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Full Moon Climb tonight at lighthouse

The March Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be Thursday, March 1. The sunset 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 sets at 6:39 p.m. and the "Worm" moon rises at 6:31 p.m., so called by North American Indian tribes because as the snows melt and the ground thaws, earthworms begin to appear and the robins of spring are not far behind.

After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view, 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 more info call the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 927-7745.

Jazz concert Friday at Rio Carrabelle

The Jazz/Pop Concert series at Rio Carrabelle, sponsored by the Ilse Newell Series for the Performing Arts, continues Friday Night, March 2 with a performance by Colleen Nixon, on vocals and guitar, Joshua Cossette on piano, Paul Harvey on percussion, and Brian Hall on bass. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

'Deathtrap' to delight March 9-11

There are so many beguiling twists and turns in the upcoming Panhandle Players' production of "Deathtrap" that you may get dizzy just watching. Set for Friday through Sunday, March 9-11 at the Chapman Auditorium, the renowned comedy-thriller by Ira Levin, a huge hit on Broadway that ran four years, promises to weave an enthralling spell at the theatre.

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m. at the Chapman Auditorium.

All general admission tickets are \$15.

They are available online by visiting www.panhandleplayers.com or at the door.

Rainbow shooter claims he stood his ground

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A shooting that left one man dead and another a quadriplegic isn't usually what happens at gatherings of the Rainbow Family of the Living Light.

These every-so-often sojourns in national forests of a loosely-knit clan of social outcasts, whose only workload is to serve the needs of their nomadic entourage, have a reputation for being generally peaceable, although rarely strictly law-abiding.

And so it seemed a jarring contrast that an Apalachicola courtroom last Friday would hear a man invoking Florida's "stand your ground" legal protections following a Rainbow Gathering three years ago, at Wrights Lake in the Apalachicola National Forest.

Looking clean-cut, wearing a jacket and tie, Clark Mayers, 42, of Milledgeville, Georgia, took the stand in his own defense and contended he was in fear of his life, or serious injury, when in the early morning hours of March 5, 2015, he fired three bullets into 26-year-old Wesley "Dice" Jones, crippling him



Clark Mayers, right, confronts the man he shot, Wesley Jones, by video, as Assistant State Attorney Jared Patterson, left, questions him.
 [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

for life, and then pumped two more into Jacob "Smiley" Cardwell, from Golden Valley, Arizona, killing him.

"I felt like I was in jeopardy," he said, under questioning from his attorney, Richard H. Smith, of Tallahassee. "At the time I fired, I felt it was a last resort to save my life."

Assistant State Attorney Jarred Patterson countered with four prosecution eyewitnesses, including Jones, whose version of events were all at odds with Mayers' claims. The prosecutor said Mayers approached where the argument began, at a burning

tire not far from the river's edge, with an Imez Makarov .380 semi-automatic tucked under his left arm.

When the argument got heated, Mayers brandished his weapon and shot Jones, who was already missing his left leg and most of his right arm, and then killed Cardwell, Patterson argued, and that there was no evidence or other testimony that the shovel Jones admitted carrying delivered, as Mayers claimed, a potentially lethal blow.

"You did not fall down, you

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Camp Museum to unveil location

Special to the Times

For the 23rd consecutive year, the Camp Gordon Johnston Association and World War II Museum will celebrate its annual Reunion Days next weekend, but this year there will be a new wrinkle.

Immediately following the March 9-10 celebration, the current location at the former Carrabelle High School will be closed for a short period of time to facilitate the museum's move to its new location across from Carrabelle Beach.

The Camp Gordon Johnston Association will be welcoming guests on Saturday, March 10 for sneak peak visits at its new museum location at 1873 U.S. 98 West, across from Carrabelle Beach, and will be open for "work-in-progress" visits that day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All weekend, events are planned to honor America's country's remaining World War II veterans as well as to salute all veterans from that war to the present. All veterans, their family and friends as well as the general public are invited to Carrabelle for the celebrations.

On Friday afternoon, March 9, a Veterans' Welcome will be held at the current location at 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle. All veterans are invited to come and meet other vets and visitors. Interviews may be taped for those with stories connected to CGJ veterans' training and wartime experiences.

Friday evening, the Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 in Lanark Village invites all WWII veterans, widows/widowers, non-WWII veterans (with proof of service), active duty military, and members of Post 82 to a Low Country Boil in their honor. Each veteran or member is welcome to bring one guest. For more information, call 697-9998.

On Saturday, kicking off at 10:45 a.m. will be the annual parade, which pays tribute to all veterans of all branches of service. This year's community parade should include CGJ Museum vehicles (WWII DUKW, Willis Jeep, and German Lieferwagen), more

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JOHN GORRIE STATE PARK MUSEUM



Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson snips the ribbon on the rededication of the Gorrie Museum, together with, from left, the Florida Park Service's Warren Poplin, Josh Hodson and Chuck Hatcher.

[LT. PAM LEWIS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

A cool makeover

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The legacy of Apalachicola's most famous inventor, a man whose statue represents

the entire state in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C., just got a nice makeover in his hometown.

At a small celebration Friday afternoon, dignitaries from the Florida State Parks system, together with Apalachicola

Mayor Van Johnson, snipped the ribbon at the 60-year-old John Gorrie Museum State Park, on Gorrie Square, at Sixth Street and Avenue D.

After an intro by Josh

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did not stagger backwards," he said. "It did not cause you to drop the gun."

If Circuit Judge Terry Lewis rules this week Patterson failed to put forth clear and convicting evidence Mayers was not, in fact, "standing his ground" when the shooting occurred, then the defendant will be immune from further criminal prosecution on the two felonies he is charged with, second degree murder and aggravated battery with a firearm. Mayers also would be afforded further legal protections in the event of a civil trial.

Because the prior legal standard, amended in 2017 by the Florida legislature, required the defense to prove by a preponderance of the evidence the Stand Your Ground criteria, Lewis opened the hearing by noting he would issue a written ruling covering both standards set forth in the law. In an earlier decision in a separate case, Lewis ruled the newer standard, which places the burden of proof more squarely on the prosecution, could not be applied retroactively.

"We all agree the law is across-the-board different," said the judge. "I'll take it under both standards."

Female witness can't be located

Before any of the witnesses were called. Patterson told Lewis a key eyewitness, Angelica "Katt" McDonald, had absconded after violating her probation, and could not be located. "We don't know where she is. We can't find her," he said.

Patterson relied first on a live video feed from Jones,

who is being cared for in Missouri. A notary public, Karen Sue Bennett, attested she was the only other person in the room during the testimony and cross-examination.

Jones, who frequently punctuated his testimony with "yes sir," said he and Katt, Smiley and Jeremy "Jude" Strickland were reveling at a tire fire they had set ablaze, when Mayers approached and started yelling they put out the foul-smelling flames.

"We told him to mind his own business and get away," said Jones, who took drinks of water during his testimony from a bottle held by the notary public.

He said Mayers came back 10 minutes later with a camera, "one of those cheap digital ones you buy at Wal-Mart," and began videotaping.

"Everybody was just asking him not to videotape us," Jones said. "I grabbed the camera from him and threw it in the fire."

Jones said the entire incident happened quickly and that the last thing he recalled was Cardwell yelling "no guns in the church" before he, too was gunned down.

In his cross-examination, Smith relied heavily on a deposition taken in summer of 2016, characterizing through his questions that Jones was a troubled young man with drug, alcohol and anger issues.

He said Jones spent much of his childhood in group homes, as a ward of the state of Missouri, and after being treated for psychological problems at age 15, had stopped taking the medication prescribed for him.

"It was so long ago I don't remember," said Jones, the nub of his right arm frequently fluttering like a broken wing under his shirt.

Jones said he was drinking

the morning before the late night encounter, but sobered up in the afternoon when he drove his ex-girlfriend for a two-hour trip to Weems Memorial Hospital in Apalachicola. He said he did not resume drinking in the afternoon after they returned.

Jones said he saw Mayers earlier at the gathering, and while he didn't know him, knew he had come to the Rainbow Gathering the year before with a fire extinguisher to put out the flames of a tire fire.

Smith asked Jones "where did you steal it (the tire) from?" and he said it had come from a nearby school bus driven by one of the Rainbows.

"It was pumping out a good bit of black smoke?" asked Smith.

"Yes sir," replied Jones. "It's a fire."

The quadriplegic eyewitness denied he had anger issues, and said he hadn't punched Mayers or struck him in the head with the shovel.

"I didn't touch him physically," said Jones. "I just took the camera. I just moved the gun (with the shovel.) I didn't strike him, I didn't touch him."

Conflicting stories on exactly what happened

Strickland testified that on the night in question he helped secure the tire, a jug of water and a shovel, and that he had been drinking at the time "but not beyond self-control and remembering."

He said that after leaving the fireside to talk with an ex-girlfriend, he returned to find Mayers and Jones arguing.

"I noticed the hilt of a gun," he said. "That's when he drew the gun and pointed it at Wesley and I. He drew the firearm on us.

"We're trying to talk him down, telling him 'you're not a killer, you're not going to kill anybody,'" said Strickland, noting that he hadn't seen a shovel in Jones' hands.

He said the initial shots were fired, he heard a lot of shooting, but hadn't seen Cardwell get shot in the confusion. He said he saw no one lay hands on Mayers, and that the only threat from Jones had been to throw Mayer's cellphone in the fire, after having thrown the digital camera into it.

In his cross examination, Smith asked Strickland what kind of whisky he had been drinking. "Cheap," he replied. "Blended whiskey."

He said he started drinking in the afternoon, but stopped before the fire started, after the bottle was emptied.

Smith pressed Strickland why he hadn't told deputies about Jones throwing the camera in the fire, and Strickland owned up to the omission, but denied that it was to not get Jones in trouble. He described the shovel, which was never recovered by law enforcement, as a wooden one, about three feet long.

Also appearing were witnesses Brian Achison, who said he had not seen the shootings, but was awakened by gunshots in the melee that followed, which he described as Mayers filed wildly, even stopping to reload, and Joshua Peter Campbell, who said he noticed no blood on Mayers' face when he ran to the scene.

The alleged blood on Mayers' face, from a head wound caused by Jones' shovel, was a key part of Mayers' testimony. He said he suffered a "deep penetrating laceration" across his brow that caused him severe pain just prior to shooting Jones.

He said that he last worked a regular job in 2009, due to his juvenile rheumatoid

arthritis, which requires him to take at least three medications per day.

During the weeks prior to the Wrights Lake gathering, he had been traveling with the Rainbows, living out of a converted cargo trailer he towed behind his truck. He said his role with the Rainbows was to routinely gather firewood, and collect garbage and trash, so as to leave the forest "cleaner than when we got there."

Mayers said he parked in the Apalachicola forest so as to avoid both the "A Camp," which was frequented by alcoholics, and the "project kids," who he said were "rough, rowdy and disruptive."

After making trips to the Big Top in Eastpoint, and to Blountstown earlier in the day, he had returned to the forest, and not used either alcohol or drugs before going to sleep by 10 p.m.

Mayers said he needed gun for bears, gators

Mayers said a loud "lovers spat" outside his trailer awoke him at about midnight, and that he dressed and went outside, with his gun under his arm, with a single magazine in it, and asked the two people to take their argument elsewhere.

He told Patterson he took the gun because he was in "an area with black bears, alligators (and could be) confronted with an angry dog." He also confirmed under cross examination that he had been threatened the previous year over a tire fire.

He said that once outside, he smelled the pungent "toxic smoke" of the fire, and walked over to the site. "I was going to offer them trashbags to haul it off," Mayers said.

He said as he began

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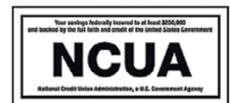
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ARREST REPORT

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

Feb. 19

Thornton Lee Moses, 20, Eastpoint, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell; \$15,000 bond (FCSO)

David James McClelland, 51, Carrabelle, driving while license suspended or revoked; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

Christopher Proctor, 32, Apalachicola, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, felony violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

Feb. 20

Allen Flowers, 41, Eastpoint, possession of narcotic equipment for sale or use, possession of methamphetamine; \$15,500 bond (FCSO)

Nathan Daniel Jones, 32, Apalachicola, petit theft, larceny over \$20,000 and less than \$100,000; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Shelly Lee Polous, 39, Apalachicola, larceny over \$20,000 and less than \$100,000; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 21

Kevin Louis Heath, 21, Carrabelle, violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

Don Lewis Davis, 48, Carrabelle, violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

Joshua Loren Pilotti, 28, Apalachicola, failure to appear; \$2,500 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 22

Dimitry A. Covan, 19, Eastpoint, driving while licensee suspended or revoked failure to appear; \$500 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 23

Tanya R. Walden, 42, Eastpoint, domestic battery; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

Feb. 25

Steven Craig Martin, 26, Carrabelle, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of narcotic equipment for sale or use, violation of conditional release; no bond (FCSO)

James Devin Trawick, 19, Carrabelle, attaching license tag not assigned; \$300 bond (FCSO)

Roger John Costigan, 42, Cape Coral, possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon; released on own recognizance (FWC)

Brian Anthony Funk, 51, Seale, Alabama, attaching license plate not assigned, driving while license suspended or revoked; \$1,250 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 26

Loreal Lynn Daniels, 36, Eastpoint, driving while license suspended or revoked, larceny of a credit card; no bond (FCSO)

Sedric DeJuan Jones, 36, Apalachicola, held on out-of-county warrant; no bond (FCSO)

Taylor Mariah Gay, 22, Carrabelle, theft of more than \$300 and less than \$5,000, burglary with assault or battery, possession of narcotic equipment; no bond (FCSO)

Timothy Joseph Carpenter, 25, Eastpoint, violation of a repeat dating violence injunction; \$500 bond (FCSO)

Daniel Ernest Wesley Moore, 31, Eastpoint, theft of more than \$300 and less than \$5,000; \$5,000 bond (FCSO)

Selina Marie Kahn, 20, Apalachicola, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams, possession of paraphernalia; \$1000 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 27

Isiah Buzbee, 26, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended; \$250 bond (FCSO)

Amber Watkins, 36, Apalachicola, battery, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, smuggling contraband into a detention facility; no bond (FCSO)

Erie L. Campbell, 59, Apalachicola, felony violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

NEWS BRIEFS

Schools introduce anonymous tip line

The Franklin County School District is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment. As part of our efforts to assure that all of our students and staff feel safe at school, we are introducing a new resource: the Franklin Tip Line.

This online resource is available for anyone who wishes to remain anonymous while reporting a potential safety concern. Information about drugs, weapons, bullying, cyberbullying or other factors which may be harmful to students, staff or the school environment should be reported.

Submit a written report by visiting the Franklin County Website

at www.franklincounty-schools.org or you can call (850) 999.5634 to record a message.

The following information will be helpful when communicating your concern:

- What type of incident are you reporting?
- What time did, or will, the incident occur?
- Where did, or will, the incident occur?
- Who are the individuals or groups involved?
- How did you learn of the information you are sharing?
- Can you provide a detailed description of the incident?
- How can we get in touch you? (Optional)

Lombardi Park museum project begins

A renovation project

at Lombardi's Waterfront Park, at Two Mile, funded by monies from the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) has started., with plans to convert the building that was once a shucking house into an interactive museum.

County Coordinator Michael Morón told county commissioners Feb. 20 that the museum will allow schoolchildren, residents, and visitors to experience, by a combination of information kiosks, audio/video stations, and other printed media, the seafood industry in different stages. Other improvements to the park will be removal of the old metal building that once served as a cooler, and a new

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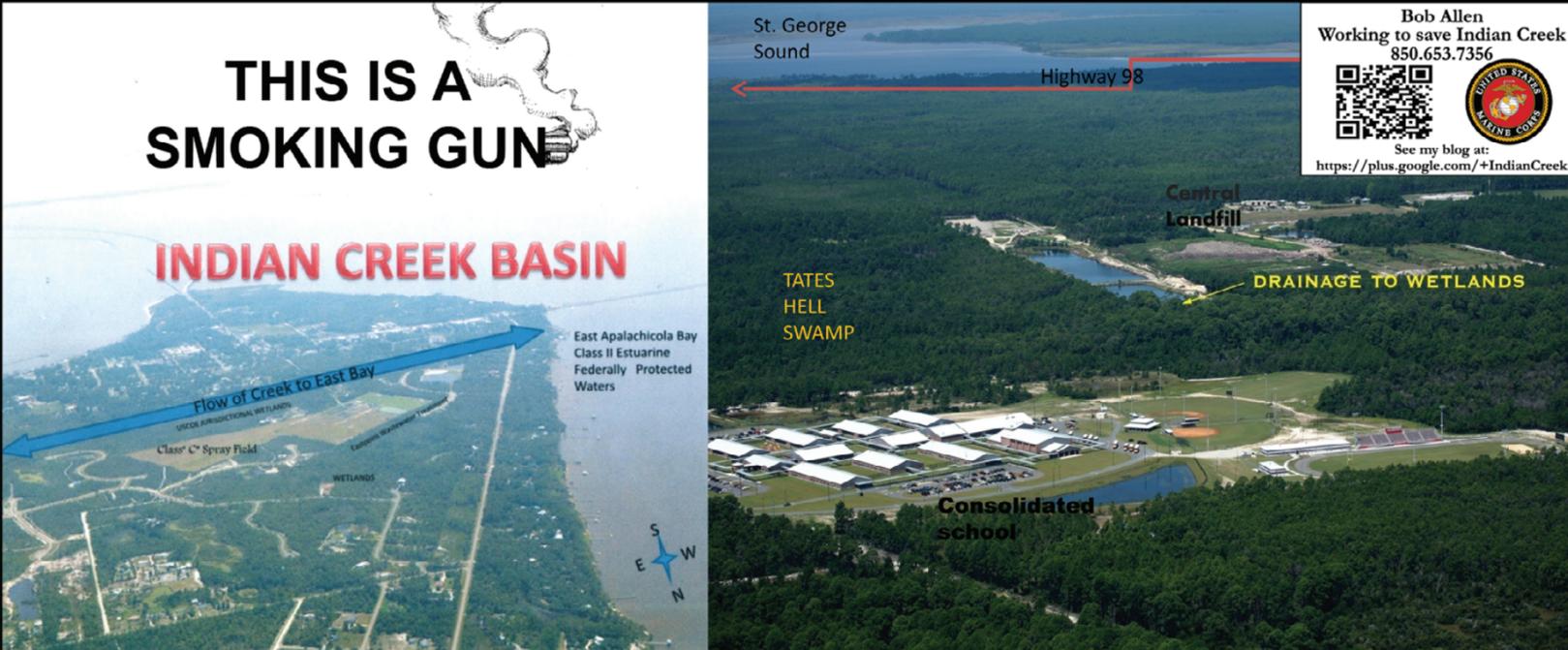
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OPINION

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Spending some, saving some and Nick Drake



Margaret McDowell

*"When the party's through
Seems very sad for you
Didn't do the things you meant to do."*
—From "Day is Done"
as performed by Nick Drake

Consumer debt is approaching levels not seen since before the Great Recession. And on the flip side, personal savings as a portion of disposable income is now at its lowest level in 12 years.

Some of this is certainly understandable. People feel they "can breathe" again in terms of personal spending and borrowing. The economy is improving, unemployment is down, and folks feel comfortable with their financial circumstances.

Traditionally, Americans also feel more inclined to borrow when markets are on an uptick, as they were in 2017. People look at their balance sheet and see their assets climbing in value and say, "Hey, I'm worth more now. I can afford to borrow more, spend more and save less." The net worth of American households rose by \$41 trillion in the third quarter of 2017 alone. This "wealth effect" impacts consumer behavior.

In late 2017, repayment schedules on new car loans reveal a fascinating story. Americans purchasing new autos signed on for an average repayment period of 69 months, or just under six years. The Wall Street Journal notes that "in the fourth quarter (of 2017), consumer debt, excluding mortgages and other home loans, rose 5.5 percent from a year earlier to \$3.82 trillion." That's the largest increase since 1999, the first year that statistic was recorded.

Meanwhile, Americans are saving less money than at any time since the end of 2007. Savings rates also remained low during the housing boom in the two previous years, 2005 and 2006.

Many Americans borrowed heavily as interest rates remained relatively low these last few years. We purchased homes, plowed money into business opportunities, and increased our discretionary spending. But volatility in markets, dormant for almost 18 months, reared its head again in February. In addition, the Federal Reserve seems committed to raising interest rates. This combination, intertwined with other global forces, could portend an economic slowdown.

When a downturn occurs, and everyone retrenches simultaneously, that six-year car loan may not feel so comfortable. It's certainly advisable to invest in valuable opportunities and fun to spend freely during healthy economic years, but it's equally important to save money to see us through periods of economic slowdowns. Consuming and saving simultaneously may seem like an oxymoron, but truthfully, the two activities are not mutually exclusive. Spending and borrowing is fine, but it's equally important to prepare for periods when economic expansion is not occurring.

Folks eschewed personal savings while enjoying rising asset values twice in the last 20 years: just before the dot.com bubble in the late '90s and again before the Great Recession nine years ago.

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THE GOOD LIFE

When men come to depend on Depends



Denny Bonavita

What is it like?" has inspired a good number of these essays.

I first wrote columns when I became a father. I wrote about filling the pail for the Wydee Dydee Diaper man to exchange once a week, leaving clean, folded diapers while removing... ugh! I wrote about suffering the boys-pee-up phenomenon while wearing a dress shirt and necktie. Guys. When daughters came along, the girls-pee-down reality inspired columns warning about wet trousers and cautioning against too-gleeful raising of infants above our heads.

Angst plus humor makes for dandy newspaper columns.

I have a doozy for you this week: Depends.

Nobody writes about wearing adult disposable. Nobody even talks about such stuff in politically correct circles. It just is not done. That is the stereotype.

But millions of Depends are sold each year, and not just for use by geezers. Some guys turn to adult pads or diapers as body parts wear out. Others endure catheters and their side effects.

The temporary consequences of two bladder cancer surgical procedures caused me to have... umm... leakage for a few weeks last year, and required me to be catheterized four times.

I donned Depends and lived to write about the experience.

Happily, I wear what are called "relaxed fit" pants, full through the seat and thighs. Most have elasticized "comfort waists" to accommodate the fall of what used to be my pectoral muscles from my chest to belly button level, yielding

my current pear-shaped torso.

Catheterization and the surgeries themselves are best left undescribed except to say that whenever I do mention them, women laugh and men wince.

But since the need for Depends can unexpectedly afflict even the youngest, healthiest males among us, I feel duty bound to share my reactions.

They aren't all that bad.

Like disposable infant diapers, adult absorbent undergarments have come a long way. Today's outer layer is of gray plastic-like material threaded with elastic, liquid-resistant yet lightweight. The inner layer is soft, moldable and non-chafing. The diapers come in gender-specific and unisex styles.

A side note: One adult diaper is a "Depend." That is the brand name. There are other brands, but Depends is the runaway industry leader, says a Google search. Since a dozen or more are sold together, the packages say "Depends."

Once put on, they look goofy if you stand before a mirror while wearing only them. Swaddling an adult male is a goofy concept.

But once gathered beneath relaxed-fit jeans or baggy cargo shorts, they are practically unnoticeable. Sweatpants also worked well for me, but beware of the narrower, now fashionable "yoga pants." Those are clingy, and accentuate bumps and clumps.

I got through entire days with few mishaps. Most of those days were spent primarily at home, with ready access to bathrooms, waste containers and replacement underwear.

I had more difficulty with regaining control of the urination process itself than I did with the underwear. Even when dampened, the undergarments did not produce painful chafing or burning as long as I replaced them frequently.

I did drive into town, walk through stores and visit family members' houses, all

without difficulty. Two-hour trips to Pittsburgh for medical reasons did about reach the useful life limit of one diaper. While changing in a men's bathroom, I appreciated the irony of seeing the too-late-for-me folded-up infant diaper changing stations hanging from walls.

"Circle of life," I thought, followed by a few unprintable words.

Depends do bunch up a bit. They also trap some heat, a natural result of their partly plastic construction. Daily showers and attention to basic hygiene alleviate bad consequences. They are easily disposable along with ordinary trash, and I did not seem to have unpleasant smelly side effects.

My experiences have been mercifully brief, less than a week at a time. I used my last one (at least for awhile) near Christmastime.

The experience was eye opening, but neither humiliating nor daunting. Depends kept me in fairly functional form during uncomfortable stages of recovery.

I have not discarded the remaining diapers in the pack. They, and a smaller pack of mini-pads that can absorb leakage for both men and women, repose in storage. See, I figure that if I keep them, I probably won't need them anytime soon. Reverse psychology is a great morale booster.

I bravely report that, yes, men can move about in society while wearing Depends without being spotted as probable refugees from nursing homes.

However, if you ask me whether I am wearing Depends should you meet me on the street, my answer will be the same as it is if you ask me whether I am carrying a handgun: I could be, but you'll never know unless you provoke an emergency, will you?

"It depends," should be the answer, with respect to adult underwear as well as handguns.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Healthy Start contributes to better birth outcomes

Since the creation of Florida's 32 statewide Healthy Start Coalitions in 1991, our state's infant mortality has dropped by 35 percent due in part to the program's comprehensive approach to prenatal and infant care and education.

Today, Healthy Start funding is in jeopardy due to proposed budget cuts. The potential impact on our community would be significant, threatening at-risk families' access to Healthy Start services such as education and support for families including infant care and safe sleep, pregnancy care and preparing for baby's arrival, screening and referrals for perinatal depression, substance abuse, child development, and much more.

During 2017 in Bay, Franklin and Gulf counties, our local Healthy Start office:

- Provided direct services to 1,708 pregnant women, 799 infants and children.
- MomCare assisted 1,563 pregnant women with access to prenatal care
- Hosted an annual baby shower with over 550 in attendance
- Brought an additional

\$206,229 in grant funding to provide additional needed services to local families, such as car seats, safe sleep cribs, Parents As Teachers (PAT) program

• Our partnership with the Children's Advocacy Center enabled us to bring PAT to 50

families and increase our outreach to those most in need

Additionally, our local coalition participates in the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review, a program that works to reduce infant mortality by gathering data that helps us understand fetal and infant deaths in our community. With this information, we can identify gaps in services and work toward improving infant mortality locally and around the state. We also host an annual Walk to Remember supporting the families that have experienced a fetal or infant loss.

Healthy Start is a cost-effective model that contributes to Florida's better birth outcomes. Every dollar the Florida Legislature invests in supporting Healthy Start has an incredible return on investment in costs saved from preventing death among infants and mothers by bridging the gap to prenatal care and education. The Healthy Start program does not charge any family to participate and it is not based on income or insurance status.

Elizabeth Moore

Board of Directors Chair
Bay, Franklin, Gulf Healthy Start Coalition, Inc.

Island RV parks pose traffic flow risks

Recently there have been three RV parks proposed for St. George Island (2) and Eastpoint. The residents of Eastpoint listed their concerns regarding the proposed RV park on

Franklin Boulevard and South Bayshore, and the proposal was denied. One of the key concerns of the Eastpoint residents was public safety and traffic flow.

The RV parks on St. George Island are still in the proposal stage, despite a number of issues being presented to the P & Z board and county commissioners. There are several issues with the RV parks on St. George Island, and in my opinion public safety and traffic flow are the biggest concerns. Currently the traffic flow on the roads bordering the proposed sites is dangerous due to merchant deliveries to local businesses and normal traffic flow. Tractor trailers block one lane of these two-lane streets every day of the week, including weekends. Trucks and cars towing boats and other trailers are constantly moving through the business district.

Adding the proposed 50-60 RV vehicles to this mix without significant changes to the road infrastructure will create a substantial risk to public safety on St. George Island.

I have shared these concerns with the P & Z board, the county commissioners and Sheriff Smith. The sheriff responded that he will advise the Florida Department of Transportation of this potential concern.

I encourage a thorough assessment of the public safety and traffic flow risks created by the proposed RV parks on Str. George Island.

Peter J. Ritch



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CHASING SHADOWS



Bank and J.E. Grady Company in Apalachicola circa 1885.
[STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]



Herman Ruge is pictured in the doorway of the store, circa 1885, with his sons on either side of him. John W. Wakefield is at right. The fifth man in the image is not identified. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]

A history of Franklin County commerce: Part 4

The following is an excerpt from the *Pensacola Daily News*, Feb. 14, 1890. Over five weeks, *Chasing Shadows* is publishing this piece in its entirety. This article provides a snapshot of Franklin County's leading lights in 1890. Thanks to Mark Curenton Apalachicola's premiere local historian for unearthing this gem. Our *Chasing Shadows* question this week: Did Kimball Lumber Company branch out into oyster packing? If you know, please contact the *Times* at 653-8868 or Lois Swoboda at antbetty@excite.com.

**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 Carra-
belle Briefly Related,
Etc., Etc., Etc.**

Prospective Industries

The Kimball Lumber Company are considering the advisability of putting in a plant for the packing of oysters. As may be inferred from a former reference to the gentlemen composing this company, the projectors are amply able to inaugurate and carry to success such a business, should they conclude to do so.

Men Who Make the Town.

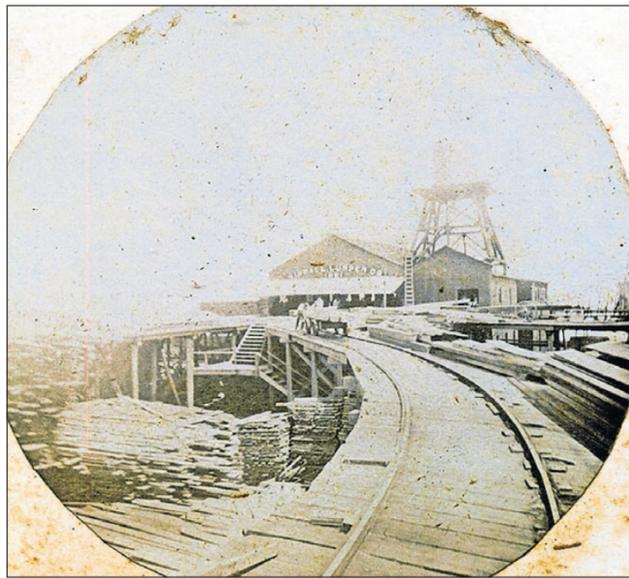
There are forty-seven business houses in the town, and among them are the following, with the names of the gentlemen who conduct them, aside from those already mentioned:

HERMAN RUGE & SONS

This firm was established in business in 1850 by Herman G. Ruge, who came here from New York city in 1840. He was a native of Hanover, Germany, and on his advent to Apalachicola he engaged in the machine and blacksmith business for Roberts, Allen & Co., which firm he bought out and succeeded. His eldest son, John G., was admitted as a partner in 1875, and his other son, George H. Ruge, was admitted in 1877. The sons are now the only living members of the house.

They have always carried on a hardware and ship chandlery business, and are also importers of salt and extensive dealers in Florida sponges. They compose the Ruge Bros. Packing Co., packers of the celebrated "Alligator Brand of Cove Oysters."

Their present business



Kimball Lumber Company, Apalachicola, 1899
[STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]

house is a three-story brick, 30X80 feet, with a large brick warehouse in the rear. It is situated on the corner of Chestnut and Water streets, fronting on the river. The firm has also extensive dock facilities.

This firm owns several storehouses and other buildings in the city, as well as a number of unimproved city lots, and are among the leading merchants of the city, as regards, enterprise, capital and progressiveness.

JOHN E. GRADY & CO.

Mr. John E. Grady, the proprietor of the house, is one of the most popular, influential, enterprising and reliable gentlemen in Apalachicola.

The writer has no hesitancy in saying that what he sanctions is seconded by the entire city. Unassuming, yet always among the first in an enterprise to benefit the city, he is recognized as a leader in all movements.

A man of sterling integrity and of remarkable executive ability, he has held several prominent positions. He was a member of the legislature in 1883; was appointed Collector of Customs in 1885; is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight of Honor.

He has been engaged in the ship chandlery and general mercantile business for a number of years, and has the largest warehouse and does the largest business in the place. He never carries less than \$25,000 worth in stock. He was one of the few gentlemen who stood by Apalachicola in the dark days, is a true Democrat, and a firm believer in a bright future for "Apalach." Such a man is John E. Grady.

A. J. MURAT is the French, Norwegian and Swedish Consul at Apalachicola, an extensive fish dealer and a dealer in general merchandise. He came here February 8, 1858, from Santorin, Greece, and his first position was boatman on a lighter. In 1860 the war breaking out, he

accepted a position in the Confederacy as sergeant in an artillery company, and served four years. In 1865 he returned to Apalachicola, and in 1866 married a Southern lady and started into business. He became a citizen, and was elected City Clerk in 1867. He was Mayor of the city in 1869 and 1870. In July, 1872, he was appointed Deputy Collector, and he took charge of the Custom House as Collector in May, 1873. He served two terms as Collector ending in 1878. Since that time he has been Deputy Collector of Customs, and is recognized as one of the best that has ever held the position.

ALEXANDER & WAKEFIELD

Dr. M. T. Alexander is senior member of the firm, and also President of the City Council.

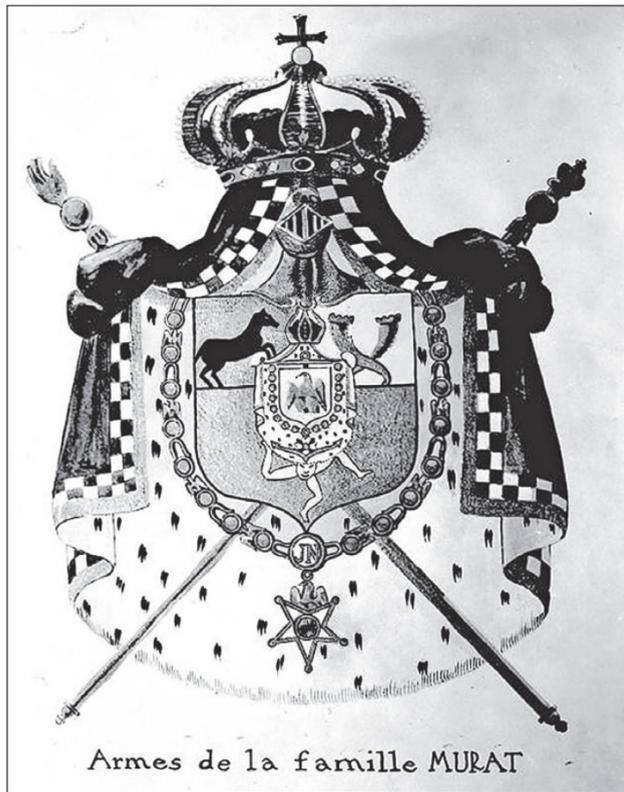
He is a native of southwest Georgia, and is a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, pursuing his studies there in 1875-6-7, and receiving his diploma in the last-named year.

He first practiced medicine at Blakely, Ga. He came here in 1879, opened a pharmacy, and engaged in the practice of his profession.

O. W. Wakefield, the other member of the firm, is a pharmacist, who succeeded his father, the latter having been a practicing physician who owned a drug store here. Alexander & Wakefield's pharmacy is at No. 3 Ruge Row.

RUSH & MARLER

Dr. J. D. Rush and Dr. W. T. Marler are owners of a very neat drug store. Dr. Marler is a doctor of dental surgery, a practical druggist, and Dr. Rush is a practicing physician. They are both natives of Vernon, Ala. Dr. Rush is a graduate of the Mobile Medical College, and Dr. Marler took a course in the dental and medical



The Murat family coat of arms [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]

department of the Nashville University. Both practiced in Alabama and Mississippi, and came here in June, 1885, and opened a drug business. Dr. Marler has a well-equipped dental department, and is the dentist of the town. He is connected with the Knights of Honor, is a member of the City Council, secretary and treasurer of the building and loan association, and Superintendent of county instruction. Dr. Rush is the physician of the Marine Hospital, and a member of the Masonic Order.

MAYOR HENRY C. HICKS

is a native of Louisville, Ky. He graduated in the law and literary department of the Louisville University, receiving an A. B. degree in 1848. He first commenced practice in Jasper County, Tex., and was in the legislature of that state in 1856-7. He served in the late war, and came to Apalachicola shortly after its close. He has been engaged in the practice of law since that time. He was a member of the convention that framed the constitution in 1885, and was elected a member of the legislature in 1887. He was elected Mayor of the city of Apalachicola, June, 1888, and has made a good ruler of the city's affairs.

HARRISON BROTHERS

are dealers in millinery, gents' furnishing goods, clothing, dry goods, shoes, hats, furniture, groceries, and organs and pianos. R. L. and F. C. Harrison are the names of the members of the firm. They are both natives of Apalachicola. Their place of business is 46 Water street. R. L. Harrison is Clerk of the Circuit Court,

and is also a notary public.

O. P. DURANT

is President of the Board of County Commissioners, a dealer in ship stores and general merchandise, and a clever gentleman never was met. The NEW YORK Herald and THE DAILY NEWS can always be found on file in his office. His place of business is at the corner of Chestnut and Commerce streets. He was born in Mobile, Ala., in 1854. Eight years of his life were spent in the lumber business at and near Mobile, and he came here in 1884, a clerk for Coombs & Co. His services were finally secured by the Cypress Lumber Co., and he then took charge of their store as manager until December, 1883, at which time he purchased it. He is deservedly popular, and is an enterprising young business man.

JOHN G. RUGE

was born in Apalachicola in 1854, and reared there. He received a business education at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and is a fine mathematician. He has always taken and active interest in the town's affairs, preparing statistical matter and articles on its development, and has made noble efforts to build up this section. He was Mayor two terms, City Councilman twelve years, member of the Board of Health over ten years. He was an alternate to the St. Louis Convention that nominated Cleveland for President; is Superintendent of the Trinity Episcopal Sunday-school, and was junior warden of the church fifteen years.



Myra and Sidney Bruhl (Megan Shiver and David Stedman) discuss their upcoming plans, in "Deathtrap." [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

Panhandle Players to spring 'Deathtrap' March 9-11

By David Adlerstein
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There are so many beguiling twists and turns in the upcoming Panhandle Players' production of "Deathtrap" that you may get dizzy just watching.

Set for Friday through Sunday, March 9-11 at the Chapman Auditorium, the renowned comedy-thriller by Ira Levin, a huge hit on Broadway that ran four years, promises to weave an enthralling spell at the theatre.

The show, under the direction of Judy Loftus with Liz Sisung as stage manager, is set in the charming Connecticut home of famed playwright Sidney Bruhl (David Stedman), a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, who is struggling to overcome a string of flops and a shortage of funds. A possible break in his fortunes occurs when he receives a script from a student in the seminar he has been conducting at a nearby college, Clifford Anderson (Royce Rolstad).

Sidney recognizes the thriller immediately as a potential Broadway hit, and devises a plan, with the help of his wife Myra Bruhl (Megan Shiver), to offer collaboration to the student, an idea which Anderson quickly accepts. Thereafter suspense mounts steadily as the plot begins weaves along with devilish



Young playwright Clifford Anderson (Royce Rolstad) climbs the stairs in "Deathtrap."

Showtimes for "Deathtrap" are Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m. at the Chapman Auditorium. All general admission tickets are \$15. They are available online by visiting www.panhandleplayers.com or at the door. Box office opens one before show time. For more information, call (850) 296-6952.

cleverness, heightened by an unexpected visit from the psychic Helga Ten Dorp (Sally Crown), a minor celebrity who is

staying with the Bruhls' neighbors, and attorney Porter Milgrim (Jerry Hurley).

Register, Weidensee named to TCC Dean's List

Chelsea Rae Register, of Carrabelle, and Teresa Marie Weidensee, of Carrabelle, were among more than 1,500 students to be named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Tallahassee Community College. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Daniels, Montgomery named to TCC President's List

Cayce Daniels, of Carrabelle, and Savannah Montgomery, of Apalachicola, were among more than 1,000 students who were named to the Fall 2017 President's List at Tallahassee Community College. To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Margaret Key's story to be told

"Herstory: Margaret Key" will be a featured Women's History Month program and exhibit March 8-16 at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and the Arts.

The program is a partnership between the HCA and the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library and will kick off with an opening reception at the HCA, 86 Water St., on Thursday, March 8, from 5 to 7 p.m.

"Celebrating local women of influence was the driver of this program," said Jill Rourke, library director. "Selecting Margaret Key was a natural fit for this first "Herstory" program as she was a great library patroness and a fascinating woman of her time."

The exhibit will include photographs, letters and



Margaret Key

narrate passages from letters and other documents found in the Key memorabilia.

"The library inherited a treasure trove of materials," said Rourke. "It's a historian's dream of personal papers, letters and photographs."

Rourke said several local historians have worked on organizing the papers over the years, including Sue Cronkite, Pam Richardson and Jane Richardson.

"It really is a fascinating look at a person's life, their ambitions, their strengths and their foibles," she said.

For more information about the exhibit and panel discussion, stop by the library at 80 E. St or visit www.apalachicolalibrary.com

other ephemera.

A panel discussion of Margaret Key's life will at Holy Family Community Center Tuesday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m. The panel, all local residents who knew Key, will share their memories and perspectives of her life. Kevin Begos will moderate the discussion and Michaelin Watts will

BIRTHDAY

Peyton Nobles to turn 4

Peyton Xavier Lamar Nobles will turn 4 on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

He is the son of Nai'Kycia Mitchell, of Apalachicola, and brother to Purity and Kyra.

He will celebrate his birthday with classmates at Franklin County Head Start.



Peyton Nobles

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.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society



JUNEBUG is a 1-2 yr old Chocolate Lab mix. She is a happy, social and playful girl who loves tennis balls, other dogs and people. With her big smile and freckled face she is charming to look at. This adorable pup will make a wonderful pet for an active family.

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.

www.forgottenpets.org

Bob Allen
Working to save Indian Creek
850.653.7356




See my blog at:
<https://plus.google.com/+IndianCreek>

CITY OF APALACHICOLA SOLAR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

The City of Apalachicola is seeking volunteers for a Solar Committee. Volunteers with knowledge of the solar power industry, utility markets, environmental permitting, and grant writing would be a great asset to this committee. Volunteers must be a resident within the City limits of the City of Apalachicola. Applications may be picked up at City Hall from 8AM - 4PM Monday - Friday. For further information, please contact City Administrator Lee Mathes at 850-653-9319 or via email at leemathes@cityofapalachicola.com.

For the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola
Lee Mathes

OBITUARIES

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FORREST HAYES SR.

Forrest Burch Hayes Sr., 85, of Eastpoint, passed away Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 with family by his side.

He served our country as an infantryman in the United States Marine Corps, where he rose to the ranks of sergeant. He loved fishing and spending time with his family.

He reunites in heaven with Dorothy Evelyn Stone, and his sons, Forrest Burch Hayes Jr. and James "Jimmy" Ellison Hayes, and daughter, Patricia



Darlene Hayes. Survived by his son, Ronald Allen Hayes Sr. (Tabatha) of Ellijay, Georgia; and daughter, Jacqueline

Hayes Golden (John), of Eastpoint; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 26 at the Eastpoint Church of God. Viewing was from noon to 1 p.m. with funeral services starting at 1 p.m. and continuing at the graveside with military honors at Eastpoint Cemetery. Anyone who knew him was welcome to attend.

Kelley Funeral Home is handling all arrangements.

WILLIE STANLEY



Willie Stanley, 78, of Apalachicola, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born March 12, 1939 in Camden South Carolina. Willie later moved to Apalachicola and retired from Croom's Transportation. He is survived by

sister Minnie Jackson, and nieces Lorraine Jackson, and Jacquelyn Thomas, all of Brooklyn, New York.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to George, Michael, Rosa and Kelley's Funeral Home.

Time and location of interment will be announced at a later date.

MARTY FAIRCLOTH

Felix L. "Marty" Faircloth, Jr., 60, passed away in Tallahassee on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, after an intense fight with pancreatic cancer over the last six months, surrounded by the family he loved most.

Visitation will be at Independent Funeral Home, Quincy, on Tuesday, Feb. 27 2018 from 5 to 7 p.m. His memorial will be held at the Woodmen Youth Camp, in Hosford, on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m. Inurnment will take place at a later date.

Marty, born June 5, 1957 to Felix and Euna Mae Thursby Faircloth, Sr. in Chattahoochee. Marty married, Helen, the true love of his life in August 2017 and his most favorite activity was spending time with her visiting parks, museums, riding the back roads of the southeast U.S. in their Dodge pickup, and walking the beach at St. George Island taking selfies of them at the various places they visited.

Closely trailing this was the time he enjoyed with his grandkids at the various activities they participated in. Marty was a lover of God's natural beauties and enjoyed hearing a



good dog run during hunting season (never without a reason to not shoot the deer such as not a single bullet or shotgun shell to be found in the truck) and a run up and down the Apalachicola River in a boat.

Marty, a dedicated Fraternalist represented Woodmen Life/Woodmen of The World Life Insurance Society for approximately 40 years as a field representative and fraternal coordinator. During the course of his career and life, he became friends with thousands of people from around this great nation of ours and enjoyed their friendships immensely.

Marty had a servant's heart and like his father, one of the most selfless people you will ever meet. He was a member of the Liberty County Fire & Rescue

and a board of the Helping Hand Ministries of Blountstown. The same week each year he would go somewhere in the country and work with Habitat for Humanity for the week.

Marty is survived by his wife, Helen Smith Cook Faircloth, of Hosford; sons Felix L. "Trey" Faircloth (Dayna) of Bainbridge, Georgia, Phillip Grayson Faircloth (Michelle) of Hosford, and Duane Cook (Amy) of Apalachicola; daughter; Nicole Cook Sandoval (Ryan) of Apalachicola; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, his father; Felix L. Faircloth, Sr.; sister; Dinah Gail Faircloth, brothers; Keith L. (Shelia) of Quincy, Marvin L. (Nita) of Perry, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother; Mae and youngest sister; Margie Yvonne Faircloth Hatcher House.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that expressions take a form of a donation to Habitat for Humanity, Liberty County Fire & Rescue, Helping Hand Ministry in Blountstown or a charity of your choice.

LANARK NEWS

Be sure to share your events with the paper



Jim Welsh

Hello March! A large crowd at lunch last Thursday. We all thank Kelley Funeral Home who sponsored the lunch. Tammy and her daughter Chala visited with us.

Hope to see you at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center this afternoon. Growling stomachs line up at noon. Your donation of \$6 will be collected at the desk.

Pastry raffle chances are also at the desk. TGIF! We can order a huge hamburger with chips from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82. Take

outs available. Dial or press 697-9998. Enjoy! The door at the Lanark Village Boat Club will be open at 7 p.m. this Saturday, March 3. Jim the deejay will provide the music for the First Saturday Dance

Pizza is available on Sunday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. By the slice takes a donation of \$1, whole pizza is \$8 donation and pizza on the run takes a donation of \$10, which will be collected at the bar at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82. Smoke rings are blown on the screened-in porch during serving hours both Friday and Sunday. Thank you.

You will find freshly brewed coffee at Chillas Hall Monday through Friday 9 to 11 a.m. Still only 50 cents a mug, and there just might be some goodies on the counter to go along with your coffee.

You can have two

Bingo fun evenings every Monday and Wednesday. Monday bingo is at the Franklin County Senior Citizen Center and the door is open at 5:30 p.m. Early bird starts at 6 p.m., and regular at 7 p.m. Wednesday night bingo is played at Chillas Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. Snacks available both nights. Raise your hand if you're sure.

PS: If you want your event in the paper, be sure I get a flyer or call 697-3951. Thank you.

Be sure to keep America's pastor Bill Graham in your prayers, and pray for peace and comfort for the family. We will miss him greatly.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound, and remember, ASAP also stands for Always Say A Prayer.

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

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CARD OF THANKS

Four Oysters in Search of a Pearl

Special thanks to the sweethearts who purchased Barbershop Harmony singing Valentines for their loved ones. Your feedback to us was really heartwarming.

And thanks to all the businesses, residents and tourists who

supported us with your support with purchases and donation tips when we sang.

Your generosity goes to support the award-winning Capital Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus and our Anton-Carraway

Scholarship fund. Four Oysters in Search of a Pearl look forward to coming back to the Apalachicola area again soon.

Ken Schroeder, Lead
Four Oysters in Search of a Pearl

BRIEFS

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pavilion that will enable visitors to view the bay, the boat ramp, and the fishing pier.

The park will likely be closed all this month, and after that public access will be granted to the boat ramp, fishing pier, and picnic area.

Dog Island to hold special election

The board of directors of the Dog Island Conservation District have unanimously approved a motion to request that the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections conduct a referendum on behalf of DICD regarding

a proposed millage rate increase. The DICD is responsible for the cost of the election.

Supervisor of Elections Heather Riley said a mail-out election is planned for June 5. She estimated that there will be about 400 voters, all of whom must be property owners in the DICD.

She said a simple majority is required to enact the increase. The current rate 3 mills and the backers of the measure want to increase it to 4 mills. Riley said the last increase was ratified

by voters in 1975.

Dewberry named to do Bayshore Drive sidewalk

Dewberry has been ranked as the best among four bidders to construction, engineering and inspection services for the County Road 65 Bayshore Drive Sidewalk Improvement Project, which will start at Hickory Dip on North Bayshore, where the existing one ends, and continue to the end of South Bayshore tying into the new sidewalk on Island Drive.

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6:00 pm Evening Worship

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St. George Island
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927-2257
R. Michael Whaley, Pastor

Join us as we praise and worship the living Christ.
"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise." Psalm 145:3

Sunday Bible Study	10:00am
Worship Praise	11:00am
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North winds, full moons and low tides

By James L. Hargrove
Special to the Times

During the summer, the tidal flats near the Apalachicola River mouth and in the bay near Eastpoint and St. George Island are usually covered with water. However, throughout this winter, low tides have exposed flats that extend 200 yards from shore. The exposed bars bear witness to the negative tides of winter. Could it be true that there is less water in Apalachicola Bay in the winter compared to the summer, and if so, why would that be the case?

In the summer, tides seldom drop below the mean lower low water benchmark (called MLLW in tide tables), but in winter, tides that occur near full moons and new moons frequently drop more than

a foot below the mark. At first, I thought that the negative tides were caused by Supermoons, when the moon is closer to the earth than at other times of the year. But just noting that the ranges are extreme does not explain why the tides are negative compared to the MLLW benchmark, and why so much more of the tidal flats are exposed.

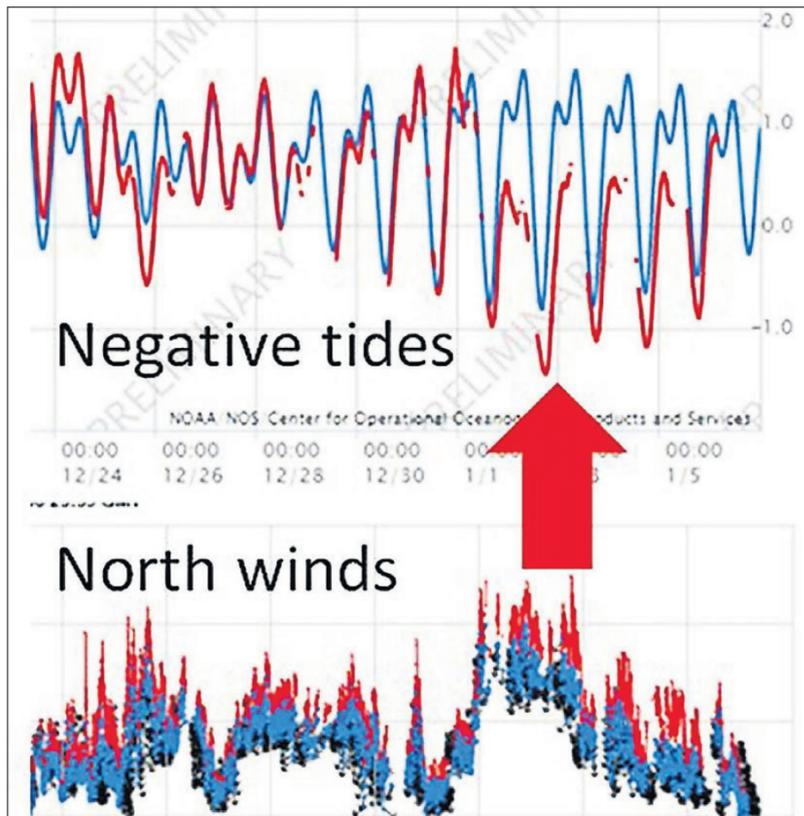
Dr. Jim Mott, a Canadian geologist who lives on St. George Island, pointed out that low tides are almost always associated with cold fronts moving across the bay in winter, bringing steady winds from the north. Furthermore, it is possible to compare measured and predicted tides because the Coast Guard maintains a water level station near the river mouth. Measurements from the station are posted

constantly and can be compared with predictions from a tide model that is maintained by NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

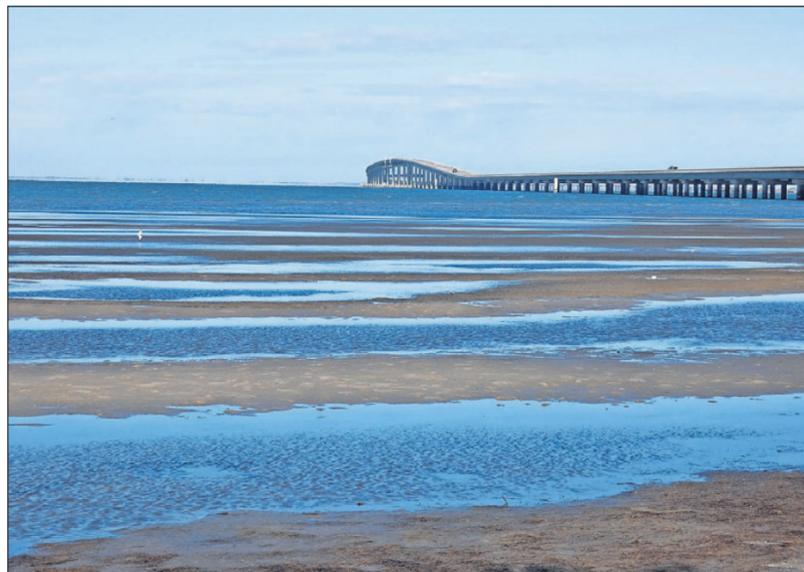
There is no question that winds can dominate water levels in Apalachicola Bay. For example, as Hurricane Irma approached last September, winds blew from the northeast, and water levels in Apalachicola Bay dropped more than two feet below normal. However, when Tropical Storm Nate arrived in October with winds from the south, water in the bay rose by four feet. Compared to a normal tidal range that is less than two feet, steady winds can produce large changes.

During two cold fronts that arrived in December and January, measured levels for tides were negative, well below MLLW and the predicted tides. In both cases, the wind blew steadily from the north for several days and the air temperature dropped about 40 degrees. As most local fishermen know, north winds literally drive water out of the bay into the Gulf of Mexico, thereby exposing the shallows.

In comparison, most summer winds blow from the south and actually push water into the bay. In fact, Hurricane Irma demonstrated how wind direction affects water level in the bay splendidly. Although the hurricane arrived from the south, its winds slanted in from the northeast for several days. Many residents who may have been expecting a storm surge were astonished to see the water flow out of Apalachicola Bay. Some residents walked out on the flats to pick up stranded blue crabs. And even though the water returned to the bay, there was no storm surge



The low measured water levels, compared to predictions for tides at the Apalachicola River mouth, correlated with steady winds from the north that were also recorded at the Coast Guard water level station.



here because the winds came from the wrong direction, unlike prior experiences with tropical storm Nate and Hurricane Dennis with its eight-foot storm surge.

In addition to wind, there is a seasonal effect

on mean water level in Apalachicola Bay. During the winter, the northern hemisphere is tilted away from the sun, and this reduces the pull of gravity enough to lower water level by several inches. The opposite is

true in summer when the northern hemisphere is tilted towards the sun. Together, seasonal effects on the tides combined with the strong, cold winds from the north lower water levels in the bay and expose the tidal flats.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, March 1	77°	54°	50%
Fri, March 2	71°	48°	0%
Sat, March 3	71°	50°	0%
Sun, March 4	69°	54°	0%
Mon, March 5	69°	60°	10%
Tues, March 6	71°	57°	60%
Wed, March 7	67°	55°	50%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from these given for APALACHICOLA:
 HIGH Minus 0:40 LOW 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 Minus 9:16 LOW Minus 0:03

APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
1	Th	2:21a 1.4	4:41p 1.2	10:10a -0.3	9:51p 0.6
2	Fr	3:21a 1.4	4:58p 1.2	10:46a -0.2	10:33p 0.4
3	Sa	4:16a 1.4	5:14p 1.2	11:17a 0.0	11:15p 0.3
4	Su	5:09a 1.3	5:31p 1.2	11:45a 0.2	11:58p 0.2
5	Mo	6:03a 1.3	5:50p 1.3	12:10p 0.4	
6	Tu	7:01a 1.1	6:14p 1.3	12:44a 0.1	12:34p 0.5
7	We	8:07a 1.0	6:43p 1.3	1:37a 0.1	1:00p 0.7

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
1	Th	12:56a 2.2	3:16p 1.9	7:57a -0.5	7:38p 1.0
2	Fr	1:56a 2.2	3:33p 1.9	8:33a -0.3	8:20p 0.6
3	Sa	2:51a 2.2	3:49p 1.9	9:04a 0.0	9:02p 0.5
4	Su	3:44a 2.1	4:06p 1.9	9:32a 0.3	9:45p 0.3
5	Mo	4:38a 2.1	4:25p 2.1	9:57a 0.6	10:31p 0.2
6	Tu	5:36a 1.8	4:49p 2.1	10:21a 0.8	11:24p 0.2
7	We	6:42a 1.6	5:18p 2.1	10:47a 1.1	

FISHING REPORT



Wow, what a turn around for fishing on the Forgotten Coast, we had some monster bull Red's taken out at St. Joe beach near the concrete tower and then some nice Red's also taken up in the Canal. So Redfish has turned on and the bait of choice is live shrimp just flat lined with a large split shot about 2 or 3 feet above your bait. Now let me take what room I have left here to pass on some great news to all anglers in our area. Trigger Fish will open on March 1 in State and Federal waters! We could not be happier about the news but before you jump up and down here is the bad news. The bag limit is only ONE fish per angler per day and a 15 inch fork length. This has changed from 2 fish per day and 14 inch. fork length. But hey we'll take it for some nice Triggers. If you need further information regarding Trigger Fish contact MyFWC.com. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

New FWC rule prohibits feeding wild monkeys

Special to the Times

At its Dec. 2017 meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) voted to prohibit the feeding of wild monkeys in order to promote greater public safety and decrease health concerns associated with these animals.

This amendment to the General Prohibition Rule, which went into effect Feb. 11 adds free-roaming, non-human primates to coyotes, foxes, raccoons, bears, pelicans and sandhill cranes as species included in this rule.

"The health and safety of the public is the

Commission's number one priority. Feeding wild monkeys creates an elevated risk to human health because it brings them into closer contact with people," said Dr. Thomas Eason, assistant executive director of the FWC. "This amended rule provides our staff the tools we need to effectively address a situation that can have serious consequences."

As the population of wild monkeys has increased across the state, public health and safety concerns have also increased due to public contact with the animals. In an effort to reduce the risk of public contact, the FWC adopted

an amendment to the rule to include the prohibition of feeding these animals.

Currently, there are three established species of wild monkeys in Florida: squirrel monkeys, vervet monkeys and rhesus macaques. When these animals are fed by humans, they often develop a dependency on humans as a source of food and become territorial over the area where feeding occurs. This dependency can lead to increased aggression, which may result in injuries and spread of disease to humans.

Wild monkeys are documented carriers for various diseases. Rhesus

macaques can carry herpes B, a potentially fatal disease in humans if not treated immediately. While there are no documented cases of free-roaming macaques transmitting herpes B to humans in the wild in Florida, the risk for exposure will continue to grow as public contact with these animals increases.

"The implementation of this amendment allows FWC officers to better educate, inform and encourage the public to refrain from feeding these animals," said Col. Curtis Brown, division director of the FWC Division of Law Enforcement.

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SPORTS

Hawks shock Baker, fall to Chipley in final

By David Adlerstein

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The Chipley Tigers got past the Franklin County Seahawks at The Nest Tuesday night, to earn a berth in the Class 1A Final Four in Lakeland.

But it wasn't without a fight, in their 57-50 victory.

After opening the game with a pair of treys, the Tigers, who had downed Port St. Joe to advance, was ahead by just two, 20-18, at the half, and by four, 33-29, after three quarters, 33-29.

To lead off the fourth, though, the Tigers reeled off four unanswered buckets, two off takeaways by junior guard Kelvin Dean, and they kept that breathing room the rest of the way to a regional championship.

"Two turnovers at the top of the key, they took the ball right out of our hands. We had only 11 turnovers but we just had too many at the wrong time, that hurt us there," said Franklin County first-year head coach Nathan West.

Even without their leading scorer, freshman Lamarious Martin, who missed the post-season due to wrist surgery, West's 13-17 team knocked off Baker Feb. 22 in the regional semis to earn a shot at Chipley, which had fallen by 25 points to Baker in the District 3 final.

"We didn't take care of the ball down the stretch," said West. "If we did that right there, it would be a different ballgame."

With five minutes left to play, the Seahawks started fouling, and the Tigers sank just nine of 21 down the stretch to give Franklin County an outside chance at



Eyeing a possible rebound are, from left, Chipley #34 senior Brian Williams, and #10 senior Frantravious Woods, and Seahawk # 11 junior Mikalin Huckeba, with #1 junior Rufus Townsend in background.

[DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

victory. With 19 seconds left, Seahawk junior guard Daijon Penamon, who led all scorers with 22 points, nailed a trey to cut the margin to 52-49.

"We missed a lot of free throws tonight but we made up for them at the defensive end," said Tigers coach Mike Gates, who went with a pesky man-to-man that kept the Seahawks off-balance most of the game.

"We played hard defense, they go after it," he said. Gates' team now faces

Blountstown in the state semifinals Monday. Blountstown punched their ticket to Lakeland with a 61-57 win over Bethlehem Tuesday night in Bonifay.

Senior point guard P. J. Spencer, who led the Tigers with 21 points, sank a pair of free throws with 15 seconds left. That was followed by senior forward Dominic Bouton, who ended the night with 14 points, made both of his, and senior center Brian Williams one of his two, to

ice the game.

In all, he Tigers went 14 of 28 from the charity stripe.

The Seahawks were 9 of 13 from the free throw line, and pulled down 26 rebounds, but only four were offensive.

"They probably had 11 or 12, that's not good there," said West. "They got a lot second chance opportunities that hurt us down the stretch."

"That's just an effort thing," he said. "They just outworked us, outefforted us on the glass there."



Sophomore Ayden Pearson added 11 points. As a team the Seahawks shot 5 of 17 from the three-point line.

Townsend's free throws help down Baker

Junior Rufus Townsend's two free throws in the last second of the game capped a furious fourth-quarter comeback as the Seahawks won their Class 1A regional opener 54-53 at Baker Feb. 22.

After trailing 27-18 at the half, and 41-32 after three, the Seahawks outscored the Gators 22-12 in the final quarter.

With 26 seconds left, and Baker leading by two, the Seahawks clamped down a full court press and forced a turnover. West called a timeout, and turned to junior Arik Sowell, who had sunk four treys so far in the game, to take the shot.

Sowell nailed the three-pointer, to give the Hawks the one-point lead, but Baker grabbed it back by scoring with five seconds left.

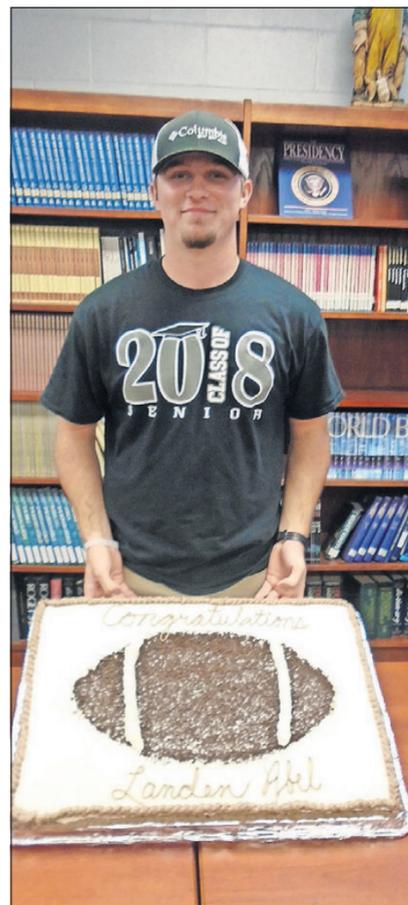
The Seahawks inbounded the ball, and before he crossed the mid court line, Townsend was fouled, with three-tenths of a second left to play.

Townsend, who is not one of the team's finest shooters from the charity stripe, sank both free throws, and the Seahawks got the win in the regional opener.



ABOVE: Flanked by his parents, Scott and Chanda, Landen Abel signs his letter of intent. In back row, from left, are Assistant Principal Rob Whetley, Seahawks Coach Tony Yeomans, Superintendent Traci Moses and School Board Member Carl Whaley.

RIGHT: Landen Abel, with a cake in his honor. [PHOTOS BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN/THE TIMES]



Riley

Sheridan

Riley, Sheridan earn All-State honors

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Two Seahawks have been named to the Class 1A All State team., selected by FloridaHS-Football.com Publisher Joshua Wilson along with nominations submitted by coaches and a review of All-Area and All-County teams as published by various publications across the state.

Named to second team offense, as a utility player, was junior Ethan Riley. Honorable mention honors went to senior running back Dalyn Sheridan.

Riley led Class 1A with nine interceptions, and was named the Apalachicola River Valley Conference's Defensive Player of the Year. Sheridan earned the Seahawks' most valuable offensive player honors for gaining 1,022 yards and leading in touchdowns scored.

Abel heading to Missouri for college ball

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Franklin County senior Landen Abel is headed off to college on a football scholarship.

The Seahawk tight end and punter has signed a letter of intent to play for Missouri Valley College, a private, four-year liberal arts college

in Marshall, Missouri.

The Vikings play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and are a member of the Heart of America Conference.

The Vikings have 17 conference championships, a small college national title, two national runner-up finishes and 13 national bowl games. Head coach Paul Trough is now in his 15th season, and

has 25 years of coaching experience, 19 of those at the collegiate level.

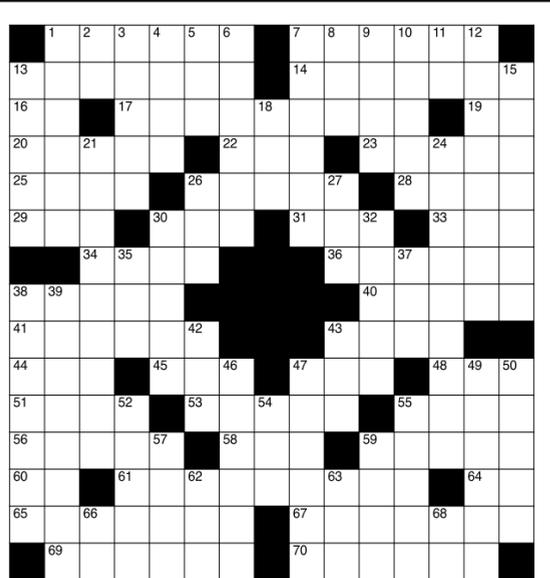
Abel, who was accompanied by his parents, Scott and Chanda Abel at the signing ceremony last month in the media center, said his mom isn't happy about the 15-hour drive to the Missouri campus, but is grateful for the chance he has to play college ball.

Also on hand were Abel's grandfather, Emory Roach,

his older sister Katie, and his younger sister Hannah, a Franklin County sixth grader, and younger brother Caleb, a freshman.

"It's always been a dream of mine to play college football," said Abel. "Now that it's happening it's something I can do."

He said he plans to study business or sports medicine, and may pursue a career as a coach.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Shaded inner regions
- 7. Overlapping part of a garment
- 13. Type of smartphone
- 14. Fall apart
- 16. Football's big game (abbr.)
- 17. Crocodilian reptile
- 19. Of I
- 20. Swamp plant
- 22. Sun can help you get one
- 23. Hops, ___ and jumps
- 25. Cuckoos
- 26. Small cavities in rocks
- 28. American traitor
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 30. Popular fish
- 31. Ottoman military leader
- 33. Anger
- 34. Fish of the mackerel family
- 36. Some people can't eat it
- 38. Amer. Revolutionary War battle
- 40. Misleading ads
- 41. Atomic number 76
- 43. A type of castle security
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Very fast airplane
- 47. Vigor
- 48. 007's creator
- 51. ___ and that
- 53. Indicating silence
- 55. Brown and gray rail
- 56. Nocturnal insects
- 58. Make an incision
- 59. Norwegian village
- 60. Commercial
- 61. Criminal
- 64. Northeast
- 65. Clouds of gas and dust in outer space
- 67. Mysterious things
- 69. One who won't be forgotten
- 70. Starts over

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Straighten
- 2. Gives medical advice (abbr.)
- 3. Touts
- 4. One's job
- 5. Afflict in mind or body
- 6. Proofed
- 7. Capital of Angola
- 8. Social insect living in organized colonies
- 9. Ones who are financially compensated
- 10. Jacket
- 11. Electron volt
- 12. Tuned
- 13. Syrian leader
- 15. Reduces
- 18. Congress' investigative arm
- 21. Make uneasy
- 24. A fake
- 26. Any thick messy substance
- 27. Goad
- 30. Titan
- 32. Continental Congress delegate for NY
- 35. Peyton's younger brother
- 37. Fiddler crab
- 38. Delivers the mail
- 39. Liliaceous plant
- 42. Mountain Time
- 43. Where wrestlers work
- 46. Secured
- 47. Dog breed
- 49. Where rockers perform
- 50. Nostrils
- 52. Express doubt
- 54. Pointer
- 55. Slang for sergeant
- 57. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 59. Six (Spanish)
- 62. Holds nonperishables
- 63. Between northeast and east
- 66. Exist
- 68. Meitnerium

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TRIVIA GUY



Wilson Casey

- 1. Through which part of their bodies do crickets "hear" (feel vibrations)?**
Legs, Antennae, Wings, Abdomen
- 2. From mythology, how many labors or deeds did Hercules perform to be free?**
3, 7, 12, 20
- 3. The Tuscan dialect is the basis for what modern language?**
Italian, Portuguese, Indian, Mandarin
- 4. When a professional athlete has been dealt, he/she has been?**
Retired, Scouted, Traded, Idolized
- 5. Whose nicknames include "Old North" and "Turpentine**

- State"?**
North Dakota, Massachusetts, Idaho, North Carolina
- 6. What's the liquor in a "Moscow Mule"?**
Rum, Vodka, Whiskey, Gin

ANSWERS: 1. Legs, 2. 12, 3. Italian, 4. Traded, 5. North Carolina, 6. Vodka

"Trivia Fun" with Wilson Casey, Guinness World Record Holder from Woodruff, S.C., is published in more than 500 newspapers across the country. Comments, questions or suggestions? WC@TriviaGuy.com

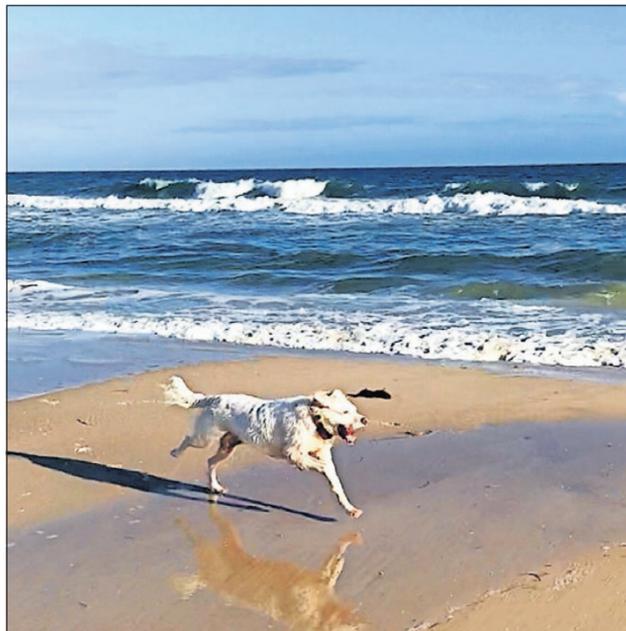
F-STOP FRANKLIN

Marching along

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 has arrived, more like a pussycat than 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.



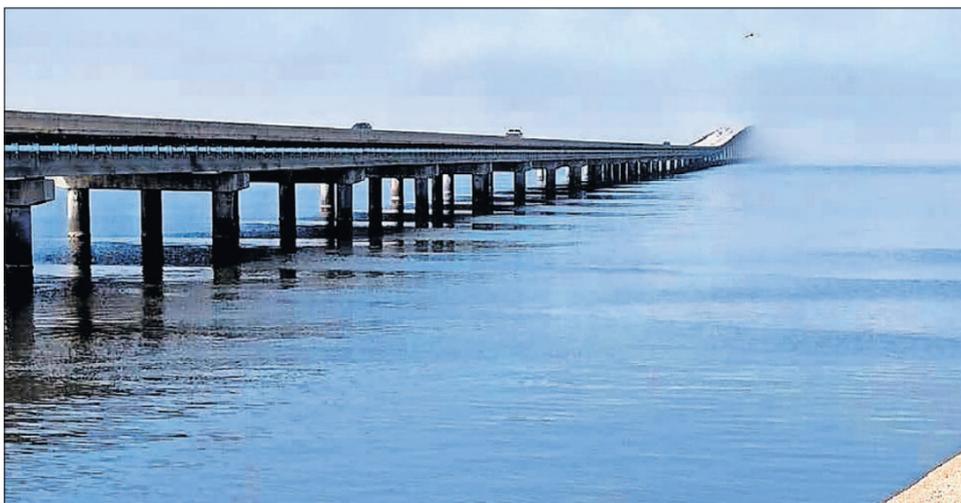
Brooke on the beach [JUDY CAIN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



This Florida black bear was spotted in the Carrabelle area just before 1 a.m. Feb. 16. "It's been a while since we have had an ursine visitor," said the photographer. "But we now have a new critter in the area and he's of a fairly good size." [ROD GASCHÉ | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



[MARTY COLUCCI | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]
Heading over the bridge to St. George Island Feb. 25, this scene following the rain caught the photographer's eye. "It looks like the lower part is an island with clouds above," he said. "In fact, the lower is clouds, with more separate clouds above it."



Getting away from it all [ALICE TIPTON LAFLEUR | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



After arriving from upstate New York, the photographer took this of her husband Jim enjoying the Florida warmth from a dock on St. George Island. [JAN DEMPSEY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

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MUSEUM

From Page A1

Hodson, park manager at Dr. Julian Bruce St. George Island State Park, which administers the museum, the small gathering heard from Warren Poplin, bureau chief for District 1 of the park system's Division of Recreation and Parks.

He said the original aim of the construction project was to modernize the building, dedicated in 1958 as one of the first two museum buildings erected by the Florida Park Service, while maintaining its historic characteristics, since it qualifies due to its age.

The project enabled the building to improve handicap access to the restrooms, and to boost energy conservation by replacing outdated fluorescent lighting with modern low-voltage LED track lighting and add ultraviolet protective film to the windows to better protect artifacts.

The project also enabled the state to update the exhibits

celebrating the accomplishments of the man credited with inventing the earliest precursor to air conditioning in 1851, exhibits which hadn't been updated in more than 40 years.

"Although the core story continues to focus on Dr. Gorrie and his contributions, the role of the museum plays in the Apalachicola area hasn't changed," said Poplin. "We were able to refine the whole experience by improving the visitor flow and adding new, changing exhibits for new ways to tell stories at the park, while maintaining some of the original exhibits."

Chuck Hatcher, assistant director of the Florida State Parks, followed with comments that thanks the city for supporting the park over the years.

"Having good relationships with our communities is important to us and we appreciate the team effort for drawing people to Apalachicola," he said. "We were so excited to be able to make improvements to this site and look forward to new ways to connect with the community to get folks interested in these

'cool' stories."

In his remarks, Johnson called the grand reopening "a monumental occasion for the Franklin County community" and said the museum "has played a crucial role in the preservation of our local culture through careful documentation and artifact preservation."

He recounted how Gorrie has fallen upon his discovery as part of his humanitarian effort to treat the outbreak of yellow fever in the early 1800s, with a mechanism to cool the rooms of patients fevered from the disease.

"That discovery set the course of modern civilization and caused Gorrie to be known worldwide as the father of refrigeration," said Johnson, noting that the city had nominated Gorrie in 2014 to become one of the first six inductees into the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame.

He closed by recognizing the park service for its dedication and show of commitment, to the state and county, and to "preserve the legacy of Dr. Gorrie for the inspiration of future generations."



In Jan. 1956, ground was broken on the Gorrie Museum. Pictured from left are Charles Schaeffer, director of Florida Park Service, Mrs. W.A. Randolph, and Mrs. Mabel Osborne.

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SHOOTER

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videotaping, Jones, who he recognized from the previous year, punched him in the jaw, threw the digital camera in the fire and picked up the shovel. He said Jones and Strickland both moved towards him and began backing him up to his trailer, which earlier in the hearing, retired Deputy Kevin Shuman had estimated was about 20 to 25 yards from the fire.

"When they started to

advance towards me, I drew my gun and pointed it at (Jones)," Mayers testified. "I retreated all the way to where my back was against my trailer.

"I commanded them to back off. I yelled at them approximately 12 times to stop," he said. "I was cornered; I had nowhere else to go."

Mayers said that after shooting Jones, he fired at Cardwell after he charged at him with a machete. "I don't remember him saying anything," he said. "I was trembling and shaking on what occurred."

Mayers said he then took "four or five breaths" and

went into his truck to call 911, but was unable to get a signal. Law enforcement officials have said a difficulty with routing the wireless calls led to a delay in the emergency response. No 911 recordings were played at the hearing.

Mayers said he was dragged from his truck and attacked by Rainbows. In the melee, he said he suffered 28 stab wounds and lacerations, broken ribs and elbow, and second degree burns from his exhaust pipe after trying to roll under his truck. He said he learned later, after spending two weeks at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital that the

injuries were inflicted by a splitting maul.

Patterson contended any head injuries suffered by Mayers came after the shooting, not before. "They (the eyewitnesses) didn't see it because it wasn't there," he said.

"The way the defendant described it, it would have been obvious to everybody, a huge gash pouring blood down his face.

"The aftermath is the aftermath," said Patterson. "That all happened after."

Amy George, the crime scene technician for the Florida Department of Law

Enforcement, said she was unable to find any clips or shell casings after a search with a metal detector. "It was apparent to me that they were removed," she said.

Smith stressed the scrubbed-clean scene, and mistakes he said law enforcement made in securing evidence, such as not analyzing blood samples found on Mayers' trailer, in his closing statement.

"They (The Rainbows) took them away so nobody can come here and testify what happened," he said. "What these witnesses testified to is not what happened."

REUNION

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recent military vehicles, JROTC units, color guards, veteran organizations and auxiliary units, and of course, many civic and community

floats, decorated golf carts, gorgeous antique cars, and beauty queens of all ages. In addition, the Military Vehicle Preservation Association - First Florida Chapter will be bringing restored vintage military vehicles to carry veterans in the parade.

Military related groups, community organizations,

school groups, and individuals are encouraged to help honor all veterans, past and present, by participating in the parade. To walk or ride in the parade, please sign up by March 7 at <https://www.campgordonjohnston.com/visit/special-events>. Immediately following the parade, the Military Vehicle

Preservation Association's First Florida Chapter will have their restored vintage military vehicles on display on the grounds across the street from Fathom's Restaurant in Carrabelle.

Saturday evening the reunion festivities culminate with a dinner dance at 6 p.m. at the Franklin County Senior

Center in Carrabelle. The cost is just \$10 for advance tickets or \$15 at the door and includes a retro 1940's "homefront" meal and entertainment. BYOB. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Senior Center, 201 NW Ave F, Carrabelle. For more information, call 697-3760.



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Eastpoint's Teen Book Club starts Wednesday

Hello Franklin County! The library extends a huge thank-you to the Friends of the Library. The first fundraiser of 2018, the Soup, Bread and Book Sales at each branch, was a great success. Many thanks to all who participated from the organizers, to the donors and to the buyers! All proceeds benefit the Library and the continuing services and resources provided.

March is here and the library has great programs and events scheduled. All programs and events are free and open to the public, and a library card is not required to attend. We invite you join the library and sign-up for a library card to give you full access to all the available print and online resources. Library cards are free to all Franklin County residents; just proof of residency is required.

The topic is Cooking with Herbs at the Basics of Better Living program on Friday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Carrabelle branch. The next scheduled gardening program "Totally Tomatoes: Tips, Tricks and Techniques

for Success" is Tuesday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Carrabelle branch.

Computer classes, on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., continue at the Eastpoint branch. On March 6, Facebook will be the topic, and then available sessions to sign up for one-on-one assistance for technical needs. No registration is required for weekly classes and you can sign up for the one-on-one sessions.

Calling Teens, grades 6-12! You are invited to the Teen Book Club at the Eastpoint branch on Wednesday, March 7 at 2 p.m. This is the first meet-and-greet session and the book club will meet the first Wednesday of each month. Come share what you are currently reading, your favorite books and authors. See you on March 7.

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.

Free Sacred Heart health screenings will be conducted on Wednesday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the

Eastpoint branch.

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 week's scheduled session will be at Eastpoint on March 8. Registration is required, more information is available at both library locations.

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!

SEAHAWK ARTISTRY



Kaci Harrell



Kaci Harrell

Each week the Apalachicola Times presents Seahawk Artistry, a feature showcasing the creative endeavors of art students in the Seahawk Arts program at Franklin County School in Eastpoint.

Upon returning to school from a semester break, for a two-day school week, kindergarten through third grade students were posed with the question "Do you want to build a snowman?" After viewing photos of real snow sculptures and ice castles, the young students created traditional snowman

paintings using the eraser end of a pencil. Second grade student, Kaci Harrell, enjoyed the lighthearted painting activity.

"I call my painting, Sassy the Snowman," said Kaci. "I like how the snowman's scarf and hat turned out."

"My favorite activity in art class is painting," she said. "I have a lot of colored pencils at my house and I like to draw and color with them. I like to draw people."

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| 8:30 AM | Booth Set-up (Booth construction & area setup will be allowed from 12 noon Friday - 10 AM Saturday) |
| 9:30 AM | Crock Pot Chili Must Be On Site, Minimum One Gallon.
Anything Goes (Prepare at Home)
\$5.00 Entry Fee Required. I.C.S. rules do not apply. Chili to be sold. All proceeds going to S.G.I. Charity Cookoff. Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. |
| 9:30 AM | Cooks meeting. International Chili Society (ICS) rules will be in effect. Copies will be provided upon request. |
| 10 AM | Preparation time - chopping, slicing, marinating, but NO COOKING, NO STOVES OR FIRES LIT!
Remember International Chili Society (ICS) Rules in effect: No beans, pasta, etc chili prepared on site from scratch; no prepackaged chili mixes; meat may be cut, sliced or ground in advance, but not treated or cooked except during competition. Stoves officially lit at 11:00 AM; judging at 2:00 samples delivered to judging area promptly-at 2:01 p.m. No Exceptions.

This is a fund-raising event and you may prepare more than four quarts which will be sold at your booth for \$1.00. (We provide cups and spoons.) All proceeds after your expense will go to the S.G.I. Charity Chili Cookoff. A special prize will be awarded to the team raising the most money. |
| 10-11 AM | Crock Pot Chili Judging |
| 11 AM | Fire-up the stoves - the three hour cooking period starts. |
| 11 AM | Judges meeting - ALL EVENTS - meet at Judges tent. |
| 11 AM | Auction Starts |
| 11:15-11:30 AM | Crock Pot Chili Awards presented at the Crock Pot Booth. All participants should be present. |
| 11:30 AM -12:15 PM | Booth/Showmanship Judging |
| 12 PM | Salsa Judging, Main Tent |
| 2:15-2:45 PM | Miss Chili Pepper Judging |
| 12:45-1:15 PM | Mister Hot Sauce Judging |
| 2 PM | Cooking Stops, Stoves off, Fires out. DELIVER Samples to Judging Area. Judging Starts. |
| 3:30 PM | Awards - Will be presented in the Chili judging area. |



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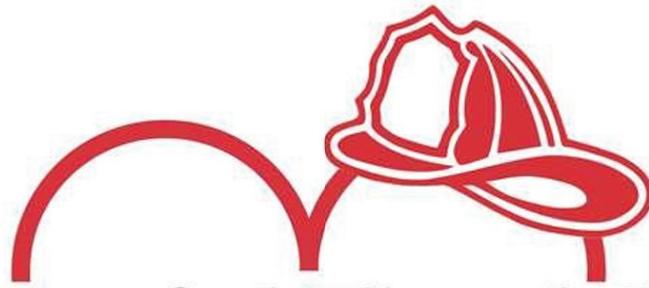
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- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 (4 oz.) can chopped green chili peppers
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon oregano leaves
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 cans (about 15 oz) cannellini beans (white kidney beans), undrained
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups chopped, cooked chicken breasts
- 3 oz. cream cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded Queso Blanco Velveeta cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded Pepper Jack cheese

Heat olive oil and butter in large soup pot. Add onions and sauté until tender, but not browned. Add garlic, chilies, cumin, oregano, cayenne, beans and broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and add chicken and cream cheese in small pieces. Stir and heat until cream cheese begins to melt. Add white Velveeta and Pepper Jack cheeses. Stir until cheeses melt. Serve warm.

SIMPLE CHICKEN CHILI

- 2 teaspoons oil
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 3 cups cooked and finely chopped or shredded chicken breasts
- 1 (2.5 oz.) pkg. McCormick's chili seasoning (See note below)
- 2 cans (14.5 oz. each) chopped tomatoes
- 2 cans (about 15 oz. each) chili beans or pork and beans
- 5 1/4 cups water

Heat oil in large soup pot and add onions. Sauté onions until tender but not browned. Stir in remaining ingredients and cook over medium heat for 25 to 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Makes almost a gallon.
NOTE: I usually do not list the brand names of products but the McCormick's seasoning is best in this chili.

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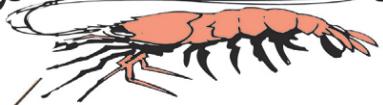
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Prudence Hilburn
Chilly weather perfect time for chili on the table

At our house, chilly weather calls for chili on the table. My granddaughter, Meagan, and her husband, Brandon, make some of the best chili I have ever eaten. No need to ask for the recipe because they don't use a recipe. I guess you could call their version a "pantry" chili because many times they just put together what they find in the pantry.

I like to vary my chili recipe from time to time. My friend and longtime assistant, Mauna Reynolds, didn't like beef, so I made some chicken chili simply by substituting cooked and chopped chicken breasts for the beef called for in one of my favorite chili recipes. You can do the same; just leave out the ground beef and add cooked chopped or shredded chicken to your favorite chili recipe. I was surprised at how great that version tasted, and if you are cutting back on fat in your diet, use chicken breasts. When cooking chicken chili, it is best if the chicken is cooked before adding it to the pot. I have made it with raw ground chicken and, in my opinion, it does not taste good. In fact, the raw chicken seems to give the chili an unusual flavor that takes away the "real" chili flavor.

Our family loves Three Cheese Chicken Chili, and it does not taste like "red beef" chili. It certainly isn't low in calories, either, since it has three different cheeses in it.

The previous Simple Chicken Chili is the one I made for Mauna.



Get the recipe on page 6



Prudence Hilburn of Piedmont, Alabama, has won more than 30 national cooking awards and written several cookbooks, including "Simply Southern and More."

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