



**OUT TO SEE**

**Three days of Independence Day celebrations**

The Eastpoint fire isn't standing in the way of celebrating America's independence, with a major push over three days to help.

**On Monday, July 2, the city of Carrabelle** will offer Fireworks on the Harbor at about dark 30. Stake out your viewing area from the mouth of the Carrabelle River to the Tillie Miller bridge, either side of the river.

**On Tuesday, July 3, Apalachicola** will host its Independence Eve Celebration, presented by Apalachicola Main Street at Riverfront Park, from 4 to 10 p.m., with music, food, parade, ice cream social, veterans tribute given by State Rep. Halsey Beshears, and fireworks at 9 p.m.

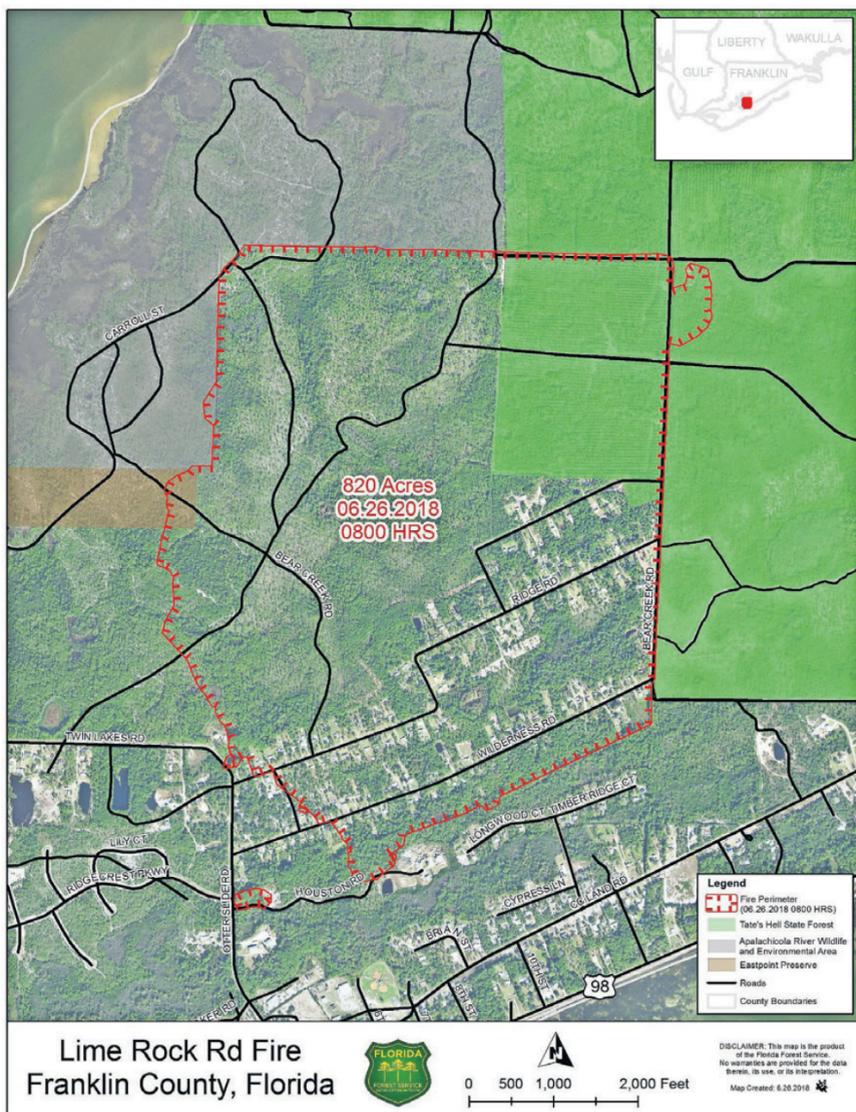
To assist fire victims, the city will close Commerce Street, between Avenues E and F, beginning mid-morning, to allow nonprofit organizations, churches and others to set up booths to help raise money for the Eastpoint Fire Recovery effort. Anyone interested in setting up a booth will need to provide their own tent, table and facilities, with space available on a first come, first serve basis. No permits will be required for vendors but proceeds must benefit the fire relief effort.

City Administrator Lee Mathes said several churches and nonprofit groups asked to set up downtown to raise money. "The event venue at Riverfront Park is already spoken for in terms of event vendors, activities and fireworks seating, so opening up nearby space to help local volunteers raise money for the fire relief effort was an easy way for the city to help," she said.

Apalachicola Main Street organizers say they expect several thousand people to flood the city to attend the popular Independence Eve event, and are planning a way of contributing to the relief efforts.

"As we are prepared to assist in any way that we can, our thoughts, prayers and hearts goes out to our brothers and sisters over in the Eastpoint community impacted by Sunday's devastating fire. The very bridge that separates our physical communities is now being used to bridge our hearts together as one community, united under God's sovereign care," said Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson.

**On Wednesday, July 4,** the St. George Island Water Parade through downtown starts at 10 a.m. Anyone can participate, but water balloons please! Fireworks at dark 30 by Blue Parrot Restaurant.



This aerial map, created by the Florida Forest Service, shows the dimensions of the Lime Rock Fire as of Tuesday morning, June 26, at 8 a.m.

## Fire ravages Eastpoint neighborhood

**At least 125 people displaced, 36 homes destroyed**

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Right now they're calling it the Lime Rock Road fire, but in time it will become known simply as "The Fire" and everyone in Franklin County will know where they were when it happened.

Especially those who fled for their lives Sunday evening, sometime around 6 p.m. when it became clear that a fire in Tate's Hell State Forest off in the distance, smoldering for about two hours, was now about to lash out at Bear Creek, Ridge Road and Wilderness Road.

Apalachicola firefighter Troy Segree said the noise was like a loud rumble as it neared. He had to keep on his sunglasses because of the ash and smoke burning his eyes.

Christy Russell had to convince her boyfriend, Ryan Williamson, who at

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## State says prescribed burn caused fire

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Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam said Wednesday morning that following an investigation led by his Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, a prescribed burn conducted by Wildland Fire Services, Inc. on behalf of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission caused the wildfire in Eastpoint, which burned more than 800 acres and destroyed 36 homes.

"My heart goes out to those affected by this devastating wildfire, and I thank all of our partners in the response effort to stop the spread of the fire," said Putnam.

The Florida Forest Service led response efforts to contain and extinguish the wildfire with assistance from: the Franklin County Sheriff's Office,



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department, and other local fire departments.

During the course of the investigation, other possible causes, such as lightning, arson and fire accidentally caused by man, were eliminated.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission also released the following statement this morning.

As the Florida  
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## Justices give Florida narrow win in water wars

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The Supreme Court is giving Florida another chance to make its case that Georgia uses too much water and leaves too little for its southern neighbor.

The justices ruled 5-4 Wednesday in the long-running dispute between the two states. The fight is over Georgia's use of water from the Chattahoochee and Flint rivers that serve booming metro Atlanta and Georgia's powerful agricultural industry.

Ruling in Florida's favor were Chief Justice John Roberts, and Justices William Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor, all concurred with the opinion by Justice Stephen Breyer. Voting no were Justices Samuel Alito, Elena Kagan, and Neal Gorsuch, who joins in Justice Clarence Thomas' dissent.

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## Kristy Banks appointed to school board

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Governor Rick Scott on Tuesday announced the appointment of Kristy Branch Banks to fill the District 3 vacancy on the Franklin County School Board, effective June 26.

She fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Teresa Ann Martin, who stepped down in February in order to run for county tax collector. Banks, 47, of Apalachicola, is owner of an Eastpoint law practice and received a juris doctor from Florida State University. She also serves as secretary of the Republican Party of Florida.

Banks' stay on the school board will be brief, as her term ends Nov. 13, 2018. She did not seek to run for the non-partisan seat, and so is not eligible to be elected at the upcoming Aug. 28 primary.

Two Democrats, Fonda D. Davis, Sr. and Roderick L. Robinson, Jr., have qualified to run in the August election. The victor in that election will fill the remaining two years of Martin's term.

Both Davis and Robinson sought the gubernatorial appointment, as did Democrats LaTrina D. Lockley and Barry Hand; and Republicans Luis Valenzuela-Lopez,

# Jackson to hang up his shirt

**Carrabelle to mark 55 years in business Saturday**

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This Saturday at Jackson's Auto Parts and Hardware in Carrabelle, George Jackson is going to hang up his shirt.

He's not retiring, even at age 87, but he is shedding the uniform he's sported for 55 years, even since on July 1, 1963, he went into business at a Standard Oil Station in the middle of Carrabelle.

"I'm not going to quit but I'm going to retire my shirt," said Jackson. "I'm going to hang it on the wall. I'm going to see what it looks like not to be in uniform.

"Kind of be a citizen, not a slave," he said.

Actually, for many long years Jackson has been a model citizen, active in the community, elected county commissioner, and elected, and appointed a couple times, a Carrabelle city commissioner. He helped save the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce with Gene Squires, and he's been an immense help to the Franklin County Senior Center.

"I've been around and tried to be involved in my community, I've always wanted to help," he said.

Not bad for a guy who was told 55 years ago by a friend of his wife's, on the eve of their opening their new business, "not to worry, you won't around long."

But Jackson and the East-point girl he married, the former Virginia Butler, kept that business going, a continuous business that played a huge role in the 64 years they

**Saturday anniversary an all-day affair**

On Saturday, at Jackson's Auto Parts and Hardware in Carrabelle, they'll be a chance to save and a chance to help. To mark its 55th anniversary, Jackson's is planning a bucket sale inside the store, to run all day, where the first 200 customers can get a 10 percent discount (some restrictions apply) on what they can collect. They'll be free Cokes and hot dogs, and other surprises. People who have worked for the store in the past will be stopping by to visit, during the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be door prizes, including a three-burner grill, three gift cards worth \$50 each, a model car rock crawler, a Cuisinart coffee machine, rubber balls for the kids and other items.

In front will be trailer for relief, for people to drop off items to help those devastated by the Lime Rock Road fire in Eastpoint. For more info, call 697-3332

were married. The business thrived, expanded, relocated to 712 Northwest Avenue A, across from the IGA, and this Saturday will mark its anniversary in business with a special event. (See sidebar)

"We made it 55 years and we really appreciate the people and we want to be able to let the people know if it wasn't for the people of Carrabelle and Franklin County we wouldn't have been able to be here," said Ronnie Jackson, who together with younger brother David, run the store for the family.

