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**OUT TO SEE**

**Plein Air Paint-out opens Friday**

The Forgotten Coast en Plein Air, America's Great Paint-out, runs from Friday through May 13 in eight communities along Florida's Forgotten Coast, including Carrabelle, Eastpoint, St. George Island, Apalachicola, Indian Pass, Cape San Blas, Port St. Joe and Mexico Beach.

Now in its 13th year of documenting the landscape and culture of "Old Florida," Forgotten Coast en Plein Air is among the world's most prestigious Plein Air events, and features internationally acclaimed artists.

For details on all exhibits and receptions, please visit the [www.forgottencoastenpleinair.com](http://www.forgottencoastenpleinair.com) website.

**Home Tour Saturday in Apalachicola**

The annual Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour is Saturday, sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Church for more than 25 years, and featuring some of the most venerable homes in Apalachicola, as well as proud renovations, and new-construction.

The tour is expected to attract hundreds of visitors to the city this Friday and Saturday, May 4-5.

Evensong service at Trinity Episcopal Church, the traditional opening for the home tour, begins at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by a reception to which all are invited. Homes will be open only on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are available at \$25 each at [www.apalachicolahistorichometour.org](http://www.apalachicolahistorichometour.org) or at the church office through Friday.

On Saturday, tour tickets will sell for \$30 and ticket sales commence at 9:30 a.m. A luncheon will be served at Benedict Hall on the grounds of Trinity Church from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the day of the tour. A silent auction will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Ghost Walk Saturday at Chestnut**

The Ghost Walk through the Chestnut Street Cemetery located along Avenue E at 6th St., is slated for this Saturday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by The Apalachicola Area Historical Society since its inception in 2010, the walk features reenactments of some of the town's leading citizens.

Admission is \$5 (children under 12 free with an adult) or if you wish to join the Historical Society for a \$10, your admission is free. For more info, call Katy Greene at 850-323-230

**Rock by the Sea starts Wednesday**

Rock by the Sea is a four-night charity music festival raising money for various charities aiding children and cancer research, at Harry As. This is the 12th annual spring event on St. George Island. Pre-party-free to the public on Wednesday, May 9.

## County wants Cooper replaced

**Commissioners vote to ask TMH to find Weems CEO**

By David Adlerstein  
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**Cooper**

Sanders, and seconded by Noah Lockley, to ask Tallahassee Memorial Hospital to replace Cooper within the next 30 days.

Under an agreement put in place well before Cooper's hiring in December 2014, the Weems CEO

meeting, commissioners unanimously passed a motion by Cheryl

works under a contract with TMH, unlike the rest of Weems employees.

"Mr. Cooper has been walking a thin road for a long time," said Sanders. "Let's contact TMH to see if that can happen."

"I feel (TMH CEO) Mark O'Bryant will do something about it. He wants the people of Franklin County satisfied," said Sanders. "I can't say that as a commissioner I'm

**See COOPER, A16**

Nearly four years after county commissioners hired him as CEO over Weems Memorial Hospital, Mike Cooper is on his way out.

At Tuesday morning's

## Fashioned from trash

**Fishy Fashion Show highlights well-attended Carrabelle Riverfront Festival**

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It isn't every day you see a sheriff in chaps riding a seahorse and chasing a nun who's really a clam thief, all while a tiny baby, dressed as a pearl, sleeps soundly on the shoulder of her dad wearing a fish-tail tailcoat and sporting a crab trap top hat.

That's the zaniness that marked the highlight of last Saturday's 28th annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival - the Fishy Fashion Show - marking its most elaborate

**See FASHION, A10**



**Caci Wallace struts with her daughter River Everett, as Sponge Bonnet Sue. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]**

## Harbormaster House lease in limbo

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It became a mammoth battle among three attorneys, and then a narrow vote by the Apalachicola city commission, but in the end, the deal to lease the Harbormaster House at the city's Mill Pond is



**Alber**

with Commissioners Anita Grove and Brenda Ash opposed, the city agreed to move forward April 24 with working out details of a contract drawn up by

still alive, but not resolved.

Mayor Van Johnson broke a tie, and in a 3-2 vote, with Commissioners Anita Grove and Brenda Ash opposed, the city agreed to move forward April 24 with working out details of a contract drawn up by

City Attorney Pat Floyd.

In voting aye, the mayor said he had in the past regretted voting against a recommendation by the city attorney, and so cast the deciding vote to continue with Floyd's contract in ongoing negotiations with Mike and Robin Vroegop.

Apalachicola resident

**See LEASE, A6**



**Aileen Seiden**

## Friends mourn Eastpoint victim



**Araulo**



**Abell**

**One of the two arrested in beating death now in Franklin County Jail**

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Friends of Aileen Seiden, the 31-year-old Miami woman beaten to death late Sunday night, April 22, at Sportsman's Lodge, her body dumped on the side of the road in Eastpoint, will remember a far more beautiful side of her at a vigil this evening at a Miami Beach park.

"She was a wonderful friend of everybody," said a close friend who asked not to be named, but grew up in the same condo complex and went to school with Seiden. "It's very heartbreaking that this happened to her. Aileen was a good person, a sweet and loyal friend."

The woman said she and several of Seiden's closest friends planned to meet up for brunch in South Florida March 25 but Seiden didn't show, and she wasn't at home when they drove by her apartment.

Later, the friend said she got a call in the middle of the night from Seiden, saying her cellphone was broken. When she called back the number, it was connected to a Facebook account for Christina Araujo, a name the friend didn't recognize.

Araujo, 38, and Zachary Abell, 30, both of Miami, were arrested Tuesday evening, April 24 in Davie by agents of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, charged with killing Seiden. Abell was booked into the Broward County Jail in Fort Lauderdale, and after a week in the hospital, Araujo was booked into jail in Pompano Beach.

Abell was extradited to Franklin County on Wednesday, where both he and Araujo face charges of second-degree

**See VICTIM, A6**



# Saturday tour features Flatauer House

Special to the Times

Join the caravan to Apalachicola and visit this year's selections for the annual Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour this weekend.

Sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Church for more than two and a half decades, this tour is ever-changing, as it features some of the most venerable homes in Apalachicola, as well as proud renovations, and new-construction.

Co-chairs Ginger Madewell and Bella Rudo said finishing touches are being put on the 26th annual Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour, which is expected to attract hundreds of visitors to the city this Friday and Saturday, May 4-5.

The featured home on this year's tour, The Flatauer House, strikes an imposing image with its wraparound porches encasing the first two floors and a widow's walk topping the third. The Flatauer House was built around 1908 by local builder George Marshall for the German/Jewish merchant Adolph Flatauer and his family. The modern features of indoor plumbing and an attached kitchen were included in its original plan.

Following Flatauer's death in 1920, the house was converted later into apartments and remained as a multi-family residence for many years.

When the Gulf State Bank acquired the house, it restored the first floor, returning the stunning deadhead cypress woodwork and fretwork in the central hall and dining room to its original splendor. After the bank's closure in 2010, the building stood vacant until it was bought from the Deltona Corporation in June 2017 by

Here is a list of the homes featured on this Saturday's Tour of Homes. Please visit the tour website at [apalachicola-historichometour.org](http://apalachicola-historichometour.org). For more information or ticket sales, please contact Trinity Church at 653-9550 or the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at 653-9419.

- Flatauer House (73 Avenue E)
- Simmons/Smith/Mirabella House (64 Avenue D)
- "TripleTale" (39 Seventh Street)
- Ulrich House (19 11th Street)
- "Dove Cote Cottage Garden" (134 Avenue D)
- Hausmann House (174 17th Street)
- "The Cypress House on 17th Street" (233 17th Street - Timothy Simmons Street)
- "The Travelin' House" (110 Dr. Frederick S. Humphries Street)
- Zingarelli/Lauther House (142 Fourth Street)
- Chapman Botanical Gardens (230 Market Street, adjacent to Veterans Memorial Plaza and the Orman House)

June Quinn and Greg Vance, of Marietta, Georgia.

The new owners have been busy renovating the house to their eclectic taste, mixing antiques with more modern concepts, adding bathrooms and converting sitting rooms to bedrooms. Compared to the formal downstairs, the upstairs sports a more rustic look. The pirogue suspended from the ceiling in the central hall pays tribute to one of the owners' Louisiana heritage.

Four bedrooms lead off of the large second-story central hall. A small kitchen has been added on this floor for the owners to use while the house is in a period of transition. Plans for a larger kitchen, perhaps where the bank teller counter still



The featured home on Saturday's tour is the Flatauer House, which is the former Gulf State Community Bank.



This kayak is one of the many items on Saturday's silent auction.

stands, are in the formative stage.

The current owners say the house is imbued with the spirit of Adolph Flatauer, and they can personally attest to some unusual happenings. The Flatauer House is one of Apalachicola's finest

examples of the Free Classic Style of architecture and it exudes the grandeur of yesteryear while embracing the comforts of today.

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Guests to Apalachicola can enhance their weekend experience by allowing time to visit the many historical buildings and churches, museums, inns and parks that mark this historic town as a truly original locale.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL REFERENDUM MAIL BALLOT ELECTION DOG ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Dog Island Conservation District of Dog Island, Florida, has called for a special referendum mail ballot election to be held on June 5, 2018. The referendum was approved at a legally advertised meeting on the Dog Island Conservation District Board on January 6, 2018.

The referendum question shall be voted upon only by the residents and freeholders of the Dog Island Conservation District in accordance with Chapter 5 of the by-laws. The referendum is a mail ballot election only and all eligible voters will be mailed a ballot.

The referendum shall be composed of the following question:

### REFERENDUM TO INCREASE DOG ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT AD VALOREM TAXES FROM THREE TO FOUR MILS.

**Shall the ad valorem taxes levied by the Dog Island Conservation District be increased from three mils to four mils for the purpose of providing essential services within the District to the residents, property owners, and visitors on Dog Island, Florida? If approved, your annual taxes will be increased by \$1 for every one thousand dollars of assessed value. If approved, the ad valorem taxes for property lying within the Dog Island Conservation District shall increase to four mils beginning on October 1, 2018.**

**Yes, approval of the request to increase the ad valorem taxes**

**No, rejection of the request to increase the ad valorem taxes**

**SUMMARY:** REFERENDUM SEEKING TO INCREASE THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE LEVIED BY THE DOG ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT FROM THREE TO FOUR MILS TO PROVIDE FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES, SUCH AS PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING, MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ROADS, EMPLOYMENT OF NECESSARY PERSONNEL, PLANNING FOR USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BEACHES AND DUNES, AND PROGRAMS TO MAINTAIN THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF DOG ISLAND, LYING WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

Ballots will be mailed out to all qualified freeholders of property and full-time residents of the Dog Island Conservation District in accordance to the by-laws of the DCID election procedures. Overseas ballots will be mailed out April 23, 2018 and domestic ballots will be mailed out May 16, 2018. All ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office, 47 Ave F, Apalachicola, FL 32320 no later than 7pm Election Day, June 5, 2018.

This election will be conducted according to the guidelines for Mail Ballot Elections (ss 101.6101 – 101.6107, F.S.) supplied by the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections.

For information or assistance, call Franklin County Supervisor of Elections Office 850-653-9520.

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April 17, 2018

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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) 488-6066 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:

**Florida Legal Services, Inc.**  
2425 Torreya Dr.  
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,  
  
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Operations Manager  
Office of the Chief Inspector General

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# Forgotten Coast en Plein Air opens Friday

Special to the Times

Among the three artist's residencies presented during this year's Forgotten Coast en Plein Air event, which opens Friday and runs through May 13, is the work of John P. Lasater, IV, documenting the disappearing art of boat building.

"These men had a ripple effect on fishing and culture, but the ripples are fading away, and we're immortalizing it with art," said Lasater, as to why he chose the subject of boat building and titled his residency "Ripples."

The "Ripples" residency exhibit of Lasater's work will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 4-11 at the Eastpoint Visitors Center, 731 Hwy 98. The "Ripples" reception will be Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

"As the fishing and oyster business has dried up along the Forgotten Coast, so has the need for new boats. Former apprentices have given up the trade to take work elsewhere," said Lasater. "Fortunately I was able to track down Luther Hatfield in Eastpoint who still works building boats, but doesn't keep the pace he used to, as the demand isn't stacked as high as it once was."

At one time Hatfield was building three oyster boats every two weeks, the busiest time being in the mid-'80s.

"One day, as I was painting in Luther's workshop, his mentor Bobby Shiver came over, and I was able to observe them talking about the old days," Lasater said.

