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**OUT TO SEE**

**Sizzler 5K Saturday on island**

Seniors throughout the county will get a big boost from the 21st annual St. George Island Sizzler 5K Race and One Mile Fun Run this Saturday, August 4.

For the first time all proceeds will benefit the Elder Care Community Council of Franklin County, Inc. (ECCC), which is organizing the event. It continues to be sponsored by the Tate's Hell Track Club.

There will be a new USTAF certified course, more water stops, a post-race party featuring chicken wraps, chips and watermelon, awards for the oldest male and female finishers, and \$1 off all alcoholic beverages purchased at Doc Myer's Island Pub and Sports Bar, which will handle on-site registration beginning at 4 p.m. The One Mile Fun Run goes off at 6:30 p.m., and the 5K at 7 p.m. The post-race party and awards follow, with the traditional three-deep age group awards as well as the Masters, Grand Masters, and Senior Grand Masters.

Pre-registration prices range from \$30 for the complete package, down to \$15 for youth. Additional post-race party tickets are \$10. For race day registrations, a \$5 fee is added.

Register online at Eventbrite.com [SGI Sizzler] or go to ecccfranklin.org. For more information, call 850-509-5009

**Kingfish Shootout this weekend in Carrabelle**

The 15th annual Kingfish Shootout will be this Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5, with both kingfish and Spanish mackerel included this year.

The Captain's Meeting will be at C-Quarters Marina in Carrabelle, which hosts the tourney, on Friday night, Aug. 3.

The guaranteed payout will be \$16,500 with 10 places. You can win \$5,000 for the biggest kingfish. Prizes will be given for Youth Angler (16 years or younger) and Lady Angler for the biggest fish in addition to prize money, if qualified. Youth and Lady Angler must catch their fish unassisted.

The guaranteed payout for Spanish Mackerel will be \$3,500. First place is \$2,000, second place \$1,000, third place \$500. Teams can enter both categories but only win in one category. Highest place wins. Make sure to weigh in your biggest fish. Boat registration fee is \$400 per boat.

All funds raised benefit the Leukemia Research Foundation. For more info 697-8400 or visit www.c-quartersmarina.com/shootout

## ABC earns very high B

**Franklin County gets an Incomplete, both schools to appeal**

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The Apalachicola Bay Charter School scored a very high B when the school grades for Florida schools came out last month.

In fact, with 61 percentage points, the school was just 1 percentage point away from being an A, the closest you can get. So school officials are taking a shot at seeing if a recalculation by state officials could put them over the top, and enable them to earn their fifth A in the last seven years, and ninth in the past 16 years.

"This is the first year that the Florida Standards Alternative Assessment is calculated in school grades.

We had a student whose scores were not calculated and we are requesting the Florida Department of Education to recalculate," said Principal Chimene Johnson.

Johnson said she was pleased with the overall performance of students and staff.

"I'm proud of the students and teachers who worked extremely hard this year and their accomplishments," she said.

She said she was particularly proud of the outcomes of the school's Civics end-of-course exam, in which 89 percent of the school's 36 seventh graders were proficient in the subject, 18 percentage points better than state average; and in the Algebra I end-of-course exam, in which 77 percent of the school's 26 eighth graders were proficient, 14

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Model Sabrina Cabreja walks in front of Lesley Wallace-Coon's mural next to Bowery Station. [MICHAEL ALTOBELLO | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

## Scenic routes

Print ad campaign latest assignment for local production company

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You couldn't say Karen Cox-Dennis has put Franklin County on the map; lots and lots of people have collaborated over the past several years to make that true.

But thanks to her creative impulses, she has put the county in all kinds of places, in various video and print campaigns.

A longtime resident of Apalachicola, with husband

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Models Sabrina Cabreja, left, and Kailin Brousseau with Ron Gempel's antique Ford Falcon at Carrabelle Beach. [MICHAEL ALTOBELLO | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

## Ex-cop imprisoned for sex with foster daughter

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A former Carrabelle police officer will spend the next five years in state prison, after being found guilty this spring of having sex with an underage female for whom he was serving as a foster parent.

On May 18, Circuit Judge Terry Lewis sentenced Glenn Darius May, 52, to eight years for sexual battery with a

minor child, over age 12, for whom he was the custodial parent. May also was convicted of four counts of possession of child pornography, stemming from photos taken of him and the girl engaging in a sexual act. Each of those counts carried a sentence of five years, to be served concurrently with the sexual battery conviction.

Because May served two years and five months in jail awaiting trial, much of it in Wakulla and Leon counties, he was credited with time served, and is expected to be released on Dec. 14, 2023. The court also designated him as a sexual predator.

May, represented by Tallahassee attorney John Leace, pled no contest to the charges. He is incarcerated at the Columbia Correctional Institution in Lake City.

"I'm glad that he is serving time, he needs to serve time," said May's ex-wife Karen, following the sentencing. "I think it was an injustice, I think he deserved more time."

"He was a law enforcement officer, so he should have been held at a higher standard," she said.

The prosecution of May

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## MAY

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dates back to Dec. 17, 2015, when he was arrested at his home by law enforcement personnel from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Carrabelle Police Department and Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

May had begun with the department on a part-time basis in January 2013, and was hired on as fulltime six months later.

Karen May said she and her husband had known the girl for several years, prior to the time that the Department of Children and Families made the decision to place her with the Mays as a foster home.

"We went to church, we had known her since she was age 8 or 9," said Karen May. "We knew this family, we had prayer meetings with this family. (Her biological mother) was on meth really bad, I was praying, trying to help her."

As it turned out, the girl's home life continued to deteriorate, and after a molestation incident with a family member, she was removed from the home by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The girl was moved to different residences, including the Florida Baptist Children's Home for a spell, until DCF ultimately decided the Mays would be a good place for her to live, said Karen May.

"When we first got her she was 13 years old and weighed 60 pounds, malnourished, and had scoliosis bad," she said.

Karen May said the girl underwent corrective surgeries in St. Petersburg that were successful, adding three inches to her height, and eventually learned to walk again.

"She was never taken out and bought new clothes," said Karen May. "I got her hair fixed and it was like watching a little moth come out in a beautiful butterfly. She turned out to be a beautiful young lady."

"I never in a million years would have thought my husband would have touched her," she said. "Even when it came out I didn't believe it. I thought she had mental issues. When I finally believed it is when (I saw the photos). That's when I knew without a doubt in my mind that he was guilty."

Over time, Karen May had her suspicions,

after her husband began ignoring her and devoted his attention to the girl, she said. "The two eventually became inseparable when he was not on duty," read a police report at the time.

The report said Karen May, before she moved out of the house and separated from her husband, had confiscated her foster daughter's cellphone. During the police investigation, she turned it over to FDLE, and the department's computer forensic unit recovered text message and nude images on it. Police said the texts between the girl and Glenn May were of an amorous nature.

In addition, FDLE reported that four photographs recovered from the officer's cellular telephone, and taken in June 2015 met the definition of child pornography, as they depicted the victim involved physically with May.

Members of May's family, who were present in the courtroom at the time of sentencing, have cast doubt on the validity of the cell phone findings.

Carrabelle Police Chief Gary Hunnings said the matter was brought to his attention by a friend of the girl, who had shared details of the alleged sexual activity to adults. Statements made to FDLE by the friend suggested the victim boasted of having an ongoing sexual relationship.

Carrabelle police and the special agent from FDLE went to the home where May and the girl were living, during the evening while the officer was on duty. The girl refused to make a statement or to take a rape examination, and denied any sexual relationship with May. Later, May was interviewed at the police department and he too denied an inappropriate relationship.

According to Karen May, who divorced her husband in Aug. 2017 after a dozen years of marriage, the girl continued to keep the relationship alive even after Glenn May's arrest and jailing in Wakulla County, and despite explicit instructions from the judge for them to have no contact.

"Even in Wakulla, they were calling from the jail, and they found a 13-page love letter, front and back," said Karen May. She said the prosecutor in Wakulla declined to proceed with witness tampering charges.

"They had to drop those charges," she said. "But she's 18 now so they can have contact."



Model Sabrina Cabreja strolls along a dirt road with her fashionable handbag. [MICHAEL ALTABELLO | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

## AD

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Karl and their kids, Cox-Dennis' Forgotten Coast Productions LLC has evolved since 2005 into a full-blown independent producer for print and film, its most recent work on a print campaign for Dooney & Bourke, a 40-year-old Connecticut-based designer and crafter of leather and fabric fashion accessories for women and men, marketed worldwide.

"We started out as a location scout and evolved to creative direction, storyboard creation and marketing strategies, and into full production," said Cox-Dennis, who now divides her time between homes in Tallahassee and Apalachicola. Her work earlier this year with Dooney & Bourke started with a "lookbook" she sent the company late last year, a collection of photographs compiled to show off a model, photographer, or in this case a location and theme.

"I gave them a retro, a non-project with a Thelma and Louise girls trip storyboard," said Cox-Dennis. "They called me on Jan. 8 and we did our first tech scout in January and we were shooting in mid-March. It was done in three days."

The call came from Peter Beaugard, Dooney & Bourke's head of advertising and creative



Karen Cox-Dennis, seated, third from right, with the Dooney & Bourke crew at Carrabelle Junction. [MICHAEL ALTABELLO | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

direction, and within two days, the project was underway.

Michael Altobello, a freelance photographer under contract for local work with the company, would be handling the camera work. Two models from Miami, blonde Kailin Brousseau and brunette Sabrina Cabreja, were hired to model the assortment of leather handbags that are Dooney & Bourke's iconic fashion accessories.

For these product shots, Cox-Dennis took the small crew, which also included a stylist and other staffers, to spots in Apalachicola, the Hole in the Wall restaurant, the home of Jim and Susan Bachrach and the mural next to Bowery Station; in Carrabelle, to Carrabelle Junction restaurant and

Carrabelle Beach; to Dr. Julian Bruce St. George Island State Park; and then west to Alys Beach and Seaside.

Because the city doesn't have film permitting fees, and the state can't accept location fees, Cox-Dennis' had a \$200 donation made to the Friends of the St. George Island State Park, and arranged for gifting bags to selected staffers at Hole in the Wall and Water Street Hotel.

Today you can find the Dooney & Bourke ads in print and web-based advertising in such prestigious publications as Vogue, Sports Illustrated and Vanity Fair.

While the Dooney & Bourke campaign brought to life a high-profile assortment of spots, it didn't infuse the sort of money into the local

economy that a 2017 television campaign by United Health Group did.

Cox-Dennis did the storyboard, casting and locations for that commercial, which was filmed in Tallahassee and Panama City, and on St. George Island.

United's ad agency, Droptree out of Portland, Oregon, was marketing to the Deep South, to North Florida and South Georgia. "They wanted to use iconic places that people would recognize on TV, and because I'm familiar with the local market, they solicited my opinions. We customized locations for storyboard I wrote, and they hired me as creative person and producer."

Zebra Productions brought in two in-house videographers from Oregon, and the shoot took place in March and April 2017.

They used a drone to film Allan "Wood Duck" Richards on his boat in the Apalachicola River and at Little St. Marks; they filmed from Tommy Ward's barge, which was piloted by son T.J.; and they used the transports of Larry Covell, from Airboat Adventures.

The actual filming, which took about four days, infused upwards of \$195,000 into the three counties, between caterers, boat drivers, car rentals, running drones, using three boats and three captains, hotels, restaurants, rental houses and assorted other expenses, Cox-Dennis estimated.

## ABC

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percentage points better than state average.

"Our science scores continue to hold strong proficiency each year," Johnson said.

Among the school's 45 fifth graders, 49 percent were proficient in science, 6 percentage

points below state average. Among the school's 27 eighth graders, 74 percent were proficient, a whopping 24 percentage points above the state average for science.

With 68 percent of the school's student body showing achievement in math, and 62 percent with learning gains, the school's math results were somewhat stronger than its reading scores. With reading, 57 percent

showed achievement, and 53 percent showed learning gains.

"Many times when we see large learning gains in one year, it is difficult to make those similar learning gains the following year," said Johnson.

The state also focuses on learning gains among the school's lowest quartile, and in that respect, the school showed gains among 45 percent of reading students, and of 41 percent among math students.

"Our percentages of learning gains fell slightly in our lower 25 percent in both English and language arts, and in math," said Johnson.

"Currently, we are reviewing our intervention practices and additional resources available to fill in some learning gaps we have noticed after reviewing assessment data."

"We will continue with research-based curriculum in all subject areas, a Title I reading interventionist and also after-school tutoring," she said.

In social studies achievement, the school received an 86 percent out of a possible 100 percent. In terms of

middle school acceleration, the results showed that 78 percent of eligible students passed a high school level end-of-course assessment or industry certification.

In the case of the Franklin County School, the release of school grades on June 28 showed the Kindergarten through 12th grade school received a grade of I, for Incomplete.

A news release from the school district said the state issued this grade "because the data from the three testing platform providers indicated that FCS failed to meet the requirement to test 95 percent of students."

The district has submitted an appeal of this school grade within the 30-day window.

"The district submitted an appeal based on the fact that one of the testing platform providers did not submit test scores (to FLDOE) for seven FCS students who were therefore not included in the school grade calculation," read the release. "We feel confident the re-calculation, with the inclusion of these students' tests, will result in FCS receiving a school grade."

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# Rolling out the red carpet



Hezekiah Akin joins in the dance.

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Performing with Suzie Higdon, in red, are from left, Ella McClain, Adrianna Hayes, Lilly Willis, Higdon, Finley Pharr, Adacyn Cruse, Shaelyn Fowler and Layla Burke.



Performing as the Blues Brothers are, from left, former Sheriff Bruce Varnes, Sheriff A.J. Smith, law enforcement officer Anthony Croom and Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen.



Performing, from left, are Brittany Edwards, Skylar Layne, Camille Davis and Ava Neill.



Performing, from left, are Savannah Sparks, Adrianna Hayes, Ava Neill and Iolona Burke.

Pam Nobles Studios in Apalachicola rolled out the red carpet for its spring recital, held Saturday, June 2 at the Franklin County High School auditorium. It's their "A Red Carpet Affair" featured performances ranging from the youngest children, to sheriff's deputies, to senior citizens, and all ages in-between.

Among those dancers who took part were Maya Grace Ange, Wanda Barfield, Camille Davis, Brittany Edwards, Linda Griffin, Kalahn Kent, Skylar Layne, Jady

Luberto, Linda Maloy, Shaylee Martina, Ava Neill, Patricia Perryman, Debby Ruffner, Pamela Theis, Rita Theis, Mya Huckeba, Emma Babbs, Kierstyn Cardin, Zara Carter, Ella Donahoe, Auna Martina, Charlotte Sparks, Hannah Ward, Olivia Poloronis, Hendrix Lynch, Ila-Dale Mixon, Keagen Siprell, Abigail Williams, Savanna Edwards, Ny' Ashia Davis, Khali McNair, Issy Nations, Finley Pharr, Debby Ruffner, Alonna Brown, Baileigh Dasher, Shaelyn Fowler, Kaci

Brooke Harrell, Adrianna Hayes, Baylee Grace Kent, Madison Martina, Grady Pharr, Isabella Polous, Sienna Polous, Ethan Varnes, Lilly Willis, Holly Chambers, Evie-Morgan Price, June Gray, Keeli Bray, Iolona Burke, Layla Burke, Andie Chambers, Lillie Gaskill, Amelia Schoelles, Kate Ward, Zariah Harvey, Adacyn Cruse, Ella McClain, Sarah Carroll, Thea Croom, Kendylyn Crosby, Sophia Kembro, Anslee Lemieux, Ansleigh Long, Serenity Pouncey, Gabrielle Robinson, Hezekiah

Akin, October Barnett, Jaylen Bradley, Macie Brooke Braswell, Aleyah Dooley, Kenzie Jochim, Genesis Paz, Sarah Price, Leeah Ward, Lailah Wayt, Colette Wood, Krista Varnes, Andie Chambers, Curstin Lashley, Mahaylee Martina, Savannah Sparks, Helen Willis, Sara Ward, Maleah Carroll, Avarie Crum, Anah Moore, Aniah Jade Williams, Leandra Juliet Zambrano Buzbee, Alexis Overstreet, and Colette Wood.

The studio's upcoming registration event will be Friday, Aug. 10, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for all ages, from 18 months to 100 years. Instruction in Tap, Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Hip-Hop and Tumbling will be offered, with recitals, parades and festival performances all offered. All classes meet weekly at Pam Nobles Dance Studio, 86 Market Street, Apalachicola. For more information, email to [pamnobles@aol.com](mailto:pamnobles@aol.com) or call 653-8078.



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# OPINION

## ARBOR OUTLOOK

### War Eagle, perseverance and Loudon Wainwright III



Margaret McDowell

***“This summer I went swimming  
This summer I might have drowned  
But I held my breath and I kicked my feet  
And I moved my arms around”***

From “The Swimming Song”  
by Loudon Wainwright III

His parents named him Ambrose, and he could swim before he could walk. A venturesome and active toddler, he was nicknamed Rowdy. Often he would roll off the dock and into the water at his parents' central Florida lakefront home, frightening friends and relatives. But he always popped back up like a cork on a fishing line. By eight months, he was dog paddling 20 feet or more.

In his second year of competition, he won a Florida state high school championship and was awarded a scholarship to Auburn University.

At Auburn, he set school records, was a five-time NCAA champion, and established himself as one of the fastest swimmers in the U.S. Eventually he would set 10 world records. He loved school and competing for the university, but his ultimate goal was to represent our country in the 1980 Olympic Games.

How good was Rowdy Gaines? In 1981, he was voted the Athlete of the Year in the Southeastern Conference.

The Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in 1980, and rather than send our athletes to Moscow, President Carter decreed that we would boycott the Games there. Gaines was devastated; he had missed his window. Sprint swimming was for young men, not 25-year-olds, the age he would be at the 1984 Summer Games in L.A. He left the pool for several months before his father convinced him to return to his workout regimen and try again in '84.

Gaines had little money, and often swam his morning practice after working all night at a local motel. In L.A., he won three gold medals. Seven years later he was afflicted with Guillain-Barré syndrome and became temporarily paralyzed. After recovering, he returned to the pool, and at age 35 became the oldest competitor to qualify for the 1996 Olympic swimming trials.

I am not a swim fan per se, but I recently watched a documentary on Gaines' life and was astounded at his perseverance. We need a similar commitment in our financial lives to become and remain successful. We all experience hurdles and setbacks; the road to financial security is rarely smooth and straight. It takes willpower and sacrifice to become financially successful and provide for a comfortable retirement.

Many of us have faced burdensome debt, made poor financial decisions, and experienced financial misfortune. Most successful folks can recall more than a few mishaps. The question is: How do we respond to economic adversity? We can allow ourselves to sink. Or we can rise again to the surface and pull ourselves across the water.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Property taxes tell half the story



Allan Feifer

The 2018-19 Franklin County budget workshop was held in July and there were a few surprises. But first, accolades to Erin Griffith and Linda Phillips in finance for the great job they did in bringing the financial numbers together for the presentation.

The annual budget process is a three-step procedure.

1. Finance, at the direction of the clerk of courts office, requests all department heads and constitutional officers to submit their budget requests by June 1. They were further instructed not to request additional funds over last year's approved budgets without appealing to the commissioners prior to the budget workshop.

2. The actual two-day budget workshop was held July 19 and 20. The proposed millage rate at the start of the workshop was 6.3460, more than the rollback rate of 6.1524. For your information, the rollback millage rate is a rate that would bring in the same amount of ad valorem tax as the current year, taking into account the higher assessed

values by the property appraiser. At the conclusion of the workshop, the millage rate was tentatively lowered to 6.2762. But, with the growth in property appraised values, the proposed millage will bring in about \$400,000 more ad valorem tax revenue than last year, and so, property owners will see an average 2 percent increase in their tax bills. You'll see this reflected in your TRIM Notice sent out in the next couple of weeks.

3. Two separate budget adoption hearings will be held in September. Commissioners can lower the millage rate at these hearings, but they cannot raise it.

The proposed budget document of several hundred pages was not available until a few hours before the workshop so no one was able to study a detailed analysis of spending or find ways to offset cost savings. It is important to note that, while the ad valorem tax is the most noticeable and talked-about aspect of the budget, it is, in reality, only a small portion of the proposed \$51 million revenue stream. The county takes in millions of dollars in other taxes, grants, revenue sharing, interest and fees that are uncounted in favor of concentrating on the politically visible millage rate. That means that Franklin County will take in hundreds of thousands of “extra” dollars

this coming year, over and above ad valorem tax monies.

Here are just a few pots of income money that never seemed to be acknowledged by commissioners:

- \$1 million in reserve in the general fund, and \$600,000 in the fine and forfeiture funds
  - Additional reserve fund cushions built into several department budgets
  - Additional reserve for professional services
  - Cash annually carried forward in the county budget of about \$4 million
  - Nearly \$1 million in state revenue sharing
  - St. George Island fishing pier fund of \$1.65 million
  - Landfill escrow fund, for future closure, of close of \$1.44 million
  - Other miscellaneous funds containing millions of dollars
- The list above is neither complete nor 100 percent accurate.

We tried not to include restricted funds, and we do not claim to have the knowledge to understand every intricacy for such closely-held numbers. But the point to understand here is that our commissioners never really see these numbers, discuss them, or otherwise take responsibility for their accuracy.

We very much wonder why that is.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### How to protect data on social media

Special to the Times

The Facebook data breach opened a Pandora's box of concerns for social media consumers. The company estimated that data firm Cambridge Analytica may have had information on about 87 million Facebook users without their knowledge.

In testimony before the U.S. Senate, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg promised to do more to protect the privacy of users' data. But according to studies by the Pew Research Center, people haven't had much faith in social media firms' capacity to do just that. A Pew survey last year found that only 9 percent of social media users were “very confident” companies would protect their data. About half were “not at all” or “not too confident” their data were in safe hands.

With so many people concerned about what private data is shared by social media sites and with whom, the CEO of a social media app says users need to do more to protect their information and be aware of how their data can be used.

“In the past 60 days there has been a profound awakening by the average social media user about data privacy and trust regarding social media companies,” said Scott Relf, CEO and co-founder of

PikMobile Inc., an ad-free social media app that allows users to share content through a unique viewing platform.

“All of the other social media companies are equally as guilty as Facebook – Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Google. These companies are betraying their users' trust by selling them out, and all of this with virtually no regulations or accountability to anyone.”

Relf lists five ways social media users can better protect their data:

- Know the people you friend. Don't accept friend or follow requests from people you don't know, even if it appears you have friends in common. “They could be fake accounts from cybercriminals, bots or just bad people,” Relf said. “And the more people you're connected to, the harder it is to control what happens to the information you post.”

- Skip the quizzes. Those IQ or personality tests you find on social media may take you to unsecure sites, Relf said, making you vulnerable to identity theft by using information found on your account as well as the answers you provide to the quiz.

- Select a private profile for maximum control. “Consider your needs,” Relf said. “If you use social media mainly to keep in touch with friends, you may not need a widely open

setting. If you use social media for work purposes, consider two accounts: a private personal account as well as a more public business one.”

- Use strong passwords and don't share them. Passwords should be memorable only to the user and kept to themselves. “Likewise, lock your phone with a pin or pattern, so that if you do lose it, whoever finds it doesn't have easy access to your entire online life,” Relf said.
- Don't opt-in to social media facial recognition. “The only logical reason for your social media service to ask for your facial recognition is so that they can do an even better job of harvesting your data and targeting you with ads,” Relf said.

“Ideally, social media users should choose what they feed into their mind all day long,” Relf said. “Don't give up control of your news feed to companies and advertisers that harvest your data for their benefit.”

Scott Relf and wife Renee cofounded PikMobile ([www.pikmobile.com](http://www.pikmobile.com)), a dual-function mobile app that combines a unique viewing platform and a digital content publishing system. A former senior executive for several large corporations, Relf sold his startup Zave Networks to Google in 2011.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Keep the fronds, help a bat

A few evenings back I stepped onto my front porch and noticed a bat swooping back and forth, a sight I haven't seen in a long while. I used to see many of them at dusk gobbling up those tasty mosquitoes. One night back then I was playing tennis at our city court and we watched them scoop up

insects attracted by the lights. I even had one make contact with my racquet when I leaped for a ball. Wild. I miss them and wonder if our bats have fallen in numbers due to a disease that is supposed to be affecting the population elsewhere. Or could it be that the latest rage in palm trimming (the Mohag) is taking away their cover?

I read that bats love to nest/

sleep under the huge fronds that hang down as they do naturally on the trees. I also read that it is detrimental to the health of the palm to take away these fronds, that the trees need them to keep the photosynthesis going. Maybe homeowners would be willing to stop if they knew the benefits (and saving them money) of not trimming. **Caroline Weiler**, Apalachicola



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# CHASING SHADOWS

## 1921: Navy balloonists perish over Gulf

By Mark Curenton  
Special to the Times

*Editor's Note: The following article was written by local historian Mark Curenton, originally for the Spring 2016 newsletter of the Apalachicola Area Historical Society.*

In 1921 a balloon from the Naval Air Station at Pensacola vanished over the Gulf of Mexico, leading to a wide ranging search for the five men on board. The men were never found, but newspaper coverage of the incident resulted in the mayor of Apalachicola writing a sharp letter to the Atlanta Journal rebuking them for their yellow journalism.

On the evening of March 22, 1921, two free balloons were launched at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola on a night training mission. The objective of the mission was to practice night balloon flying and travel at least 200 miles from the launch point. One balloon came down the next morning near Brewton, Alabama, sixty miles north of the launch site. The other balloon drifted out over the Gulf of Mexico. Two days after its launch a carrier pigeon from the balloon landed at the Naval Air Station with a message from the crew. They were drifting out to sea off St. Andrews Bay. Later that same day another pigeon arrived with a message saying the balloon was only 100 feet above the water and drifting rapidly out into the Gulf of Mexico.

Immediately a search was launched for the missing balloon with a dirigible, seaplanes and ships. Two H-16 flying boats were dispatched to Apalachicola to search the surrounding waters. When some fishermen reported they heard cries of men near Lake Wimico the Navy sent a party of men to search the inland areas for the men and balloon.

The Atlanta Journal, in reporting on the incident in their April 1 edition, described the swamps north of Apalachicola as impenetrable jungles filled with boa-constrictors, deadly insects, bottomless pits, and poisonous air, where it would be nearly impossible for the men to survive if they had landed there. This fantastic description of the area prompted a quick retort from John H. Cook, the mayor of Apalachicola. His letter stated:

**Apalachicola, Fla., April 2, The Editor, Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Ga.**

Sir: Permit me to call attention to a report, dated Pensacola, Fla.,

March 31st as appearing in your publication of April 1st: "Lost Balloonists May Fall Prey to Poison Insects."

Who can be the author of such a malicious and scathing report? Is he seeking fame as a yellow journalist, or has he attained it as a spieler for a midway monstrosity show? Surely he has his picture books which would teach him what a boa-constrictor is, and its habitations.

The true facts of the lost balloonists are sad enough, and the sympathy of honest and true Americans are for them and with their relatives, and why such weird and imaginative stories should be coupled with its real sadness, we cannot understand.

His seeming knowledge of geography would be confusing to the school boy, in locating this vast wilderness with its impenetrable jungles where super-man only can exist. Infested with reptiles and poisonous insects, the sting from which would drive a man to suicide. Bottomless pits, where man would disappear in the twinkling of an eye, should he miss his footing. Boa-constrictors have been found there, just think of it? Subjected to these horrors, and without anything to exist upon but herbs and roots, would cause years of suffering, and the inhalation of poisonous air would wreck the human system. And this is fair Florida, just think of it.

In all honesty to those who may have read the report, and in fairness to the citizens of Florida, should such scathing reports go unanswered?

Vital statistics will prove Apalachicola one of the most healthful cities of Florida. The river swamps north of the city abound in dense growth of merchantable timber, such as cypress, gum, magnolia and a wide variety of other hardwoods. Engaged in marketing this timber, there are employed hundreds of men, many of which, with their families live in this vastness. There are no impenetrable swamps, no bottomless pits, no death-dealing insects or boa-constrictors. These swamps abound in game which are sought by the huntsman, and the course of game and huntsman can be tracked abroad. Small streams flowing through the area attract fishing parties, and scores of these parties spend days and nights in the swamps without harm or danger. The foliage and bloom in these swamps are most magnificent in



The establishment of the Pensacola Naval Air Station for training purposes allowed for the creation of the lighter than air branch of instruction. This balloon, photographed in the 1910s, is similar to what is described in the story. The basket where the men were is at right. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]

colors and attract hundreds of visitors.

To substantiate our statement, your attention is called to a party arriving here on the 1st inst. from the Naval Air Station at Pensacola. This party was augmented with guides from Apalachicola and proceeded at once into the swamp area. Parties of two each were formed and sent out in varied directions covering the swamp and making wide search for the lost balloonists. They all returned at night with no findings. This work is being continued, and each day going farther that no part of the entire section remain unexplored.

Such report as the subject of this article is extremely misleading and injurious to Florida, and against the publications of such fabricated stories, the people of Apalachicola make their protest.

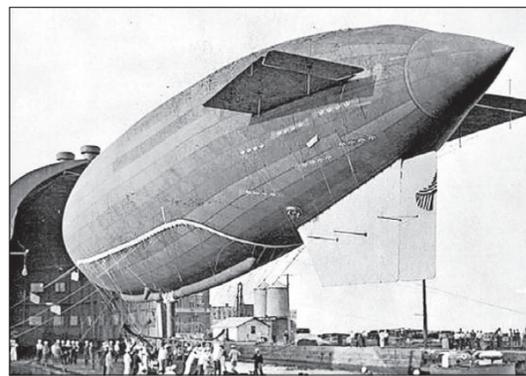
It is requested that this article be published, and it is requested that denial of authority and apology from author be publicly made through the press.

Very respectfully,  
**J. H. Cook, Mayor Apalachicola, Fla.**

*Epilogue: Unfortunately two weeks of searching turned up no trace of the balloon or the five men aboard. On Friday, April 8, a fishing boat out of Panama City found the balloon two miles southwest of Cape San Blas. A small amount of gas had kept the balloon afloat, and the basket was still attached beneath the balloon, but there was no trace of the crew.*



Apalachicola Mayor J. H. Cook



This Navy blimp was photographed at its hangar at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola on April 27, 1917. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]

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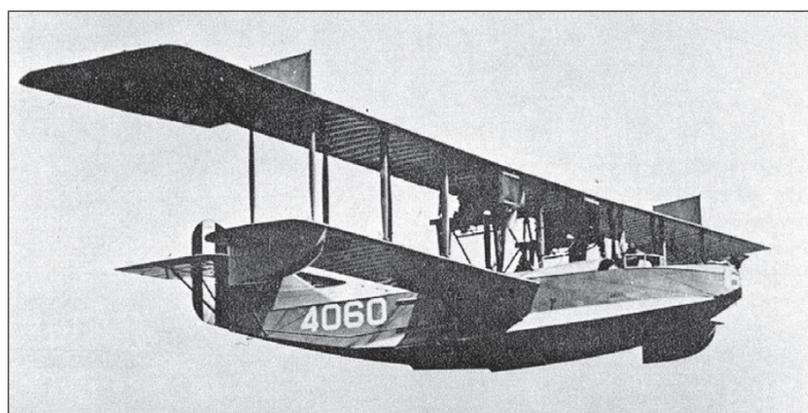
### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CITY ORDINANCE

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

**CITY OF APALACHICOLA ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA PROVIDING FOR A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY SYSTEM, SPECIFYING TERMS AND PROCEDURES FOR SAID SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The public hearing will be held in the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida starting at 6:00 PM immediately following CDBG public hearing on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. All interested parties are encouraged to appear and be heard with respect to this proposed ordinance.



The model H-16 that assisted in the rescue effort was an enlarged version of the H-12, built by Curtiss and the Naval Aircraft Factory in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Introduced in 1917, they remained in service throughout World War I, and in U.S. Navy service for some years after the war. [ WIKIWAND | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]

## SOCIETY



Delores Hardin sits with a hungry crowd. [PHOTOS BY JENNIFER SHEFFIELD | THE TIMES]

## Carrabelle chef takes crab cake crown

By Jennifer Sheffield

The Apalachicola Times  
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Local chefs, and visitors, from the best places to eat crab in the country filled the courtyard at Harry's Bar and Package in Carrabelle to capacity on Saturday, and crowned a new crab cake champion.

Gloria Hebert from Maryland, where Chesapeake summers are synonymous with crabs, was not shy about sharing her authority on the subject and chose her favorite early. It turned out the panel of three judges, Mayor Brenda La Paz, John Reese, and Chuck Spicer, agreed.

Host chef Sean O'Shea, of Marine Street Grill, took the top prize, and first-time entrant Nola Tolbert, of the Crooked River Grill at St. James Bay Golf Course, secured the People's Choice with a blue and lump crab combination cake stuffed with celery, parsley, sour cream, crackers and a "lot of love."

O'Shea's creation was full of secret ingredients, and topped with lemon garlic aioli. The cook-off has been held annually for three years to raise funds to rebuild the playground pirate ship Carrabella and improve the grounds for public events at Crooked River Lighthouse. The ship was destroyed by fire May 10, 2015 and the plans include adding an outdoor amphitheater featuring dropped seating for bands,



Winning Chef Sean O'Shea holds up his prize and toasts the crowd.

designed by Lighthouse president and Carrabelle architect Steven Allen.

"We have dreamed this up as a fundraiser because local people started bragging," said museum curator Joan Matey.

Defending champion, and cookbook author, Sid McOmie, of Sea Palm Cooking, brought 112 bites made out of four pounds of meat to the tasting table this year and had kind compliments about being upstaged.

"I'm thrilled," she said. "We had a good turnout, for a great cause."

"I like playing with my food!" McOmie joked. "Carrabelle is a social place; we've got incredible chefs here. People like to show off and are adventurous with their palates."

Her latest book "Nibbles and Bites" was featured in the silent auction, which raised a total of \$1,500.

In contests past, crab cakes were prepared on site, "so there was no fudging," said lighthouse treasurer, Delores Hardin. This year's seven entries were cooked at home,

doubling the quantities, estimated to be enough for 150 people.

Sisters Carol and Susan Caffee, from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, whose mother was born near Carrabelle and grandfather worked the water, remember growing up catching crab and enjoying coastal culture.

"This is our flavor," both said of the event. "That makes it special."

Lighthouse keeper Chip Klaus said next steps in the building process for the new amphitheater will focus on landscaping.

"We cleared the undergrowth and will be bringing in dirt to level the parking," he said. "We are hoping to get the two piers started and set the poles for the mast soon. After that, we will be going at light speed toward creating a timeline for completion in early 2019."

Hardin said the lighthouse has \$20,000 in a savings account for the project, plus the city of Carrabelle put aside \$36,000 to contribute.

"It seems like we've been collecting money, forever," said Hardin. "We are so determined to rebuild this ship."

The community hosts a potluck the second Monday of each month at Lanark Village Boat Club. The lighthouse is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The next event is its annual Lanternfest on Saturday, Oct. 20.

## Two original works top Players' season

Special to the Times

The Panhandle Players are about to embark on an innovative 2018-19 season, presenting not one, but two original plays.

The first, "Secrets and Sweet Tea," written by retired educator Jerry Hurley, will kick off the season Oct.



Jerry Hurley

19-21 at the Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola. Auditions for the production will be Sunday, Aug. 12 at 3 p.m., and Monday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m., both at the Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola, home of the Panhandle Players.

(See sidebar)

This is Jerry's first attempt at writing a play, coming on the heels of his publication last year of "Wildcrafting, And Other Stories I Share Only With My Friends," a comic memoir of growing up in West Virginia, the heart of Appalachia.

He's thrilled the Panhandle Players chose to produce it. "Having worked with the Panhandle Players has enabled me to see the passion, perseverance and perspiration that this unique group of actors and volunteers possess to bring live theater to Florida's panhandle," Hurley said.

This Southern comedy takes place at the wake of Samuel Strainwhistle, a local Apalachicola millionaire. Everyone comes to pay their respects, each hoping Samuel has left a little something for them in his will. As the show progresses, everyone learns the true secrets of these mourners.

This show is packed with characters fit for Apalachicola. There is the funeral home director who loves to "show" the ladies the caskets in the backroom; Beulah, the daughter of the deceased; Gertie, the town gossip; Ida, niece of the deceased; Betty Bender, the aging town working girl; Ken Carpenter, who everyone thinks is Samuel's son; and Woody Stump, the village idiot, or is he really?

There is also Mayor Clark; Pastor Neaze, who preaches a fiery

### How to audition

Auditions for Jerry Hurley's "Secrets and Sweet Tea" will be at the Chapman Auditorium on Sunday, Aug. 12 from 3 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Aug. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. Come out and join the Panhandle Players' first show of the season. There are plenty of speaking parts in this comedy, as well as non-speaking "mourner" roles for those who are interested. For more information, call director Judy Loftus (850) 991-0021.

Speaking roles include:

- Samuel Strainwhistle, elderly man, deceased
- Mr. Sladem, funeral home co-owner and mortician
- Beulah Mae Strainwhistle, middle-aged spinster daughter who cared for her father until his passing
- Gertrude (Gertie) Gilkerson, town gossip
- Ida Shellingsworth, niece of the deceased and cousin of Beulah Mae
- Betty Bender, aging town slut and erstwhile prostitute
- Ken Carpenter, town stud, self-absorbed narcissist, gambler, drinker, wastrel, rumored to be Sam Strainwhistle's illegitimate son
- Woody Stump, the village idiot - or is he?
- Mayor Clark
- Pastor Neaze
- Thorbin Maston, Samuel's attorney, reader of the will
- Ruby Butterworth, funeral home cleaning lady
- Jeremy Butterworth, Ruby's teenage grandson

sermon at the Roadside Chapel of the Fordiben Apple; Thorbin Maston, Samuel's attorney; Ruby, the funeral home cleaning lady; and Jeremy, Ruby's teenage grandson.

Hurley said characters for this show are drawn from his 65 years of life experiences. "I knew I wanted a large cast, 12 or so, and I created characters who might 'people' play that I would find entertaining," he said.

There is a lot planned for this show, said Judy Loftus, who Hurley handpicked to direct his first play.

"We are going to have music as part of the production, and we plan to use extras in the show, along with other little surprises that the audience will not expect," she said.

Hurley, who appeared last season in "Death-trap," will likely make a cameo appearance in his own show. According to him, you'll have to join the Players for a performance to find out which character he plays.

December will bring a comedy perfect to kick off the holiday season, "A Nice Family Christmas." It's Christmas Eve, and a young newspaper reporter on the brink of being fired has been assigned a last-chance story about a typical family Christmas - his family's Christmas. He goes home to his recently widowed mother, crazy uncle, eccentric grandmother, and battling siblings and their neurotic spouses, who provide no shortage of material. One by one, we learn each family member's secrets, problems, and dysfunctions, and when they learn that he's writing an article with some very personal family information, the fruitcake hits the fan. The question is, will the magic of Christmas bring this family back together?

"Murder at the Chapman," Royce Rolstad's second play, will delight, and hopefully frighten, theatergoers in February. This show follows on last season's opener, the well-received "Murder at the Gibson Inn."

This comedy/murder mystery takes place at the Chapman Auditorium as members of the community theatre troupe prepare to put on a new play.

Members of the cast and crew turn up dead and it's up to those who are left to figure out whodunit.

The season will end with "Dial M for Murder," written by Frederick Knott and made famous by Alfred Hitchcock who turned it into a movie in 1954. This timeless murder mystery hits the stage in March 2019.

For more information about the Panhandle Players visit them on Facebook.

Tickets for the first show will be on sale at PanhandlePlayers.com in September.

Theatre will be alive this season in Franklin County, and in the worlds of Hurley, "everyone knows that live theater is so much better than dead theater!"



The Franklin County Humane Society is waiving our adoption fee for cats and kittens for the victims of the Eastpoint fire. We understand that although many who have suffered have moved into new dwellings, a house isn't a home until there is a furbaby or two. It is our hope that the kitties will bring joy, happiness and a sense of normalcy after such a tremendous loss.

In addition, the Humane Society would like to offer everyone in the county an opportunity to adopt a cat or kitten for only \$25.00 to acknowledge and thank the many people who stepped up and gave generously of their time and resources. All are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, dewormed, defleaed and feline leukemia and FIV negative.

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

Call Karen at 670-8417 for more details or visit the Franklin County Humane Society at 244 State Road 85 in Eastpoint. You may logon to the website at [www.forgottenpets.org](http://www.forgottenpets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets.

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## TCC pins Turner as dental assistant

Special to the Times

Josie Turner, of Eastpoint, was among 14 dental assistant technology graduates who accepted their diplomas and pins on the stage of Turner Auditorium at Tallahassee Community College July 25.

In addition, the 2014 Franklin County High School graduate received the Professionalism Award. Turner received praise by her colleagues during externships, as well as from her program

instructors, for displaying a high level of professionalism in the workplace and a love for her new career.

She is the daughter of Jenny and David Turner, and granddaughter of Rose Marie and Hubert Turner, and Ruth and Elton Galloway.

Turner now begins her studies in TCC's Dental Hygiene program, which leads to an associate of science degree and a career as a registered dental hygienist.

Dental assistant Lidya Getahun was awarded



Josie Turner, front row, far left, is pictured with her dental assisting class at TCC.

the Dr. Mary Anne Butler Excellence Award and a \$1,000 scholarship for maintaining the highest grade point average in her graduating class.

The ceremony closed with a speaker from student speaker Maria Lopez, who inspired

her fellow graduates, family and friends in attendance. "We will be leaving Tallahassee Community College confident in the education we have received, the skills we have acquired and the abundance of work available for us," she said.

# FAITH

## RECOVERY MEETINGS

### NA

The following is the schedule for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings in Franklin County.

### SUNDAY

Eastpoint, United Methodist Church, 317 Patton Dr.  
1:30-3 p.m. Women Only

### OA

The following is the schedule for Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meetings in Franklin County. For more info, call (850) 899-3715 or (850) 385-8421, or email OA.Apalach@gmail.com

### SUNDAY

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church, 79 Sixth Street, annex conference room, 76 5th Street  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Newcomers Meeting

### AA

The following is the updated schedule for Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings in Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Eastpoint, and the St. George Island areas. For more information, call the Hotline at 653-2000.

### MONDAY

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Closed

### Discussion

### TUESDAY

Carrabelle, Church of the Ascension, 110 NE First Street  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Big Book/12&12, Open

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church  
Noon-1 p.m. Discussion, Open

### WEDNESDAY

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church  
6-7 p.m. Women's AA, Closed  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Men's AA, Closed

### THURSDAY

Apalachicola, Trinity

Episcopal Church  
Noon-1 p.m. Discussion, Open

Lanark Group #62, The Community Church, 171 Spring Street, Lanark Village  
6-7 p.m. Open Meeting

St. George Island United Methodist, 201 East Gulf Beach Dr.  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Open Discussion.

### FRIDAY

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Step Study, Open Discussion

Carrabelle, Church of the Ascension  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Open Discussion

### SATURDAY

Alligator Point Mission By The Sea  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Discussion, Open

Eastpoint First United Methodist Church, 317 Patton Dr.  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Speaker, Open

### SUNDAY

Apalachicola, Van Johnson Complex, 14th Street (Bring Me a Book room)  
9-10 a.m. 11th Step Meeting, Open

Eastpoint, United Methodist Church  
1:30-3 p.m. Women Only

Eastpoint United Methodist Church

7:30-8:30 p.m. Big Book Study, Open

### Al-Anon

Al-Anon Family Group has but one purpose, to help families and friends of alcoholics. If you are concerned with someone else's drinking, the Al-Anon program can help you.

### FRIDAY

Carrabelle, Church of the Ascension, 110 NE First Street  
6 to 7 p.m. Open Discussion

**God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.**

## MARCIA E. KNAPKE

Marcia E. Knapke, of Port St. Joe, and wife of Mark Knapke, passed away Sunday, July 29, 2018 at Sacred Heart on the Gulf surrounded by her family.

The family will have a memorial service from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2 at Spring Place Baptist Church, Chatsworth, Georgia.

A gathering to celebrate Marcia's life will be held 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 12, at South Gulf County Fire Department, Port St.

Joe. Her ashes will be scattered in Key West at a later date, according to Whatley Funeral Services, Port St. Joe.

Marcia, daughter of the late Willie and Ruth Messer, and late Martha Ann McConkey, was born Feb. 26, 1956 in Chatsworth, Georgia. She worked in sales, recently retiring from vacation rentals.

Marcia was "the most famous person in the room," she loved to socialize and loved Key West, where she met

her husband Mark. They were married for over 15 years. She spent her time painting, gardening, and enjoying arts and crafts. Marcia was a big supporter of the Volunteer South Gulf County Fire Department at Cape San Blas.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Knapke, of Port St. Joe at St. Joseph Peninsula State Park; daughter, Keleigh J. Dyer, of Chatsworth, Georgia son, Navy Master Chief Petty Officer H.

Lee Dyer (Promise) of Guam; grandchildren, Hunter, Santiago, Alec Dyer, and Joshua Dover; sisters, Chrissie Booth, of Chatsworth, Georgia, and Shawn Berry, of Crystal Springs, Mississippi; and numerous other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions to the South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department 240 Cape San Blas Road Port St. Joe, FL 32456 or www.sgcfire.com.

## CARD OF THANKS

# George W. Creamer Jr. Family

The family of the late George W. Creamer, Jr., who passed away July 10, 2018, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for your many kindnesses, flowers, food, condolences, love, and support that we have received. Thank you!

## RICHARD F. SCARABIN JR.

Richard Frank Scarabin Jr. 41, of Apalachicola, passed away Thursday, July 26, 2018 following a long battle with illness.

Mr. Scarabin was born in Port St. Joe. He loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, archery, artifact hunting, collecting and searching for old coins and loved learning, as well as sharing the history of items he collected. He enjoyed every minute spent with family and friends and loved the job of the captain of his own charter fishing vessel.

Richard is survived by his parents, Richard F. Scarabin, Sr., of Apalachicola, and L. Darlene (Jonny) Knopp, of Wewahatchka; his son Kristian Scarabin, of Apalachicola; brother Doug



Scarabin, of Apalachicola; and sister Melissa (Sherman) Penrose, of Palm City.

A celebration of his life will be held at later date by family and friends.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Forbes Funeral & Cremation Services, Crawfordville. Please sign the online guestbook at www.forbesfuneralandcremation.com.

# North Florida foundation aids fire victims

Special to the Times

The Community Foundation of North Florida has awarded a grant to Franklin's Promise Coalition, Inc. to provide \$10,198 to support the victims of the Eastpoint Fire.

In 2005, a Disaster Relief Fund was established at the Community Foundation by Mrs. Grace Dansby to provide support for unfortunate



events such as this. Through this fund, and the generosity of donors and past and present board members, the money was quickly raised to provide funding for the

recovery efforts in Eastpoint. Having completely lost the Community Foundation offices to a fire in 2016, the board and staff understand how devastating fire is and are delighted to be able to offer support for the victims in Eastpoint.

For more information, please contact Nan O'Kelley at nokelley@cfnf.org

The Community Foundation of North Florida, a

nonprofit public charity serving the 10-county Big Bend area by promoting and supporting charitable giving, elps people give to their favorite charities now and beyond their lifetime and helps nonprofit organizations with grants, education and endowment building expertise.

For more information, please contact Joy Watkins, president and CEO, at jwatkins@cfnf.org.

## FEIFER

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This income is an integral and important part of the county's overall annual budget.

Incredibly, at the workshop, there was no discussion to justify why tax revenue must be raised again this fourth year in a row. None of the commissioners or staff suggested any increased spending could be offset with savings to be found in other areas. Simple math leads you to conclude

**We believe the Franklin County budget process is a bit of a shell game. Commissioners get to see only certain numbers and we don't understand why. Publicly, the county seems to believe that ad valorem tax revenues are the be-all and end-all of the county's budget.**

that a less than 1 percent cut in the budget would have resulted in no tax increases next year. Again, why didn't anyone look for savings?

We believe the Franklin County budget process is a bit of a shell game. Commissioners get to see only certain numbers and we don't understand why. Publicly, the county seems to believe that ad valorem tax revenues are

the be-all and end-all of the county's budget. As we have tried to show, that is not even close to accurate.

Between now and the budget adoption hearings in September, we will review and study the budget document from a true business perspective, looking for suggested savings. We will present them to the

board of commissioners for their consideration, once again in the spirit of helpfulness. Perhaps this year, someone will direct those great finance employees to noodle around and find enough savings to stop dipping into your hard-earned income.

We'd love to hear your opinions as well. Please email us with your comments.

Allan J. Feifer is president of the Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, Inc. He can be reached at allanf@dec-international.com.

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## C-QUARTERS MARINA

# Kids learn art of angling at tourney

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Traesyn Carroll is a pretty darn good fisherman for a 4-year-old.

He spent all day Saturday, July 21 with his dad Josh, fishing off the coast of Carrabelle, and then around Dog Island.

He landed a 2.7-pound Spanish mackerel that took the top prize in that category, plus he got a \$25 cash prize for the biggest fish, a drum, that was brought in during the C-Quarters Youth Fishing Tournament, even though there wasn't a category for it.

Krissa Litton caught the biggest fish in the many categories featured in the 14th annual tourney, a

five-pound catfish.

Tourney organizer Mary Lawhon said 266 kids registered for the tournament, a nice-sized crowd.

"I'm the captain, he's my mate," said Josh Carroll, clearly pleased at young son's success. "I've got him going. By the time he's 15, he'll be ready to run his own boat.

"I give him a pole and he rigs it. He does everything," said his dad, who is grandson of the late Bill Miller, and proud of the lessons left him by Mr. Bill. "He spent two hours last night tying knots with me. I'm just showing him step-by-step, slowly."

This year the father and son worked a couple docks, trolled for bait, picked up some ladyfish, Spanish mackerel and bluefish, and



**Traesyn Carroll holds his \$25 cash prize with his mom, Linzy Ratliff and dad, Josh Carroll.** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



**Khrista Litton's five-pound catfish was the largest fish caught in the tourney.** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

## WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, August 2	84°	74°	60%
Fri, August 3	87°	75°	60%
Sat, August 4	87°	75°	50%
Sun, August 5	88°	75°	40%
Mon, August 6	89°	75°	20%
Tues, August 7	89°	76°	40%
Wed, August 8	88°	76°	60%

## TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

## APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
2	Th	8:18a 1.6	8:14p 1.4	1:38a 0.4	2:34p 0.8
3	Fr	8:46a 1.7	9:32p 1.3	2:09a 0.6	3:38p 0.7
4	Sa	9:18a 1.7	11:15p 1.2	2:44a 0.8	4:59p 0.6
5	Su	9:55a 1.8		3:23a 1.0	6:24p 0.4
6	Mo	1:26a 1.3	10:39a 1.8	4:09a 1.2	7:36p 0.2
7	Tu	11:31a 1.9		8:38p 0.0	
8	We	4:38a 1.5	12:30p 1.9	7:14a 1.4	9:31p -0.1

## CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
2	Th	6:53a 2.6	6:49p 2.2	12:21p 1.3	11:56p 1.0
3	Fr	7:21a 2.7	8:07p 2.1	1:25p 1.1	
4	Sa	7:53a 2.7	9:50p 1.9	12:31a 1.3	2:46p 1.0
5	Su	8:30a 2.9		1:10a 1.6	4:11p 0.6
6	Mo	12:01a 2.1	9:14a 2.9	1:56a 1.9	5:23p 0.3
7	Tu	10:06a 3.0		6:25p 0.0	
8	We	3:13a 2.4	11:05a 3.0	5:01a 2.2	7:18p -0.2

## FISHING REPORT



As we continue to deal with what's left of a steamy July we are moving into the start of a steamy August. That being said we stress over and over, hit the water early and then late in the evening. As I've stated before if you going out late in the morning to fish you need to be on the deep channels or deep holes to produce fish. Fish the edges of these channels and holes adjacent to grass areas that drop off. If you can right now use live baits such as Pinfish, Shrimp or other baits such as Finger Mullet. Let your baits do most of the work with a slow retrieval. A boat captain friend of mine was just telling me a few days ago they had a great day with Trout but they were over 15 feet deep. Last but not least try and fish the tides, coming in or going out. This is pushing cooler water around and will help with the bite. If your shore fishing you should follow the same steps as boat fishing, early and late and on the moving tides. Until next week, Happy Fishing!



**Brycen Thompson took first place in flounder.** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



**Virgil Fletcher took first place in sea bass.** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

then worked the middle of the cut, where they got grouper, rock bass and flounder, everything but pinfish and trout and in and about Dog Island.

"He reels it up, he gets the fish, he de-hooks him," said Josh Carroll. "He takes the rods, he puts them in the holders, he makes sure the tackle box is closed.

"He's not cutting bait yet," he said.

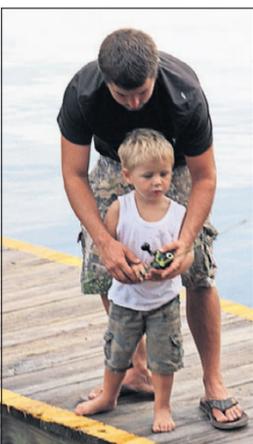
"That's fine with mama," chimed in Linzy Ratliff, Traesyn's mother. "A knife around my baby? No sir."

Josh Carroll did note that his son is learning to cut the line with a knife.

Last year Traesyn landed a speckled trout at the C-Quarter's tourney, and in June, he took second place in redfish.

"He remembers spots," marveled his grandmother, Diane Swisher. "He remembers where he caught things. He said during snapper season that he wanted to go offshore."

Steve Morris served as weighmaster, along with Jim Lawhon, Mary's son,



**Hunter Brannan, 3, who took third in ladyfish, with his dad Gage.** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

from Franklinton, Louisiana. Nancy Morris was scribe, and Susan Pinson, from Melrose, was sergeant major, making sure the kids, and their parents, behaved themselves.

And of course Jimmy Crowder was out there, helping present the trophies, proud of the tourney he's nourished and grown for 14 years.



**Alvin Howard with his great-grandkids, Bentley, left, who took second place in catfish, and Everley Paramore.** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



**Stanley Douglas took third place in speckled trout.** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

### And the winners are...

#### SPANISH MACKEREL

1. Traesyn Carroll
2. Reece Brannan
3. Jaceten Dean

#### CROAKER

1. Jacelynn Thompson
2. Josie Grubbs

#### FLOUNDER

1. Brycen Thompson
2. Drew Summer

#### LADYFISH

1. Maddie Denman
2. Ashton Dalton
3. Hunter Brannan

#### TROUT

1. Jeremiah Daniels
2. Luke Starnes
3. Stanley Douglas

#### PINFISH

1. Emileigh Messer
2. Justin Cahoon
3. Hunter Cook

#### CATFISH

1. Khrista Litton
2. Bentley Paramore
3. Kayleigh Messer

#### BLACK SEA BASS

1. Virgil Fletcher
2. Shea Griffis
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# SPORTS

## BOYS FOOTBALL

# Seahawks talking a playoff berth

By Pat McCann  
Special to the Times

EAST POINT — Tony Yeomans was putting on the brakes recently for some of the runaway expectations for this Franklin County football team.

“When I got here, people were talking about winning a football game,” Yeomans said. “Now they’re talking about the playoffs. I’m like, ‘whoa.’”

At the same time, Yeomans welcomes the rekindled enthusiasm surrounding the Seahawks’ program following their 6-4 turnaround in the former FSU offensive lineman’s first season at the helm. That contrasts with four wins in four seasons under three head coaches prior to Yeoman’s arrival.

He also reminds, “they know what it takes now, but what they did last year is done.”

That balances out rather nicely, however, because players have bought into the work ethic to the extent they’re bringing others with them to the weight room. In the past, coaches often had to round them up and transport them.

Franklin County will play a schedule mirroring 2017, when after opening with three losses the Seahawks came within a field goal of winning their last seven games.

The difference, Yeomans freely admitted, was a philosophy change away from a spread attack to a Wing-T approach grounded in misdirection.

“In 1A, you just don’t have the athletes to run the spread,” said Yeomans, who came to East-point from Wakulla, a Class

### 2018 Schedule

**Aug. 17:** Liberty County (kick-off classic)  
**Aug. 24:** FAMU  
**Aug. 31:** North Bay Haven  
**Sept. 7:** at Bell  
**Sept. 14:** at Liberty County  
**Sept. 21:** Sneads  
**Oct. 5:** at Branford  
**Oct. 12:** Lighthouse Christian Academy  
**Oct. 19:** at Cottontdale  
**Oct. 26:** Wewahitchka

**Nov. 2:** Quincy Munroe, 6 p.m.

2017 Results (Region 2-1A, 6-4)  
FAMU 14-18  
North Bay Haven 0-20  
Bell 0-8  
Liberty County 52-6  
Sneads 21-12  
Branford 35-6  
Lighthouse Christian 55-23  
Cottontdale 28-30  
Wewahitchka 17-14  
Munroe 49-8

5A program. “Here you have so many kids going both ways. When you run the spread they’re running all the time.

“We gassed them. We changed to the Wing-T and our turnover margin went from four in a game to one, and sometimes none. When you don’t turn it over you’ve got a chance to win football games, and especially the way our defense played was outstanding.”

Yeomans was busy throughout the summer taking his players to college camps to give them a glimpse of the next level. And he has some athletes who made the most of the opportunity.

“We went to seven camps this summer, not like Florida State, but places they can play at,” Yeomans said. “We have two kids who’ve already been offered, and we’re hoping to have five or six kids sign in February.”

Leading the list are Ethan Riley and Alex Hardy. Riley was second team all-state with 1,432 yards rushing and nine

interceptions on defense.

Yeomans said that Riley is limited by his 5-foot-8 height, but not by his 4.5 speed. He’s attracted Faulkner State and Yeomans said that West Florida is in the mix.

Hardy is 6-3, 210 pounds, and his versatility projects him in varied directions for college coaches. FAMU has offered, Yeomans said.

“He has a chance to be special. He has great hands, is a great blocker.”

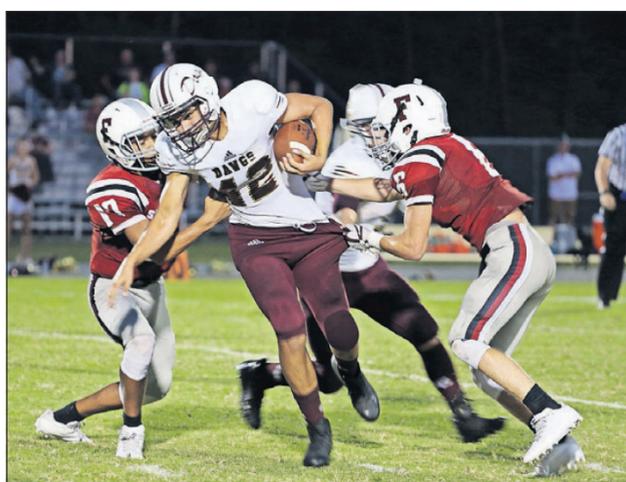
Lamarius Martin is a 5-9, 175-pound sophomore who can be used at quarterback, cornerback or wide receiver. He runs a 4.65.

Tonnor Segree is a 6-4, 205-pound defensive end who had eight sacks last season, and Rufus Townsend has supplied the cornerstone of the defense at linebacker where he’s averaged 120 stops a season the past two years.

To supplement their talent, Yeomans said a quarterback has transferred in from Liberty County and the rising eighth- and ninth-grade



#8 Ethan Riley makes his cut in action against Branford last season. [JENNIFER EDWARDS PHOTOS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Seahawk #17 freshman Lamarius Martin and #6 junior Colton Evans take down a Bulldog runner last season.

classes probably have more athletic potential than their predecessors.

“This team is bigger, stronger and faster,” Yeomans said. “We should have a chance if we don’t turn the football over, with our defense.

“If we can make it through

the year without (key) injuries we have a chance to be in the playoffs.”

You can forgive Yeomans for running through his own roadblock at the top of the page. Hey, there’s excitement over this football season to the east in Franklin County.

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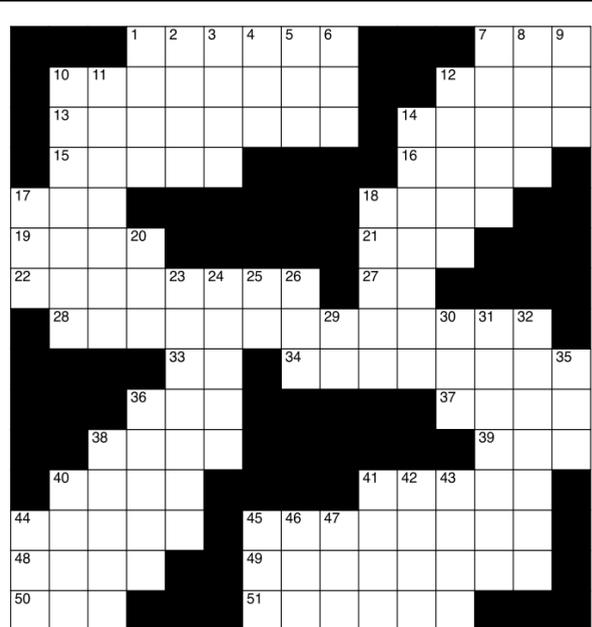
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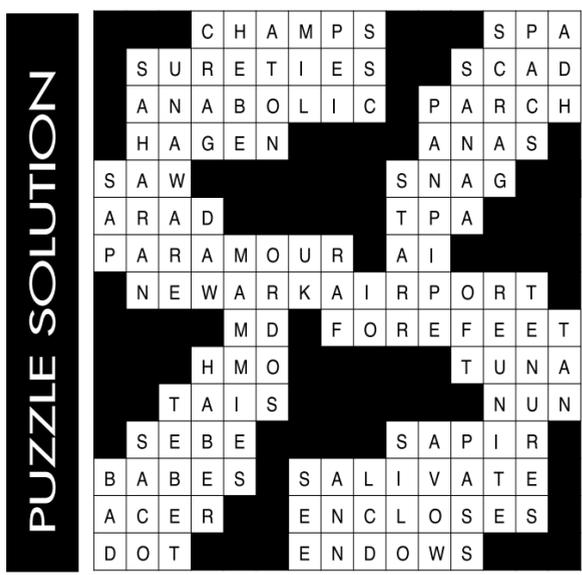


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. The winners
- 7. A place to relax
- 10. Monies to pay debts
- 12. Horse mackerel
- 13. Type of steroid
- 14. Make dry
- 15. The Godfather's adopted son
- 16. Ivanovic and Gasteyer
- 17. Horror movie franchise
- 18. Grab
- 19. Iranian city
- 21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 22. One's illicit lover
- 27. Fake smarts (abbr.)
- 28. Where Jersey natives depart from
- 33. Doctor
- 34. Front feet
- 36. Insurance option
- 37. Some is "wicked"
- 38. Type of weaving
- 39. Religious woman
- 40. One point east of southeast
- 41. Prestigious literary prize
- 44. Tiny humans
- 45. Relish over
- 48. Computer manufacturer
- 49. Envelops
- 50. One type is dippin'
- 51. Bequeaths

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Dice game
- 2. Greek goddess of youth
- 3. Piers Anthony protagonist
- 4. One-thousandth of an inch
- 5. JFK Library architect
- 6. A type of corrosion (abbr.)
- 7. Beat up
- 8. Political action committees
- 9. Antidiuretic hormone
- 10. Of the desert
- 11. Oblivious of
- 12. Actress Lathan
- 14. Musical instrument
- 17. It's in a plant
- 18. One-time special prosecutor
- 20. Indigenous people of Brazil
- 23. Mothers
- 24. Mongolian desert
- 25. Great Britain, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- 26. British air aces
- 29. A lover to Zeus
- 30. Frequently
- 31. Get together again
- 32. Gives a permanent post
- 35. Sun worshippers love one
- 36. Ammonia-producing process
- 38. 4th month of the Jewish calendar
- 40. New England river
- 41. Stores grain
- 42. Confess openly
- 43. Quarterbacks do it
- 44. Not good
- 45. Witness
- 46. Author Coulter
- 47. Type of screen



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**1. Which was a foolish character in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing"?**  
Crawford, Jesterly, Simon, Dogberry

**2. What NFL team's cheerleaders are known as the "Goldrush Girls"?**

Falcons, 49ers, Saints, Jets

**3. Which state college is located in a city called "State College"?**

Rice, Idaho State, Brown, Penn State

**4. What country often is called the "World's Rice Bowl"?**

Vietnam, Laos, China, India

**5. Who has been the oldest elected U.S. president?**

Carter, Wilson, Trump, Reagan

**6. What animal symbolizes courage?**

Snake, Beaver, Lion, Elephant

**ANSWERS:** 1. Dogberry, 2. 49ers, 3. Penn State, 4. China, 5. Trump, 6. Lion

**F-STOP FRANKLIN**

# Back to school already?

**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.

Well, it's hard to imagine, but school starts back next week. Now, if you have a good summer photo, please share. The Times welcomes readers to send us their best photographs, whether they capture summer fun, a warm smile, brilliant color, an unusual image, person, place or thing, we want it. Photos can be of any subject, but we especially like people.

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[JAMES HARGROVE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]  
**Father and son fishing under full moon on St. George Island**



**This row of mailboxes, along U.S. 98, caught the photographer's eye, and brought to mind Carly Simon's song, "Letters Never Sent."** [LYDIA COUNTRYMAN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



**Strolling at sunset on St. George Island.** [JO PEARMAN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



**A great white egret at McKissack Point next to Boggy Jordan Bayou in Carrabelle.**

[ROD GASCHE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



**Mirror images.**

[ROGER MUTERSPAUGH | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

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## Don't miss Back-to-School Bash Friday

The Franklin County School District and Franklin's Promise Coalition have joined together to host a community-wide back-to-school event on Friday, August 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the school board office - the former Brown Elementary School - in Eastpoint.

The district has partnered with many area agencies and businesses to provide back-to-school resources as well as distribute donations to all Franklin County families.

While supplies last, resources and services include:

- Free clothes, shoes, toiletries and more
- School supplies/backpacks
- Free haircuts
- Bounce House

- Free food
- Immunizations for students entering seventh grade
- Health and sports physicals

Doors will open at 3 p.m. Items available while supplies last

Sponsors currently include Franklin's Promise, Southern Belles Salon, Coastal Cutz, Christy Thompson, Pancare, Franklin County Emergency Management, Franklin County Health Department, Sanders and Duncan Law Firm, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Carrabelle IGA, and the Piggly Wiggly.

To find out how your business or organization can participate in the community-wide event contact the district office at 670-2810.



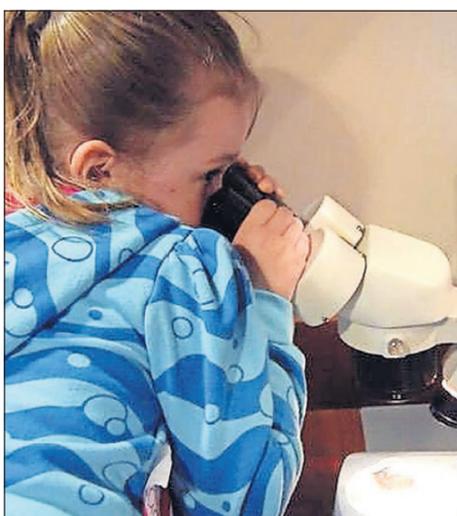
Linda Armstrong points out marine life in a tank at ANERR to Ezra Hernandez. [ PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN KESSEL ]

## Fantastic Fridays visits ANERR

Children in Franklin County visited the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve last week as part of Bring Me A Book Franklin's Fantastic Fridays. An

estuary, such as Apalachicola Bay, is where freshwater and saltwater meet. Thank you, Research Reserve, for the day of learning, fun, and tattoos! On Friday, August 3, the

last of the Fantastic Fridays, the children will visit the Orman House Historic State Park. For information, email Karen Kessel at karen\_kessel@yahoo.com.



Zara Carter peers through a microscope at ANERR. [ PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN KESSEL ]



Jeff Dutrow points out marine life in an ANERR tank to Neo Robinson. [ PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN KESSEL ]



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NOTICE OF  
APPLICATION  
FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN THAT GARY  
MITCHELL, the holder  
of the following certifi-  
cate has filed said certifi-  
cate for a TAX DEED to  
be issued thereon.  
The certificate number  
and year of issuance,  
the description of the  
property, and the  
names in which it was  
assessed are as fol-  
lows:

PARCEL ID#  
20-075-07W-0000-0020-0  
000

CERTIFICATE NUM-  
BER: 1017

CERTIFICATE YEAR:  
2011

DESCRIPTION OF  
PROPERTY: LOTS 13,  
14, 15 AND 16,  
BLOCK 247 (OLD  
BLOCK 84) OF  
KEOUGH'S  
SECOND ADDITION,  
IN THE CITY OF  
CARRABELLE, AC-  
CORDING TO THE  
PLAT THEREOF AS  
RECORDED IN PLAT  
BOOK 2, PAGES(S)  
20, OF THE PUBLIC  
RECORDS OF  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH  
THAT CERTAIN MO-  
BILE HOME SITUATE  
THERON  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
N/A

NAME IN WHICH AS-  
SESSED: Randall W.  
Scott and David E.  
Snyder

All of said property be-  
ing in the State of Fla-  
rida, County of Franklin.  
Unless such certificate  
or certificates shall be  
redeemed according to  
the law the property  
described in such certi-  
ficate or certificates  
will be sold to the high-  
est bidder at the Court-  
house door on the First  
(1st) Monday in the  
month of AUGUST,  
2018 which is the 6TH  
day of AUGUST, 2018  
AT 11:00 A.M.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON  
(SEAL)  
CLERK OF COURT  
FRANKLIN COUNTY,  
FLORIDA

BY: Lauren Luberto,  
Deputy Clerk  
Pub: July 12, 19, 26,  
August 2, 2018

21107T  
NOTICE OF  
APPLICATION  
FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN THAT MARGA-  
RET POSTEN, the  
holder of the following  
certificate has filed said  
certificate for a TAX  
DEED to be issued  
thereon. The certifi-  
cate number and year of  
issuance, the descrip-  
tion of the property, and  
the names in which it  
was assessed are as fol-  
lows:

PARCEL ID#  
03-085-05W-1001-0000-0  
070

CERTIFICATE NUM-  
BER: 617

CERTIFICATE YEAR:  
2014

DESCRIPTION OF  
PROPERTY: Lot 7,  
BAY MAGNOLIA,  
according to the plat  
thereof, recorded in

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Plat Book 8, Page 14,  
of the Public Records  
of Franklin County,  
Florida

PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
N/A

NAME IN WHICH AS-  
SESSED: Bay Magnolia  
LLC, a Florida Limited  
Liability Company

All of said property be-  
ing in the State of Fla-  
rida, County of Franklin.  
Unless such certificate  
or certificates shall be  
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August 2, 2018

21109T  
NOTICE OF  
APPLICATION  
FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN THAT STEPHEN  
& CAROLYN  
COLEMAN, the holder  
of the following certifi-  
cate has filed said certifi-  
cate for a TAX DEED to  
be issued thereon.  
The certificate number  
and year of issuance,  
the description of the  
property, and the  
names in which it was  
assessed are as fol-  
lows:

PARCEL ID#  
14-075-04W-3131-0000-0  
020

CERTIFICATE NUM-  
BER: 319

CERTIFICATE YEAR:  
2012

DESCRIPTION OF  
PROPERTY: Lot 2,  
Block "0", Lanark  
Beach tfl, per map or  
plat thereof recorded  
in Plat Book 2, Page  
13, Public Records of  
Franklin County, Florida

PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
163 Idaho Street, Lan-  
ark Beach, FL 32322

NAME IN WHICH AS-  
SESSED: Charles M.  
Smith

All of said property be-  
ing in the State of Fla-  
rida, County of Franklin.  
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Deputy Clerk  
Pub: July 12, 19, 26,  
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21269T  
NOTICE OF CDBG  
SECOND PUBLIC  
HEARING

The Apalachicola City  
Commissioner will con-  
duct a second public  
hearing to obtain com-  
ments on the City's pro-  
posed application to the  
Florida Department of  
Economic Opportunity  
(DEO) for a federal FY  
2017 Small Cities  
Community Development  
Block Grant (CDBG)  
of up to \$650,000.

The CDBG grant will in-  
clude replacement and  
rehabilitation of the  
sewer collection sys-  
tem (primarily man-  
holes) south of 12th  
Street (Bluff Road),  
north of Prado/Brown-  
ville Road, on 24th and  
25th Avenues, as well  
as on Timothy  
Simmons, Bobby Cato,  
16th and 15th and Rex  
Buzzett Streets and on  
Avenue M and L. If suf-  
ficient funds are avail-  
able, water line (valves  
and fire hydrants) re-  
placement may be in-  
cluded within the same  
area as the sewer re-  
placement. Water  
meters may also be re-  
placed at the Apalachicola  
Housing Authority  
apartment complexes at  
12th and 11th  
Streets and off of Avenue  
H, if there are sufficient  
funds.

The project will meet  
the national objective  
of Benefit to  
Low/Moderate Income  
Persons because it will  
improve sewer collec-  
tion and water distribu-  
tion capacity in an area  
of the City where the  
majority of residents  
are in the very low/low/moderate  
income range. There will  
be no displacement of  
households or busi-  
nesses as a result of this  
project.

Sewer replacement  
\$559,032  
Engineering  
\$ 38,968  
Administration  
\$52,000  
Total  
\$650,000

To obtain or review a  
draft of the CDBG ap-  
plication, contact Lee  
Mathes, City Adminis-  
trator, at the City Hall, 1  
Avenue E, Apalachicola,  
Florida 32320,  
e-mail: [leemathes@cityofapalachicola.com](mailto:leemathes@cityofapalachicola.com), or  
phone 850-653-9319, during  
the hours of 8:00 a.m. -  
noon and 1:00 - 4:00  
p.m. Written comments  
will be accepted by Ms.  
Mathes until 3:00 p.m.  
on the day of the public  
hearing. The final ap-  
plication will be on file  
at that office on or be-  
fore August 13, 2018,  
the submission dead-  
line date.

This meeting will be  
held during the regular

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city commission meet-  
ing, which begins at  
6:00 p.m. on August 7,  
2018, at the Commu-  
nity Center, 1 Bay Ave-  
nue, Apalachicola.  
Questions regarding  
the meetings should be  
directed to Lee Mathes.  
Any person wishing to  
attend and requiring an  
interpreter or special  
accommodations should  
contact the City Clerk's  
Office at (850) 653-9319 (or call 711  
for the Florida Relay  
Service for hearing im-  
paired TTY/TDD) at  
least two business  
days prior to the meet-  
ing.  
August 2, 2018

21287T  
NOTICE FOR SEALED  
PROPOSALS

Deadline: 08/17/18  
prior to 10:00 AM  
E.S.T.

Delivery Point: Apa-  
lachicola Bay Charter  
School, 98 12th Street,  
Apalachicola, FL  
32320

Type of Response Al-  
lowed: Hard Copy  
Only

Issuing Agency: Apa-  
lachicola Bay Charter  
School  
Special Notices: Insur-  
ance Required  
ACCEPTING VENDOR  
QUESTIONS:  
Due Date: 8/16/2018  
prior to 2:00 PM E.S.T.  
Primary Contact Name:  
Elizabeth Kirvin, Assis-  
tant Principal  
E m a i l :  
[ekirvin@abceagles.org](mailto:ekirvin@abceagles.org)

SUMMARY OF  
SPECIFICATIONS:

The Apalachicola Bay  
Charter School is ac-  
cepting sealed propos-  
als to provide Mental  
Health Services in ac-  
cordance with the  
specifications, terms  
and conditions stated  
herein. The scope of  
work will include pro-  
viding counseling ses-  
sions to students at  
ABC School, and pro-  
vide educational ses-  
sions to staff on how to  
identify mental health  
issues with students,  
coordinate care and  
document a multi-disciplinary  
approach to treatment  
planning.  
Pub: August 2, 2018

21289T  
NOTICE FOR SEALED  
PROPOSALS

Deadline: 08/17/18  
prior to 10:00 AM  
E.S.T.

Delivery Point: Apa-  
lachicola Bay Charter  
School, 98 12th Street,  
Apalachicola, FL  
32320

Type of Response Al-  
lowed: Hard Copy  
Only

Issuing Agency: Apa-  
lachicola Bay Charter  
School  
Special Notices: Insur-  
ance Required  
ACCEPTING VENDOR  
QUESTIONS:  
Due Date: 8/16/2018  
prior to 2:00 PM E.S.T.  
Primary Contact Name:  
Elizabeth Kirvin, Assis-  
tant Principal  
E m a i l :  
[ekirvin@abceagles.org](mailto:ekirvin@abceagles.org)

SUMMARY OF  
SPECIFICATIONS:

The Apalachicola Bay  
Charter School is ac-  
cepting sealed propos-  
als to provide Physical  
Therapy Services in ac-  
cordance with the  
specifications, terms  
and conditions stated  
herein. The scope of  
work will include pro-  
viding physical therapy  
services to special  
education students as  
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be able to work inde-  
pendently, processing  
sales, handling money,  
cleaning facility, stock-  
ing merchandise and  
knowledge of golf  
course rules.  
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# LAW ENFORCEMENT

## 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.

### July 24

William Garrett Shiver, 25,

Havana, driving while license suspended or revoked - second offense; \$500 bond (FCSO)  
 Daniel Lee Page, 40, Apalachicola, withholding child support; \$200 bond (FCSO)

### July 25

Christopher Andrew Dowden, 34, Eastpoint, disorderly conduct; released on own recognizance (APD)

### July 26

Mary Rachel Louise Nowling, 30, Eastpoint, three counts of possession of opioids, two counts of sale of amphetamine; \$5,000 bond (FCSO)  
 Amanda Nowling, 36, Eastpoint, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, uttering a false instrument, larceny - theft of more than \$300 and less than \$5,000; \$15,000 bond (FCSO)

Bobby Gene Shiver, 52, Apalachicola, three counts of violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)  
 Howard L. Enfinger, 43, Apalachicola, failure to appear; released on own recognizance (FCSO)  
 Kevin Leeland Williams, 26, Eastpoint, violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)  
 Jessica Nicole Burch, 34, Apalachicola, two counts violation of community control; held without bond (FCSO)

### July 27

Dona Marge Roberts, 35, Carrabelle, three counts of violation of probation; held without bond (CPD)  
 Jeremy Wayne Roberts, 28, Tallahassee, domestic battery; \$500 bond (FCSO)

### July 28

Jesse Lee Pulham, 30, Alligator Point, burglary of an occupied dwelling - unarmed; \$2,500 bond (FCSO)

# What's up with the Osprey?

A trio of visitors from southeastern Oklahoma last week staying on St. George Island - Kristen Slusser and twin 17-year-old daughters Mackenzie and Madison - spotted this CV-22 Osprey flying along the shore on Thursday afternoon, July 26, and wondered from whence it came. So did we, and we have an answer.

It came not from Tyndall Air Force Base but from Hurlburt Field, an Air Force installation in Okaloosa County, just west of Mary Esther. Part of the

greater Eglin Air Force Base reservation, Hurlburt is home to the headquarters of the Air Force Special Operations Command, and the 1st Special Operations Wing.

"We can confirm the CV-22 Osprey in the photo is one of our aircraft conducting normal training operations," said Air Force 2nd Lt. Steven Bodovinitz, with the public affairs office of the 1st Special Operations Wing. "These training missions are routine in nature and ensure our continued



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readiness in regards to our mission."

Kristen Slusser also commented. "It was awesome!"

she wrote to us. "The Osprey was just magnificent! And aren't those things around \$71 million?"

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