To understand the origins of Jackson's auto parts and hardware, you have to go back to the farm George Jackson grew



**The original Jackson's service station in downtown Carrabelle.**  
[PHOTO COURTESY JACKSON'S PHOTOS]

up on between Chipley and Cottondale.

It was his father's and his mother's health wasn't good, so George dropped out of school in the eighth grade and went to work, part of the year on a relative's tomato farm in Ruskin.

"Then I'd come back and help my dad," he said.

In 1949, his mother's health was bad, and she had three brothers in Franklin County, one of whom, Buck Creamer, was a shrimper with a fish house in Apalachicola. The other two uncles lived in Eastpoint; Wilbur Creamer had a little grocery, and Frank Segree Sr., married to George's aunt, had a seafood business.

"I came down and worked in the seafood business that was just not my thing," said George Jackson.

Cleve Randolph operated gas pumps at the Apalachicola airport, and that interested George, then age 20.

"I worked in the seafood business with my uncle and aunt for a while and then had a chance to get the job with Mr. Randolph and I stayed with him," he said.

He and wife Virginia stayed a year at the old Army barracks at the airport, and then he went to work for Randolph at the

Standard Oil plant on the river, across from the old jail behind the courthouse.

That's where he worked for a dozen years, from 1951 to 1963, as he and his wife, married two days before Christmas 1950, began their family.

Ronnie was born in 1951, David a year later, Phyllis two years after that, and lastly Yvonne, five years after that.

In 1963, with \$80 in his pocket, he bought Randolph's service station in Carrabelle. "He endorsed my note at the Apalachicola State Bank," he said. "I borrowed all the money."

Fourteen years into ownership, after Jackson had enclosed the mechanics' bays, he added auto parts to his offerings in 1964.

"Paul Keenan, he owned lots of stores, and had a warehouse in Albany, Georgia and one of the salesmen was calling on me and asked 'Why don't you put auto parts in there? I'm going to take this up with him (Keenan).'"

Later, Jackson got a visit from John Dumont, and the two men talked for a while "I said 'Look John, I don't have no money,'" recalled Jackson. "Two weeks later he came in one morning. We got off to one side and we sat down

and he told me Mr. Keenan had approved my dealership here, and he was going to send 50,000 auto parts and \$5,000 operating capital.

"That's the way I got started," George Jackson said. "I didn't have no money but I could work."

Keenan's company was eventually sold to Carquest, and Jackson's has remained the only parts store in town.

In 1975 Jackson's joined the Ace Hardware franchise network. Four years after that, Jackson bought two houses on the site and moved them and built a new building at 712 Northwest Avenue A. They held on to the old service station for 28 years, until they sold it in 1991.

Because so many people would ask him "Do you have any lumber?" Jackson ordered some two-by-fours one day. "Before I knew it they were gone," he said. "That's how I got into the building material business."

"We never supplied many contractors. I wanted to supply the everyday guys who walked in and wanted a two-by-four. Then we edged out and started delivering stuff," he said.

"You have to do what you have to do in a small town to survive," said Jackson. "I could look ahead and I could see things that I should do and keep up with the times as they changed."

Now living alone, after the passing of his beloved wife four years ago this October, Jackson reflected on his career, and what the future holds.

"I never had a job in my life I could work eight hours a day and go home," he said. But I didn't overwork myself. I always was on time, never late with payments.

"My life's been so good and all," said George Jackson.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that starting June 22, 2018, the Franklin County Central Landfill will Amnesty all Yard Debris for residents, on an interim basis: Debris which is brought in by commercial contractors or builders will NOT be accepted as Amnesty.

For more information, contact the Franklin County Central Landfill at 850-670-8167 or [fcsh@fairpoint.net](mailto:fcsh@fairpoint.net)

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This year the Franklin County Tourist Development Council will conduct four (4) grant programs for non-profit and governmental organizations. The Grant categories include:

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- 5 Major Event Multi-day Promotion Grants in amounts up to \$5,000 per event.
- Museum Grant Program in amounts up to \$15,000 per year.
- Market Development Partnerships in amounts up to \$12,000 per year.

Applications for participation in one or more programs may be submitted beginning Wednesday June 27, 2018 through 4:00 P.M. on Monday July 16, 2018.

Information and applications for each grant program may be found at [www.floridasforgottencoast.com/grants](http://www.floridasforgottencoast.com/grants) or by contacting Deb Davis at [deb@floridasforgottencoast.com](mailto:deb@floridasforgottencoast.com).

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# OPINION

## ARBOR OUTLOOK

### Restaurants, houses and growth runways



Margaret McDowell

**“Our house, is a very, very, very fine house”**  
From “Our House”  
as recorded by Crosby, Stills and Nash

While in high school I worked at my parents’ lunch restaurant in Lake Zurich, Illinois, then a sleepy little town that has since become a booming suburb of Chicago. Even though restaurants are oftentimes bad investments, my parents opened one anyway. My Mom said, and I remember it well: “People have to eat.” Mom built a solid business which she later sold when she and my Dad traded frigid Illinois winters for sunny Florida.

I was thinking about my Mom’s “people have to eat” rationale recently while researching the large, publicly traded homebuilders. The shares of these companies have fallen since the start of the year, presumably because interest rates have risen slightly and because the pace of sales has slowed a bit. I believe that the country’s largest homebuilders have a multi-year growth runway ahead of them, so naturally the falling share prices further piqued my interest. Rising rates or not, people have to live somewhere, as well as eat.

In the past, homebuilding was a relatively low margin, capital intensive, boom-and-bust industry dominated by thousands of local builders. Small homebuilders still put up the majority of new houses in America, but that’s changing quickly. The 10 largest homebuilders have been growing their market share and now construct almost one-third of all new homes. Industry consolidation is often a sign that the remaining players will become more profitable since they face less aggressive competition.

Less competition isn’t their only advantage, though. Homebuilding costs are rising, which should also benefit the larger players because they can borrow money cheaper than smaller builders; buy materials in bulk and save money; and spread their design and labor costs over more projects. All this means more profit per home than subscale competitors.

Additionally, the largest homebuilders are moving to an “asset light” business model which has substantially improved their returns on capital. Instead of having their money tied up in land that may or may not be developed in the near future, some homebuilders are increasingly using purchase options to reserve land they may buy rather than buying the land outright.

This sometimes means they end up paying a few percent more for a parcel of land. But by securing construction sites this way, companies can build more homes where the demand (and prices) are currently highest and forego projects that may not be as profitable. In the old days when a project got scrapped, the homebuilders had to find a buyer for their land, which isn’t always an easy task. Now, when a project doesn’t work out, they walk away from the land and forfeit the small option payment.

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## EDITORIAL

### May the green shoots grow

There is something crueler about a fire than other brutal attackers. Like Storm, it boots you out of your home, but that sidekick is nicer about it. It only knocks loudly on your door, gives you a little time to gather up stuff before it shuts the door behind you and sends you on your way. Then it just waters everything left behind, soaking some of it, ruining a lot of it, too lazy not to leave some of it intact. It hangs around for a while and then quietly lumbers off.

Fire is meaner and greedier. It rousts you from a nap, doesn’t give you time to even put on shoes, much less grab your cellphone or wallet, and with the help of its running buddy Wind, bears right on you, close up and impersonal, not caring who you are, not even wasting its breath to chase you. It takes it all, doesn’t leave you a thing, even kills your dog, just to spite you. Its fury is raucous and unruly, like a drunk, so it spares some people, misses them altogether. But give Fire enough time, and it will get around to you too.

That is until it gets put out, that’s what fire departments are for. Usually it’s just one, maybe with help from another two or three. The Lime Rock Fire drew every fire department in Franklin County, plus Sumatra and Hosford in Liberty County, and Port St. Joe, St. Joe Beach and Highland View in Gulf County. They didn’t leave until Eastpoint Fire Chief George Pruett said it was OK to go, early Monday morning.

As the Florida Forestry Service dug its ditches, to clear away the fuel that feeds Fire’s gluttony, two key departments sprang into action, first. The Eastpoint firefighters made critical decisions, with minimal time before they had to choose which houses to attack and which to pass by. Like triaging patients in a war zone, ignore the dead and try to save the living.

Sheriff’s deputies had to do something that ordinarily the law forbids them to do, ordering innocent, law-abiding people to leave immediately, to cease and desist from messing with such controlled substances as water from a garden hose they wanted to spray on the approaching menace. Everybody knew what would happen if the fire struck a mobile home with people in it. They had no choice but to be the bully, to save people from a worse one heading their way.



The Franklin County community - churches, businesses, individuals, organizations - has been quick to respond, as was this aid worker from the ABC Charter School, with the Paul Sanders family.

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There is never a bad time to praise someone, like the first responders, and the many firefighters who backed them up, and backed Fire off before sending it to where the sun never shines, and the electrical crews and the volunteers who have stepped in to help defeat the forces of darkness, chaos and despair, and give hope to those reacting to losing everything they have, except life and love. The Lime Rock Fire has been engraved into the county’s wood as a catastrophic event of lasting proportions, wiping out the wealth of a couple of dirt roads and two nice paved ones, a single neighborhood whose dogged, semi-agricultural, at sea working when not out hunting, rugged life defines Old Florida about as best as any place ever will.

Still, this is not the time to sing the praises of these dedicated men and women, those who stepped into the breach, between where fire fully blooms into a lethal, twisting gas, to where it lights on your property as softly as a floating ember, and catches. Either way, there’s no stopping it without coordinated warfare, whether it be to save a life or a property, like we saw happen.

Actually, there is a way to praise them for what they did, and we can do that today, by continuing their work where they left off. In time the blistered lots will be cleared, the debris removed, the tragedy accepted. But that will not be the end of it. A place to live, for all those displaced, will be found, provided if necessary, and must be. Food and clothing and funds will come, as they have been from day one, like a garden hose full of help splashed on hot skin on a sweltering day.

The future, too, will contain an answer to whether the Lime Rock Fire could have been prevented, and how. In a rural county where so much land is still blessedly undeveloped, where you can hunt for something other than a parking space, fires like this must be understood and masterfully handled. What is controlled, exactly, in an intentional burn? Does lightning strike twice? What happens after you blow out the candle before you fall asleep? There are lots of questions, and answers must be fearless and forthcoming.

Following a burn, hikers follow the first green shoots of new life as they sprout and bud among the blackened woods. It is a process far, far slower than Fire, but fresher and kinder than the raging ogre that burst in howling from off a tree, and then died in the face of a determined adversary. We’re seeing those shoots in the uplift of an eager community, in the generosity of neighbors, in a willingness to help and be helped.

