

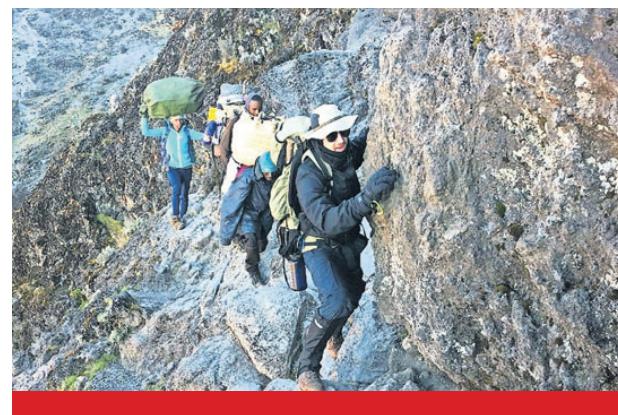
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### OUT TO SEE

#### Pork-Off Monday on the island

The fifth annual Pork Off, formerly known as the Locals Rib Cook Off, will be held on Monday, Sept. 3 at Paddy's Raw Bar on St George Island. BBQ and Rib plates will be on sale at \$10 a plate, from 11 a.m. until all gone. There will be live music by Brian Bowen. All proceeds benefit the sixth annual Pink Out on Friday, Oct. 5.

#### Want to become a Guardian ad Litem?

Want to create a better future for your community? Change the story of a child in Wakulla or Franklin County. Become their voice; become a Guardian ad Litem.

The Guardian ad Litem Program supports children who have experienced abuse and neglect. The program's volunteers and staff advocate for these children in the court and community ensuring their needs are met.

Wakulla and Franklin County volunteer two-day training is Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville

To register, please contact 850-606-1213 or visit [www.gal2.org](http://www.gal2.org)

#### Evening at the Edge of the Sea

Come join us at the Florida State University Coastal & Marine Laboratory in St. Teresa for "An Evening on the Edge of the Sea" to learn about the wondrous sea life along our pristine shores and shallows.

The evening of Saturday, Sept. 8 kicks off with a brief overview of local ecology, followed by a short tour of the Lab, when you will meet some of the local marine denizens in our seawater touch-tanks. We then walk the exposed tidal flats to see an array of fascinating creatures. The evening ends in the auditorium for some Q & A, visiting and refreshments.

Katrina Bayliss, a marine technician at the lab, will conduct the course. Previously, she worked for 3½ years as a benthic ecology research tech at the Smithsonian Marine Station in Ft. Pierce.

Edge of the Sea workshops start at 5 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Class size is limited to 20 people. The minimum age is 7 years old. No upper limit at all! We do ask that all 7-13 year olds are accompanied by a paying adult.

Register online by September 7 by visiting [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu). Bring old sneakers or other close-toed shoes. No sandals or other open-toed shoes. Also bring your innate curiosity along.

## Shuler elected judge

### Kirvin re-elected, Davis elected to school board

By David Adlerstein

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For the first time in 30 years, Franklin County will have a new county judge.

Apalachicola attorney J. Gordon Shuler, with 2,250 votes, representing 57 percent of the vote, defeated Apalachicola attorney Barbara Sanders, with 1,626 votes, to be elected judge. A third candidate, Roseanna Bronhard, secured 69 votes, or a little less than 2 percent of the vote.

"I feel a lot of gratitude,"



Davis



Kirvin



Martin



Watson

said Shuler. "I have been blessed with a lot of people who have worked hard and believed in me."

"Barbara Sanders fought a hard race, we both have practiced together in a small town and we've known each other a long time, and I'm glad that the people chose me and I appreciate that," he said. "I thank her for fighting a good, hard, clean race."

"I always believe in treating people with dignity and respect, and she and I will continue to treat

each other that way," Shuler said.

As per the rules, Shuler plans to wind down his law practice in advance of his being sworn in the first week of January. "I'll close out what cases I have, I cannot practice and be a judge," he said.

"I want to thank the people for giving me this opportunity to serve," Shuler said. "I ran in the race because I believed strongly I was the most

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## Roaming charges



This dog, made homeless by the Lime Rock Road fire, was found weeks later in another part of Eastpoint, and returned to its rightful owner. [CARLA GIBBS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

### We love our pets but others fear them

By Jennifer Sheffield

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Logging into any social media in Franklin County reads like a canine rap sheet.

There is a public service announcement post most every day about loose dogs for sale, or available for pick up, citing their crimes against cats and trespasses onto private properties, all of which raise questions about personal responsibility and animal control.

"People, what's up?" Frederic Kahler, of

Apalachicola recently asked. "So many dogs are roaming without leashes, and often as packs. They gallop down the highways, where drivers honk at them and pop into yards and parking lots, and poop without cleanup."

"These dogs not only can kill, or harm other creatures including children, but can get hit, and trusting canines can be stolen," he wrote.

To this point, Heather Carroll of Eastpoint posted that a gray puppy growled at her daughter on her porch last week. "We never had a problem," she wrote, after posting the animal on a yard sale site, warning the owner

that animal control will be called.

Franklin County Animal Control officer Albert "Bulldog" Floyd said they see these unofficial reports, but the trend toward posting offenses online, instead of making a phone call the first time a face-to-snout confrontation happens, makes issuing notices and passing out violations difficult, plus dogs potentially more dangerous if they return.

He said they get more calls when school buses start running, and will during upcoming hunting season, but problems are year-round.

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Facing default, Apalachicola proposes rate hike for sewer

### Monthly bills would jump in effort to stabilize loan debt

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Faced with an enormous sewer system debt that's gone into default, Apalachicola plans to pour a lot of money down the drain next year.

Into the sewer system that is, funded through a proposed hefty rate increase on both residential and commercial users.

"We are one emergency away from financial disaster," said City Manager Ronald Nalley in remarks that accompanied a detailed preliminary 2018-19 budget to city commissioners at their first budget workshop August 22.

"We are in default on a

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Carrabelle to keep millage unchanged

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For the fourth consecutive year, Carrabelle's millage rate will remain at 9.0 mills, but with a healthy hike in its tax base, this will bring into city coffers about \$30,000 than last year.

Carrabelle saw a jump in its property values of \$5.5 million, from \$104.3 million to \$109.8 million, or about 5 percent, almost double the percentage hike of a year ago.

This growth in the tax base means that millage will bring in about \$950,000 in ad valorem tax revenue compared to \$920,000 last year.

At the first of two of its budget workshops last week, city commissioners considered three main changes to its city budget. Some of these adjustments were because several entities have become self-sustaining or taken on their own utility payments including the airport, the Crooked River Lighthouse, and Camp Gordon Johnston museum.

The first order of business is to hire a third streets and roads employee, "because grass is getting long," said Mayor Brenda La Paz. This priority, although unfunded at this time, is followed by a request by the police

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# Indian Creek ramp open for business

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The Indian Creek boat ramp in Eastpoint is now open for public use.

The refurbishing of the ramp, which ran about \$629,000 including engineering and construction costs, is one of six recreational use projects for the county that make up Phase III Early Restoration Projects selected by the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Trustees for restoring natural resources and services injured or lost as a result in Florida caused by the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

"The department is always looking for opportunities to partner with local communities on projects to enhance the use and enjoyment of Florida's coastal resources," said DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein. "DEP is proud to partner with Franklin County on the Indian Creek project, which will provide increased public access and recreational opportunities."

The enhancements to the existing ramp include a new, deeper boat ramp, aluminum access gangway and floating dock, replacement of existing bulkhead with steel sheet piling and concrete cap, safety fencing, handicap parking space, and improved parking for vehicles and boat trailers.

"There was a ramp that was put in I don't know when," said County Planner Mark Curenton. "The concrete sections were misaligned, it was a very poor ramp."

One item that was in the original plans, to construct



The new Indian Creek boat ramp [ PHOTO COURTESY OF FDEP ]

restroom facilities and connect them to an existing central wastewater facility nearby, was not built.

Faced with limited available funds, county commissioners in July 2015 voted unanimously to remove the bathroom from the project, if needed, and made the ramp improvements and parking expansion their higher priorities.

Curenton said the state handled the entire project, which was completed by H.G. Harders out of Panama City.

"Hopefully more people will use it, it's nearer to the summer bars," he said. "I would expect during certain times of the year it will be well used and other times of year it won't be heavily used."

Commissioner Ricky Jones said county residents "are grateful for the renovations that were completed recently at the Indian Creek boat ramp in Eastpoint. All the residents, as well as our visitors, are going to be benefited for years to come with this commercial/recreational ramp. On behalf of our residents, I would like to express my thanks for the completed project."

The Indian Creek project is part of a \$1.48 million NRDA expenditure on county parks and boat ramps. These include the soon-to-be completed Waterfront Park project at the former Lombardi Seafood property, which will enhance existing parking and adjacent tie-up

docks at the existing park. In addition an existing onsite building will be enhanced to serve as an information center and dockmaster office.

Also included are enhancements to the Eastpoint Fishing Pier, which include the construction of new restrooms and a holding tank at the existing public pier.

Initially, enhancements to the St. George Island Fishing Pier Improvements, which in addition to new restrooms and a holding tank, called for renovating the existing bulkhead. The St. George Island project, however, has been dropped as a NRDA project, and the funds returned back to other county NRDA projects.

The Bald Point State Park

Recreation Areas project, which will cost about \$470,800 in NRDA money, includes putting in picnic pavilions, boardwalks, and a restroom with an associated aerobic treatment system and drainfield at the park in Alligator Point. Also, a boardwalk and floating dock for use as a canoe/kayak launch will be constructed at the park.

The Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area fishing and wildlife viewing access improvements, at a cost of \$263,000, include the construction of a boardwalk on the quarter-mile Sand Beach interpretive trail, and the construction of a fishing and wildlife observation structure and associated parking at Cash Bayou.

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# ELECTION

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qualified. I promise to be fair and hardworking and dependable."

Tuesday's balloting set up what promises to be an exciting race for tax collector.

In the GOP race for tax collector, incumbent Rick Watson took 793 votes, or 62 percent of the vote, to defeat challenger Jamie Crum, who got 482 votes.

On the Democratic side, Teresa Ann Martin amassed 1,444 votes, or 66 percent of the vote, to defeat Tami Ray-Hutchinson, who attracted 733 votes.

The two will square off in November, joined by a third candidate, Connie Polous, who is running without party affiliation.

"I am very excited and I'm very honored and I'm very grateful to have won this campaign," said Martin. "I wish Tami Ray Hutchinson all the best. They ran a great race and a clean race and I'm honored for that. I would like to thank my family and friends, for all their support."

"I look forward in the days to come to be back on the campaign trail, knocking on doors and getting ready for November," she said. "I believe with my experience, my knowledge and my dedication to the tax collector's office, I believe the people will come out and support me."

Watson said he too is looking forward to November.

"I'm feeling great," he said. "I was thrilled about the win, I thought it was a clean campaign and I thank everybody that supported me."

"I'm going after those Democratic votes and those independent votes," Watson said. "I think I have a good message."

In the race for School Board Seat #3, Fonda Davis Sr. gathered 565 votes, or 66 percent, against Roderick



Robinson Jr., who received 293 votes. He will succeed Martin, who stepped down in order to run for tax collector.

"I'm very excited about winning. I'm just ready to get to work on trying to help move the schools on vocational education," said Davis.

"My opponent ran a good, clean race I have the utmost respect for him," he said. "I truly thank everyone who voted, supported me, with prayers, whatever, and I look forward to working with them being part of a team to help the school system move forward."

In the race for School Board seat #4, incumbent Stacy Kirvin amassed 534 votes, or 62 percent, to defeat Christy Thompson, who collected 322 votes.

"I'm happy I won," said Kirvin. "Ms. Thompson ran a very clean race, she called me to congratulate me, and I commend her on that."

"As a school district we need to continue to move forward," said Kirvin, who has served as chair for the past two years. "I appreciate all the support people gave me. I really didn't know what to expect; I'm happy now I can concentrate solely on the job."

In the race for 2nd Circuit judge, Franklin County preferred David Frank, who gathered 45 percent of the vote, to 34 percent for D. Christine Thurman, and 21 percent for Lisa Barclay Fountain. That race will be decided in November, in a run-off between Frank and Fountain.

In the race for Congress, county voters preferred



**Jay Gordon Shuler, the newly elected county judge, hugs his daughter, Kayla Hernandez, and granddaughter Scarlett, after learning of his win.** [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

Brandon Peters as the Democratic nominee, as he attracted 63 percent of the vote to Bob Rackleff's 37 percent. Rackleff narrowly edged Peters to win that nomination, and he will face incumbent Republican Neal Dunn.

In the race for governor, county Democrats preferred Gwen Graham, as she secured 55 percent of the vote, while Andrew Gillum got 22 percent, Jeff Greene 8 percent, and Philip Levine 7 percent. Chris King gathered 4 percent of the votes, John Wetherbe 3 percent and Alex Lundmark 2 percent.

Gillum won the nomination and now will face Ron DeSantis in the fall.

Among Republicans, county voters preferred DeSantis, who drew 51 percent of the vote, to Adam

Putnam, who received 38 percent. None of the six other candidates got more than 4 percent of the vote, the highest going to Bob Langford, who drew 3.7 percent support from the county's GOP.

Governor Rick Scott picked up 83 percent of the Repub-

lican vote in his bid for the nomination to be senator. He will face incumbent Demo-crat Bill Nelson, who was unopposed for the nomination in the fall.

In the race for Agriculture Secretary, county Republicans preferred Matt Caldwell, with 42 percent of the vote, and Democrats liked Nikki Fried, with 44 percent of the vote. The two will square off in November.

In the race for attorney general, Democrats preferred Sean Shaw, with 67 percent of the vote, and GOP voters

liked Ashley Moody, with 58 percent of the vote. The two will go up against each other in November.

