



OUT TO SEE

Apalachicola's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning

All children living in Apalachicola, between the ages of 2 and 12, are invited to hunt for 3,000 candy-stuffed eggs during the Apalachicola Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning, March 31, on the grounds of the Orman House and Chapman Botanical Gardens on Market Street.

The excitement gets underway promptly at 9:30 a.m. Children will be divided into age groups, with each group assigned their own hunt area. Mayor Van Johnson will blow the whistle to signal the start of the hunt around 9:45 a.m. Within each hunt area there will be hundreds of hidden eggs filled with candy and one special golden egg that can be turned in for a gift basket.

Each child will also get a raffle ticket for drawings after the hunt, with five chances to win. Being given away are three new bicycles donated by Tabernacle of Faith and two Easter gift baskets donated by Dollar General. In addition, Bring Me a Book Franklin volunteers will give each child a free age-appropriate book.

Apalachicola Main Street, Patrons of Apalachicola Library Society, Inc., and Bring Me a Book Franklin are co-hosting the event, with more than 40 volunteers working to make the event possible. This is the second year for the Community Easter Egg Hunt, and plans are to continue having this as an annual tradition.

Children should bring their own baskets, buckets, or bags for the eggs they find. There will be bags available to anyone who forgets.

Sheriff hosts afternoon egg hunt Saturday

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is ready to hide eggs! The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at noon on Saturday, March 31 at the sheriff's office, 270 State Road 65. All kids are invited to come out and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of egg hunting, with lots of prizes to be given out. The sheriff's office will be grilling hot dogs for the occasion to please come out and join in the annual egg hunt.

Vietnam vets to be honored April 7

Willoughby Marshall American Legion Post 106 is having a welcome home and pinning ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 7 at Veterans Memorial Plaza on Market Street in Apalachicola, to thank and honor veterans of the war. All U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 will receive a Vietnam lapel pin and a personal "Thank You."

County pushes for airport 'results'

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Gusts of state support for a stepped-up marketing campaign, plus state and federal dollars targeted at infrastructure improvements, are wafting fresh winds under the wings of the Apalachicola Regional Airport.

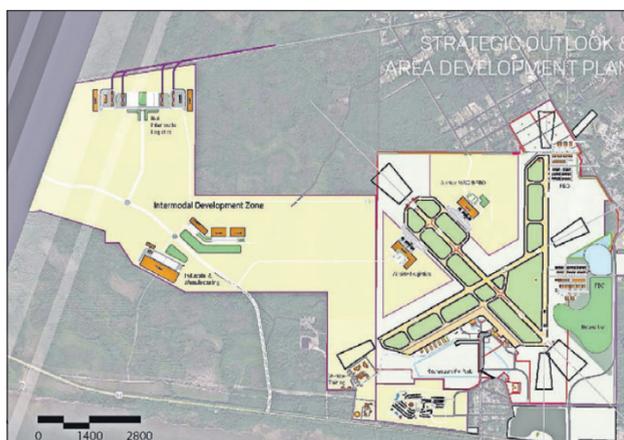
County commissioners last week listened to a lengthy Power Point presentation, and reviewed a copy of a newly-created airport marketing brochure, all pieces of a strategic plan created by

private sector consultants funded by grants from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The commissioners heard from Airport Manager Jason Puckett, touting the work that's been done by Centric Aviation since the county last fall signed a five-year deal with the New Jersey company to be the fixed base operator.

The commissioners responded warmly to the presentations, but were not without some puffs of impatience that perhaps they've heard it all before.

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This map shows possible expansion of the Apalachicola airport both to the east and west.



Geoff Hewell waves as he gets set to ride in a P-51D, like the kind his dad flew in World War II. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

Winging it

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The wild blue yonder came close to home Saturday at the Apalachicola Regional Airport, as more than 60 aircraft flew in, and hundreds of visitors stopped by for Wheels and Wings Aviation Day.

Presented by Centric Aviation, the airport's fixed base operator, with funding support from the Tourist Development Council, the day offered a sunny opportunity for families to explore both new and historic aircraft, and to take a look at an airfield they may have never visited before.

Included in the fly-in were pilots from Georgia, Alabama and Florida, plus a visit from members of a Bonanza Flying Club out of Texas, who stayed overnight in town.

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The P-51D was an iconic fighter plane during World War II.



Jobless rate continues to drop

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Franklin County continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in the three county region, with a slightly larger workforce than it had one year ago.

According to preliminary numbers released Friday, Franklin's 3.5 percent jobless rate in February was three-tenths of 1 percentage point lower than in January. A total of 165 people were on the jobless rolls, 12 fewer than in January, and the labor force grew by 71 workers, from 4,620 to 4,691.

The county's February rate was 1 percentage better than one year ago, when it was 4.5 percent and the labor force was smaller, at 4,670, and the jobless rolls were larger, at 208.

Franklin County's jobless rate tied it with 14th best in the state, together with Broward, Bradford, Collier, Manatee, Hillsborough, Lee, Sarasota, and Leon counties. Ahead were Clay, Pinellas, Alachua, Walton, Nassau and Lafayette counties, all at 3.4 percent; Union, Monroe, Wakulla, Orange and Seminole, all at 3.3 percent; Okaloosa County at 3.2 percent; and St. Johns County, best in the state, at 3.0 percent.

February unemployment rate in the CareerSource Gulf Coast region, which also includes Bay and Gulf counties, was 4.0 percent in February, almost 1 percentage point lower than

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Sheriff seeks drug rehab help from feds

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Franklin County Sheriff A. J. Smith got a rare opportunity last week to speak directly to the U.S. Attorney General, and he took advantage of the moment to appeal for more federal funds for drug rehabilitation.

Smith was one of six sheriffs from North Florida, along with a handful of police chiefs, and the heads of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Highway Patrol, invited by interim U.S. Attorney Christopher

Canova to attend a meeting Thursday afternoon at the federal courthouse for the Northern District of Florida in Tallahassee.

Sessions offered the broad outlines of a newly-announced get-tough national strategy against opioid abuse, that plans to spend \$12 billion over the next two years in an effort to further limit the supply by stepping up arrests and prosecutions, and even turning to the death penalty in extreme cases.

A bill signed last week by Gov. Rick Scott directs \$65 million to expand treatment inside Florida and impose a three-day limit on most opioid prescriptions.

Smith said following Sessions' remarks, he met in smaller groups with law enforcement officials, which gave Smith a chance to ask about what will be done to help small communities such as Franklin County offer drug rehab services.

Sessions said money will be forthcoming, likely from the Department of Health and Human Services, Smith said.

"That's what I was hoping, that there was money coming for rehab," said the sheriff. "The enforcement is important too, but I need some help with rehab."

Smith envisions the establishment of a drug

rehab facility behind the county jail, but knows it will take an infusion of state and federal dollars to make that happen.

"They wouldn't have to be charged with a crime," he said. "They say 'we need help' and they could be put in the program."

"Putting people in jail over and over is not fixing the problem," Smith said. "Those who refuse to quit selling drugs, that's who needs to be in jail."

"Just about everybody in jail has a drug problem but everybody doesn't want help," he said. "I'd like to have something where people can go there and say 'I'm tired of living this drug life. I want help.'"



Sheriff A.J. Smith, right, stands with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions last week at the federal courthouse in Tallahassee. [STEVE CASEY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

ARREST REPORT

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

March 19

Carza Malik Harvey, 21, Apalachicola, possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver; \$7,000 bond (FCSO)

Cody Lee Garrett, 25, Carrabelle, DUI - first offense; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Rodney Steven Ray Shiver, 28, Eastpoint, warrant served for Levy County; \$1,000 bond

(FCSO)

March 20

Travis Walker Hill, 41, Eastpoint, resisting officer with violence, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, possession of paraphernalia, felony violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

Don Edward Bullock, 37, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, felony violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

March 21

Holly Mellissa McKeithen, 38, Carrabelle, trespass on property - not structure or conveyance; \$500 bond (CPD)

March 22

Justin K. Spell, 34, Eastpoint, domestic battery; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

March 23

Joseph Myron Ward, 50, Apalachicola, knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked; \$500 bond (FCSO)

March 24

Bernard Franklin Simmons, 35, Apalachicola, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, possession of hallucinogen with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; \$11,000 bond (FCSO)

Ricky Shepherd, 57, Crawfordville, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, possession of paraphernalia, driving while license suspended or revoked - first offense; \$1,250 bond (FCSO)

Connie Muggridge, 56, Pelham, Georgia, DUI - first offense; \$500 bond (FHP)

Francisco Jacinto Juan, 38, Apalachicola, operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license, DUI - first offense; \$750 bond (APD)

FWC REPORT

During the week of March 2 through 8, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officers Richardson, Sauls, Kossey, Peterson, Hofheinz, Reserve Officer Martin, and Lt. Cook conducted a special detail in Dr. Julian Bruce St. George Island State Park. Richardson organized the detail to address the increased number of visitors to St. George Island for the annual Chili Cookoff. The detail focused on areas in the state park where shorebirds are actively nesting. During the detail, four infractions, four written warnings, and six verbal warnings were issued for state park violations.

Officer Travis was targeting undersized oysters in the Eastpoint area and conducted a resource inspection at the Eastpoint Boat Ramp. The vessel had four people on board and nine bags of oysters.



for snakes and other reptiles. During his resource inspection, one of the subjects, a convicted felon, had a pistol in his truck's glovebox. The subject was arrested for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

During the week of March 9 to 15, Officers Kossey and Travis were on patrol in the Eastpoint area and observed a vessel returning from harvesting oysters traveling east in the Eastpoint Channel. They stopped the boat near Barber's Seafood, inspected a bag of oysters and found the subject to be in possession of undersized oysters. After counting and measuring each individual oyster, they determined the bag contained 53 percent undersized oysters. The subject was cited and 208 undersized oysters were returned to the water alive.

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Applications with water or sewer related certifications preferred.

Employment application can be obtained from City Hall, #1 Avenue E, Apalachicola, Florida, Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM or downloaded from our website at www.cityofapalachicola.com.

Completed applications must be returned to City Hall by 4:00 PM APRIL 6, 2018. Late applications will not be considered for this position. For further information contact William Cox, Water & Sewer Field Supervisor, at 850-653-6846/williamcox@cityofapalachicola.com or Lee Mathes, City Administrator at 850-653-9319/leemathes@cityofapalachicola.com.

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For the Apalachicola City Commission
Lee Mathes, City Administrator

NF-4528952

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CITY ORDINANCE

The City Commission of the City of Apalachicola will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving citizen's comments on the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE # 2018-01

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-14 IN ITS ENTIRETY REGARDING COMMERCIAL WATER AND SEWER RATES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public hearing will be held in the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida starting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. All interested parties are encouraged to appear and be heard with respect to this proposed ordinance.