And we’re seeing the shoots even in the most unlikely place, the eyes of a man, woman and child whose guts have just been pummeled, whose resources are all but completely gone, whose hope has been beaten into the size of a grain of a sand on the beach.

In these spirits are shoots already beginning to grow, in the soil of a living promise they have made to themselves, that they will replenish and restore the blackened landscape that has torn across their lives. These are the shoots we must nurture first, with care and patience. In time their lives will bloom again, and the woods they knew will grow back, and the community will be richer for it.

## GUEST COLUMN

### On July Fourth, safety first

Special to the Times

The nation’s emergency physicians urge those celebrating Independence Day to exercise good judgment and to be mindful of potential dangers, especially from accidents with fireworks.

“Whether you are grilling, camping, spending the day in or near the water, or just relaxing with family and friends, a few simple safety tips can keep the celebration going and keep you out of the emergency department,” said Paul Kivela, MD, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

More than 11,100 people went to the emergency room with injuries from fireworks in 2016, according to the most recent data available from the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Children younger



near residential areas. Children should never play with fireworks or sparklers and older children should always be supervised. If you are drinking alcohol, please do not handle fireworks or supervise others who may rely on you if an emergency occurs. Some additional firework safety tips:

Avoid purchasing or using illegal fireworks. Do not attempt to make your own. Read warning labels and follow all instructions. Do not use fireworks in any way other than suggested on the label.

Keep a bucket of water or fire extinguisher on hand. Light fireworks one at a time. Dispose of all fireworks properly. Soak them all in water before throwing them away.

Do not light fireworks indoors or near other objects.

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than 15 years of age accounted for 31 percent of the estimated 2016 injuries. And, 69 percent of the emergency department-treated injuries were burns.

Emergency physicians strongly encourage people to leave fireworks to the professionals. If fireworks are legal in your area, ACEP strongly urges you to avoid using them

# The day after

The following pictures were all taken by renowned photojournalist Richard Bickel.



Jimmy Boone lost his 50-year home in minutes, barely escaping with the clothes on his back [ RICHARD BICKEL | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES PHOTOS ]



Intense heat drove serpents out of the woods and into open yards; here Nick Rotella holds a snake killed and hardened by the fast-moving blaze



Paul Sanders with grandson John Paul at the ruins of their Eastpoint home.



The racing fire hopscotched through Eastpoint neighborhoods, ravaging cars and homes, but often leaving adjacent properties untouched



Florida Park Service firefighter Rob Crombie extinguishes a 'hot spot' on Wilderness Road



Nick Rotella with family dogs visiting neighbor Jimmy Boone's burnt-out property



Aid workers at The Church of God in Eastpoint rush water to fire-parched Eastpoint residents



Nick Rotella finds his best friend and neighbor's bike in the ashes of Jimmy Boone's home



The fire aftermath often recalled war zones, as did this homesite on Ridge Road

# Outreach continues to help victims

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The Eastpoint Fire Station initially opened up for those evacuees, and those who didn't find a place with family or friends, were directed to the Eastpoint Church of God. The American Red Cross was busy registering people, and offering them an overnight shelter.

Emergency Management Director Pam Brownell said 36 homes were obliterated, and another four damaged. She said 136 people were directly affected as possibly homeless now among the 250 or so who

had registered with the American Red Cross as of Monday evening.

She and Joe Taylor, director of the Franklin's Promise Coalition, which is the long-term recovery organization designated by the county's emergency management, were out doing a closer inventory late Monday afternoon, bringing food and water to the barren properties as they assess the details of the disaster.

Sharon Tyler, who directs the Capital Area Red Cross, said that after a full house Sunday evening, the Eastpoint Church of God had no overnight stays Monday, but they plan to keep it open as shelter anyway.

"We expect the population to increase," she said, noting that several people may find that the emergency housing they were able to find at area hotels and friends isn't sustainable for much longer.

"We're keeping that option open," Tyler said.

Franklin's Promise is looking for long-term rentals for the fire's families, but with ongoing and growing demand for short-term transient housing geared to tourists, such options may be few and far between.

In addition Sheriff A. J. Smith has created a GoFundMe page which has so far raised about \$60,000, all of that to be spent on housing for those

affected.

In addition there has been a massive outreach by local and even regional and national people to get help to those affected.

The emergency management effort is being coordinated out of the Eastpoint Fire Station.

The Florida Department of Emergency Management's Human Services Branch is coordinating with Volunteer Florida to identify non-governmental organizations with resources to support families and individuals affected in Franklin. Services have included: the Salvation Army provided mobile feeding to affected households and a shelter designated at Eastpoint Church of God, managed by the American Red Cross, which is conducting damage assessment and providing direct client services.

Additionally, the state agency's Human Services Branch is coordinating with private sector



Taking part in a telephone conference call with state officials, from the Eastpoint Firehouse, are, from left, Tress Dameron, emergency management coordinator; Pam Brownell, emergency management director; Joe Taylor, director of Franklin's Promise Coalition, which is directing volunteer efforts; and Traci Moses, superintendent of the Franklin County Schools.

[ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

partners including Airbnb and the Florida Motel Association to identify available support for housing for vulnerable families and individuals affected by this tragedy, state officials wrote in an

email.

It said the Office of the Attorney General has deployed a victim's advocacy team to the affected area to assess the situation and offer assistance should it be necessary.

## VICTORY

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The court said that a special master appointed to hear the lawsuit should reconsider Florida's argument that limiting how much water Georgia uses would provide more for the Apalachicola River that flows into Apalachicola Bay and the nearby Gulf of Mexico.

The special master had recommended to the court that it side with Georgia and reject Florida's call for limiting water consumption from the Flint River.

"Today's ruling is a huge win for the entire state of Florida," said Gov. Rick Scott. "As governor, protecting the families whose livelihoods rely on the Apalachicola Bay has been a top priority. For nearly 30 years and under five governors, Florida has been fighting for its fair share of water from Georgia. After decades of failed negotiations, we took our historic action to protect families all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court."

"I am glad that the court ruled in Florida's favor today and we look forward to further securing a healthy Apalachicola Bay while protecting the thousands of jobs that depend on this natural resource. The best interest of these families will always come first," he said.

Comments flooded in from local and state legislators, and other interested parties.

**U.S. Cong. Neal Dunn:** "Today is a great day for North Florida and the future of the Apalachicola River and Bay. It's clear - our fisheries, our economy, and our environment have been devastated over the years by Georgia's unrestrained water use. The Supreme Court made the right decision today in recognizing that Florida has been harmed as a result of decreased water flow to the ACF River Basin. Now it's time for the Special Master and Army Corps of Engineers to come up with an equitable solution. I will continue to fight for our River Basin and all those who rely on the water to make their livelihood."

**U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson:** "The Supreme Court decision has allowed Florida to

fight in court another day. Let's hope that day is not too late for Apalachicola Bay. This long-running dispute has cost Florida taxpayers tens of millions of dollars. Instead of forcing Georgia to send more water south into the bay, as Mother Nature intended, the Supreme Court has decided to prolong this process even further."

**U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio:** "This is a clear victory for Florida, but the fight for our Apalachicola River and Bay is not over. Today, the Supreme Court came one step closer to alleviating the decades of harm caused by Georgia's disregard for the Panhandle's vital economic and environmental resources. A big thank you to President Trump for overseeing the Army Corps' change of attitude that made today's decision possible."

**Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gwen Graham,** who formerly represented Franklin County in Congress: "This is a bittersweet victory for the Apalachicola community just days after the Eastpoint fire. Sending the case back to the special master is a step in the right direction, but this crisis is far from over for the oystermen and families of Apalachicola."

"While Attorney General Pam Bondi and Governor Rick Scott are claiming a win today, this only went to the Supreme Court because of their mistakes. They have mismanaged the case for years, costing our state precious time and giving away millions in taxpayer funds that could have been better spent directly helping the Apalachicola community."

"As governor, I will continue to pursue this legal action - and work with our partners in Washington to pass legislation like the bipartisan Apalachicola Bay Restoration Act to finally solve this decades-long crisis."

**Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam,** who is also running for governor: "After a raging wildfire destroyed the homes and livelihoods of dozens of families this weekend, the Apalachicola Bay community needed some good news. Today's Supreme Court decision is a victory for Floridians. For on every front to save Apalachicola Bay and the history, culture

and economy it supports. We'll continue to fight for Apalachicola Bay and the livelihoods of those who depend on it."

**Tania Galloni, Earthjustice attorney** who has filed a separate lawsuit against the Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of the Florida Wildlife Federation, the National Wildlife Federation and the Apalachicola Riverkeeper

"The ruling is great news for Florida's environment, drinking water supply and wildlife. We're confident that Florida will be able to meet the Supreme Court's test to show that reining in Georgia's wasteful water consumption upstream will provide much needed freshwater to Florida downstream."

The lawsuit before the Supreme Court focuses on the Flint River in Georgia. We filed a separate lawsuit last year that addresses the Chattahoochee River, which joins with the Flint to become the Apalachicola River in Florida. The Army Corps of Engineers manages much of the water flow from the Chattahoochee River to the Apalachicola River with six dams along the Chattahoochee. The Army Corps of Engineers violated several environmental laws when it updated the plan to manage the river system and failed to perform an adequate environmental analysis of its actions as it's required to do by federal law.

Cutting back the water that flows downstream from Georgia into Florida has had devastating impacts on the Apalachicola River ecosystem, one of the six "biodiversity hotspots" in the U.S. The lack of adequate freshwater flows has starved fish and shrimp populations, and led to the loss of more than 4.3 million trees. Many people lost their jobs after the population of Apalachicola Bay oysters crashed because the river wasn't feeding enough freshwater into the area. At one time, the Apalachicola Bay provided 90 percent of Florida's oysters and 10 percent of the whole country's supply. A lack of freshwater flowing into the river jeopardizes the many species that live in the basin including the Florida black bear, the threatened West Indian Manatee and dozens of federally threatened or endangered species."



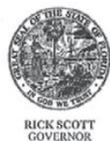
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April 17, 2018

Mr. Bob Allen  
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99 North Bayshore Drive  
Eastpoint, FL 32328

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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# FIRE

From Page A1

first thought it was "a little house fire down the road," to flee.

"Everybody was going down the road," he said, at the Red Pirate Sunday.

"Panicking," she added.

Williamson didn't even grab his wallet and Russell took only one thing as she left. "The first thing I grabbed was my baby's blanket," she said. "All I could see was orange. I felt the heat."

Among those who stopped by Sunday was Cody Putnal, who lives at 677 Wilderness Road. He was hearing their property was spared the flames and theorized this was because about six months ago, they had cleared out much of the property to make room for four horses they brought in.

Neighbors made sure to let the horses loose as the flames neared. "The fire just missed the horses," said Putnal.

Others quickly packed goats, chickens and ducks into a Jeep to move them out safely. Neighbors ran through yards, letting any dogs they saw free.

Some were not so fortunate.

"Want to see my dog?" said one Ridge Road woman, dealing with the grief she felt Monday for having been away that afternoon, her dog inside her mobile home.

She got up from her



Charred furniture greets visitors to this house on Ridge Road in Eastpoint. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

seat, in the ash and dirt that was once her house, and walked over to under a blackened tree and picked up a green pail, and plopped it down like you would a squirming puppy.

Inside were the charred, indistinguishable remains of her pet Labrador retriever.

Putnal said he heard explosions, and went to see what was happening. Other recall hearing what were likely propane tanks, shotgun shells, gasoline cans, even vehicles, exploding.

Because of the evacuation, and the urgent cries of neighbors, casualties were limited to the death of one man who had run out to help. He passed away from what appeared to be a heart attack, after receiving CPR near the Eastpoint Cemetery.

"We called out every deputy we had," said Smith. "It was all hands on deck."

Eastpoint Fire Chief

George Pruett said deputies' quick evacuation helped save lives. "Had they not been there, there would have been a massive loss of life, there's no doubt in my mind.

"We were bypassing houses that were completely burning," he said. "We were trying to save the ones we could save."

Fire departments from throughout the county, as well as Liberty, Wakulla and Gulf counties, responded, as deputies rushed to evacuate the area.

The sheriff said there was at least one traffic mishap in the rush and confusion, and that deputies made one arrest, although it was not related to looting. In one case deputies had to free a woman and her children from inside a car that had run off a dirt road, confused by the smoke.

Terry Thompson, who is wheelchair bound, had to be wheeled to safety

by Penny Rotella. "It was just black smoke," said Thompson. "Smoke, smoke, smoke."

With Dominic Rotella packing his pick-up full of as many kids as he could, they drove first to the section of the causeway near Cat Point, and waited for word.

"It wasn't no joke, The ashes were falling on my head," said Amanda Nowling, who scooped up her two boys, Rodney, 8, and Tyler, 5, and fled from their home on 608 Ridge Road, without time to grab even her cell phone.

"There was nothing but smoke. You could see glowing in the sky," she said. "Mama wouldn't leave because of the dogs."

Matt Polous had ran next door to the house of Sean Boatwright, to make sure he was awake and would get out in time. When Polous' wife Paula pulled up, returning from her job on St. George Island, he yelled for her to leave. She never entered the home; he left without even his billfold.

Polous knew Sunday his property at 605 Ridge Road had been destroyed, one of the first to be swallowed in the blaze.

"My whole backyard was full of boats," he said, at least 14 different ones, from a 55-foot grouper boat down to a 17-footer. One of those boats belonged to brother-in-law, Jeff Page, who planned to oyster Monday morning, but instead rushed from their home in Crawfordville to the

scene, noticing the smoke as soon as they passed St. James Bay.

Polous said he lost a sawmill, several trucks, a load of deadhead cypress, and probably a lot more, as he and his wife were among the 250 who registered Sunday at the church with the Red Cross, not knowing what they would come back to Monday. Joe and Becky Banks knew, though, it was bad. They were among the 51 people who got a night's sleep Sunday at the Eastpoint Church of God.

Emergency Management Director Pam Brownell said preliminary estimates are the 132 of them were now fully displaced, their homes among the three dozen totally consumed by the flames, not including those who stayed on campers or other buildings on site.

The number of boats and vehicles gutted by the flames is as yet unknown.

Brownell said Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper estimated the combined loss of property alone to be at least \$800,000.

Gov. Rick Scott, who visited the scene Monday morning, promised to bring those affected the help they need.

"Our heart goes out to all the families impacted by this. We're going to see what resources there are at the state and federal level," he said. "Franklin County is a county that shows up and takes care of its citizens and we're

going to do the same thing as well."

Whether the governor planned to issue a disaster declaration was not clear as of Wednesday afternoon.

A written request to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) did not address a disaster declaration, nor provide any indication what a decision one way or another on this matter would mean.

"FDEM is working closely with state and local partners to address unmet needs and monitor the situation resulting from the Eastpoint wildfire as it transitions from a response effort to a recovery process," they wrote.

"Throughout the event, the FDEM meteorology team has worked closely with the Florida Forest Service meteorology team to monitor wind speed, trajectory and determine the fire's potential path and threat to structures and population," their email continued. "FDEM staff in the State Watch Office have coordinated with the Franklin County Warning Point to determine possible impacts to ground transportation.

The email said FDEM's Region 1 coordinator kept in contact with county emergency management throughout the event, and FDEM worked with the county to identify unmet needs and affected structures as the county developed its Preliminary Damage Assessment.

# SOURCE

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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services continues to investigate the unknown cause of the Limerock Wildfire that destroyed a significant amount of property in Franklin County late on Sunday, FWC initiated an Inspector General investigation and has suspended its prescribed fire program statewide.

On Monday, June 18,

seven days prior to the Limerock Wildfire, a private company which was contracted by FWC conducted a 480-acre prescribed fire in the Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area. This prescribed fire was separated from the Eastpoint neighborhood by 580 acres of private land. While the cause of the wildfire is still unknown and is being investigated by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the FWC Inspector General is also

investigating that all protocols and operations at FWC's prescribed fire program were followed and that the agency's program provides the safest operation.

Eric Sutton, executive director of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said, "At FWC, safety is always our top priority. Due to the proximity of last week's prescribed fire to the Limerock Wildfire that caused severe damage, we have launched an investigation and will completely review all

policies and procedures with prescribed fires. If the multiple ongoing investigations find that any safety protocols were not followed, we will take the proper steps to ensure accountability. Our focus remains with the families who were affected by the wildfire and our agency is committed to working to

help this community get back on its feet."

FWC is one of several government agencies responsible for burning and burns more than 100,000 acres a year on public lands. The prescribed fire protocols and training requirements are thorough and rigorous. In Florida, prescribed fires

are carried out by multiple state agencies, and each prescribed fire plan is approved by state fire safety experts with several checks and balances in place to ensure public safety. Prescribed fires carried out by FWC are done by both FWC staff and contracted certified experts.

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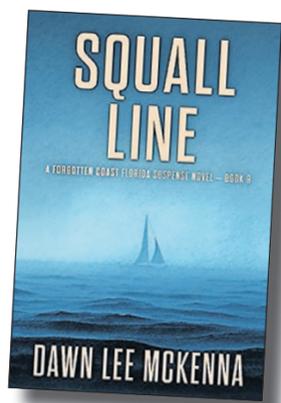
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**SOCIETY**

# Dawn Lee takes Apalachicola by storm



Special to the Times

**"In Apalachicola, Florida, sinister things are afoot, as sinister things tend to be."**

With these words, Dawn Lee McKenna kicked off her dark, wryly funny, and wildly popular Forgotten Coast Suspense series in 2015. "Low Tide" introduces Lt. Maggie Redmond of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department as she responds to a crime scene on St. George Island. The medical examiner calls it suicide; no one but Maggie knows about her horrible link

to the dead man.

In later installments like "What Washes Up" and "Lake Morality," we get to know Maggie's family, friends, and fellow cops, learn why the richest (and scariest) man in town has taken an interest in her, keep tabs on her complicated relationship with her boss, and marvel at the sheer number of corpses popping up all over sleepy little Apalachicola.

Dawn Lee lives in Tennessee now, but she grew up in Florida and visits here as often as she can. She has a sharp eye

and a keen ear, and local law enforcement vets her manuscripts, so she gets the details right. Over the years certain familiar personages have made walk-on appearances, and one or two have become recurring characters in their own right. Locals and visitors devour all eight books back to back and then clamor for more.

That happy day is at hand. Dawn Lee McKenna will sign copies of her much-anticipated ninth book, "Squall Lines" at Downtown Books in Apalachicola this Saturday, June 30 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Through social media, Dawn Lee has fostered close relationships with her Panhandle readers. The Well Red ("as in wine") Book Club from Panama City is taking her to lunch before the book-signing, and she has invited fans to join her after the event for a neck-hugging free-for-all at the Apalachicola Chocolate & Coffee Company. Join the crowd. If you need the new one, come on over to Downtown Books. If you already own one (or eight) of her earlier titles, feel free to bring them in for Dawn to personalize.

**ENGAGEMENT**

## Dametria Hayward, Alex Williams to marry

Arnold and Liz Varner of Panama City are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Dametria Hayward to Alex Williams.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of the late Warren and Maryann Hayward, and Paul and Gretel Burch.

The prospective groom is the son of Ms. Claritha Williams of Apalachicola. He is the grandson of the late Calvin and Eva Mae Williams.

The groom-to-be popped the question on Saturday, June 16. Dametria and Alex plan to wed in Sept. 2019.



Dametria Hayward and Alex Williams in Atlanta

## Wilson Grand Marshall of Red, White and Blue parade

Special to the Times

Grab your bicycles, wagons, golf carts, sneakers, whatever your mode of transport, and meet your friends in Lafayette Park between 6 and 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 3.

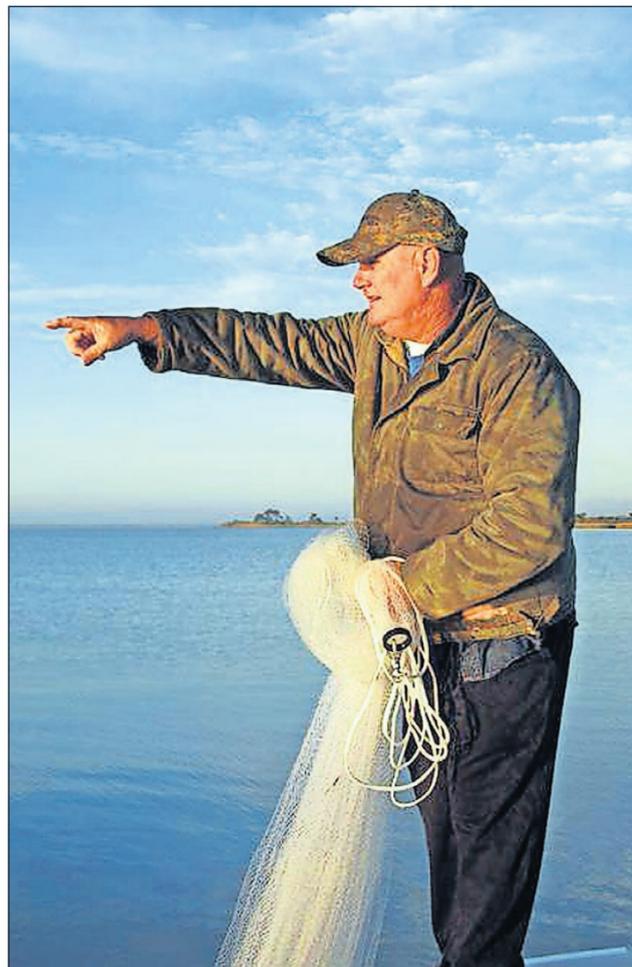
Franklin's Promise Coalition will provide streamers and balloons for everyone to decorate. Placards will be available for participants to display the name of their honored veteran.