As far as turnout went, it turned out it was fairly modest on Election Day and very robust leading up to that.

In early voting, county voters cast 1,210 ballots, a new record, with 1,220 ballots cast by mail, also a fairly high number.

But on Election Day, only 1,560 voters came out to vote, leading to an overall turnout of 52.3 percent, which fall short of Supervisor of Elections Heather Riley's hopes of being above 70 percent.

"It was kind of a disappointment on Election Day," she said. "I thought we'd have a better turnout. But early voting was phenomenal."

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will meet in Executive Session at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida, on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. (ET), or as soon thereafter as the issue may be heard, to receive the advice of counsel concerning the following pending litigation:

*Franklin Boulevard Development, LLC vs. Franklin County, Florida. Case Number 2017-183-CA, pending before the circuit court, Franklin County, Florida.*

County Attorney Thomas M. Shuler, Chairman Joseph "Smokey" Parrish, County Commissioner Ricky Jones, County Commissioner Noah Lockley, Jr., County Commissioner Cheryl Sanders, and County Commissioner William Massey will be attending the Executive Session.

The entire Executive Session will be transcribed by a certified court reporter and filed with the County Clerk. The transcript of the Executive Session will be made a part of the public record upon conclusion of the above-referenced litigation.

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## Thank You

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- Fonda D. Davis, Sr.

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I am Connie Polous and I have worked in the Tax Collector's Office for 21 years and pleased to announce my candidacy to become your next elected Tax Collector in November 2018.

My husband of 38 years Dewitt Polous and I have both resided in Franklin County our entire lives and made our home in Eastpoint. We have two adult children, Eric Polous, wife Heather and Dona Brooke Polous. We also have 4 wonderful grandchildren, Bella, Kaci Brooke, Jase and Maverick. I am also very proud to be the daughter of the late George W. Dykes and Ruby Dykes who resides in Apalachicola and to be the daughter in law of the late Jesse James Polous and Mary Magdalene Polous of Eastpoint.

During my 21 years of service in the Tax Collectors Office, I have approached customer service, accountability and professionalism as a priority. I recognize it is an honor to serve the public and respect that the tax payers deserve integrity and accountability.

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I have been the Office Manager of the Carrabelle Annex Tax Collectors Office for 11 years after being promoted to the position in 2006. I have extensive knowledge of every aspect of the operations of the Tax Office. During my 21 years I have prepared myself with knowledge of the office and desired to become the elected Tax Collector at the appropriate time. My experience and extensive knowledge of all aspects of operating the office consist of proficiency in the Tax Department in where your tax revenues are collected, distributed and balance all accounts. Also, in the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Division, I have extensive knowledge of the Florida Statutes and efficient in apply the law to the issuance of tags, titles, licenses and concealed weapons. I managed and balanced the business accounts that are audited annually. I am very proud that the Carrabelle Annex Tax Collectors Office Audit Report was without any discrepancies under my immediate supervision and management.

The Tax Collectors Office has a variety of duties and operations that are mandated by Florida Statute and County Ordinance.

I have fulfilled the required duties and operations of this office and provided courteous service to you the citizens for 21 years until I was terminated by the newly governor appointed Tax Collector. I am humbly asking to serve you again. Therefore I need your vote and support in the November 6th 2018 election to do so.

I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one and should you have any questions please contact me at 850-653-5498 or email conniepolous@yahoo.com.

Please vote for me Connie Polous, non-partisan, for your next elected Tax Collector, November 6, 2018.

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# OPINION

## ARBOR OUTLOOK

### First downs, autumn Saturdays and Steve Earle



Margaret McDowell

**"We got a pretty good team, good boys, strong boys;  
District champs the last three years."**

From "No. 29" as performed by Steve Earle

**T**wo years ago on an autumn Saturday I lowered my home decor rating magazine and said across the room, "What's a first down?" My husband stared in wonder and surprise. In 37 years, it was the first football-related question I had ever initiated.

We talked about basic strategies and rules. Things evolved from there, and last year we purchased tickets and attended my first major college game in decades. I actually loved it.

The finer points and nuances of the game itself are still beyond me, though I cheer for our team. The winning and losing isn't nearly as important to me as the quality of the evening. A spectacle under the lights on a college campus feels like autumn should. Maybe it reminds me of my own collegiate years. Regardless, it's an exhilarating and powerful experience, the sounds of pre-game and halftime band performances, the passion of the students and fans; the color and pageantry of the scene. It's all captivating. And football means fall is around the corner.

It is typical of my timing that just when college football attendance is experiencing its first serious decline in decades, I have jumped on the bandwagon. Perhaps my long association with investing has created a contrarian's approach to fandom. Investing is an activity which, by definition, rewards those who avoid following the crowd. If you buy a security when everyone else is doing the same, frequently it has been bid up and it's likely that you're paying too high a price for it. This is not always the case; sometimes large numbers of investors purchase a security and it continues to increase in value. But, as the late financial journalist Louis Rukeyser once said, "Trees don't grow to the sky."

The trick is to locate a good company,

and then buy it during a downturn, or

when other investors are selling it. In this sense, a good investor must understand the value of a company, and then trust

that a decline in share price is temporary.

Market dynamics are changing, but many basic investing principles still apply. Simply stated, buy a good company, one which you'll be glad to own three to five years from now as well as today. And buy it a fair or advantageous price. To do so, you often must have the confidence to go against the grain and buy when others are selling. Then, during the next downturn, you must have the tenacity to hold when others are bailing.

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## EDITORIAL

### Two boards don't make a right

**T**he county commission may not have done anyone any favors in allowing for a split between Franklin's Promise and the emergency management office.

But when that's the only choice you're given, that's the choice you have to take.

The commissioners, faced with a direct refusal by Franklin's Promise to sign a contract drawn up by County Attorney Michael Shuler, did not entertain any further negotiations that would have slowed down the process, a step that often, in other unrelated matters, the county is willing to take. It is reasonable to assume the commissioners knew of and backed each of the contract's terms, including the one that most stuck in the craw of Franklin's Promise. They had the power to amend the terms, or extend the time period for talks.

The organization wrote in a press release nine days after their resignation that they had "concerns about the legal implications of a particular provision and needed time to research those items in the IRS code and Florida state law as well as seek legal counsel."

In other words, we got to lawyer up.

The release cited a provision, one of the last ones listed, that read "If Franklin's Promise is no longer Franklin County's ESF-15, designated as the agency to collect donations for the Wildfire, then the ownership of the Special Account shall be transferred either to Franklin County or a charitable organization selected by Franklin County within 30 calendar days written notice from Franklin County to Franklin's Promise. However, if Franklin's Promise is no longer Franklin County's ESF-15, it shall continue to be bound by the terms of this contract for five years after the date that Franklin's Promise is no longer Franklin County's ESF-15."

It does seem contradictory: How can you be bound to do a job for five years after you no longer are doing the job?

It also seems to be a question that would take (unless your lawyer is trying to draw out unnecessary billable hours) a matter of (even if he or she talked

slowly) minutes, not days. New York minutes, not kayaking down the Apalachicola River minutes.

As it turns out, the five-year provision is primarily designed to ensure recordkeeping is in order well past the end of an operation, hardly an onerous or objectionable condition.

Franklin's Promise goes on in its release to say that "it could not agree to the restrictions without review and advice of legal counsel in order to protect the interests of the intended beneficiaries, the victims of the Lime Rock fire; Franklin's Promise donors; and Franklin's Promise's mission to provide assistance to the residents of Franklin County."

It's the stuff after the "in order to protect" that's difficult to accept as a reasonable basis for intensifying the conflict, and eventually parting company. The unmistakable suggestion here is that Franklin's Promise is somehow exclusive in its foremost display of caring for these beneficiaries and their interests, implying that only that organization can be trusted to dole out the money fairly and efficiently.

There may be some truth to that – the list of dedicated Franklin's Promise volunteers is a lengthy one, and it seems the beneficiaries who Franklin's Promise says it cares so much about are grateful; and griping not, of their efforts. These people whose lives were torched by the blaze are worthy of having their interests protected.

There also seems to be a wholly unnecessary untruth to that as well. These beneficiaries have received the same sort of tender loving care from employees of the emergency management office, and the other county departments that pitched in. And when it comes time to disburse the money, pretty much the same people will be handling that decisionmaking as would be under Franklin's Promise – the many dedicated staffers with emergency management and with the entire county, in concert and consultation with the county commission and with the volunteers who know best the needs of the people on the ground.

The only difference will be that the county's authorized fiscal agent will be a different entity, likely Capital Area Community

Action, the Tallahassee-based non-profit that stepped in to buy \$200,000 worth of temporary trailers to serve those in need.

The nearly \$300,000 in donations raised so far through Franklin's Promise will not be going into the coffers of the county, to be spent on other things. It is being held in a separate account, and will be subject to all the transparency, and auditing and cost control requirements, as other county departments and earmarked funds and functions.

Franklin's Promise work as an umbrella social welfare organization is commendable. They have indeed, ably and effectively, improved communication and efficiencies among the many dedicated volunteers and volunteer organizations working to make the county a better place, especially for those who are vulnerable and most in need.

There is no criticism here of that work, instead only high praise.

The decision by Franklin's Promise to resign as the county's ESF-15 was not at the behest of the community. There was not widespread happiness with the performance of the group.

The county commission indeed bears some responsibility for not seeking to give Franklin's Promise more time to work out any problems the organization perceived in the contract. It had been a difficult summer and the month of July is typically not a great time for board meetings and quick decisionmaking.

Still, the lion's share of responsibility falls on the Franklin's Promise board, and its director Joe Taylor, who is known for taking an active hand in all aspects of the organization. The group had the opportunity to further cement its role as a major volunteer presence and to burnish its ties with the entire county. It would have further improved the organization's status as a trusted fundraiser on behalf of the victims of the Eastpoint fire, and of the wide swath of needy in this county.

Instead, they chose to pick a legalistic and fiscal fight with the county that didn't need to happen. This was not the community's fight, it was a boardroom fight, and it was the community's loss.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Franklin's Promise 'steadfast in our commitment'

On behalf of the board of directors and staff of Franklin's Promise Coalition, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of volunteers and donors who contributed to Franklin's Promise Coalition on behalf of the victims of the Eastpoint Fire on June 24.

There were convoys of trucks full of clothes, linens, mattresses, household goods and furniture arriving from as far as Pennsylvania and Ohio. High school kids spent their summer camp time organizing donations. People from all over the country ordered furniture and supplies delivered through online retailers. We organized telethons and fundraisers, and the community answered. We called on all our sources for funds and matching grants to add to the donations. The generosity of goods, money and time was truly awesome.

The money raised enabled Franklin's Promise Coalition to support Franklin County Emergency Management in meeting the immediate needs of victims and rescue workers, as well as to provide temporary shelter for human and animal victims after the fire. Lots were prepared with power poles, water and sewer hookups. Victims settled into intermediate housing in travel trailers and apartments.

with the help of volunteers. Furniture was delivered by volunteers to individuals moving into permanent new homes. Hundreds of volunteers selflessly gave thousands of hours of their time sorting, organizing and distributing the mountains of goods that were donated. As planned, the remainder of the funds has been identified by Franklin County to support efforts to purchase permanent housing for the fire victims.

Franklin's Promise Coalition has served as a part of the Emergency Services Function for Franklin County, coordinating donations and volunteers, for over 10 years, working through hurricanes and disasters. It has been my personal honor to serve as the chair of the Unmet Needs Committee for eight years. During all those years, this was the most amazing outpouring of love and concern imaginable. I can personally testify that God is alive and strong in Franklin County.

Franklin's Promise is steadfast in our commitment to serve our community as we have done for over 18 years. While our role in ensuring all Eastpoint Fire victims have temporary housing in place has been completed, our work in the larger community is far from over. We are committed to our mission:

"To improve the quality of life for residents, the Coalition

will serve as an advocate for the community and provide a forum for collaborating with service providers, churches, institutions, and volunteers to: improve access to quality services and eliminate disparities of service; streamline and prevent the duplication and fragmentation of services; identify unmet needs and determine strategies to meet those needs; educate individuals on challenges, resources and opportunities; and promote positive youth development while emphasizing the reduction of substance abuse and other negative behaviors."

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We invite you to join our team; our volunteers are the backbone of the organization. Please call me at 850-524-1153 if you want to be a part of our organization or for more details.

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# CHASING SHADOWS

## Turpentine days in Franklin County

**By James L. Hargrove**  
Special to the Times

The naval stores industry, which distilled turpentine from pine sap ("gum") and produced pine rosin, once afforded income to Franklin County landowners and laborers in forests from Tate's Hell north and from Indian Pass and St. George Island to Carrabelle.

In 1917, the Apalachicola Times noted two naval stores operations in town (see "Apalachicola booming a century ago," Feb. 23, 2017).

Because turpentine leases were recorded in county deed books and employment was listed in censuses, it is possible to track the rise and fall of the naval stores industry in the county, including the barrier islands. A state road map from 1936 shows the location of four turpentine stills operating in Franklin County, one owned by C.C. Land's High Bluff Company east of modern State Road 65 (See Figure 1).