Lasater also met Harold and Danny Raffield of Captain's Cove Marina in Port St. Joe. "There's a long tradition of boat building in their family and at their operation. They connected me with Fred Buskins, who built large fiberglass boats for them in the '70s and '80s. His crowning jewel was the Fisherman's Pride, over 60 feet long, and a perfectly suited boat for all kinds of net fishing."

"Fred is 87 and retired. He spent much time with me talking about the old days, and sitting for a couple portraits, which I worked on lovingly, as he showed such graciousness to me," Lasater said.

Two other residencies will also be highlighted, documenting this year's theme of "the built environment." Morgan Samuel Price has been painting "Shrimpers,"



John Lasater's "The Song has Found a Tale," shows Luther Hatfield talking shop with Bobby Shriver



Lasater



Putnam

and James Richards focused on churches with "Built on Faith." Each artist will present their work at an evening reception, talking about the people they met, the stories they heard and why they chose these subjects.

The "Shrimpers" Residency Exhibit will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 4-11 at the Port Inn, Port St. Joe. The "Built on Faith" Residency Exhibit, featuring the work of James Richards, will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 4-11 at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, 140 W. 1st St., Saint George Island. The "Built on Faith" Residency Reception will be Wednesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Berkshire Hathaway

These and seven other exhibits are free and open to the public. For more details on exhibit locations and subjects, please visit [www.forgottencoastenpleinair.com](http://www.forgottencoastenpleinair.com).

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The events during the Forgotten Coast Paint-Out are scattered throughout Franklin and Gulf counties. Most of these events are free and open to the public. For further info, please visit the [www.forgottencoastenpleinair.com](http://www.forgottencoastenpleinair.com) website. Highlights of the events in Franklin County are:

- **Friday, May 4: Working Waterfront Artist Demonstrations**, 9-11 a.m. Riverfront Park, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola
- **Saturday, May 5: The Judge's Perspective**, featuring Lori Putnam, 2-4 p.m. Center for History, Culture and Arts (HCA), 86 Water Street, Apalachicola; **A Working Waterfront**

- **Artist Demonstrations**, 2-4 p.m. Riverfront Park; and **Florida's Finest and Quick-Draw Reception**, 7-9 p.m., 501 Bay City Rd., Apalachicola, HCA
- **Sunday, May 6: Gospel en Plein Air**, 9-11 a.m. Riverfront Park, Apalachicola; **How the Landscape Elevates Us**, 11 a.m.-noon, HCA, with Kathleen Hudson; **Maecenas Dinner**, 7-9 p.m., Rivercrest Lodge, 501 Bay City Rd., Apalachicola, by invitation only.
- **Monday, May 7: The View Across the Bay** artist demonstrations, 2-4 p.m. Lynn's Quality Oysters, Eastpoint; **Eastpoint Artists' Reception**, 4-6 p.m., Lynn's Quality Oysters, Eastpoint; **Nocturne Paint Apalachicola**, 8-10

- p.m., Riverfront Park, Apalachicola
- **Tuesday, May 8: Lunch and Learn - No Shame in Being Different**, with Charlie Hunter, Noon-2 p.m. HCA. \$15, reservations required; **Marine Avenue Panoramas artist demonstrations**, 2-4 p.m. Marine Street Pavilion, Carrabelle; **Rio Carabelle Artists' Reception**, 4-6 p.m., Rio Carabelle Gallery, 102 St. James Ave., Carrabelle; and **"Ripples" Residency Reception**, 6:30 p.m. Eastpoint Visitor Center, 731 Hwy. 98
- **Wednesday, May 9: Student Art Day**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Mill Pond, Scipio Creek Marina, Apalachicola; **The Lighthouse Silhouette artist**

- demonstrations**, 2-4 p.m. Lighthouse Park, 2 E Gulf Beach Dr., St. George Island; **St. George Island Artists' Reception**, 4 to 6 p.m., Lighthouse Park, St. George Island; **"Built on Faith" Residency Reception**, featuring James Richards, 6:30 p.m., Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, 140 W. 1st St., St. George Island.
- **Friday, May 11: Lunch and Learn - What's Cool about Watercolor** with Brienne Brown, Noon to 2 p.m., HCA, \$15, reservations required; **Artists Roundtable Discussion**, 2-4 p.m. HCA.
- **Saturday, May 12: A Working Waterfront artist demonstrations**, 9-11 a.m. Riverfront Park, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola.

Florida," Forgotten Coast en Plein Air is among the world's most prestigious Plein air events. The invitational features 20 internationally acclaimed artists, as well as six "Florida's Finest en Plein Air" artists.

New artists coming to the Forgotten Coast this year are Tony Robinson (from Ireland), Brienne Brown, Kathleen Hudson and Ray Roberts. Expanded exhibits, a Collectors' Forum, distinguished guest speakers, painting stations where you can sign up to experience painting yourself, are all in the making.

"It's amazing to me to watch the artists make the everyday scenes along our coastline into beautiful art, and to see it take form right in front of you," said Susan Bassett, president

of the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition, the organization which brings Plein Air to the Forgotten Coast. "Things we see on our way to and from work become almost magical when seen through their eyes."

Four new Plein Air art exhibits will premiere at this year's event.

• The Judge's Exhibit, featuring the work of Lori Putnam will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 4-13 at the Mexico Beach Visitors Center.

• The Artist Choice Collection - 10 years of the best of the best, Rio Carabelle Gallery, 102 James Avenue, Carrabelle

• Florida's Finest en Plein Air - an exhibit of the works of our local Plein Air Ambassadors, The Center for History, Culture and Art, 86 Water St., Apalachicola

• The QuickDraw Exhibit - winners from this year's Quickdraw,

The Center for History, Culture and Art, 86 Water St., Apalachicola



**Apalachicola Community Center**

Battery playground right next door for our little one's who refuse to stay indoors. Bring a lawn chair and plan to stay awhile!

**Lester & Eva Farmer Reunion**

**MEMORIAL WEEKEND**  
May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
(Sunday)

Place: Apalachicola Community Center 1 Bay Ave.

Time: 10:00 - 6:00 (EST)

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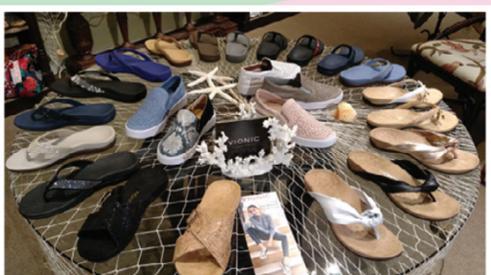
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# OPINION

## ARBOR OUTLOOK

### Teacher strikes: 'Blowin' in the Wind'



Margaret McDowell

**"There once was a teacher of great renown"**  
— From "The Teacher"  
as performed by Paul Simon

Teachers in West Virginia have returned to the classroom after a nine-day wage strike. Teachers in Oklahoma staged a walkout earlier this month. At this writing, teacher walkouts in Arizona and Colorado are planned for the next few days. There's a sense that these public employees have been dissatisfied for some time now. Why these protests are coalescing simultaneously is anyone's guess. Perhaps it's, thank you Robert Zimmerman, "Blowin' in the Wind."

Oklahoma's minimum teacher salary starts at \$31,600 and can range up to \$46,000. Granted, it costs far less to live in rural Oklahoma than in New York, a state whose teachers are compensated better than any other. So, some argue that teachers in states like Oklahoma should be paid far less. But \$31,000, even in Oklahoma, doesn't afford a lavish lifestyle.

How much should we pay those who educate our young people? If we really care about the quality of education our kids are receiving, should we demonstrate that concern by reallocating funds in state budget sessions?

Many people say, "What's in it for me? I don't have kids," or "My kids are grown. Why do I care about teacher salaries and school funding?" And it's an understandable stance. But here's a thought: even if we don't currently have children in school, we can all appreciate living in better communities. A better educated population saves us money. It's a good economic decision. Investing in teacher salaries and schools means less unemployment, less crime, more productive taxpayers, more educated decisions being made about health care choices. These are all issues which end up costing us taxpayers a huge amount of money.

So is increasing teacher pay the only answer? No, of course not. Education, like all industries, faces a myriad of challenges beyond compensation. Difficult, complicated issues hound our educational institutions at every level. But one wonders what caliber of instructor could be recruited if starting salaries approached, say, \$75,000 a year? How would our young people be impacted? In what ways would it reshape our culture?

In many countries, teachers are widely respected, and it is understood that their calling is an indispensable and valuable one. Here, we ask quite a lot of our teachers, including serving as bulletproof warriors and oftentimes funding their own materials when school supplies aren't available, but we don't compensate them particularly well. As an investment advisor, I work with educators, and I haven't met one who didn't come out of his or her own pocket countless times to buy needed educational supplies or for students.

Paying teachers more is like funding public libraries. They don't normally turn a profit. But who wants to live in a community without one?

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Question is, 'Are we biased?'



Kathis Starkweather

Are we biased? The short answer is yes; everyone is, like it or not. Our brains categorize people based on what we've learned from our family, community, television, social media, and other sources.

Our brains, in part, function like a filing cabinet where we store "information," accurate or not.

For example, when I was a kid, I was certain the only way ice water would be cold was if it was stirred with

a fork. Yeah, I know, not rational. But my dad always stirred his ice water with a fork, so it had to be true.

We do the same thing with people. When we see anyone, we immediately, and non-consciously, rely on what we "know," true or not. We classify people by gender first, then race. And, we react based on the "information" we have learned, accurate or not (think of my fork "knowledge").

We've all seen non-conscious bias play out. Two friends, a Native American and an African American, walk into a store to make a purchase and are followed by the clerk because the assumption is these two people will steal something. Or, we've seen a woman

clutch her purse and move to the side of the elevator when a man of color enters.

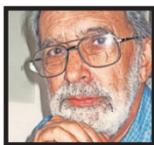
We can change this though, by simply stopping to ask ourselves why we react this way. Have I ever had a conversation with this individual?

That one question – the why – will take you a long way in addressing your own bias toward gender and race.

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## THE GOOD LIFE

### Let's not write about that



By Denny Bonavita

Special to the Times

Near the end of last year, I mentioned in this space that my priorities in life have been changing ever since I was diagnosed with bladder cancer.

I promised myself that I would not make that disease the focus of these columns. Instead, I have largely succeeded in writing about far more interesting topics: Christmas, cursive writing, baseball, Daylight Saving Time, etc.

But even cancer pays its dividends.

Earlier this year, I wrote about what it is like to wear adult disposable diapers, commonly known as "Depends." Most men chuckled. Most women tut-tutted about "things that ought not to be discussed in polite society."

But boy, did people talk. They talked to me. A few talked at me. I am now quite adept at handling those monologues with "Ummhmm" and "Ahem" leading up to, "Gee, thanks, gottagonicetaseyabyenow!"

The most satisfying reaction, as far as I am concerned, is that people talked to each other about that. I really don't care whether the conversations focused on "See what that dummy had to say today?" or "See, Gertrude, nobody will notice those little lumps around your hips." If I have gotten people to talking with each other without violating conventions of civil discourse, that is a winning essay.

I don't have a winning essay for you today.

I don't have a losing essay, either.

But the reality is that, for the past week, I have been immersed in bladder cancer

treatment minutiae. What should I eat? What treatments should I undergo – or avoid?

That singleness of focus is necessary about now because of the apparent success of two "procedures" to, in essence, scrape the tumors out of my bladder without leaving a surgical incision (Yes, they did THAT!). Now, we need to decide among several different directions.

That does not leave time for the idle musings that beget columns about baseball.

"What do you think, Ralph? Immunotherapy or chemotherapy?"

Ralph, being a generally goofy Lab-sized dog, slurps his tongue around another doggie biscuit, wags his hind-quarters a few times, and then ambles nose-to-ground around the pond during our daily mile-long strolls.

"Well, OK, then, BE that way!" I grumble. "But I have a deadline. At least give me an idea for a column."

Ralph pauses, swerves sideways, sniffs intensely – and then rolls his thick winter coat back and forth in the deer doo-doo, which is clearly a don't-don't for an upbeat chatty newspaper column.

My wife, usually so encouraging about these essays and often, intentionally or otherwise, providing delightful (to me) material to write about, has changed her commentary.

"You aren't going to write about... are you?" she "asks." The raised inflection at the end of the sentence, nominally requiring me to type it in by using a question mark, is a rhetorical formality. The "are you?" carries strong connotations of sleeping in the barn, or, even more likely, getting very little sleep while being inundated with, "I told you; I TOLD you; but do you LISTEN? Hah!"

So there will be no conversations about catheterizations, no digressions about diagnoses, no pontificating about the persistent probing, pushing and pulling that accompanies medical examinations and treatments.

I will, however, say this

much: I feel pretty darn good. I honestly cannot tell whether the lower back pains (about a 4 on a 1-to-10 scale) are a signal of a threatening reappearance of "invasive papillary urothelial carcinoma, high grade" or are a reminder that, at age 75, I need to pre-plan how I lift and move 50-pound bags of animal feed or else my sciatica will scream.

So what pain there is has not exceeded what non-cancer pains there have been during a lifetime filled with unhappy overexertions while playing sports, clumsy misadventures in do-it-yourself home maintenance, or just plain stupidity, e.g. "How did you manage to walk straight into that tree?"

All of this good-feeling coping could come crashing down in an agonizing, torturous descent into oblivion, of course. Then again, either the Pittsburgh Pirates or the New York Yankees could actually make this year's baseball playoffs – maybe even both teams could. Wouldn't that be something?

Or the cancer could act up again.

I can't control that. I can only react to it as needed.

In the meantime, life goes on. I have every confidence that, by this time next week, a child, a grandchild, a neighbor, a passing motorist, Gov. Tom Wolf or President Trump will have done something that simply must become the topic of another newspaper column.

Until then, it is far more fun to brood about baseball, or try to figure out how to hold my nose while using both hands to brush the burdocks and doo-doo out of Ralph's fur. Hmm. Clothespins, perhaps? We use the clothes dryer most of the time, but a bag of the spring-loaded pins lurks around here somewhere.

And Ralph, quit nosing into my pockets. You don't get the biscuits until after we are done.

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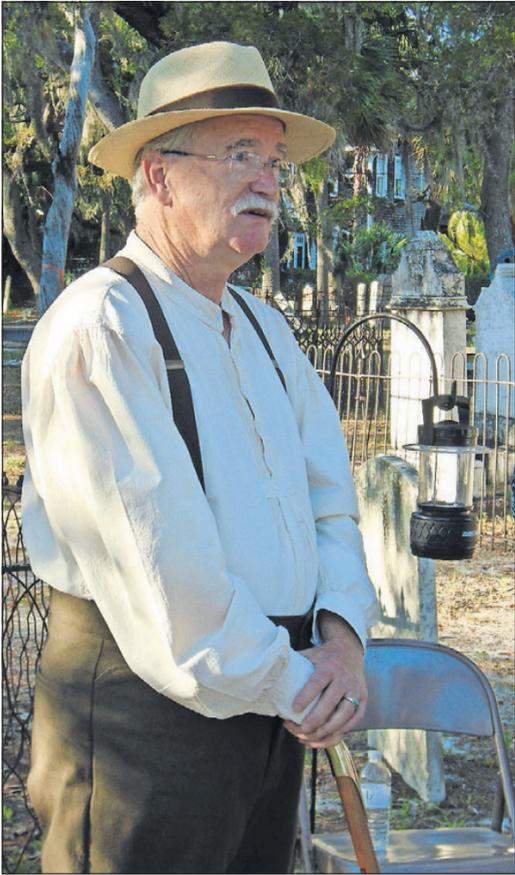
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# CHASING SHADOWS



Jerry Hurley will be back on Saturday, this time portraying Cornelius Grady [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]



Lynn Wilson Spohrer was a ghostly presence on the walk five years ago. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]



Gene Smith has portrayed Dr. John Gorrie in past Ghost Walks. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

## When ghosts haunt Chestnut Street Cemetery

By Karen Hoff  
Special to the Times

The Ghost Walk through the Chestnut Street Cemetery located along Avenue E at 6th St., slated for this Saturday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m., has been sponsored by The Apalachicola Area Historical Society since its inception in 2010, with Dolores Roux being the founder and its current coordinator.

The Ghost Walk began as an event to be held during the first weekend in May to coincide with the Trinity Church's popular Historic Home Tour and later expanded to the last weekend in October to coordinate with the Halloween season.

The walk is lit by many luminaries which lead you around the cemetery during the evening hours. This semi-annual event is held as a major fundraiser for the historical society with proceeds going to the restoration of the cemetery.

Admission is \$5 (children under 12 free with an adult) or if you wish to join the Historical Society for a \$10, your admission is free.

For the uninitiated, this "ghostly" tour features many longtime residents of Apalachicola, or actual descendants in costume, portraying figures from history who are buried at Chestnut Street Cemetery. As participants stroll through the cemetery, these portrayers will share the stories of the people that they portray. For the residents, background information is provided by Mark Curenton, a local historian. However, the actual descendants in their own costumes offer their own histories of their ancestors, often bringing them to life with small familial details.

For history buffs, this walk through time takes you back to the early 1800s when the city was a hub of activity for the maritime industry. Many of the figures from the city's history who are buried at the Chestnut Street Cemetery represent both notable and everyday people who have contributed to Apalachicola's story. Many have been featured during the Ghost Walk tour.

Over the years, many residents have participated in this event portraying different figures from local history. However, perhaps the most interesting are the actual



Husband and wife team Barbara and Jim Morris last spring portrayed Elizabeth Hatch (1840-1923) and her son, George Wefing (1863-1950)



In fall 2016, Maria Nichols was dramatic as Elizabeth Pooser [ROYCE ROLSTAD | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

descendants of the departed who have offered their own perspectives.

Wesley Chesnut portrayed his great-great-grandfather, Francis B. Wakefield (1838-1886); Katherine Anne Shimonis portrayed her great-aunt, Anna Buzzett Fry, and Rob Roy Rice portrayed his grandfather, Rob Roy Rice.

In addition to sharing the

stories of Apalachicola prominent families such as Coombs, Orman, Grady and Chapman, it is often the stories of the average residents that prove to be the more fascinating during this tour. For example, Mary Fuller (?-1905) who along with her husband, William, was the only African American business owner at the time operated the finest

hotel in Apalachicola; or John G. Ruge (1854-1931) who started the first oyster canning business; and Mercia Montgomery who headed up the local Red Cross.

Another historical figure who has been featured during this tour is Capt. Leander M. Crawford who died when the John C. Calhoun paddlewheel exploded in 1860 while

entering the Apalachicola River. Several soldiers of both the Confederacy and the Union have been included in this tour. Most recently, two veterans of the Confederate Navy have been featured - Antoine Messina (1832-1906) and Eugene Labatute (1838-1886). Alfred Henry Le Favre (1847-1922) served in the 9th Michigan Infantry Regiment and was featured during 2017 October ghost walk. Charles Miller Harris (1830-1875) who served in the Confederate Commissary Department, procuring food to feed the troops and rising to the rank of Captain has been featured in the ghost walk.

1. MARY FULLER (Cora Russ)
2. JOHN JENKINS (Gordon Shuler)
3. ALTON PIERCE (Creighton Brown)
4. CATHERINE SPANO (Maria Nichols)
5. HENRY QUANT AND ELIZA BRYAN (Melonie and John Inzetta)
6. ELLEN E. PIERCE (Megan Shiver)
7. CHARLES M. HARRIS (Wesley Chesnut)
8. CORNELIUS GRADY (Jerry Hurley)
9. HARRIET RANEY (Cathy Franklin)

entering the Apalachicola River.

Other gravesites featured on the tour include the Hull family plot, which uniquely, holds two Confederate soldiers next to two Union soldiers. R.H. Hull and L. N. Hull served in the 4th Florida Infantry while J. H. and P. R. Hull rode with the 4th Missouri Cavalry (Union). Given the massive war effort during the 1860s, it is likely that most of the departed featured during the Ghost Walk had some connection to the War Between the States.

# VICTIM

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murder and tampering with evidence.

According to the management of the Sportsman's Lodge the trio of travelers, returning from a road trip to Texas, checked into a single room with two beds, on Saturday evening, April 21.

Well-dressed and well-spoken, the three barbecued in front of their room Sunday, visited the Red Pirate, and even brought back a small gift for the lodge's owners, Bob and Edda Ellen. "They were all having a good time," an employee said.

Paid up on their account, the visitors left by early Monday morning, the lodge's staff not yet aware that sometime late Sunday night or early Monday morning, there had been a violent confrontation in the motel room.

Later Monday afternoon, when the housekeeper came to clean, she noticed a prominent red spot on the mattress, the sort of mess not unheard of with slovenly guests, but enough to concern the owners

to seek additional room charges for the damage. In addition, a drape was torn off, and a shower curtain rod broken.

About 5 p.m. that same day, Seiden's bludgeoned remains were discovered by passers-by looking to fish in a nearby pond about a mile or so east of Franklin County High School, not far off U.S. 98, in an undeveloped subdivision. Sheriff A.J. Smith believes Araujo and Abell dumped Seiden's remains at the spot

On Tuesday, April 24, when Sportsman's Lodge called the sheriff's office to seek a police report, needed as proof of damages to the credit card company, Smith and detectives were following up a tip received from the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office to be on the lookout for a dead 30-year-old female who matched Seiden's description.

An immediate visit by detectives to the lodge, and a thorough combing of the room by FDLE crime scene technicians, led to another puzzle piece falling into place.

"This is a very serious crime," Smith said at a press conference April 26.

"It's the most savage beating I've seen in my 40 years in law

enforcement," he later told a Miami television station. "She had broken ribs, broken limbs, a busted skull. Just horrific."

According to the TV report, Abell and Araujo drove back to South Florida after the apparent murder, and related what happened to a friend they were staying with in Davie. That friend later called authorities.

## Friends were concerned about relationship

Friends of Seiden said they were concerned about her relationship with Araujo and Abell, which they worried had grown abusive. She shared a home with them in North Miami, and worked with them at Abell's Automotive, a used car dealership in North Miami where Abell was president and which Araujo is listed on state records as the owner.

Seiden had lost her mom to cancer when she was in the fourth grade, and her dad, well-known Miami businessman Frank M. Seiden, died during her freshman year, so she lived with her older sister Franceasca, who now is an artist in Los Angeles, California.

"She felt very alone in the world," Seiden's friend said.

"She was a very good, loyal friend."

She did note that several text messages from Seiden to her friends during the trio's trip to Dallas concerned them.

"She wouldn't say where she was," the friend said. "She kept calling from random numbers saying my phone's broken."

In a story on Miami television, Franceasca described her younger sister as "gorgeous, hilarious, and strong-headed."

"She had an affinity for animals. She loved her friends; her friends loved her," she said. "I'm laying my baby sister to rest. It's the most surreal thing in the world."

Aileen's older sister, Deborah Seiden, spent more than 20 years as investigator for the Miami-Dade County state attorney's office, according to a Miami newspaper.

"My heart is broken, I'm devastated," she said. "Especially with the way she died. My sister didn't deserve this. I hope they (the suspects) get the max."

Franceasca said she is relieved Araujo and Abell are behind bars. "I do believe in karma," she said. "What I want is justice, and I want them to never have freedom again."

Smith has described the relationship between the three "as some kind of a love triangle."

"We believe the male suspect may have been involved with both women. We know he's abused both women in the past," the sheriff told a Miami newspaper. "He's a real low-life, a thug."

Abell and Araujo have a history of drug arrests, with Abell being arrested on two counts of felony possession of a controlled substance for resale in 2013, found guilty and sentenced to four years' probation. In 2011, Abell was charged with misdemeanor battery but the Miami-Dade County Office of the State Attorney failed to prosecute the case, the Miami Herald reported.

In October 2016, Abell and Christina Araujo were arrested by Pembroke Pines Police and charged with a misdemeanor possession of cannabis. They pleaded no contest and the judge withheld adjudication.

Araujo's father, Tony Araujo, is a colonel with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, a 36-year veteran of the force and the agency's fourth highest-ranking official.

Seiden had no criminal record.

# LEASE

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John Alber, a retired attorney who the mayor had asked to work as a pro bono mediator after talks broke down last month with the Vroegops, opened the discussion with a sharp criticism of what Floyd had drawn up. It wasn't the money, which is \$1,000 a month, and it wasn't the length of the deal, essentially a 10-year lease, but it was the other terms that angered Alber.

"I approached this as a second set of eyes, to see what was going on," he said.

Alber said he soon discovered that the terms of the proposed contract were full of provisions that were "dialed up to the max."

"I had never seen default provisions this harsh, in 40 years of law and business," he told commissioners. "The tenant can lose everything. The city can release (the Vroegops) and all those terms are still due."

"There's no balance in that, it's all take and no give," Alber said, noting that he advised the Vroegops, who want to

operate the Harbormaster House as a site for their environmental recreation business, to make "a flat rejection of the terms offered by the city."

Alber said he had drawn up a new proposal more in line with the industry standard, a "hybrid triple net lease," that he hoped would defuse the controversy.

"I think we have this all upside down," he said. "This is a an incredible deal for the city. I would argue you're getting close to market value."

The city has been returning the Vroegop's payments ever since they moved in late

last year and began working on improvements to the aging structure.

"They have improved it nonetheless, and it's time to pull together," he said. "Sometimes you can't nail down all the risks. The city is protected here. It's time to pull the trigger and do this lease."

"I think this is a fair lease I've proposed to you," Alber said. "All you have to do is say let's go."

Ash told the attorney that she was opposed to allowing any subletting by the Vroegops. "I personally don't like the idea of subletting, that is taking away possible revenue for the city

that's going into a for-profit," she said. "I am here with the city's best interest at heart."

Alber said that issue could be worked out.

"What is frustrating is how long this has taken and how much hostility it has engendered," he said. "Any agreement to be successful has to be found on trust. One of the problems with this agreement is trust has been undermined."

Also speaking up was the Vroegop's personal attorney, Tallahassee's J.D. Durant, who opened by stressing that Floyd had "a stellar reputation. He wasn't trying to do anything to make this deal difficult."

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# LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

**April 22**  
Michael Gene Hicks, 36, Eastpoint, failure to appear; no bond (FCSO)  
Haley Mylne Cruse, 24, Apalachicola, child neglect - without great harm, domestic battery, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams;

\$12,000 bond (FCSO)  
Anthony J. Budzko, 51, Eastpoint, drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams; released on own recognizance (APD)

**April 23**  
Cole Harden Nichols, 34, Eastpoint, violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)  
Larry Mel Cummings, 30, Apalachicola, Bay County warrant for withholding child support; no bond (FCSO)

**April 24**  
Brenda Ann Burch, 60, Apalachicola, aggravated assault with a deadly

weapon, without intent to kill; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

**April 25**  
Jimmie Allen Smith, 67, Crawfordville, felony violation of probation; no bond (FCSO)

**April 28**  
Holly Jo Furr, 21, Apalachicola, disorderly intoxication; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

**April 29**  
Charles Denim Gray, 29, Carrabelle, making a false report to a law enforcement officer; \$1,500 bond (FCSO)

## FWC REPORT

During the week of April 6 to 12, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officers Peterson and Sauls were working an oyster detail in the Eastpoint area and saw a vessel returning from harvesting oysters. The officers stopped the boat near the west end of the Eastpoint Channel and inspected a bag of oysters.

After counting and measuring each individual oyster they determined the bag contained 41 percent undersized oysters. Peterson cited the subject and returned 113 undersized oysters to the water alive.

Officers Pestka, Sauls, and Peterson were working an oyster detail in the Eastpoint area and saw

a vessel returning from harvesting oysters. Pestka stopped the boat near the Eastpoint Boat Ramp and inspected a bag of oysters. After counting and measuring each individual oyster, she determined the bag contained 58 percent undersized oysters. She cited the subject and returned 203 undersized oysters to the water alive.

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**Danny Collins, right, government and community relations manager for Duke Energy, presents a \$5,000 check to Bring Me a Book Franklin's Dave Watts, co-founder and secretary-treasurer, left, and Karen Kessel, program coordinator.** [ ELINOR MOUNT-SIMMONS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]

## Duke backs Bring Me A Book Franklin

Special to the Times

Bring Me A Book Franklin (BMABF) on Monday received \$5,000 through a Local Community Development grant from Duke Energy.

The grant will provide children's books for BMABF's 45 open-faced bookcases

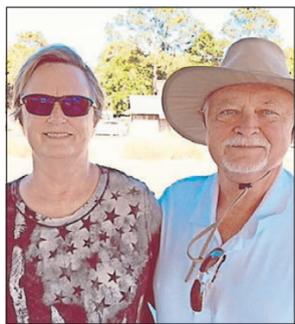
throughout Franklin and Gulf counties at locations that serve children, including all pre-Ks, kindergartens, Early Head Start, Head Start, the schools' health clinics, hospitals, doctors' offices, county health department and the prisons.

"Reading is the critical route to other subjects

and broadens the world," said Dave Watts, BMABF's secretary-treasurer. "These community wide bookcases give parents and children open access to the world's opportunities through quality literature. BMABF is dedicated to increase the literacy rates in Gulf and Franklin counties.

## Alabama couple wins senior raffle

Carol and Danny Dunn, of Birmingham, Alabama, visited the Franklin County Senior Center display at the Carrabelle Riverfront Festival last weekend and bought the winning 50/50 raffle ticket. The pot was split, with \$179.50 going to the Duns and the same amount going to support the senior center. The seniors thank all who participated!



[ GATHANA PARMENAS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]

### BIRTHDAY

## Remembering Lizzie Rodgers' birthday

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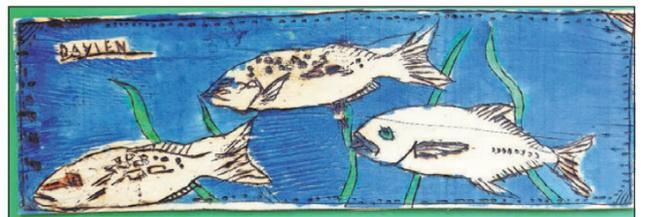
## Realtors do laundry for families in need

Volunteers from the Realtors Association of Franklin and Gulf Counties helped 17 families in need on Saturday do 139 loads of laundry, at no cost, at Croom's Laundromat, all part of the nonprofit Laundry Project.

"It was a very good day,"

said Florida Salinard, director of the Realtors' association.

The volunteers included, front row, from left, Rod Cabezas, Sheryl Bradley, Salinard, and Sabrina Burke; and back row, from left, Randall Usher, Steve Mathews, and Rick Watson. Not pictured is Shannon Lease.



### SEAHAWK ARTISTRY

## Daylen Gilbert



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

Fifth grade students were recently introduced to the art of pyrography, or wood burning. Students created designs to represent various plants and animals that live in Florida's various ecosystems. The designs were transferred onto 5-inch x 14-inch panels of wood cut from seafood crates donated by Lynn's Quality Oysters in Eastpoint.

Then students used various wood burning tips in creating and embellishing their personal works of art. Liquid

water colors were used to enhance and complete their wood burning art pieces.

Student art pieces will soon be displayed at Lynn's Quality Oysters and Pesky Pelican in Eastpoint, Millender Seafood in Carrabelle, and Thirteen Mile Seafood in Apalachicola.

"I decided to paint the water and sea grass and keep the fish natural so you can see the wood burning marks better," said Daylen Gilbert of his piece. "I really liked working with the wood burning tool and would like to do more of this kind of art. I like to sketch and draw in art."



## PET OF THE WEEK

**Franklin County Humane Society**



**PRECIOUS** is a 3 year old Boxer mix and is perfectly wonderful. She is calm, docile and very social. She loves kids and other dogs but because she loves chickens a little too much, she was owner surrendered. Precious is spayed, heartworm negative and ready to go to some lucky someone's home.

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

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

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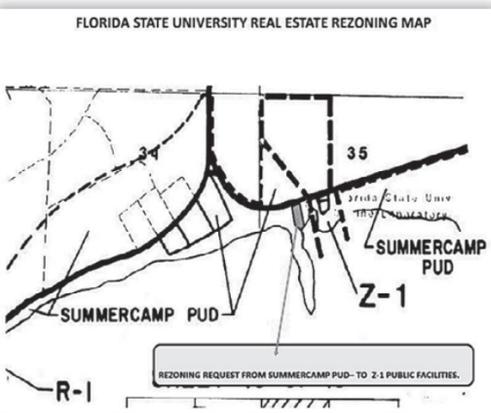
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A 3.99+/- acre parcel lying in Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 3 West, St. Teresa, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, be changed from Summercamp PUD to Z-1 Public Facilities.

A public hearing on the proposed change to the Zoning Map series will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 10:30 a.m., in Courthouse Annex Board Room, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida. More information can be obtained and the proposed change may be inspected at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Contact Amy Ham-Kelly at: 850-653-9783, Ext. 167.

Persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or in writing to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Transactions of this public hearing will not be recorded. Persons who wish to appeal any action resulting from this public hearing should make the necessary arrangements to assure that a verbatim record is made, including testimony and evidence, if any, upon which the appeal is to be based.

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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY REAL ESTATE REZONING MAP

REZONING REQUEST FROM SUMMERCAMP PUD- TO Z-1 PUBLIC FACILITIES.

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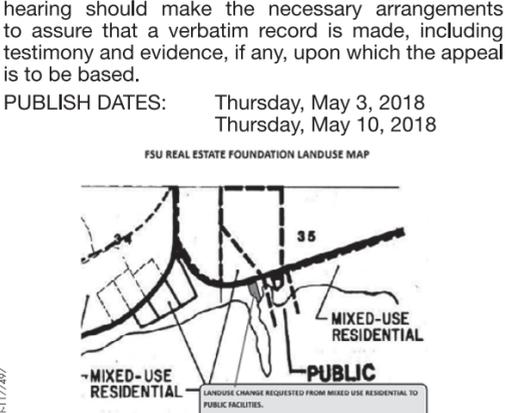
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A 3.99+/- acre parcel lying in Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 3 West, St. Teresa, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, be changed from Mixed Use Residential to Public Facilities.

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FSU REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION LANDUSE MAP

LANDUSE CHANGE REQUESTED FROM MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL TO PUBLIC FACILITIES.

**FAITH**

**LANARK NEWS**

# Bingo wraps up for the summer



**Jim Welsh**

We have a chair waiting for you at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center this afternoon. Hope I'll be able to join all my friends and

neighbors, and you! Our faithful volunteers will prepare and serve hot chicken salad, rolls, tea and coffee, and dessert. Your donation of \$6 will be collected at the desk right inside Lindsey Hall. Huge hamburgers with chips are the fare on Fridays at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82. Place your order from 4 until 7 p.m. For orders to go, call 697-9998. A \$6 donation is required,

and don't forget the pas-try raffle tickets, \$2 per. Don't forget this Saturday, May 5 will be the Kentucky Derby. The First Saturday dance will be held at the Lanark Village Boat Club beginning at 7 p.m. Jim the deejay will be on hand to provide the music. The last bingo of the season was at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center on Monday, April 30. See you in the fall, and thank

you for your support. You won't be able to yell "bingo" at Chillas Hall until the fall. Have a great summer, all you bingo fans and snowbirds. Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and house-bound and don't forget, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13. Until next time, God bless our troops, the poor, homeless and hungry.



**Torey Blackman**

**Isaiah 26:3, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.**

What a wonderful promise! There is perfect peace of heart and mind when our mind is stayed on Him. To trust Him is to lean upon Him, rest upon Him, and focused on Him. The result of this promise is perfect peace. The greater thought is that when we trust Him altogether, there comes a peace which passes understanding. One of the benefits of living by faith is perfect peace.

Many years ago, when the first railroads were used for travel they lacked not only the speed of the ones today but the comfort. Back then, passenger comfort was limited by noise, smoke, and the very uneven ride of early trains. This left many passengers restless, moody, and difficult to cope with on long travels.

On one of those long travels, a little boy making a lengthy trip on a train by himself was able to maintain a cheerful spirit, particularly as he read a note from his father he had folded in his pocket. At one point, a lady who had been watching him smile the entire trip, asked, "How he could smile after such long a harsh trip?" He quickly replied that he wasn't tired. "I'm going to see my father as soon as we arrive," he said.

**1 Corinthians 15:19, If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.**

Certainly our fellowship with God will be on a much different level in Heaven, but for those who seek His face, His presence can be experienced and enjoyed here on earth. If our focus is on God as much as it should be, our greatest longing will be to be in His presence.

May I remind us all we have the Bible to comfort our hearts from becoming overwhelmed by the troubles and heartaches in life. As the young boy continually read the letter his father sent him, we can read the Scriptures, God's love letter to us, as often as we want. There is no such thing as a powerful, victorious Christian life apart from the abiding presence of God. While we know that we have the certainty of spending eternity with Him through the salvation provided by grace through faith, His presence is not just something we will experience in the future. We can enjoy it now.

Prayer: Father in Heaven, forgive me for those times I've failed to trust in You, and not keeping focused on You. Although life is often full of worry, stress, pressure, confusion, and an emotional roller coaster. Teach me to trust more in You and rest in Your control each day. In Jesus name, Amen.

Dr. Torey Blackman is pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Carrabelle. Reach him at pastortoreyblackman@yahoo.com. For more devotions and Bible studies, log on to [www.fellowshipbaptistcarrabelle.com](http://www.fellowshipbaptistcarrabelle.com).

**LIBRARY CORNER**

## Make your neighbors 'green with envy'

Special to the Times

Hello Franklin County! Computer classes are still available at the Carrabelle branch with two classes per week.

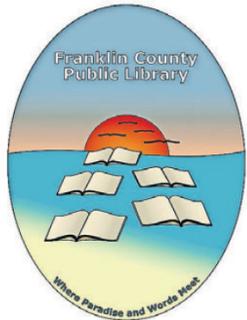
The next scheduled one, "Microsoft Excel - Formulas" will be at 11 a.m. this Friday May 4.

The last official class, about Facebook, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 7.

Don't forget, you may sign up for individual "Book a Geek: One-On-One Tech Assistance" sessions on Friday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classes, all free and open to the public, are led by Pam Tullous, a Microsoft-certified trainer and office expert.

We apologize for having to cancel the Mobile Mammogram Bus event this past Saturday.

Unfortunately, the bus broke down in Georgia Friday afternoon. The different agencies involved were still on site to answer questions about the process, vouchers, and other information.



water safety and provide information about the library and upcoming programs and events.

The event is free and open to the public. Stop by and see us!

The Basics of Better Living program will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4 at the Carrabelle branch, and again at the Eastpoint branch, Friday May 18 at 1:30 pm.

The topic is Slow Cooking Basics.

These programs are facilitated by Samantha Kennedy with the county extension office.

You will want to make your neighbors, Green with Envy, with the most beautiful lawn on the street.

Don't miss the May garden program at the Carrabelle branch at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8. The topic is "Home Lawns: Keeping it Growing and the Neighbors Green with Envy."

If you miss the first program in Carrabelle, the next opportunity will be at the Eastpoint branch on Tuesday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m.

All garden programs are facilitated

by Les Harrison, the Wakulla County extension director.

The Music as Second Language students will perform a recital at the Eastpoint Branch on Thursday, May 24 at 5 p.m.

They are in their final weeks of lessons, and all are doing so well.

This program is funded by, Rock By The Sea, and we couldn't be more appreciative and proud to offer this program to the students of Franklin County. The recital is free and open to the public.

Find us and follow us on Facebook at Franklin County Public Library and Franklin County Public Library Eastpoint Branch. The calendar of events and online resources are on the library website at [fcpl.wildernesscoast.org/](http://fcpl.wildernesscoast.org/). Contact the Eastpoint branch, Monday 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 am. to 2 p.m. at 697-2366. See you at the Library!

# Embry-Riddle offers STEM summer challenge at Gulf Coast State College

Special to the Times

School Superintendent Traci Moses has announced a recent partnership with Gulf Coast State College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium, to bring a three-day, Unmanned Systems STEM Summer Challenge to approximately 60 rising freshmen and sophomore students from Gulf and Franklin counties.

The STEM Challenge event will occur at Gulf Coast State College on June 5-7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Gulf Coast State College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will provide expert faculty for the event.

School district supervision and transportation will be provided and there is no cost for students to attend.

This is an important opportunity for our students, because unmanned or autonomous systems are gaining in sophistication, use is expanding and the demand for new systems and operators is growing.

Annually, the potential financial impact totals in the billions of dollars across military, commercial, personal, and technology sectors.

Increased demand is a result of the benefit of using these systems in places where man cannot reach or is unable to perform in a timely and efficient manner.

By using cameras,

sensors, and computing capabilities, these systems can sense and navigate challenging terrain and provide information, so that human operators may understand the environment and take action to achieve a variety of missions.

Some of the uses include examining agricultural crops, capturing more innovative shots for movies, getting closer to action for accurate news stories, highlighting real estate properties and mapping areas.

Unmanned systems are also making their way onto roadways and in use to deliver packages, inspect bridges and oil platforms, for search and rescue missions, to monitor drug trafficking across borders, to conduct

weather and environmental research, in disaster relief, firefighting, and by the military.

Their use captured an international audience during the 2018 Winter Olympics when 1218 Shooting Star drones took to the skies to present an inspiring light show, as well as set a Guinness World Records title for the most unmanned aerial vehicles airborne simultaneously.

Moses encourages students who have STEM aptitude and interest to take advantage of this excellent, fun, summer learning opportunity.

Registration forms are available from Anna Keel at Apalachicola Bay Charter School and Luci Mathews at Franklin County School.

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

**FAITH BRIEFS**

**New Al-Anon meeting in Apalachicola**

Al-Anon meetings are now being held on Tuesdays, 5:30 TO 6:30 pm, at Benedict Hall next

door to Trinity Episcopal Church, 79 6th Street, Apalachicola.

The meetings, part of the 12-Step recovery program, are open to family and friends of alcoholics.

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Thrift Shop Thursday 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM  
Yoga Monday & Thursday 4:30 PM  
Chair Yoga Friday 8:30 AM

# FASHION

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production in the dozen years it has flourished under founder and organizer Joan Matey, and scores of uninhibited locals.

A tribute to repurposing everything from abandoned beach umbrellas to used oyster sacks, the show features costumes sewn from the sort of debris known to befoul area beaches, sending a powerful message to keep Franklin County's bays, rivers, and shores cleared of trash.

With Susan David pounding out a melodramatic score on keyboards, Matey, dressed in a fresh outfit, narrated the most intricate story to date, weaving together the traditional characters with several new ones.

Rodney Reeves, as the Legionnaire de Mer, opened the show in his striking blue jacket made of a torn-up sail, fashioned by Matey.

After that, as the Coastal Couple, Cory Lee and Caci Wallace strode out, with their infant daughter Amara asleep on papa's soldier, and their young daughter River Everett gaily dressed as Sponge Bonnet Sue, complete with a sponge from the Apalachicola Sponge Exchange as her chapeau.

Franklin County High School junior Greg Riley then appeared as St. George the Lionfish Slayer, in a kilt woven from discarded beach chair webbing, followed next by the Bayside Bride and Beach Bandito, Cat and George Young, the couple's outfits featuring the allure of oyster sacks, donated to Matey when the fashion show first began by the now late Cat Stiner, owner of a Carabelle oyster house "who told one of the women shucking



**Hanna Tillotson, a biologist who works with FWC's Lionfish Control effort, holds up two specimens of the dreaded invader.** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

oysters to go in the back and pick out four of the best sacks they had."

After that strode in Ute May as the "Red Tide She Devil," whose outfit was made from a discarded spinnaker sail and adorned with shrimp net chain sewn by Julie Argue of Tallahassee.

"We can help to appease the Red Tide She Devil by planting only native species that don't need fertilizing," Matey told the crowd. "It all flows into the water, folks, and that's what helps to cause the unnatural crazy overgrowth of the red algae. Let's be more conscious of our own polluting habits."



**Greg Riley portrays St. George the Lionfish Slayer**

Next came the Shoreline Sheriff, played by the county's actual sheriff, A.J. Smith, twirling a toy pistol and riding a seahorse, and on the lookout for Clamity Jane, who later turned out to be Saint Teresa Beach, the "oystered Carabelle" nun who sat quietly in the front row throughout the show, later to appear with The Good Fryer, a monk in an oyster sack frock, played by Bob Inguagiato.

After Cass Allen pirouetted in her parasol as The Sea Vamp, came scampering on stage to close the frivolities Netty the Nautical Nymph, played by Megan Shiver, dressed in a sky blue tutu and waving a

weathered wire wand.

With sunny weather, the two-day festival drew a sizeable crowd, according to Steve Allen, the festival organizer.

"It was probably one of our best years," he said. "It was certainly an improvement over last year's dismal attendance."

"It was a good, steady strong crowd with a lot of smiles on people's faces," Allen said.

He said the decision to extend the Saturday hours until 8 p.m. didn't turn out as beneficial as he had hoped, and that will probably not continue next year. Allen is also working on improving the programming for Friday night.



**A.J. Smith, as the Shoreline Sheriff, takes aim at Clamity Jane.**

"That's one area I could improve on, perhaps make Friday something uniquely local," Allen said.

He said while it is difficult to gauge precise attendance, two indicators attested to the crowd.

The Florida Public Archaeology Network, which last year said they had 300 "clicks" at their tent, had close to 700 this year. In addition, the festival sold out of its more than 300 T-shirts.

Entertainment this year included Friday evening's Cypress Trio, and Low Country Boyle, as well as a reception for the 65 vendors who set up booths.

On Saturday, in the lead-up to the Fishy Fashion Show, entertainment included Cody Gander and The Naked Water Band, Susan David, the Tallahassee Community College dancers, Frank Lindamood, Van Johnson, and Big Daddy and Red Hot Java, the featured act.

He said one moving moment took place when Will McClain belted out "The Legend of Tate's Hell," along with Lindamood.

"It was bone chilling," said Allen.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Apalach Waters hosts bird artist reception**

A series of paintings of Florida birds form the core of a new art exhibition at Apalach Waters.

Opening of Chrissie J. Hawkes' "Florida Birds Collection" exhibit will be at the 31 Avenue E store on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. followed by a meet the artist reception from 4 to 7 p.m. each night.

Hawkes, an emerging artist with studios in Mount Dora, and Cambridge in the United Kingdom, works in oils, acrylics and pencil creating a variety of realism and abstract pieces.

Paintings in the Florida Birds Collection, created from photographs, feature birds that include blue herons, sandhill cranes and egrets, in particular. Hawkes can be contacted at chrissiehawkes@gmail.com if you would like any further information.

**Democrats sponsor 'meet and greet' Thursday**

The Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee, along with the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library, will host the second in a series of "Up Close and Personal" meet the candidates event on Thursday, May 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Invited to the take part at the two women competing for the Democratic nomination for county tax collector, Teresa Ann Martin and Tammie Ray-Hutchinson. Also invited is Brandon Peters, who is vying for the Democratic nomination for U.S. representative from the 2nd Congressional District.

Attendees will be able to ask their own questions of the candidates at the free public event, to be held at the new library at 80 12th Street.

For more information call Carol Barfield at (850) 323-0625

**Would you like to be a Girl Scout?**

Young girls of all ages, from throughout Franklin County, are invited to become part of Franklin County Girl Scout Troop #4025.

Registration will be this Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at the pavilion in Vrooman Park in Eastpoint.

For more information call Bonnie Pierce at (404) 242-0612

**Courthouse to close early May 11**

On Friday afternoon, May 11, the sheriff's office, in conjunction with the clerk of courts, county government offices, the Apalachicola Police Department, tax collector, property appraiser, emergency management, state attorney, public defender and circuit court, will conduct a security exercise in and around the county courthouse from noon to 3 p.m.

The exercise is intended to improve law enforcement planning, and coordination, and help train county officials and their staffs how to protect citizens in the event of an actual incident.

The courthouse will close at noon. Three electronic traffic signs will notify residents and visitors of the security exercise.

**Library to be closed May 11**

The Apalachicola Margaret Key Library will be closed Friday, May 11 for a staff training day. The library will reopen for business at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12.

**Library to hold Saturday book sale**

The Patrons of Apalachicola Library [PALS] will host the Spring Library Book Sale this Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the old library at 74 Sixth Street in Apalachicola.

Proceeds of all sales are used to buy new books for the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library.

"We have had a fantastic collection of LP records donated to the sale," said Jody Rosenbaum, chair of the PALS board.

The sale also includes a variety of audio books, VHS tapes and other media. Books will be sold at for \$5 per bag and LPs for \$1 each.

"We won't have another until seafood festival in the fall," said Rosenbaum. "Here is your chance to stock up on some great reading material."

"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.

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Anesthetics are used in hospitals during surgery. They block nerve signals from the brain so that patients don't feel pain and they work fast.

**The anesthetic found in Apeaz™ is the strongest available without a prescription.**

The cream form allows users to directly target their area of pain. It works where it is applied. The company says this is why the product is so effective and fast acting.

**"Users can expect to start feeling relief immediately after applying,"** explains Dr. Bassam Damaj, President of Innovus Pharmaceuticals.

"There will be a pleasant warming sensation that is followed by a cool, soothing one. This is how you know that the active ingredients have reached the affected joint and tissue."

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For arthritis sufferers, Apeaz™ offers impressive advantages over traditional medications. The most obvious is how quickly it relieves pain discomfort.

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**How It Works**

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Although Dr. Damaj and his team say that their cream is the fastest and most effective way to relieve arthritis pain, they believe there is still a reason to take joint pills. **The most effective are those which help to further lubricate, strengthen and support the joints.**

That's why every container of Apeaz™ comes with ArthriVarx™, a breakthrough supplement that's taking on joint support in an entirely new way.

ArthriVarx™ works on your joints, making it the perfect companion to Apeaz™.

"ArthriVarx™ contains special compounds published to lubricate the joints and connective tissues that surrounds them. With daily use, they improve joint health and can give an extra cushion," explains Dr. Damaj.

"When combined with Apeaz™, it becomes the perfect system to tackle arthritis. While the anesthetic component of Apeaz™ is working on the outside, relieving pain on contact, ArthriVarx™ is working on the inside, adding cushioning to the joints"

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A special hotline number and discounted pricing has been created for all Florida residents. Discounts will be available starting today at 6:00AM and will automatically be applied to all callers.

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Asacol 800mg	300	\$245.00	Jublia 10%	24 ml	\$485.00
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# OUTDOORS

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## Turtles are nesting and you can help

By **Samantha Grenrock**  
Special to the Times

People aren't the only ones headed to Florida's beaches right now.

May 1 marked the official start of the sea turtle nesting season, and beachgoers can take steps to help turtles be successful, said Maia McGuire, a Sea Grant agent with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension.

"Sea turtles are coming to beaches to lay their eggs, which they bury high up on the beach. All sea turtle species that are found in U.S. waters are federally listed as either threatened or endangered. Three of these sea turtle species nest regularly in Florida, so making sure the newborn turtles are able to reach the ocean



**Bystanders watch a rescued and rehabilitated sea turtle make its way back to sea during a public release.**

[ TYLER JONES | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]

helps conserve these species," said McGuire, who coauthored a book on sea turtles for young readers called "One in a Thousand: Those Amazing Sea Turtles."

Here are a few tips to help give sea turtles safe

"Because all sea turtles are protected, people need to be very careful not to do anything that might interfere with their behavior. If people see an adult turtle crawling up or down the beach, they should leave it alone," McGuire said.

"If people are concerned about the turtle — if it seems to be injured or dead — they should contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission," McGuire said.

Because of their small size and the threat of predators, newborn sea turtles also have a difficult journey over the sand and to the ocean. "If people spot sea turtle hatchlings emerging from a nest, they should keep other people, and especially pets, out of the baby turtles' way."

**2. Turn off the lights**

Adult turtles typically lay their eggs at night, McGuire said. "Shining lights on or near the turtle could disturb the turtle and cause it to abandon its nesting efforts."

When baby sea turtles emerge from the nest, their number one goal is to get to the ocean as fast as they can, McGuire said.

Turtles usually leave the nest at night and orient themselves to the ocean by following the light reflected off the water.

"If there are lights that shine onto the beach, the baby turtles might head in the wrong direction and put themselves in danger," McGuire explained. "Reducing light around beaches helps ensure the turtles crawl toward the sea."

**3. Remove obstacles**

Beach visitors can make the journey from the nest

to the ocean easier for nesting mother turtles and their hatchlings by clearing the way for them, McGuire said.

"The fewer obstacles the turtles encounter, the easier it is for them to get to and from the water. So when you leave the beach, remove beach chairs and umbrellas, and level sand moved around by building sandcastles or digging holes," she said.

"One in a Thousand: Those Amazing Sea Turtles" is available for purchase at the UF/IFAS Extension Bookstore website ([ifasbooks.ifas.ufl.edu](http://ifasbooks.ifas.ufl.edu)) where you will also find a poster illustrating how you can help during nesting season.

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### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, May 3	80°	65°	10%
Fri, May 4	81°	64°	10%
Sat, May 5	82°	66°	10%
Sun, May 6	84°	66°	20%
Mon, May 7	83°	63°	20%
Tues, May 8	82°	65°	10%
Wed, May 9	82°	64°	10%

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

Bald Point	Minus 9:16	LOW Minus 0:03
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### APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
3	Th	8:44a 1.2	5:53p 1.4	1:32a -0.1	1:02p 0.9
4	Fr	9:34a 1.2	6:31p 1.4	2:08a -0.1	1:45p 1.0
5	Sa	10:25a 1.2	7:14p 1.3	2:49a 0.0	2:43p 1.0
6	Su	11:17a 1.2	8:08p 1.2	3:35a 0.1	4:02p 1.0
7	Mo	12:04p 1.2	9:17p 1.1	4:30a 0.1	5:33p 0.9
8	Tu	12:46p 1.2	10:44p 1.0	5:31a 0.2	6:53p 0.8
9	We	1:21p 1.3		6:31a 0.2	7:53p 0.7

### CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
3	Th	6:51a 2.2	4:00p 2.6	10:14a 1.8	11:20p -0.2
4	Fr	7:41a 2.2	4:38p 2.6	10:57a 1.9	
5	Sa	8:32a 2.2	5:21p 2.4	12:01a 0.0	11:55a 1.9
6	Su	9:24a 2.2	6:15p 2.2	12:47a 0.2	1:14p 1.9
7	Mo	10:11a 2.2	7:24p 2.1	1:42a 0.2	2:45p 1.8
8	Tu	10:53a 2.2	8:51p 1.9	2:43a 0.3	4:05p 1.6
9	We	11:28a 2.4	10:27p 1.8	3:43a 0.5	5:05p 1.3

### FISHING REPORT



The Forgotten Coast has been slow to warm up this spring and we've been fighting the wind it seems for over a month. Even with the cool and the wind the fishing continues to be pretty good. Pompano are really hot right now along the beaches in Mexico Beach down to St. Joe Beach and you should be on the water early and late in the evening as the best bites seem to be during these times right now. As normal Pomp jigs, live or frozen Sand Fleas and Fishbites are producing fish. Several Folks I know the last few days have gotten their limit on Pomp's in a short period of time in the early A.M.. Let's move into St Joe Bay now and talk about Flounder, they are really picking up and if you fish the pot holes in the bay and use minnows or live shrimp or a grub soft bait you should be in business. Drag your bait in these holes with a slow retrieve and be ready for some fun. The waters along the beaches and St Joe Bay have been stunning the last week so try and get out and enjoy our beautiful waters and beaches. And if you need supplies for fishing or the beach, Bluewater Outriggers has you covered for all your needs. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

## FWC discusses Gulf red snapper management

Special to the Times

At the April 26 meeting in Fort Lauderdale, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) discussed Gulf red snapper management, including the 40-day Gulf recreational season (June 11-July 20, 2018), and approved the creation of a Gulf Reef Fish State For-Hire program for 2018 and 2019.

This program will enhance management efforts by requiring

for-hire operations that target or harvest certain reef fish in Gulf of Mexico state waters (excluding Monroe County) to report their intention to harvest these species.

For-hire operations that do not have a federal reef fish permit but target reef fish in state waters will need to sign up for the Gulf Reef Fish State For-Hire program before targeting any of the following species: red snapper, vermilion snapper, gag grouper, red

grouper, black grouper, gray triggerfish, greater amberjack, lesser amberjack, banded rudderfish and almaco jack.

This effort is part of a fishery-management pilot program (also referred to as an Exempted Fishing Permit) that allows the FWC to manage recreational red snapper harvest in Gulf state and federal waters off Florida in 2018 and 2019.

To learn more about the 40-day recreational

red snapper season in Gulf state and federal waters visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Snappers."

To share your comments or input on Gulf red snapper, visit [MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments](http://MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments).

Learn more about snapper at [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) by clicking on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Snappers."

## Turtle nesting threatened by plastic

Special to the Times

Plastic is famous for its unyielding durability, making it perfect for consumer products but a unique and persistent menace to the natural environment.

For the loggerhead sea turtles that nest on the once-pristine beaches bounding the Gulf of Mexico, millimeters-thick pieces of broken down plastic — called microplastics — pose a particularly urgent threat.

A new study from Florida State University researchers shows that increasing microplastic accumulation along the Gulf's beaches could alter the composition of shoreline sand and jeopardize the turtles' sensitive incubation environments.

Their findings were published in the journal Marine Pollution Bulletin.

"With increasing populations, higher demand for resources and more use of plastic, we're having a lot more plastic and microplastic appearing as marine debris," said the study's coauthor Mariana Fuentes, assistant professor of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science (EOAS). "In these coastal



**Mariana Fuentes**

areas, we're seeing significantly more pollution."

For the study, EOAS student researcher Valencía Beckwith surveyed the Northern Gulf of Mexico Loggerhead Recovery Unit's 10 most important loggerhead turtle nesting sites in Florida.

Sand samples collected throughout the region revealed that microplastics were present at every site. More alarming, the highest concentrations of microplastics were found consistently in the dunes, where sea turtles tend to nest.

Plastic has a tendency to retain large amounts

of heat in response to comparably moderate increases in temperature. If enough plastic is present in a sandy environment, the area could experience measurable temperature increases.

This dynamic is of particular concern in sea turtle nests, Fuentes said. For marine turtle eggs, incubation temperature is destiny.

"Sea turtles have temperature dependent sex determination, which means their sex is determined by the sand temperature," Fuentes said. "Changes in incubation temperatures might

modify the sex ratios produced on these nesting beaches, but at this stage we don't know how much microplastic is needed to see those changes."

In subsequent research, Beckwith and Fuentes plan to expand upon these findings and investigate the specific ways that microplastic might alter the temperature profile of the sediment on important nesting beaches.

"The first step was to see whether sea turtles are exposed to microplastics," she said. "Next we'll explore its potential impacts."

Earth's oceans have long been blighted by pollution, and vulnerable species like sea turtles have borne the brunt of decades of irresponsible waste. But Fuentes remains optimistic about the future. She said that shifting attitudes could translate into positive changes in policy and behavior.

"There is a lot of hope," Fuentes said. "We're beginning to see more and more initiatives providing incentives to discourage the use of plastics. I see my students making those changes every day. It's up to everyone."

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# SPORTS

## Benjamin, Ray head to state tourney

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Two underclassmen qualified for the state track tournament this weekend at the University of North Florida, based on their showing at last week's regionals in

Tallahassee at Florida High.

Regionals saw two young careers continue to spark. Freshman Tiauna Benjamin qualified for regionals with a third place finish, on a 1.47 meter high jump, which she has a career best of 1.52m at districts.

Freshman Ja'Mela Ray had a strong showing in the shot put,

throwing 10.37 meters which is 0.3 under her career mark, for fourth place.

"These two have potential to be known as state champions in the future if they keep perfecting their craft year around," said coach John Cooper.

In the long jump, Benjamin leaped 4.47 meters, for 12th place. In the triple jump, she

jumped 8.74 meters for 14th place.

Regionals saw two great careers come to an end with the long distance duo of Simon Hodgson and Genevieve Printiss. Both seniors were battling illness the days of regionals, but managed to push through with a strong showing.

"Their future is bright as

they plan to run for Tallahassee Community College, and will keep training," said Cooper.

In the 1600 meters, Printiss finished 12th with a time of 6:15.70. In the 3200 meters, she finished 13th, with a time of 14:23.27.

In the 1600 meters, Hodgson ran ninth, with a 5:04.71 time.

## Logan wins Tate's Hell 5K

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The annual Tate's Hell 5k faced a cool morning Saturday, and lots of runners.

Chane Logan took top honors, with a time of 18:22.4

"The cool morning brought out a good number of walk up participants. We had a lot of families, and ages ranged from 5 to over 71," said organizer BeLinda Wharton.

She said about 100 walkers and runners and took part.

"Thanks to our sponsors and local police for making it a successful event again this year," said Wharton. "We had many returnees who say they look forward to the race each year, local, regional and visiting racers from as far away as Great Britain."

Funds raised go to support Carrabelle Senior Center.

### Race Results

The following are the finishers, including name, age bracket and time

- 1 Chance Logan, 21-30, 18:22.4
- 2 Arden Olson, 51-60, 22:04.8
- 3 Austin Gray, 20U, 22:15.7
- 4 Mark Collins, 51-60, 22:48.7
- 5 Stephen Gensits, 61-70, 23:31.0
- 6 Chris Matechik, 21-30, 24:35.1
- 7 Dylan Myers, 20 and under, 24:53.1
- 8 Richard Metcalfe, 61-70, 24:58.8
- 9 Jarred Pike, 21-30, 26:10.1
- 10 Chelsa Marshall Hirvela, 31-40, 26:17.0
- 11 Laura Garey 21-30, 26:21.1
- 12 Ethan Pike, 21-30, 26:49.1
- 13 Sean Gray, 20 and under, 27:10.6
- 14 Christine Lamia, 51-60, 27:17.1
- 15 Paul Peavy, 51-60, 27:28.7
- 16 Jim Mooney 51-60, 27:55.4
- 17 Susana Lewis, 41-50, 28:23.2
- 18 Mark Shields, 61-70, 28:31.3
- 19 Kathy Metcalfe, 61-70, 28:52.2
- 20 Kathleen McClung, 41-50, 29:19.2
- 21 Leslie Poake, 51-60, 29:32.8
- 22 M L McEwen, 51-60, 29:34.6
- 23 William Levi Bilbo, 20 and under, 29:46.7
- 24 Sherry Olson, 51-60, 30:20.4
- 25 Tia Glenn, 51-60, 30:26.5
- 26 Toni Bowden, 51-60, 30:48.2
- 27 Katie Herzog, 61-70, 31:00.1
- 28 Kimberly Russel, 41-50, 31:20.2
- 29 Taroub Faraj, 51-60, 31:22.4
- 30 Beth Maige, 41-50, 31:37.6
- 31 Rob Powis, 61-70, 32:03.8
- 32 Marlaina Nelson, 31-40, 33:01.8
- 33 Mary Stutzman, 61-70, 33:10.8
- 34 Steven McClung, 51-60, 33:12.9
- 35 Anthony Foster, 61-70, 33:22.7
- 36 Vicki Bishop 51-60, 33:28.4
- 37 Jose Julian Perez, 20 and under, 33:49.6
- 38 Allison Perez, 31-40, 33:50.1
- 39 Sara Collins, 31-40, 33:59.7
- 40 Lex Jacobs, 51-60, 35:52.2
- 41 Glenn Seawell, 61-70, 36:38.1
- 42 Missy Cumbie, 61-70, 37:10.5
- 43 Elizabeth Cumbie, 31-40, 38:46.3
- 44 Patty Jacobs, 51-60, 39:10.1
- 45 Barbara Sanders, 61-70, 40:53.0
- 46 Skip Frink, 61-70, 40:53.3
- 47 Denise Powis, 61-70, 41:22.5
- 48 Kenneth Young, 41-50, 41:38.6
- 49 Mark Melcher, 61-70, 42:04.3
- 50 Kathleen Oman, 61-70, 42:10.8
- 51 Carol Vice, 61-70, 42:34.9



Chelsa Hirvela, right, and Chance Logan won the female and male fields. [PAM PEHRSON | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

- 52 Elijah Rankin, 20 and under, 43:27.9
- 53 Kate Aguiar, 41-50, 43:35.3
- 54 Ed Aguiar, 51-60, 43:35.8
- 55 Markietta Butler Hall, 21-30, 44:53.4
- 56 Melanie Humble, 51-60, 45:16.6
- 57 Marian Morris, 71 and over, 46:15.2
- 58 Marsha Arnold, 61-70, 47:36.4
- 59 Lucille Walden, 61-70, 48:00.0
- 60 Meryl Phillipot, 71 and over, 48:15.8
- 61 Amy Fuller, 41-50, 48:33.1
- 62 Sherry Rowe, 41-50, 48:34.1
- 63 Pamela Dimitz, 41-50, 48:36.7
- 64 Lisa Creel, 41-50, 48:41.2
- 65 Linda Bove, 61-70, 48:50.2
- 66 Robin Hall, 61-70, 48:53.8
- 67 Maranda Marxsen, 41-50, 50:47.4
- 68 Peter Marxsen, 51-60, 50:53.4
- 69 Julie Duncan 51-60, 50:58.9
- 70 Chuck Saunders, 71 and over, 51:01.0
- 71 Tom Duncan, 51-60, 51:19.9
- 72 Elizabeth Mooney, 21-30, 52:06.6
- 73 Eva Mooney, 41-50, 52:06.9
- 74 Diane Alix, 21-30, 52:08.2
- 75 Joyce Murray, 51-60, 52:25.6
- 76 Kelly Rankin, 31-40, 54:01.7
- 77 Niesha Jenks, 31-40, 54:02.3
- 78 Kathy Denham, 61-70, 55:12.4
- 79 Tom Denham, 61-70, 55:12.7
- 80 Cindy Sullivan, 61-70, 55:43.0
- 81 Tony Johnson, 71 and over, 56:24.2
- 82 Paula Morgan, 51-60, 56:25.7
- 83 Jennifer Miller, 51-60, 56:26.6
- 84 Moe Kelleher, 51-60, 56:52.5
- 85 Autumn Rankin, 20 and under, 58:18.2
- 86 Annika Perez, 20 and under, 58:23.5
- 87 Christopher Poake, 61-70, 58:50.1
- 88 Gail Butler, 61-70, 13:35.4
- 89 Chester Butler, 71 and over, 14:06.1



A great day for running. [BRENDA LA PAZ | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Lots of fun for the entire family. [PAM PEHRSON | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

## Cancer fighter plans baseball camp

Special to the Times

Simona's Journey Cancer Foundation was founded by Carrabelle High School graduate Simona Nichols, previously Simona Lucas-Sanders.

"When I was diagnosed with cancer, I felt as if my entire life was



Nichols

over. When I reached out for services, I felt like the type of cancer ultimately decided who was willing to help," she wrote.

"As I networked with hundreds of other women who were impacted by cancer, they ultimately felt the same. At that point I said no more! Cancer is Cancer! Cancer does not discriminate, and neither will my organization.

"We are here to help individuals from all walks of life. As chair I vow to help as many families as possible who are battling cancer regardless of the type or stage. My pledge is that no one ever has to go through this alone, just reach out," said Lucas-Sanders.

The organization raises funds through fundraising, youth camps and local business owners.

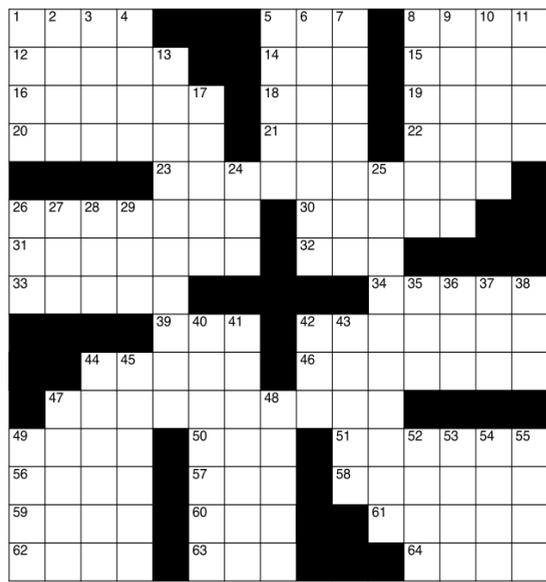
"I am so happy to be able to organize a youth camp in my home city of Carrabelle. I have watched this city bloom with young athletes and I hope to see as many kids as possible out there," she said.

Camp will be held Saturday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Will S. Kendrick Park and Sports Center in Carrabelle.

This baseball training session is a great opportunity for youth of all ages to receive baseball/softball techniques that are designed to unlock your child's personal best.

We are going to attack each aspect of the game to be sure your child comes back with a different mindset. Parents are invited to come and watch. Refreshments will be sold at the field.

For more information about Simona's Journey Cancer Foundation, visit [www.simonasjourney.com](http://www.simonasjourney.com)

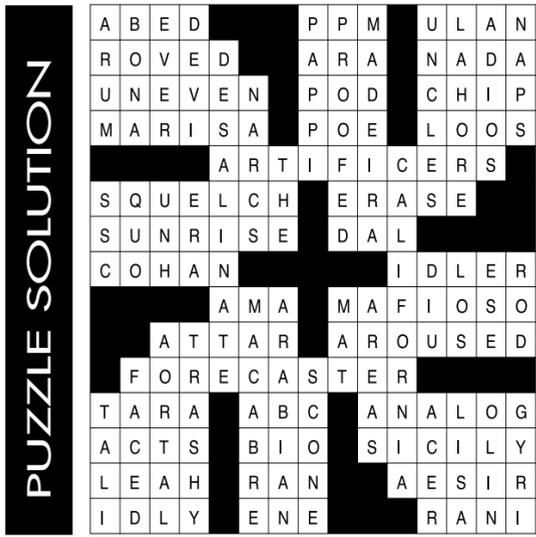


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. In bed
- 5. Project portfolio management
- 8. \_\_\_ Bator: Mongolian capital
- 12. Roamed
- 14. Notre Dame legend Parseghian
- 15. Nothing (Spanish)
- 16. Not level
- 18. Self-contained aircraft unit
- 19. Baseball broadcaster Caray
- 20. \_\_\_ Tomei, actress
- 21. "The Raven" writer
- 22. Bathrooms
- 23. Skilled inventors
- 26. Forcefully silence
- 30. Remove
- 31. The arrival of daylight
- 32. Split lentils
- 33. "Walking Dead" actress
- 34. A lazy person
- 39. Doctors' group
- 42. Crooks
- 44. Fragrant essential oil
- 46. Conjured
- 47. One who predicts
- 49. Scarlett's home
- 50. Television network
- 51. Something comparable to another
- 56. What a thespian does
- 57. Word element meaning life
- 58. Italian island
- 59. "King of Queens" actress Remini
- 60. Jogged
- 61. Norse gods
- 62. Lazily
- 63. Midway between northeast and east
- 64. Hindu queen

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Top Rank boxing promoter
- 2. \_\_\_ fide (Latin)
- 3. At all times
- 4. Hindu female deity
- 5. Tufts of hairs on plant seeds
- 6. Edited
- 7. Portuguese archipelago
- 8. Your parents' brothers
- 9. Pakistani city
- 10. Farewell
- 11. Short sleep sessions
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Drug officers
- 24. One and only
- 25. The Golden State
- 26. Fabric baby carrier (abbr.)
- 27. Quid pro \_\_\_
- 28. New England research university
- 29. Baseball pitcher's stat
- 35. Western India island
- 36. \_\_\_ Angeles
- 37. Midway between east and southeast
- 38. British singer Stewart
- 40. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 41. Riding horse
- 42. Where wrestlers work
- 43. Regions
- 44. Of a main artery
- 45. Not classy
- 47. Competed against
- 48. Biscuit-like cake
- 49. Large ankle bones
- 52. Computer company
- 53. "Friends" actress Kudrow
- 54. "Chocolat" actress Lena
- 55. Brain folds



**TRIVIA FUN**



**Wilson Casey**

- 1. As internationally awarded, what was runner-up to the Ford Model T on being the world's most influential car of the 20th century?**  
Willys Jeep, Volkswagen Beetle, Porsche 911, Morris/Austin Mini
- 2. Which did not host one of the U.S. locations used as landing sites for the space shuttle system?**  
Texas, Florida, California, New Mexico
- 3. By what score was Mudville defeated in the poem, "Casey at the Bat"?**  
1-0, 9-1, 4-2, 6-3

- 4. Where did "United we stand, divided we fall" get its origin?**  
Bible, Aesop's Fables, Confucius, FDR
- 5. In what sport is a participant concerned with "d.p.s."?**  
Weightlifting, Rowing, Archery, Swimming
- 6. What U.S. city has the famed Gateway Arch?**  
Sacramento, St. Louis, Houston, Pittsburgh

**ANSWERS:** 1. Morris/Austin Mini, 2. Texas, 3. 4-2, 4. Aesop's Fables, 5. Swimming (distance per stroke), 6. St. Louis

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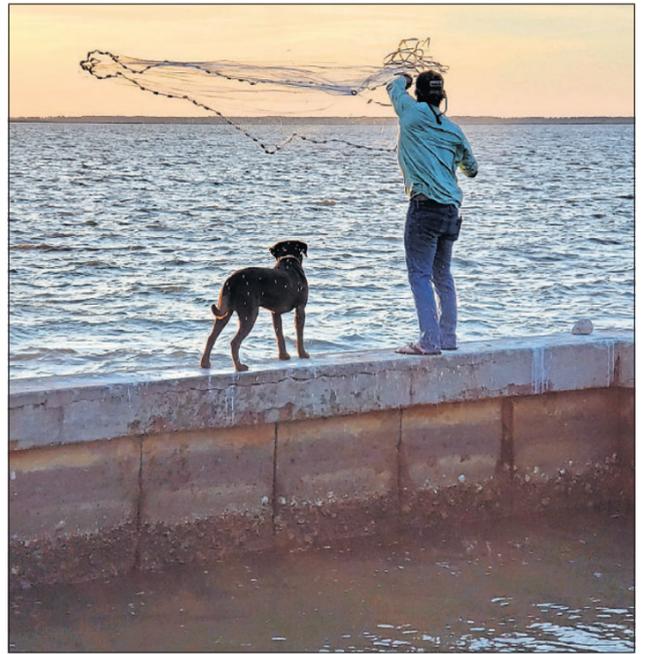
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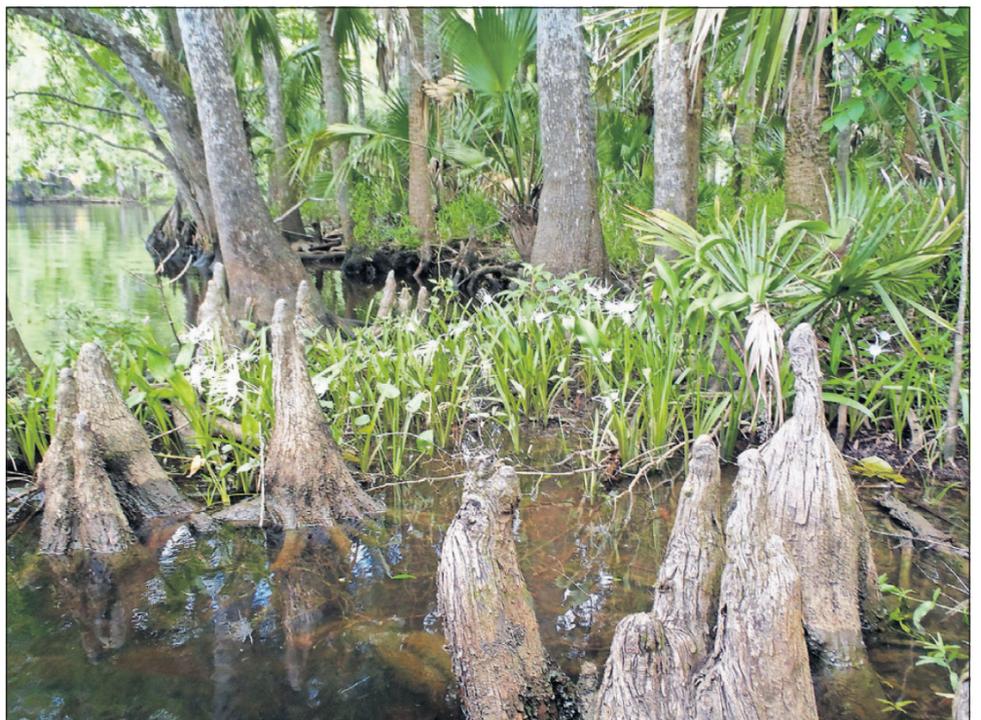
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# Program to offer free birth control to addicted women

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PANAMA CITY — A local group is taking a new approach to try to curb the number of babies local born with addiction issues — offering free long-term birth control to women with known substance

abuse issues.

“That cry and the pain the baby goes through is just horrible,” said Sharon Owens of Healthy Start. “It’s just heart-wrenching. If we can stop that, (we should).”

The Healthy Start Coalition of Bay, Franklin and Gulf Counties has partnered with the Avicenna Clinic, one of the

two free health clinics in town, to offer women who are using services at the methadone clinic or in the Bay County jail an IUD (intrauterine device) to prevent pregnancy for four years.

The program, called My Baby Free Friends (BFF), is meant to take advantage of the effectiveness and low

maintenance of IUDs as a form of birth control. Healthy Start has similar programs throughout the state.

“We want to make sure if any woman is susceptible to struggling with substance use, because it is a disease, they know they can come to us and we can help them,” Owens said. “So if they are going to

use, they won’t get pregnant.”

Recent data received from the Agency for Health Care Administration ranked Bay County as having the second highest rate in the state of newborns affected with noxious influence and drug withdrawal syndrome. The term includes babies born on substances other than opioids.

## COOPER

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satisfied with his job.”

Sanders said Cooper has delegated important responsibilities, such as being present for inspections by the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Joint Commission. She also said Cooper promised three years ago to secure rural health clinic status, which means larger reimbursements for Medicare and Medicaid patients, for the county’s two clinics, but has only recently got it for Carrabelle and is now working on it for the Apalachicola clinic.

“I am not satisfied with his performance as a CEO of Weems Memorial Hospital in Franklin County Florida,” said Sanders.

“What if TMH can’t turn this (the request) around in 30 days?” asked County Attorney Michael Shuler.

“We need a CEO out there, a new one,” said Commissioner William Massey.

“An interim is fine with me,” said Sanders. “I just want Mr. Cooper gone.”

Shuler said he will examine the terms of Cooper’s contract, which began as a two-year deal when he

was first hired, and then was extended on an ongoing basis following that. The county attorney said it was his understanding Cooper could be entitled to six months’ severance pay, or \$75,000, upon his dismissal.

Cooper’s initial pay package in 2014 was for a \$150,000 annual salary, plus a \$10,000 sign-on bonus and up to \$6,000 for temporary housing and moving expenses, making him among the highest-paid government employees in the county, rivaled only by the circuit judge.

Cooper’s compensation package, negotiated by TMH and approved by the Weems board of directors, has long ranked the county commission, and Tuesday’s meeting was no exception.

“I don’t want all that in the next contract and I don’t want paying for no travel,” said Lockley. “If they can’t make it down here, get somebody else.

“We should have never had nothing like that in our contract,” he said. “We can’t pay what Tallahassee pays. We don’t generate the money that Tallahassee generates. Why should we be forced into something like that?”

“When we start saying we’re going to move somebody, give them a job, we’re going to give x amount of

dollars to come here, I don’t think we should have to do that. We’re already paying a high-dollar figure.

“They don’t give nobody else no money,” Lockley said. “They got this county entrapped.”

Chair Smokey Parrish recommended Lockley’s suggestion be turned into a recommendation to the hospital board, since that is the entity that will negotiate a deal with any future CEO hirings.

The commissioners’ vote to oust Cooper comes at a time when it began review of a proposal from TMH for a “collaborative partnership,” between Weems, TMH and Alliant Management Services.

The deal is structured so as to give Alliant the role of operating the hospital, complete with handling finances, clinical services, strategic planning and the entire gamut of Weems’ responsibilities. The deal could not become effective until Feb. 2019, due to requirements of a previous Alliant employee’s non-compete agreement.

TMH proposes to charge a fixed management fee for the first 18 months, some of which would be at risk if “performance metrics” are not met.

This option foresees analysis and planning for an

“appropriate replacement facility,” as well as a tie-in with TMH’s network of primary care physicians and specialists.

It also offers a three-year management agreement option with a variation where TMH would be able to “appropriately allocate allowable costs” to Weems, and to provide oversight of Alliant, which would also be an allowable administrative cost.

Like a recent one from Sacred Heart, the TMH proposal is long on vision and short on specifics, particularly on how much risk TMH would have as it sets out to take on the future growth of Weems.

“We want somebody to take the risk, this board does not need to be in the health care business,” said Sanders. “We want someone who we have confidence in, whose number one concern it to take care of our people.

“Whoever comes in here to do right by the people, that’s who I want. I’m not worried about the names (of the companies), just come in here and give us something and this board will have enough confidence in and pull back and take the board out of the equation,” she said.

“They’re all looking at the tax money. They want to

have no risk at all and take our money,” said Massey.

“We don’t need someone to come in here and make money,” said Lockley.

In sending County Coordinator Michael Morón back to talk with officials from Sacred Heart and TMH, commissioners asked for more details as to how the hospital systems propose to handle emergency calls, how much of the 1 percent health care sales tax they would ask for, what the effect on job losses or gains any changes would bring, and how they would handle construction of a new facility.

“We cannot have our 911 calls leaving this county. The ambulance can’t take a 911 call and go to an urgent care center,” said Morón.

Morón also reported that as part of an inquiry into transforming the ambulance service into a county department, he and Commissioner Ricky Jones met with the head of Gulf County’s emergency services, a county department with a \$1.4 million budget, about one-quarter of which is subsidized by the county.

“Transitioning to a county EMS department would not be as simple as stated by others, and would require someone with extensive administrative and management skills to run that department,” Morón said.



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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 4, Block "4" of Greater Eastpoint, the same being 77.25 feet running parallel with the beach and at the same parallel angle as the above described and stated land or Lot 4, and being in Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida.

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TO: LOUIS B. CANNON, JR.  
DAVID A. CHAPMAN  
MARK ALLAN MOORE

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, and you are required to file the original of your written defenses to it, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, at the Franklin County Courthouse, Civil Division, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney, at 41 Commerce Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit to quiet title against the described property, to-wit:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

If you fail to file your answer or written defenses in the above proceeding, and serve a copy on Plaintiff's attorney, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

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 Southwesterly direction 77.25 feet, thence South 235.19 feet, thence in a Northeasterly direction 77.25 feet to the point of beginning. Being a lot known as Lot 3 of Block 4 of Greater Eastpoint, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof as described in Deed Book "R" Pages 443-447, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida, and being in Fractional Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida;

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thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run South 102.52 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #7160) lying on the Southerly right of way boundary of said Highway No. 98, thence run South 54 degrees 02 minutes 38 seconds West along said Southerly right of way boundary 84.00 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #7160) marking the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING and leaving said Southerly right of way boundary run South 77.28 feet to a point lying on the approximate mean high water line of St. George Sound; thence run Southwesterly along said mean high water line the following (2) two courses: South 53 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds West 27.57 feet; South 82 degrees 22 minutes 23 seconds West 15.98 feet; thence leaving said mean high water line run North 44.58 feet, thence run North 11 degrees 03 minutes 33 seconds West 21.00 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #7160) lying on the Southerly right-of-way boundary of said U.S. Highway No. 98; thence run North 54 degrees 02 minutes 38 seconds East along said Southerly right-of-way boundary 52.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.  
April 26, May 3, 2018

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**A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT:**  
PLACE: Willie Speed Board Room, 85 School Road, Eastpoint, FL  
DATE: May 31, 2018  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2018-CP-000024

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The administration of the estate of WILLIAM DAVID PENDER, deceased, whose date of death was November 30, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The names and address of the personal representative and the personal attorney are set forth below.

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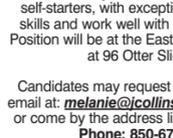
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# Solar energy blooms in county

Special to the Times

APALACHICOLA — A non-profit organization that can help residents save money on home and small business solar electric systems has created a chapter in Franklin and Bay counties.

Homeowners can have their homes assessed for free to see costs and potential savings through the Solar United Neighbors group. There is no obligation to buy a system.

Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson thinks solar power has the potential to help homeowners and the city save money.

"I envision powering every street light and every municipal building with solar energy, to overall reduce the city utility bills," Johnson said at a Panama City press conference announcing the program.

Johnson said powering the wastewater treatment plant with solar could save the city more than \$1 million over the next 25 years, but there are even bigger reasons to go solar. "There are none that are greater or more noble than fulfilling our God-given responsibility to be good stewards and caretakers over the land and its resources," Johnson said.

Local homeowner Dan Garlick allowed visitors to



An employee with Pensacola-based Compass Solar installs solar panels on a Gulf Breeze home. The company has expanded its operations into Bay County. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

see the solar panels on his Bay Avenue home Saturday at an open house sponsored by Solar Uniter Neighbors. Garlick showed off his electric bill, which is typically about \$10.

Angela DeMonbreun, the program director for Solar United Neighbors, outlined the program at a meeting at the Bay County Public Library.

"We will conduct a roof review and let them know if they have a good roof, a maybe good roof (for solar energy)," she said, explaining solar energy experts

analyze, among other things, the amount of space on a roof and whether the roof is facing southward.

DeMonbreun said her group is neutral and not tied in any way with solar installers.

"I think it's very appealing the fact that we're a nonprofit, third-party completely neutral to financing and installers," she said. "And we are truly just about giving the community the information that they need to make an informed decision for themselves."

DeMonbreun said Solar United Neighbors also tries to

make sure a resident's financing package for solar energy doesn't exceed the savings on the electricity bill.

"We give them examples of financing that may be available," she said. "We conduct the roof review instead of just passing it on to the installer because we do not want people to be oversold something that does not work for them."

"What we also have found is that it truly opens the market as well," she said. "Our requests for proposals don't just go out to local installers. They go out to state installers. We know for a fact that Panhandle installers have been waiting for a Panhandle co-op to come around, because it works better for them."

The Franklin-Bay Solar Co-Op is co-sponsored by the Bay County League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club Big Bend Group, the City of Apalachicola, Downtown Books and St. Andrew Bay Watch.

The systems are supposed to last 30 years and often are paid off in eight or nine years, meaning "it's all gravy" for the homeowner in terms of pocketing money from electric savings after that, said Panama City attorney Alvin Peters, a leader in the local initiative.

Dan Gardner, an owner of Pensacola-based Compass Solar Energy, a licensed installer, made a presentation to the Apalachicola City Commission and has attended local events. Gardner said solar systems can knock off 80 to 90 percent of a customer's electric bill. For example, he said, a customer can save about \$200 a month off their electric bill while paying about \$160 a month toward the loan on the system. "That's an investment that increases the home value," he said.

Local volunteer organizer Kevin Begos said nearly 50 people in Franklin County have expressed interest in the Solar Co-Op. About 15 people attended an information session at the Holy Family Center last week.

Current Florida law forbids ordinances, deed restrictions, covenants, or similar binding agreements from prohibiting solar equipment use.

Homeowners who are interested in Solar United Neighbors' free assessment can sign up at [solarunited-neighbors.org/franklin.bay](http://solarunited-neighbors.org/franklin.bay).

There will be another public information session at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center in Carrabelle on Thursday, May 10 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Center is at 201 NW Ave. F.

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