For the 14th annual parade, the community will honor Charles Wilson as the Parade Grand Marshall. Wilson is among those distinguished military veterans who will be commended for their service, not just to our great country, but to our local community as well.

Wilson's service began with the U. S. Army in 1966. He served a tour in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968 as a combat engineer demolitions expert. His main mission was to destroy tunnels in the Iron triangle.

Upon returning to Apalachicola, he founded the Franklin County Veterans Association which holds an annual cook-out for all Franklin County veterans and their families. His service to Franklin County continues today where Wilson serves as post commander at the Willoughby Mark American Legion Post 106. In addition to his volunteer work, Wilson is a highly regarded charter captain, who enjoys sharing his love of the local area with visitors and locals alike.

If you want to watch the



Capt. Charles Wilson will be the parade grand marshal at Tuesday's parade [PHOTO COURTESY OF CAPT CHARLES CHARTERS]

parade, the procession will travel down Avenue D, go under the bridge at Battery Park and proceed down Water Street to Riverfront Park for the Ice Cream Social at 7 p.m. and the fireworks to follow at dusk.

The parade is organized by Franklin's Promise Coalition and the crew of the Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast. Any questions, call Joe Taylor, Franklin's Promise Coalition, at 850-323-0176.

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

There will be a public meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018, at the pavilion at D. W. Wilson Park, 100 Gibson Road, Apalachicola to discuss future recreational improvements to the complex. The public is encouraged to attend and provide input on future needs for the park.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

There will be a public meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at the pavilion at Will S. Kendrick Sports Complex, 1601 Ken Cope Avenue, Carrabelle to discuss future recreational improvements to the complex. The public is encouraged to attend and provide input on future needs for the park.

# FAITH

## OBITUARIES

### JANICE ODOM

Janice Odom, 81, of Tallahassee and Live Oak Island, passed peacefully, Thursday, June 21, 2018, with family by her side.

Janice was born Feb. 3, 1937, in Jacksonville to Norman and Bobbie (Manzer) Grosser.

Janice grew up in Jacksonville, the youngest of three girls. Her father, Norman, taught her how to catch all varieties of seafood on the St. Johns River. She remained an avid fisherwoman throughout her life. She enjoyed cooking large meals and sharing them with friends and neighbors. Everyone loved her fried shrimp and blue crab English muffins.

Janice graduated in 1954 from Landon High School, and in 1957 from Florida State University with a degree in elementary education, and went on to become an elementary school teacher in Hollywood.

Her senior year at FSU, in 1957, Janice was the Phi Kappa Tau Dream Girl. She loved her days at FSU; she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority and the FSU Flying High Circus, for which she performed the Spanish Web.

She married Billy Odom, of Mount Dora, in 1960, in Jacksonville.

Janice leaves behind a family who loved her very much, daughter, Jenny Odom (Jeff Ignaszewski), of Apalachicola; son, Michael Odom (Anita Koleszar



Odom); grandchildren, Emma Ignaszewski (Aaron Match), of Princeton, New Jersey, Abby Ignaszewski of Nashville, Tennessee, Mamie Odom, and Oliver Odom; brothers-in-law Gerald Odom (Maureen Odom), George Dolnick; and several nieces and nephews, Linda Odom Kennedy, Wynn Odom, Cris Odom Bryie, Steve Odom, Melissa Odom, David Odom. Carol Wheeler Hop, Barbara Wheeler Johnston, and Cassie Dolnick Rivera.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband Billy Ross Odom; her sisters, Joan Wheeler and Joyce Dolnick; Paul and Sue Odom, Bill Wheeler, and nephew, Paul Dolnick.

Janice lived in Tallahassee since 1972 with her family and had many friends in the area. She and Billy belonged to Springtime Tallahassee and served in the 20th Century Krewe. Jan played tennis, and was an avid Florida State fan. She played bridge with a close-knit group of friends

and was a dedicated swim team mom and volunteer of all sorts.

She loved playing practical jokes, giving gag gifts, telling stories, crafting handmade birthday cards, laughing, dancing, and collecting singing and dancing toys and dolls. She loved playing cards and games, and having friends over for seafood dinners. She could throw a mean cast net, and taught many youngsters to do the same.

We're sure that wherever she is, it's five o'clock. We hope she is having a cocktail and a good laugh or two with all of her family and friends on this fine summer Tallahassee day. We will miss her forever.

Thank you to Big Bend Hospice, and the Hospice House for the love and care you gave Janice for the last months and days. Thank you to her caregivers, friends, and family who helped in so many ways to remind her how loved she is always.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for the fall.

Donations can be made to the Tallahassee Community College Foundation "Angels of Mercy" Scholarship Fund, 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL, 32324, which is an endowed scholarship fund, created by Billy and Jan in 2001 for nursing students at TCC College of Nursing.

### PATRICIA ANN HEVIER

Patricia Ann Hevier passed away peacefully on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the age of 78.

She was born on March 19, 1940 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to John and Genevieve (Swantek) Jacobsen. She had three sisters, Mary Jane, Sandra, and Louise, and one brother, John.

On Nov. 7, 1959 she married the love of her life, Jan James Hevier at St. Michael's in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They had three children, Paul, Patrick and Christine.

In 1981, she and Jan moved to Florida and eventually found their home in Eastpoint where they had many friends, including her best friend, but more like a sister, Sandy Miller. She worked at the Apalachicola courthouse before retiring in 2005.

Pat will be remembered for her mad



shopping skills with her friends, EVERY single weekend and regular happy hours hosted at her home.

But she will be mostly remembered for her beautiful smile, larger than life laugh, and loving heart.

Patricia is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jan; and great granddaughter, Rose Greenwell.

She is survived and will be deeply missed by her children, Paul

(Laurie) Hevier, Patrick (Cindy) Hevier and Christine (Dean) Krebs; grandchildren, Jorga (Timothy) Greenwell, Casandra Hevier, Alexis Hevier, Bennie Hevier, and Brent Hevier; great grandchildren Elijah and Lucas Greenwell; and last, but certainly not least, her dear friend, Sandy Miller.

A celebration of life will be held for Pat on Friday, July 6 at Kelley Funeral Home in Apalachicola. Friends and family can gather starting at 4 p.m. A service will be held at 5 p.m. and food will be served around 5:30 p.m.

### THOMAS KELLY, JR.

Thomas Erwin Kelly, Jr., of Carrabelle, died on Saturday, June 23, 2018.

He is survived by Mel, his cherished wife of 56 1/2 years, and their two beloved children, Kimberly (Harold) Reijers and Thomas William.

Extended family and friends also mourn. No services are planned at this time.



### CARD OF THANKS

## Eleanor Linehan

To all my friends in Franklin County, Thank You for all your support and generosity!

May God bless each and every one of you!  
Your friend,  
**Ms. Eleanor Linehan**

## LIBRARY CORNER

# Lots to boost kids' spirits at libraries

Special to the Times

Hello Franklin County! Ladies, mark your calendars for this Saturday, June 30. The Mobile Mammogram bus will be onsite at the Carrabelle Library from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with no early registration required. The county health department's Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program will provide vouchers to qualifying women between the ages 50-64; of low income with no health insurance. If you have health coverage you may use that insurance to take advantage of this convenient location. We encourage the ladies to take advantage of this opportunity.

The library event calendar is still full of fun and exciting things to do during the summer. We have three more weeks on the calendar, and they are indoors and out of the heat, another reason to join us for programs that include book chats to ventriloquist... yes, even a ventriloquist. Will Keating, a ventriloquist and puppeteer, will be performing Thursday, June 28 at 1 p.m. at Eastpoint and 4 p.m. at Carrabelle. His show promises loads of audience participation and is jam packed with music from around the world. And, we will learn some traditional African dance moves. Remember, Libraries Rock!

And, the Library just keeps rocking. Our very own Denise Williams



who teaches yoga at both branches and is an herbalist and healthy Lifestyle Advocate will be discussing old time poulticing and how it still works today. Join us at the Carrabelle branch, Friday June 29 at 1 p.m. She is a walking encyclopedia of knowledge when it comes to herbs and how they can be used to assist us with our healthy lifestyle living.

For the kids each week, children ages K-6 can participate in the Rockers & Readers program where they will have fun making crafts and checking out their favorite summer reading items. There are lots of new books especially chosen for summer reading. Eastpoint children's programs will be on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and the Carrabelle Rockers & Readers will meet on Fridays at 11 a.m. All events are posted on the website and Facebook, and the full calendar of events is available at the Library. Just a reminder there will not be any programs the week of July 4.

The libraries will be closed Wednesday,

July 4. The Basics of Better Living program will be held in Carrabelle, Friday July 6 at 1:30 p.m. Don't we all have a fear we will be targeted by a scammer? This month's topic is Strategies for Avoiding Scams & Fraud. These programs are facilitated by Samantha Kennedy, with the Wakulla County extension office. Eastpoint branch will hold the same program, Friday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m.

As the summer continues, we enjoy seeing many birds and butterflies. Join us Tuesday, July 10 at 1:30 p.m. at Carrabelle or at the Eastpoint branch, Tuesday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m. for the monthly gardening event. This month this topic is about Birds & Butterflies: Keeping Colorful Nature Close to Home. Join us each month for these informative and enjoyable programs facilitated by Les Harrison, the Wakulla County extension director.

Remember to like 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.wilderness-coast.org/. Contact the Eastpoint branch, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 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!

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# OUTDOORS

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[ JENNIFER SHEFFIELD | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]

## Hands lend help to anglers

Capt. Chester Reese of Natural World Charters in Carrabelle, right, fishes alongside Mike Lobato of Tallahassee, who was one of 44 participants with disabilities and their caregivers that enjoyed a day of fishing, on Saturday, June 9 at St. Marks.

The 30th annual Hands Helping Anglers was sponsored by the Tallahassee Rotarians from the Northside and Capital clubs, and the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association. The base of operation was Shields Marina that

donated pontoon boats for those in wheelchairs and Bass Pro Shop donated equipment from its trade-in program, which included rods and reels. Volunteers included Jennifer Sheffield of Apalachicola, and members of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club at Shell Point.

For information about this event, and year-round opportunities, contact John McBride at RESPECT of Florida at 850-942-3550 or David Jones at the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association at 850-201-2944.

## Time to snap up a few snappers

By Frank Sargeant  
Special to The Times

For those with a desire for red snapper fillets—pretty much all of us without a fish allergy—the opening of the season in June is cause for celebration. And thanks to extended negotiations between the Gulf states and federal fishery managers, this year's season is the most promising in years because it's likely to provide an extended opportunity to harvest these tasty fish, more in line with their apparent numbers.

The 2018 recreational season opened June 11 and is expected to close July 21, depending on the reported harvest. The season for charter and party boats is June 1 through July 21. While that's not a lot of time, it beats the heck out of the four-day seasons in federal waters in the recent past.

The great thing about red snappers at present is that it does not take a trip over the horizon to get at least a few keeper-size fish; they have again become abundant on some inshore structures in as little as 60 feet of water, well within sight of the beaches. This makes it possible for those of us who own single-outboard center consoles to get at them in relative safety. (However, venturing offshore in iffy conditions is always questionable and all the usual safety gear should be aboard anytime a boat gets outside the inlet, including a DSC-enabled VHF radio that will tell the Coast Guard where you are at the touch of a button if you get into serious trouble.)

### How to get 'em

Red snapper are generally pretty cooperative, which is one of the reasons they are so easily fished down to levels lower than biologists like to see. However, there's definitely an established regimen for finding and catching them. Here are a few tips, most given to me by Capt. Tommy Butler, longtime commercial hook-and-liner and charter captain out of Madeira Beach:

1. Snapper are not "bottom fish" like grouper—they're usually found above the structure rather than directly down on it.
2. Look for the "Christmas tree" image on sonar, small and the top, large at the bottom above structure, to indicate a school of red snapper. The top of this tree may be as much as 40 feet off bottom in a big school.
3. Motor-fish where possible: It's difficult for most less expert anglers to drop the anchor in 200-foot depths and get the boat positioned right in wind and current on the first try, and repeat drops can spook the fish.
4. Have a chum bag



Red snapper are usually easy to catch, making them good targets for young anglers. [FRANK SARGEANT PHOTOS]



Cut cigar minnows are among the favorite snapper baits, but they also take squid, shrimp and other cut fish.

ready: Snapper frequently come up to take advantage of a chum stream, and when they're in the chum, they're usually easy to catch, though you may have to switch to unweighted hooks on spinning tackle for these fish.

5. Avoid catch-and-release fishing—as soon as everybody on board has their 2-fish limit, pull off the spot. That way there's less chance of other anglers discovering you and moving in to clean it out. It's also a good idea to "rest" a school for several days before hitting it again, though given the pressure that's likely on nearshore reefs, this may not be a good plan this summer.

6. In calm, clear water, it pays to lighten up on gear—opt for 40-pound-test tackle rather than 60, giving the fish less visible leader and smaller hooks to fool them.

7. Don't fish below the fish. Snapper will come up to get a bait, but they won't go down as a rule—note where the fish are on sonar and stop your drop above bottom to put it in their face.

8. While there may be keepers over the 16-inch minimum on inshore reefs, if you want fish over 10 pounds, it means a trip out to 150 to 280 feet of water. The inshore fish get caught before they become lunkers.

### The right baits and rigs

Cut cigar minnows are a favorite of many experienced snapper-chasers—a piece about 3 inches long on a 3/8 to 3/4 circle hook is the ticket for inshore "chicken" snapper, while the big momma's offshore require 3/4 to 7/8 hooks and larger baits.

Note that by law, only circle hooks without an offset are permitted for reef species. The idea is that the circular hooks tend to slide out of the throat but the point catches on the lip of the snapper, thus it's less likely to mortally wound fish that are to be released.

Red snapper eat a wide assortment of other baits, with squid and cut menhaden also effective. Some expert skippers like Capt. Mike Parker of Silver King Charters in Destin carry along several dozen select live shrimp when they go snappering—the shrimp are all but irresistible to the fish, apparently. Anglers fishing farther south, where scaled sardines are abundant, have done well by using these silvery live baits to lure the snapper, as well.

Snapper that have not been hard-fished can be caught on artificial lures, with the shrimp-scented DOA Shrimp in 4-inch size and the Berkley GULP crab among the more successful offerings—they're

fished below heavy weights, just like live bait. For adult fish far offshore, giant jigs from 4 to 8 ounces with 8-inch plastic tails, sometimes dressed with a mullet or bonito belly, lure fish off reefs over 200 feet down.

The usual rig for fishing cut or live bait is an egg sinker between 3 and 8 ounces above a swivel of suitable strength, then a 5-foot length (or more in clear water) of mono or fluorocarbon in 50 to 60 pound test, then the hook.

### Finding snapper spots

The Panhandle has hundreds and perhaps thousands of "private" reefs, that is junk that skippers have dropped on otherwise barren sand bottom to attract snapper—old washing machines, steel drums, all sorts of bulky trash. It's not legal any more, but there are still many of these reefs around, and smart skippers have dozens of them in their GPS machines—all very carefully protected from other skippers who might want to pirate "their" fish.

There are also numerous legally-placed artificial reefs, including tugboats, barges and ships as well as demolition rubble, that attract lots of fish; these can be found on any good offshore chart, or visit [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com) and type "artificial reefs" in the search box.

### Releasing red snapper

Fish caught from deep water frequently have issues with the rapid pressure change as they are brought aboard—they blow up like a balloon, and are unable to swim when put back over the side. Since the limit on red snapper is just two fish daily, it's common for anglers to release much of their catch these days, and improving survival of these fish makes good conservation sense—as well as being required by state and federal law.

Improving survival depends on several steps:

1. Use circle hooks so that the hook is unlikely to be swallowed. (This is required by law for all reef species anyway.)
2. Get the hooks out promptly with an efficient hook-removing tool or long-nose pliers. (These are also required when fishing for reef species.)
3. If you want a photo, make it quickly.
4. Use a deep-release "descender" device like the Seaqualizer ([www.seaqualizer.com](http://www.seaqualizer.com)) to help the fish get back down to bottom safely. Descender devices include large weights to which the fish is hooked and lowered back to a comfortable depth, then released.
5. Let the fish go promptly—time out of water are the biggest enemy to survival.

## WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, June 28	90°	79°	60%
Fri, June 29	92°	78°	50%
Sat, June 30	90°	78°	40%
Sun, July 1	89°	77°	40%
Mon, July 2	87°	76°	50%
Tues, July 3	88°	77°	50%
Wed, July 4	88°	77°	40%

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from these given for APALACHICOLA:  
 HIGH LOW  
 Minus 0:40 Minus 1:17  
 East Pass Minus 0:27 Minus 0:27  
 To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from those given for CARRABELLE:  
 HIGH LOW  
 Bald Point Minus 9:16 Minus 0:03

### APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
28	Th	7:25a 1.3	3:48p 1.4	12:02a -0.2	11:13a 1.1
29	Fr	7:52a 1.3	4:28p 1.4	12:33a -0.2	11:53a 1.1
30	Sa	8:15a 1.3	5:10p 1.4	1:01a -0.2	12:35p 1.0
1	Su	8:10a 1.5	5:28p 1.6	12:51a -0.1	12:45p 1.2
2	Mo	8:33a 1.5	6:17p 1.5	1:16a 0.0	1:34p 1.1
3	Tu	8:59a 1.5	7:12p 1.4	1:43a 0.1	2:28p 1.0
4	We	9:26a 1.6	8:17p 1.3	2:14a 0.2	3:30p 0.9

### CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
28	Th	5:32a 2.4	1:55p 2.7	8:25a 2.1	9:45p -0.3
29	Fr	5:59a 2.4	2:35p 2.7	9:05a 2.1	10:13p -0.3
30	Sa	6:22a 2.4	3:17p 2.6	9:47a 1.9	10:38p -0.2
1	Fr	6:49a 2.2	3:29p 2.6	9:58a 1.9	10:59p -0.2
2	Sa	7:23a 2.4	4:11p 2.6	10:47a 1.9	11:31p -0.2
3	Su	7:58a 2.4	4:59p 2.4	11:46a 1.9	
4	Mo	8:32a 2.4	5:55p 2.2	12:05a 0.0	12:55p 1.8

### FISHING REPORT



We have had some really hot temps. the last week on the Forgotten Coast but it has not cooled off the fishing. Redfish and Trout has been pretty productive in St. Joe Bay and live shrimp and soft baits have done a good job. We think one key is hitting it early or hitting it late in the evening with these hot temps. Fish are going to go deeper and look for shelter right now. Offshore Snapper season has been really good so far with plenty of boat limits (two per person) and some exceptional sized fish this year. If your worried about your boat not being able to get out to the Snapper there has been plenty of good reports of Snapper in shallower water only 10 or 12 miles out. Until next week, Happy Fishing !

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# SPORTS

## AA boys headed to state

**By David Adlerstein**  
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The AA boys are headed to the state tournament this Saturday in Bristol.

Coached by Tyler Poloronis, with help from assistants Ronnie Joseph, Justin Mathes, and Jimmy Adair, the boys took the District 4 tournament in Wewahitchka earlier this month.

On Friday, June 15, the team triumphed 10-2 over

Port St. Joe.

The boys lost a 6-5 heartbreaker to Blountstown on Saturday, but came back to down St. Joe 9-6 on Monday. Later in the week, they avenged their one loss by downing Blountstown 10-6.

The team features Karcen poloronis, Kobe Joseph, JT Mathes, Ethan Shiver, Blanton Adair, Jasiah Fleming, Braylin Morris, Brody Johnson, Bentley Gay, Brian Lee Taylor, Presley Hicks and Gabriel Kelly.

## Darlings runners-up in districts

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The Darlings, girls age 7-8, finished second at districts and so won't be headed to state

On Saturday, June 16, the girls won 13-10 over Port St. Joe, after pulling away in their last at-bats.

