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## OUT TO SEE

### Carrabelle Riverfront Festival this weekend

The 28th annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival, a two-day street festival that sets sail this weekend, promises to be a fabulous down-home celebration. The event, which opens Friday, April 27 from 4 to 8 p.m., and continues from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday along Marine Street on the Carrabelle River, features regional folk life, maritime activities and educational demonstrations, live entertainment, children's activities, a vintage car show, arts & craft vendors, local seafood, and traditional fair foods.

This year festival hours have been extended until later into Saturday evening. Admission to this family friendly and pet friendly event is free.

For more information, go to [www.carrabelleriverfrontfestival.com](http://www.carrabelleriverfrontfestival.com) or by email at [carrabelleriverfront@gmail.com](mailto:carrabelleriverfront@gmail.com).

### Fowler to address AAHS Sunday

The Apalachicola Area Historical Society will welcome their second speaker this Sunday, April 29 at 4 p.m. at the Raney Carriage House, 128 Market Street.

David Fowler, whose five volumes set covers Florida-related excerpts from the Niles' Weekly Register, which was published between 1811 and 1849. This national publication, in its Florida postings cover the birth of this state, with thousands of articles, letters, narratives, anecdotes and personal exposes.

His topic for this talk will be the history of the Apalachicola area. The historical society, during the course of this year, is bringing interested individuals together to learn more about the area's history. The third speaker, in May, is Kent Thompson, a tireless researcher and prolific author.

### Davis to sign book Saturday

Local author Jhaki Davis will read from her newest work "Walls Do Talk" this Saturday afternoon, April 28 at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library, 80 12th St.

"Walls Do Talk," a combination of personal poetry and essays about life, is Davis' first major work. The reading and author book signing will begin at 2 p.m. and copies of "Walls Do Talk" will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information about the book signing and other library activities, drop by 80 12th St or visit [www.apalachicolalibrary.com](http://www.apalachicolalibrary.com).

## Two charged in death

**Young woman's lifeless body found Monday afternoon just off U.S. 98**

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A trio of travelers from Texas, en route to South Florida, got into a violent confrontation sometime Sunday evening or early

Monday morning while they were staying overnight in Eastpoint, and one was bludgeoned to death, and had her body dumped at a spot just off Highway 98.

At a press conference Wednesday afternoon, Franklin County Sheriff A.J. Smith declined to release the name of the victim, pending a complete notification of next of kin. The body of the young

white woman, estimated to be in her 20s, was found by people going to fish in a nearby pond on Monday afternoon around 5 p.m.

The location was described as being a quarter-mile off the highway, at 1409 East Highway 98. Smith said the area is an undeveloped subdivision a mile or two east of Franklin County High School.

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## Golden days for Taylor

**Building supply store owner looks back on five decades**

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Fifty years ago, Aaron Taylor had finished up 14 years of working as an ironworker in Baltimore, Maryland, and had returned to his hometown of Apalachicola.

His younger brother Jack had just been elected sheriff in Franklin County, and was ready to get out of the hardware store business, so he sold it to Aaron.

That was 1968, and now, five decades later, Aaron Taylor can look back on his success, and that of his family, in having turned a comparatively small Western Auto franchise in the heart of Eastpoint into a sprawling building supply operation that encompasses thousands of square feet and employs a few dozen employees.

With plenty of fanfare, that opened with a ribbon cutting and lavish reception Thursday, and closed Saturday after having served catfish dinners and given away prizes all weekend long, Taylor's Building Supply marked its golden anniversary in grand style.

It was a tribute to Aaron Taylor's hard work and grand vision, and that of his daughter, Kim, and son-in-law Ken Fish, who have worked to establish the business into one of the county's oldest, and largest, private sector employers.

"I like people, and I like selling," said Aaron Taylor, still vigorous at age 90, as he shared catfish with friends at one of the picnic tables set up for



Aaron Taylor receives a commendation from one of the store's many suppliers [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

the occasion on the lumber yard. "I like to communicate with people."

To understand the growth of Taylor's, you have to go back about 70 years, when Aaron Taylor finished up with Chapman High School, and served in the Navy two years.

He had worked at the A and P in the afternoon, located at Avenue E and Market Street, where Tamara's Café is today, but he decided that rather than stick around his hometown, he would move to Baltimore, where his sister lived, and start work as a meter reader for the gas company.

"I hated that job," he said, with a broad grin that has warmed many a wavering customer over the years.

Fortunately, in those post-war years, he was able

to find good-paying jobs as an iron worker, a member of Iron Workers Local 16, and among the projects he helped weld together was the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, which was built between 1949 and 1952.

In 1956, after seven years in the Army, stationed in Germany, younger brother Jack started running a store a multi-faceted store that was owned by brothers Waldo and Whittier Brown, who was the father of Jack's wife Jeannette.

The Browns retired, and Jack and Jeannette Taylor took over the business, located in a building at the site of the present day Napa Store. The business encompassed a Western Auto store, as well as a grocery business on the site, but

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## HAPPI looks to preserve city's plat

**New group focuses on Apalachicola's original 1835 design**

Special to the Times

A group of Apalachicola citizens recently formed a non-profit corporation to advocate for the preservation of Apalachicola, Florida's historic plat.

Historic Apalachicola Plat Preservation, Incorporated, or HAPPI, as it is called, is focused on the proposed Denton Cove housing complex proposed for the area near the old high school at 17th and L.

"Our town was laid out in a planned design in 1835," explains President Bonnie Davis. "It was commissioned by the Apalachicola Land Company, whose title can be traced back to the Spanish crown. The Apalachicola plat has survived remarkably intact for the last 183 years; the streets, alleys, and squares that evident today are part of this original plat. We would like to be sure that we continue to protect that plat."

In 1974, architect Willoughby Marshall documented the historic elements of Apalachicola, including the plat, and argued that sustained long-term economic growth would come through historic preservation of the town's architectural legacy.

His argument has proven correct, HAPPI asserts. Apalachicola would not have new friends and families moving here or the flourishing tourism and trade that it does now without the charm and ambience that is embodied and preserved in the town's historic design.

The city emphasized the value of historic preservation in its Comprehensive Plan established in the late 1980s. Davis said, "We believe it is our job as current residents of the city to be good stewards and pass this legacy onto future generations as it was given to us. We formed our organization to assist in those community efforts wherever needed."

HAPPI is a non-profit 501C-3 corporation (tax exempt status pending). The board of directors are Diane Brewer, Despina George, Bonnie Davis, Jan Thomas, Willoughby and Marie Marshall, Ralph Wagoner, Dave Watts, and Valentina Webb.

Willoughby Marshall is chairman of the board, George is treasurer, and Brewer secretary.

HAPPI has received contributions from a wide range of the community.

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# Cars and boats draw a crowd

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The 29th annual Apalachicola Classic boat and car show was more cars than boats, with lots of visitors coming down to Apalachicola's Riverfront Park to take it all in.

"We had 71 cars and 10 boats come," said John Solomon, director of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the event. "We think the threat of weekend weather deterred some of the boats that had signed up from out of town."

"The crowd was larger than I have seen in the past few years. Businesses reported a very good Saturday," said Solomon.

Named as winners were:

- Classic Car: David Roberts' 1955 Chevy Bel Air
- Antique: Travis Wade 1929 Ford Model A
- Late Model: Jim Dowling's 2015 Chevy Trans Am Bandit
- Modified: Bunyan Thomas' 1923 Ford Street Rod
- Truck: Earl Whaley's 1974 Ford F-100 Ranger
- Paint: Jim Ward's 1968 Chevy Chevelle
- Worst Gas Millage: Brad Savary's 1999 Monster Truck
- Import: Stu Mauney 2006 Nissan 350 Z
- Overall: Kenneth White's 1968 Camaro
- Chamber Choice: Robert Sutton's 1931 Ford Pickup
- Sailboat: James Doherty's 2010 Sailboat
- Large Sailboat: Kristen Anderson's Jenny Raney's 24-foot Sailboat
- Home Built: Dianne Pickett's Canoe
- Paddle Craft: Dianne Pickett's Paddle Board



**The Worst Gas Millage award went to Brad Savary's 1999 Monster Truck** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



**St. George Island's Tim Baker showed off his 1951 Mercury station wagon, which featured a set of 1951 Florida license plates that boasted "Keep Florida Green."** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



**Kristen Anderson's 24-foot "Jenny Raney" Sharpie Ketch, build by Daniel Blake in 1991, was honored** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



**Allen Whittaker showed off his 1987 Zimmer Gold Spirit, one of 1,500 cars produced by the Pompano Beach car company over eight years.** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

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# OPINION

## ARBOR OUTLOOK

### Dwindling wealth, middle classes and Marvin Gaye



Margaret McDowell

**"Are things really gettin' better, like the newspapers say?  
What else is new my friend, besides what I  
read?"**

— From "What's Happening Brother?"  
as performed by Marvin Gaye

**U**nemployment has declined steadily since late 2009. Wage growth appears to finally be waking from its decades-long slumber, albeit very slowly for lower-income folks. And some industrial and blue-collar companies are so desperate for employees that they are offering sign-on bonuses to new workers.

The Federal Reserve is no longer artificially stimulating the economy. Their plan to progressively raise interest rates up to four times this year speaks to their confidence in an economy finally rebounding from the Great Recession.

On the surface, things seem to be getting better. In the soft underbelly of our economy, well, not so much. Here's what we mean.

A recent survey found that a record 30 percent of American households, or almost a third of the population, enjoy no non-home wealth. That means that if you take away the little equity they carry in their homes, they owe more than they own.

The number of households in this situation has been on a steady rise since the late 1960s, with the exception of the late 1990s, when the tech bubble temporarily inflated the net worth of households. What this means is that millions are one catastrophic illness, one serious accident or a few missed paydays from financial ruin. Forget affording college for kids or putting money away. This is why the housing bubble was so intertwined with the Great Recession; the stock market decline was accompanied by a strong real estate decline. A home equity loan may be a last resort for many in this 30 percent group, and if home values suddenly decline significantly, that option is lost.

Many factors are to blame for America's relatively-new "permanent underclass." Economists often cite stagnating wages for the inflation-adjusted drop in living standards for lower-income Americans. Some cite the lack of participation in the stock market, with household stock ownership being around 10 percent lower than it was 20 years ago. You can't benefit from a rising stock market if you don't have the discretionary income to invest.

Those arguments have merit and are a part of the equation. But if I had to offer a primary reason why many Americans can't get ahead it would be the cost of healthcare.

In 1960, health care costs were only 5 percent of GDP. Two years ago, health care costs were almost 18 percent of our GDP. In 2016, health care costs per person in the U.S. were \$10,348; in 1960, they were a paltry \$146 per capita. On average, healthcare costs have risen faster than both wages and inflation for decades on end. If we solve this conundrum, our middle class may flourish again.

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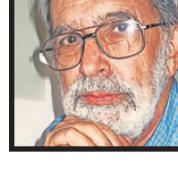
The spoken word is given scant attention; the printed word is thoughtfully weighed. The spoken word barely asserts; the printed word thoroughly convinces. The spoken word is lost; the printed word remains.

**A**pril is National Volunteer Month with National Volunteer Week being April 15-21. I would like to ask you to honor Franklin County's volunteers who tirelessly share their time and talent with their

community.

## THE GOOD LIFE

### Where is a spatula supposed to go?



Denny Bonavita

**T**here I stood in our kitchen, with a spatula in my hand.

I turned to my left. I turned to my right.

I did not do the Hokey Pokey, but I did practically turn myself around.

"Where do I PUT this thing?" I said, first to myself and then out loud, even though nobody else was at home.

The occasion was our third day back from two sets of family visits wrapped around an eight-week winter sojourn in Florida's Forgotten Coast centered on Apalachicola.

