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**Bay Area Choral to perform Sunday**

The Bay Area Choral Society's upcoming concerts will take you on "A Sentimental Journey through Song," as they perform music from the '40s era and World War II.

The concert, at 4 p.m. this Sunday, March 18 at Trinity Episcopal Church, will showcase familiar songs. Suggested donation is \$5.

"Sentimental Journey," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Moon Glow," "Moonlight Serenade," "I'll Be Seeing You," "Mister Sandman," "Dream," "The White Cliffs of Dover," "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To," "A Salute to the Armed Forces" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The Bay Area Choral Society is supported by the Ilse Newell fund for Performing Arts. Since its inception the chorus has performed a broad selection of classical and contemporary choral concerts. Dana Langford will conduct this performance and Janis Ramos will be accompanying the choir on the piano. The chorus is comprised of Gulf and Franklin county talent, as well as singers that are winter visitors to our area.

**Schools' open enrollment ends Friday**

The Franklin County School District's controlled open enrollment for public school parental choice runs through Friday, March 16. Registration information is available on the Franklin County School District website [www.franklin-countyschools.org](http://www.franklin-countyschools.org) for the open enrollment period for school year 2018-19. Contact Sue Summers at 670-2810 ext. 4109 or [ssummers@frankln.k12.fl.us](mailto:ssummers@frankln.k12.fl.us) for more information.

## New hitch in Harbormaster lease

By David Adlerstein

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Nearly four months after Apalachicola city commissioners voted to grant them a 10-year lease on the Harbormaster House at Scipio Creek, the owners of an Apalachicola eco-tourism company have balked at the lease terms, prompting the city commission to call in a mediator to help broker the deal.

Robin Vroegop, who co-owns Florida Geotourism Associates LLC



The Harbormaster House [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

with her husband, retired Tallahassee firefighter Mike Vroegop, appeared before commissioners March 6, and indicated

they planned to abandon the arrangement.

"It became evident that

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Volunteers welcome visitors to the new location for the Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum, which is expected to open by May. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

## Still the Greatest Generation

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As the Greatest Generation slowly fades into history, and memories of World War II

become more distant and faint, Carrabelle isn't forgetting.

A huge parade Saturday, bolstered in large part by the appearance of all the candidates vying to office in the upcoming fall election, helped to make

the 23rd annual Camp Gordon Johnston Reunion Days another exciting tribute to the many men and women who not only trained for amphibious landings at Camp

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## Judge denies Mayers' 'stand your ground' motion

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Circuit Judge Terry Lewis has denied a "stand your ground" motion by defendant Clark Mayers that sought immunity from prosecution in the March 2015 shooting in the Apalachicola National Forest that left one man

dead and another paralyzed for life.

In a 10-page ruling issued Friday, Lewis found Mayers, 42, of Milledgeville, Georgia, as represented by Tallahassee attorney Richard H. Smith, "had not met his burden of proving by the greater weight of the evidence that he was justified in the use of deadly force" against either Wesley "Dice" Jones, who

was left a quadriplegic, or Jacob "Smiley" Cardwell, who was killed, at a Rainbow Family gathering.

Lewis applied the "greater weight of the evidence" legal standard, as required of the defense, that existed at the time of the shooting. Last year, the Florida legislature changed the law to require

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## Alligator Point scales back toll road idea

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Residents of Alligator Point have all but abandoned the idea of putting in a state-of-the-art toll system for Alligator Drive, and instead are examining a less expensive entry gate idea as well as possible implementation of a fee paid by area households.

Terry Madigan, a Tallahassee attorney and part-time Alligator Point resident who chairs the Alligator Point Taxpayer Association, said Saturday's meeting at Mission by the Sea church drew about 50 residents, one of the heftiest crowds in years.

The audience heard from former County Planner Alan Pierce, who outlined what the likely expense, both in additional feasibility studies and in annual loan payments, would be for a Sunpass-generated electronic toll system.

"It doesn't seem to be feasible, you would have to do further traffic studies," Madigan said. "Based on guesstimates, it wouldn't raise enough money to merit going through that process. The bulk of money would go to maintain the system.

"The consensus is that's probably not going to fly in that form," he said.

Allan Feifer, a member of the APTA board, was even more blunt.

"The toll idea put forth is dead," he said. "The numbers are too huge for the amount of revenue. Everybody's going to agree that idea is dead."

Feifer has put forth a more modest barrier proposal, in which visitors would pay \$1.50 to enter Alligator Drive while residents would pay for an annual pass that would enable them easy access.

His proposal, which does not include predevelopment costs, estimates costs and revenue based the barrier being erected on Alligator Drive about 400 feet after it turns off U.S., and before the first entrance to Bald Point State Park. This would be just before the site of a proposed new fire station.

Civil work, for grading and construction of a fence, would run about \$60,000, with another \$50,000 spent on the toll barrier equipment.

The costs of upgrades and meters for parking on newly acquired county property at the former KOA campground, would run about \$80,000 to create between 100 and 150 spaces, accounting for a total one-time cost of about \$190,000.

Feifer's rough estimates are that the barrier gate

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# New group pushes for EMS changes

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An ad hoc group has been formed to advocate on behalf of the county's emergency management services, in hopes of moving the department out from underneath the umbrella of Weems Memorial Hospital and assigning it to the sheriff's office.

Named the "Coalition for a Safer Franklin County," the group is chaired by Eastpoint businessman Steve Kirshenbaum, with Cliff Butler, a member of the Weems Memorial Hospital Healthcare Foundation, as co-chair.

The advisory committee includes St. George Island resident Bud Hayes, Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson, Jay Abbott, president of the Franklin County United Firefighters Association (FCUFA), and George Pruet, vice-president of FCUFA.

Kirshenbaum said that the group, which plans to appear at the April 3 county commission meeting, is working to ensure that EMS, which is a county responsibility, has adequate staffing, which is likely to require that employees get a boost by inclusion in the state retirement system.

"We're giving out so much overtime it's ridiculous," he said. "We're on the verge of burning out all our full-time employees."

According to Michael Murphy, Weems interim



A Weems ambulance stands ready to do its duty. [MIKE MURPHY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

EMS director since Oct. 2016, the department has 28 employees, including three full-time paramedics, none of whom live in the county.

The ambulance service made a total of 1,850 runs last year, although only 1,386 of these were transported. Of these transports, 601 were taken to Weems, while 283 involved transports from Weems to other nearby hospitals.

The average transport is a little more than 36 miles, based on distances calculated from within the county as well as those transports from Weems to Tallahassee

Memorial, Bay Medical, Sacred Heart and other nearby facilities.

Pay for EMTs averages \$11 per hour, and \$14.25 for paramedics, Murphy said, which is above average for the region, but not if the entire salary and benefit package is factored in.

"There's no reason for people to stay here more than a year or two," he said. "We've slowly dwindled down and no one is applying to replace those who left."

He said Franklin is one of only four counties in the state (Calhoun is another) that maintains a hospital-based

ambulance system.

Murphy said in 2017, the ambulance received a nearly \$765,000 direct subsidy from the county, while it raised about \$762,000 in billings to patients. This led to being in the black by about \$109,000 at the end of the last fiscal year.

The average ambulance bill for a run is about \$988, but Weems only gets a return of proceeds of about \$560. Murphy estimated that the ambulance service could save about \$85,000 to \$90,000 in overtime if it were fully staffed.

"I have had several paramedics and EMTs tell me that they would apply the day we obtain the proper benefits that almost all the other services around us offer," he said.

The sticking point in shifting the service to the sheriff's office is likely to be the cost of bringing employees under the Florida Retirement System.

Murphy estimated that the additional cost would be about \$154,000, based on it being 23.27 percent of each full time or eligible employee's salary, which last year totaled about \$587,000.

In the last complete fiscal year a total of about \$905,000 was spent on overall payroll for employees, including part-time, non-eligible staffers, Murphy said, but this would drop to about \$819,000 once overtime was stopped, and further drop with a decline in the need for part-timers.

He said based on a revenue surplus last year of

about \$109,000, moving into the state retirement system would still leave a leftover.

"It will be a seamless transition to go from hospital-based to under the sheriff's office," Murphy said. "The sheriff's office might need to employ an additional part-time member to its finance department to account for the additional 35 employees as well as processing the revenue obtained from billing and county subsidy."

Murphy said in addition to cost-savings from eliminating overtime, the service could save about \$20,000 annually by moving the Eastpoint EMS station from the current location on U.S. 98 to the sheriff's office on County Road 65. Relocation of the Lanark EMS station to the old county annex location is expected to save about \$11,000.

"Additional revenue will be obtained from a mutual aid contract with Liberty County for sole response to Sumatra at between \$5,000 to \$15,000," Murphy said. "Also being under the sheriff's office, the reimbursement from the uninsured as well as patient contributions will probably be up an additional 5 to 10 percent, or about \$10,00 to \$20,000."

Murphy said that being fully staffed, with a captain on duty every day, will help in retaining employees. He said the EMS director would be moved into an administrative position which will provide more opportunities for grants, greater oversight and a tighter focus on the budget and both short- and long-term goals.

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## LEASE

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an adversarial relationship was being developed," she said, in describing the back-and-forth the Vroegops have had with City Attorney Pat Floyd since he first sent them a draft of a proposed lease on Dec. 18, 2017, four days after commissioners voted unanimously to extend the deal.

"We entered into it, we thought it was a great idea," said Robin Vroegop. "We have no desire to go forward with this lease and an adversarial relationship."

"We came to you all with good intentions, I don't know why it was misinterpreted," she said.

The Vroegops' proposed contract calls for a \$1,000 a month rent for each of the next five years, and then five one-year extensions which would allow for a 3 percent annual rent hike.

Prior to the meeting, they handed out their proposed revisions to the 18-page lease to city commissioners. In her remarks Robin Vroegop did not go into detail about her objections to

the language, other than to say "We have not signed this lease for a variety of reasons (as it) did not contain the provisions that were discussed. It also has contradictory language regarding who is responsible for maintenance, and some clauses did not seem applicable."

She contrasted the proposed lease to a simpler three-page agreement the city struck in 2014 with the Florida Seafood Festival, to allow them to use space at Battery Park.

Floyd questioned Robin Vroegop as to why it had taken so long for them to respond to inquiries from his office, which he said were made on Jan. 26, 31, Feb. 20 and in March.

"We have received no response at all if there was any problem," he said. "They should have come back and told me."

Vroegop said she was in regular communication with city officials, including City Administrator Lee Mathes.

"The communication with staff was there (but) it became adversarial," she said. "At this point Mike and I would like to thank you very much. We will be leaving you \$12,000 worth of improvements to the Harbor Master House; I can bring documentation.

"What we most do not want to do is to have contention," Vroegop said. "It's a lovely building. I hope somebody else will take up the cause. It's the wrong time for us and the wrong people."

Commissioner Anita asked "is there a solution to the issue?" and Vroegop replied that "I think we need to put another person on point to negotiate this lease. Ten percent of the 50 paragraph lease are unnecessary."

Mike Vroegop told commissioners that "what was agreed upon by this commission was not represented in this document."

Floyd said he had drafted the lease "within the best of my ability. We hadn't heard anything for the last three-plus months," which prompted Robin Vroegop to remark that "we've lost three months of business we planned to be open.

"I think it's just something the city isn't ready for," she said. "We're not into being in contention about it. I can't get past the contention involved.

"I can't sign that lease, it's a very adversarial lease. (It says) that at any time they can declare us in default," Vroegop said.

Grove asked Vroegop whether "it is possible some

of the interpretation (of) an attempt to protect us legally is being taken personally?"

Mike Vroegop replied that "I suggest you read it from a potential tenant's point of view. It's about what was agreed upon and it's not in that document.

"There are many clauses in there that don't even apply to us," said Robin Vroegop.

Apalachicola resident Creighton Brown told commissioners the work the Vroegops have so far done on the building shows their intent.

"It seems like what we need is a mediator, we have a trained mediator. I would suggest the city not walk away from this," he said.

"It's not the city that's walking away from anything," said Floyd.

Mayor Van Johnson recommended that Apalachicola resident John Alber, a retired attorney from a large international law firm, and a trained arbitrator and mediator, be brought in to the discussion. Alber signaled from the audience that he would be willing to take on the assignment, on a pro bono basis.

"I would like to salvage the last five-and-a-half months of our work and my dream,"

said Robin Vroegop.

"It seems eminently solvable," said Alber.

"We have a difference of opinions, and it's not uncommon to bring in a mediator, to salvage these relationships, to salvage these issues, to move forward. I have all the confidence in the world," said Johnson.

Floyd said he was amenable to bringing in a mediator.

"There's a difference between what they want in the lease. Let's look and see what the differences are," he said. "With a mediator, that's fine. It's the first time we've ventured in this territory but it might be necessary."

Grove called it "a new set of eyes (that) might bring clarity to the situation."

Commissioner Brenda Ash urged the parties to resolve the matter quickly. "We don't need to prolong it," she said. "It can become frustrating as an inconvenience. Let's get the matter resolved."

Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, a veteran of Army service in Vietnam and two Gulf wars, drew a wartime analogy to the Vroegops' situation.

"It seems like you're caught in no-man's-land between two battle lines," he said.

## TOLL ROAD

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would require one part-time employee to empty the collection machine, at an annual cost of \$25,000, with another \$10,000 in miscellaneous expenses, such as travel and accounting, and \$20,000 for maintenance and repair of equipment both at the barrier and parking areas.