In the top of the fifth St. Joe pulled within three, and had bases loaded no one out, when a triple play by Lilah Millender ended it. "It was a nail biter right down to the end," said Dusty Mallon, assistant coach along with Garret Dearing, and Gabe Lockley. Head coach is JP Paul.

Players include Shasta Butler, Addie Paul, Lilah Millender, Saria McNair, Allie Dearing, Addison Mallon, Aubrey Turner, Jada Lockley, Jayla Creamer, Madison Martina, Madelyn Paul and Jaylen Allen.

Mallon, Millender and McNair pitched the opener.

In the late game, the Franklin County girls got warmed up and came out crushing the ball, winning 21-0 against Sneads.

On Monday, they faced undefeated Blountstown and lost a tough one 3-1.

Mallon pitched a complete game of five innings, and she and the defense held the opponents to three runs/

"Both teams were really prepared and we couldn't get enough runs across," said Dusty Mallon. "We played great defense.



The Darlings are front row from left, Shasta Butler, Maddie Paul, Allie Dearing, Addison Mallon, Addy Paul, Lilah Millender. Middle row from left are Jayla Creamer, Sariah McNair, Jaylyn Allen, Aubrie Turner, Jada Lockley, Madison Martina. Back row from left are Coach JP Paul, Coach Dusty Mallon, Coach Gabe Lockley, Coach Garrett Dearing

"Blountstown was the hands-down pick to win the tournament," he said. "Nobody expected us to complete.

On Tuesday against Port St. Joe, the Darlings won 24-2 in three innings, invoking the 15-run rule.

On Wednesday, in the first inning against Blountstown, Millender was dragged down by an aggressive third baseman, and so was awarded home. The next ball was hit to the outfield, scoring Mallon, and the girls were up 2-1.

Blountstown tied it in the second, and in the third, Franklin County went up 6-4.

The fourth was quiet and

in the fifth Blountstown tied it at 6-all. In the bottom half, the local girls had bases loaded with one out, when Jayla creamer smacked a big shot along the left field line.

"If it hits fair, we have a grand slam. It missed the white line by maybe one inch," said Mallon.

The Lady Tigers scored a pair in the top of the sixth to secure a trip to state.

"Against a powerhouse that we weren't supposed to compete against, we played well enough to win," said coach Mallon. "These girls showed determination and with their talent and effort these girls should compete in the future for state titles."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Adult co-ed volleyball Thursdays

Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball, offering a social fun exercise that will bring the community together in healthy and active ways, is held Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at "The Matchbox," the former Apalachicola High School gym.

All skill levels welcome and encouraged and no experience necessary. Knee pads are recommended but not required.

Arrangements can be made for parents who cannot find childcare to put on a movie for the kids. But it is still parents' responsibility to watch their child. Questions? Contact

Pamela Theis at palamajt@yahoo.com and leave message or text 850-899-0573.

#### FCHS volleyball summer conditioning opens

Summer conditioning for Franklin County High School volleyball for grades 6-12 held on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon. Students must have a sports physical turned into coach Tara Klink before participating. Participation in summer conditioning does not guarantee placement on a team in the fall.

Volleyball try outs for Middle School, JV, and Varsity will be held on July 30 and 31 at FCS.



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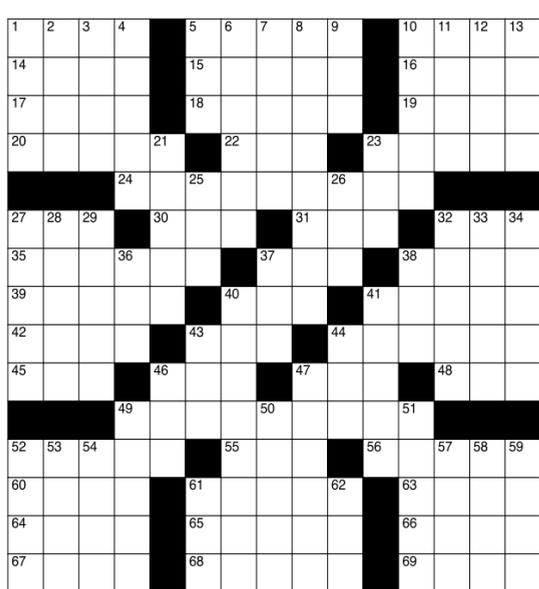
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- 15. Leopard (Hebrew)
- 16. In the Hebrew calendar
- 17. Away from wind
- 18. Type of footwear
- 19. Malaysian coastal city
- 20. Arm bones
- 22. A type of diligence
- 23. Banquets
- 24. Home of The Beatles
- 27. Electromotive force
- 30. Small amount
- 31. Type of cola
- 32. Adult female
- 35. Astronomy unit
- 37. Hall of Fame
- 38. Type of gazelle
- 39. Places
- 40. Women from the Mayflower
- 41. Liquid served with food
- 42. Predatory semiaquatic reptile (abbr.)
- 43. Angle (abbr.)
- 44. Touched lightly
- 45. Cannister
- 46. Crony
- 47. Tell on
- 48. Body of water
- 49. Sorts out
- 52. Mammary gland of female cattle
- 55. Collegiate athletic conference
- 56. Sword
- 60. Protein-rich liquids
- 61. Emaciation
- 63. Italian seaport
- 64. Agreement
- 65. Chinese ethnic group
- 66. University of Miami's mascot
- 67. People who buy and sell securities
- 68. Genus of mosquitos
- 69. Holds up your head

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Two-toed sloth
- 2. Impudent behavior
- 3. The right to take another's property
- 4. Refers to end of small intestine
- 5. Mandela's party
- 6. Inserted strips of fat before cooking
- 7. Secret love affair
- 8. Responds to stimulation
- 9. Wife
- 10. Desert mammal
- 11. A nearly horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
- 12. Uncommon
- 13. \_\_\_ Kristofferson, actor
- 21. Where buildings are built
- 23. Chain attached to a watch
- 25. Holiday (informal)
- 26. Clod
- 27. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- 28. Australian eucalyptus tree
- 29. Aerosol propellant
- 32. Coats with a sticky substance
- 33. Master of ceremonies
- 34. The venerable \_\_, British theologian
- 36. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 37. Witch
- 38. Strike with a light blow
- 40. The First State
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. A way to fish
- 44. Magnetic tape used to make recordings
- 46. For each
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Closes off
- 50. One who supports fanatically
- 51. Type of vaccine
- 52. Approves food
- 53. Hoofed grazing animal
- 54. Drearily dull
- 57. Youngster
- 58. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 62. Female sibling

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**TRIVIA FUN**



**Wilson Casey**

**1. What dog breed bites people the most in the U.S., according to Canine Journal?**

Pekingese, Labrador retriever, Chihuahua, Bull terrier

**2. What state is second to Virginia as to having the most Civil War battlefields?**

South Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee

**3. What is the only state entirely bordered by rivers to the east and west?**

Wisconsin, Missouri, Indiana, Iowa

**4. Of these, which is not a type of fabric print or pattern?**

Hopsacking, Paisley, Hound's tooth, Herringbone

**5. The "Storting" is whose legislative body?**

Germany, Norway, Vatican, Greece

**6. What is taxonomy the science of?**

Bill collecting, Reproduction, Classifying things, Hunger

**ANSWERS:** 1. Chihuahua, 2. Tennessee, 3. Iowa, 4. Hopsacking, 5. Norway, 6. Classifying things

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

**F-STOP FRANKLIN**

# Summer's hope

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

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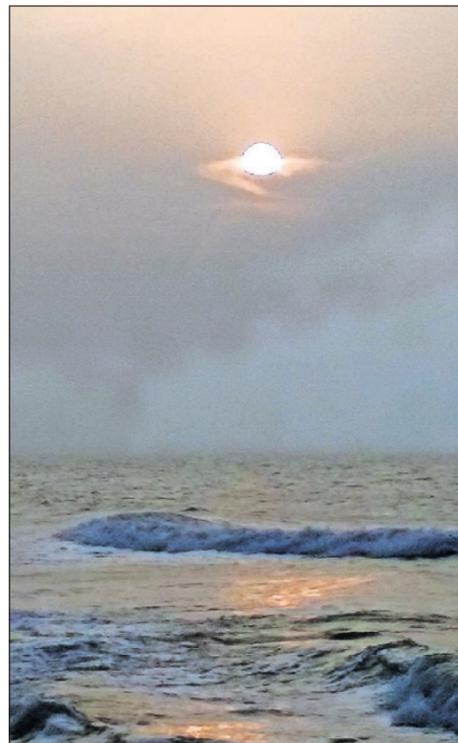


**Maizy Rae, 22 months old, is the granddaughter of Donna and Jeff Grzelak, of Apalachicola. She was visiting with her mom from Austin, Texas, and it was Maizy's first time to the beach.**

[ DONNA GRZELAK | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



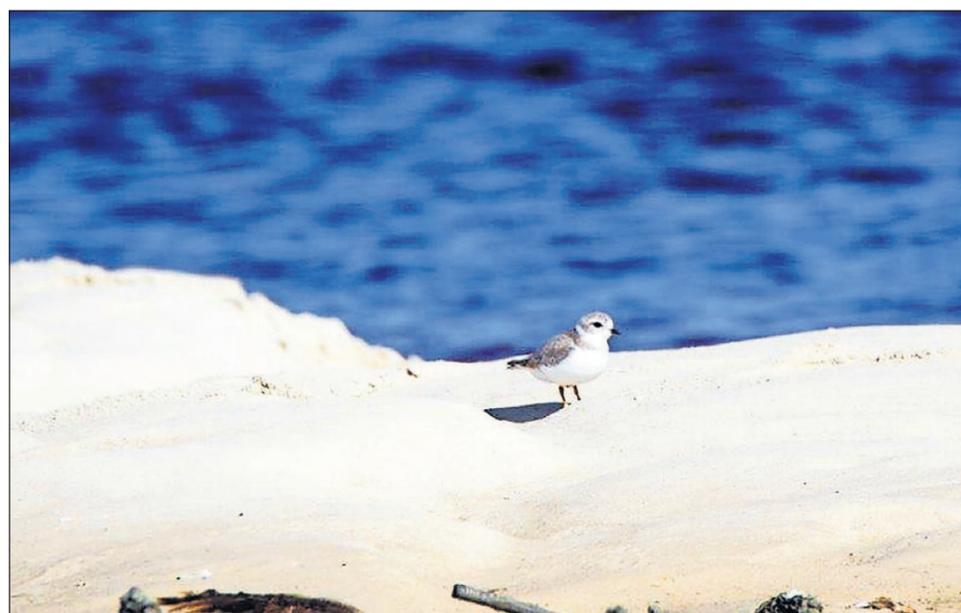
**Fun at the beach** [ KARI LIBBY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



**Sea serpent dawn** [ ROGER MUTERSPAUGH | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



**Children happy and cooling off in the heat of the Longest Day event Alzheimer's benefit Saturday, sponsored by the Forgotten Coast Parrot Head Club.** [ P J BROWN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]



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# Solar co-op to hold an information session Saturday

Special to the Times

The Franklin-Bay Solar Co-op has selected Compass Solar Energy to install solar panels for the 60-participant group. Co-op participants selected Compass through a competitive bidding process over two other firms.