The first day back involved unloading the pickup truck, starting laundry, getting the heat turned up and the water turned back on. That night, I whined.

We got home at about 6 p.m. April 6, just as big, fluffy white snowflakes began to fall. By about 9 p.m., three inches of snow coated our grassy areas, and the white stuff was beginning to stick on our limestone driveway and the asphalt roadway.

"Why did I come back?" I moaned, recalling the mid-70s temperatures in the sunny South.

My wife was stoic. We were home. It was March. It snows here in March. Let's go to bed.

Inside my head, a small but insistent voice answered me: "Because you live here, dummy."

"Dummy" eventually stood in that kitchen, vainly searching for a resting place for a spatula just retrieved from our dishwasher.

I have lived in this house for 13 years. In all that time, the spatulas and other larger-than-silverware cooking utensils have resided inside two crocks adjacent to the kitchen stove.

But in the rental house where we lived for two months, spatulas were to be found inside a drawer next to the kitchen sink, several feet away

from the kitchen stove.

Drawer? Crock? Senioritis? Naah.

We give our brains much stuff to store in medium-term memory, a mental file that last longer than our recollection of Saturday's outdoor temperature but not as long as our remembrance of our birthday date.

My unscientific view is that our medium-term memory has one, and only one, slot for "where spatula is stored." When I asked myself where the spatula was supposed to go, my brain refused to respond with, "in the drawer beside the sink, dummy," because I reflexively knew that I was no longer in that house. But it could not resynchronize to "spatula=crock, dummy" because I had not yet been home for a long enough time.

What is very funny to me, and is probably very annoying to a sister-in-law, is that after we left Florida and before we returned to Pennsylvania, we spent a few days at that sister-in-law's home on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina — without her.

During those days, I dutifully discharged my duties with respect to kitchen utensils. My wife cooked, so I handled dishes.

When it came to putting away spatulas, kitchen scissors, measuring cups and the like, I giggled — and then I shoved this into that drawer, that into this drawer, those onto the high shelves, the other stuff atop the lower shelves.

See, my brain's medium-term memory was not confused as to which of two places should receive the spatula.

I had no clue at all.

My wife had taken the spatula out of wherever it had been, and she was on a bicycle ride. For all I knew, the spatula came out of the garage, or the bathroom. My sister-in-law is a dear woman, but she can be eccentric.

Ask me today, and I don't have a clue as to where Melora's spatula might be. I do hope she found it.

Yesterday, when I went out into the garage, I was pleasantly surprised to see that I own a brand-new small propane torch. I bought that

torch just before we left for Florida, but on our return, I had no memory of having done that, so I was searching for my old, blue-tank propane torch. It usually takes two or three placements of something new before my brain holds it firmly in medium-term memory. Luckily, the store receipt was nearby, and jogged my memory.

In addition to putting away our kitchen things, I put away our laundry. This, too, is simple division of labor; my wife is better at shopping for groceries, so I put away laundry.

But where?

For my clothes, the decisions are not complicated. Socks go with socks. Short-sleeved shirts go with short-sleeved shirts. That's man stuff.

But my wife has short-sleeved T-shirts, short-sleeved blouses, sleeveless blouses, gauzy half-sleeve things that fit over other things, V-neck shirts, frilly-lacy shirts — and that does not even get into the long-sleeved clothing.

"Where is my aquamarine overblouse that I bought in Panama City, the one that goes with my teal outfit?"

Umm ... it might be in the crock with the spatula.

**Denny Bonavita**, a former editor and publisher at daily and weekly newspapers in western Pennsylvania, winters in Apalachicola. Last month he won another first-place award in the Pennsylvania statewide Keystone Press Awards contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Newsmedia Association. His award was for a group of three columns required of all entrants. His entries were "I might be a tad preoccupied," "Keep those 'Grandpa Mover' skills sharp," and "Unsheltering the sheltered among us." His columns appear in the Courier-Express of DuBois, Pa., the Post-Journal of Jamestown N.Y., and the Apalachicola Times. Bonavita, 75, retired in 2013 from a 50-year newspaper career. This was the 16th Keystone Press award for Bonavita, who lives near Brookville with wife Maryellen, two dogs, 23 chickens and, at last count, seven barn cats. Email denny2319@windstream.net

### A salute to volunteerism

**E**ditor's Note: The following is a letter to Franklin County commissioners from John Solomon, director of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, regarding National Volunteer Week. Solomon, a longtime champion of volunteerism, was able to secure resolutions from State Sen. Bill Montford and State Rep. Halsey Beshears, as well as from the county commissioners and Apalachicola City Commission, all in honor of Franklin County volunteers. The chamber of commerce earlier this spring named Bonnie Fulmer as its Volunteer of the Year.



**Solomon** community. Your support can challenge and encourage the people you represent to commit to volunteer service.

This is something special to my heart as many of our citizens are champions in volunteering. Most of what gets done is done by volunteers in some way. The following estimate can help acknowledge the millions of individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. Charitable organizations can use this estimate to quantify the enormous value volunteers provide.

According to the Corporation for National Community Service, 25.3 percent of Americans volunteer, which is 62.8 million

volunteers. They average 32.1 volunteer hours per person, per year, which comes to 7.9 billion hours of service, the equivalent of \$184 billion in 2016. That is an average of \$23.29 an hour that a volunteer saves the organization it volunteers for.

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to help their communities. It's about meeting our challenges by working together. This special week was designated by executive order by President Richard Nixon in 1974. Every president since has signed a proclamation of support for National Volunteer Week.

**"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."**

— Elizabeth Andrew

#### Have something to say?

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# CHASING SHADOWS

## 1947: Tornado destroys 27 homes

*Editor's Note: The following articles appeared in the Sept. 1947 editions of the Apalachicola Times, the first on Friday, Sept. 19, 1947 and the second on Friday, Sept. 26, 1947.*

### Worst Tornado In Many Years Strikes Thursday Night Destroying 27 Homes

**Strikes in Lafayette Park And Cuts Path To Magnolia Cemetery Cuts Path About 300 Feet Wide Through Heart of Residential Section**

**DAMAGE TO DOCKS RUNS INTO MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ALONG RIVERFRONT; LARGE FLEET OF BOATS ARE TAKEN TO SAFETY IN RIVERS AND CREEKS, BUT HIGH TIDES ACCOUNT FOR MOST DAMAGE ON THE BEACHES AND ON THE WATERFRONT; MUCH DAMAGE IN EASTPOINT**

**ONE COLORED GIRL DIES AS RESULT OF TORNADO, AND MANY ARE INJURED**

**Thirty-One Homes are Partially Destroyed or Damaged in Path of Terrible Tornado**

The Times is late this week on account of, you know what. No power.

While the citizens of Apalachicola had been on the alert since Wednesday morning, expecting the force of the tropical storm that formed in the ocean around the Bahama Islands, cutting across the state, after entering the West Coast between the Palm Beaches and Miami, and entering the Gulf below Tampa, they were not on the alert for the Tornado which struck here Thursday shortly after midnight with such terrific force that, after a survey by City Clerk Newt Creekmore, and Commissioner George A. Dodd, showed that 27 homes had been totally destroyed with 31 homes being partially destroyed or damaged in the City Limits.

This does not include those homes along the beaches to the Gulf county line on Highway 90 [sic] nor the business places, oyster houses etc., from Eastpoint West to Lagoon Beach.

The highest winds recorded during Thursday by the U. S. Weather Bureau here was 53 miles per hour at 10:32 pm. Of course this did not include the wind from the tornado which struck at about midnight, which lasted approximately 30 seconds, according to those in the path of the terrific force.

After receiving the last report, at 5:00 pm from the weather bureau, which reported the hurricane 200 miles South of Panama City in the Gulf, citizens began to relax to some extent, and the wind had dropped to around 38 miles per hour. But when the lull of two minutes came, and that terrible roar which followed, from the bay, things really began to happen.

The last report the Weather Bureau had from the outside world was at 5 pm Thursday, when their teletype went bad along with other emergency equipment.

The full force of the tornado struck in Lafayette Park, with the homes of Mrs. Maudie Bragunier and R J Heyser being struck by the outer edge, hit direct at the home of George M Counts Jr., passed directly over the Chapman High School property, and did most of its damage after passing that point, toppling large trees and doing damage to homes in its path.

Immediately beyond the school most every home in that area was either totally destroyed or received some damage out beyond the Magnolia cemetery, which cut a pathway of approximately 250 feet wide, and twisted trees,



**This African-American church on 12th Street was destroyed by the tornado.** [ STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA ]

pulled them up by the roots, and moved parts of homes for several hundred yards before letting them down.

Beautiful Lafayette Park was made void of many of its beautiful trees which have been standing there for over a hundred years, and this tornado was said to have been the worst to ever strike in this vicinity.

The tide from the riverfront was so high that it washed up debris into the streets, in front of Wefings Hardware store and water was standing in the streets as far out as the A&N Depot early Friday morning. Many of the docks were completely ruined in this area.

The road to Carrabelle has been closed from the bridge here to the drawbridge over the Carrabelle river for safety. After a trip over this road yesterday, (Friday) the road had caved in to the yellow stripe in the pavement at several places beyond Eastpoint. High tides had washed the sand from beneath the roadbed and the falling tide had carried the sand back into the bay, and, the road was blocked for safety, it was said.

On Highway 90 [sic] West, the places of business were damaged only from the high tide. Most of Philaco Shores was untouched except for a few roofs, which had been partially damaged. Water reached the rear of the Red Top, but precautions prevented it from being undermined.

The former McMillan's store, now the property of Homer Marks, was so undermined that the back part of the building dropped off into the high tide.

The Hut, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stone, also was undermined so that the entire building sat at an approximate 30-degree angle, but it is thought that this building may be saved, by jacking it back into position. Other business places, further west, along with many residences, were seen undermined, or floating in the water early Thursday morning, some of which had almost changed their positions.

The force of the Tornado struck between 13th and 14th Streets, and hit in an almost direct path to the cemetery and beyond. In what is known as Brash's row, five homes were damaged, two of them almost completely. In the first home, Mrs. George Cameron was seriously hurt, and is in serious condition in the St Joe hospital. At the other end of the row, a Mrs. Vause was badly hurt but was treated by a local physician at the Armory. Another Mrs. Vause was hurt just back of the school house, and was taken to St Joe.

The only casualty was a 10-year-old colored girl, Nancy Lou Banks, died in the St Joe hospital after being blown from the hands of her mother and received a crushed face from flying debris.

Another colored man, named London received broken ribs and a crushed skull and is not expected to live. Two colored babies received dislocated hips, but are expected to recover.

### NOW THE RED CROSS

The local chapter of the American Red Cross came in for much praise in their work under the direction of George ADodd, disaster chairman and his committee, and with the aid of many local citizens. In the Armory, the Health Unit, and at the local gym, more than 800 evacuees, local citizens, etc., were taken care of. One child died, the baby from Eastpoint, who was reported several weeks ago to have water on the brain died while at the Armory, but had been in a most serious condition for many months. This child did not die from lack of medical attention as reported over the radio. One lady whose name was not learned, was rushed to Port St. Joe hospital where a bouncing baby boy was born about midnight Thursday.

Of the total injured in the tornado, five are in serious condition in the hospital. 14 were hospitalized as a result, it was reported by the Red Cross Saturday morning. More than 700 received sleeping quarters, were served coffee, sandwiches, and easily prepared foods at the Armory as well as the Health unit, and at the gym.

The 'greatest mother in the world' has won the admiration of the citizens of our community, for their efforts to make our evacuees comfortable during this emergency. They were high in their praise of this organization, which in many cases, might have saved their lives or the lives of their children.