### Turpentine before World War I

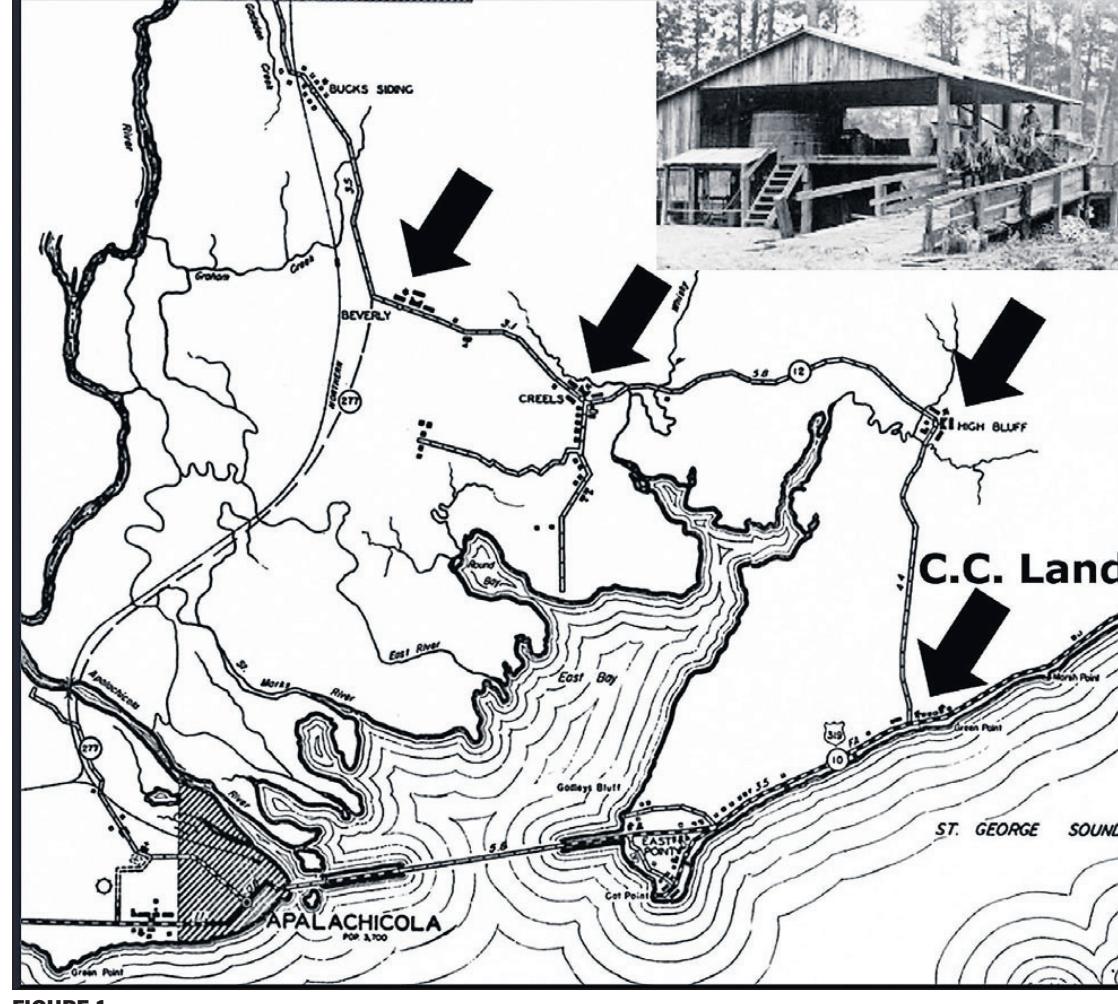
Around 1909, James McNeill Sr. purchased 13,000 acres of land near Indian Pass and established a turpentine operation. Indian Pass Raw Bar grew out of the old turpentine commissary after James McNeill Jr. combined turpentine with a seafood business. The McNeill family also ran a sawmill and after 1936 sold pulpwood to the paper mill that opened in Port St. Joe.

Pearl Porter Marshall, daughter of lighthouse keeper Edward Porter, recalled that all the pine trees on Little St. George were virgin forest until her father sold turpentine rights. A 1911 turpentine lease recorded in Franklin County deed books confirms that he conveyed the rights to cup and chip trees for turpentine to Mr. J. T. Bragdon, who operated a naval stores company in Apalachicola. The lease stated the work must begin the same year and would last for three years. The 1920 U.S. census lists John Bragdon and his son, Osceola, as turpentine workers.

Marshall also mentioned that she and her husband, Herbert, later leased rights to harvest turpentine to Martin Britt, who is also listed in the 1920 census as a turpentine worker. Both Britt and Bragdon had several sons who worked in naval stores and timber operations.

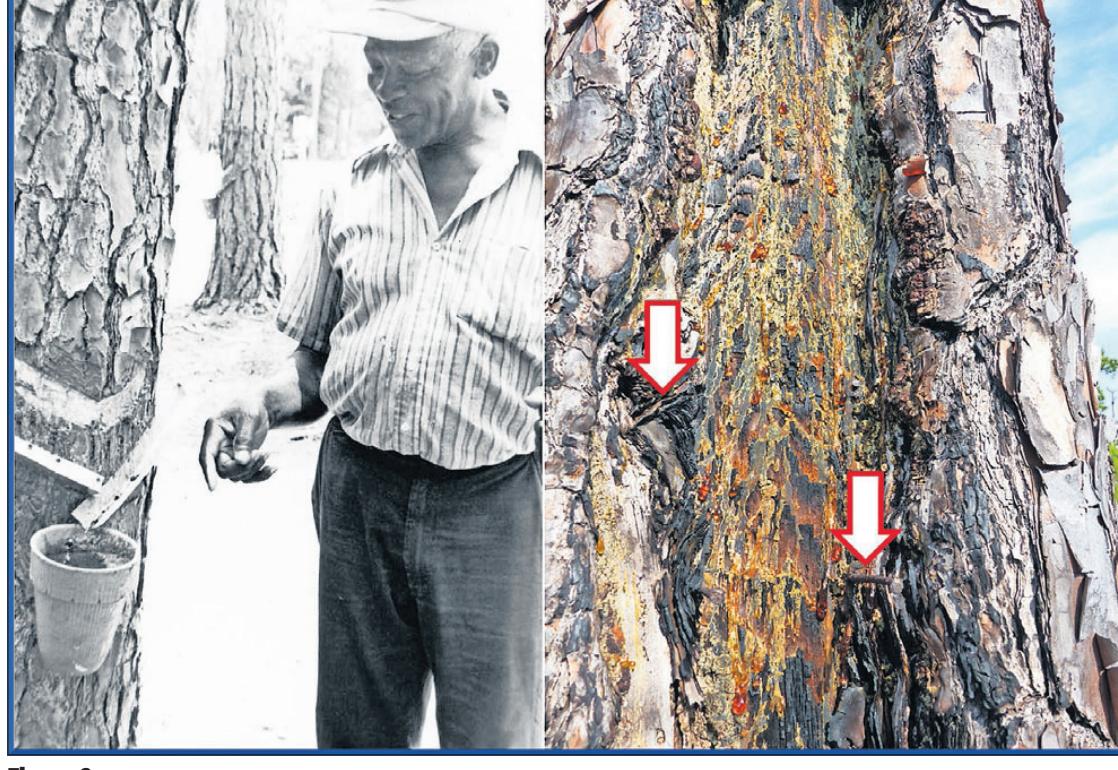
During the same period, Apalachicola businessman Homer L. Oliver leased turpentine rights on big St. George Island from George Saxon, a banker who purchased the entire island in 1910. Primarily a businessman, Oliver worked with Bragdon and in 1915 hired George Counts to manage his turpentine operations on St. George Island. The 1920 U.S. census lists George Counts, Sr. as a turpentine operator with his color listed as white. Several black men on the same page are listed as turpentine laborers.

Counts lived in quarters near Nick's Hole and supervised a turpentine crew of mostly African-American hands until 1918. In 1920, real estate promoter William Popham purchased most of St. George Island from George Saxon, and Counts worked as his



**FIGURE 1**  
**A 1936 map of Franklin County shows several communities along State Road 12 (now SR 65) north of East Bay. Most of the families in High Bluff, Creels, Beverly and Bucks Siding worked in the naval stores and timber industries. Arrows indicate turpentine stills (inset) including C.C. Land's operation near Eastpoint.**

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**Figure 2**  
**At left, former turpentine hand Harry Cooper explains how the Herty cup and gutter system was used to collect turpentine from faces cut into pine trees.**

[ STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA ]

**At right. A fire-charred, cat-faced scar on a pine tree in the island's state park still drips with pine resin. Arrows indicate a metal gutter and a nail used to hold the collecting cup.**

[ JAMES HARGROVE ]

associate until 1938. The method of harvesting pine gum is shown in Figure 2 along with one of many pine trees on St. George Island that still has nails and metal gutters in its cat face.

### Railroads and the export trade

The ability to export naval stores improved when the Georgia, Florida and Alabama Railroad acquired the Georgia Pine Railway connecting Thomasville to Carrabelle in 1895. Several sawmills were already operating in Carrabelle when Hampton Covington opened the Gulf Naval Stores Company at the wharf. Access by ocean-going ships was enhanced by a channel dredged from East Pass to the turning basin in Carrabelle harbor. Gulf Naval Stores was a major employer in Carrabelle up to World War II.

To the railroad industry, lumber and naval stores represented potential profits, and the Apalachicola Northern Railroad constructed a spur to Apalachicola in 1907, and two years later extended it to the

deep-water harbor in Port St. Joe. Turpentine and rosin were used in the chemical, newsprint and paint industries, and Europe provided a ready market for products from the southern United States. Censuses conducted in Franklin County from 1910 to 1940 show sawmills and turpentine operations were major employers in the area before World War II.

Operators knew resin exposed on cat faces was very flammable. To prevent loss of timber and equipment, it was common practice to clear areas around the trees and conduct annual controlled, low-intensity burning. Workers also favored clearing areas to avoid diamondback rattlesnakes. In a study of wildfire frequency, Dr. Jean Huffman found fire scars on trees from 1866 to 1904, but no evidence of fires from 1904-1923. Her work suggests turpentine workers effectively suppressed forest fires.

### From the Depression to World War II

After World War I, turpentine operations

continued at McNeill's still at Indian Pass, at Bayard Robbins' naval stores company near Eastpoint, and along Highway 12 (present Highway 65) north through High Bluff, Creels, Beverly and Bucks Siding on the Apalachicola Northern Railroad. Robbins died in 1928, and his land at Green Point was leased for several years and then sold to Clifford Land in 1939. Land operated High Bluff Turpentine Company, but moved to Robbins' former home at Green Point east of State Road 65. He managed a business focused on turpentine, a sawmill, and raising cattle.

In 1937, Popham still owned St. George Island, and had formed the Florida Goat, Sheep and Turkey Farm to try to generate money. C. C. Land signed a lease with Popham's company to harvest turpentine for six years. In 1940, W.H. Wilson obtained title to the island, and Land continued to sublease turpentine rights on the island. During World War II, the federal government took control of St. George Island and turpentine work was halted.

In 1948, Land signed a

turpentine lease with Herbert Marshall to work on Little St. George Island. This coincides with the second period of turpentine work that Dr. Huffman identified on Little St. George, spanning the years from 1948 to 1958. Most of the cat-faced scars were cut during the earlier years, consistent with being able to harvest gum from one face for several years by chipping higher up the face as production slowed from lower streaks. Again, there was no record of major fires during the years when turpentine operations were conducted, probably because workers cleared brush and suppressed wildfires.

### End of the naval stores era

The turpentine industry continued after World War II, but new labor laws and the ability to extract naval stores from pulp made labor costs prohibitive in the face of declining demand. During the Great Depression, Edward Ball and Alfred DuPont began purchasing worked-over forests in the Florida Panhandle. They learned Dr. Charles Herty had developed methods to make wood pulp from slash pines despite their high resin content, and in 1936 they founded The St. Joe Company to convert slash pine logs into pulp for cardboard and Kraft paper. Particularly around Eastpoint, many woodsmen found work harvesting slash pines for pulp or working in the mill in Port St. Joe.

During the same period, the federal government began buying land from private owners, and in 1936, President Roosevelt proclaimed the formation of the Apalachicola National Forest. Tate's Hell State Forest was not created until 1994. With most of the land in Franklin County managed by The St. Joe Company or the government, the prior system in which private owners would harvest naval stores or lease rights to turpentine and timber declined. During the '50s, most economic activity shifted from the forests to the coast, particularly with the development of St. George Island for tourism and vacation homes.

Dr. Julian Bruce St. George Island State Park contains the best public areas where visitors can learn about the history of fires and turpentine operations on the island. Old pines with scars, nails and metal gutters are abundant along the trails next to East Slough and the camping area on Gap Point. In particular, numerous chipped and charred trees line the path that leads from the playground area past the interpretive center to the bay, and tools used in the turpentine industry are displayed next to the washroom on the campsite loop. Many old pine trees with cat-face scars can be seen in yards along Pine Avenue, and guests with passes to the Plantation can see these survivor trees along the bike path next to Leisure Lane.

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## ROAMING

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"If cases get severe enough, they'll call," he said. "We respond in 30 minutes. But when dogs are popping up at houses, we're Johnny-on-the-spot. That gives us a chance to encounter the problem head-on."

### Law got tougher

Since it became illegal, in 2017, to have an unleashed dog in a public space anywhere in Franklin County, there are fines of up to \$500 for violations, and animals can be confiscated in cases of repeated violations (see sidebar). Animal control enforcement employs two, on-call officers that cover ground between Carrabelle to Alligator Point.

There is also a leash law in the county that states dogs must be harnessed, or respond to voice command.

Animal control, state and local law enforcement, and city and county code enforcement, are all charged with enforcing the revised ordinance. Karen Martin, director of the Franklin County Humane Society, said its role is to refer to these agencies.

"Part of the animal welfare world here is to re-home any animal after its five-day mandatory hold," she said. "We have a responsibility to public safety and health, but cannot investigate."

Floyd said that when officers are out on patrol, "we don't take somebody's dog, just to take them. Some people want that, and some don't. It's hard to please people, especially with animals."

"If we know it's yours and is off the property, we will work with neighbors to get the dog put up," he said. "But the issue is sometimes hard to prove, if a dog is back at its house when response arrives."

"We are not blind," Floyd said. "We do have strays."