For the City of Apalachicola City Commission
Lee Mathes, City Administrator

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CRC withdraws 'appointed superintendent' amendment

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A proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution, which would have required all school superintendents to be appointed by their school boards, was withdrawn from consideration last week.

The withdrawal by Erika Donald, a school

board member in Collier County and the proposal's sponsor, was first posted on the website of the Constitution Revision Commission and confirmed by two board members after the CRC adjourned March 20. There was no explanation for the withdrawal.

The proposal, which had been approved 4-3 by a CRC subcommittee, had yet to be taken up by the full CRC.

According to reports from the lobbyist for public schools, Sen. Don Gaetz, a former school superintendent and CRC member, said he did not believe the proposal would come back to the CRC, either as an amendment or added to another proposal.

The CRC is in the midst of its every-20-years review of the state constitution. Proposed amendments put forth by the CRC will move immediately to the Nov.

2018 general election ballot. The amendment pertaining to school superintendents would have impacted roughly 40 of 67 school districts in Florida, the vast majority small, rural districts.

As reported in a survey of state school board associations and several major Florida newspapers, Florida, Mississippi and Alabama are the only three states that have districts in which the

superintendent of schools is elected. Of the roughly 14,500 school districts in the country, 99 percent have appointed superintendents.

The proposed amendment had been the subject of a letter by Superintendent Traci Moses, in which she opposed the move. Other amendments still under consideration are prohibiting compensation for school board members, as well as one to

limit terms for school board members, which was likely to be further tweaked by the CRC.

The proposal would limit school board members to two four-year terms, eight years total. The proposal currently counts time served after 2015 as part of those eight years, though amendments are filed to change the proposal to counting only time served after the next election.

NEWS BRIEFS

Full Moon Climb Saturday at lighthouse

The March Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be Saturday, March 31. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and includes light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended.

The sun will set at 7:58 p.m. and at 8:20 p.m. the Blue moon will rise. So named because it is the second full moon in a calendar month. This is the second Blue Moon of 2018, a double Blue Moon last occurred in 1999.

After sunset, people without reservations are invited to climb the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for SGLA

members.

The Cape St. George Light is in St. George Lighthouse Park, in the center of the island. Parking is available in lots at either side of the park.

For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 927-7745.

Apalachicola library closed Sunday

Apalachicola Margaret Key Library will be closed Sunday, April 1 in observance of Easter. The library will re-open Monday morning at 10 a.m.

Regular library hours are Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about the library and services offered, stop by 80 12th St in Apalachicola.

Library starts 'Trap that mouse!' workshops

Frustrated figuring out Facebook? Fix your profile and learn how to post pictures, share messages and more at the latest "Trap that mouse!" computer workshop hosted by the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library.

The 90-minute workshop is planned for Thursday, April 12 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Sign up is at the library and may be completed in person or via the telephone. Seating for each session is limited to four participants. The classes will be taught by Natalie Parsley.

"Because this is a hands-on workshop, seating is limited to only four people," said Jill Rourke, library director. "This creates positive instructor/student interaction. Problems get solved quickly and questions answered quickly."

Rourke said the class will be repeated on April 26.

"Trap that mouse!" workshops are offered exclusively by the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library. The focus is intimate, hands-on instruction designed to introduce or strengthen basic computer skills.

Future workshops include "Internet Driver's Ed" for computer newbies; "No Guts, No Glory" for folks interested in learning basic maintenance and repair of their computer hardware; and a series on using Microsoft Office

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To sign up for a class, make suggestions for future classes, or volunteer to teach a skill, contact the AMKLibrary at 653-8436 or stop by 80 12th St in Apalachicola.

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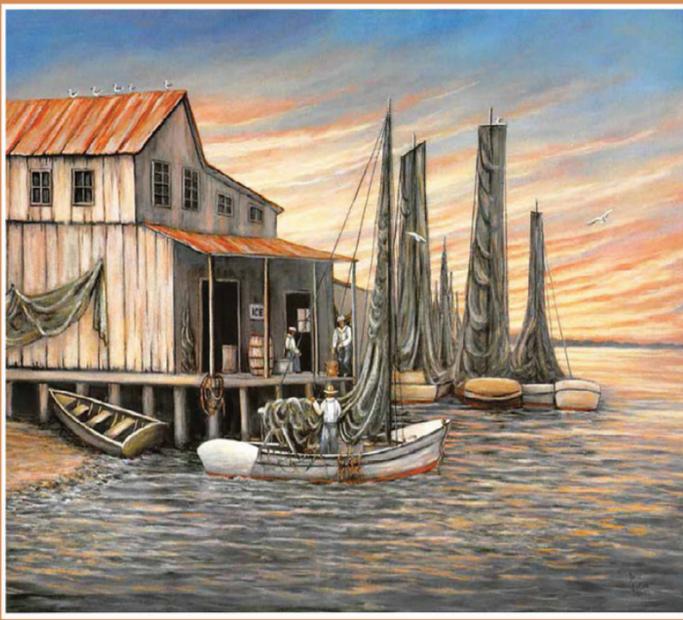
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OPINION

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Fiduciary rule, clean water and Ray Stevens



Margaret McDowell

**"You can wheel and deal the best of them
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bore."**

— From "Mr. Businessman"
as performed by Ray Stevens

A recent 5th Circuit Court ruling has overturned a 2016 Department of Labor rule requiring use of the fiduciary standard by financial advisors in managing investors' retirement accounts. Based on this ruling, the U.S. Department of Labor will immediately cease enforcing the fiduciary rule passed two years ago. Thus, an investor's retirement account can now be managed by an advisor who is required to adhere only to the less stringent suitability standard, and not the fiduciary standard. In other words, an investment can be recommended for a client as long as it is deemed suitable.

Imagine our local water company is providing a product that is less than pure, but meets minimum "suitability" standards as prescribed by local environmental regulators. Would we be satisfied? What consumer would not balk at such an arrangement? We all want the purest water available and, naturally, given a choice, we all would choose to work with an advisor who is required to serve our best interests and not his own.

We believe that all accounts, not just ERISA-governed retirement accounts, should be managed according to the fiduciary standard. But the forces fighting against its uniform implementation have now gained the upper hand.

Several things could happen. The decision could be appealed. The SEC might offer its own fiduciary standard. A groundswell of public opinion could persuade the investment industry to voluntarily adopt the fiduciary standard. Or none of that might occur, and many investors might continue to work with advisors who are not required to adhere to the highest standard of client care in a "caveat emptor" scenario.

With the 5th Circuit ruling, an advisor can sell or recommend products which are in his own best interests (and pay him a commission from a parent company) and not necessarily that of the client. That the investment vehicle may not be the best or most cost-efficient for the client is the price we pay for not operating under a fiduciary standard.

I remember overhearing an advisor at a conference years ago explaining why he could never consider leaving his parent company and serving as a fiduciary to his clients. "They sent my wife and me to Italy last year because of our annuity sales and for how many clients I placed in their mutual funds," he said. "Next year we're going to Alaska. I'd like to serve as a fiduciary, but we can't afford to give up free trips like these."

That advisor is compensated by his parent company, and works for them, not for his clients. It's hard to do both.

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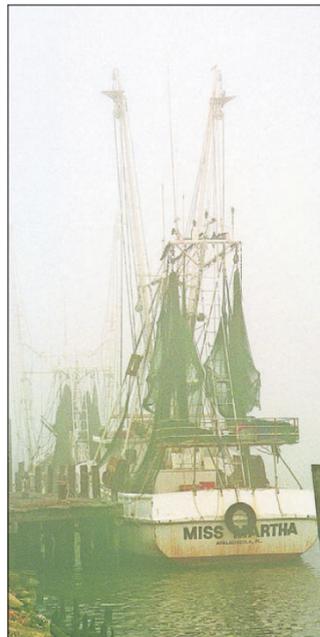
To tariff or not to tariff? That's the question



Gill Autrey

With all this talk about tariffs, Lane ask me the other day to explain tariffs to her. That was quite a compliment that she thought I was that smart. Usually when I'm out on the river and someone asks me a question I don't know the answer to, I just make something up, but this time I came clean and told her I didn't really understand the dilemma myself. But here's what I do know about tariffs so I related to her this information.

I was in agriculture in my former life, mainly tomatoes and produce. When President Clinton signed into law the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1994, tariffs on Mexican tomatoes coming into the United States were lifted. In no time at all Florida tomato growers developed AIDS (Agricultural Income Deficiency Syndrome), especially Capt. Gill. Over time the production of tomatoes in Florida has been cut about in half. Of course, many jobs were lost (you may remember Ross Perot saying, 'If you pass NAFTA all you



The "Miss Martha" at the Apalachicola docks [LANE AUTREY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

will hear is a big sucking sound of jobs going to Mexico').

So, here's the deal, Florida growers can't compete with Mexican growers because of all of the regulations in this country. I'm not saying regulations are bad but they cause an unlevel playing field. Therefore, we are not certain of the Mexicans' growing practices, what they might be spraying, etc. I was in a local grocery store not

long ago and there were bell peppers from Costa Rica.

Well, I'm not complaining because if not for all of that, I wouldn't be here in paradise with Lane and all my friends cruising up and down the river aboard "Lily" and running my mouth.

So, here in Apalachicola we have many proud families who have made their living in aquaculture for generations. Things aren't so good for them either, due to imported seafood from other countries depressing the market. Nasty! Farm-raised shrimp are grown basically in cesspools with all kinds of chemicals and they are even injected with vile stuff to make them larger. I once went to a shrimp farm in Honduras so I know what I'm talking about.

Now we farm raise clams and oysters around here but they are raised in open bays and not in an enclosed cesspool, so they are in fact organic. This is good for the bay and the economy, not to mention our stomachs.

Now, tariffs are bringing back steelworkers' jobs. But we don't eat steel. What about our farmers and fishermen who are feeding this country?

Now, do I think tariffs should be placed on imported seafood? Hell no! I think we should just ban the entry of all of that crap into our country.

Your friend,

Capt. Gill

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Do the right thing for EMS

Editor's note: The following letter was sent last week to the Franklin County commissioners.

I am a longtime (35+ years) resident of St. George Island and I want to share with you my great concern that we might miss a really good opportunity to improve our EMS services at this time.

My interest in and concerns about EMS services date back about 30 years. You may be surprised to learn that Marilyn Bean and I, on behalf of the St. George Island Civic Club, directed a project to put street signs up on the Island so that the newly formed EMS would be able to find the callers who needed help. We purchased the signs and posts and the sheriff's department furnished labor for setting them and Marilyn and I supervised the placement. By the looks of things, many of the original signs are still standing and many others have been added.