After putting aside \$25,000 in reserve for depreciation, the total recurring costs are \$80,000 per year, he

estimated.

Revenue assumptions are 500 vehicles a day paying \$1.50, and 500 annual passes paying \$150 each and 100 parking spaces generating \$100 a day total. Feifer said his assumption is lower than the official year-round average of \$1,000 vehicles per day.

These assumptions mean that the annual revenue for vehicles would be about \$273,750, for annual passes about \$75,000 and for parking \$36,500, accounting for total revenue of \$385,250, which after subtracting expenses, would yield annual net revenue of a little more than \$300,000

"Please note this is a totally back-of-the-napkin exercise for discussion only," Feifer cautioned.

Madigan said APTA plans to hold community meetings to gather input on the new barrier gate idea, as well as for possible implementation of an MSBU (municipal service benefit unit) that would be assessed to all homeowners on Alligator Point, with the money going towards beach renourishment.

"APTA has not taken a position one way or another," he said. "The last time we (had a referendum) it ended up riddled with exemptions, and

the whole thing got killed. That would be a concern this time around. Is everybody going to be absolutely treated the same? How do you make it fair?"

The funds raised would go towards beach renourishment, which would serve to protect Alligator Drive on a long-term basis.

"We need to come up with a solution for our localized problem, it impacts us, it impacts visitors and tourists," said Feifer. "We need to be proactive in it, to try to help the county figure out a way to do it.

"The county wants to wash

their hands of Alligator Point in the financial sense, they have told us there needs to be an ongoing funding course that eliminates the need (for constant road repair)," he said.

Madigan said APTA will likely engage Clary, the engineering firm that did a recent white paper, to take a look at the feasibility of a barrier gate.

"We're not going to hand over Allan's plan on a napkin and say run with it," he said. "We'll also do our own polling to take the temperature of folks. If there's terrible opposition to it (the MSBU) I don't think the county's going to push overly hard."

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# OPINION

## ARBOR OUTLOOK

### Bannister, Disney and future economic visions



Margaret McDowell

*"If you can dream it, you can do it."*  
—Walt Disney

May 6, 1954 dawned cool and breezy at Oxford's Iffley Road Sports Ground, less than ideal conditions for a runner to attempt a world record. But a local medical student knew that two other international athletes were capable of covering a mile in less than four minutes, and soon might, and he wanted the record held by his native England.

His accomplishment was stunning, almost like Chuck Yeager shattering the sound barrier, or Neal Armstrong's moon walk. Many experts thought, that like the sound barrier, the four-minute mile was a mark that couldn't be broken by a human being. But the barrier was simply psychological.

In the 64 years since young Roger Bannister ran the first sub-four-minute mile, his record has been bettered thousands of times. The current mark is 17 seconds faster than Bannister's. My husband loves track and field, and I will occasionally watch a televised event with him and marvel at the power and grace of my fellow humans. The son of a college friend competed in the Olympic trials in the 400-meter run a while back, and watching him compete was especially exciting. That Bannister, who died recently of Parkinson's disease at 88, became a respected neurological consultant and admired and eventually knighted citizen of Great Britain, adds luster to his accomplishment.

Finance imposes psychological barriers as well. The Dow Jones Industrial Average hit 1,000 in 1972. The average investor could not have predicted a DJIA ticking along at 25,000. I stumbled across an article recently about the important psychological barrier that existed when the DJIA was at 10,000. This occurred in March 1999, 19 years ago.

The advent of the IRA in 1974, which allowed Americans to shelter income annually in a tax-deferred investment account, was a Roger Bannister moment. Who could have envisioned that our investments could grow untaxed for decades? Another barrier was broken when 401(k) plans were introduced four years later, permitting employees to avoid immediate taxation on a portion of their income. Roth IRAs, profit-sharing plans, defined benefit plans and other individual and corporate investment vehicles all represent watershed thinking on the part of economists.

Business innovation is also commensurate with benchmark achievements. If you're reading this on a personal computer or iPhone, you are utilizing technology that was once considered impossible and impractical, like the four-minute mile. Who could have conceived 30 years ago that a small Seattle coffee company would eventually own 27,000 stores worldwide? Investors, entrepreneurs and start-up founders in our ever-evolving economy are dreaming, like Roger Bannister, of breaking barriers that the current business climate assures them cannot be bettered.

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## DO YOUR PART

### Couples who share chores report better sex

By Kara Irby  
Special to the Times

Husbands, are you helping your spouse with chores around the house? If your wife doesn't think so that may result in a less satisfying sex life, according to new research by Florida State University.

FSU Sociology Prof. Anne Barrett and her former student Alexandra Raphael found that when wives reported an unfair arrangement in the amount of housework they were doing, they were also significantly more likely to report lower sexual satisfaction. This was also true for husbands who viewed housework arrangements as unfair to wives.

The study was recently published in the journal *Social Forces*.

"We know housework is shared more equitably today than it was 50 years ago," Barrett said. "In the mid 60s, American wives did about seven times more housework than their husbands did. Now, it's about two times as much. We wanted to examine how this shift has affected people's satisfaction in their marriages, and sex, of course, is an important part of intimate relationships."

Barrett and Raphael used the



Barrett

second wave of data from the National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States to conduct their research.

The survey involved about 1,100 married individuals between 2004 and 2006.

The team examined three perspectives relating to housework during their research: temporal, distributional and fairness. They found that the fairness perspective, whether it was a husband or wife reporting, was the clearest indicator for sexual satisfaction.

"It was interesting that neither the number of hours or the distribution of household labor emerged as a really strong predictor of sexual satisfaction," Barrett said. "I think that housework can take on greater symbolic meaning earlier in people's lives - then it becomes more routinized. At that point, it's more of a question of whether this seems unfair or not, rather than the exact distribution."

Barrett said her study was unique in that the age range of survey participants was about 10 years older than other studies on this topic. Respondents

ranged from 35 to 85 years old.

The researchers also examined how these perspectives impacted sexual frequency. They found that none of the measures of housework were connected with frequency. They believe this could be due to the age of their sample size. At older ages, other factors come into play that affect sexual frequency, especially health, Barrett said.

Barrett suggests future research on this subject could include cohabitating non-married couples and same-sex couples. Because the data for this study provided a snapshot in time, the researchers said tracking couples over the course of their lives would give more insight.

"Following married couples over time to watch how their division of household labor shifts as they move through family and workplace transitions, and how these changes affect their sex lives and marital satisfaction more generally, would be one of the big next steps," she said.

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## STATEHOUSE REPORT

### Scant education increase won't cover costs



Bill Montford

The state of Florida experienced many trials in the past several months.

Hurricanes swept across the state leaving unprecedented destruction in their wake. A school shooting devastated families in Broward County and shook the foundation of our state and country, forcing us to reckon with the severe mental health crisis and safety precautions in our schools. Opioid drug use skyrocketed into a crisis demanding that the legislature take a holistic approach to find proactive and timely solutions. These all put a necessary strain on the state budget. However, Florida remains resolved to stay strong and focused.

"Though we expected a tough budget year, I'm concerned with some of the most fundamental aspects of the budget," State Senator Bill Montford said. "Education saw an increase of less than half-dollar in the base student allocation; that is just 0.01 percent. With 27,000 new students, standard inflation costs and hurricane impacts, this will not cover it. We cannot continue to have a world-class education system

when we refuse to pay for it.

"Additionally, we have continually neglected across-the-board pay increases for our state employees over the last decade and returned to that trend this year. One of the most important engines behind any business is their workforce; the same is true for the state of Florida. These issues clearly illustrate the need for the state to reevaluate basic government functions and take an active approach in funding them.

"Despite the disappointments, I advocated for the dollars so desperately needed in North Florida and there were some wins for the area," he said. "Infrastructure is a continually growing need and imperative to economic development. This year the legislature recognized that need with almost \$30 million for the small county road resurface assistance program, and more than \$72 million for the small county outreach program, of which \$15 million will go directly to rural areas of opportunity.

"Many of our most fiscally constrained counties face insurmountable price tags on wastewater treatment and management, which is why I fought to include \$18 million for grant programs. Proper water management is the foundation of any community's ability to thrive. While this money is great news, water projects in North Florida came up short.

Rural districts simply do not have the taxing capacity to meet the needs that are so apparent. We must provide more state assistance," Montford said.

Accessible outdoor space plays a vital role in our communities, giving children and families a place to gather, enjoy the great outdoors and share the importance of physical activity. The city of Carrabelle will receive \$50,000 to implement the first phase of the Tillie Miller Park.

With the continued dry, hot weather, fires are an ever present fear. Especially in areas dense with forestry. My colleagues and I were able to secure, \$225,000 for the Fort Coombs Army fire station towards a new sprinkler system.

North Florida has a rich history and many of our communities work tirelessly to preserve that history for generations to come. Franklin County will receive \$50,000 from the state this year to preserve the Hanser-Fry House.

All appropriations are subject to Governor Rick Scott's veto.

Senator Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee) represents the Florida Senate's 3rd District, which includes Franklin as well as Calhoun, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla counties. Montford was first elected to the Senate in 2010 and subsequently re-elected in 2012 and 2016.

## HOW THEY VOTED

### House

#### Flood Insurance Reauthorization - Vote Passed (237-189, 7 Not Voting)

Passage of the bill, as amended, would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would make



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modifications to the program, including: raise annual surcharges and reserve fund assessments on federal flood insurance policyholders, raise

rates on properties that incur multiple losses, establish an annual deductible for severe and extreme repetitive loss properties and end the requirement that flood insurance be purchased for commercial and multifamily properties located in flood risk zones.

Rep. Neal Dunn voted YES

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# CHASING SHADOWS

## A history of Franklin County commerce: Part 5

The following is the fifth and final excerpt from an article that appeared in the *Pensacola Daily News*, Feb. 14, 1890. *Chasing Shadows* has published this piece in its entirety over the six weeks. This final piece provides a snapshot of the city of Carrabelle in 1890. Interestingly, according to Mark Curenton Apalachicola's premier local historian who unearthed this gem, on March 12, 1890, the minutes for the Franklin County Commission reveal that "In the matter of The Bill of the Daily News Publishing Company of Pensacola, Fla., laid over, and the President of this Board was appointed to communicate with the said company - as they have failed to comply with their proposition of Oct. 22, 1889." At the April 9, 1890 county commission meeting, it was stated that "In the matter of the bill of the Daily News Publishing Co. of Pensacola, Fla. for \$300 was considered and passed for \$225." Curenton noted that his examination of the earlier county commission minutes did not reveal anything about what proposition the *Daily News* made. Likewise there was no information on how the article failed to meet the expectations of the county commission.

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ITS BIRTH, GROWTH,  
FALL AND RISE.  
From Poverty to  
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Indigence, From Penury to  
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The Story of Carrabelle  
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Etc.**

### CARRABELLE

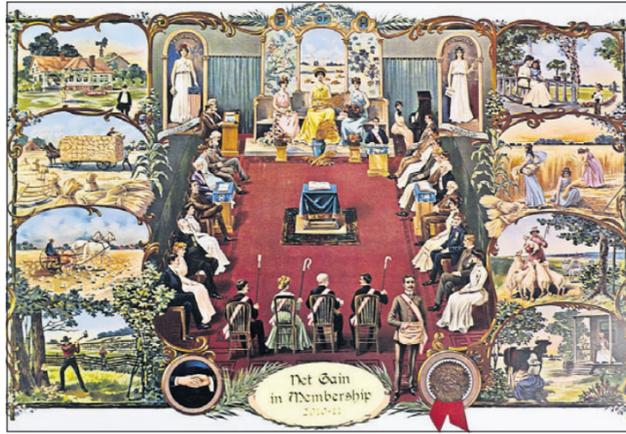
In writing of the many natural and improved advantages of Franklin County, as well as the scenic surroundings, this issue would be incomplete without extolling the location, founding of, and many resources of Carrabelle.

It is located about 25 miles across the bay from Apalachicola, and is reached by a sail of only three or four hours, on vessels which cross every day.

Situated at the western end of St. James Island, overlooking St. George's Sound and at the mouth of the Carrabelle River, it is the gulf harbor of Middle Florida and Georgia. The island is 21 miles long, and is on average about three miles in width. To the southwest is Dog Island, between St. George's Bay and the mainland. It is the highest elevation of land on the entire gulf coast. No unsightly stretches of marsh lie between the shore and the deep water; there is no hanging moss - that tell-tale of malaria. Vessels coming in from the gulf through East Pass can anchor within one-half mile of the town, in 16 feet of water.

There is at ordinary tide 18 feet and 6 inches of water over the bar. The nearest harbor to the west equaling this is Pensacola, 200 miles distant. The nearest to the east and south is Tampa, 225 miles. Competition from these points will serve as a stimulus to Carrabelle's business enterprise.

There are tributary to Carrabelle Harbor the Apalachicola, Flint, Carrabelle, Crooked, Ocklockonee and Sopchoppy Rivers, all the timber from which must go



Poster for the National Grange founded by O. H. Kelly, also the founder of Carrabelle. [THEPLACETOBENKNOXCOUNTY.WORDPRESS.COM]



Man watching cock fight at the Gulf Naval Stores rosin yard in Carrabelle circa 1890 [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]



Construction of the Crooked River Lighthouse in 1890 [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]

to market by this harbor, from the fact that no vessel drawing 14 feet or over can gain access to any other point in the bay.

The Augusta, Tallahassee & Gulf Railroad, which will be completed in or about March, 1890, will build a 1,100-foot pier into the bay, from which all vessels can be loaded, thus saving the shipper the expense of lighterage. The facilities for entering the harbor are unsurpassed by those of any other port on the coast.

Mr. O. H. Kelly, who went there from Boston, Mass., on the 26th day of December, 1877, is the father of the town. He went there for the purpose of laying out a town, as the manager of an Eastern syndicate, and pitched his tent in the wilderness with a determination to succeed in the enterprise. He was selected for his pluck, energy, and superior business qualities, having received a world-wide reputation as the originator and secretary of the National Grange, which was organized in Minnesota.

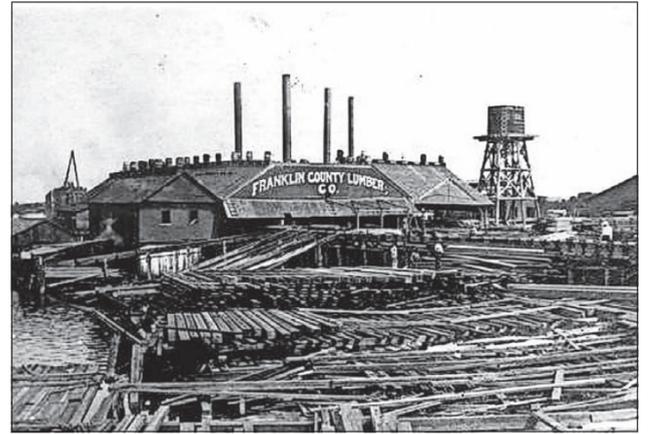
The Farmers' Alliance of the United States is the outcropping of the abandoned National Grange.

This gentleman came here with the intention of staying five years, and building a railroad for the gentlemen, with whom he was connected, to Tallahassee, and it was originally intended to complete it

in two years. Mr. Kelly did not succeed in getting the charter, however, until 1883, and it has been extended three times since that date. The last extension was made in February, 1889, and there is no question of doubt now that it will be completed and in operations by March 1, 1890.

The history of Carrabelle contains no airy tales, and is made up only from simple facts. The twelve years' labor of one man, so to speak, who isolated himself from the world of commerce and social surroundings for no other purpose than bettering the condition of his fellow-man; for developing the resources of a beautiful country between the gulf and Tallahassee; for opening to and showing the world the unlimited wealth of the waters of the bay; the billions and billions of feet of timber to be taken almost for the asking; and that are standing as nature placed them in the original forests on the many rivers tributary to the bay; and for publishing the truth - that Carrabelle is the nearest gulf port to New York and Cincinnati, and is admirably located for serving the purposes of a direct trade with the South and Central American states.

Can an individual build a more useful and substantial monument to his memory? Ten years hence Mr. Kelly will see some of his brightest



The Franklin County Lumber Co. in Carrabelle, during the 1920s. The water barrels on top of the roof were used to fight fires.

[STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]

hopes realized. If he shall have been called hence, his name and noble work will not be forgotten.

The old name of Crooked River was Carrabola on the Spanish maps. In honor of his niece, Carrie Arabelle, the name being similar to that of Carrabola, at his suggestion or request the present prosperous town of 500 inhabitants was named Carrabelle in its charter of incorporation, which was received in 1882, under the laws of the state of Florida.

With an idea always uppermost in his thoughts not to be antagonistic to anything, and having an experience at Washington, D. C., in post-office workings, and then, too, not finding any name in the guide similar, he asked for and was granted the permission to name the post-office Carrabelle.

Miss Caroline A. Hall was the first post-mistress, and she was succeeded three years ago by Miss Fannie L. Kelley.

Mr. Kelley was the first and is the present Mayor.

The owners of the property upon which Carrabelle is situated, including about 20,000 acres of land, beautifully laid out in town lots, are Benj. L. Curtis, Caroline A. Hall, Julia W. Kelley, Fannie L. Kelley, Grace H. Kelley and Garsphelia Kelley.

The proprietors take pleasure in saying that they have no ruins at which to point and tell of departed commercial wealth, but everything is new. The primitive forest being cleared to make room for the future prosperous town.

The three best fisheries on the gulf are located there, and the celebrated snapper and grouper banks are only two miles distant, due south. Millions of mullet, sheepshead, pompano, red snapper, grouper, drum, sea trout, Spanish mackerel, and every other fish that inhabits the gulf are in the bay in abundance.

The greatest oyster bars on the coast are in the immediate vicinity, and the bivalves are of the most delicious flavor. In quantity, size and quality they cannot be excelled.

From the hills that rise gradually from the shore the most superb views of the broad gulf are obtained, that from the hotel being particularly picturesque, and the sea breezes are most exhilarating.

As a point for manufactures the proprietors offer the most liberal inducements.

For health the people challenge any other part of Florida, not a death occurring among the northern residents from natural causes.

The belt of land between Carrabelle and Tallahassee comprises a portion of the most productive section of the state. The crops made consist of long and short staple cotton, sugar cane, upland and lowland rice, tobacco, corn, potatoes and other crops of this latitude. Stock-raising is also an

important industry. Oranges are not a feature of this part of the state, it being too far north.

The opening of the Nicaragua Canal and the establishment of a direct trade with the Central American States will create a business at all the gulf ports. Already a large exportation of sawed lumber from the local mills to Panama has been made and this trade will increase with the completion of the proposed canal.

On the completion of the railroad a line of steamers to ply between this port and Yucatan, Nicaragua, Honduras and ports on the Caribbean Sea will be inaugurated.

Cypress, oak, ash and other timber are found in abundance in Wakulla and Liberty, the adjoining counties. There are numerous advantages and untold wealth for mill men at Carrabelle.

Phosphate beds, with analyses of from 50 to 60 per cent, miles in extent, lie adjacent to Carrabelle, and are readily accessible to the miner.

Parties who may be seeking profitable investments for their money will find it to their interest to visit, or correspond with Mr. O. H. Kelley, before locating, and ascertain the truth of these statements.

### The Augusta, Carrabelle & Tallahassee Railroad

We have their assurance, will be completed on or before March 1, 1890. Mr. Benj. Symington, the Superintendent and agent of the company at Carrabelle, stating that the contractor, a gentleman of Kansas City, will reach Tallahassee ere long with a corps of 600 or 700 men, to push to completion the construction of the railway. The rails have all been purchased, and are at the present writing en route to their destination. Thirteen miles of well-ballasted steel railroad track are now laid.

### The Two Saw Mills

At Carrabelle are controlled by the Franklin County Lumber Co., and they are fronting on Carrabelle River. The capacity of one mill is 35,000 feet of lumber per day; the other 50,000 feet. J. N. Coombs is the President, and A. Ludwig is Secretary and Treasurer. The firm employs from 125 to 150 men, and own the steam tugs Bessie M. and the Charles N. Tilden. The company has a planing mill connected with their business, with a capacity of 10,000 feet. The business at the mills is managed and superintended by Mr. Coombs. The firm also has a well-stocked store of general merchandise, furnishing almost every requisite of their employes[sic]. The mills are lighted with electricity, to enable them to run at night when crowded with orders. The Brush system of arc lights is used.

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## Taking CoQ10 is not enough

"There's a little-known NASA nutrient that multiplies the number of new power generators in your cells by up to 55%," says Dr. Al Sears, owner of the Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine in Royal Palm Beach, Florida. "Science once thought this was impossible. But now you can make your heart, brain and body young again."

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## Medical first: Multiply the "power generators" in your cells

Al Sears, M.D., recently released an energy-boosting supplement based on this NASA nutrient that has become so popular, he's having trouble keeping it in stock.

Dr. Sears is the author of over 500 scientific papers on anti-aging and recently spoke at the WPBF 25 Health & Wellness Festival featuring Dr. Oz and special guest Suzanne Somers. Thousands of people listened to Dr. Sears speak on his anti-aging breakthroughs and attended his book signing at the event.

Now, Dr. Sears has come up with what his peers consider his greatest contribution to anti-aging medicine yet — a newly discovered nutrient that multiplies the number of tiny, energy-producing "engines" located inside the body's cells, shattering the limitations of traditional CoQ10 supplements.

## Why mitochondria matter

A single cell in your body can contain between 200 to 2,000 mitochondria, with the largest number found in the most metabolically active cells, like those in your brain, heart and skeletal muscles.

But because of changes in cells, stress and poor diet, most people's power generators begin to malfunction and die off as they age. In fact, the Mitochondria Research Society reports 50 million U.S. adults are suffering from health problems because of mitochondrial dysfunction.

Common ailments often associated with aging — such as memory problems, heart issues, blood sugar concerns and vision and hearing difficulties — can all be connected to a decrease in mitochondria.

## Birth of new mitochondria

Dr. Sears and his researchers combined the most powerful form of CoQ10 available — called ubiquinol — with a unique, newly discovered natural compound called PQQ that has the remarkable ability to grow new mitochondria. Together, the two powerhouses are now available in a supplement called Ultra Accel II.

Discovered by a NASA probe in space dust, PQQ (Pyrroloquinoline quinone) stimulates something called "mitochondrial biogenesis" — a unique process that actually boosts the number of healthy mitochondria in your cells.

In a study published in the Journal of Nutrition, mice fed PQQ grew a staggering number of new mitochondria, showing an increase of more than 55% in just eight weeks.

The mice with the strongest mitochondria showed no signs of aging — even when they were the equivalent of 80 years old.



Dr. Al Sears with fellow physician Dr. Oz at the WPBF 25 Health & Wellness Festival held in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

## Science stands behind the power of PQQ

Biochemical Pharmacology reports that PQQ is up to 5,000 times more efficient in sustaining energy production than common antioxidants.

"Imagine 5,000 times more efficient energy," says Dr. Sears. "PQQ has been a game changer for my patients."

"With the PQQ in Ultra Accel, I have energy I never thought possible," says Colleen R., one of Dr. Sears' patients. "I am in my 70s but feel 40 again. I think clearer, move with real energy and sleep like a baby."

## It works right away

Along with an abundance of newfound energy, users also report a sharper, more focused mind and memory, and even younger-looking skin and hair. Jerry M. from Wellington, Florida, used Ultra Accel and was amazed at the effect.

"I noticed a difference within a few days," says Jerry. "My endurance almost doubled. But it's not just in your body. You can feel it mentally, too," says Jerry. "Not only do I feel a difference, but the way it protects my cells is great insurance against a health disaster as I get older."

## Increase your health span today

The demand for this supplement is so high, Dr. Sears is having trouble keeping it in stock. "My patients tell me they feel better than they have in years. This is ideal for people who are feeling or looking older than their age... or for those who are tired or growing more forgetful."

"My favorite part of practicing anti-aging medicine is watching my patients get the joy back in their lives. Ultra Accel sends a wake-up call to every cell in their bodies... and they actually feel young again."

## Where to find Ultra Accel II

Right now, the only way to get this potent combination of PQQ and super-powered CoQ10 is with Dr. Sears' breakthrough Ultra Accel II formula.

To secure bottles of this hot, new supplement, buyers should contact the Sears Health Hotline at 1-877-353-0593 within the next 48 hours. "It takes time to get bottles shipped out to drug stores," said Dr. Sears. "The Hotline allows us to ship the product directly to the customer."

Dr. Sears feels so strongly about this product, he offers a 100%, money-back guarantee on every order. "Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days, and I'll send you your money back," said Dr. Sears.

The Hotline will be taking orders for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will be shut down to allow them to restock.

Call 1-877-353-0593 to secure your limited supply of Ultra Accel II. You don't need a prescription, and those who call in the first 24 hours qualify for a significant discount. **To take advantage of this great offer use Promo Code NPUAFEB18224 when you call in.**

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

# Clerks unveil public records directory

Special to the Times



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In recognition of Sunshine Week, from March 11-17, Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers last week launched a directory of public records information for each court clerk's office in the state.

The directory on flclerks.com helps citizens connect with the appropriate clerk's office department or search records online.

Florida's Sunshine Laws are among the strongest in the country, giving everyone access to important public information. These laws protect a citizen's right to remain informed and engaged, making data such as financial reports, board of county commission meeting minutes and court records available to all.

"We are fortunate to live in a state that promotes

open government and encourages citizens to be engaged members of their communities," said Franklin County Clerk Marcia M. Johnson, president of Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers. "During Sunshine Week this year, I hope we can inspire more people to learn about what is available to them."

Sunshine Week is once a year, but for clerks, upholding government transparency with accurate recordkeeping and efficient reporting is a priority every day. Last year, Florida's First Amendment Foundation honored Brevard County Clerk and Comptroller Scott Ellis with the Pete Weitzel/Friend of the First Amendment Award recognizing

his commitment to open government and ensuring compliance with Florida's public records laws.

Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers encourages constituents to take full advantage of the information they have at their disposal year-round. For more information about public records in your county, contact your county clerk's office. For more information about Sunshine Week, visit sunshineweek.org.

Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC) is a statewide nonprofit member association composed of the Florida Clerks of the Circuit Court and Comptrollers. The association provides local government support services, technical assistance and accreditation opportunities for all members. For more information, visit flclerks.com.