### Some stories have happy endings

Publicity also has led to feel-good stories in the lost and found, such as last week's chance reunion set up by Carla Gibbs of Eastpoint when she came across one of nine dogs owned by Luther Glass, of Ridge Road.

His two boys had to let loose seven hounds from a backyard pen in the heat of the June 24 Lime Rock fire. His house burned down with one house dog in it.

"I got one dog back that week," Glass said. "Someone called about it at the foot of the bridge with burned paws."

Of the dog Gibbs found, he said "she's skinny, and caught briars in the woods." He is still looking for remaining blue tick walkers, two tri-color males, and an aluminum white female hound.

"This poor pup was so close but couldn't find its way home," Gibbs said, of its location on North Bayshore Drive. "The reason I posted it is because we've gotten back to business since the fire, and yet months later, this dog shows up."

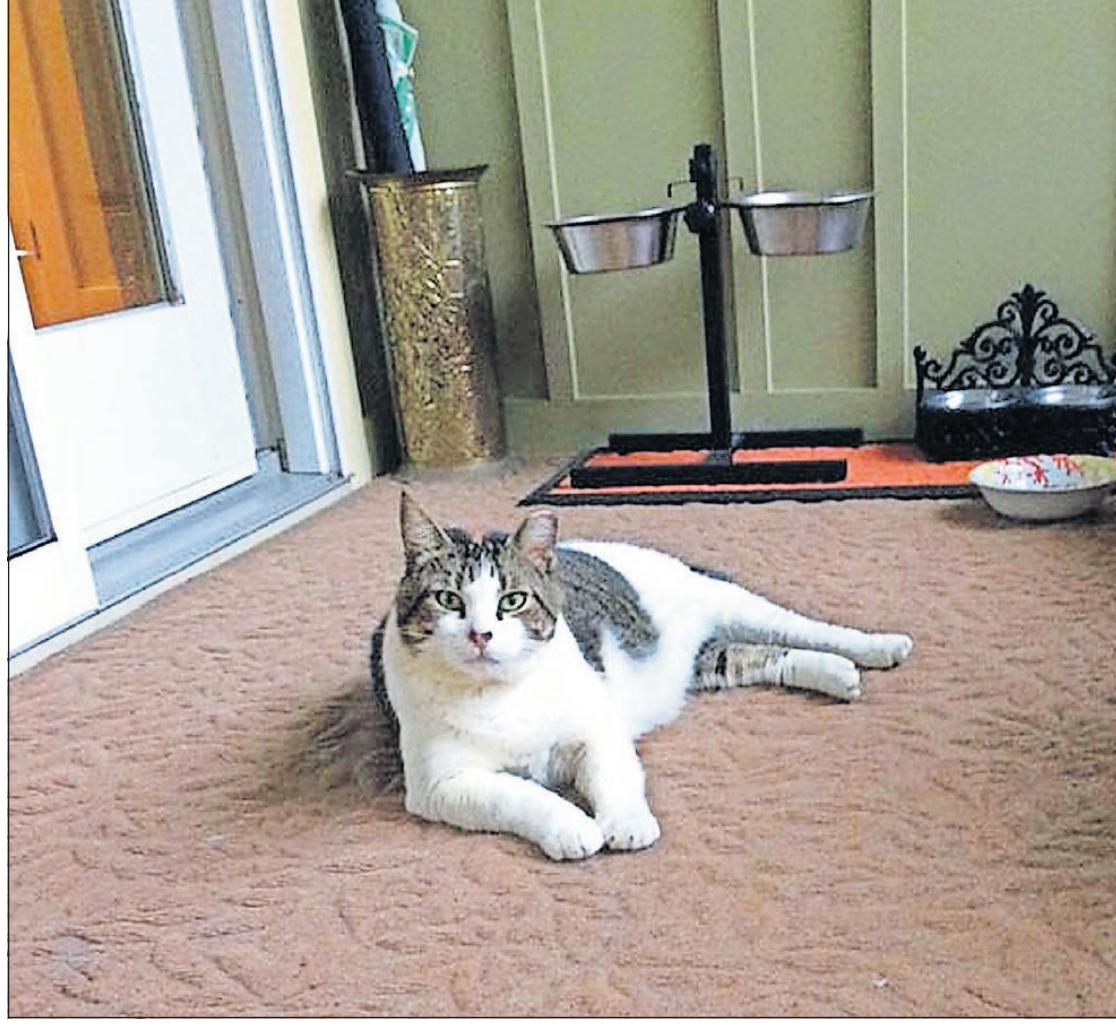
"This is Eastpoint," she said. "We see dogs running around all the time, without thinking. I am hoping people will pay attention. People want their dogs back."

Glass says in rural areas, dogs regularly escape to go after raccoons and fox attracted to chickens. Plus dogs trained to run deer, bear or hog can "do a bunch of loops, then get backwards on themselves," he said, referring to having to pick up his dogs as far as Cash Creek on Highway 65.

Franklin County Dog Hunters Association President Charles Brannen, also of Ridge Road, said, "Everybody pretty much looks out for one



This pup, seen roaming in an Eastpoint neighborhood, menaced a small child. [COURTESY PHOTO/HEATHER CARROLL]



Butterball used to relax on the home's front porch, before its life was taken by a dog or dogs roaming the Apalachicola neighborhood. [JERRY HURLEY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

another. The woods are hard on dogs, and when they give up, or get hungry, they will come back."

### Butterball succumbs to dog attack

Inside city limits, Franklin County Solid Waste Director Fonda Davis said issues stem from people failing to spay and neuter their pets. "One week, an area is flooded with strays, then nothing for the rest of the year," he said. "If a female dog in a neighborhood is in heat, it will draw other dogs."

Floyd said coyotes are also found inside city limits. "If you get a lot of kittens it's a primary food chain for coyotes," he said. "But we have always had feral cats and always will. This is not linked to the dog issues."

"We do not have packs killing animals," said Floyd, who has 29 years on the job. "Occasionally, dogs get together and kill a cat. It is better county-wide," he said. "It was a lot rougher when people were not used to animal control. Now you have to tie your dog up, and people are responding."

Jerry Hurley has a slightly different opinion, since losing his cat, Butterball, to a nuisance dog near his house in Apalachicola.

"You can't always call

them (animal control), until nothing can be done," he said.

Hurley believes Butterball was a stray that got dropped off two years ago, "because he was obviously an outside cat who liked people. He took to our two feral females, Sunshine and Brindy, seldom left our yard, and slept on our front porch every night."

Back in April, peace on his porch was disrupted around 3 a.m. when his golden retriever heard commotion. "Later that morning, we saw Butterball's body beside the street in front of our house, with his throat cut out," Hurley said.

"We found blood with paw prints in it on our front steps and porch, claw marks in the wood and blood mixed with saliva all over with a lot of yuck in it," he said, of the gruesome task of scrubbing the deck. Hurley believes the culprit was a "middle size dog in frenzy," the same dog that has been in his yard since.

Hurley said his feral cats escaped the attack, "but Butterball was too wide to get through the spindles or was protecting them." Given the crime scene, "he was dragged kicking and screaming."

He has since bought bear spray and a BB pistol for protection, and has had two more dogs jump on him and rip his shirt. "Five minutes later, a woman drove by and

asked had I seen a big pit bull puppy and another dog running loose," he said. "She was trying to find them. But it scared me."

### Attacks on people fortunately rare

Davis said attacks on people are rare, and he does not have to use law enforcement often. "Recently, we had one dog show up in downtown Apalachicola on the Soda Fountain staircase that bit a service contractor, in front of Centennial Bank," he said.

Business owners on the block said there was a dead cat behind the building, days before the bite.

The process for this scenario has different stipulations. "They have the right to appeal," Davis said. "We have to give the owner enough notice to pay all the fines and meet the requirements to return it. If the dog is declared dangerous, it gets a rabies shot and micro chipped. Before we turn it loose we evaluate whether there is a place to keep the dog and if it should be muzzled, but we cannot enforce that they have a fence," he said.

The ordinance states that if an animal violates probation, a three-person board has the authority to make the decision to destroy a dog. "It is important that people

### What the fines are

- Interference with animal control \$50 for 1st violation, \$75 for 2nd violation, \$250 for 3rd violation and thereafter
- Running at large \$30 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd, \$250 for 3rd Public nuisance prohibited \$30 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd, \$250 for 3rd
- Humane care required \$100 for first, after that mandatory court appearance
- Abandonment of an animal \$100 for first, \$250 for 2nd
- Violations with loss of personal property \$100 for 1st, \$250 for 2nd, after that mandatory court appearance
- Violations with unprovoked, biting, wounding or attacking of domestic animal or person \$450 (person). \$250 (animal) and then mandatory court appearance
- Violations pertaining to a dangerous or vicious animal which does not result in injury to person or domestic animal \$250 and then mandatory court appearance

### Running at large prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any animal to run or remain at large on any public street, road, park or other public place.

It shall be unlawful for any animal to run or remain at large upon any private property, whether under direct control or not, and posing a threat to public safety, without the consent of the owner of such private property. It shall be a violation of this article for the owner or keeper of any animal to tie, chain or otherwise tether such animal in such a manner that it has access to public property or the property of another without consent of that property owner.

Dogs and cats in estrus. The owner of any female dog or cat in estrus shall keep such dog or cat confined in a building or secure enclosure, veterinary hospital, or boarding kennel in such a manner that such female dog or cat cannot come in contact with a male dog or cat, except for intentional breeding purposes.

Responsibility. The owner or keeper of any animal found running or remaining at large shall be responsible for any violation of this article.

Exceptions. This section shall not apply to:

- Any dog or cat being officially shown or trained;
- Any animal that is especially trained to assist or provide personal services for a disabled person, as defined under the American with Disabilities Act.

- Government police dogs;
- Any dog actually engaged in a legal sport, including supervised hunting within authorized areas.

All dogs and livestock shall be physically contained on the property of the owner by fence or other enclosure.

make an effort to stay in contact," said Martin. "If your animal goes missing, that's the very first thing, because ultimately, the responsibility of any pet lies with the owner. It's not ours to knock on doors and sometimes we can only rely on the findings of veterinarians," referring to people who call when they see their dog on the Humane Society website for adoption, but never reported it missing.

"If the dog is not reclaimed, we are legally positioned to move forward with whatever is best for the animal," she said.

Ultimately, said Floyd, "These problems are no bigger than anywhere else."

"People take advantage, and it's a small town, but that's why it should be easier to cooperate with enforcement," he said.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### LAW BRIEFS

#### Worker praised for discovering contraband

On Aug. 23, in a letter from Scott Duvall, warden of Franklin Correctional Institution, Ronnie Joseph, an equipment operator with the county solid waste department, was cited for his work in discovering contraband in possession of one of the inmates working at the landfill.

The letter said Joseph had discovered 20 packs of 305 filtered cigars, two cans of Grizzly tobacco, and 30 grams of K2 at the landfill on July 30.

"Mr. Joseph's attention to detail and observation skills prevented this contraband from being introduced into the secure perimeter of FCI," wrote Duvall. "This eliminated countless hours of staff involvement in incidents involving k2. This prevented possible loss of life and prevented the waste of precious resources to combat these issues on our compound. Thank you, Mr. Joseph, for a job well done."

#### Eastpoint man spared in log truck accident

A 54-year-old Eastpoint man, driving a log truck through Liberty County Monday afternoon, suffered minor injuries when the truck drifted on to the grassy shoulder, spilling several logs.

According to a release by the Florida Highway Patrol, Michael Flowers was driving a 2005

Peterbilt semi pulling a load of logs on its trailer, south on County Road 12, south of Ray Kever Road, at about 4:30 p.m. when it partially drifted onto the west grassy shoulder.

As Flowers tried to drive back onto the roadway, the tractor trailer began to overturn onto its right side, causing several logs to spill out onto the grassy shoulder and the roadway, blocking County Road 12, read the release.

The Florida Highway Patrol was assisted by Liberty County Sheriff's Office, the Sumatra and Estifanula volunteer fire departments, and Calhoun-Liberty EMS, which transported Flowers, with minor injuries, to Calhoun-Liberty Hospital.

He was cited for careless driving.

### 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, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

#### August 8

Keith Daniel Ray, 33, Apalachicola, domestic battery; \$1,500 bond (FCSO)

#### August 10

Ethan Royce Whittington, 22, Eastpoint, driving while license suspended or revoked - first offense, attaching improper license tag; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

#### August 19

Stephen Kyle Branch, 24, Eastpoint, assault with intent to commit a felony, simple assault with intentional threat to do violence, trespassing - entry on property unlawfully, trespassing on property - armed; \$12,000 bond (FCSO)

#### August 20

Ramona Annette Dean, 45, Apalachicola, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia; \$18,000 bond (FCSO)

Lance Allen Segree, 33, Eastpoint, driving while license suspended or revoked - third or subsequent offense, two counts of possession and use of drug paraphernalia, resisting an officer without violence;

#### \$3,000 bond (FCSO)

#### August 21

Bruce A. Rotella, 58, Eastpoint, trespassing - failure to leave property upon order by owner; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

Bradley Bernard Simmons, 36, Apalachicola, aggravated battery - offender knew or should have known victim was pregnant; \$7,000 bond (FCSO)

Joshua Loren Pilotti, 28, Apalachicola, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, trespassing - failure to leave property on order of owner; \$1,000 (FCSO)

John Ryan Stokes, 27, Apalachicola, distribution of obscene material to a minor; \$7,500 bond (FCSO)

#### August 23

Samantha J. Whitington, 33, Tallahassee, trespassing - failure to leave property on order of owner; \$1,000 (FCSO)

Brandy Marie Davis, 27, Eastpoint, resisting an officer without violence, driving while license suspended or revoked - first offense; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING HEARING APALACHICOLA PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA

The Apalachicola Planning And Zoning Board will hold a Special Exception Public Hearing on Monday, September 10th, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. at the Community Center Meeting Room, 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida to consider and decide upon the Special Exception Request application of Kirk Littrell and Amanda Beaty (Applicants) relating to proposed Special Exception to allow their property to be used as short term rental on the parcel(s) 01-09S-08W-8330-0041-0100 of property Warranty Deeded to Barry K Littrell and Amanda L Beaty, Franklin County Public Records, located at 119 Avenue E with legal descriptions being as follows: Parcel ID# 01-09S-08W-8330-0041-0100, Block 41, Lot(s) 42 Feet of Lots 9-10 being 42x120 Feet, pursuant to the official zoning map of the City of Apalachicola said parcel being in Zoning C-2 Neighborhood Commercial of the City of Apalachicola. The City of Apalachicola Land Development Code does not provide for such use as a principle use but is listed as a special exception option and therefore an application for a Special Exception has been submitted. The hearing is being conducted as a Quasi-Judicial proceeding. Any final decision of the Planning & Zoning Board may be appealed as provided by the Apalachicola Land Development Code and Ordinances.