Fast forward about 20 years when the need for better signage on the East End of the Island was discussed, and once again, I took it upon myself to leave letters on the doors of homes asking them to place large numbers on their homes and to also put numbers at the street. The real estate companies also worked on this project, but it is my understanding that sometimes homes are not easy to find on the East End. It may be time for the Civic Club to review the status of signage, especially on the East End.

Now it is your turn as well. We need a decision from the county to make changes which will bring further support to the EMS system. It is especially concerning to me that we ask staff to work inordinate hours of overtime because of the shortage of employees. It is also not responsible to ask staff to perform one of the most difficult jobs in county government without benefit of health insurance or any other benefit for that matter.

I know it is hurtful to you to take the service from Weems (which you have been trying to save for at least 20 years and I hope you can be successful this time or stop what seems to be an impossible task). I know also that it is very difficult for you to find the dollars to appropriate that may be needed, but it is critical that the EMS service be infused with energy and organizational leadership and possibly dollars.

I ask that you do the right thing; move EMS to an organizational entity that can provide support to the people who give so much to the county. The sheriff's department as described in the news article (See March 15, 2018 Times "New group pushed for EMS changes") seems to be a logical setting. I will volunteer my services to assist in this effort in any way that I can.

I am grateful for your service to the county and I can't even imagine the competing interests that you have to satisfy but I do know that public safety is one of the most important responsibilities of government. I am sorry to write this long

letter but I will not be able to attend the meeting on April 3.

Sincerely,

Martha Hodge

St. George Island

PS: It amazes me that we never ask the Tourist Development Council (I know nothing about their charter; forgive my ignorance) to help fund essential tourist services. Safety is one of the most important aspects of tourist development!

Put prayer in schools, keep tragedy out

As I watched in awe, amazement and tears at the March for Our Lives on television Saturday, brought on by the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, I praise the Lord for these young people, and I support them 100 percent. It was wonderful to see all these young people coming together from all over the country, even as young as 9 years old.

I also came to the conclusion that we need prayer back in our schools. I said this, in order to say this: If prayer and the Bible had not been taken out of our schools years ago, I don't believe it would have come to these tragedies.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

Theresa McClendon

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CHASING SHADOWS

1859: Future 'gloomy' for Apalachicola's Baptists

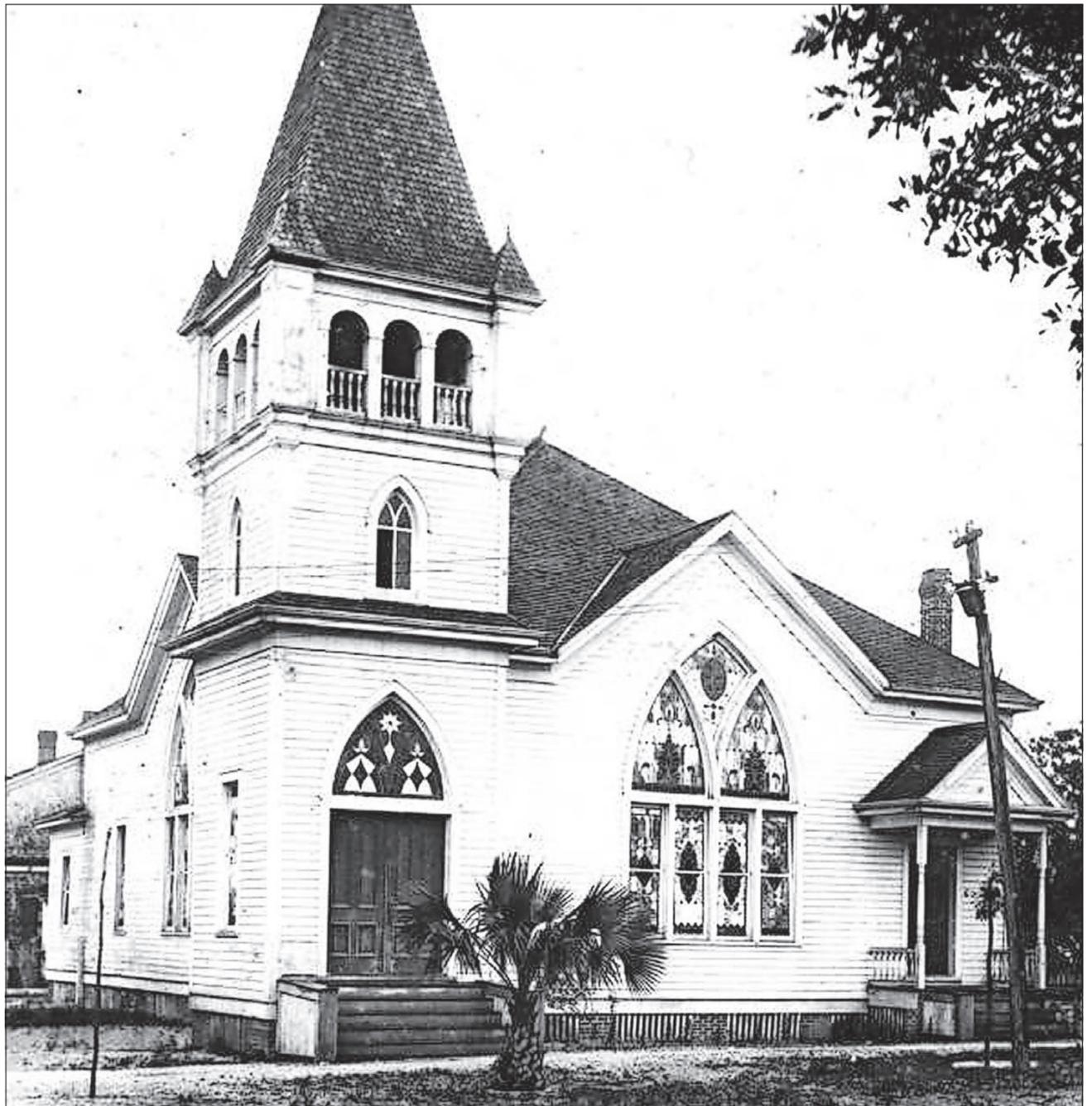
Editor's Note: The following article was provided the Times by local historian Mark Curen-ton. It was written by the Rev. Azor Van Hoose on his visit to Apalachicola on Feb. 18, 1859, and appeared in the March 10, 1859 issue of the South Western Baptist periodical, which was published at the time in Marion, Alabama.

Apalachicola - Its position, appearance, number of inhabitants, and Commercial interest - State of Religion, different denominations, and their comparative strength - The Baptists - their present position and their future prospects.

BRETHREN EDITORS: I am now in the city of Apalachicola. The Church here is without a Pastor, and at their earnest and oft repeated solicitations, and with the full consent of my own Church I am here holding a series of meetings. Apalachicola is in Franklin County, in West Florida. It is situated on a Bay of the same name, and empties into the Gulf of Mexico. Apalachicola river (called above its junction with Flint, and Chattahoochee) runs into, and forms this bay. The land upon which this city stands is but a few feet above the level of the sea; and hence, suffers much from the heavy gales from the Gulf. It is sometimes almost entirely overflowed with water. The ground is nearly level; the streets are wide, and the city well laid off. The entire surface of the ground is covered with a deep, and intensely white sand, which it seems to me, must be very trying, if, indeed, not injurious to the eyes. Of a bright moonlight night, it has very much the appearance of the snow of the more northern climates.

This sand renders walking very difficult; but the city authorities have, to a great extent, remedied this difficulty by building plank walks in almost every street, and to every important part of the city. Two walks, each a mile in length, have been constructed for pleasure and recreation alone. One is built on the beach, extending a mile down the bay. The other some distance out, and on a parallel line with the first. Thus friends can go out upon the one and return upon the other, and have a pleasant walk of two miles. The bay spreads out for miles before, while the breeze is always delightful and refreshing.

The temperature is delightful. It is as warm to-day (18th of Feb.) as we usually have in May in Eufaula. Many of the gardens look beautiful. English peas are in bloom,



The original Calvary Baptist Church was built in Apalachicola in 1902 [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]



The Rev. Azor Van Hoose

- promise an abundant crop. Ice is seldom ever seen here. There has been a little twice this winter.

The population of Apalachicola is variously estimated

from 2,000 to 2,500. I would say from 1,800 to 2,200 would come nearer the truth.

In the commercial point of view Apalachicola is a place of considerable interest. The largest number of cotton bales ever received here was 160,000. The building of Rail Roads has already, and must much more decrease this number. Last season only a little the rise of 60,000 was received. Up to this date 84,000 has been received this season. Nearly all the groceries and heavy goods from New Orleans and New York for the inland towns are shipped by this place. The completion of the South Western Rail Road to Eufaula, will doubtless much decrease the amount of cotton, groceries, and other goods now shipped to and from Apalachicola.

The state of religion is decidedly low in this city at this time. It is the business season of the year. Most of the gentlemen are engaged in some kind of business, and, like mankind in general, their motto is, business first and then, if any time be left, it is to be devoted to religion. There are four religious denominations in Apalachicola, viz: Episcopalians, Catholics, Methodists, and Baptists. The two last mentioned have each a large colored church with separate houses of worship. The Methodists have the largest membership; but the Episcopalians the most wealth and influence. The Baptists are poor and few in number. They are so far behind other denominations in wealth and influence that many, who, if they would give

them their means and influence could place them upon an equality with others; but, although either members or Baptists in sentiment, they utterly refuse to do so, and are seldom ever seen at the Baptist house of worship. These persons mostly fall into the popular current and unite with the wealthy and fashionable, or remain out of all religious communion, and thus deprive themselves of all church privileges. The future for the Baptist of Apalachicola is therefore gloomy; and unless those who are Baptists in sentiment can be induced to be so in practice, the Baptist will never succeed to any great extent here. More anon.

A. VAN HOOSE.
APALACHICOLA, Feb. 18, 1859

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AIRPORT

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“When are you going to get something going to put people to work?” asked Commissioner Noah Lockley. “We don’t need more studies; we need to put people to work.”

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders said that in the 20 years she’s sat on the board, she’s heard a lot of hopes, but seen less success stories, when it comes to attracting potential employers willing to set up shop in the industrial park adjacent to the airfield.

“Talk is cheap, y’all,” she said. “That is a good opportunity to put some good jobs out there to employ some of our people. I hope you will pursue that. It’s an economic driver in our county.”

Alan Pierce, the former county planner now working on the task of directing RESTORE Act monies to local projects, underscored the commissioners’ concerns.

“We see millions of dollars going in there just to maintain the thing and no jobs are being created,” he said. “The feds are willing to put money in the thing.”

Puckett, noting how all parties concerned would like to see jobs created at the airport, stressed the airport is continuing to show growing signs of a continued indirect benefit to job creation.