An information session will be held Friday, July 6 at 11 a.m. at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library, 80 12th St., in Apalachicola.

Solar United Neighbors expands access to solar by educating Florida residents about the benefits of distributed solar energy, helping them organize group solar installations, and strengthening Florida's solar policies and its community of solar supporters.

Co-op participants selected Compass for their company experience,



warranties, and competitive pricing.

"The selection committee worked diligently to compare the specifics for each company," said co-op participant and selection committee member Katharine Davis "We took detailed notes and discussed similarities and differences to lead us to the best choice for our co-op."

"We've been eagerly waiting to see solar flourish in the "Sunshine State" and are thankful to Franklin-Bay

members, Solar United Neighbors, and the countless early adopters who are making this happen," said Dan Gardner, vice-president of business development at Compass, a 20-year-old Pensacola-based company.

The co-op is open to new participants until July 10. Residents of Franklin and Bay Counties interested in joining the co-op can sign up at the co-op web page [www.solarunitedneighbors.org/florida/](http://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/florida/)

The co-op is free to join. Joining the co-op is not a commitment to purchase panels. Compass will provide each co-op participant with an individualized proposal based on the group rate. By going solar as a group and choosing a single installer, participants can save off the cost of going solar and have the support of fellow group participants and solar experts at Solar United Neighbors.

Solar United Neighbors supports solar co-ops across the country. These co-ops are a part of the organization's mission to create a new energy system with rooftop solar as the cornerstone. Solar United Neighbors holds events and education programs to help people become informed solar consumers, maximize the value of their solar investment and advocate for fair solar policies.

## GCSC honors three for academic work

Gulf Coast State College President, Dr. John Holdnak, has announced those named to the Dean's Honor List for Franklin County students for the Spring 2018 semester.

The Dean's List is awarded to students enrolled in 12 or more college credit hours who earned a grade point average of 3.70 to 3.89.

The Franklin County students named to the President's List, which represents a perfect 4.0 gpa, are Kelly Rowland and Robin Wilcox.

The Franklin County student named to the Dean's List is Kayla Spilde.

## FIREWORKS

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Avoid burns or other accidents by not standing or crouching over fireworks when trying to light the fuse. Immediately back up to a safe distance after you light it.

Do not point or throw fireworks at another person.

Do not re-light a malfunctioning "dud" or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.

Dress appropriately. Loose fitting clothes could be a fire hazard or become tangled or caught.

Setting off fireworks in glass or metal containers can create fragments that can cause severe injury.

For those celebrating outside, it is important to monitor your fluid intake, especially in warm weather. Limit the likelihood of dehydration by drinking plenty of water. Young children and senior citizens are especially vulnerable to heat-related illness, and risks increase with exertion. Apply (and re-apply) sunscreen when participating in outdoor activities.

Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to avoidable accidents and could put your friends and loved

ones at risk, too. Don't drink and drive! Arrange for a designated driver in advance whenever possible. It is important to remain aware that alcohol accelerates the effects of heat-related illness.

Nobody wants a stomach issue to ruin a picnic or to cut the celebration short. Refrigerate any food that needs to be kept cold. Food poisoning can occur in as little as one hour when temperatures are over 90 F. Foods that need to be kept cold should be placed in a cooler or on ice to maintain a temperature of 40 F. If you or a loved one has a food allergy, it may be

appropriate to carry medication and be prepared with an action plan in the event of an allergic reaction.

Heading to the pool, lake or other water activity? For swimmers, always try to have a lifeguard or chaperone keeping an eye on children. For boaters, review safe boating laws and procedures, and make sure you have a current license and updated safety equipment and life jackets on board before heading out.

If you plan to cook on a grill, whether you are a novice or an expert, be mindful of risks involved with open fires or gas lines. Keep the family football games or

other recreational activities a reasonable distance away from the flames.

Hikers and campers, protect yourself with appropriate gear and insect repellent. If you are hiking in a remote location, alert family or friends of your departure time and approximate route.

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Pub June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2018

20864T  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.:**  
**17-CA-000005**

MICHAEL WILLENBORG,

vs.

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO AMSOUTH BANK BY MERGER DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2006, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT WHO ARE NOT NOW KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS ASSIGNS, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

REGIONS BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH AMSOUTH BANK, Cross-Claimant,

vs.

MICHAEL WILLENBORG, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL WILLENBORG, NORTH SHORE TECH FARMS, LLC, UNKNOWN TENANT NO.1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2, Cross-Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL WILLENBORG  
Last known address: unknown

NORTH SHORE TECH FARMS  
Last known address: 66-1420 Kaukonahua Road, Waialua, Hawaii 96791

Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL WILLENBORG AND NORTH SHORE TECH FARMS, LLC, that an action to foreclose on the following property in Franklin County, Florida:

LOT 74: BEGIN AT A 3/4 INCH RE-ROD MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 74 OF HOLIDAY BEACH UNIT 1, A SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 12 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID POINT ALSO LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Tompkins A. Foster, Esquire, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is, 121 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 1420, Orlando, FL 32801

on or before June 21, 2018

and file the original with the clerk of the court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on May 20, 2018

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Michele Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk  
Pub June 21, 28, 2018

20867T  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.:**  
**2016CA000110**

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CRAIG D. HUFFMAN; MARK A. TARMEY; SUMMERCAMP COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CRAIG D. HUFFMAN N/K/A JANE DOE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARK TARMEY N/K/A KAREN TARMEY, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on May 24th, 2018 in Civil Case No. 2016CA000110, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and CRAIG D. HUFFMAN; MARK A. TARM EY ; - S U M M E R C A M P COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UN-

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KNOWN SPOUSE OF CRAIG D. HUFFMAN N/K/A JANE DOE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARK TARMEY N/K/A KAREN TARMEY are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Marcia Johnson will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 on July 26th, 2018 at 11:00 AM the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 417 OF SUMMERCAMP EAST PHASE 1 A & B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE(S) 32 THROUGH 47, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on May 30th, 2018.

CLERK OF THE COURT  
Marcia Johnson

Michael Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk

Aldridge | Pite, LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff(s)  
1615 South Congress Avenue Suite 200  
Delray Beach, FL 33445  
Phone: 561.392.6391  
Fax: 561.392.6965  
Pub: June 28, July 5, 2018

20873T  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

**File No.**  
**2018-000012C**

IN RE: ESTATE OF Virginia Louise Snyder Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Virginia Louise Snyder, deceased, whose date of death was July 24th, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below

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

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this no-

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tice is June 28, 2018

**Personal Representative**  
Jeanne L. Rickerson also known as Jeanne S. Rickerson  
312 Patton Street  
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Fax: (850)653-8743 By: /s/ Barbara Sanders Florida Bar No. 492178  
Email Addresses: bsanders@fairpoint.net wwallace@fairpoint.net  
Pub: June 28, July 5, 2018

20992T  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**

**Case No.**  
**1800097CAAXMX**  
Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Plaintiff,

vs.

The Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Arthur L. Perry, Sr. a/k/a Arthur Leo Perry, Sr., Deceased, et al, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**

TO: The Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Arthur L. Perry, Sr. a/k/a Arthur Leo Perry, Sr., Deceased  
Last Known Address: Unknown

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

LOT NINE (9), BLOCK ONE (1), LANARK VILLAGE, UNIT ONE (1), ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 14, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on William Cobb, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 33309, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication June 28, 2018 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on April 17, 2018

Marcia Johnson  
As Clerk of the Court

By Terry C Segree  
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**ARREST REPORT**

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

**June 17**  
Bailey Ryan Segree, 18, Eastpoint, two counts of domestic battery; released on won recognizance (FCSO)  
Benjamin Allen Law, 29, St. George Island, assault – intended threat to do violence, disorderly intoxication

– first offense; held without bond (FCSO)  
Joshua Lolley, 29, Carrabelle, trespassing – failure to leave property upon order of owner, domestic battery; \$1,500 bond (CPD)

**June 18**  
Dewayne Griggs, 22, Apalachicola, possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia; \$1,500 bond (FCSO)

**June 19**  
Dwight David Sanders, 48, Sopchoppy, two counts of burglary of an unoccupied structure, larceny – over \$300 and less than \$5,000, larceny – theft of utility services over \$300 and less than \$5,000;

\$5,000 bond (FCSO)  
Shalonda N. Tubby, 30, Panama City, battery; released on own recognizance (FCSO)  
Charles Thomas Maranich, 66, St. George Island, DUI – with property damage, \$500 bond (FCSO)  
Alphonso Johnson, 31, Apalachicola, violation of a domestic violence injunction; \$1,500 bond (APD)

**June 20**  
Alicia Dianne Beebe, 36, Carrabelle, violation of probation; released on own recognizance (FCSO)  
Lake Ann McCullar, 60, Carrabelle, failure to appear; held without bond (CPD)

**June 21**  
Donna Maria Needer, 53, Eastpoint,

violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)  
Joey G. Banks, 32, Eastpoint, driving while license suspended or revoked – second offense, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, operating a motorcycle without a license; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

**June 22**  
Lacey James Amerson, 22, Carrabelle, trespassing structure or conveyance; released on own recognizance (CPD)  
Ramona Annette Dean, 47, Apalachicola, trespassing on property – not structure or conveyance; \$150 bond (APD)  
Zachary D. Henry, 29, Eastpoint, criminal mischief – property

damage under \$200, trespassing on structure or conveyance; released on own recognizance (FCSO)  
Clay William Bailey, 61, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked – third or subsequent offense; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)  
Christian Lee Page, 20, Apalachicola, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia; \$2,700 bond (FCSO)

**June 23**  
Marcus Dalton, 24, Eastpoint, aggravated battery; \$5,000 bond (FCSO)

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