Any person who desires his or her testimony to be considered as potential competent, substantial evidence, such person shall be placed under oath and subject to cross-examination. All testimony presented by the Applicant, an Adversely Affected Person, any witness for a party or the staff (other than legal advice given by the City Attorney) shall be given under oath and subject to cross examination by the City of Apalachicola and Applicant. The Board, following the conclusion of the Quasi-Judicial hearing shall finalize a written statement memorializing the Board's decision and final findings as well as supporting conditions and evidence with their findings and provide a copy to the parties.

Further information on this item may be obtained from or sent to Cortni Bankston at the City of Apalachicola Building Department at 192 Coach Wagoner Blvd. Apalachicola, Florida at (850) 653-9319 or emailed to cortnibankston@cityofapalachicola.com. All interested persons are invited to attend and present information for the consideration of the Planning & Zoning Board in accordance with the Policy for Quasi-Judicial Hearings (Copy available at City Hall). To ensure written or e-mailed information is provided to the Board in a timely manner, they are encouraged to be received in the above referenced office by 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 31, 2018. All written or e-mailed materials as well as the staff report of the City shall be sent to the Planning & Zoning Board and available to the general public at the above office at least five (5) business days prior to the hearing on the application.

The City of Apalachicola adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Please call the City Hall of the City of Apalachicola (653-9319) to make a request of this nature. Requests must be received at least seven (7) business days in advance of the meeting in order to allow time to provide the requested service.

Any person wishing to appeal any final decision made by the City of Apalachicola Planning & Zoning Board on this issue will need a record of the proceedings resulting from this public hearing and for that purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Additionally, any person wishing to seek review of any decision made regarding this application will need to acquire standing.



## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS FOR THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State for Florida, do hereby give notice that the following proposed amendments and revisions to the Florida Constitution will be presented in each county on the 2018 General Election ballot.

The language for these amendments may also be found at [FloridaPublicNotices.com](http://FloridaPublicNotices.com), at DOSElections.MyFlorida.com/initiatives, and at this newspaper's website.

### NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 37

#### BALLOT TITLE:

Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption

#### BALLOT SUMMARY:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homesteaded property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all leviess other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect January 1, 2019.

#### FULL TEXT:

### ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

#### SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legal or naturally dependent upon the owner, may be exempt from taxation, except assessments for school taxes, up to an assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all leviess other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, and on the assessed valuation greater than one hundred thousand dollars and up to one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title by individuals, jointly, in common, or as a member of a family or household, or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a or a leasehold interest in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. The exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of property at its true value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed per individual or family unit with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are tax-exempt residents, a tax credit or tax relief in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following additional homestead tax exemptions:

(1) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or

(2) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars as determined in the first tax year that the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption, and who has maintained a permanent residence in the owner for not less than twenty-five years, and has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).

The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these additional exemptions, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in the subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Veterans 65 & older.—This is a penalty or surcharge that will receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must be a resident of the county property, by April 1, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may appeal. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the filing of an application requirement for veterans. The subsequent self-executing and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homesteaded property to:

(1) The surviving spouse of a veteran who died from a service-connected cause while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces;

(2) The surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty;

(3) A first responder who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of an injury or injuries sustained in the line of duty. Causal connection between a disability and service in the line of duty shall not be presumed but must be determined as provided by general law. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "disability" does not include a chronic condition or chronic disease, unless the injury sustained in the line of duty is the sole cause of the chronic condition or chronic disease.

As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic, and the term "in the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

#### ARTICLE XII SCEDULE

SECTION 37. Increased homestead exemption.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII increasing the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homesteaded property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all leviess other than school district levies shall take effect January 1, 2019.

### NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 27

#### BALLOT TITLE:

Limitations on Property Tax Assessments

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to generally retain provisions currently in effect, which limit property tax assessment increases on specified nonhomesteaded real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year. If approved, the amendment removes the scheduled repeal of such provisions in 2019 and shall take effect January 1, 2019.

#### FULL TEXT:

### ARTICLE XII SCEDULE

SECTION 27. Property tax exemptions and limitations on property tax assessments.—

(a) The amendments to Sections 3, 4, and 6 of Article VII, providing a \$25,000 exemption for tangible personal property, providing an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption, authorizing transfer of the accrued benefit from the limitations on the assessment of homesteaded property, and this section, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election, to be held on January 29, 2008, shall take effect January 1, 2009, if approved by the electors and shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2009, if approved at a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2010, if approved at the general election held in November of 2009. Subsections (ff) and (gg) of section 4 of Article VII are repealed effective January 1, 2019, however, the legislature shall by joint resolution propose an amendment repealing the repeal of subsections (ff) and (gg), which shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the general election in 2016 and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2019.

(b) The amendment to subsection (a) abrogating the scheduled repeal of subsections (ff) and (gg) of section 4 of Article VII, effective January 1, 2017, shall take effect January 1, 2019.

### NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 29

#### BALLOT TITLE:

Voter Control of Gambling in Florida

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the right to determine whether to authorize or ban gambling by requiring that in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law, it must be approved by citizens' initiative pursuant to Article XI, Section 3, in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law. This amendment adds this Article, and also affects Article XI, by making citizens' initiatives the exclusive method of amending the constitution.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** The amendment would affect local government revenues and costs. If any cannot be determined at this time because of its unknown effect on gambling operations that have not been approved by voters through a constitutional amendment proposed by a citizens' initiative process.

**FULL TEXT:** ARTICLE XI FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, is amended to add Article X, Section 29.

ARTICLE X. CONTROL OF GAMBLING IN FLORIDA.

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As used in this section, "casino gambling" means any of the types of games found in casinos and those within the definition of Class III gaming in the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq. (IGRA), and in 25 CFR, § 5052.4, upon adoption of this amendment, and any that are added to such definition of Class III gaming in the future. This includes, but is not limited to, any house banking game, including but not limited to, card games such as blackjack, chemin de fer, roulette, and baccarat, and slot machine games such as California Jack slot machines, roulette, craps, and keno; any other game not authorized by Article X, section 15, whether or not defined as a slot machine, in which outcomes are determined by random number generator or are similarly assigned, such as instant or historical racing. As used herein, "casino gambling" includes any electronic gambling devices simulated gambling devices, video lottery devices, internet sweepstakes devices, and any other form of electronic or electromechanical device or game of chance, slot machine, or similar game, computer game, or other devices, as defined under IGRA. As used herein, "casino gambling" does not include parimutuel wagering on horse racing, dog racing, or live animal exhibitions. For purposes of this section, "gambling" and "casino gambling" are synonymous.

(c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the right of the Legislature to exercise its authority through general law to restrict regulate or tax any game or gambling activities, addition nothing herein shall be construed to limit the ability of the state or its political subdivisions to regulate or prohibit gambling on tribal lands, or to affect any existing gambling on tribal lands pursuant to compact made by the state and Native American tribes pursuant to IGRA.

(d) This section is effective upon approval by the voters, is self-executing, and no legislative implementation is required.

(e) Any part of this section is held invalid for any reason, the remaining portion or portions shall be severed from the invalid portion and given the fullest possible force and effect.

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(a) The state attorney may file a good faith demand for specific trial and the trial court shall hold a calendar call with notice of the trial date and the date of trial, to schedule trial to commence no later than the date of trial, but no later than sixty days after the date of the calendar call, unless the trial judge enters an order with specific findings of fact justifying a trial date more than sixty days after the calendar call.

(b) All state-level appeals and collateral attacks on any judgment must be completed within two years from the date of appeal in non-capital cases and within five years from the date of appeal in capital cases, unless a court enters an order staying trial or appeal for cause.

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## Independence Eve help for fire victims

In the midst of Apalachicola Main Street's Independence Eve Celebration, volunteers raised almost \$4,000 in just 30 minutes to help those impacted by the Eastpoint Fire. Board members and staff also made contributions to bring the total

to \$4,150. Earlier this month, the board presented a check to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Charity Fund, earmarked for fire victims. Pictured, from left, are Main Street Board Members Lowell Thomas, Lisa Johnston,

and Valentina Webb; Board Chair Jim Bachrach, Sheriff A. J. Smith, Executive Director Augusta West; Board Members Mark Milliken and Torben Madson. Not pictured are Board Members Carol Guild and Ed Springer.

## High Cotton gallery to open concert series

The first in a series of concerts coming to The Gallery at High Cotton this fall and winter will be Friday, Sept. 7, with three bands in one night.

Apalachicola favorites Flying Fish, will open the evening at 6 p.m. with their groovy laid-back songs; then the Valdosta, Georgia-based The Dave Rodock Trio will play a set of bluegrass inspired tunes. Last up for the evening, also from Valdosta, Dirty Bird and The Flu will play some of their groundbreaking rhythm and blues originals.

BYOB, with donations for musicians welcome at the door. Please bring something to share. Community event, all welcome.

The Gallery at High Cotton is located at 230 Water Street in Apalachicola.



Dirty Bird and The Flu



Flying Fish

**PET OF THE WEEK**  
Franklin County Humane Society



Mary is one of 35 kittens that we are trying to find homes for. She and the rest are social, friendly, spayed/neutered and ready for their forever home. We are extending the reduced adoption fee of only \$25.00 for the next few weeks and encourage all of you to take advantage of this opportunity to adopt a kitten for your family.

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

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

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## New book celebrates (really) local bookstore

By David Adlerstein

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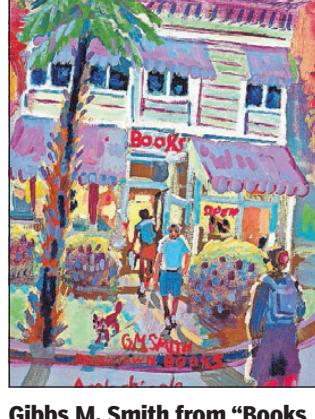
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For decades, independent publisher and artist Gibbs M. Smith visited local bookstores around the world. Struck by each shop's unique character, he created a stylized oil painting of its storefront, and used the images on the covers of his publishing company's catalog.

A lively impression of Apalachicola's Downtown Books by night shared the Spring 2012 catalog honors with Oxford, Mississippi's Square Books.

Before Smith died in 2017, he transferred ownership of his art, architecture, and decor book company to his employees. In his honor, these colleagues and friends have now published a charming collection of his bookstore paintings.

"Books & Mortar: A Celebration of the Local Bookstore" pairs 75 vivid paintings (including his rendering of Downtown



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Books) with stories about the shops and their denizens, and quotes about the pleasures of reading and the value of community bookstores as sources of refuge, inspiration, and joy. It's a book bound to delight bibliophiles and art lovers, and inspire the next generation of indie bookstore owners.

Books & Mortar goes on sale Tuesday, Sept. 4 at Downtown Books, 67 Commerce Street. For more information, call the bookstore at 653-1290.

## Happy birthday, Lawrence Russell

Happy birthday Lawrence Eugene Russell, on Monday, Aug. 13.

Son I said a prayer for you today and I know God must have heard.

Although He didn't speak a word I felt His answer in my heart

I didn't ask for wealth or fame, I know you wouldn't mind

I asked for priceless treasures rare, near you each and every day,

That He would bless you throughout your life, that you would have good health

Throughout the rest of your life, and that you would have a good family and friends

Throughout your life, and to grant you happiness, great and small,

And that you will always know His loving care.

And son, I pray that most of all



Lawrence Russell

Happy Birthday, my son, God bless you.

Granny Mary Lou, Alina, Obie and the late Charles King your PawPaw, your mama Aline, Jeffrey Misty, Mary, Lacey, Murray and all the rest of your friends and family

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## FAITH

### OBITUARY

#### CHARLES E. CAMPBELL

Charles E. Campbell passed away Saturday, August 25, 2018, at his home in Carrabelle, surrounded by his loving family.

Charles was born on March 11, 1933 in Mobile, Alabama, to Lester and Eunice (Cazalas) Campbell. He graduated from Carrabelle High School in 1951, enlisted in the United States Navy and served our nation in the Korean War.

Charles, "Big Pod" had a 34-year career in the Florida Marine Patrol, where he retired as major in 1994. He also faithfully served on the board of Family Life Church since 1999.

Charles is survived by his wife of 60 years,



Ethel "Pete" Campbell; his six children, Cathy Campbell Rutherford (Andrew), Charlotte "Sissy" Worrell (Chris), Charles "Bubba" Campbell, Beverly Bentley Wirth (Raymond), Lori Bentley Dougherty (Shawn), and John Derrick Bentley. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Caleb,

Mitchell, James, Kyle, Emilee, Randall, Alexandria "Alex," Bethany, and Mackensie; one great-grandchild, Mia; and countless friends and family. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Michael.

A Celebration of life service was held Wednesday, August 29, at 11 a.m., with visitation beginning at 10 a.m., at the Carrabelle Christian Center. There was a Committal Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery in Carrabelle immediately following the service.