He said the airport’s courtesies cars made 107 roundtrips into Apalachicola in February, all helping to add to jobs in the hospitality industry, as people frequent stores and restaurants, and often seek overnight accommodations.

He said Centric has added new flooring to the airport’s office space, has selected recipients of three \$1,000 scholarships for high school seniors, is in a position to do well on next week’s annual



This map shows the geography of the Gulf-to-Gadsden FLZ

FDOT inspection, and has moved forward on projects to remark an airfield lane, add runway lighting, make drainage improvements and construct a commercial access road.

“The airport is doing a great job,” said Puckett.

“We have not seen it (direct job creation),” said Sanders. “We really need to look seriously at other opportunities; we have got to look at more.”

“We’ve got our construction industry, we’ve got our tourist industry but we need more,” she said.

“We need plenty more,” said Lockley. “It’s going to take a while for that bay to come back.”

“It’s been promising and promising and nobody gets no money but these top people,” he said.

“In other words we want results,” said Sanders.

Beth Kirkland, together with Santiago Fernandez, both consultants working as subcontractors with BRPH, an engineering firm in Melbourne, outlined in their Power Point a Strategic Commercial Land Development Plan, which further specified the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) report discussed a year ago.

The plan outlined a wealth of information about what neighboring counties are

doing to beef up their transportation infrastructure, and what resources are available, particularly from RESTORE Act monies, as well as rural infrastructure and job growth funding available from Florida’s Department of Economic Opportunity.

“It’s important for them to know where all the pots of money are,” said Kirkland. “You want all of that to be coordinated. We’re looking for those connection points.”

She said the state is working on preparing a strategic outlook for all 129 of its airports, which are likely to take at least a year to complete.

“The airport is a port to our community, and the indirect job creation that occurs because of having that big of an asset in your community,” she said. “It would be sorely missed and the economic impact would be felt if it wasn’t there.”

She said that an economic impact analysis of direct, indirect and induced job creation, both presently and potentially, will help influence the county’s expectations for its FBO. She included consideration of possibly adding a restaurant as a potential enhancement.

“Those are amenities that the general aviation community enjoys,” she said. “As they design a new FBO, they will likely incorporate something like that.”

Kirkland said the county needs to pursue what she called “competitive benchmarking” of the potential return on investment for airport vs. non-airport parcels. She said recreation options for the former landfill site nearby also should be reviewed, as well as an additional row of T-hangers.

“If we’re going to build on that site, there is certain remediation you have to do,” she said. “But you can do things like outdoor trails and things, whatever kind of reception you’re interested in.”

She said the future of the now vacant Bay City Work Camp site also needs to be examined. “Our recommendation is to look at that as a potential workforce training facility,” said Kirkland. “(Companies) are going to want to have a place to train their work force. There may be some opportunities to have that discussion with the school board.”

“Franklin County doesn’t have any post-secondary training in the county,” she said. “Could this be a satellite campus for that?”

Kirkland and Fernandez also unveiled a new full-color glossy brochure, marketing the county as a distinct destination, and outlining what the airport industrial park has to offer, particularly as to its role in the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone (FLZ).

The FLZ is one of two such groupings of activities and infrastructure associated with freight transportation and related services created by Florida statute three years ago, Hillsborough County being the other.

“Establishment of the FLZ can provide public funding when pursuing certain projects within the FLZ,” notes the brochure. “As a common transportation asset, the Apalachicola Northern Railway (owned by St. Joe Company and operated by

Genesee and Wyoming Railways) connects the Port of Port St. Joe in Gulf County with the CSX Class I railroad in Gadsden County, thereby providing for the movement of goods across the nation.”

The brochure notes that several industrial sites have been identified and qualified by Enterprise Florida’s Strategic Sites program along the railroad and close to additional transportation assets.

“Interstate 10 and major arterial roads like Highways 65, 71 and US 98 together with the Apalachicola Regional Airport in Franklin County comprise a transportation network that is valuable to the growing industries of transportation, logistics, manufacturing, and distribution,” it reads.

Kirkland said Gulf County is working to secure Triumph monies for a floating harbor to help activate its port for larger vessels; Liberty County has received job growth monies to build an additional road that opens up some of its strategic sites; and Gadsden has gotten acreage under option for use with the FLZ.

She said she now is looking for feedback from the commissioners on the new brochure.

“These are important steps in the process,” Kirkland said. “I understand that at the end of the day that’s what it’s about, job creation. It’s a responsibility for a commission that has auspices of a major asset like the airport.”

“They have embraced the tools available to them and they should be applauded,” she said. “All of these other things are to their credit. You have to lay the groundwork to articulate to businesses in the region here’s why you should relocate there.”

“Businesses are looking for a regional economic development plan that can support their efforts and help get their goods to market and help them get the assets they need,” Kirkland said.

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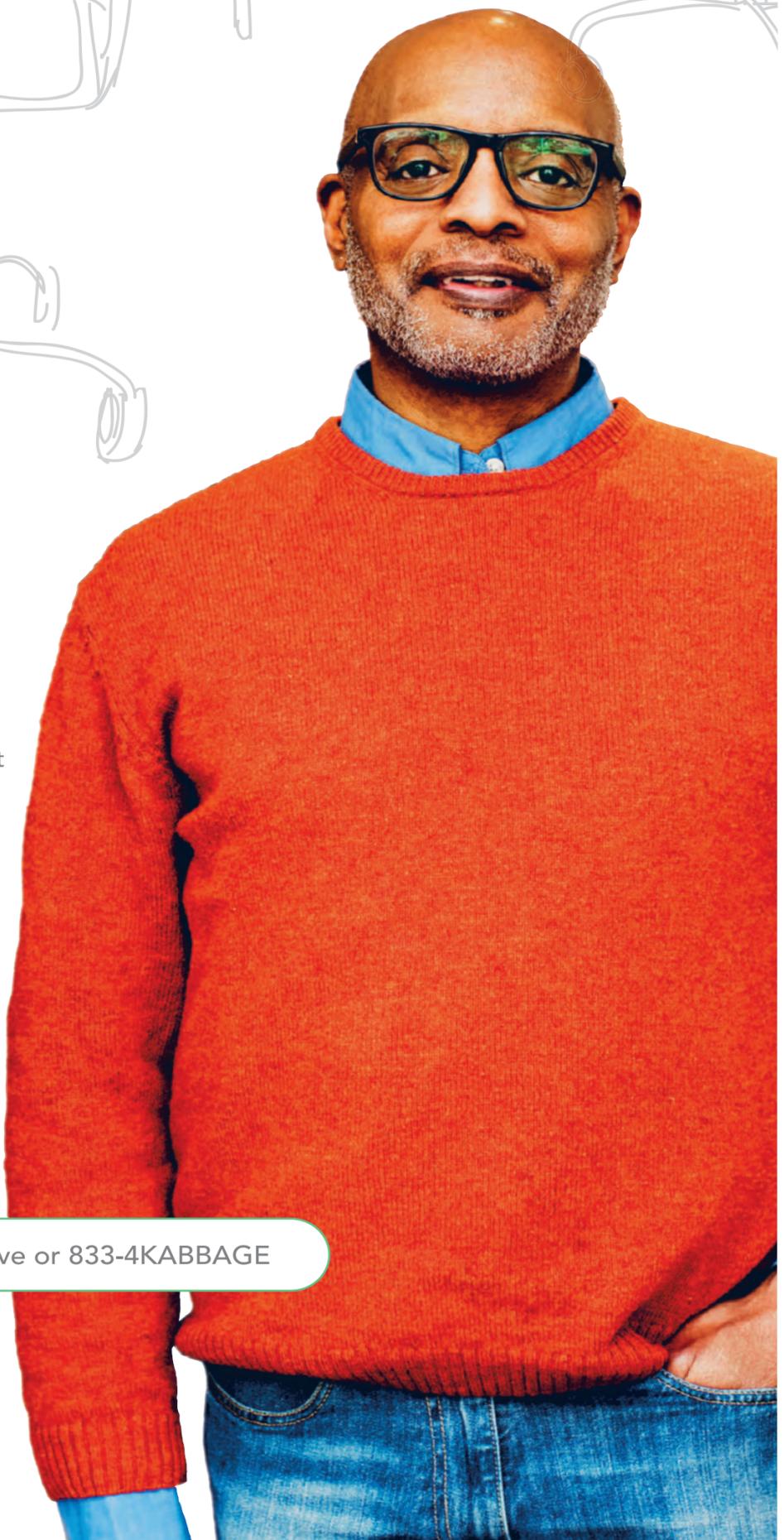
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SOCIETY

Appleton guest artist for Carrabelle showcase

Special to the Times

The Carrabelle Artist Association (CAA) is delighted to announce that Beth Appleton will be the guest artist for the upcoming spring Coastal Art Showcase that opens Friday, April 6 in Carrabelle.

Appleton is an award-winning artist whose works have been on exhibition across the country. Her mediums include watercolor and one-of-a-kind cut paper assemblages. In addition to Appleton's amazing art work, the Coastal Art Showcase will feature other well-known and emergent area artists with exciting new presentations.

"In 1989 I was fortunate

Where and when

The artwork of Beth Appleton and many other talented artists will be on display every Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 6 to 28 at the historic Rio Carrabelle, 102 St. James Avenue (US Hwy 98), in downtown Carrabelle. Please visit the Carrabelle

Artist Association's Facebook page, or webpage www.carrabelleartistassociation.com for more information on upcoming events and activities. For assistance, please contact carrabelleartist@gmail.com or (815) 757-6003. Funding provided in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.



Self-portrait hurricane mask by Beth Appleton

enough to witness this creative artist begin assembling her first cut paper works and marveled as she developed an art form uniquely her own," said David Harbaugh of Beth Appleton's work.

"For over 25 years, Appleton's works have been shaped

by life on the edge of the Gulf of Mexico. New works emerge ever more complex in dimension and abstraction. The scope of her work has grown over time to include digital micro-assemblages, microscopy, and video production. Bridging the gap

and magnetic.

"When this artist is fascinated by the micro life found in a drop of water, her art welcomes us inside her imagination," he said. "When mesmerized by the night sky, she carries us to a world we only thought we knew."

Appleton said she spent most of her childhood "right in the middle of Old Florida. My first appreciation for art was self-taught, found in the rows of kitsch for sale at my aunt's roadside fruit stand.

"Art is intuitive and exhilarating; it is good for my soul," she said. "I hope by sharing it, the viewer will get a spark from it, too."

Rockabilly's back at the Bowery

By Jennifer A. Sheffield

Special to the Times

The southern California headliner band, Pope Paul and the Illegals, that put the rockabilly religion in the 2017 Oyster City Brewing Company's fourth annual Oktoberfest and made it the biggest party on the block, will be back on stage at the Bowery Station in Apalachicola on Thursday, April 5 from 6 to 9 p.m.

It's the band's third trip to the popular live music venue that recently hosted The Tens from Los Angeles and stacks up solid for weekly open mic nights. Instead of a cross-country tour, that brought them through in July, this band from Santa Ana is focusing on spots in the South and West for three weeks.

They will start in Orange County, California, then adventure out to play Phoenix and Tempe, Arizona; El Paso, Austin and Dallas, Texas; Lebanon, Tennessee; Paducah, Kentucky; and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Bowery Station stop is their only show in Florida and, "the only spot we've ever played in Florida," said upright bass player John Kveen.

Bowery Station owner Matt Gardi, with wife, Lisa, recalled Pope Paul's first appearance there was on a Sunday.

"They hit the stage with high-energy and within less than an hour, word spread of their performance," said Gardi. "Before evening was out we had a packed house of



Pope Paul & The Illegals perform on the road last year.

[PHOTO COURTESY POPE PAUL & THE ILLEGALS]

Pope Paul enthusiasts."

But it's not just swing. Their music is described as a combination of "outlaw country, psychobilly punk rock and guitar slinging wizardry." Throw in a little metal and it's '50s surf music of the Cramps. Like West Coast swing which hails as the state dance of California, the music uses improvisation and has elasticity.

"We want people to get excited about it," said Kveen. "Sometimes it gets funky, a little bit Latin, or we bring jazz energy.

"There's a lot of power in the trio format," he said, with Paul Bouyear playing guitar and singing vocals, and Sal Sandoval on drums.

The band has released two full-length albums and will record a few originals at Dial Back Sound in Water Valley,

Mississippi on their tour.

When not on the road - where they have rounded up 27 states - regular gigs are played once a month in Long Beach and Anaheim, California, and Las Vegas at the Sand Dollar Lounge.

About Apalachicola is "a cool little town and a special place for live music. People are very supportive, tip us well, buy our merch; everything a band could ask for!" Kveen said.

"It's not the competitive southern California metropolis. It's nice to play a place where people come hang out and talk with their friends," he added.

"We never intended to create simply a blues venue, or rock venue," said Gardi, "When Pope Paul shared their sound with us, they proved to be more than we expected."



[BRENDA LA PAZ / SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]
Dot Bless with the new park bench named in her honor.

Bless a blessing to Lanark Village

By Jane Shafer

Special to the Times

The Lanark Village Association celebrated Dot Bless Appreciation Day on Sunday, March 18 at Chillas Hall.

Approximately 80 people attended the special covered dish event. Bless was presented a certificate of appreciation, and a park bench with her name on it to be placed in Gene Sewell Park.

Bless has been an amazing asset to the Lanark Village Association (LVA) and to the community. She moved to Lanark Village in 2005 and became active in the LVA in 2006, helping to organize fundraisers for Chillas Hall, Lanark's community center.

In 2007 she became an LVA board member and was instrumental in the remodeling of the Hall. She served as treasurer

from 2008 until 2014. One of her many accomplishments while in office was in 2011, when she helped upgrade the LVA's storage yard by recovering back rental payments.

In 2014 she was elected LVA chair. During this time, she also assisted the chairs of the membership, storage yard and ways and means committees, and the treasurer.

In 2016, she was elected Queen of Lanark Village at the 60th anniversary celebration of LVA.

In 2018, after 11 years of service, Dot retired as chair from the LVA. She is still an at-large member of the board and continues her hard work by keeping the Gene Sewell Park beautiful for Lanark Village residents.

Dot has also benefited the Village by holding several board positions in Lanark Community Church.

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

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1. Consideration of a request for a vertical retaining wall along the shoreline of a manmade canal and to include maintenance dredging with fill being placed behind the retaining wall within the Critical Habitat Zone on property located at 3 Mardi Gras Way, Lot 4, Holiday Beach, Unit 1, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Elva Peppers, agent for Brent Burke, applicant.
2. Consideration of a request for special exception in C-4 Commercial Mixed Use zoning to use the building located at 207 US Hwy 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida as a new Community Church and Office for Go With God Ministries, Inc.. Request submitted by Anthony Middleton, applicant.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL ADDRESS THIS REQUEST AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 17, 2018 AT 10:00 AM.

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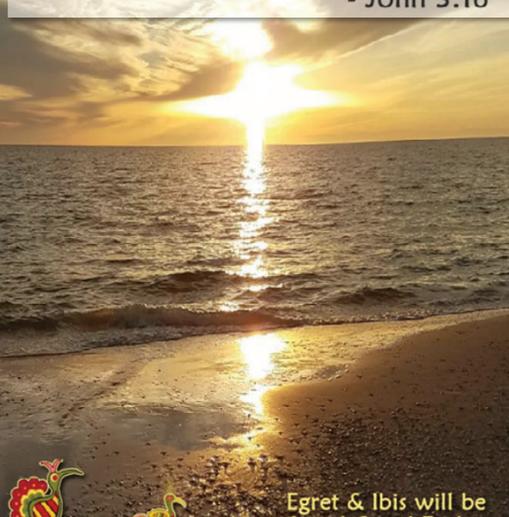
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Happy Easter

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- John 3:16





Egret & Ibis will be closed Good Friday, & Saturday, March 31st in Celebration of Easter.

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FAITH

OBITUARY

ALMA SHIVER

Alma P. Shiver was born in Blountstown on June 16, 1936. She entered Heaven's gates on March 19, 2018.

She was a seafood worker for most of her working career. However, that is not what she will be remembered for. She was a mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She loved to hunt, sew, garden, and cook. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing meals for her family and friends. If anyone mentions the name Alma Shiver, it will be quickly followed with, "I love her biscuits!"

It was the love she had for her family, that motivated her to get up every Sunday and prepare a full course meal. As she was surrounded by her babies, her day was filled with eating, gossiping, laughing, playing and sometimes a few tears. This was her idea of a great day.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Jimmie "Buddy" Shiver; her daughter Becky Kuhle; great-grandson Kelly Shiver; sisters Jeanie Bracken and Cathy Pate; and brothers Tommy and Dallas Pate.

She is survived by her children, Kelly Shiver, Kelvin Shiver and wife Deanna, Lita Wilson and husband Mark; grandchildren, Leanna Nowling and husband John, Brandy Banks and husband Rickey, Allen Shiver, Jessica Gay and husband Devin, Paul Shiver, Whitley, Ethan, and Rebecca Wilson; great-grandchildren; Shelby Tarantino, Colby Nowling and wife Shelby, River and Tyler Banks, David Gay, Dakota, Austin, Dalyn, and Montana Shiver, Beau and Gracelyn Wilson; great-great-grandchildren Aubrey Nowling, Noah Tarantino and Khloe Banks; as well as numerous brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services

were held Wednesday, March 21 at United Baptist Church in Eastpoint, followed with graveside memorial at Eastpoint Cemetery.

You can shed tears because she is gone, or smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray she'll come back, or open your eyes and see all that she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or be full of the love you've shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone, or cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry, close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what she'd want:

Smile, open your eyes, love, and go on.

LANARK NEWS

Reminiscing about Easter sunrise services



Jim Welsh

Here comes Peter Cottontail, hopping down the bunny trail. I'm wishing you a safe and blessed Easter.

Used to be on Easter morning, members of the Lanark Village Community Church would have a sunrise service at the water's edge at the Lanark Village Boat Club. After the service we would all go into the clubhouse for coffee and goodies. After that we went and gussied up to go to our own church services. In the afternoon, we also had an Easter egg hunt at Legion Post

#82. I would boil a dozen or two and decorate the eggs for the occasion.

Speaking of Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post #82, every Friday night you can enjoy a huge hamburger with chips. Orders taken from 5 to 7 p.m. Your donation of \$6 will get you on the grill.

Then, on Sunday, it's back to Post #82 for pizza. Again, the hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. Smoke rings are blown on the screened-in porch. Thank you.

Lunch this afternoon at Franklin County Senior Citizens Center will start at noon. It will be hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and Easter cupcakes. Your \$6 donation will be collected at the desk. Don't forget to take a chance or two on the pastry raffle.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound, and rejoice.

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

THE POET'S VOICE

Oysterman's Prayer

By Jerry L. Hurley
Special to the Times

Jerry Hurley's poem this week is a first for him, a villanelle, a poetic form with 19 lines and a strict pattern of repetition and rhyme. Each villanelle is comprised of five tercets, which are three-line stanzas, followed by a quatrain, which is a stanza with four lines. The first and third lines of the opening tercet are repeated in an alternating pattern as the final line of each next tercet; those two repeated lines then form the final two lines of the entire poem. The rhyme scheme calls for those repeating lines to rhyme, and for the second line of every tercet to rhyme. The word villanelle comes originally from the Italian word villano, meaning "peasant." The villanelles and villancicos of the Renaissance were Italian and Spanish songs made for dancing, which featured the pastoral theme appropriate for peasant dances.



their future not fey,
before the tale ends
with the setting of sun?
Tonging for life
in Apalach Bay.

The boat with
the tongs at the
end of the quay
on gray water
is waiting for the
man and the son.
The oysterman prays
at the end of the day,
tonging for life
in Apalach Bay.

Oysterman's Prayer

The oysterman prays
at the end of the day,
the return of prosperity
to pass on to his son.
Tonging for life
in Apalach Bay.

But the oysterman's
son must have his say.
Yet when all has been
said, all has been done,
the oysterman prays
at the end of the day

The life that is known,
the ancestor's way,
passed down for years
from father to son.
Tonging for life
in Apalach Bay

Over time the
bay changes, the
piper you pay,
the clock goes
not backwards once
you've begun.
The oysterman prays
at the end of the day.

Can they come back,

FAITH BRIEFS

Sunrise service at Millender Park

Franklin County's annual community Easter sunrise service will begin at 7 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 1, at Millender Park on Patton Drive in Eastpoint. Speaker will be Bro. Bobby Shiver, pastor of United Baptist Church in Eastpoint.

Island Methodists mark Holy Week

St. George Island United Methodist Church Holy Week services include a traditional Passover Seder led by Deborah and Steve Kirschenbaum, followed by a light dinner and Communion at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 29. On Good Friday, from noon to 12:30 p.m. are Stations of the Cross. The Easter Sunday Sunrise Service is at 6:45

a.m. at the public beach and traditional service at 10:15 p.m.

Eastpoint First Baptist hosts Good Friday service

The Eastpoint First Baptist Church, 447 Avenue A, will have a service for Good Friday, March 30 at noon. Everyone is welcome.

Women-only recovery group now underway

Marilyn McCann has started a Celebrate Recovery program, in conjunction with the United Methodist Church of Eastpoint. This is a women-only group that meets Sundays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the church, at 317 Patton Drive. For more information, contact Marilyn at 927-2088 or email celebrate_recovery@sgiumc.org.