Fred Richards, Franklin county chairman of the Red Cross, stated on Saturday morning of this week, that every person of this area would be given an opportunity to contribute money and clothing which is immediately needed for relief, but that funds would be available from national headquarters, but those who were so fortunate as to escape this terrible disaster, who wished to contribute money or clothing may do so by either giving to those who call or leaving it with him at the bank.

The meanest man in the world was reported to a member of the Red Cross. A colored citizen who resides on ninth street, charged one person, whose home had been completely destroyed, \$2.50 to move a small amount of her belongings to another residence, and another whose home had been partially destroyed, \$4.00 for the same purpose. It would certainly seem that a person, at a time of distress such as this, would have a better feeling toward his fellow man, and desire to

help rather than capitalize on a tornado.

In the Red Cross first aid station set up in the armory, 25 persons were treated for deep cuts and bruises, while more than 100 were treated for minor cuts, etc.

At the height of the tornado when a number of women and children were asleep or seeking refuge in the gym, the large door, facing and all was blown into the building, striking a large pallet on which a number of small children were asleep, but fortunately not a child was touched. Rodman Porter Jr. received a deep cut in his arm from flying glass, but had to go to Port St. Joe to have 3 stitches taken. However he did receive first aid here before leaving.

Citizens in this community went all out to help those in trouble. The school buses did their part also, by bringing in and taking out those residents, who were afraid to stay in their homes overnight, and they were standing by for any emergency. Private automobiles were also put to good use. Some mothers who had brought their small children in for safety, were frantic when their husbands and larger children failed to show up. They were dispatched by private cars to their homes to see if those other members of their families were safe.

Practically every place of business including the bank were closed for the day Friday. For a time Friday morning it was impossible for a person to have a cup of coffee, and those people who were cooking with gas and kerosene came to the rescue of their neighbors and friends for toast and coffee, but after the shock was over some local cafes were opened to the public.

The Pentecostal Holiness church on 14th street and Ave. G and a colored church opposite the jail on 12th Street were ruined beyond repair.

After the tornado left the cemetery it lifted for some distance the home of Lloyd Smith, with another home in its path not being touched in the same vicinity. Rising again, it dropped just behind the Aubrey Marks' cottage and tore to shreds the bee apiary belonging to Homer Marks in that area, which is the last known damage known to have been done in that part of the county.

A colored woman was asleep in her home when the tornado struck. It completely destroyed her home while she still was in bed, and only received two small scratches.

Two large pine trees were blown down near the home of Chas Robinson Jr.'s new home, but missed it by inches. Other trees on this block were blown and twisted down, but no damaged was done. The Robinson family had spent the night in their store downtown.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1947**

### Many Visitors Here Sunday To See Damage

Hundreds of automobiles filled with visitors from all over this section, as well as from Alabama and Georgia, visited Apalachicola over the weekend, principally on Sunday to view the wreckage of the storm which hit here last Thursday night, wrecking many homes, causing at least one death, with others in serious condition.

Many freaks happened during the tornado, cyclone, gale, or what have you, but we prefer to call it a tornado.

Many came here for the purpose of viewing the wreckage, which was announced over the radio, and to see

the Pentecostal Holiness church, which was completely wrecked, but the pulpit still stood, with an open bible on top, neither of which was touched except for the rain.

Amateur as well as professional photographers were on the scene, and took many pictures to take to their respective homes to show other members of their families.

At the Rancho Tourist Court on Highway 90 [sic], a tree had blown down late Thursday afternoon and was resting on one of the cabins. The next morning it was found by Mayor-elect Corey M Hendrikson that the wind during the night had removed the tree from its resting place, and had placed it between two of the cabins, without doing any harm at all.

### YOUNG COLORED MAN PASSES AWAY IN ST. JOE HOSPITAL EARLY THURSDAY MORNING

As we go to press Thursday we learn that Moses Lee Richard, young negro man, who was critically injured in the storm here on Thursday night, had passed away at 9:05 a.m., in the St Joe hospital. He suffered a crushed skull, broken ribs, and back, and little hope had been held out for his recovery.

It was reported this week that the tornado which completely destroyed one of the homes in Brash's row, picked up the ice box, carried it several hundred yards from the home, and when found it was sitting upright, with the ice, and bottles of milk had not been disturbed.

At The Times office several window panes were blown out, but every one of them were lying just outside the windows on the ground and not one of them were broken.

In the colored section, two young men, Edward Tolliver and Clyde Austin, came in for much praise for their efforts in taking care of the many colored people whose homes were destroyed at the Wallace M Quinn high school. With some assistance these men, after the storm and before, made many residents comfortable in the building, and braved the rain and strong winds to escort those unfortunate ones to a place of safety.

This one tops them all so far: A colored couple were in their bed and after the tornado removed their roof and practically all of the contents in their home, picked up the bed on which they were sleeping, moved it about three blocks, sat them down still lying on the same bed.

One lady came downtown Thursday afternoon and asked a friend where she could get some lumber and someone to board up her home. She was advised that since she had waited that long, it might be best to wait until the next morning and the wind would probably have died down and she could find plenty of people who would do the work.

In a communication from Mrs. Hortense K. Wells, author of the Florida Ferris Wheel, she stated: Was a sorry to hear about the damage to Apalachicola. Hope it was not as bad as reported. Radio commentators pretty well wore out all the adjectives in the book in describing the boundaries of Florida. They were rather like the school boy describing the boundaries of Florida. He said: "The Atlantic ocean lies to the east of it, the Gulf of Mexico lies to the west of it, the states of Georgia and Alabama lie to the north of it, and all the rest of the world lies about it."

## PROM 2018

# Seahawks go 'dancing in the moonlight'

It was a lively and elegant Saturday night for Franklin County High School students, as they celebrated the 2018 prom.

With the theme "Dancing in the Moonlight," the event filled the Fort Coombos Armory after families

had a chance to take all their photos in their favorite locations beforehand.

At the prom, Elijah Grier was crowned King and Evangelina Ducker was bestowed the title of Queen.

**View lots more photos on our Facebook page!**



**King Elijah Grier and Chloe Davis** [HEATHER RILEY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



**Posing before the prom, from left, are Duncan Whaley, Sophia Robertson, Drew Robinson, Timothy Shuler, Hannah Hogan, Bryce Kent, Peyton Millender and Nic Hutchins.** [DANA WHALEY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



**Tressie Edwards and Brandon Taranto**  
[HEATHER RILEY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



**Michaela Cassidy and Yanni Pateritas** [HEATHER RILEY |  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



**Ethan Riley and Madiosn Minor**  
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**Queen Evangelina Ducker and  
Sean Willaims, Jr.** [HEATHER  
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## Congratulations Sgt. Creamer



**Franklin County Sgt. Wesley Creamer**, shown here with wife Stephanie, was among the seven people who made up the inaugural class of the Gulf Coast State College Public Safety Hall of Fame, recognized for their contribution to the law enforcement, communications, fire and EMS and corrections communities. Creamer was recognized for his bravery in the field in Nov. 2017, when he saved a Georgia woman from drowning who had fallen into the water at the St. George Island Bridge after losing her balance while fishing. Officers say the woman could not swim but luckily she was able to tread water long enough for Creamer to come to her rescue. [PHOTO COURTESY FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE]

### 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, and Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

#### April 16

Paul Zachary Sanders, 28, Eastpoint, child neglect - without great harm, freeing or eluding police - failure to obey a law enforcement order to stop, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license suspended or revoked - second offense, violation of pretrial release, resisting officer without violence, battery by person detained in prison or jail facility; no bond (FCSO)

Teeliah Richardson, 30, Apalachicola, held on Bay County warrant; no bond (CPD) Tonya Charlene Seamon, 44, Tallahassee, driving while license suspended or revoked - third or subsequent offense, reckless driving - first offense, violation of pretrial release; no bond (CPD) William Guy Shiver, 42, Eastpoint, sale of methamphetamine; \$25,000 bond (FCSO)

#### April 17

Alicia Dianne Beebe, 36, Carrabelle, aggravated battery - offender knew or should have known victim was pregnant, obstruction of justice - intimidating or threatening a victim, witness or informant; \$70,000 bond (CPD)

#### April 18

Chester Lewis Timmons, 53,

Eastpoint, battery on person age 65 or older, battery, resisting an officer without violence; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

#### April 19

Atrell Jamal Bell, 30, Eastpoint, domestic battery; \$1,000 bond (APD) Tanith Leigh White, 34, three counts of violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

Timothy Chase Register, 26, Eastpoint, two counts of domestic battery; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

#### April 20

Michael Lane Lee, 48, Carrabelle, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia; no bond (FCSO) Charles L. Fasbenner, 48, Apalachicola, domestic battery; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

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RE: Chief Inspector General Correspondence # 2018-04-11-0003

Dear Mr. Allen:

On April 17, 2018, the Office of the Chief Inspector General received your correspondence from the Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Citizens' Services, in which you provided supplemental information related to your concerns about the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District (EWSD) and the operations of the Waste Water Treatment Plant within the EWSD.

As previously advised on April 13, 2018, this office does not have jurisdiction over criminal matters. Regarding issues of financial fraud or theft you may wish to contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Executive Investigations by calling (850) 488-6068 or by writing to the following address:

Scott McInerney, Director  
Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Executive Investigations  
P.O. Box 1489  
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489

Additionally, please be advised that this office does not have jurisdiction over federal government issues, such as the handling of a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Loan. You may wish to contact the Inspector General's Office for the USDA by calling (202) 720-8001, or by writing to the following address:

USDA, Office of Inspector General  
Room 117-W Jamie Whitten Bldg.  
1400 Independence Avenue S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Furthermore, you may wish to speak to an attorney who can advise you of any civil remedies that may be available to you. The Florida Bar offers a Lawyer Referral Service which you may contact by calling toll-free at (800) 342-8011. Additionally, Florida Legal Services, Inc. provides pro-bono legal services to those who qualify. You may contact Florida Legal Services, Inc. by calling (850) 385-7900, or by writing to the following address:

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Tallahassee, FL 32303

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However, after having had the opportunity to review your correspondence, by copy of this letter, we are forwarding your additional information to the Inspector Generals for the Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for review of any issues that may fall within their respective jurisdictions and action deemed appropriate.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. In the event that you have any further questions, please contact the Inspector General's office for the Department of Environmental Protection at (850) 245-3151 or the Inspector General's office for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (850) 488-6068.

Sincerely,  
  
Heather Robinson  
Operations Manager  
Office of the Chief Inspector General

HR:kc  
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# TAYLOR

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Jack wasn't so keen on handling perishables. He preferred durable goods, like tires and hammers.

"Jack didn't like the grocery business so he sold it to Bruford Flowers," said Aaron Taylor. "There was a curtain in between."

When Jack Taylor was elected sheriff in 1968, a job he would hold for two decades, he decided to sell the business to his older brother.

It would remain a Western Auto from 1968 to 1983, selling everything from toys to bicycles, wagons, campers, tires, mostly appliances. It was the go-to place in Eastpoint, the only nearby alternative the Marshall Building Supply store in Apalachicola, which was owned by Dwight Marshall.

Aaron and his first wife Loretta had just one part-time employee, and that meant everything pretty much depended on the two of them.

"When I first started off, I did it all," he said.

That meant covering a pair of two-by-fours with plywood, and turning it into cull boards for a booming oyster industry.

And it meant sensing the first inklings of a housing trend that would in time dot St. George Island and much of the county with new homes.

"I could see it coming, in the early 70s, a little bit at a time," said Aaron Taylor. "I started buying lumber, a little bit here, little bit there."

What money the business made he poured back into inventory, expanding the store's offerings, although still quite a bit smaller than the more than 65,000 separate products carried today by Taylor's.

On Wednesday afternoons, the day the store, like so many others in the area, was closed, Aaron Taylor would drive to Tallahassee to pick up a load of plywood. "I couldn't afford a big supply and nobody wanted to deliver down here," he said.