David Conn of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel in Crawfordville, is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Senior Citizens Council's annual meeting Sept. 12

The Franklin County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. will hold its annual general membership meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Franklin County Senior Center, 201 NW Avenue F in Carrabelle.

All Franklin County

residents or property owners age 50 or older are eligible to vote at this meeting. A revision to the bylaws will be voted on, and nominees to the board of directors will be elected to four-year terms.

The council's officers include Joanne Bartley

as president; John Rees vice-president, and Gathana Parmenas, treasurer.

The Franklin County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation which owns and operates the Franklin County Senior Center.

### THE POET'S VOICE

## The Box

By Jerry L. Hurley

**A**windswept crag on mountain high, where earth reaches forth to touch the sky, a lone man climbs the cold wet rocks to reach his goal, an oaken box.

When his failing strength has reached its end, blinded by rain and a hurricane wind, he spies the box in gathering gloom. Unworried by possible impending doom,

should he continue or go back down to the flickering lights of a distant town? But a fire within burns hot and bright to guide his steps on darkest night.



He has to know what is in the box bound with chains and locked with locks. He rests for a moment and takes full measure of the iron-bound box filled with treasure.

Taking up a fist-sized rock, he breaks each and every rusted lock. He unwraps the chains that bind the box, They are cast aside with the locks.

Wrenching open

the oaken lid he wonders what secrets inside are hid. Not gold or silver or useless treasure, There is wealth inside beyond measure.

Every book ever written by woman or man, every book ever written since time began, every book forgotten, lost or burned containing all civilization has ever learned.

Lost to mankind for countless years, giving way to ignorance, darkness and fears. He hoisted the box onto his back and slowly descended the treacherous track. Is the world ready for riches untold? If so, then the future will fully unfold.

### RECOVERY MEETINGS

#### 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

First Baptist Church  
St. George Island  
501 E. Bayshore Drive  
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R. Michael Whaley, Pastor  
Join us as we praise and worship the living Christ.  
"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise." Psalm 145:3  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 10:00am  
Worship Praise ..... 11:00am  
Sunday Night ..... 7:00pm  
Wednesday - "Power Hour" ..... 7:00pm  
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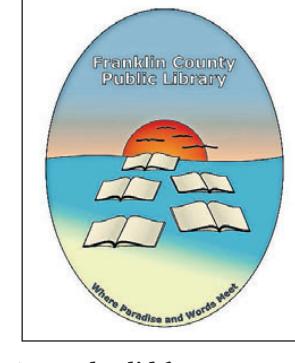
### LIBRARY CORNER

## Sign up for a card, app

Special to the Times

Hello Franklin County! Last call for anyone interested in becoming a Master Gardener; registration ends Friday, Aug. 31. Packets of information and the application are available at either branch. Program begins Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Eastpoint branch at 10 a.m. Classes will be held weekly Tuesday and Wednesday for 15 weeks from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The library is working in a joint-partnership with Les Harrison, the Wakulla County extension director. The cost to participate in the Master Gardener program is \$75, which includes all materials except the optional UF/IFAS Master Gardener manual.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Library cards are free for Franklin County residents, a photo ID and proof of residency required. Non-resident fee cards are available for



\$10 and valid for one year.

The library collection includes the latest best-selling book titles and authors, including local and many Florida authors.

There is a great selection of DVDs, new titles added monthly. If you like to read while traveling or just on the go, but don't want to carry a print copy, there is a solution:

Download the Overdrive app (you need an active library card number) and you can read books on your device at any time. Check out the Libby App – a friendlier version of accessing digital reading. Never will you owe a late fee; they return to the library at the due date. What a great concept.

Kids, don't miss the upcoming events in September. Eastpoint STEAM for kids, for ages 8-14 will now meet at the new time of 4 p.m., on Thursdays, starting Sept. 6. Also, brand new this session will be Carrabelle STEAM for kids ages 8-14, also weekly on Thursdays at 4 p.m. starting Sept. This is a hands-on learning, interactive and fun program where kids will learn about science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The fun way to learn! Talk Like a Pirate Day is coming Sept. 19; kids event at both branches at 4 p.m.

Join us for the new Anime Club, for ages fifth through 12th grade. The Anime club will meet monthly, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. at the Eastpoint branch. Bring your own ideas and together we will learn anime-style drawing, learn to write in kanji, and make candy sushi. How cool is that! No registration required; all library programs free and open to the public.

## Holy Family hosts Grandparents Day social

Special to the Times

In 1970 Marian McQuade began a campaign to establish a national day that would honor grandparents, raising raised awareness about senior citizens throughout the 1970s.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter declared the first Sunday after Labor Day to be National Grandparents Day. Each year, the president issues a proclamation to keep the tradition going.

During this time organizations and schools across the country take the time to celebrate and acknowledge grandparents with festivities, parties, assemblies etc.

With its mission to be a bridge connecting seniors to the community, ECC (the Elder Care Community Council of Franklin County, Inc.) will host a Tea, Fruit and Cookies Grandparents Day Social from 3 to 5 p.m. on National Grandparents Day, Sunday, Sept. 9 at the Holy Family Senior Center, 203 Dr. Frederick

Humphries Blvd. in Apalachicola.

"There is an untapped potential in the exchange between elders and youth. For grandparents, relationships with grandchildren provide

connection with a much younger generation and exposure to different ideas and experiences. For grandkids, grandparents can offer nuggets of wisdom for life lessons that they can put into practice as they mature and grow," said Erica Head, activities coordinator at Holy Family. "This event is sure to be an opportunity for grandparents

and grandchildren to engage with and spend time together in order to establish or strengthen their familial bonds."

Seniors in need of a ride are asked to email holyfamilysenior-center@gmail.com or call 653-3134.

For more information on this event, or ways to donate to the ECC, a nonprofit, all-volunteer community organization that connect seniors to a community of support through advocacy, enhancement and expansion of services, email ecccfranklin@gmail.com or call (850) 509-5009.

Fore more news go to [apalachtimes.com](http://apalachtimes.com)

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## SEWER

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maturing loan that, if we don't resolve quickly, could result in the state enforcing their rights through collection remedies including stepping in and taking over the finances of the city," he said. "Right now, we can't borrow money, we can't get grants and we can't even secure a line of credit."

Nalley's proposal, which commissioners will have to decide on before their final budget vote Sept. 25, 25, calls for an increase in the base rate, and the per 1,000-gallon charges, for both residential and commercial water and sewer users, that amounts to 13.5 percent.

In addition, a separate monthly sewer user fee (SUF) instituted five years ago for the sole purpose of addressing a pile of unpaid debt on a state loan will likely more than double for residential users, and more than quadruple for commercial users, beginning in mid-October.

Working with an analysis prepared in conjunction with City Administrator Lee Mathis and Apalachicola businessman George Mahr, Nalley firmly recommended to commissioners they take the steps necessary to boost the SUF in order to address a \$755,000 debt obligation, not including interest and fines, that the city has with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

That debt obligation began in July 1995, when the city first took out a \$9.35 million loan with DEP for wastewater collection system and treatment plant improvements. (See sidebar).

Even with the instituting of the SUF for the 2013-14 fiscal year, these payments have consistently lagged behind the amounts needed to prevent the loan balance from lapsing into default.

If approved, the monthly SUF for residential customers will go to \$29, a hike of \$18.25, or about 170 percent, from the current rate of \$10.75.

For commercial users, the monthly SUF will go to \$95, an increase of \$74.25, or about 358 percent, from the current rate of \$20.75.

In outlining his prescription for bringing the sewer loan out of default, Nalley said that the increases are in line with the findings of the study done late last year by the Florida Rural Water Association.

"Residential water and wastewater revenue are not adequate to meet the projected expenditure and significant debt service requirements for the system," read the rate study, which recommended three consecutive years of rate increases to achieve financial solvency.

## Troubled waters

**1995**

In July 1995, the City of Apalachicola and the State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) entered into a Loan Agreement for wastewater collection system improvements and wastewater treatment plant improvements. The loan principal is \$9,348,000 payable semiannually over 25 years beginning June, 2001. DEP has fully completed their financial obligations for this loan. The City has not.

**2008**

In 2008 and again in 2012, the City formally acknowledged this obligation and a debt repayment schedule.

**2012**

In 2013-2014, the City initiates a Sewer Use Fee to cover the debt on the loan. This fee resulted in revenues of only \$90,000, while the amount owed on the loan during the year was \$140,000.

**2013**

In 2015, debt service payments begin to rise and City only makes partial payments on loan.

**2014**

Auditor issues finding 2016-003 declaring "Deteriorating Financial Condition."

**2015**

In 2017, annual debt service payments rise to \$432,000. The City continues to make only partial payments of \$150,000. Loan default prohibits the City from borrowing money, receiving grants and securing lines of credit.

**2016**

Findings of 2017 Report by office of Inspector General: "Water and Sewer rates and charges are not sufficient to provide the supplemental pledged revenues as required."

"If the City chooses to maintain its current billing policies and practices...the Division should take progressive steps to enforce its rights through remedies provided..."

**2017**

Florida Rural Water Association – October 2017 Report states: "Residential water and wastewater revenue are not adequate to meet the projected expenditure and significant debt service requirements for the system."

Study recommends three year rate increase plan.

**2018**

In January of 2018, water and sewer rates were increased by the first-year amounts recommended in the 2017 FRW plan. Also in January, the SUF was increased for non-seniors and commercial accounts. This resulted in annual SUF fees of \$160,000, while the amount owed on the loan was \$482,000.

Presently, the City of Apalachicola owes \$754,764, not including interest and fines. In keeping with the Florida Rural Water Association Study, the City announced an annual budget which proposes a 13.5% rate increase in water and sewer and a per month increase of the existing Sewer Use Fees of \$18.25 for residential customers and \$74 increase for commercial customers.

Source: City of Apalachicola

GATEHOUSE MEDIA

"We are at a point where we have to do something with the water and sewer fund," said Nalley. "It's not going to be easy. This is going to be one of the toughest decisions the commission is going to have to make."

"(City Administrator) Lee (Mathes) has done a wonderful job of juggling balls for you. This year it's going to finally catch up to you," he said. "What we're trying to do is to start raising that money to start paying those bills and pay our debt service."

If the rates are approved, the budget for water and sewer, which is defined as a separate, self-sustaining Enterprise Fund composed entirely of customer billings and not out of property taxes, would have revenues of about \$2.07 million, nearly all of it from about \$1.97 million in billings. The remaining \$100,000 would come from revenues generated by the Scipio Creek and Battery Park

boat basins.

To apply about \$583,200 towards debt service on the sewer, a half-million dollars in SUF revenues would be combined with some from the billings. The budget calls for about \$184,500 from water bills to go towards a more modest debt service to that system.

Nalley said in his talks with officials at the DEP, they have shown a willingness to modify, but not eliminate, the existing sewer debt to help bring the city more quickly out of default, making it eligible to qualify sooner for state grants or loans.

"They are open to restructuring," he said. "We can perhaps pay a smaller amount up front and as money comes in we can pay those debt service amounts."

City commissioners know they face a tough decision.

"This is a decision we have to make and we're going to be slammed really hard,"

said Commissioner Brenda Ash, who oversees the city's finance committee. "We're going to put on our baseball caps and not go to the grocery store."

Nalley said the sewer fee will remain constant, and could be completely eliminated or reduced in the next seven or eight years.

He also said that his budget proposal does not include any factoring in of the upcoming sale of real estate. The city is now in the process of advertising for a broker who would conduct the sale, or sales.

"This budget does not factor the sale of property, and it puts you on track to fix the debt problem with your fees," said Nalley. "I don't want to calculate that (property) into rates without some assurance (of what it would sell for)."

"My experience is that public property does not sell for assessed value," he said. "I don't want to set unrealistic

expectations of \$1 million (or more)."

Nalley said while property sales will be helpful to the city's finances, it is a short-term solution to a long-term problem.

"It gives you an influx of cash and you're going to feel really good and then you're going to feel really bad again," he said.

The new city manager, on the job but a few weeks before preparing an extensive budget notebook, complete with pie charts and other well-documented explanations for every aspect of the budget, said he would like city officials to consider creation of a "needy neighbor fund," that could help offset the steep rate hikes for those on fixed incomes.

"We need to find some good nonprofits that would be willing to do that for us," he said.

"When you have that fixed income and your bills are right at that amount, that can be a matter of buying medicine," said Commissioner Brenda Ash.

"Our backs are against the wall," said Mayor Van Johnson. "I really don't see we have any other choice."

"You went through the good, the bad and the ugly," he told Nalley.

Commissioner Jimmy Elliott noted that existing water and sewer rates in Port St. Joe will be higher than that of Apalachicola, even after the proposed sewer rate hike is passed.

"They have a lot of poor people in St. Joe too, but somehow they survive it," he said. "My biggest concern is the state coming in. They're not going to care, they're going to come in like a gunslinger."

Commissioner Anita Grove said that "we have to make an earnest effort to pay this debt down. In this new budget we have to trim everything we can trim."

Nalley said there are "some efficiencies that can be realized over time. Some of the things we are doing may be combined. We are operating lean."

"You can't continue to cut operations or staff and not expect those cuts to affect services to the community," he said.

The good budget news, said Nalley, is that the general fund budget does not propose any millage increase.

Apalachicola saw a 3 percent increase in its tax base, as it went from \$142.9 million to \$147.3 million, an expansion of \$4.4 million. This rise was smaller than the 5.5 percent growth the city experienced a year ago.

As a result, the city's 9.6043 mills will bring in about \$1.34 million, about \$40,000 more than came in this year.

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## BUDGET

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department to revise how much officers get paid for court appearances on their days off, and to purchase, or repair, a vehicle swapped out last year from the water and sewer department to transport inmates to work sites.