For more news go to
apalachtimes.com

He Is Risen



6:45 am Easter Sunrise Service
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8:30 am First UMC of Eastpoint
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Sunday Bible Study 10:00am
Worship Praise 11:00am
Sunday Night 7:00pm
Wednesday - "Power Hour" 7:00pm
Wednesday - "Youth at S.P.L.A.S.H." 7:00pm
"Walking in Christ"

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11:00 am Morning Worship
11:15 am Children's Church
6:00 pm Evening Worship

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Bible Study; The Covenant of Jesus
Monday 6:30-7:30 PM
Prayer Meeting Tuesday 9:30 AM
AA Meeting Thursday 7:00 PM
Men's Prayer Breakfast Thursday 8:15 AM
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OUTDOORS

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Spring is time to learn boating safety

By Carolyn Brown
Treadon Special to the Times

Last week, the Coast Guard put out a press release urging boaters to take a boating safety course. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, in 2016, Florida led the nation in registered vessels at 931,450. There were 714 reportable boating accidents, many which were preventable. In total, 67 individuals lost their lives. Statistics for 2017 have not been released.

The temperature may be cool outside, but the Eighth Coast Guard District is joining boating safety advocates across the country to urge recreational boaters to enroll in a boating education course. The Spring Aboard – Take A Boating Education Course campaign encourages boaters to receive education prior to the kick-off of the boating season.

“We know that an



Scott Hausmann conducting a vessel exam [PHOTO COURTESY US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 12]

educated boater is safer on the water,” said Tom Guess, president of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the lead organization for the Spring Aboard campaign. “If a boater has taken a boating safety education course, the likelihood of their time spent

on the water being a safe and enjoyable experience is much greater for them as well as their passengers. There’s no reason to head out on the water without knowing what you’re doing, and spring is the perfect time to take a course before the summer boating season begins.

“U.S. Coast Guard statistics indicate that of the accidents where the level of operator education was known, 77 percent of boating deaths occurred on boats where the boat operator had never received boating education instruction,” said Ed Huntsman, the Eight Coast Guard

District boating safety program manager.

With today’s variety of courses available, there’s a course for every boater’s schedule. Boaters have multiple options including classroom courses offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Power Squadrons and online offerings available anytime.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering classes on April 21, May 12, or June 30, at Academy Sports in Tallahassee. For more information or to sign up, individuals can contact Public Education Officer Rich Rasmussen at rich@uscgaux.net.

Another way to ensure you are better prepared is to have your vessel inspected by a qualified Auxiliary. This past weekend, several Auxiliaries provided free vessel examinations to ensure boaters had all the required safety equipment. Throughout the morning, Tim Ashley, Bob

Asztalos, Raye Crews, Ron Eudy, Hike Harrison, Scott Hausmann, Steve Hults, Gregg Stanton and Joe Storey inspected around 25 vessels.

To learn more about vessel safety checks, please contact Steve Hults, staff officer for vessel examinations at steve.hults@uscgaux.net.

Safe boating is no accident. Always wear a life jacket; 40 percent of fatalities happen from drowning!

To learn more about safe boating classes, or to learn more about getting involved in the Auxiliary, check out www.uscgaux.net or contact Flotilla Commander Ron Eudy, at Ron.Eudy@uscgaux.net.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, March 29	75°	64°	10%
Fri, March 30	74°	59°	50%
Sat, March 31	72°	57°	60%
Sun, April 1	75°	57°	20%
Mon, April 2	75°	57°	10%
Tues, April 3	73°	57°	10%
Wed, April 4	73°	58°	20%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
29	Th	2:37a 1.4	4:17p 1.3	10:03a 0.0	10:01p 0.5
30	Fr	3:44a 1.4	4:34p 1.3	10:41a 0.2	10:42p 0.4
31	Sa	4:41a 1.4	4:50p 1.3	11:14a 0.3	11:21p 0.2
1	Su	5:33a 1.4	5:05p 1.4	11:42a 0.5	11:59p 0.1
2	Mo	6:23a 1.4	5:24p 1.4	12:07p 0.7	
3	Tu	7:13a 1.3	5:46p 1.5	12:37a 0.0	12:30p 0.8
4	We	8:07a 1.3	6:14p 1.5	1:16a 0.0	12:56p 0.9

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
29	Th	1:12a 2.2	2:52p 2.1	7:50a 0.0	7:48p 0.8
30	Fr	2:19a 2.2	3:09p 2.1	8:28a 0.3	8:29p 0.6
31	Sa	3:16a 2.2	3:25p 2.1	9:01a 0.5	9:08p 0.3
1	Su	4:08a 2.2	3:40p 2.2	9:29a 0.8	9:46p 0.2
2	Mo	4:58a 2.2	3:59p 2.2	9:54a 1.1	10:24p 0.0
3	Tu	5:48a 2.1	4:21p 2.4	10:17a 1.3	11:03p 0.0
4	We	6:42a 2.1	4:49p 2.4	10:43a 1.4	11:47p 0.0

FISHING REPORT



Reports of Spanish Mackerel are still strong and the Mexico Beach pier and out along the St. Joe sea wall is still producing. Clarkspon is still a good choice for bait and the Coho Killer lure is still making waves in these parts. There is a limited number of these lures available in our area so if you have a chance to purchase make sure and pick up a couple. Sheepshead bite continues to be pretty good around structure areas and live shrimp continues to pull them in. Looks like the Trout bite is slowly coming back in the St. Bay around the head of the bay. Soft baits jigged or behind popping corks are your best bet. We are counting down to the Bluewater Outriggers annual tent sale April 6th and 7th, so please plan to join us. There will be fun for the entire family and smoking deals on Fishing gear, Apparel, Shoes and other miscellaneous items so mark your calendar and come see us. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

Dataloggers record water quality

Special to the Times

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve has been continuously monitoring water quality in Apalachicola Bay since 1992.

Dataloggers - remote devices that collect and store data - are installed at four sampling stations in the bay and regularly record the water’s temperature, water level, salinity, dissolved oxygen, pH and turbidity.

About once a month, the dataloggers are removed and replaced with clean ones. After being submerged in the bay for too long, they become encrusted with barnacles or overgrown with algae, which interferes with accurate data collection. The old dataloggers are taken back to ANERR’s lab to be tested for errors, cleaned, inspected for damage, and to have their data downloaded.



The East Bay tower serves as one of ANERR’s sites for monitoring long-term water quality trends in Apalachicola Bay. [PHOTO COURTESY ANERR]

This information, as well as current water conditions updated every 15 minutes, is made

available on the Centralized Data Management Office website <http://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu/>

and through Florida DEP at www.fldep-stevens.com/index.php

OUTDOOR BRIEFS

April 6 class explores Bay-Friendly Landscaping

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will host a class on Bay-Friendly Landscaping on Friday, April 6, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Nature Center on 108 Island Drive in Eastpoint.

Thyme to start thinking about your yard and garden! Yard design and maintenance can have a big effect on neighborhood beauty and estuarine health. Participants in this class will learn about resources to help them transform their yard into a low maintenance bay-conscious landscape that attracts

birds and wildlife. Following the discussion portion of the workshop participants will have the option to take home their own rain barrel.

The class is free, but rain barrels are \$25 per barrel, and must be ordered one week in advance. Tickets and rain barrel reservations available at www.aner-bayfriendly.eventbrite.com

FSU ant expert to lecture April 12

The Florida State University’s Conservation Lecture Series continues on Thursday, April 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. with “A Hodge Podge of Ant

Stories,” presented by Dr. Walter Tschinkel, the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor in the department of biological science.

Our region is home to over 100 species of ants, each with its own stories to tell, and each exploiting an ecological opportunity. The natural history and life cycle of a handful of these stories will illustrate the breadth and wonder of the way that these north Florida ants go about their lives.

Tschinkel (aka AntMan) has been prying into the lives and secrets of ants for over 40 years, and has revealed much about the division of labor and regulation within colonies,

competition between colonies, colony life cycles, colony reproduction and the ecological niches of ant species.

He is a world expert on the exotic fire ant, *Solenopsis invicta*, and published a well-received book, *The Fire Ants* (Harvard/Belknap Press, 2006). His recent research has focused on the subterranean nest architecture of ants. His metal casts of ant nests are on display in museums as far flung as Paris and Hong Kong.

The lecture, in the FSUCML Auditorium at 3618 US-98 in St. Teresa, is free and open to the public. Refreshments available before talk.

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SPORTS

Track team starts spring season

By David Adlerstein

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The Franklin County High School track team warmed up for the 2018 season with three opening meets, and coach John Cooper is optimistic they'll continue to improve on their times and distances.

"So far this track season has been filled with success, and has the possibility of seeing four or more athletes qualify for the regional stage, if not state," he said.

The season opened Feb. 23 in Panama City with the Bozeman Track & Field Invitational.

Brooke Martina finished 14th in the 100-meter dash, while in the 200-meters, Janacia Bunyon ran 13th with a time of 32.94, and Haley Miller was 16th, with a 33.51 time.

In the 400 meters, Miller ran fourth, with a time of 1:17.51, and Adia Barber was sixth, with a 1:29.30 time.

In the 1,600 meters, Genevieve Printiss ran fifth, with a 6:41.91. She ran second in the 3,200 meters, with a 14:27.00 time.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Peyton Millender was eighth, with a 20.06 time, and Lyndsey Steifel was 12th, with a 22.67 time.

In the high jump, Tiauna Benjamin leaped 1.4 meters to finish second, followed by a 1.35-meter jump by Genesis Jones for third, a 1.35-meter jump by Bunyon for fourth, and a 1.17-meter height by Kiani Allen for fifth.

In the long jump, Benjamin was third, with a 4.55-meter leap, followed by a 3.42-meter jump by Hannah Westbrook for 19th, a 3.39-meter jump by Martina for 20th and a 3.02-meter jump by Harper Westbrook for 23rd place.

In the triple jump, Benjamin took second with a 9.21-meter performance.

In the discus, a 27-92-meter toss earned a first for Ja'mela Ray, and a 14.88-meter hurl got Santi Turrell 11th place.

In the shotput, Ray was second with a toss of 9.71-meters, and Turrell was 10th after throwing for 7.91 meters.

For the boys, in the 100-meter dash, Isiah Barber was 11th with a time of 12.74, Jamal Robinson 19th with a time of 13.20, and Charlee Winchester 22nd with a 13.45 time.

In the 200 meters, Barber was 10th with a 26.72 time and Robinson 15th with a 28.87 run.

In the 400 meters, Levi Bilbo ran 25th, with a time of 1:21.81.

In the 800 meters, Simon Hodgson was third, with a 2:20.46, and Winchester seventh, with a 2:29.85 time, and



Adia Barber at the Wakulla High Quad Meet

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Tiauna Benjamin performs the long jump at the Wakulla High Quad Meet



Hannah Westbrook performs the long jump at the Wakulla High Quad Meet

Bilbo 24th, with a 3:34.28 time.

In the 1,600 meters, Hodgson ran third, with a 5:21.57 time, and William Gray 10th, with a 6:14.37 performance.

In the 3,200 meters, Hodgson was fifth, with a 12:51.71 time, and Gray 10th, with a 13:59.01 showing.

The boys 4 by 100 relay team was fourth, with a 50.55 time.

In the high jump, Carter Kembro finished sixth, with a 1.57-meter leap.

In the long jump, Barber was second, with a 6.46-meter jump, and Elijah Grier 22nd with a leap of 4.79 meters.

In the discus, Nick Hutchins was 12th with a toss of 25.7 meters, Cameron Wynn was 15th with a throw of 21.02 meters, Ethan Moses was 17th with a hurl of 19.44 meters,

and Jesse Page was 19th with a throw of 16.28 meters.

In the shotput, Hutchins was 14th with a 9.4 meter throw, Wynn 17th with a 8.98 meter toss, Moses 19th with a throw of 8.74 meters and Page 21st with a throw of 8.3 meters.

At the Wakulla Quad Meet March 1 in Crawfordville, Honesti Williams was sixth in the 100 meters, with a 14.88 time, and Miller 12th with a time of 16.36.

In the 1,600 meters, Printiss ran third, with a 6:12.90, and in the 3,200, she ran second, with a time of 13:46.82.

In the high jump, Benjamin won with a 1.42 meter jump, with Bunyon second with a 1.32 meter leap, and Jones fourth with a jump of 1.27 meters.

In the long jump, Benjamin

FCS Track and Field Roster

All students on the roster of the Seahawk track and field team attend Franklin County School, unless otherwise noted.

BOYS

Sixth grader

Ethan Kembro (First Baptist)

Eighth graders

Jamal Robinson (ABC School)

Carter Kembro (First Baptist)

Freshmen

Charlee Winchester

Austin Gray

Sophomores

Isaiah Barber (First Baptist)

Levi Bilbo

Nick Hutchison

Juniors

Cam Wynn

Hunter Kelly

Seniors

Elijah Grier

Simon Hodgson

Ethan Moses

Colton Evans

GIRLS

Eighth graders

Santi Turrell (ABC School)

Genesis Jones

Freshmen

Haley Miller

Adia Barber

Kiani Allen

Jamela Ray

Lindsey Steifel

Sophomores

Honesti Williams

Janacia Bunyon

Juniors

Peyton Millender

Tiauna Benjamin

Seniors

Brooke Martina

Genevieve Printiss

Hannah Westbrook

Harper Westbrook

was again the winner, leaping 4.93 meters, and Hannah Westbrook was ninth, with a jump of 3.53 meters.

In the shotput, Ray was third, with a toss of 9.46 meters and Turrell was 13th, with a leap of 7.38 meters.

For the boys, Winchester ran 16th with a time of 13.88, Grier was right behind with a time of 14.21, and Robinson was 18th, with a 14.33.

In the 299 meters, Bilbo was 25th, with a 31.56 time.

In the 400 meters, Abner Ramirez was 12th with a time of 1:03.78, and Bilbo 14th with a 1:11.81 time.

In the 800 meters, Ethan Kembro ran 14th, with a time of 3:27.47.

In the 1,600 meters, Hodgson ran a 5:09.68 to win the event, while Gray was 11th with a time of 6:15.59 and Ethan Kembro 14th with a 7:17.02 time.

In the 3,200 meters,

Hodgson finished fourth, running a 11:37.30, and Gray was eighth with a time of 13:44.20.

In the 4 by 100 meter relay, the Seahawks ran second with a time of 1:01.42.

In the high jump, Aric Sowell was fourth with a leap of 1.52 meters, and Carter Kembro fifth, with a 1.52-meter leap.

In the long jump, Barber was fourth with a leap of 6.24 meters.

In the shotput, Hutchins was 13th with a throw of 9.06 meters, Duncan Whaley was 14th with a toss of 8.87 meters, Moses 15th with a throw of 8.77 meters, Wynn 16th with a hurl of 8.68 meters and Hunter Kelly 19th with a throw of 7.9 meters.

At the Tariq Barfield Invitational in Tallahassee March 9, Honesti Williams ran 14.28 in the 100 meters to finish 28th, while Martina ran a 15.58 to finish 46th.

In the 1,600 meters, Printiss ran a 6:06.93 to finish in 14th place, while in the 3,200 meters ran a 13:40.61 to finish sixth.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Steifel performed a 1:07.35 for 15th place.

In the 4 by 100 meter relay, the Lady Seahawks ran a 59.23 for 10th place.

In the high jump, Benjamin was second with a leap of 1.42 meters, while Jones was ninth with a 1.32 meter jump and Bunyon 11th with a 1.27-meter leap.

In the long jump, Benjamin was 13th with a jump of 4.51 meters, and Hannah Westbrook 36th with a 3.48-meter jump.

In the triple jump, Benjamin was eighth with a 9.33-meter showing.

In the discus, Ray finished seventh with a toss of 22.39 meters, and was second in the shotput with a 9.9 meter showing. Turrell the shot 7.82 meters to finish 18th

For the boys, Bilbo was 34th in the 200 meters with a time of 29.01.

In the 800 meters, Ethan Kembro ran a 3:17.23 to finish 39th.

In the 1,600 meters, Hodgson finished 11th with a time of 5:05.40, and Gray was 37th with a time of 5:50.55.

In the 3,200, Hodgson was fifth with a 11:06.18 finish.

The Seahawk 4 by 800 relay team was fifth with a time of 11:50.79.

In the high jump, Carter Kembro jumped 1.52 meters for 13th place.

In the long jump, Barber was 17th with a leap of 5.84 meters.

In the discus, Whaley threw 20.88 meters for 23rd place and Kelly 15.23 meters to finish 28th.

In the shotput, Kelley threw a 7.53 meters for 35th place.

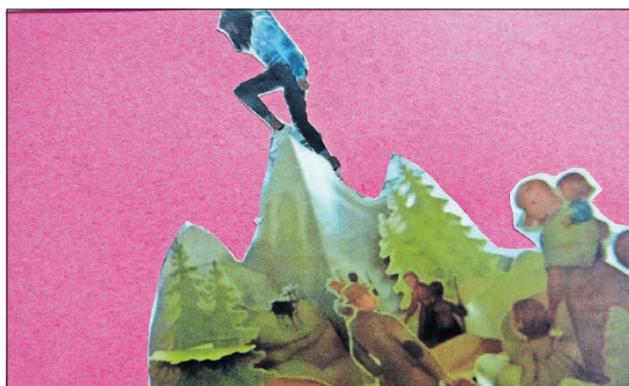
SEAHAWK ARTISTRY

Pop-up books



Students in the high school creative photography class were given a photo assignment to help Franklin County School promote literacy and excellent reading habits for the statewide Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!

This year's theme, Find

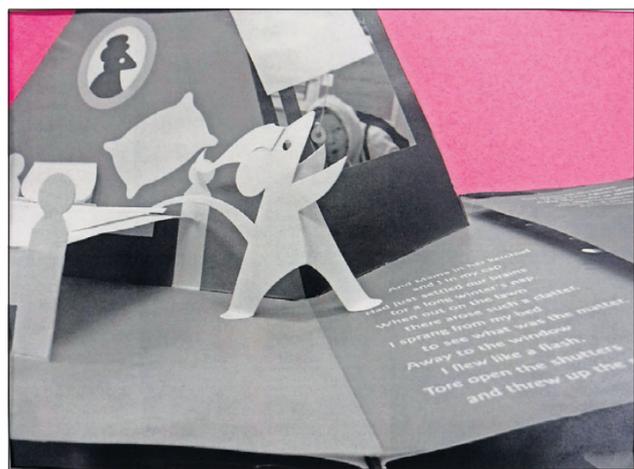


Marissa Startt,, Jaylin Charles, and Lyndsey Stiefel created a photo of Maliah Lockley climbing the Swiss Alps in "the Sound of Music" pop-up book by Bert Fink.

Yourself in a Book! was the photo challenge for the handful of photography students attending school Thursday, January 18. Students were given pop-up books and

one class segment to create photographs with subjects appearing to interact within the three-dimensional pop-up books.

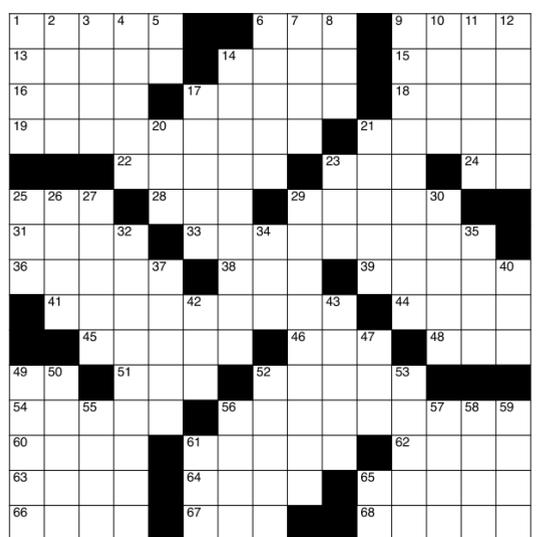
In photography, this forced



Caleb Smith created a photo of Laden Millender peering into the window of the pop-up book "The Night Before Christmas," by Robert Sabuda.

perspective is a technique that employs optical illusion to make an object appear

farther away, closer, larger or smaller than it actually is.

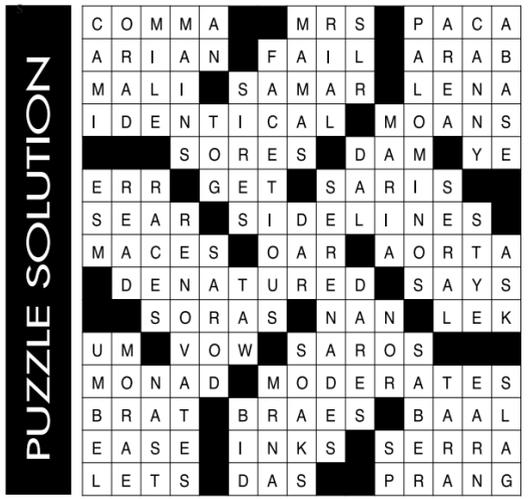


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Punctuation mark
- 6. Married woman
- 9. Nocturnal rodent
- 13. Suffix
- 14. A way to disappoint
- 15. Saddle horse
- 16. West African country
- 17. Philippine island
- 18. "Girls" creator Dunham
- 19. A type of twin
- 21. Groans
- 22. Infections
- 23. What a beaver makes
- 24. Thou
- 25. Make a mistake
- 28. Receive
- 29. Dresses
- 31. Burn the surface of
- 33. Where coaches observe
- 36. Ceremonial offices
- 38. Paddle
- 39. The body's main artery
- 41. Altered the original state
- 44. Alleges
- 45. Short-billed rails
- 46. Northern Thai province
- 48. Albanian monetary unit
- 49. Who the Wolverines play for
- 51. Oath
- 52. Astronomical period
- 54. A single unit
- 56. Presides over
- 60. Spoiled tot
- 61. Hillsides
- 62. Fertility god
- 63. Assuage
- 64. Signs a contract
- 65. Ancient Greek war dance
- 66. Allows
- 67. Lunar crater
- 68. Crash a motorcycle (Brit. slang)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Loose-fitting undergarment
- 2. Western Romanian city
- 3. Unit of length
- 4. Type of electricity
- 5. Article
- 6. Mothers
- 7. Monetary unit
- 8. Single Lens Reflex
- 9. Tan-colored horses
- 10. Region
- 11. Cautious in spending money
- 12. Belittle
- 14. Sarcastic
- 17. Fathers
- 20. Clothes
- 21. Opera's Callas
- 23. Lentil dish
- 25. Energy-saving module
- 26. Make sense of a language
- 27. Hurries through
- 29. Songs to one's lover
- 30. Name given to plant group
- 32. Improves
- 34. Patriotic women
- 35. Inflamed swelling on the eyelid
- 37. Instrument in Indian music
- 40. Request
- 42. Make into leather without using tannin
- 43. Defies
- 47. Neither
- 49. Flower cluster
- 50. Phonological unit
- 52. Leaves in water
- 53. Cavalry-sword
- 55. Famed American cartoonist
- 56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 57. Scarlett's home
- 58. Make
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. What to do at auction
- 65. Incorrect letters



TRIVIA FUN



Wilson Casey

- 1. Real-life U.S. Defense Department document "CONOP 8888" is in place for what scenario?**
Power grid down, Alien invasion, Vampire takeover, Zombie apocalypse
- 2. Who portrayed John Bernard "J.B." Books in his final film, 1976's "The Shootist"?**
Edgar Buchanan, John Wayne, Charlton Heston, Roy Scheider
- 3. When were the Chicago Bears football team first called "Monsters of the Midway"?**
1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s
- 4. "Livermore Larruper" was the nickname of what heavyweight boxing champion?**
Max Baer, James J. Braddock, Ernie Terrell, Lee

- Savold
- 5. Where did legendary coach Vince Lombardi play collegiate football?**
He didn't, Fordham, Notre Dame, Army
- 6. What color is the center stripe on the French flag?**
Red, White, Blue, Green
- ANSWERS:** 1. Zombie apocalypse, 2. John Wayne, 3. 1940s, 4. Max Baer, 5. Fordham, 6. White
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April arrival

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 over, and April is here, with its wonderful spring weather, the first hint of summer in the air. 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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Free Tax Aide to wind down

Special to the Times

Hello Franklin County! Franklin County Libraries will be closed on Friday, March 30 as a county holiday. The Carrabelle branch will also be closed on Saturday, March 31. All of the library staff wishes you a Happy Easter.

Last reminder! There are only two more days available for free AARP Tax Aide. Representatives are available one more time at each branch. There are still available time slots, and personnel will be at the Eastpoint Library, Thursday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at the Carrabelle Library, Thursday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is required. Thank you AARP tax representatives for assisting and preparing the taxes for the citizens of Franklin County and the surrounding counties. Your expertise and efficient service in filing taxes have been greatly appreciated! Job well done!

The Basics of Better Living program will



be Friday, April 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Carrabelle branch. The topic will be Extreme Recipe Makeover. The program will be held at the Eastpoint branch on Friday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m. These programs are facilitated by the county extension office.

Don't miss April's Garden program, when the topic will be "Pick-A-Pepper: Production Protocols for the Perfect Capsicum Cultivar." Programs will be held at the Carrabelle branch on Tuesday, April 10 at 1:30 p.m., and at the Eastpoint branch on Tuesday, April 17 at 1:30 p.m. All garden programs are facilitated by Les Harrison, the Wakulla county

extension director.

The free film on Friday Movie Night at the Carrabelle branch, April 20 at 6 p.m., will be "Wonder," rated PG. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

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 April 4.

Find us and follow us on Facebook at Franklin County Public Library and Franklin County Public Library Eastpoint Branch. The calendar of events and online resources are on the Library website at fcpl.wildernesscoast.org. Contact the Eastpoint branch, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 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!

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Pub: March 29, 2018

19812T
FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

March 29, 2018
RFP #18-200 - Group Health Insurance

The Franklin County School Board is requesting proposals from qualified proposers to provide Group Health Insurance. Proposals will be received until 10 a.m. April 12, 2018 at the Franklin County School Board offices at 85 School Road, Suite One, Eastpoint, FL 32328. Proposals must be received in a sealed envelope clearly marked RFP 18-200 -Group Health Insurance. All information regarding this RFP may be found at the following web address:

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interest.
Pub: March 29, 2018

19864T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2016-CA-000256

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF THE COWAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-HY8C, PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HY8C, Plaintiff,

vs.

JULIANNA FROST, ET AL.
Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 2, 2017, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000256, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF THE COWAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-HY8C, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HY8C (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and JULIANNA FROST; ST. GEORGE PLANTATION OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM INC AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC; UNKNOWN TENANT IN

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Dated this 12th day of March, 2018.

MARCIA JOHNSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk

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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.
March 29, April 5, 2018

19870T
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:

Forgotten Coast Community Church

located at P.O. Box 630, in the County of Franklin, in the City of Eastpoint, Florida, 32328 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Panama City Beach, Florida, this 20th day of March, 2018.

Go With God Ministries, Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation
Pub: March 29, 2018

19924T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE # 2018 CA 01

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk

RAYMOND R. FINN, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: RAYMOND R.

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage the following properties in Franklin County, Florida:

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DATED on March 22, 2018.

Marcia Johnson
Clerk of Court

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By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
March 29, April 5, 2018

19942T
Notice of Intent to Sell

Pursuant to Florida Statute §328.17 MS Dockside Marina LLC has intent to sell, salvage, or remove abandoned sailing vessel registered to Silvia Williams and Andrew Scott Abbot. 42 Phoenix, white, fiberglass hull will be sold for private disposition Saturday April 14 at 9:00 am at Dockside Marina 292 Graham Dr Carrabelle, FL 32322.
March 29, April 5, 2018

19946T
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

FORGOTTEN COAST TOWING & ROAD SERVICE, LLC gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 04/10/2018, 10:00 am at 3 PINE DR APALACHICOLA, FL 32320-1224, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. FORGOTTEN COAST TOWING & ROAD SERVICE, LLC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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PLANES

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"We think the event was a great success," said Tara Maugham, who co-owns Centric together with Andrew Hartman. "I have had many vendors, pilots and people from the surrounding community reach out to me with positive feedback."

Maugham said she was particularly pleased at the success of the EAA (Experimental Aviation Association) Young Eagles Flights, which were free to for young people age 8 to 17. Three volunteer pilots, John Bone, Dr. AJ Brickler and Danny Deason, took a total of 80 kids up in their personal planes.

"That's amazing. I cannot thank them enough for volunteering their time and resources to give kids this great opportunity," said



The AT-11 Kansan helped train gunners and navigators during the war. (CENTRIC AVIATION | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)

Maugham. "I had one moment tell me that her son now wants to be a pilot."

"Through this program kids are inspired to look into the opportunities that exist in the aviation industry. I'm so happy that we were able to coordinate with the volunteer pilots to have this opportunity available to the youth of

Franklin County."

Young people were also the focus of a table set up by Joseph Garcia, on behalf of the Lively Aviation Maintenance Technology School.

"He was very pleased with the turnout and the general response he received of people interested in information regarding

continuing education in the aviation maintenance industry," Maugham said.

Helicopter pilot Andre F. Connan was busy all day offering rides on behalf of his company KoolBreeze Helicopters, out of Tallahassee. He was proud of his 2015 Robinson R-44, one of the most popular light helicopters on the market today.

The Commemorative Air Force Dixie Wing, staffed by Col. Larry Combs and Tony Stein, offered 20-minute rides in an historic P-51 Mustang, the kind that Geoff Hewell's dad trained in during the war. Hewell climbed into the cockpit and savored his chance to relive history.

Buddy Bryan had a chance to show off his T-34 propeller-driven, single-engine, military trainer aircraft, as well as his T-28, a piston-engined military trainer dating back to the 1950s.

Percy Wood, a pilot from Sopchoppy, and David Pettit,

from Columbus, Ohio, were both particularly impressed by the Beech AT-11 Kansan, owned by John Hess, an attack trainer which never crossed the ocean but was instrumental during the war in the instruction of gunners, navigators and bombardiers.

"That plane there is why we're not speaking German today," said Pettit as he watched it go airborne.

The US Coast Guard brought its HC-144 Ocean Sentry, and Apalachicola Airport hangar tenant Mike Roehr showed off his Yakovlev Yak-52, a Soviet primary trainer aircraft which first flew in 1976.

In addition to conducting raffles throughout the day, and a car show that brought out a queue of fancy autos, the staff at the airport, Airport Manager Jason Puckett and receptionist Charlotte Bachman, spent the day meeting and greeting the folks who came out.

JOB FAIR

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the region's year ago rate of 4.8 percent. The labor force was 99,263, up 2,717 over the year, with 3,934 unemployed residents in the region. Bay's jobless rate dropped from 4.5 to 4.0 percent, and in Gulf County from 4.4 to 4.0

percent.

"With unemployment in the county being low, it can be a real challenge for local employers to hire qualified candidates. In our Employ Florida system, we currently have 62 job postings representing 94 positions for Franklin County alone," said Kim Bodine, executive director for CareerSource Gulf Coast. "In order to help businesses recruit workers, we are hosting a county wide job fair

and all job seekers are encouraged to participate."

In February 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Panama City metropolitan area was 83,900, an increase of 2,200 jobs over the year. The mining, logging, and construction; professional and business services; financial activities; education and health services; leisure and hospitality; and trade, transportation, and utilities industries grew faster

Job Fair April 11

The job fair will be held on Wednesday, April 11 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Eastpoint Fire House and will include approximately 10 to 12 employers. Job seekers are encouraged to bring a resume to the job fair and come prepared to meet face-to-face with hiring managers. CareerSource Gulf Coast will be providing free lunch to all jobseekers who attend. For more information or to view a list of employers participating in the job fair, please visit www.careersourcegfc.com.

in the metro area than state-wide over the year.

The manufacturing;

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