As the Western Auto grew, not only did Aaron and Loretta Taylor acquire more products, and grow a lumber yard, but their family expanded as well, as daughter Kim married Ken Fish, who operated a successful tire dealership in Tallahassee.

Fish had made good money selling the dealership to a regional concern wanting a foothold in North Florida and was considering taking it easy, living the good life on the island, when his father-in-law made him an offer he couldn't refuse.

"I told him I was losing a daughter and gaining a son-in-law," said Aaron Taylor.

By the early 80s, the business was doing well, it now had a lift truck that was essential in installing pilings on the island. "The island started really booming," said Aaron Taylor.

And so, in 1984, he decided to buy some vacant swampland owned by the David Brown estate, and that present-day location became the new Taylor's Building Supply.

Perhaps less set in his ways than his father-in-law, Ken Fish began working on Mr. Aaron to convince him that the days of being closed on Wednesday afternoons were about to come to



**Kim Fish snips the ribbon at the anniversary party** [ROYCE ROLSTAD | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



**Aaron Taylor greets longtime Eastpoint, friends Frances Gainer, center, and Joanne Neshat.** [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



**And they baked a cake.....** [ROYCE ROLSTAD | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]

an end.

"It was a tradition here in Apalachicola, too," said Aaron Taylor. "All the stores in the South closed, some closed on Thursdays."

As Ken Fish tells it, he enlisted a good friend of Aaron's to work on him on a fishing trip and it worked, and Taylor bowed to the changing business world.

It's worked out well, but don't expect to see any opening on Sunday coming up soon.

"I don't want to open on Sunday," said Aaron. "It won't ever be open on Sunday as long as I'm living."

Still active after turning 90 March 3, walking every day and keeping his mind sharp, Aaron Taylor said he reads plenty of magazines to exercise his faculties. "There's not a hardware magazine I haven't read," he said.

He said a lot has changed since he first got in the business, at a time when it was important to extend credit to oystermen and shrimpers, during the off-season when the bay was closed.

"Everybody had to paint their boats during the summer," he said. "I carried them as much as I could on credit. They'd pay up in the wintertime. It was rough around here for a while."

He said that while the real estate boom helped, it also led to a bust, and that's not his preference.

"I like it to grow slow, I didn't like a boom," said Aaron Taylor. "Everything that goes up, gotta go down. That's what happened, everything went down."

Still, he loves his customers, whoever they are.

"I'll take them all," eh said. The oystermen and shrimpers, they're still good customers."

## City of Apalachicola Request for Qualification for Engineering Services Apalachicola Water Street and Avenue G Parking, Sidewalk, and Lighting Project

The City of Apalachicola (City) request qualifications from professional engineering firms or individuals to provide engineering services for the Apalachicola Water Street and Avenue G Parking, Sidewalk and Lighting Project.

### Project Scope of Work:

Installation of sidewalks, pervious parking areas, and lighting along Water Street between Avenue G and Avenue I, and on Avenue G between Water Street and Commerce Street in downtown Apalachicola, Florida.

Engineering services will include preliminary engineering report, permitting, geotechnical investigation, and surveying; final plans and construction documents; preparation of Specifications and Contract Documents; assist the City with implementation of construction bidding and contractor procurement process; assist the City with bid award procedure and contract with selected contractor; engineering and construction administration services during construction, including project inspections; and any additional services required to bring the overall project to completion.

Qualifications for Engineering Services proposals shall be evaluated and ranked using the following criteria and the final selection process for award will be followed pursuant to Florida Professional Negotiations Act, Services Procurement, guidelines:

1. Successful experience with parking, sidewalks, or related projects: (25 points)
2. Familiarity with City's Need for Specific Project: (25 points)
3. Understanding of Local Needs and Approach to Project: (20 points)
4. Management and Staff Qualifications, Availability: (10 points)
5. Reputation and Client References: (10 points)
6. Certified Minority/Woman Owned Business: (10 points)

Questions shall be directed to Augusta West, City of Apalachicola Community Redevelopment Agency Director, Apalachicola City Hall, 1 Avenue E, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, 850-653-1522, awest@cityofapalachicola.com. The City reserves the right to request clarification of any information submitted by proposers, and with suitable basis, also reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposal process when such a waiver or rejection is in the best interest of the City of Apalachicola. Contracts are subject to grant awards and release of funds by respective funding agencies.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Proposals are due by 2:00 PM, local time, on May 1, 2018. One original and six copies must be submitted by hand-delivery or by US Mail to Lee Mathes, City Administrator, 1 Avenue E, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, in a sealed package marked: "SEALED PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR Apalachicola Water Street and Avenue G Parking, Sidewalk and Lighting Project." Emailed, faxed or late proposals (including mail delivered after the due date and time) will not be considered.

Proposals will be opened and a list of Responders will be created by City Staff at 2:05p.m., local time, on May 1, 2018 at Apalachicola City Hall, 1 Avenue E, Apalachicola, Florida. A copy of each proposal, along with ranking sheet, will be distributed to the members of the Apalachicola City Commission for a complete evaluation of proposals to be addressed at their next scheduled regular meeting, May 8, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

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**SOCIETY**

# Carrabelle to celebrate Riverfront Festival

Special to the Times

The 28th annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival, a two-day street festival that sets sail this weekend, promises to be a fabulous down-home celebration.

The event, which opens Friday, April 27 from 4 to 8 p.m., and continues from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Marine Street along Marine Street on the Carrabelle River features regional folk life, maritime activities and educational demonstrations, live entertainment, children's activities, a vintage car show, arts & craft vendors, local seafood, and traditional fair foods.

This year festival hours have been extended until later into Saturday evening. Admission to this family friendly and pet friendly event is free.

Hardy souls will have a chance to make it to hell and back when the Tate's Hell and Back 5K returns Saturday morning at 8 a.m. As the sun rises, participants will run or walk along River Road to the edge of Tate's Hell State Forest and back. The reward for that bravery is a cool medal, lots of race goodies, a race t-shirt and door prizes. Runners can sign up ahead of time or on race day. Registration forms can be found "Things to Do" at [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org).



**Fishing weirs are among the demonstrations to be found on Avenue B.** [ PHOTO COURTESY CARRABELLE RIVERFRONT FESTIVAL ]

All proceeds benefit the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle.

At the festival, come experience the rich culture, natural resources and local history of the region on Avenue B, hosted by the Carrabelle History Museum, which will feature educational activities, interactive displays and installations, folk craft demonstrations, local and state resource experts, and the hands-on Sea Mobile with live sea critters galore. Bone up on survival skills by learning to use a flint to start a fire, or learn to identify edible local plants and natural remedies. Discover local history and learn how Carrabelle was transformed into a training camp during World War II or what the keeper

of a lighthouse recorded in his daily log. Discover the booms and busts of Carrabelle's history by stepping back to by-gone eras when local logging and lumber merchants, steamships, party boats and shrimp vessels lined the river.

Next-up along Marine Street is the Pirates of the Carrabelle Academy on Avenue C, hosted by the Nest Program. Just for the kids, academy classes will be held for young'uns looking to refine their high sea skills. This pirate "boarding" school transforms young lads and lassies into well-mannered scalawags ready for adventures on the high seas.

A special free children's mini-train ride, a chance to purchase a wristband



**'Big Daddy and Red Hot Java' is the headliner on Saturday evening at 6 p.m.** [ PHOTO COURTESY CARRABELLE RIVERFRONT FESTIVAL ]

for all-day bouncy house fun, face painting artist vendors and this year's newest craze, "Angry Birds" are among the adventures that await.

The festival's very own crazy Fishy Fashion Show will be making a splash in its 12th year. Runway models, including the Red Tide She-Devil, the Good Friar/Fryer, Sea Vamp and Maritime Marshall, show off nautical-themed outfits made from found and recycled materials like sea nets, old beach umbrellas, oyster sacks, sails, sponges, and washed up debris.

This year there will be several new characters making a miraculous appearance. This signature event - part runway show, part comedy sketch

- will be making waves on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the main stage. Limited seating available, show up early.

A variety of live entertainment will feature a performance by the Tallahassee Community College Dancers, the legendary Procession of Tate's Hell (costumed celebration of Cebe Tate and native wildlife), and the always hilarious Pet Show sponsored by the Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers are just a few of the choices.

The pet show promises prizes for lots of traits including best tricks, costumes, smiles, waggly tails and more. Each registered pet will strut their stuff in the show ring at the stage area.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. and judging begins at 11 a.m. Registration fee of \$5 per pet will be donated to the Franklin County Humane Society. Call Caroline at 850-624-8085 for information.

Musical acts include the Naked Water Band (Cody Barber & Phillip Nelson), Low Country Boyle (Susan David & friends), Debi Jordan, Cypress Trio, Frank Lindamood, and Van Johnson.

This year the "Big Daddy & Red Hot Java" will headline the main stage on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. This band blends down home Chicago roots with New Orleans rifts and highlights weaving of mix of blues, jazz and soul is a one-of-a-kind experience.

Over 60 arts and craft vendors have joined the festival and more are still being added.

Gullet's Cove food court will feature an array of festival treats, so grab a morsel and sit a spell at the Carrabelle Wharf Pavilion hosted by the senior citizens.

The festival is hosted by the city of Carrabelle, with community partners including the Carrabelle History Museum, Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, sponsors, state and national park and agency partners, nonprofits, and community collaborators.

# Car show in Carrabelle this Saturday

Special to the Times

Forgotten Coast Cruisers and the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce invites you to their fifth annual Car Show this Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Take a trip down memory lane and enjoy fun fellowship with other car enthusiasts and owners. Help the judges by casting your vote for the "People's Choice" Award and enter the 50/50 Raffle. Free admission.

All cars are welcome to "strut their stuff" and entry is only \$10 per vehicle the day of the show. If you would like



**The 2017 Best of Show was a 1930 Ford Sport Coupe, entered by Erwin Gendreau.** [PHOTO COURTESY FORGOTTEN COAST CRUISERS]

to register early, pick up an entry form at the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce or download

an entry form at [carrabelle.org/things-to-do/events-calendar/5th-annual-forgotten-coast](http://carrabelle.org/things-to-do/events-calendar/5th-annual-forgotten-coast)



**Last year's Sponsors Choice, entered by Allan Whittaker, was a 1987 Zimmer.** [PHOTO COURTESY FORGOTTEN COAST CRUISERS ]

[carrabelle.org/things-to-do/events-calendar/5th-annual-forgotten-coast](http://carrabelle.org/things-to-do/events-calendar/5th-annual-forgotten-coast)

the show. Awards will be given for Top 20 on People's Choice, Best in Show, Sponsor's Choice, Late Model, Best Paint, Best Import, Club Participation, and one other category that shall remain a surprise.

The show will be at 206 Highway 98 right in downtown Carrabelle, across from Fathoms

Steam Room & Raw Bar, next to the Carrabelle branch of the Franklin County Library.

Please visit our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ForgottenCoastCruisers/](https://www.facebook.com/ForgottenCoastCruisers/), for updated information on the Car Show, and the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce's website at: <http://carrabelle.org/things-to-do/events-calendar/> for more information on upcoming events and activities.

Sponsored by Coastline RV Resort, Fathoms Steam Room and Raw Bar, Lynn's Quality Oysters, Red Pirate Family Grill and Oyster Bar, NAPA Auto Parts, and Ace Hardware of Apalachicola. Funding provided in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

For information or assistance, please contact Bobby Turner 850-323-1450 or Jim Ward 850-370-0680.

# Salter completes Air Force basic training

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Felix E. Salter Jr. graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied

science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Salter is the son of Felix and Nicki Salter of Ft. Mitchell, Alabama., brother of Megan Salter of Stockbridge, Georgia, and Audri Salter of Tallahassee; and grandson of Alford Thurman, Hazel Gammons, and Linda Gammons-Thurman, all of Tallahassee, and Donna Ferguson of Apalachicola.

He is a 2012 graduate of Nile C. Kinnick High School, New York, N.Y.

## PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society



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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018 AT 10:00 AM IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES, APPEALS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.

1. Consideration of a request for a variance to construct a house 11 feet into the Eastern side setback off Illinois Street on Lot 20, Block O, Unit 1, Lanark Beach, 2281 US Hwy 98 East, Lanark Village, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Robert Whitten, Applicant.
2. Consideration of a request for a variance to place a septic system 80 feet from a well on the East 10 foot of Lot 18, All of Lot 19, Lot 22 less 100 foot, the West 1/2 of Lot 20, Block I, Lanark Beach, 2203 US Hwy 98 East, Lanark Village, Franklin County, Florida. State rule is 75 feet or more. County Ordinance states 100 feet. Request submitted by Junior Sanders, Agent for Shawn and Janet Culbertson, Applicant.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL ADDRESS THIS REQUEST AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 15, 2018 AT 10:00 AM.

\*\*PERSONS WISHING TO COMMENT MAY DO SO IN PERSON OR IN WRITING TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT, 34 FORBES STREET, SUITE 1, APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA 32320. TRANSCRIPTS OF THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE RECORDED, PERSONS WISHING TO RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS MUST MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO DO SO. PUBLISH DATES: APRIL 19, 2018 & APRIL 26, 2018

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## FAITH

### OBITUARIES

#### ANGELA LAW

Angela Lynn Law, 34, of Panacea, passed away Friday, April 13, 2018 of coronary artery disease.

Angela was born in Austell, Georgia and lived nearly her entire life on St. George Island. She enjoyed movies, fishing, reading, animals, camping, riding in the woods and spending time with her son, family and friends.

She is survived by her parents, John and Lynn Law, of St. George Island; son John Paul Sanders, of Eastpoint; brother Ben Law, of



St. George Island; aunt and uncle Barbara and Bobby Conrad, of Carrabelle; aunt Hazel Hefner; cousins Jackii Hefner, Buddy Padgett

#### RALPH WOOTON JR.

Ralph C. Wooton Jr. passed away peacefully on Friday, April 20, 2018 at the age of 54.

He was a native of Port Sulphur, Louisiana and a resident of Diamondhead, Mississippi. Ralph worked as an assistant foreman with Texas Petroleum Investment Co. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to spend time with his family. He will be sadly missed.

He is the beloved father of Chance M. Wooton, Kyle P. Wooton (Kelsey Colar) and Faith E. Wooton; grandfather of Gracelyn, Kaden and the



late Preston; brother of Chancellor "Mitch" Wooton (Christine) and Christopher Wooton (Cynthia); son of Shirley Johnson Wooton and the late Ralph C. Wooton Sr.; uncle of Candice, Kristen, Caleb

#### CARD OF THANKS

## The Angela Law Family

The family of Angela Law would like to thank everyone for their support in our time

of sorrow. We thank you for the donations, love, and spiritual support that were so

generously given. May God bless you all.

The Law Family

#### FAITH BRIEFS

##### Free laundry day Saturday at Croom's

The Realtor Association of Franklin & Gulf Counties is sponsoring a Free Laundry Day this Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Croom's Mini-Mall Laundromat, 95 Ave. I., Apalachicola.

The event, which comes courtesy of LaundryByCurrent.org, is on a first come, first served basis, with last wash at 12:30 p.m.

For additional

information call 653-3322

##### Day of Prayer at Holy Family May 3

The annual National Day of Prayer Community Prayer Event will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 at Holy Family Senior/Community Center, 203 Dr. Frederick Humphries St. Apalachicola.

The event is dedicated this year to the theme of unity, as found in Ephesians 4:3 "Make every

effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

The event, free and open to the public, is sponsored by Love Center Church Outreach Ministries.

For more information please contact Pastor Alma Pugh, event coordinator, at 850-370-6465

Lunch provided by Sheriff A.J. Smith and the Franklin County Sheriff Department, and Bishop Sheila Martin and the Love Center Church Family.

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6:00 pm Evening Worship

### LANARK NEWS

## Yard sale at golf course Saturday



Jim Welsh

Our faithful volunteers will prepare and serve at lunch this afternoon. We will enjoy beef stew, salad, rolls and dessert. Just come on up to the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center and join us this afternoon. Your donation of \$6 will be collected at the desk right inside Lindsey Hall. Hope to see ya!

Huge hamburgers with chips will be awaiting for you at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 on Friday nights, Orders taken after 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Your \$6 donation will be collected at the bar, and don't forget to take a chance or

two on the pastry raffle. Your donation of \$2 is requested for the raffle.

This just in: The big one will be held Saturday, April 28. We will have our annual yard sale on our beautiful golf course. Things get moving at 8:30 a.m., until 4:30 p.m. Come on over, there's bound to be something you simply can't live without.

On Sunday, it's back to Legion Post #82 for pizza, you can order from 4 to 7 p.m. Your donation will be collected at the bar, and is required as follows – by the slice \$1, whole pizza to eat in the lounge \$8 and a pizza on wheels is \$10. Yes, we have no pastry raffle on Sundays.

Start the week off with a mug of coffee at Chillas Hall. Coffee is ready from Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursdays coffee is free, and sometimes there is something

on the counter to go with your mug of coffee, still just 50 cents.

Bring our big purse or wallet or money clip to the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center at 201 Avenue F in Carrabelle on Mondays. You will need one or the other to carry home your winnings from bingo. Early bird starts at 6 p.m., regular at 7 p.m. Good luck.

On Wednesday night, you can yell bingo at Chillas Hall. Door will be open at 6 p.m. and bingo at 6:30 p.m. Snacks and soft drinks available at both bingos. The more who play, the more we pay.

Did you see the celebration of life for Barbara Bush? What a tribute.

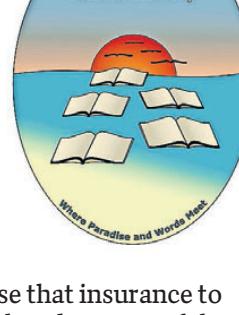
Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound and snow and rain can go away.

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

### LIBRARY CORNER

## Mammogram bus in Carrabelle Saturday

Special to the Times



programs are facilitated by Samantha Kennedy with the county extension office. The next gardening program will be Tuesday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. in Carrabelle. It's that time of year to start thinking about lawn care; we want your neighbors to be green with envy when they watch you care for your lawn.

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 through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 670-8151 and the Carrabelle branch,

Monday through 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!

Book Chat will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Eastpoint branch on Tuesday, May 1. Come share your latest reads and favorite authors. Teen Book Club will meet Wednesday, May 2 at 2 p.m. We welcome all teens in grades 6-12.

The Basics of Better Living program will be Friday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Carrabelle branch. The topic is Slow Cooker Basics. These

use that insurance to take advantage of the convenient location. No appointment necessary.

Mobile Mammogram Bus

will be in Carrabelle this Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bus will be set up in the parking lot at the Carrabelle Library. The event is sponsored by the Franklin County Public Library, the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce, the Franklin County Health Department, and Tech-Care X-Ray, LLC. Vouchers will be provided to women between ages 50-64, of low income and with no health insurance. Those with health coverage may

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### SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Worship Service Sunday 10:15 AM

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 Beach Pit Restaurant

Thrift Shop Thursday 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Yoga Monday & Thursday 4:30 PM

Chair Yoga Friday 8:30 AM

# FCS to ease school shirt policy in May

Special to the Times

Franklin County School administrators met with faculty last week concerning updates to the school dress code, which has been a topic of concern in recent school board meetings where administrators have discussed removing the requirement for school shirts for the 2018-19 school year.

Principal Jill Rudd told faculty that data will be collected regarding dress code referrals during May, which "should allow us to make an educated decision about school shirts for the 2018-19 school year."

Flyers were created with the dress code guidelines and sent home with students and are attached below. Students are still permitted to wear their school shirts, but for the remainder of the school year all students have the following flexibility.

A student's apparel and grooming shall be the responsibility of the individual student and his or her parents or guardians, and each is expected to dress appropriately and in such a manner that it is respectful to self and others. Dress and grooming shall be clean, healthy, and safe and shall not be permitted to disrupt the teaching and



learning environment. Items that when worn together are usually indicative of gang memberships, or apparel that contains a message that is obscene, racist, or promotes illegal activities, (drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products) shall not be permitted on school grounds or at school functions.

Items must not be sexually suggestive or feature crude or vulgar commercial lettering, printing, or drawings which would be offensive or insensitive to anyone on campus. Students shall not wear sunglasses or hats in the classroom, hallway or other indoor instructional spaces.

This dress code is designed to promote safety and good hygiene as well as allow students the convenience of dressing comfortably while at school. Encouraging students to dress appropriately for school will prepare them to be productive members of society.

- Shorts, Skirts, Skorts and Dresses should not be shorter than mid-thigh. Any slits in the clothing should likewise be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Shirts: Shirts, tops, jackets, dresses or blouses should cover all aspects of the bosom, chest, back and sides. This includes when arms are raised above the

head. Cleavage should not be visible; and tank tops (straps less than 3 inches), tube tops, halters, razorbacks, cutouts, sheer material, or spaghetti straps are not permitted as a primary top. No tank tops will be permitted for male students. Beachwear and sleepwear/pajamas/bedroom clothes are not permitted, unless pre-approved by the principal). Undergarments should not be visible at any time.

- Pants should fit appropriately, without sagging, and hide all undergarments (Underwear, boxers, shorts, etc.). Any pants with holes or slits that reveal flesh that is above mid-thigh is unacceptable.

- Head coverings are not permitted indoors. This includes but is not limited to hats, hoods, bandannas, do-rags, and caps. Exceptions may be made by the principal for special school activities or if the student is a member of a legally recognized religious organization requiring a head covering or if there is a legitimate medical necessity.

Shoes must be worn at all times and conform to the safety requirements of any activity in which the student will take part. Open-toed shoes are acceptable if they

are sturdy and fit securely. Bedroom shoes or slippers are not permitted (unless pre-approved by the principal).

- Accessories and jewelry must not be sexually suggestive or feature crude or vulgar commercial lettering, printing, or drawings which would be offensive or insensitive to anyone on campus. They may not depict drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or be indicative of gang membership. Accessories and jewelry must not be capable of causing physical harm (i.e. fish hooks on caps).

Clothing for special programs (i.e. physical education) is not to be worn in the regular classroom.

Uniforms for sports and special activities sponsored by the school and district may be exempt from the Student Dress Code if approved by the administration. Any administrator or designee shall make the final determination concerning questions regarding the appropriateness of dress for school and for school sponsored functions.

Students who dress in a manner inconsistent with the approved Dress Code Policy will be required to change clothes. Students may be sent to ISS temporarily as they wait for their parent to arrive with clothing that meets the dress code.

## HONOR ROLL

### First Baptist Christian School

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

Kindergarten  
Mrs. Johanna Ray  
All As: Macie Braswell,  
Kairi Trest  
A/B: Annabella Creamer,

Shirah Patriotis, Zyana Davis,  
Logan Fuentes, Aleyah Dooley

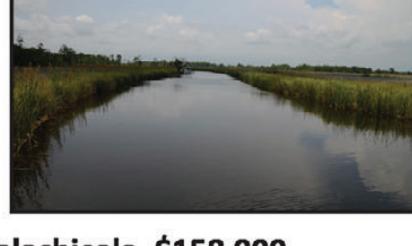
First Grade  
Mrs. Cassie Strickland

A/B: A.J. Cooper, Nathan  
Ray, Zac Trice

Second Grade  
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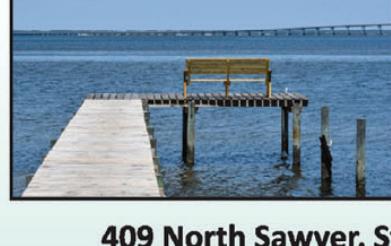
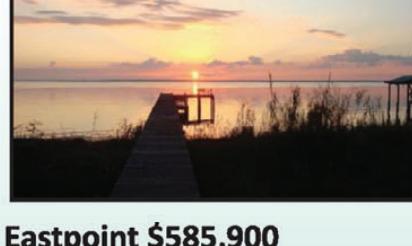
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A/B: Brylan Boone, Micah  
Harris, Khloe Creel-Walker,  
Brayden Harris, Sophia  
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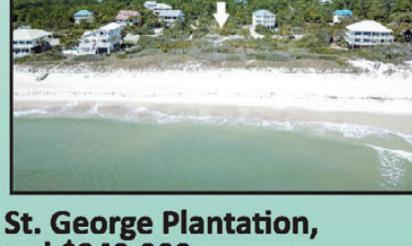
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Jhaki Davis

## Davis to read from new work Saturday

Local author Jhaki Davis will read from her newest work "Walls Do Talk" this Saturday afternoon, April 28 at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library, 80 12th St.

"Walls Do Talk," a combination of personal poetry and essays about life, is Davis' first major work. She has also written music ministry workbooks and is working on a joint inspirational writing project with other women authors.

"I have always loved

reading and writing," said Davis. "I have always felt like I had something to say."

She said she hoped that by sharing her personal trials, she will be of help to others going through similar experiences.

As a reader, Davis cited Toni Morrison, Nora Zeale Hurston and Maya Angelou as her inspirations.

"I love how Toni Morrison just makes characters come alive and how a reader can associate with

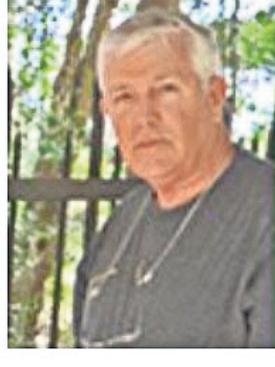
them," said Davis. "She has such a raw style, she doesn't hold back. I would love to write like that!"

The reading and author book signing will begin at 2 p.m. and copies of "Walls Do Talk" will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information about the book signing and other library activities, drop by 80 12th St or visit [www.apalachicolalibrary.com](http://www.apalachicolalibrary.com).

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## Be sure to vaccinate your infant

Special to the Times

The Florida Department of Health in Franklin and Gulf Counties recognizes April 21-28 as National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), an annual observance promoting the benefits of immunizations for children from birth to two years old.

NIIW also celebrates the milestones achieved in controlling vaccine-preventable diseases among infants worldwide as a result of immunization.

"National Infant Immunization Week helps to highlight the critical role vaccination plays in protecting our children, communities, and public health,"

said Marsha Linde - man, administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Franklin/Gulf. "Immunizations are available by appointment at our health department locations in Franklin and Gulf counties. Call today to schedule your appointment, at 653-2111.

NIIW is a call to action for parents, caregivers and health care providers to ensure that all children are protected from birth against 14 serious childhood illnesses. It is important that parents and health care providers work together to follow the recommended Advisory Committee on Immunizations (ACIP) schedule to protect infants and

children by providing immunity early in life, before they encounter potentially life threatening diseases.

The department is committed to increasing the rate of immunization among Florida's children under two years of age. Recently, the department worked with a diverse group of public and private partners to update the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). Over the next five years, the department and partners will work to increase access to immunizations for infants and pregnant women and increase access to vaccine-preventable diseases in children and teens.

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## Give waterbirds space to keep them safe

Special to The Times

It's nesting season for Florida's waterbirds, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Audubon Florida are reminding beachgoers and boaters to give these birds and their young space to help keep them safe.

"This is a critical time of year for nesting birds and their young," said Craig Faulhaber, avian conservation coordinator for the FWC. "By taking a few simple steps, people can enjoy a day at the beach or on the water without disturbing nesting birds and their chicks, which increases the birds' chances of survival."

Shorebirds and seabirds build shallow nests out of sand and shells on beaches in spring and summer, and eggs and chicks are difficult to see. Wading birds, such as

herons and egrets, as well as pelicans, are also nesting now on islands around the state. Both types of birds can be easily disturbed if people approach too closely. Such disturbance can cause birds to abandon their nesting sites, exposing eggs and chicks to predators, sun exposure and other harm.

Shorebird nests, eggs and chicks are well-camouflaged and can easily be missed and even stepped on unless people know to look out for them. The snowy plover, least tern, black skimmer, American oystercatcher and Wilson's plover are several of Florida's beach-nesting bird species facing conservation challenges.

Wading birds and pelicans typically nest in mangroves and on tree islands. Reddish egrets, tricolored herons and roseate spoonbills have also experienced declines.

"Florida's coasts took

a beating from Hurricane Irma in 2017," said Julie Wraithmell, interim executive director for Audubon Florida. "We can't control impacts to nesting sites from weather, but we can protect them from human disturbance. This year it is more important than ever."

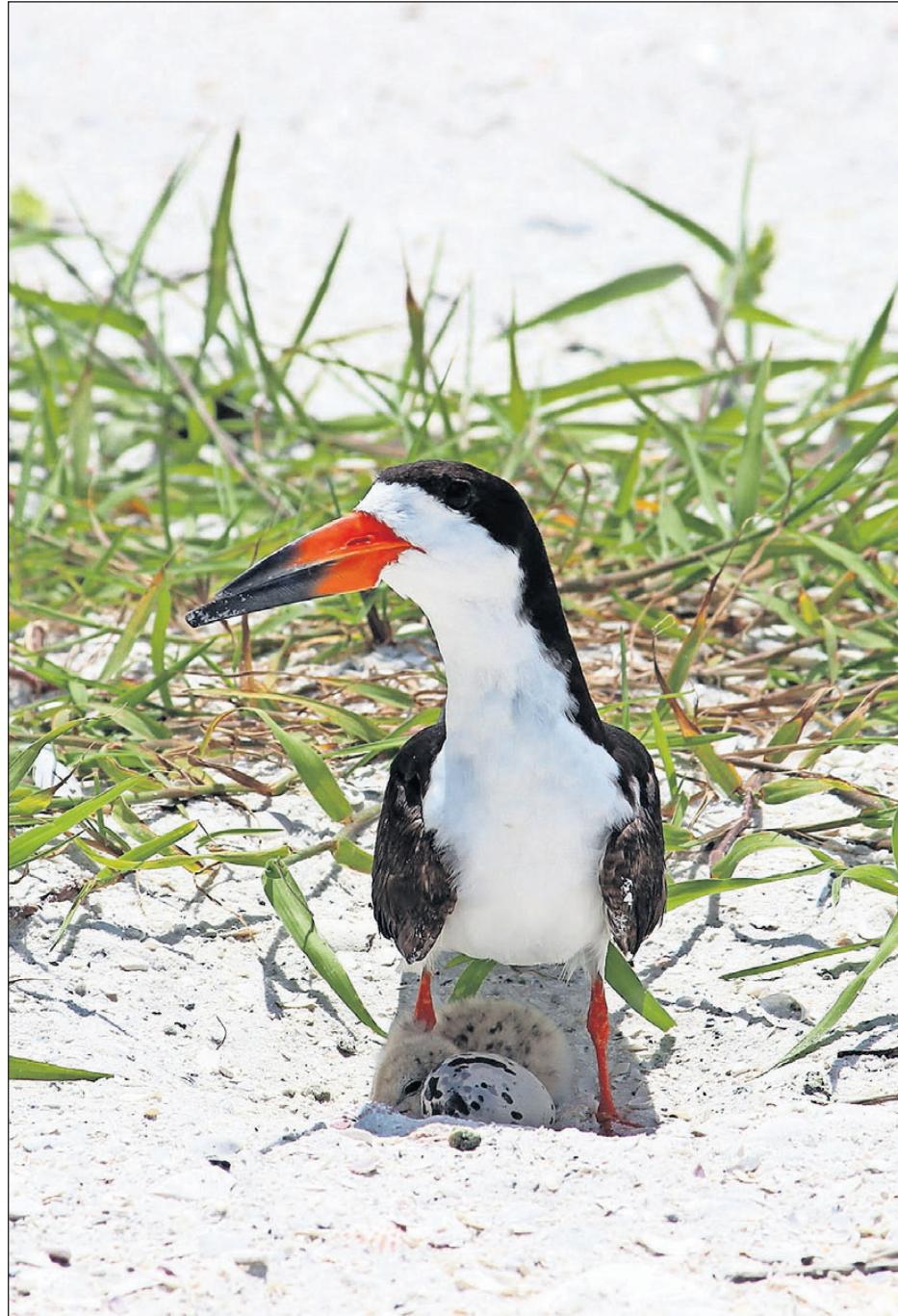
The FWC has established Critical Wildlife Areas to protect congregations of one or more species of wildlife from human disturbance during critical life activities such as nesting, feeding or migration.

People can help keep nesting birds safe by keeping their distance from CWAs and other areas where birds are nesting or raising young. In addition to observing the marked-off areas around CWAs, people can also help by following a few simple steps while enjoying the beach this season:

- Keep your distance from birds, on the beach or on the water. If birds become agitated or leave their nests, you are too close. A general rule is to stay at least 300 feet from a nest. Birds calling out loudly and dive-bombing are signals for you to back off.
- Respect posted areas. Avoid posted nesting sites and use designated walkways when possible.

• Never intentionally force birds to fly or run. This causes them to use energy needed for nesting, and eggs and chicks may be left vulnerable to the sun's heat or predators. Teach children not to chase shorebirds and seabirds, and kindly ask fellow beachgoers to do the same. Shorebirds and seabirds outside of posted areas may be feeding or resting and need to do so without disturbance.

• It is best to not take pets to the beach, but if you do, keep them leashed and avoid shorebird and



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seabird nesting areas. (State parks, national parks and CWAs do not allow pets.)

• Keep the beach clean and do not feed wildlife. Food scraps attract predators, such as raccoons and crows, which can prey on shorebird eggs and chicks. Litter on beaches can entangle birds and other wildlife.

• Spread the word. If you see people disturbing nesting birds, gently let them know how their actions may hurt the birds' survival. If they

continue to disturb nesting birds, report it to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922), #FWC or \*FWC on a cellphone or by texting Tip@MyFWC.com. You may also report nests that are not posted to our Wildlife Alert Program.

For more information, go to MyFWC.com/Shorebirds and download the "Share the Beach with Beach-Nesting Birds" brochure. Or go to the Florida Shorebird Alliance website

at FLShorebirdAlliance.org to learn more about how to participate in shorebird and seabird conservation efforts.

For more information about Florida's CWAs, visit MyFWC.com/CWA.

To learn how you can volunteer your time to protect nesting coastal birds, visit [www.FLShorebirdAlliance.org](#) and scroll over the "Conservation" tab at the top, then click on "Coastal Conservation" and "Coastal Bird Stewardship," or you may email [FLConservation@Audubon.org](mailto:FLConservation@Audubon.org).

## Snook to close in Gulf state and federal waters

Special to The Times

Snook will close to all harvest in Gulf state, federal and inland waters, including all of Monroe County and Everglades National Park, starting May 1. Seasonal harvest closures conserve Florida's valuable snook populations and help sustain and improve the fishery for the future.

Snook is open to harvest in Atlantic state, federal and inland waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, through May 31, closing June 1.

Both the Atlantic and Gulf will reopen for



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recreational snook harvest Sept. 1.

Snook are one of the many reasons Florida is the Fishing Capital of the

World. While snook may be caught and released during the closed season, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission (FWC) encourages anglers to handle their catch carefully to help the fish survive upon release. Proper handling methods can help ensure the species' abundance for anglers today and generations to come. To learn more about fish handling, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Fish Handling."

Learn more about recreational fishing at MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on "Saltwater Fishing" and "Recreational Regulations."

### FISHING REPORT



What a great break in the weather this last week and the fishing has picked up along with the beautiful weather. Pompano continues to pick up with more fish moving in along the beaches. Pomp Jigs, FishBites and Shrimp will catch fish for you. Some of the better reports are coming out of the Mexico Beach area but they are being taken all the way down to Windmark Beach and out at the Cape. Spanish

Mackerel reports have slowed but we are sure there are plenty of fish still to be had and the Kings will be following shortly. Trout and Redfish are starting to turn on a little better in the bay and small Pin Fish flat lined along the grass flats are getting attention. Make sure and visit Bluewater Outriggers for all your gear, tackle and bait needs. We'll be happy to "hook you up". Until next week, Happy Fishing!

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# SPORTS



**Seniors Madison Smith, left, Sawyer Stultz, and Michaela Cassidy, right, were recognized on Senior Night vs. Rutherford.**

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## Season ends with four wins, Senior Night honors

By David Adlerstein

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The Lady Seahawk varsity softball team finished the season by winning all four games in their final week of regular season play.

On Monday, April 16, Rutherford visited Eastpoint on Senior Night, as senior outfielders Madison Smith and Michaela Cassidy were recognized along with senior announcer, Sawyer Stultz, before the game.

"Michaela and Madison both started on the team that went to the Final Four, and our two district championship teams," said coach Scott Collins. "Sawyer has been a dedicated announcer, and he's received compliments from opposing teams and umpires for being so professional. They will all be missed."

The Lady Seahawks won on Senior Night for the fifth consecutive year as the Lady Rams fell by a score of 11-5.

Cassidy was 2 for 4 with a double, an RBI, stolen base, and one run scored. Smith was 1 for 3 with an RBI and a run scored. Freshman Abby Johnson was 3 for 4, scored three runs, and had a stolen base. Sophomore Jaylin Charles was 2-4, scored twice, and drove in a run.

Charles also pitched a complete game, striking out seven and giving up eight hits with one walk. Junior Melanie Collins, freshman Rosie Davis, and seventh grader Kylah Ross each had a hit.

On April 17, the team travelled to Tallahassee and defeated Maclay 10-3. In a game that was close until the last two innings, eighth grader Sage Brannan hurled the first five innings before giving way to Charles who threw the final two. The two Seahawk pitchers combined to hold Maclay to six hits with six strikeouts and no walks.

Collins was 3 for 5 with three

RBIs. Junior Sophia Kirvin was 2 for 2 and scored twice. Junior Alexis Johnson, Smith, Cassidy, and Charles all had two hits, while eighth grader Brooklyn O'Neal had a hit and scored a run as the Lady Seahawks erupted in the sixth inning to score seven times and blow a 2-2 game open.

April 19 found the Seahawks traveling to Tallahassee again to face Godby. Brannan and Charles combined again as they held Godby to only two base hits and one run. Once again, the sixth inning was key, as the Lady Seahawks scored twice and won 2-1.

Melanie Collins was 2 for 4 with an RBI and a double. Cassidy added a double, while Charles and Kirvin each had singles in the come from behind win.

Friday brought Tallahassee Lincoln to the Mikel Clark Sports Complex for the first time. The Trojans were riding high at 16-4 and ranked in Class 8A. But, behind an outstanding pitching performance by Sage Brannan, the Lady Seahawks scored twice in the first inning as Brannan held Lincoln scoreless through six innings and only gave up one run in the seventh. Lincoln fell by a score of 2-1 in what many in the Big Bend, consider a shocking Seahawk victory.

Kirvin had a one out walk after a groundout by Smith. Collins singled to centerfield, followed by a single to right by Alexis Johnson, which drove in Kirvin. Charles then singled to left, which scored Collins. Alexis Johnson ended the night 3 for 3 with a triple and an RBI.

These Lady Seahawks began the season 2-6, but won 14 of their last 17 games to finish the regular season at 16-9.

"After the way we started, I don't think any of us thought we would finish so strong, but when everybody works together and we all have the same goal of getting better every day, you never know what can happen," said Collins.

Collins was 3 for 5 with three

## Lady Hawks ousted from post-season

By Pat McCann

The News Herald

SAND HILLS — The District 4-1A softball semifinals figured to be dominated by two strong pitching performances on Tuesday at Bozeman.

Consider the results as advertised, as Bozeman used Abby Jo Batton's six-hitter in a 4-2 win over Franklin County and Wewahitchka followed with Brianna Bailey exhibiting what a perfect pitching performance looked like while overpowering Port St. Joe 9-0.

As a result, Bozeman will entertain Wewahitchka Thursday evening for the district championship. Both teams already have qualified for the region tournament.

### Bozeman 4, Franklin County 2

This Bozeman softball team wants to go farther than any other in school history.

The Bucks, 19-5, took a needed step in doing just that as sophomore Batton was strong in the circle and her teammates rallied twice to avoid elimination.

Bozeman tied the game at 2-2 in the fourth inning with an unearned run. Hannah Tiller reached on an error, and when Shelby Folmar bounced to Jaylin Charles, the first baseman stepped on the bag for the out, then tried to nail Tiller at second for a double play.

The throw wound up in left-center field and Tiller was able to come all the way around to score. The Bucks then used another misplay by the Lady Seahawks in the pivotal sixth inning.

"We had good games with them the last two times. They're a good-hitting team," Batton said of Franklin County, which ended 17-10. "But I thought we'd come out on top."

Brianna Harper tripled with one out in the sixth to initiate the winning rally against Lady Seahawks' eighth-grader Sage Brannan, who allowed only four hits.

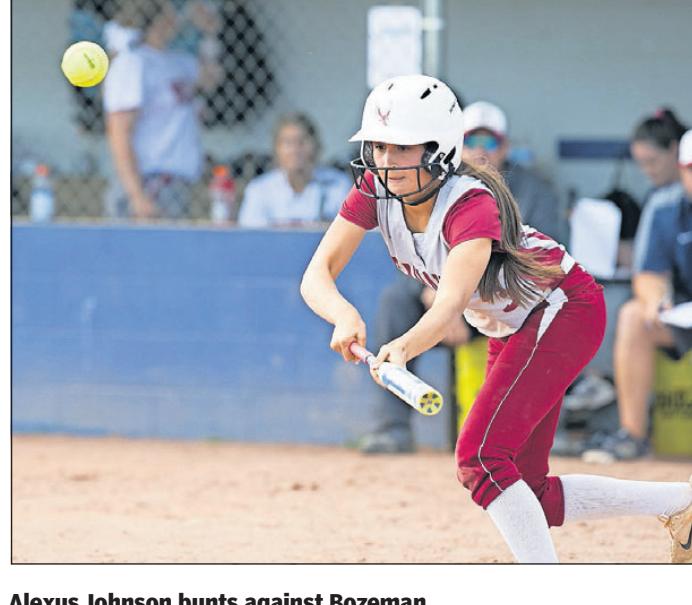
Tiller attempted a safety squeeze, but with Brannan, Charles and third baseman Alexis Johnson charging, Harper had to retreat to third base when Brannan quickly fielded the ball. Her attempt to get the runner at third rolled down the line in foul territory, however, as Franklin County didn't fully execute its rotation.

Tiller reached third, from where she scored when Kaylee Jones grounded an infield hit to the right side between Charles and second baseman Sophia Kirvin.

Otherwise, Batton was the only Bozeman player to hit safely until Harper's opposite-field triple.

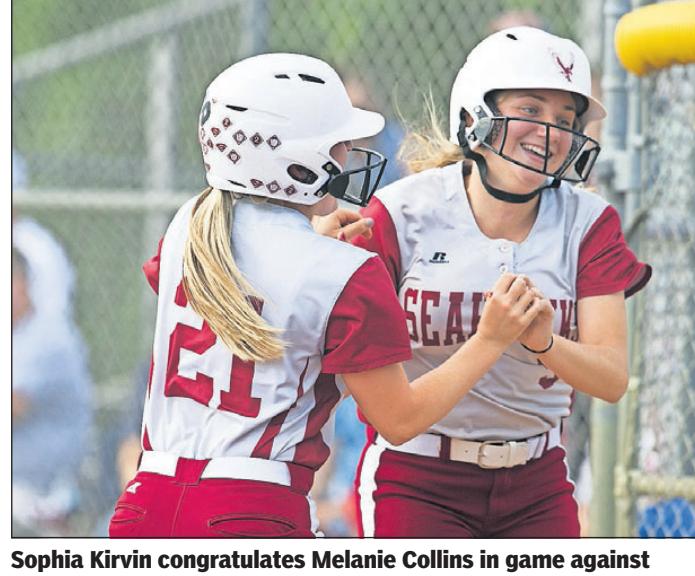
Bozeman scored a single run in the first when Meredith Sanders was hit by a pitch, Batton doubled and Emily Hurst had an RBI groundout.

Franklin County rallied with two runs in the fourth. Kirvin and Melanie Collins singled, Alexis Johnson bunted them into scoring position and Abby Johnson continued a productive district tournament with a two-run single up the middle. Abby Johnson had three RBIs in Franklin County's win against Vernon on Monday.



Alexus Johnson bunts against Bozeman

[JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



Sophia Kirvin congratulates Melanie Collins in game against Bozeman

[JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Batton wasn't overpowering in the circle with only four strikeouts as she averages more than one per inning.

"The defense played really well behind me," said Batton, who vowed the Bucks want to exceed last season's breakthrough when they advanced to the region tournament for the first time.

"Are we capable?" of going farther than a first-round defeat. "If we just play hard, we can for sure."

Bozeman lost both regular-season meetings to Wewahitchka by shutouts, 6-0 and 3-0.

### Franklin County 000 200 0 — 2 6 3 Bozeman 100 102 x — 4 4 0

Brannan (L) and Ab. Johnson; Batton (W) and Hurst.

LOB: Franklin County 6, Bozeman 5. E: Charles 2, Kirvin, Brannan. S: Collins, Al. Johnson, Smith. HBP: by Brannan (Sanders, Hurst), by Batton (Al. Johnson). RBIs: Franklin County, Ab. Johnson 2, Bozeman, Hurst, Jones.

### Franklin County 15, Vernon 0

Class 1A schools have one less stage in the regional round than their counterparts in Classes 5A-9A in Florida.

Part of that disparity, however, is compromised by the fact that many 1A districts are twice the size of those with larger enrollment schools. At least they can be in the Panhandle.

So there can be an extra round of district games played, as was the case on Monday at host Bozeman in the District 4-1A grouping.

Port St. Joe and Franklin County each won elimination games, with Port St. Joe downing Liberty County 11-9, and Franklin County downing Vernon 15-0.

Franklin County had lost

a coin flip with Bozeman to

determine the second seed, and was forced to play a first-round game while Bozeman received a bye.

The opponent was winless Vernon, which ended a frustrating season 0-20 as the 15-run threshold was reached in the bottom of the fourth inning.

The Lady Seahawks, 17-9, used Jaylin Charles' steady pitching and a relentless attack to advance. They scored five runs in each the first, second and fourth innings.

Madison Smith set the tone initially when reaching on a bunt single, sprinting all the way to third base as Sophia Kirvin was grounding out and scoring when Vernon left third uncovered on its throw across the diamond.

Alexi Johnson walked, Charles reached on an error and Michaela Cassidy was hit by a pitch to load the bases with two outs. Johnson scored on a wild pitch, and then Abby Johnson smacked a two-run triple into the left-field corner.

Rosie Davis led off the second with a single and the bases quickly were loaded with no outs. Melanie Collins had an RBI single, Alexi Johnson knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly and Abby Johnson collected her third RBI with a single to left.

Vernon's Caitlyn Taunton stranded two Franklin County baserunners in the third, but the Seahawks bunched singles by Cassidy, Kylah Ross and Kirvin while ending the game in the fourth inning.

Vernon had three hits off Charles, with leadoff hitter Faith Baxley collecting two of them. Savannah Moore stroked a double for the Yellow Jackets leading off the top of the fourth.

**Vernon 000 0 — 0 3 7**

**Franklin County 550 5-15 10**

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**1 out in the fourth inning when game called.**

**Taunton (L) and Baxley.**

**Charles (W) and Johnson.**

## Library to host May 5 book sale

The Patrons of Apalachicola Library [PALS] will host the Spring Library Book Sale on Saturday, May 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the old library located at 74 6th Street in Apalachicola.

"Proceeds of all sales are used to buy new books for the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library," said Jody Rosenbaum, PALS board chair.

Also included in the sale are a variety of audio books, records, VHS tapes and other media.

"We only host two sales a year," said Rosenbaum. "We won't have another until Seafood Festival in the fall – so

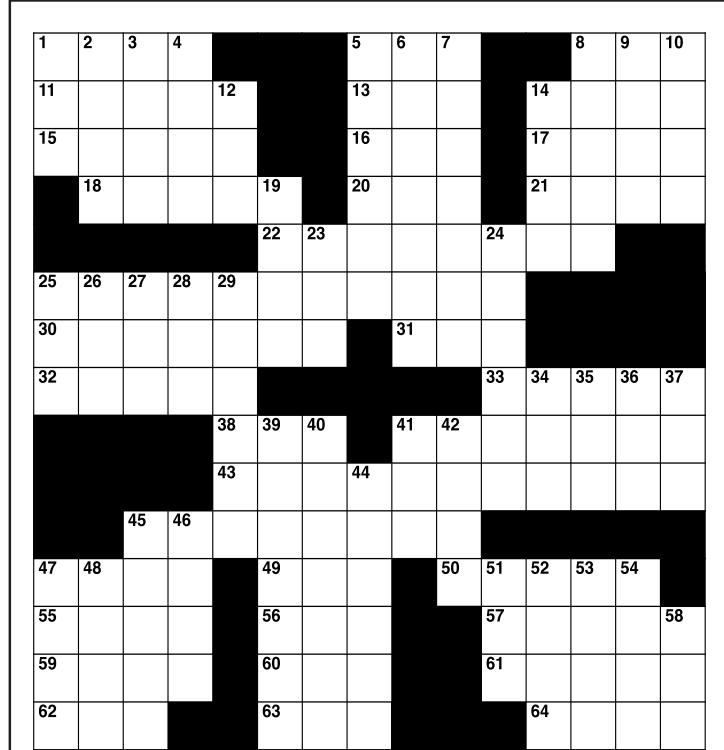
here is your chance to stock up on some great reading material."

Like Seafood Festival, the books will once again be sold for \$5 per bag.

"We are still taking donations for this sale," said Rosenbaum, noting donations are first sorted by the librarian for items that may be added to the shelves before turned over to the PALS for sale. "We have such generous readers, both those that donate and those who buy."

To donate books and other materials, contact the library at 653-8436. All donations are tax deductible.

## CROSSWORD



## CLUES ACROSS

1. Genus of beetles  
5. Time units (abbr.)  
8. Fiddler crabs  
11. Remove weapons from  
13. Express delight  
14. Energy  
15. Roman general  
16. Returned material  
authorization (abbr.)  
17. Mortgage group (abbr.)  
18. Parts  
20. Leavened bread cooked in  
a clay oven  
21. Type of cloth  
22. Frankness  
25. Causes disgust or hatred  
30. A member of the British order  
of honor  
31. Folk singer Di Franco
32. One's looks  
33. Provokes  
38. Partner of flow  
41. Japanese warrior  
43. Easy to perceive  
45. Meet with one's agreement  
47. Bird's jaw  
49. Ballplayer accessory  
50. Sword  
55. Swiss river  
56. Comedienne Gasteyer  
57. Beat icon Ginsberg  
59. Clinches a victory  
60. Split lentils  
61. Jewish spiritual leader  
62. Book of the Bible (abbr.)  
63. Electronic warfare-support  
measures  
64. Fibrous plant material

## CLUES DOWN

1. Annoy  
2. Two-toed sloth  
3. Precipitation  
4. Barbary sheep  
5. Large stinging paper wasp  
6. Balkan country  
7. Doherty, actress  
8. Arm bones  
9. Women's undergarment  
10. Genus of dabbling ducks  
12. Time zone  
14. Newts  
19. Sound unit  
23. Dab  
24. Puzzlement  
25. Defensive nuclear weapon  
26. Actress Ling  
27. Natural solid material  
28. Burmese ethnic group
29. Puts within  
34. Belonging to us  
35. They  
36. One of twelve sons of Jacob  
37. Grab a seat  
39. Rich fabric  
40. Fruits  
41. Very fast airplane  
42. Large primates  
44. Flammable jelly  
45. Less common  
46. Supplements with difficulty  
47. Chinese automotive company  
48. Every one of two or more things  
51. Swiss river  
52. Speak incessantly  
53. Italian Island  
54. Fighters against authority  
58. Egg of a louse

## PUZZLE SOLUTION



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1. What was the same nickname of Floyd Herman, Mildred Didrikson and George Ruth?

Ace, Babe, Pistol, Slick  
2. Elbow, tee and collar all are types of?

Toilets, Pipe fittings, Bow ties, Aquariums

3. What is a vexillologist an expert in the study of?

Bees, Losers, Traffic, Flags

4. Costa Rica consists of how many provinces?

3, 5, 7, 9

5. What game gave us the word "debut"?

Football, Billiards, Bridge, Baseball

6. A celesta is a type of?

Frilly shirt, Musical instrument, Short novel, Desk

ANSWERS: 1. Babe, 2. Pipe fittings, 3. Flags, 4. 7, 5. Billiards, 6. Musical instrument

## F-STOP FRANKLIN



Home on the horizon [ NAN NORRED | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]

## Bye-bye April

*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.*

April is saying

farewell, a sign the school year is nearing its end, with summer waiting in the wings. The Times welcomes readers to send us their best photographs, whether they capture the brisk wind, a sunny smile, brilliant color, an unusu

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

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The photographer, on seeing them in the parking lot of the St. George Island Lighthouse, exclaimed "I don't think they're from around here!" [ JO PEARMAN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



Egrets and willets outside Carrabelle [ ROD GASCHE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



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IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE SEC-  
OND JUDICIAL CIR-  
CUIT, IN AND FOR  
FRANKLIN COUNTY,  
FLORIDA.

CASE NO.  
2018-CA-000094

ARTHUR J. RICCARD,  
Individually And As  
Sole Surviving Member  
and Authorized Agent  
for METRO SHEET-  
METAL, LLC, a Georgia  
dissolved Limited Li-  
ability Company and  
EQUITY TRUST COM-  
PANY, CUSTODIAN  
FBO PAUL S. LOWE  
IRA Plaintiffs,

vs.

LOUIS B. CANNON,  
JR., DAVID A. CHAP-  
MAN, and MARK AL-  
LAN MOORE  
Defendants.

**AMENDED NOTICE  
OF ACTION**  
(Formal Notice By  
Publication)

TO: LOUIS B. CAN-  
NON, JR.  
DAVID A. CHAPMAN  
MARK ALLAN MOORE

YOU ARE NOTIFIED  
that an action to quiet  
title has been filed  
against you in the Cir-  
cuit Court of the Sec-  
ond Judicial Circuit, in  
and for Franklin  
County, Florida, and  
you are required to file  
the original of your writ-  
ten defenses to it, if  
any, in the above pro-  
ceeding with the Clerk  
of this Court, at the  
Franklin County  
Courthouse, Civil Di-  
vision, 33 Market  
Street, Apalachicola,  
FL 32320, and serve a  
copy thereof upon the  
Plaintiff's attorney, at 41  
Commerce Street, Apa-  
alachicola, Florida  
32320, within thirty  
days of the first pub-  
lication of this Notice,  
the nature of this pro-  
ceeding being a suit to  
quiet title against the  
following described  
property, to-wit:

See Exhibit "A" at-  
tached hereto and  
made a part hereof.

If you fail to file your  
answer or written de-  
fenses in the above  
proceeding, and serve  
a copy on Plaintiff's at-  
torney, a default will be  
entered against you for  
the relief demanded in  
the Complaint or Peti-  
tion.

WITNESS my hand and  
Seal of this Court on  
17th of April, 2018.

Marcia M. Johnson

Clerk of the Court

By Michel Maxwell

As Deputy Clerk

**EXHIBIT "A"**

PARCEL 1:  
  
Begin at an iron pipe  
on the beach of St.  
George Sound 1250  
West of the East Section  
line of Section 31,  
Township 8 South,  
Range 6 West, and run  
East along the beach a  
distance of 231.75 feet,  
and run thence North  
115.81 feet and call this  
the place of beginning;  
thence North 235.19 feet,  
thence in a South-  
westerly direction 77.25  
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County, Florida, and  
being in Fractional  
Section 31, Township 8  
South, Range 6 West,  
Franklin County, Flor-  
ida;

Also, the land between  
St. George Sound and  
the south side of State  
Road Number 10, that  
is directly south of the  
above described Lot 3,  
Block "4" of Greater  
Eastpoint, the same be-  
ing 77.25 feet running  
parallel with the beach  
and at the same par-  
allel angle as the above  
described and stated  
land or Lot 3, and be-  
ing in Section 31, Town-  
ship 8 South, Range 6 West,  
Franklin County, Florida.

AND

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The District III Service Project, a St. George Island shoreline cleanup, highlighted the Retreat [ SHANNON SEGREE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]

## Franklin County 4-H makes history

By Allison Register  
and Becca Willis  
Special to the Times

On Saturday, April 7, our local Apalachicola 4-H club, 4-H Franklin Elite, met with the six other 4-H District III counties (Gadsden, Liberty, Leon, Jefferson, Wakulla and Gulf) at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve for their annual District III Retreat.

The Retreat always directs itself to the "better good" by volunteering in a District III Service Project (St. George Island shoreline cleanup) and a Field learning activity



(oyster reef ecology session).

One of the highlights of the Retreat is to elect the 2018-19 District III officers. The election results went as follows: Becca Willis, the 4-H

Franklin Elite vice president, was elected president of the District III Council, and Camille Williams, the 4-H Franklin Elite president) was elected vice president of the District III Council. Adrian Pruett, 4-H Franklin Elite secretary, was elected District III Council secretary, Madisen Boston, a Leon County 4-H member, was elected treasurer of the District III Council, and Allison Register, the 4-H Franklin Elite treasurer, was elected reporter of the District III Council.

Out of five elected seats, Franklin County sits in four, a first for any county.

Before the elections, all 4-H members present, a total of 39, went on a beach clean-up service project to pick up debris along the shoreline. The District III members then got the opportunity to explore the Nature Center and learn about the importance of our local environment. Erik Lovestrand, Franklin County extension director, helped educate the members on oysters and other marine life.

The Annual District III Retreat was very successful, and everyone looks forward to even more participation next year.

## Have you seen Biscuit?

Biscuit, a tan, long-haired male Chihuahua, altered, went missing the morning of Sunday, March 25, off of Carrabelle Beach Drive. He was last seen off of Gulf Beach Drive and Highway 98 by the former Emsy's Cafe. If you have any information regarding his whereabouts, please contact Toni Stone Sherman at (850) 443-0025.



Biscuit

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