"We have wheels for a third employee if we fix it," said City Clerk Keisha Millender, of the 2017 Silverado, that has one payment remaining on its loan.

Millender also suggested using the difference in value to trade trucks, instead of

purchase a new water truck, an operational move that calls for applying \$9,000 to the water and sewer budget.

"We shouldn't be buying vehicles, and trying to repair our own," Millender said.

"In the summer, it is hard to keep up because of seniority," said City Commissioner Tony Millender about the manpower problem. "Right now, we have one-and-a-half employees, and even though we encourage citizens to clean up, it is a ton of work."

La Paz said City Attorney Dan Hartman has advised the city may not be allowed to hire an OPS (other personnel services) and so a full-time equivalent needs

to be considered.

The changes to the \$235,000 police budget comes because officers, while considered high-risk employees, are paid \$25 per appearance, instead of standard overtime rates when they are called in on the job, said Chief Gary Hunnings.

The workshop also covered two smaller Community Redevelopment Act budgets in addition to the general fund.

The calculated rent of the airport hangar is \$28,080 and outstanding rent is \$12,135. "These (airport) monies have come out of the general fund, for years," said La Paz, praising the airport board for its independence that she said

takes a load of \$525,000 off of the general fund.

Capital projects include upgrading the fuel tank and building a storage shed. With a balance forward of \$19,710, the city will see a total of \$73,979 in expected income from the airport.

Evelyn McAnally, a board member of the non-profit Carrabelle Food Pantry also made a presentation to remain funded. The pantry serves 2,950 people under age 18, and 5,884 over age 55, for a total of 13,849 people throughout Franklin County.

"We work to accomplish our goals, and serve," she said.

The city's contribution has been 40 percent of the cost of

\$26,000 on food and \$427 on expenses, of which 10 percent is held in reserve for disasters.

It is also supported by local churches and a 26-member board. The program will celebrate 10 years in October.

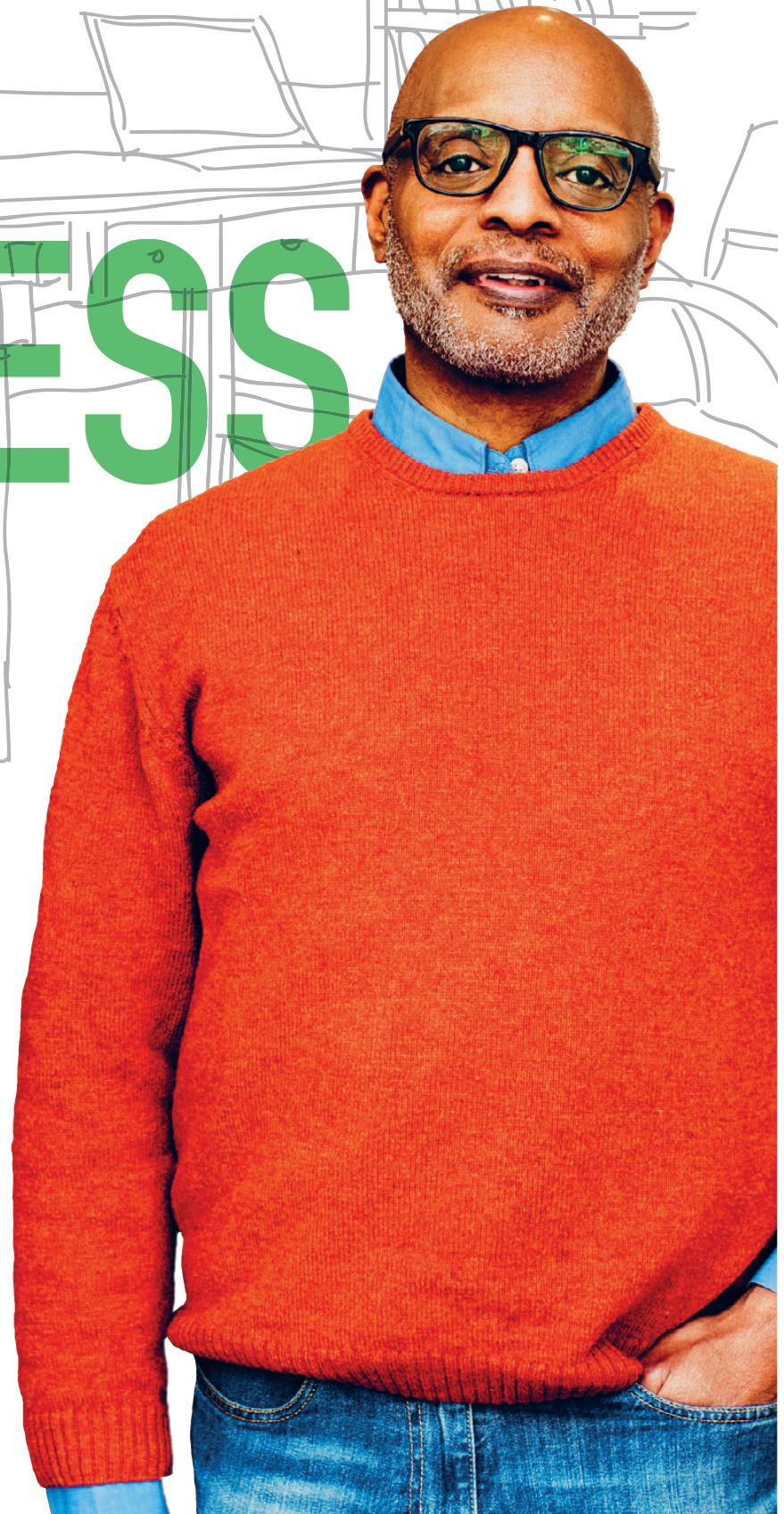
Overall, city salaries remain the same, but state retirement costs in all categories took an increase for fire and police. As well, life and health insurance premiums rose.

When the city moves into the new building, La Paz said utilities will be lowered significantly from inside the Carrabelle Municipal Complex, particular for air conditioning.

The final meeting to adopt the budget will be Thursday, Sept. 13.

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# SPORTS

## Rattlers bite injury-plagued Seahawks

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EASTPOINT – FAMU's feet were fast Friday night, but they almost shot themselves in them.

A fumble, interception and a muffed punt on the Baby Rattlers' three early drives, kept the game scoreless in the first quarter, and nearly tied the game, 8-6 at the half, before FAMU put three touchdowns on the Franklin County Seahawks in the second half, and went on to a 30-6 win in both team's openers.

"There were a lot of errors, a ton of errors," said FAMU coach Cedric Jones. "That first drive was crazy, like 45 yards worth of penalties. We got to clean that up. It was sloppy, very sloppy."

It was until 6:34 left in the first half that FAMU drew first blood on the Seahawks when junior Malcolm Braxton flew down the right sideline for a 73-yard touchdown.

The two-point conversion, when Quarterback Daryl Wilson pitched out to senior Jymell Cunningham, was all FAMU would need, as they went up 8-0.

The Seahawks kept it close through the first half, capitalizing on the FAMU mistakes, as senior Rufus Townsend and senior Bailey Segree both recovered fumbles, and



**Franklin County junior #4 Javan Pride breaks up a pass to FAMU senior wide receiver #4 Montadius Moore** [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

senior Alex Hardy snagged FAMU junior quarterback LaKavian Williams' only interception of the night.

With two minutes left, senior defensive end Tonnor

Segree scooped up a second muffed punt by the Rattlers and romped into the end zone.

"That's what happens when you don't do a lot of

pre-season ball," said Jones. "The best thing I like about tonight our kids were in good shape. There were no conditioning injuries."

The Seahawks were



**Seniors Hunter Kelley and Melanie Collins were announced as the new Mr. and Miss Seahawk at halftime.** [HI PHOTOGRAPHY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

without two of their key players, senior wingback Ethan Riley, who is having surgery for a torn anterior cruciate ligament on his right knee next week, keeping him out for the entire season, and sophomore quarterback Lamarius Martin, who is out for at least a month with a broken collarbone.

"We played hard but we've been decimated by injuries. I've never been around a

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**Weston Bockelman rushes against FAMU** [HI PHOTOGRAPHY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES PHOTOS]

## JV Hawks slam FAMU 22-12

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With a young inexperienced JV team, it wasn't known what to expect once the season started, but the young Hawks started the season off on the right foot by defeating FAMU 22-12 last week.

And to top it off the boys got to play at Bragg Memorial Stadium which is the home stadium for the college Rattlers.

"These young guys have bought in," said coach Brock Johnson. "They listen and are willing to learn. We put a lot of information on them in just one week of practice but they soaked it in and played really well."

Larry Winchester led the way on offense with 13 carries for 105 yards and a TD, Winchester also had eight tackles on defense and an interception.

Dylan Perry had 55 yards rushing on one drive to put the game out of reach. Weston Bockelman had 40 yards rushing and almost

### Junior Varsity Roster

#1) Camdyn Skipper	#32) Mark Willis
#2) Dylan Perry	#40) Carson Davis
#3) Austin Staat	#50) Josh Yancey
#4) Jordan Pride	#52) Javaris Turrell
#5) Blakely Curry	#54) Riley Cooper
#6) Jadyn Rhodes	#55) Cooper Bowden
#7) Weston Bockelman	#58) Jimmy Adair
#8) Mason Moses	#62) John Sanders
#9) Christopher Bass	#63) Xavier Glass
#10) Larry Winchester	#66) Sheldon James
#11) Cody Abercrombie	#68) Austin Taunton
#12) Wyatt Abercrombie	#71) Jesse Ray
#13) Amonte Austin	#73) Logan Smith
#15) Marcus Clayton	#75) Hunter Duval
#25) Damion Evans	#77) Stephen Hightower
#30) Tre Jones	

returned an interception for a TD.

Josh Yancey led the way on defense with 12 tackles. Tre Jones also had a receiving touchdown.

"Several kids played a big part in this game, it was a total team victory. Our line completely dominated from start to finish. We're proud of them as a coaching staff but there's still a lot of work left."

The next JV game will be Thursday, August 30 vs Wakulla at home



**Larry Winchester carries against FAMU**



**The varsity squad kept the ball in the air and blocked several at the net against the Gators.**

[DARLENE PRESTON RILEY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

## Long night for Lady Hawks

**By Jennifer Sheffield**  
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The bleachers at Franklin County School filled

up with spirit and support on Monday night, at home games for all three volleyball teams.

The Seahawk middle

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## Barber paces Hawks to links win

**By David Adlerstein**  
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The Seahawk boys golf team started their season off Aug. 21 at their home course of St. James with a split match between Franklin County, Wakulla and Florida High.

The boys, with a 184, scored 24 strokes better than Wakulla but fell one stroke short of Florida High's 183.

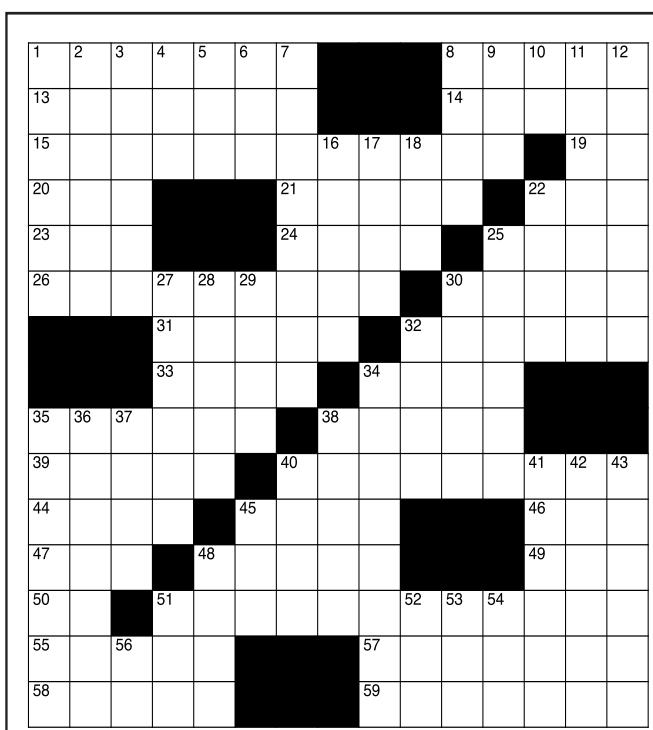
Junior Cale Barber led with a 38, while junior Tyler Rainwater had 43,

ABC eighth grader Colin Wefing 51, junior Schuyler Donahoe 52, and junior Tommy Gragg 57. Also on the team is sophomore Kelson Smith.

On Monday, the boys played at Wildwood Country Club, against Wakulla and Munroe.

Franklin County's 194 bested Wakulla by five strokes, and Munroe by 41 strokes.

Barber led with a 41, followed by Gragg's 49, Wefing with a 51, and Donahoe with a 53. Rainwater did not make the trip.

**CLUES ACROSS**

1. One-time money in Spain  
8. "Got \_\_\_ of one"  
13. Set a framework for  
14. Cover with drops of water  
15. One who does something for a living  
19. Germanium  
20. An enclosure for confining livestock  
21. Locks a door  
22. Buddy  
23. Supplement with difficulty  
24. Not moving  
25. Islamic unit of weight  
26. Warmers  
30. Hindu queen  
31. Border river near Bosnia and Herzegovina  
32. Analyzed
33. Caps  
34. Pastime  
35. Contrary belief  
38. Walking devices  
39. Accustom to something unpleasant  
40. Singing methods  
44. Shouts of farewell  
45. Hand (Spanish)  
46. Small constellation  
47. Cardinals are this  
48. Gives a hoot  
49. Chatter incessantly  
50. Thallium  
51. Making very hot  
55. Hours (Spanish)  
57. Remove completely  
58. Eyeglasses  
59. Rubbed clean

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Blues Traveler frontman  
2. Found it!  
3. Killed  
4. A helper to Santa  
5. Male fashion accessory  
6. Autonomic nervous system  
7. US Attorney General  
8. Greek sophist  
9. The world of the dead (Norse myth.)  
10. Excessive and dangerous dose  
11. One who receives a legacy  
12. Brooded  
16. Hindu warrior king  
17. Used to anoint  
18. One point east (clockwise) of due north  
22. Connecting part of the brain stem  
25. Most uncommon  
27. Do-nothings
28. Emerge  
29. Neat  
30. Herb of tropical Asia  
32. Reviews poorly  
34. Waterproof overshoes  
35. Fireplace floors  
36. Surround  
37. Regretted  
38. One who whips  
40. Ticket price  
41. Calming  
42. Citrus fruit  
43. Dropped  
45. An explorer's necessity  
48. Speak profanely  
51. Pouch  
52. A type of date (abbr.)  
53. Away from  
54. Large beer  
56. Once more

**PUZZLE SOLUTION****TRIVIA FUN****Wilson Casey**

**1. Who still owns the island of Bermuda, as their citizens rejected independence in a 1995 decisive vote?**  
Spain, U.S., Brazil, United Kingdom

**2. "Adversity makes a man, prosperity makes monsters" was among whose quotes?**  
Joseph Stalin, Victor Hugo, FDR, Will Rogers

**3. Which president ordered the Lewis and Clark expeditions?**  
Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson

**4. What was Roger Bacon**

**credited with inventing in 1250?**  
Magnifying glass, Gunpowder, Sextant, Ax

**5. Reportedly, where was the first "hamburger" cooked?**  
New Jersey, Mexico, Germany, Ireland

**6. What does an ichthyologist study?**  
Skin rashes, Snakes, Sporting point spreads, Fish

**ANSWERS:** 1. United Kingdom, 2. Victor Hugo, 3. Jefferson (Thomas), 4. Magnifying glass, 5. Germany, 6. Fish

"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.

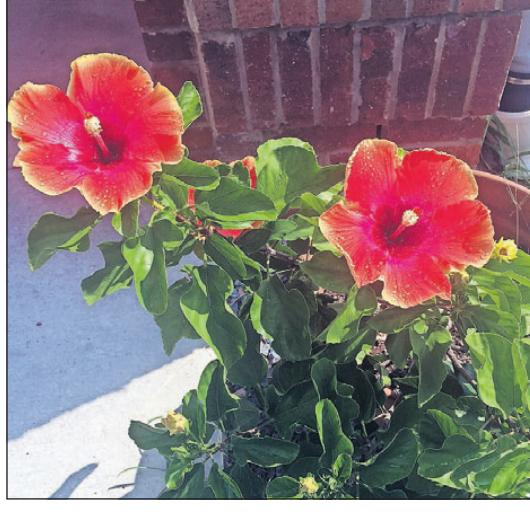
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# Summery judgment

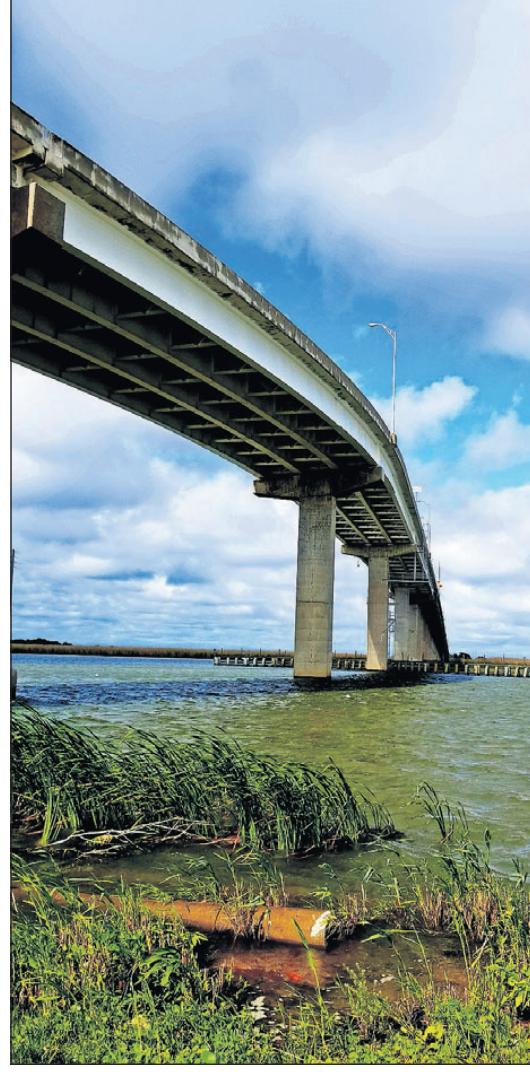
**f-stop is an abbreviation for a camera lens aperture setting that corresponds to an f-number, which is the ratio of the focal length of a lens to the effective diameter of its aperture**

Labor Day is Monday, the traditional end of summer, but the weather will stay hot at least for next several weeks. If you have a good summer photo, please share. The Times welcomes readers to send us their best photographs, whether they capture the beauty of summer, laughter and smiles, 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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**Hibiscus flowers in downtown Apalachicola**

[ TAMMY STEVENS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]

**Bridge's symmetry**

[ RICK HANBY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]

**Bankston Smith, 5, a kindergartner in Locust Grove, Georgia, greets the water on St. George Island.**

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**Robert's roses in Lanark**

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**Jeff Knutson shows the ropes to future turtle nesting volunteer, granddaughter McKenzie Knutson, 7. [ PJ BROWN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES ]**

## Island photo contest deadline Friday

Deadline for the St. George Plantation's eighth annual summer photo contest for 2018, entitled "Action on St. George Island," is this Friday, August 31.

Consider St. George Island's scenery, activities, events, businesses, and vacation shots. Prizes are \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, \$75 for third and for

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## FOOTBALL

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program that's had as many injuries in the first two weeks of a season," said Coach Tony Yeomans.

Eight players are expected to be out for Friday's home game against North Bay Haven, seven due to injury.

In addition to Riley and Martin, quarterback Colin Amison is nursing a shoulder injury that could keep him from the game, while Micah McLeod has a hip injury that makes him questionable. Bailey Segree, who had to be carried off the field Friday with a neck stinger, may be available, while defensive end Joe Aguilar with has a sprained knee ligament, and Tyrell Green has been down with the flu.

"That's a lot of injuries anywhere, especially a Class 1A program," said Yeomans. "We're in shape, we work all summer to get to this point. We're stronger and faster than we've ever been."

"It's just the breaks of life," he said. "We're playing kids Friday night that's never played football. We're just trying to put a Band-Aid on a wound, with a makeshift, put-together, trying to survive team."

"You just don't learn football in a week," said Yeomans. "There's no continuity right now."



The varsity cheerleaders keep the crowd entertained all game long.

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He said a number of seniors, particularly fullback McLeod have stepped up.

"Micah's done a great job, he did an outstanding job for

us," said the coach. "Seniors are supposed to step up and he did."

Yeomans said he was pleased his team jumped on

FAMU errors, and kept their own to a minimum, a single fumble.

"We gotta capitalize," he said. "We just got to get

people in the right places." FAMU quarterback Wilson connected on his first of two touchdown passes with 4:20 left in the third quarter, when he hit junior Jahyse Lee in the end zone on a fourth-and-seven from the 9.

His second touchdown flip came with 6:50 left in the game, when he connected with senior wide receiver #4 Montadius Moore on a 23-yard toss into the end zone.

The two-point conversion as no good, the Baby Rattlers led 22-6, but the Seahawks had trouble sustaining drives, corralled by the play of a pair of senior linebackers, Xavier Nelson and Jalen Randolph, and senior Keyon Pollacks.

"Defense has always been ahead of offense early in the season," said Jones. "Offense just has to catch up to them."

Moore, who finished with eight carries for 67 yards, capped the scoring with a 48-yard jet sweep with 3:28 left in the game. Braxton carried the ball twice for 102 yards and had one catch for 35 yards.

Yeomans said the Hawks are ready to compete this Friday.

"They're going to be a good football team, we're as fast as anybody we play," said Yeomans. "North Bay Haven is beatable. We got to play mistake-free football and try to get going on offense."

"It's a long season," he said.

"We got to get some healthy bodies back and keep fighting. I appreciate the fans support and we've had good crowds."

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## VOLLEYBALL

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school and junior varsity squads put up rapid-fire wins over Wewahitchka, but the Gators served the varsity a 10-15 loss in the fifth and deciding set.

The middle school victories in two "A" games were their first in conference contests, and without a "B" team this year, these tallies help tighten up its season. "We have some girls who have never played the game," said Coach Christey Kirvin. "We haven't fully teamed up yet, but we're getting good."

Seventh-grader Alexia McNair scored several of the team's points on her serves, to cement an early 10-2 lead. The final score in the game was a close race, but ended 25-23 in Franklin County's favor. Eighth-grader Marissa Gilbert, ABC student Jostyn Tipton, and McNair all secured single aces and McNair had one kill.

In game two, the "Baby Hawks," as they are lovingly referred to by upperclassmen, had fresh feet on the court, and won another close match 25-20. Gilbert had one kill, with three aces, and her efforts were supported by aces from McNair and seventh grader Hannah Grace Abel.

Tipton said Kirvin told the team after game one that it should not have ended that close. "That's why we tried harder," Tipton said.

Eighth-grader Samantha Anderson said the program's Big Sister initiative, that requires older players to adopt an up-and-comer, "helps a lot," to build teamwork.

McNair summed up the game with a simple, "Yea!" but also thanked her teammates for the sportsmanship shown thus far this season.

"We're getting better at talking and it feels great," she said.

The Gator middle school team has had one win and two losses so far this year.

Against the Gators, the junior varsity girls bounced each point, one-for-one, and gave the roaring crowd a show of some serious synergy. On Thursday, against Altha High School, they had been seven points behind, when they caught up for that win.

Final scores on Monday were 25-7 and 25-18.

After tying it up, 18-18, captain and sophomore Abby Johnson served for 19, and kept it climbing. The team filled up center court with aggressive hits and kept the intensity up all the way to the end.

"We had really good consistency on the floor," said sophomore Alaina Wilson.

After a shaky start in their first set, the varsity ladies worked the center of the court, at times on their knees to get the ball in the air. Freshman Brooklyn O'Neal was the secret serving weapon, keeping the scoring higher on the home side. In the final minutes the Lady Hawks went round-for-round with Wewahitchka, but answered every point and finally won 25-23.

Senior captain Tanaya Harris, sophomore Tiiana Benjamin and eighth-grader Kylah Ross each had one kill, and senior Alexus Johnson and freshman Brooklyn O'Neal served up aces. Harris and captain Casey Riley assisted.

Wewahitchka started the scoring in the second set, and the Seahawks scrambled to handle the net.

When the score reached 0-8, coach Tara Klink called a time-out to shake the team up and they bounced back, scoring easily on serves by Riley to chalk the board at



**The middle school team answered every ball served up by the Gators to seal their wins.**

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5-8. Players defending back-handed two more balls over to their opponent's side and seemed to be back from the brink at a more comfortable 7-10 deficit. Riley continued to dominate team play, with a save from the floor to make it 11-14 with a big block with Benjamin, but the team ultimately lost 18-25.

It was evident by the end of the third set, that players felt another loss setting in, and after salvaging one more point, they again fell 18-25.

The Seahawks scored the first point in the fourth, and went on to a 25-23 win.

"We didn't quite pull through, we can do a whole lot better," said Riley, optimistic about rebuilding team spirit for remaining games this week against Liberty and Wakulla Christian School. The middle school team plays Port St. Joe on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at home.



**Serving by seventh grader Alexia McNair helped the middle school team stay on top of its game.**

## Big Bend Hospice has a new Community Relations Coordinator

Big Bend Hospice (BBH) is proud to announce Kate Davis as their new Community Relations Coordinator in Franklin County. Kate moved to Florida eight years ago after receiving her degree in Integrative Studies from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. Prior to joining BBH, Kate was the Assistant Director for the American Heart Association.

Kate will build on the strong partnership BBH has established in the community over the past 35 years. She will work with the Franklin Advisory Council and create a Spiritual Leadership Committee to provide education on BBH's traditional services, Music Therapy and Veterans' Valor Ceremonies. She will also promote new programs including Pet Peace of Mind and BBH's pre-hospice program, Transitions.

Transitions provides services at no cost for individuals and families managing a life-limiting illness through supportive case management, resource linking and specialized volunteer services. An important part of the Transitions program is the companionship, assurance and support that are so vital to those facing complex issues relating to their illness, treatment and outcomes. In her new role, Kate will be able to share with the community the difference between Hospice care and Transitions' services.

"As the new Community Relations Representative I hope to help Big Bend Hospice make an even greater impact in our local community," says Davis. "I understand the deep emotional experiences surrounding hospice care and the value of a compassionate, calming team that places value on every stage of life, helping patients live every day to the fullest."

Members of the BBH staff are excited for Kate to join their team to help further the mission to inspire hope by positively impacting the way our community experiences serious illness or grief – one family at a time.

Learn more by contacting Kate at 850-878-5310 or catherined@bigbendhospice.org

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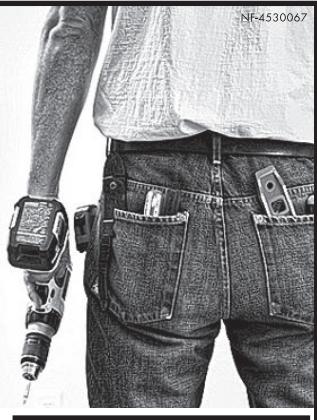
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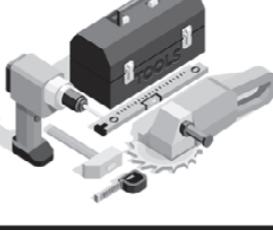


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3230

Port Saint Joe  
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HWY 98  
Aug 31 & