal rescue service, emergency night call service, and animal first aid, when required.
4. Serves and responds to court and Animal Control Board summonses as necessary, and represents County at court and Animal Control.
5. Maintains required telecommunications contact.
6. Set traps to capture evasive domestic and wild animals.
7. Educates the public on proper animal care, wildlife problems, and animal control regulations.
8. Issues warnings/citations to animal owners found in violation of animal regulations.
9. Prepares routine vehicle and equipment maintenance.
10. Tranquilizes dangerous/vicious animals in a safe humane manner as authorized by the Animal Control Supervisor.
11. Destroys dangerous/vicious animals in a safe humane manner as authorized by the Animal Control Supervisor.
12. Responds to and investigates complaints from citizens concerning domestic animals.

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL SKILLS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:
The work is regularly active with periods of heavy exertion, and is performed in office, field settings and outside in varying weather conditions. Typical positions require workers to walk or stand for long periods; lift and carry up to 100 pounds; climb stairs, ladders and scaffolding; bend, kneel, crouch and crawl; reach, hold, grasp and turn objects; fell the size, shape and temperature of items; and use fingers to operate computer or typewriter keyboards. The work requires the ability to speak normally, to use normal or aided vision and hearing, and to detect odors.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
Requires a high school diploma or an equivalent. Must have a valid Florida Driver's License. Must have the ability to meet the Department of Corrections criteria for certification as an NON-DC Supervisor of State Inmates. Newly hired employees shall obtain such certification within 90 days or hiring.

****Employees are subject to emergency call outs, working beyond scheduled hours, including weekends and holidays**

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ST. GEORGE CANTINA

BOH and FOH Staff Needed

New Island concept serving Mexican cuisine hiring for all positions
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Text: 850-544-6465

Direct Hospitality Solutions, LLC, is now accepting applications for 65 temp f/t positions as Housekeeping and Property Attendants at several resorts in the Panama City Beach, FL area. If hired, applicant must be able to work during our peak load period starting April 1, 2018 and continuing until Sep 15, 2018.

Applicant must be flexible regarding schedule but typically is Thursday thru Mon 8am -4pm. Overtime pay will be available for hours worked over 40 in a workweek. References and background check required.

We offer hourly rate pay (piece rate is avail for some units), and pay is weekly. Employer will use a single workweek as its standard for computing wages due. No work experience or minimal education requirements and on the job training will be provided. For workers who are unable to reasonably return to their residence each day, Employer will provide for transportation and subsistence from the place of recruitment to the place of work. Transportation and subsistence will be provided as follows: upon completion of 50% of the work period above, Employer will reimburse the worker for transportation and subsistence from the place of recruitment to the place of work, provided such cost does not cause workers' hourly wage to drop below the minimum wage. Upon completion of the work period or if the worker is dismissed earlier, employer will provide or pay for worker's reasonable costs of return transportation and subsistence back home or to the place the worker originally departed to work, except where the worker will not return due to subsequent employment with another employer. The amount of transportation payment or reimbursement will be equal to the most economical and reasonable common carrier for the distances involved. Daily subsistence will be provided at a cost of at least \$12.07 per day during travel to a maximum of \$51.00 per day with receipts. Employer offers three-fourths guarantee to any employee as required by Federal Code of Regulations Chapter V Part 655.20(f) which guarantees employee three-fourths the work hours of every (12 week) period during our peak load time based on a 35 hour work week. That guarantees any employee will have a minimum of 315 hours pay for each 12 week period of employment during the peak load period. Employer will make all deductions from the worker's paycheck required by law and no other deductions. Employer will reimburse any H2-B worker in the first workweek for all visas, visa processing, border crossing and other related fees, including those mandated by the government, incurred by the H-2B worker. Employer will provide to the worker, without charge or deposit, all tools, supplies and equipment required to perform the duties assigned in accordance with Federal Code of Regulations, 655.20(K).

Hourly Housekeeping & Property Attendant
Rate: \$10.27 per hour
Overtime Rate: \$15.41 per hour
Alternative Piece Rate Compensation between \$25.00 and \$55.00 depending on the size of the unit.

Housekeeping Duties but are not limited to:

- Clean and replenish guest rooms with amenities, supplies and linen.
- Stock and unload linen/supply carts and guest room deep-cleaning projects.
- Sort linens and other articles, load washing machines, and fold dried items.
- Clean and/or vacuum carpets, floors and floor mats.
- Wash and sanitize kitchen utensils including loading and unloading dishwasher.

Housing

- Housing will be provided by employer upon request and deducted weekly from the employee's check at a rate of \$75/week which includes utilities and is in addition to all deductions required by law.

How to apply:
E-mail resume to: rzachary@americomm.com
Mail resume to: Direct Hospitality Solutions, LLC, PO Box 9418, Panama City Beach, FL 32417

In person: Grand Panama Front Desk, 11800 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

Online: Go to our website www.dhsla.com and select "Personnel Seeking Employment" tab then select "Online job application for US applicant" tab and then click "submit" when finished.

State Workforce Agency: CareerSource Gulf Coast located at 5230 U.S. 98, Panama City, FL 32401.

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Scipio Creek Marina is seeking a certified experienced marine outboard mechanic to work in our family friendly marina. We will train individual as needed in order for them to become forklift certified. Applicant must be willing to work weekends. We are located at: **Scipio Creek Marina, 301 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, 850-653-8030, E-mail: info@scipiocreekmarina.com**

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Apply in Person at Blue Parrot Ocean Front Cafe 68 West Gorrie Dr. St. George Island

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3Br/2Ba House
For Rent \$995/mo.
850-643-7740
Text FL61575 to 56654

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SCHOOLS

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from Tate's Hell State Forest behind the school. Currently, the only access to the school complex is one entrance, directly off of U.S. 98.

In his report Monday evening, School Board Member Carl Whaley told colleagues he had spoken with John Brown and Ken Weber, with the Florida Forest Service, about a proposal to shore up the dump road behind the campus so as to make it usable, on a limited basis, for school buses to travel to and from State Road 65.

"You hate to follow on a tragic situation but now's the time," he said. "We need to move."

On Tuesday morning, Whaley secured a letter of support from county commissioners to back the plan for a secondary road, but they stopped short of offering to fund the road.

"I do believe this board will support you and give you a letter of support, but we don't have a whole lot of equipment to build roads," said Chairman Smokey Parrish.

In his report to the commissioners, Whaley said plans have been in the works for the road ever since the school opened a decade ago, but funding has not been there.

"We have one way in, one way out," he said. "If we have

any type of active shooter event, any threat on our school campus, emergency services have one way to provide service. We definitely want to be able to have things in place to help us if any situation happened here.

"We were actually making moves before the tragedy in Parkland," Whaley said. "When things happen, the need is really shown then."

Whaley said that together with the Florida Forest Service, they have been looking at the entire forest area behind the school to find a suitable route to a 26-acre parcel the district owns north of the county jail. "We would use that as a reunification point," he said.

He said because much of that area is low-lying and swampy, it would be costly to put a road in, and so they are considering shoring up what is known as the "dump road" to wind a path towards SR 65.

"It used to be pretty bad but it has been worked by the Florida Forest Service, with culverts put in where washouts were," Whaley said, noting that it would be unwise to transport students past the landfill, where methane and other contaminants may be found.

"This is the best solution, to cut through the forest on the back road," he said.

He said the district also has spoken with the homeowners association at Gramercy Plantation about a possible more direct route through the northern portion of the

housing development, a move that would cut down on the length of road needed to be built.

Whaley said that in addition to a letter of support, the district was seeking help with putting in lime rock to make the road completely passable. "We would buy it, we just don't have a way of hauling or spreading of lime rock," he said.

He said the road would help as a fire buffer for all the homes in the adjacent Gramercy Plantation, as well as for the landfill, sheriff's office complex and the humane society.

Chairman Smokey Parrish said that because the county lacked a bulldozer, and its road construction money was tapped out, it could not be of direct assistance in putting in the road.

He suggested that the school board look into a legislative appropriation that would fund a more substantial thoroughfare. "You actually need a good road going in there, so buses can pass," Parrish said. "There's some engineering that needs to be done, for a 60-foot right-of-way, and swales and stormwater retention."

"It needs to be done right for buses, or it's going to continuously be a messed-up road," he said.

Whaley said the road has been cleared to the point where two vehicles can pass safely. "It would not be a full-time run," he said. "We have sought legislative help

to make this happen on the school board level."

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders suggested the school board contact the legislative delegation, since now is a promising time to secure school safety funds.

"We got to protect those kids, we got to protect those teachers, we got to protect everybody who works out there," said Commissioner Noah Lockley. "We need to do that and we need to get on that ASAP."

In a separate move, the commissioners agreed, as part of a larger funding increase, to provide Sheriff A.J. Smith with an additional \$67,500 to cover the department's share of the cost for providing two school resource officers (SRO) at the Franklin County Schools, and one at the Apalachicola Bay Charter School. Allan Ham and Brock Johnson serve as the SROs at the Franklin County School, while Stella Bryant is the ABC School SRO. Ryan Sandoval oversees the program, and fills in when needed.

Additional fencing proposed

At Monday's meeting, school board members reviewed a preliminary set of bids for providing additional fencing that curtail the free traffic of vehicles once they have entered the school campus.

Visitors could enter the campus and park in the lot in

front of the administration building, but would not have access beyond that unless the gates were open, for games, programs and other public events.

Bud Strange, coordinator of facilities, maintenance and transportation, provided a series of preliminary estimates, totaling in the neighborhood of \$125,000 to \$150,000, for six-foot tall fencing, and double gates, that would close off the other parking areas, and which could be opened remotely. Included in that estimate would be repair to the existing wrought iron fencing that encloses the interior of the campus.

Shannon Venable, the district's director of finance, said the cost could be covered by the district's five-year capital outlay budget of about \$330,000.

The school board plans to consider the proposal in more detail in the weeks ahead. School Board Chair Stacy Kirvin reminded his colleagues that cost is a factor within the comparatively tight budget.

"Every dollar we spend affects our general revenue," he said. "We have to think about that it's taking money out of the classroom."

Superintendent Traci Moses is hosting a meeting Monday of local law enforcement officials, emergency medical services personnel and school administrators to further discuss school safety planning.

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