# County shooting range to close

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The county commission earlier this month voted to close the public shooting range in Eastpoint, located behind the Franklin County Humane Society off County Road 65, but a date for the closure has not been set.

The move came following a March 6 report from Fonda Davis, who oversees the county parks and recreation department.

"There is a safety risk to landfill staff, as well as to county inmates at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office," said Davis. "Parks and recreation

staff have reported that during their routine cleanup, they are finding televisions and other items that have been hauled to the range as targets.

"For liability reasons and safety concerns, I feel we need to move forward with closing it," he said.

Chairman Smokey Parrish asked that staff write a letter to the city of Apalachicola, to ask for a swift opening of the city's shooting range, located west of Apalachicola near Tilton Road, which borders the Box-R Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

"Let's try to get it open to the public, so the public will have a place to go that's a lot safer,"

said Parrish. "It's been an issue for a while. The animals (at the shelter) get nervous and start raising sand."

Apalachicola Police Chief Bobby Varnes said he expected the Apalachicola range to be up and running within the next month or so. He also noted that while it is intended primarily to help in training Apalachicola police officers, the range will make available memberships for area residents, at a fee to be determined later.

Commissioner William Massey said Carrabelle Police Chief Gary Hunnings is looking into getting a shooting range up and running in Carrabelle.

## ARREST REPORT

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

### March 7

Jennifer Lea Diestelhorst, 43, Carrabelle, DUI - third violation within 10 years; \$1,000 bond (CPD)

Jimmy Roger Shiver, 26, Eastpoint, principal/accessory to smuggling contraband into a detention facility; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Jennifer M. Larkin, 36, Eastpoint, principal/accessory to

smuggling contraband into a detention facility, and violation of conditional release; no bond (FCSO)

### March 8

Robert James Register, 31, Apalachicola, two counts of violation of probation; \$10,000 bond (FCSO)

### March 9

Russell Wayne Cooper, 46, Apalachicola, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

Warren Lee Reid, 55, Key West, two counts felony violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)  
Matthew Terrill Hart,

44, Crawfordville, DUI - fourth or subsequent offense; \$2,500 bond (FCSO)

### March 10

Freddie Eugene Williams, 45, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked - first offense, violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

### March 11

Felipe Javier Delacruz, 42, Apalachicola, DUI - first offense, operating a motor vehicle without a valid drivers license; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Henry E. Parramore, 47, Eastpoint, Assault with intent to commit a felony; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

## FWC REPORT

During the week of Feb. 16 to 22, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officers Nelson and Travis were conducting resource inspections of individuals fishing in Eastpoint. During an inspection, the officers found two individuals to be in possession of 14 spotted sea trout, four over the limit and six were oversized.

The appropriate

action was taken for the violations.

As part of FWC's Community Oriented Policing outreach, Lts. Cook and Kilpatrick, along with Capts. Pearce and Wood attended a meeting at the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory organized by aqua-culturists from Franklin and Wakulla counties.

The meeting was also

attended by investigative captains from the Franklin and Wakulla County Sheriff Offices, representatives from the Florida Department of Aquaculture and Consumer Services, and others from the public. The meeting was to discuss ongoing/emerging issues within the aquaculture industry.

Close to 40 individuals were in attendance for the meeting.

# MAYERS

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prosecutors prove a defendant, by clear and convincing evidence, did not act justifiably in self-defense.

At the outset of his ruling, Lewis noted that “because of the uncertainty in the law, and with the anticipation that whatever ruling I make might be appealed,” he would also determine whether the state, as represented by Assistant State Attorney Jared Patterson, had met the clear and convincing evidence burden.

“If the amended statute were to apply retroactively, I find that the state has not met its burden for proving by clear and convincing evidence that the (shootings were) not the result of the justifiable use of deadly force by the defendant,” he wrote.

In his ruling, which means Mayers continues to face prosecution for second degree murder, attempted first degree murder, and two counts of aggravated battery with a firearm, Lewis found contradictions in the testimony both of Jones and other prosecution witnesses, as well as that of Mayers.

The broadest outlines of the story appeared to be that an armed Mayers confronted Jones and Cardwell in the early morning hours, over their burning of a tire not far from the river, and that they backed him up to his trailer at which time Mayers fired his gun, after being struck allegedly by a shovel wielded by Jones.

“Both narratives, in my view, are internally inconsistent, and not supported by the other testimony or physical evidence,” Lewis wrote, noting that the most glaring contradiction in Jones’ testimony was the location of the incident, which he testified was “maybe ten to fifteen feet away from the fire.

“The crime scene photos and



Clark Mayers, at the “stand your ground” motion hearing. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN/THE TIMES]

the physical evidence, plus they other testimony shows that the shootings occurred some 60-75 feet away from the fire, right next to the defendant’s trailer,” wrote the judge.

Jeremy Strickland, a prosecution witness, testified that the shooting occurred near the trailer, and that he and Jones had backed Mayers up to the trailer “but did not do so aggressively,” wrote the judge. “He (Strickland) testified that they had their hands up and were saying things like ‘you’re not a killer,’ and ‘calm down,’ and that neither he nor Jones had any weapons, specifically no shovel in their hands.”

Lewis indicated he believed Mayers’ story had holes in it as well. In his testimony on the Feb. 23 hearing, Mayers said that he was awakened earlier that evening by a couple arguing loudly outside of his trailer.

“Rather than simply opening the door or a window to call out to the couple, he gets dressed, complete with his keys, a flashlight that attaches to a band around his head and a loaded handgun, just to open the door and speak with this couple,” wrote the judge. “That made no sense to me. Then with this problem solved, he decides to use the bathroom nearby and takes his gun with him. He explains that this is because there are bears and alligators in the woods. That didn’t make sense to me either.

“What does make sense is that the defendant needed some explanation as to why he was walking around with a gun before his confrontation (with Jones and Strickland). Because, if Mayers went and retrieved

his gun after Jones threw his camera in the fire, that would suggest he acted out of anger,” wrote Lewis. “It would suggest premeditation.”

The judge noted that “Pointedly, Mayers denied on cross examination that he was angry when his camera was thrown in the fire. He was upset, he said, but not angry. That also doesn’t make sense.”

Lewis also wrote that “it seems rather awkward to be carrying a gun tucked under your arm, as the defendant maintained he did, throughout the time of going to the bathroom, going to the fire, and arguing with the people around the fire, going to retrieve his camera and coming back to film the event apparently using just one hand, while holding the gun in lace with the other arm.”

The judge also voiced skepticism regarding Mayers’ claim that Jones, who had the use of only one arm due to an injury sustained a few years prior, “punched him in the jaw and snatched the camera from his hands all in one motion.

“That doesn’t make sense either,” Lewis wrote.

Mayers went on to testify that Jones picked up a shovel as he and Strickland advanced on him, and that he only then pulled out his gun and retreated towards his trailer, pointing it at the two men as he told them to get back.

“As he (Mayers) testified, ‘I couldn’t believe someone could be so stupid,’ wrote Lewis. “Nor can I, unless, as Strickland testified, they were trying to get him to put away or give up his gun.”

The judge said he believed it was most likely that “consistent with Jones’ testimony, (Mayers) was angry at being disrespected by Jones and the others, especially having his camera taken away, and thrown into the fire, and that he came back with the great leveler, his handgun, to get that respect – or at least fear.

“When Jones smarted off to him again, he pulled out his gun

and pointed it at him,” wrote Lewis. “But he didn’t get the reaction he expected. No one took the threat seriously. They didn’t think he would really shoot them. They started to approach him, trying to calm him down and get the gun from him.”

In Lewis’ opinion, it is not essential to decide whether Mayers only shot Jones after being hit in the face with a shovel, or whether he shot Jones after he pushed the gun away with the shovel.

“(Mayers) was not justified in using deadly force because he was engaging in criminal activity at the time, specifically aggravated assault against Jones and Strickland,” the judge wrote. “And while it might have been foolish to do so, armed only with a small folding shovel against a pistol, Jones had the right to defend himself against the defendant.”

The judge also took issue with defense attorney’s Smith’s contention that the inconsistencies in their testimony and the physical evidence suggest they were making things up. “But if these witnesses were trying to get their stories straight, and fabricate some testimony, they certainly could have done a better job of it. Indeed, the inconsistencies in the testimony suggest candor rather than intent to deceive, a lack of accurate memory rather than purposeful falsehoods.”

In his analysis of Cardwell’s killing, which Mayers said took place shortly after he shot Jones, as he leaned against his trailer to collect himself, the judge said the defendant’s testimony was contradicted by Jones, Brian Achison and Joshua Campbell, none of whom testified they saw Cardwell wielding a weapon.

“But, even accepting the defendant’s testimony that Cardwell came at him with a machete, that does not mean he was justified in using deadly force if, as I have found, the defendant had just shot Jones without legal justification.

“Cardwell had the right to defend himself and his friend, or anyone else in the vicinity from additional violence from Mayers,” Lewis wrote.

“Admittedly, if someone is coming at you with a machete, it is understandable that you would shoot them to protect yourself from harm,” the judge wrote. “But a pre-condition to the lawful use of deadly force is that you are lawfully where you have a right to be and are not otherwise engaged in criminal activity.

“Pointing a gun at someone is an aggravated assault. Shooting them is at least aggravated battery,” Lewis wrote. “If you commit two violent felonies and appear capable of committing more violence, you don’t get to kill someone who tries to stop you, and then claim self-defense.”

In his closing, which addressed the two legal standards, the judge noted that while “I don’t think the defendant was justified in using deadly force in either situation, there is a big difference between him persuading me by the greater weight of the evidence that he acted in lawful self-defense, and the state persuading me by clear and convincing evidence that he did not.”

The judge noted that clear and convincing evidence must be precise, explicit, lacking in confusion, and “of such weight that it produces a firm belief or conviction without hesitation about the matter in issue.

“The evidence must be of sufficient weight to convince the trier of fact without hesitancy,” he wrote, in referencing the definition of his standard by the Florida Supreme Court.

“(A) jury is free to believe or disbelieve all or any part of the evidence, and reasonable people could disagree on what the evidence provides,” Lewis wrote. “But, I am the fact-finder in this proceeding and I just can’t say the evidence is clear and convincing (according to this definition.”

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## SOCIETY

# 'Deathtrap' gives audience high-intensity doom

By David Adlerstein

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The Panhandle Players wrapped up the last of its four plays this season with a production of "Deathtrap" that was a blood-red jewel around the neck of its second year at the Chapman Auditorium.

Patrons are investing both in tickets, the three shows drew about 500 playgoers, and in the resurrection of the auditorium as a stately venue for live, or in last weekend's case deadly, theatre. Donations for future alterations, on top of the thousands spent by the community theater troupe on sounds, lighting and curtains, are ambling in, like those who enjoyed last weekend's show.

Before I reflect excitedly on how good a production "Deathtrap" was, it need be pointed out that the Players is a welcoming



Taking a bow, from left, are Gary Niblack, Royce Rolstad, David Stedman, Megan Shiver, Sally Crown and Jerry Hurley. [JO PEARMAN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

bunch of thespians, an equal opportunity gaggle of artistic people whose ranks are riddled with favoritism, cronyism and conceited cliques. Auditions are held for each production, which this year numbered four, squeezed in a four-month season conforming with the migration patterns of snowbirds. Usually the auditions are about two months before the show opens, allowing for sufficient rehearsal time.

This year, former Players President Judy Loftus wanted to direct her most ambitious production to date, the three-act

murder-riddled mystery by Ira Levin, and so she chose the five actors she knew had the experience, talent and dedication to carry it off. It won't be this way again; the Players have a strict policy of open auditions. But for this show at least, it ensured that she would have a cast up to the task of three months of rehearsals, to fully refine a set piece of five equivalent major roles.

They were up to the task, and then some. Mark and Natalie Parsley, and Players President Ed Aguiar were up to job of creating the set, which dripped tastefully

with the sort of money found in Westport, Connecticut, where an aging playwright, once rolling in the clover of a smash hit, now has a string of nothing, a case of writer's block so emotionally excruciating that he's willing to kill a young playwright from his seminar, just to steal his work.

David Stedman, a retired clinical psychologist with the VA, created a most loathsome Sidney Bruhl that only cold smugness and self-absorbed doubt, coupled with un-called-for self-adulation, can truly enliven. His physical presence, not always easy for a man at 70, was energetic and staunchly discomfiting. It may be difficult for him to find work now not as a villain.

Royce Rolstad, as young playwright Clifford Anderson, matched Stedman's performance with a care-free, seemingly likeable guy who is in fact even more of a psychopath than Bruhl

could ever dream of. Rolstad, used to laugh-aloud comic stuff, showed he could handle a more challenging role, and in doing so he turned in a smooth, suave performance, understated, cautious, calculating.

The shrieking horror of the show, Sidney's wife Myra, was delivered with emotional burn by Megan Shiver, a young actress amidst the grey hairs who populate Players. There is a mesmerizing quality to Shiver's subtle delivery, piercing, just enough but never too much. If the audience wasn't shaken by her panic and death, they have no appreciation for such things.

The two other characters balanced the trio, with weight on the far ends of sobriety and giddiness. Jerry Hurley, as attorney Porter Milgrim, was just what the show needed, a pleasant friend, witty and unintense, who probably

gets boring after a while. That excitement on the other extreme, the Dutch psychic Helga Ten Dorp, was captured in a rollicking contribution, by Sally Crown. She provided the all-important laughs that ensure that three deaths witnessed in the space of two hours do not leave anyone fretful or dismayed.

Loftus added an Alfred Hitchcock figure, played by Gary Niblack, who introduced the play, and later made a cameo, that ensured the show would not take itself too seriously.

Instead, with a dazzling, and sometimes a tad too heavy, interplay of sound and lighting, the work of Patrick Leach and Ramon Valenzuela helped to make Loftus' direction crisp and moving. This was a perfect finish to a successful season at the Chapman.

David Adlerstein is a member of the board of directors of Panhandle Players.

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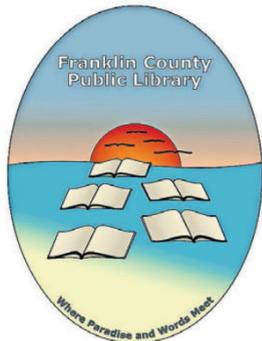
## See 'Red Dog' free in Carrabelle Friday

Hello Franklin County! The Basics of Better Living program will be held Friday, March 16 at 1:30 pm at the Eastpoint branch. The topic will be "Cooking with Herbs." These programs are facilitated by the county extension office. April's topic will be "Extreme Recipe Makeover."

Now that it is warming up outside it's time to plant those tomatoes. Join us for the gardening program, where the topic is "Totally Tomatoes: Tips, Tricks and Techniques for Success." If you missed the program in Carrabelle, you have another opportunity at the Eastpoint branch on Tuesday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m. Gardening programs are facilitated by Les Harrison with the Wakulla extension office. Next month's gardening topic will be "Pick-a-Pepper: Production Protocols for the Perfect Capsicum Cultivar."

The free Friday Movie Night at the Carrabelle branch, March 16 at 6 p.m. will feature "Red Dog," rated PG:00.. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

Just a few more weeks available for free AARP Tax Aide, which continues Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through April 12. Representatives will be at branches on alternate weeks. Registration required;



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more information available at both library locations.

Computer instruction continues at the Eastpoint branch through March. If you have a specific need with Windows 10, Excel, Facebook or a device, there is one-on-one instruction sessions available. Assistance

is available on Tuesdays, starting at 10 a.m. Stop by or call the library to ask questions or sign-up for a session.

Teen Book Club for grades 5-12 is held the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Eastpoint Branch. Are you a home-schooled student, a teen student, or just a young person who loves to read? Join us to share what you are currently reading, your favorite books and authors. See you in April!

Check the calendar of events for dates and times for adult book clubs and socials, yoga classes, Steam programs and the monthly writer's forum meetings. The Eastpoint Branch has returned to regular operating hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. Both branches will be closed Friday, March 30 as a county holiday. The Carrabelle branch will also be closed on Saturday, March 31.

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/](http://fcpl.wildernesscoast.org/). Contact the Eastpoint branch, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 6 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!

## Famed female architect to share bio

Special to the Times

A Woman by Design, a play about Mary Colter, the foremost architect of the Southwest, will premiere at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and the Arts at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24.

The production is free and will only be shown twice. Featured in the title role is Elizabeth Ware, a professional actress well known for her solo performances. Ware and her husband, David Edgecombe, conceived, wrote and produced this 70-minute one-act play as a sabbatical project from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Ware and Edgecombe have worked in Alaska theatre for more than 20 years. They bring a unique perspective to this timeless story of a woman struggling to establish herself in the male-dominated



Elizabeth Ware as Mary Colter

world of early 20th century architecture.

As the chief architect and designer for the Fred Harvey Company, Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter was responsible for La Posada and most of the buildings that dot the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Her work is now viewed as pivotal in the development of Southwestern architectural design.

The production features slides of her major works and gives insight into a turbulent artistic life.

## Artists present theatre workshops

EdgeWare Productions will presented three days of workshops at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and the Arts.

They will be in Apalachicola from March 20-24 as an artist residency, to conduct community-centered workshops and culminating in two performances of their play, A Woman by Design on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 23 and 24.

The workshops are designed to reach a broad audience from young children to adults. The two Shakespeare themed workshops are limited to 25 active participants, but parents, teachers, and those interested in acting Shakespeare are welcome to observe.

"Shake Hands with Shakespeare, is on Tuesday, March 20 at 4 p.m. Designed for young children, it provides an overview of Shakespeare's life and times. Creative movement, voice, and articulation joins with background information on theater and Shakespeare's legacy. By the conclusion of the 60-minute workshop, participants will have learned a short piece from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," complete with

actions to accompany the words. Ideal for students in fifth through fourth grades.

"Action! Word! Word! Action" is on Wednesday, March 21 at 4 p.m. For older students and adults, this session builds on the messages in Shake Hands with Shakespeare, with an emphasis on historical perspective, upbeat vocal exercises, and stressing movement, articulation, and vocal projection.

Audition Workshop "on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. Theatre professionals David Edgecombe and Elizabeth Ware will lead a discussion on audition techniques, do's and do not's, and the importance of being prepared and having a positive attitude. Insights on audition pieces, how to dress, and an inside look at what a director is looking for in auditions will be shared. Participants are encouraged to bring a 1-2 minute monologue, but this is not required for participation. Appropriate for adults and high school students.

There is no cost for participants, but donations are welcome. For more information contact Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art at [apalachicolaschoolofart@gmail.com](mailto:apalachicolaschoolofart@gmail.com)

## PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society



Did you know that George Washington loved hounds and, at one time, owned ten of these amazing dogs? Here at Franklin County Humane, we always have a great selection of sweet and colorful hounds that would like nothing more than to spend quality time with you. Why not follow in George's footsteps and check out our latest selection. To encourage adoption of these handsome hounds, we are reducing their adoption fee to only \$50.00. We can not tell a lie, these pups make wonderful family pets!

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](http://www.forgottenpets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets.

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### NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED RULES

NOTICE OF INTENT: In accordance with Chapters 373 and 120, Florida Statutes, the Northwest Florida Water Management District (District) hereby notices its intent to adopt proposed rule amendments to Chapter 40A-1, Florida Administrative Code, General and Procedural, and Chapter 40A-6, Florida Administrative Code, Works of the District, published in the Florida Administrative Register on February 7, 2018.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS: The rule development for Chapter 40A-1, Florida Administrative Code, will cover repealing a rule and clarifying a rule for consistency with Florida Statutes which are in response to written comments by the staff of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee. The rule development for Chapter 40A-6, Florida Administrative Code, will cover updating existing rules for consistency with Florida Statutes and deleting obsolete rules which are in response to written comments by the staff of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.

Copies of the proposed rule language can be obtained by visiting the District's website <http://www.nfwwater.com/Permits/Rules-and-References> or by contacting Selina Potter, Bureau Chief, Northwest Florida Water Management District, Bureau of Groundwater Regulation, 152 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333, (850) 539-5999, [Selina.Potter@nfwwater.com](mailto:Selina.Potter@nfwwater.com)

**FAITH**

# Tigers pitch in over spring break

Special to the Times

For the eighth consecutive year, a large group of Auburn University students, affiliated with First Baptist Church of Opelika (Alabama) College Ministry, have turned their spring break into a mission trip to Apalachicola. Staying at Cape San Blas, and ranging in age from high school seniors to college seniors, the 300 students fanned out this week to do construction projects both here and in Port. St. Joe, where they have been coming for the past 11 years.

Franklin's Promise Coalition Director Joe Taylor said 75 of the students worked



Working on a project in Apalachicola are, from left, Auburn pre-med student Emma Parmer; Kenzie Hinton, who is studying social work; Reed Irwin, a civil engineering student; Cullen Peppers, studying mechanical engineering; and Sarah Beth Stocks, a staff leader of First Baptist Church, Opelika, Alabama. [SUE CRONKITE PHOTOS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

in Apalachicola, from Saturday through this Saturday, on five

construction teams that are completing over 20 projects for seniors and



Working to clear off Sue Cronkite's roof are Auburn students here for spring break.

home-bound community members. Projects include pressure washing, roofing, painting, and yard work. A community outreach team provided a dinner and children's activities in partnership with Project Impact Tuesday evening.

**LANARK NEWS**

## Saturday's clean-up day in the village

By Jim Welsh

Special to the Times

Hope you had a good Camp Gordon Johnston Days last weekend.

This afternoon come over to the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center, 201 Avenue F in Carrabelle and have lunch with us. It will be Irish shepherd's pie, unstuffed cabbage, Irish soda bread, and bread pudding. Lunch line forms at noon. Your donation of \$6 will be collected at the desk.

Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. you can enjoy a mug or two of coffee at Chillas Hall. Still only 50-cents a mug, and on Thursday it's free. Once in a while there's something on the counter to go with the coffee.

Later on Monday evening, bingo is played at the senior citizens center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., early bird at 6 p.m.,

followed by regular at 7 p.m. Come on over and have a fun evening. Then on Wednesdays, it's bingo at Chillas Hall, right here in the village. Chillas Hall will open at 6 p.m., and regular bingo will start at 6:30 p.m. Snacks and soft drinks are available at both bingos. Raise your hand if you're sure.

Over at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82, you can get a huge hamburger with chips on Fridays. Yum yum. Orders taken after 5 p.m. and shut off at 7 p.m. Your donation of \$6 will be taken at the bar. And don't forget to take a chance or two on the pastry raffle. For hamburgers on the lam, just call 697-9998. Pizza night is Sunday, when you can get a slice of pizza for a donation of \$1. A whole pizza to eat in the lounge requires a donation of \$8, and a \$10

donation will get you a pizza on wheels.

This Saturday morning, you want to be seen having a good full breakfast. The door at the Lanark Village Boat Club will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. You fill out the menu slip on the table and breakfast is served by our faithful volunteers. The menu will have pancakes or French toast, bacon or sausage, eggs your way, grits, juice or coffee. All that for a donation of \$5, to be collected inside the door. See ya there!

Also this Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day is our seventh annual Spring Cleanup in Lanark Village. Gloves and bags from the county solid waste department will be available at Betty Roberts Pavilion in Gene Sewell Park, at Oak Street and Heffernan, across from the old mini-mall.

Cleanup day will be from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a sign-up sheet in Chillas Hall. We need your help! Solid waste will haul off whatever we pile up, but not household garbage.

Yesterday we enjoyed a Reuben sandwich at Chillas Hall, thanks to Bob and Pat Dietz, and the helpers. This Sunday, March 18, there will be a celebration by the Lanark Village Association for Dot Bless for her hard work all these years, so when you get home from church, come on over for the celebration with us at Chillas Hall, starting at 1 p.m.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound, and if you can't say something nice about someone, silence is golden.

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

**OBITUARY**

## Norma Jean Ethridge

Norma Jean Ethridge, 78, of St. George Island, passed away on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Norma was born in Greeley, Colorado on Sept. 22, 1939. She graduated from high school and continued to receive her certificate in bookkeeping at Lively Vocational School in Tallahassee. She was employed at Calvary United Methodist Church, W.T. Cash Hall, Gulf Atlantic Culvert in Tallahassee, and with United Methodist Women and St. George Island United Methodist Church, St. George Island.

She was actively involved in St. George Island United Methodist Church, Food Bank of Apalachicola, Meals on Wheels Eastpoint, Backpack Buddies and

Sisters in Sweat (SIS).

Norma is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Carlton Ethridge; sons Darryl and Rodney (Jeanne) Ethridge; brothers Marvin and Gill Brehan and their families; grandchildren Toni, Scott and Gabriel Ethridge; Heidi the cat and other family and friends.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 15 at St. George Island United Methodist Church, at 201 E. Gulf Beach Drive.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to St. George Island United Methodist Church or Backpack Buddies through the St. George Island United Methodist Church, 201 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328.

**FAITH BRIEFS**

**Wandering Star quilters host show March 24**

The Lanark Village Wandering Star Quilt Guild will host its Quilt Show on Saturday, March 24 at Chillas Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets are now available for the quilt raffle at \$1 each, or six for \$5, with the drawing to be held at 2:30 p.m. on March 24.

Browse through plenty of handmade, antique, and boutique

items, and enjoy a wrapped chicken lunch.

**Women-only recovery group now underway**

Marilyn McCann has started a Celebrate Recovery program, in conjunction with the St. George Island United Methodist Church. This is a women's only group and you may contact Marilyn at 927-2088 or email [celebrate\\_recovery@sgiumc.org](mailto:celebrate_recovery@sgiumc.org) for more information.

**CARD OF THANKS**

## Auburn University students

I would like to thank all of those college students from Auburn University for working on my house, They did a very good job, and may God bless each and every one of them. And I would

like to thank Joe Taylor and Franklin's Promise Coalition and everyone else who had a part in it. I also thank those kids for praying for me.

**Eula Rochelle**

**THE POET'S VOICE**

## Whimsical Talkers in Weathered Gray Rockers

In February, Jackie Cummings, of Canfield, Ohio, was staying on St. George Island when she observed rockers in synchronized motion on a breezy day. She had just finished reading "Outposts on the Gulf: Saint George Island and Apalachicola from Early Exploration to World War II," by William Warren Rogers, and so an inspiration was born.

The rocking chair ghosts arrived today Floating in on a westerly breeze. They nodded and smiled, gliding into their



chairs Displaying remarkable ease.

Rocking and rocking, longing to speak, Stuttering, uttering, quietly muttering, Their voices told tales

from the past:

Of Seminoles, Spaniards, a Union blockade, "King Cotton," Doc Gorrie, the "Apalach" story, Of tonging and culling, fishing the Bay, Warm island picnics, fried Southern chicken, fresh lemonade, Of packets and steamers, far-sighted dreamers, Half-tracking, bullets cracking, GIs storming the shore, Happy times, thriving times, the "Yellow Fever" times

And oh, so very much more.

The stories continued long after four; Then a matronly ghost rose to say, "Alas, end of stay! West Wind is departing the day." Reluctantly, when asked to comply, The furniture lost its sway. Then sadly, silently, without any delay, The rocking chair ghosts slowly drifted away.

**Jackie Cummings**

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# OUTDOORS

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## March fishing picks up across Panhandle



**Sheepshead spawn in March and April, making them easy targets for anyone who finds a spawning aggregation.**  
[FRANK SARGEANT | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

**By Frank Sargeant**  
Special to the Times

With temperatures in the 60s by day and 50s by night, the first part of March should provide ideal fishing conditions for many coastal species across the Panhandle—and after St. Patrick's Day, the arrival of the migratory species will really pump up the volume for anglers.

### Cobia Action

March is the classic month for arrival of cobia in the Panhandle, and with the water temperature off the beaches already in the low 70s, they should be right on schedule this year.

The brown torpedoes typically travel anywhere from just outside the second bar to a mile offshore, usually moving east to west in spring. They often swim just below the surface, making them exciting sight-fishing targets.

Cobia are sometimes called "crab eaters," and they of course readily grab a small blue crab. But the best bait is often a live eel about 10 to 12 inches long; they're often available at area bait shops during the cobia season in March and April. Live pinfish and finger mullet also do well, and soft plastics that imitate all these also catch fish, though live bait is usually king.

One lure that's as good as the real thing at times is the pre-rigged Savage Lures Real Eel, which has an amazing swimming action and is available in 8, 12 and 16-inch sizes—all are deadly. The LiveTarget Mullet and Pinfish, both soft plastics, also do well. The Savage Lures are available at Fisherman's Choice in Eastpoint, and other outlets throughout the Panhandle.

The most common tactic for boaters is to get out on the water at day-break and motor slowly off the beach east to west. This puts the sun at the back of the captain, who usually operates from an elevated command post that allows him to see into the water. When a cobia is spotted, the boat is run in a wide arc around the fish and then allowed to drift as the target swims into casting range.

In the afternoons, the boats usually ease along from west to east, again putting the sun behind the anglers for best visibility.

Cobia can get huge—the state record, over 130 pounds—was caught off Destin, and though these giants are rarely seen these days due to fishing pressure, the fish grow fast, and cobia over 40 pounds are not uncommon. For that reason, stout gear is the ticket—an 8-foot medium-heavy spinning rod will provide lots of distance when paired with a 4000-sized spinning reel and 40-



**Whopper kings will also be on the agenda by mid-month as schools arrive from the south to stay the summer.**  
[CAPT. JUSTIN MOORE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



**Plastic eel imitations are a favorite lure for spring cobia, but the real thing does even better.** [FRANK SARGEANT | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

50-pound-test braid. Most anglers add a couple feet of 50-pound-test mono to stiffen the presentation and prevent the flexible braid from folding back on itself as the bait swims—it's tied in with a double Uni-knot rather than a swivel for ease of casting.

The boat limit on cobia in the Gulf has been reduced to two, total, this year in an effort to help the populations rebound after a slump in recent years. Minimum size is 33 inches to the fork, bag limit one per angler.

### Kings and Spanish

Right after the cobia arrive, or sometimes concurrently, Spanish and king mackerel start to show up in area waters. While the cobia tend to travel in pairs or schools of three to five, the mackerels often come in schools of hundreds—or thousands! And since that's a lot of mouths to feed, they don't show up until the migrating bait schools arrive—they follow the bait all the way from the Keys as spring progresses up the peninsula. There are usually bluefish mixed in with them early, but the blues thin out as the water warms.

For Spanish and blues, a Clark Spoon with red bead head in size 0 or size 1 pretty much tells the tale—put several of these out a couple feet behind a one-ounce bead chain sinker and troll at a fast walk and you usually don't need anything else—the fish show up around the inlets first, then move into the larger bays and out along the beaches. Number 1 or 2 wire prevents cutoffs. Anglers who specialize in catching larger Spanish often get them with king

for spotting the fish and getting a bait in front of them. It's a bit more problematic when it comes to landing them, however; stout 7 to 8 foot spinners, 5000-series reels and 60 to 80-pound test braid gives a good shot at handling even the larger fish. A pier net or bridge gaff will also come in handy; someone on the piers usually has one handy and will be happy to help.

Spanish and small kings, also readily caught on live bait captured with sabikis, can be derrikked up with the heavy gear without netting, but larger kings will require net or gaff, or walking them all the way back to the beach.

### Sheepshead Action

Sheepshead spawn in March and April, and it's an opportunity to collect a cooler full of these very tasty fish. While most sheepshead caught the rest of the year will be only a pound or two, those caught during the spawn are sometimes five pounds and up, and they have some beautiful fillets on them when they get to this size and larger.

The fish spawn on hard structure, typically rock-piles, ledges and artificial reefs in 15 to as much as 100 feet of water. Some also show up to pick at the barnacles on area piers, docks and bridge pilings—they can be seen from the surface in many areas.

Fiddler crabs are a can't miss bait, but for those who don't want to go bait-wrangling, fresh-cut shrimp usually does the job. A size 1/8 to 3/8 hook and a chunk of shrimp tail about an inch long is right for fish to 3 or 4 pounds—larger ones can gulp down a whole shrimp tail. They usually bite on bottom, so the bait is weighted. Some anglers do well with a bare jig head with a cut shrimp tail on the hook—1/4 ounce for inshore and bays, heavier for deeper water or more current.

The length limit is 12 inches, but that's really too small to get much meat; those 14 inches and up produce a lot more. The bag limit is a generous 15 per person per day.

Sheepshead eat mostly shellfish, shrimp and crabs, and this gives their meat a light, flaky texture that's delicious any way you want to cook it. The big issue with them is their abundance of needle-like spines; they can be like trying to clean a pincushion.

One easy solution is to use kitchen shears to nip all the spines off before starting to fillet. This takes the pain out of the job. Like most fish, they're best if filleted, then skinned. The delicate flavor is great baked—just spray with olive oil, add fresh lemon slices and bake until a fork readily penetrates.

| WEEKLY ALMANAC |      |     |          |  |
|----------------|------|-----|----------|--|
| Date           | High | Low | % Precip |  |
| Thu, March 15  | 66°  | 50° | 0%       |  |
| Fri, March 16  | 75°  | 59° | 0%       |  |
| Sat, March 17  | 73°  | 61° | 20%      |  |
| Sun, March 18  | 75°  | 62° | 20%      |  |
| Mon, March 19  | 76°  | 65° | 20%      |  |
| Tues, March 20 | 76°  | 54° | 20%      |  |
| Wed, March 21  | 72°  | 57° | 10%      |  |

| TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES  |            |            |  |  |
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|   | HIGH       | LOW        |  |  |
| Cat Point   | Minus 0:40 | Minus 1:17 |  |  |
| East Pass   | Minus 0:27 | Minus 0:27 |  |  |
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| APALACHICOLA |     |           |           |            |            |
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| 15           | Th  | 2:44a 1.3 | 4:39p 1.3 | 10:16a 0.0 | 10:15p 0.6 |
| 16           | Fr  | 3:36a 1.3 | 4:56p 1.3 | 10:46a 0.0 | 10:47p 0.5 |
| 17           | Sa  | 4:25a 1.4 | 5:12p 1.3 | 11:12a 0.1 | 11:17p 0.4 |
| 18           | Su  | 5:12a 1.4 | 5:28p 1.3 | 11:37a 0.3 | 11:49p 0.2 |
| 19           | Mo  | 6:02a 1.4 | 5:48p 1.4 | 12:03p 0.4 |            |
| 20           | Tu  | 6:56a 1.3 | 6:11p 1.4 | 12:24a 0.1 | 12:29p 0.6 |
| 21           | We  | 7:57a 1.2 | 6:39p 1.5 | 1:06a 0.0  | 12:58p 0.7 |

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**FISHING REPORT**



Spanish Mackerel was the main game along the Forgotten Coast this last week and at times you needed to elbow your way in at the sea wall along the St. Joe Marina. Clark Spoon Mackerel trees seemed to be the most effective bait for the week with double and triple hook-ups for some anglers. These are normally viewed as a trolling rig but with a little weight on the end clip they are very castable from the shore. I tried a Gotcha Plug as well along the wall but was out done by the Clark Spoon rig. There is

also another lure that is doing fairly well and it's called the Coho Killer. All of these lures and rigs are available at Bluewater Outriggers. Consult with the sales staff at Bluewater for these and other rigs that will help you have a successful day on the water. As a reminder the Bluewater Outriggers annual tent sale is just a few weeks away April 6-7 and is not to be missed. So plan now to join us for shopping, fun, fishing tips, major vendors and food. Until next week Happy Fishing!

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## NEWS BRIEF

### Holy Family hosts 'Seniors and Smoking' lunch

In recognition of Kick Butts Day, Holy Family is hosting a Lunch & Learn "Seniors & Smoking: To Smoke or Not to Smoke; that is the Question" on Wednesday, March 21 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The purpose will be to inform and warn seniors in our community of the dangers and perils of smoking.

Studies show smoking risks are higher among elderly smokers, since tobacco use has been linked to cardiovascular disease, respiratory conditions, and cancer.

Smoking is also a contributing factor to diabetes, osteoporosis, mobility, cognitive impairment, blindness, depression, dementia, macular degeneration, cataracts, hearing changes and decreased abilities in smell and taste.

Additionally, smoking can potentially interfere with the effects of prescribed medications.

"We hope to both educate and motivate our seniors that it is never too late to quit, and in doing so not only increases life expectancy, but also improves their overall well-being," said Erica Head, activities coordinator at Holy Family Senior Center.

"The Franklin County Tobacco Prevention Partnership and Students Working Against Tobacco Chapter have been working with community partners to increase cessation awareness," said Kari Williams, tobacco prevention specialist for the Florida Department of Health in Gulf and Franklin Counties.

"Most tobacco users have the motivation to quit and our goal is to make sure these resources remain available and easily accessible."

The senior community, as well as caregivers and others, are encouraged to attend this event for it is sure to be both engaging and informative.

Other upcoming events include Saturday, March 24 — Community Yard Sale held at the Old Fire Station from 8 to 11 am; all proceeds go towards the Senior Programs at Holy Family Senior Center, and on Wednesday, March 28 — Holy Family will host a special Lunch & Bingo Birthday party from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Jeanell Tolliver's 70th birthday, sponsored by her sister, Vernice Watson.

If you have questions about any of the senior activities at Holy Family, please contact Head at holyfamilyseior-center@gmail.com or by phone at 653-3134.

## Seahawk pitching helps secure victory

By David Adlerstein

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Franklin County's varsity boy's baseball team, under the direction of Kevin Cox, is off to a fairly good start, establishing that they can contend for a district title.

In the pre-season, Feb. 17, the Seahawks tied the Tiger Sharks 7-7 in Port. St Joe.

"The players of the game for game 1 would have to be junior Tonnor Segree who came on in relief and pitched three shut-out innings and had a double and run scored. Junior Christopher Newell also went 2 for 4 at the plate with a double and three RBI. Proud of our guys the way we battled back from a 5-0 deficit in the first."

In the second game of the day, North Bay Haven won 7-3, after a couple errors in the first inning opened the door for North Bay Haven to score five in the first. Sophomore Javon Pride pitched three solid innings, only giving up one run.

In the away opener Feb. 20, Franklin County downed John Paul II 5-3.

Newell went four innings, striking out five, walking four, and giving up five hits and two earned runs.

The save went to Segree, who fanned four, walked two

and gave up a pair of hits.

Highlight at the plate went to the number one and two hitters, Pride and junior Ethan Riley who both had two hits. Riley batted in two runs, and Pride one.

"This game could have been an easy win had we hit well with runners in scoring position," Cox said. "We left a lot of runners on base. But proud that we came out in game 1 and got the win."

At the home opener Feb. 27, Franklin County fell 5-2 to Liberty County.

Newell took the loss, striking out five and walking two as he gave up seven hits, and four runs, three of them earned. Pride came in in relief, striking out one and walking two, while giving up one earned run on two hits.

We had one bad inning and gave up three runs," said Cox. "The Bulldogs hit a two run homer in the second inning and then we gave them an extra run with a throwing error.

"We just did not take advantage of the opportunities to score runs when we had them. Pitched well enough to win but did not get the big hits needed to win the close games," said Cox. "I'm proud of the way we competed but have to get more quality at-bats when the runners are in scoring position."

At Bozeman March 3, the

Seahawks fell 6-3, with junior Micah McLeod taking the loss, as he struck out seven and walked four, and gave up four runs, two of them earned. Segree, in relief, struck out two, walked two, and gave up a pair of earned runs.

"Again we pitched well enough to win but had our worse game yet at the plate," said Cox. "Bozeman may be the most solid all-around team in the district but we still had our chance to tie the game in the seventh. We made a couple costly errors in the game that allowed them to have a comfortable lead and just could never get that big hit to score runs."

Cox said McLeod was player of the game, for his hurling for four strong innings. Pride had two hits and two runs batted in.

At North Bay Haven March 5, the Seahawks avenged an earlier loss with an 8-4 win.

Segree got the win by striking out five and walking three in four innings, giving up two hits, and two earned runs.

Senior Dalyn Sheridan struck out two and walked three over two innings, giving up a hit. Pride struck out one and walked two in one inning of work.

"Our most complete game yet," said Cox. "We finally hit the ball with runners in scoring position. If we can

muster up timely hits like this and score six runs a game, our pitching is good enough for us to win a lot of ballgames.

The top four batters, Pride, Riley, Newell and McLeod all came up with big hits to score runs, Cox said. Backup catcher freshman Josh Odom who filled the DH role in this game collected two hits and Dalyn Sheridan pitched two shutout innings.

"This was the first game of the year where we played up to our capability," Cox said. "Tonnor Segree also showed how good he can be on the mound throwing four strong innings."

On Friday, the Hawks downed Wewa 5-1 at home, with Newell getting the win, striking out nine and walking two while giving up one earned run on five hits. Segree in relief got his second save of the season, striking out four, walking three and giving up just one hit.

"This was a game where our pitching carried us again. Newell and Segree were really solid on the mound and although we did not swing the bats well, we scored enough to win comfortably with the way we pitched," said Cox. "We will have to get back in the cage and learn to take more quality at-bats."

Riley had one hit and batted in a run.

## Lady Hawks down Leon, fall to Bozeman

By David Adlerstein

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The Lady Seahawks defeated Tallahassee Leon 10-4 at home on Thursday, March 8.

Eighth grade Sage Brannan was the winning pitcher, throwing five complete innings, giving up only three hits, with five strikeouts and one earned run.

Eighth grader Brooklyn O'Neal hit a homerun in the fifth inning and was 2 for 4 on the night with three RBI's. Sophomore Jaylin Charles was 3 for 3 with a double and was hit by a pitch. Junior Melanie Collins and sophomore Rosie Davis had two hits each.

Senior Madison Smith, junior Alexis Johnson, and Matyson Livingood all had a base hit as the Seahawks outhit Leon 12-5.

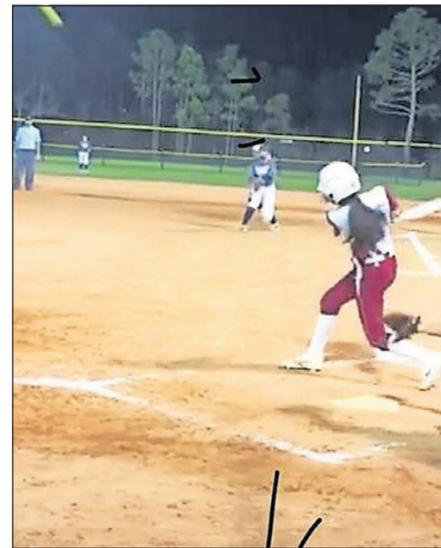
On Friday night, March 9, the team traveled to Panama City Bozeman and fell to the Bucs by a score of 5-3. Charles took the loss, hurling 3 and 1/3 innings, giving up six hits, five runs, only one of which was earned. Brannan came in and threw the last 2 and 2/3 innings giving up only one base hit, with two strikeouts.

Johnson led all hitters, going 2 for 4 and adding a stolen base. Smith and O'Neal added a double each, while junior Sophia Kirvin, Charles and Collins all had a single.

"We swung the bat better this week and our pitching was very good," said coach Scott Collins. "We have to keep improving, tighten up our defense a little, and I think we can go on a good run."

**Junior Alexis Johnson, who leads all Seahawk hitters with a .448 batting average, cranks out a double v. Bozeman.**

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## Seniors lob and sprint to medals

Special to the Times

The Capital City Senior Games Tennis Championships were held this past weekend, March 9-11 at Forest Meadows Tennis Center in Tallahassee. Players compete in their five-year bracket age group. The top three teams from each age group qualify to play in the Florida State Championships held in Clearwater in December.

Apalachicola's Michaelin Watts and Sally Williamson won the Gold Metal for Women's Doubles on Friday in the

75-79 age group.

On Sunday, March 11, Michaelin Watts and Russell Cumbie of Carrabelle won the mixed doubles, also in the 75-79 age group.

Dave Watts, competing in the 80 to 84 age group, and won the gold in the 5k bicycle sprint, and then took on the 10k bicycle sprint and won a silver.

**BELOW: Sally Williamson, left, and Michaelin Watts took gold in doubles tennis last weekend in Tallahassee.**

[DAVE WATTS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



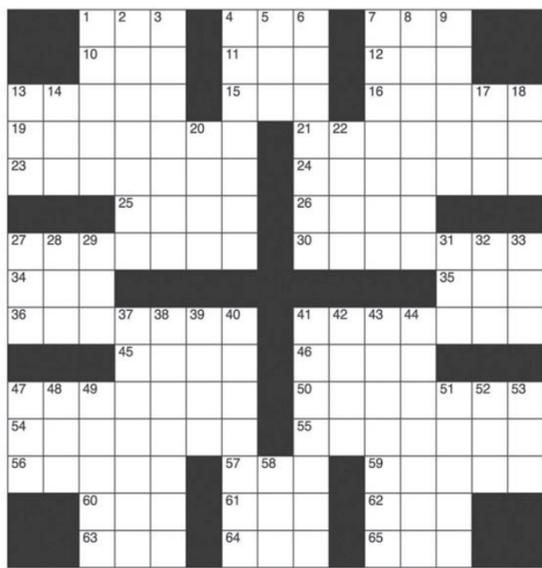
**Michaelin Watts and Russell Cumbie took gold in doubles tennis last weekend in Tallahassee.**

[DAVE WATTS/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



**Dave Watts took a gold and silver in cycling last weekend in Tallahassee.**

[MICHAELIN WATTS/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

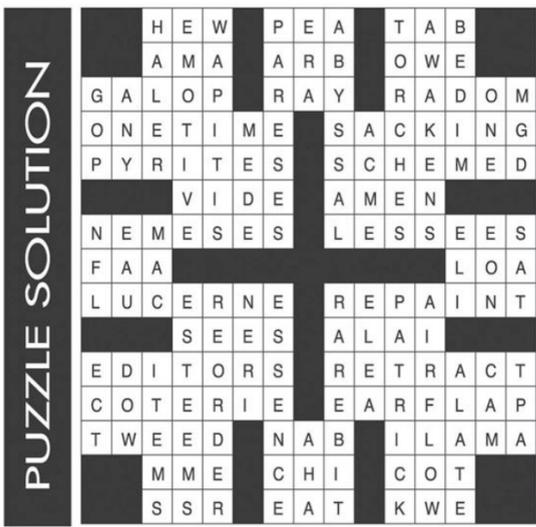


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Chop or cut
- 4. Green veggie
- 7. Bar bill
- 10. Doctors' group
- 11. One who buys and sells securities (slang)
- 12. Be in debt
- 13. Lively ballroom dance
- 15. Singer Charles
- 16. Polish city
- 19. Former
- 21. Dismissing from employment
- 23. Minerals
- 24. Plotted
- 25. Consult
- 26. After a prayer
- 27. Agents of one's downfall
- 30. Leaseholders
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Voodoo god
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Apply another coat to
- 45. Witnesses
- 46. Jai \_\_, sport
- 47. Ones who proof
- 50. Recant
- 54. Small group with shared interests
- 55. Part of warming headgear
- 56. Woolen cloth
- 57. Snag
- 59. Central American fruit tree
- 60. Woman (French)
- 61. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 62. Type of bed
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. Consume
- 65. Japanese freight company (abbr.)

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Czech monetary unit
- 2. Able to arouse intense feeling
- 3. Elk
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Geological time
- 6. Depths of the ocean
- 7. Burns to the ground
- 8. Becomes cognizant of
- 9. Cause to shade
- 13. US political party
- 14. Refers to some of a thing
- 17. Single
- 18. Type of beer
- 20. Ancient Iranian people
- 22. Grocery chain
- 27. Gridiron league
- 28. English river
- 29. \_\_ and cheese
- 31. Peyton's younger brother
- 32. Long time
- 33. High schoolers' test
- 37. Respects
- 38. Organize anew
- 39. Filippo \_\_, Saint
- 40. Intrinsic nature of something
- 41. Cheese dish
- 42. Ancient Greek City
- 43. Patron saint of Ireland
- 44. Produced by moving aircraft or vehicle
- 47. Shock treatment
- 48. \_\_ Jones
- 49. Things
- 51. Having wings
- 52. Panthers' QB Newton
- 53. Third-party access
- 58. Satisfaction



**TRIVIA GUY**



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**1. What did the "SC" stand for regarding Canadian SCTV, the sketch comedy show that ran from 1976 to 1984?**

Sounds Cute, Second City, South Camp, Satch Cold

**2. How long did Englishman Roger Bannister hold the world title in running an sub-four-minute mile (1954)?**

6 hours, 46 days, 4 years, 6 years

**3. Whose most popular tourist destination is Machu Picchu?**

Ecuador, Shetland Islands, Peru, Taiwan

**4. What's a small-headed cobra of Australia and New Guinea?**

Taipan, Stanley, Tartu, Sidon

**5. Of what sport is Lydwina the patron saint?**

Soccer, Ice skating, Fishing, Lacrosse

**6. What's a pig's gruntle?**

Hoof, Belly, Tail, Snout

ANSWERS: 1. Second City, 2. 46 days, 3. Peru, 4. Taipan, 5. Ice skating, 6. Snout

**F-STOP FRANKLIN**

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

March is here, with

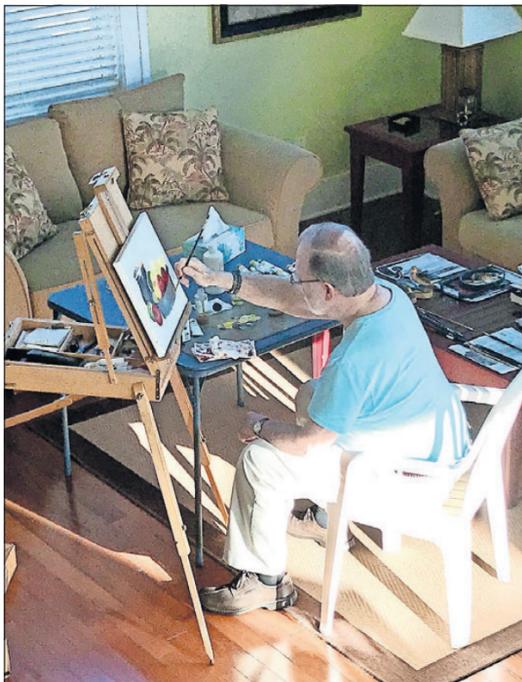
its blustery wind, and it's another busy month. jam packed with the sights and sounds of Franklin County. The Times welcomes readers to send us their best photographs. Whether they capture the brisk wind, a sunny smile, brilliant color,

an unusual image, person, place or thing, please share. Photos can be of any subject, but we especially like people.

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**Sunrise on St. George Island Saturday morning** [ MARTY COLUCCI | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



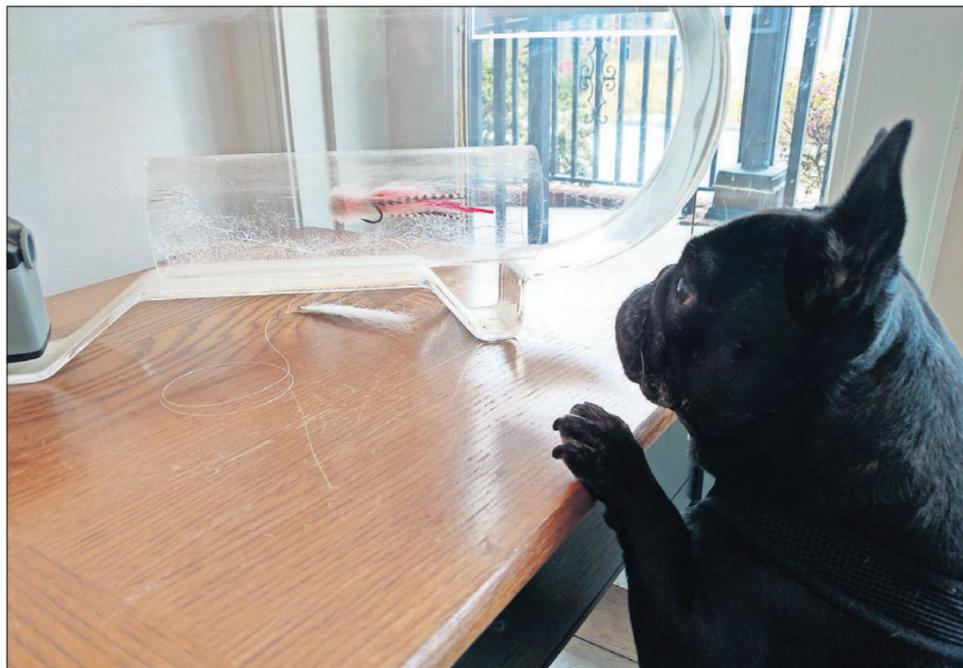
**Tom Cain at work on a still life** [ JUDY CAIN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



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# GREATEST

From Page A1

Gordon Johnston during the war years, but who served the nation during the war and in all subsequent wars.

An overcast sky didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the morning parade, which was led by grand marshal Bob Dietz and a host of other World War II vets. All sorts of military equipment was on display, with beauty queens galore and American Legionnaires and their wives, and Masons and Shriners, and candy for the kids.

All five county commissioners were on hand throwing goodies to the crowd, and the young ones were there ready to scoop them up.

Afterwards, in addition to a display of military vehicles presented by the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's First Florida Chapter, the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum at the former Carrabelle High School was open for the last time, as it readies for its move to the new site at 1873 U.S. 98 West, across from Carrabelle Beach.

The steel building on the site is being readied for its opening in the next couple months.

Because state funding did not come forth as museum organizers had hoped, they have decided to convert the steel building, that had been earmarked as a warehouse, into the main museum site.

On Saturday evening, the Camp Gordon Johnston reunion Dinner Dance at the senior center in Carrabelle drew a packed house of more than 145 people.

Senior Center Board of Director President Joanne Bartley worked alongside her daughter, Dr. Karen Bartley, of the Wakulla Medical Center in Panama, to help in cooking, as they were joined by a host of volunteers.



Greg Kristofferson kisses his wife, Carrabelle Mayor Brenda La Paz, in tribute to the iconic photo from the war on the easel behind them at the former location of the Camp Gordon Johnston museum, now closed, as they prepare to relocate. [LISA MUNSON | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



World War II vet Bob Dietz, with wife Pat, led the parade as grand marshal this year. [LISA MUNSON | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



The ladies from Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post #82 were out in full force for the parade. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]



Vintage landing craft from the war were on full display all day long. [LISA MUNSON | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



The First Baptist Church of Carrabelle touted their Community Wide Family Easter Event, slated for 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. [LISA MUNSON | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

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19380T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, PROBATE DIVISION, CASE NO.: 2018-09CP

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MAE NELL SPRATT, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of Mae Nell Spratt, Deceased, File Number 2018-09CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, 32320. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative's and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of this notice is March 8, 2018.

PEGGY ANN HAMM  
 155 West Pine Avenue  
 St. George Island, FL 32328

PRISCILLA JOLENE ARMISTEAD  
 224 Franklin Boulevard  
 St. George Island, FL 32328-4577

J. Patrick Floyd  
 Law Offices of J. Patrick Floyd, Chtd.  
 406 Long Avenue  
 Port St. Joe, FL 32456  
 850-227-7413  
 Florida Bar No. 257001  
 Attorney for Petitioner  
 Pub: March 8, 15, 2018

**19446T**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL ACTION  
**CASE NO.:**  
**19-2017-CA-000155**  
 DIVISION:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CATHERINE A. PETERSON, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 14, 2018, and entered in Case No. 19-23017-CA-000155 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida in which Bank of America, N.A., is the Plaintiff and Catherine A. Peterson, Robert J. Peterson, any and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under, and against the herein named individual defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest in spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants are defendants, the Franklin County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Franklin County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Lobby,

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Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 at 11: A.M., Franklin County, Florida on the 19th day of April, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

**PARCEL 2-A:**

**COMMENCE AT AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #6475) MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF 23RD AVENUE IN THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA FLORIDA WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF U.S. HIGHWAY NUMBER 98 IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN NORTH 79 DEGREES 5 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 69.75 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160) MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 100.03 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160) LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF U.S. HIGHWAY NUMBER 98, THENCE RUN SOUTH 79 DEGREES 06 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 59.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**A/K/A 291 US HIGHWAY 98, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320**

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

Dated in Franklin County, Florida this 14th day of February, 2018.

Marcia M. Johnson  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Franklin County, Florida

By: Terry C. Segree  
 Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 P.O. Box 23028  
 Tampa, FL 33623  
 (813)221-4743  
 (813)221-9171 fax  
 eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com  
 AB-17-011048

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Courts, Marcia M. Johnson, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320; telephone number (850) 653-8861, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call (850)577-4400. To file response please contact Franklin County Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320, Tel: (850)653-8861; Fax: (850)653-9339. Pub: March 8, 15, 2018

**19448T**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
**CASE NO. 16-198-CA**

MV051, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Plaintiff,

vs.

PHILLIP A. SPENCER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PHILLIP A. SPENCER, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 and UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled case, number 16-198-CA in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, that Marcia Johnson, Franklin County Clerk, will sell the following property situated in Franklin County, Florida, de-

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scribed as:

Lot 12 of HOLIDAY BEACH, UNIT #1, a Subdivision as per map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 12, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

**Parcel Identification Number:** 01-07S-02W-1031-0000-0120

**Address:** 9 Carousal Terrace, Alligator Point, FL 32327

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 2nd Floor Lobby which faces Highway 98, at the courthouse at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola in Franklin County, Florida beginning at 11:00 a.m. on April 19, 2018.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2018

GREENE HAMRICK QUINLAN & SCHERMER, PA.

Robert C. Schermer, Esquire  
 Florida Bar No. 380741  
 Post Office Box 551  
 Bradenton, FL 34206  
 Phone: (941) 747-1871  
 Fax: (941) 747-2991  
 Primary: rschermer@manateelaw.com  
 Secondary: sdavis@manateelaw.com  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 Pub: March 8, 15, 2018

**19542T**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, John Pearman, the holders of the following certificate have filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

**PARCEL ID#:** 29-06S-06W-731500087-02 90

**Certificate No.** 869  
**Certificate Year:** 2014

*Description of Property:* Lot 29, Block 87, St. George Island Gulf Beaches Unit No. 5, Plat Book 3, Pages 16 & 17, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

**Property Address:** 335 Nedley Street, St. George Island, FL 32328

Name in which assessed:  
**Charles T. Hagan, Natalia Botha and Gwynne Ashton (Deceased)**

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on the First (1st) Monday in the month of April, 2018, which is the 2nd day of APRIL, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

Dated March 2, 2018.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON  
 CLERK OF COURTS  
 FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Lauren Luberto  
 Deputy Clerk  
 Pub: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

**19548T**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
**File No.**  
**2018-000013-CP**  
**Division: Probate**

IN RE: ESTATE OF Bradley Thomas Nelson Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Bradley Thomas Nelson, deceased, whose date of death was December 23rd, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is March 8, 2018.

**Personal Representative:** Chala D. Parish 149 Avenue B Apalachicola, FL 32320

**Attorneys for Personal Representative:** SANDERS AND DUNCAN, PA. 80 Market Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 Phone: (850) 653-8976 Donna Duncan, Esq. FL Bar No.: 63869 ddduncan@fairpoint.net Pub: March 8, 15, 2018

**19594T**

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **ALLIGATOR POINT - ST. TERESA ASSOCIATION** in Franklin County, Florida, with a mailing address of Post Office Box 213, Panama, Florida 32346, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2018.

**ALLIGATOR POINT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
 Pub: March 15, 2018

**19612T**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
**File No. 2018-16-CP**  
**Division: Probate**

IN RE: ESTATE OF Jewel C. Meacham Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Jewel C. Meacham, deceased, whose date of death was November 2nd, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is

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March 15, 2018.

**Personal Representative:** Faye Gibson 625 McDaniel Street Tallahassee, FL 32303

**Attorneys for Personal Representative:** SANDERS AND DUNCAN, PA. 80 Market Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 Phone: (850) 653-8976 Barbara Sanders, Esq. FL Bar No.: 63869 bsanders@fairpoint.net rwallace@fairpoint.net March 15, 22, 2018

**19662T**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking Statements of Qualifications from firms and individuals for design, engineering, and construction administration services for renovating the Apalachicola UF/IFAS Extension and ANERR Facility in Apalachicola. In addition, the selected firm or individual will be required to assist in preparing a priority schedule for renovating the building to best utilize available funds.

For consideration, please submit three (3) copies of the qualifications in a sealed envelope to:

Franklin County Clerk of Court  
 33 Market Street, Suite 203  
 Apalachicola, FL 32320

All submissions must be clearly marked "Apalachicola UF/IFAS Extension and ANERR Facility Renovation" and be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2018. The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will open the qualifications on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at their meeting which begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

For more information and to receive a complete Request for Qualifications package contact Whitney Barfield at whitney@franklincountyflorida.com or 850-653-9783 x-194

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**19664T**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL DIVISION  
**CASE NO.**  
**17000174CAAXMX**

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-10, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-10, Plaintiff,

vs.

GERALD N. KADIS; VIVIAN A. KADIS; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated February 14, 2018 and entered in Case No. 17000174-CAAXMX of the Circuit Court in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-10, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-10 is Plaintiff and GERALD N. KADIS; VIVIAN A. KADIS; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED,

are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Inside 2nd Floor Lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, 11:00 a.m., on April 19, 2018 the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 65, PEBBLE BEACH VILLAGE, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 AT PAGES 34 AND 35 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Franklin County Courthouse. Telephone 850-653-8861 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

**DATED** at Apalachicola, Florida, on February 21, 2018.

MARCIA JOHNSON  
 AS Clerk, Circuit Court

By: Terry C. Segree  
 As Deputy Clerk

SHD Legal Group PA.  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 PO BOX 19519  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318  
 Phone: (954) 564-0071  
 Service E-mail:  
 a.answers@shdlegalgroup.com  
 File No.: 1396-162924  
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Qualified applicants can obtain an employment application at Fort Combs Armory 66 4th St. Apalachicola, FL 32320 or Franklin Senior Services 302 W Ave. F Carrabelle, FL 32322 or Fax Resume with cover letter to 850-643-5672. Liberty County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. PH: 850-643-5690

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**DATED** at Apalachicola, Florida, on February 21, 2018.

MARCIA JOHNSON  
 AS Clerk, Circuit Court

By: Terry C. Segree  
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**4100-4130**  
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**HONOR ROLL**

# First Baptist Christian School

The following is the honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period at the First Baptist Christian School.

**Kindergarten**

**Mrs. Johanna Ray**  
**All As:** Kairi Trest  
**A/B:** Macie Braswell, Anna-bella Creamer, Zy'ama Davis, Logan Fuentes

**First Grade**

**Mrs. Cassie Strickland**  
**A/B:** Charles A.J. Cooper, Zachary Trice

**Second Grade**

**Mrs. Cassie Strickland**  
**All As:** Emma Fuentes  
**A/B:** Brylan Boone, Micah Creamer, Khloe Creel-Walker, Brayden Harris, Olivia Maxwell, Sophia Zingarelli

**SEAHAWK ARTISTRY**



**Sierra Caudle**

Kindergarten through fourth grade students etched designs onto a Styrofoam tray called a plate. The plate was inked with block printing ink and pressed onto the paper to create multiple images, or prints, of the plate. The students inked the plates with a second color and pressed the plate onto the printed paper, resulting in multiple images of the second color. Students then created Matisse inspired paper collages on top of their printed designs.

**Caudle**

Third grade student Sierra Caudle created a symmetrical collage with her cut shapes and titled her piece "Fireworks." Sierra likes



to draw and create artwork at home for her brother, and her friends, and to hang on her bedroom walls.

**SCHOOL BRIEFS**

**Schools' open enrollment ends Friday**

The Franklin County School District's controlled open enrollment for public school parental choice runs through Friday, March 16.

Registration information is available on the Franklin County School District website [www.franklincountyschools.org](http://www.franklincountyschools.org) for the open enrollment period for school year 2018-19.

Or visit the district offices at 85 School Road, Eastpoint. The registration window will run through March 16. No applications will be accepted after that date.

Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/

guardian.

Contact Sue Summers at 670-2810 ext. 4109 or [ssummers@frankln.k12.fl.us](mailto:ssummers@frankln.k12.fl.us) for more information.

**Lively Welding Expo March 29**

Lively Tech will host a Welding Expo on Thursday, March 29 that is open to the public.

The Expo will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Franklin County High School, and from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Franklin County school board office, at 85 School Road in Eastpoint.

For more information, call the school board office at 670-2810 or Mann Roberts at (850) 926-WELD (9353).

**Pre-K registration April 11**

Registration for the 2018-19 pre-Kindergarten program at Franklin County School will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 at the district's school board offices, 85 School Road, Eastpoint.

You must bring the following documents to complete the registration - birth certificate, proof of residency, current shot record, VPK (Voluntary Pre-K) certificate and current physical exam.

**Grad committee announces Class of 2018 events**

The Franklin County

School's Seahawk Graduation Committee has announced a schedule for the events honoring the Class of 2018.

The annual Baccalaureate service, sponsored by senior parents and friends, will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 6 at the Eastpoint Church of God.

Senior Recognition Night will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17 in the Franklin County School cafeteria.

The Graduation Ceremony will be on Friday, May 18, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Mikel Clark Sports Complex football field.

This year's class, with the motto "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams,"

by Eleanor Roosevelt, is led by President Ethan Moses, Vice-President Faith Sapp, Secretary Madison Smith, Treasurer Hannah Westbrook and Historian Chance White. Class sponsors are Tara Klink and Sunny Stultz-Dunaway.

The Seahawks Graduation Committee, chaired by Leigh Smith, also includes Gethia Burt, Dolores Croom and Jennifer Darnell.

School principal is Jill Rudd, with assistant principals Robert Wheetley and Shelly Miedona. Superintendent is Traci Moses, and the school board is comprised of Stacey Kirvin, chair, and Teresa Martin, George Thompson, Carl Whaley and Pam Marshall.

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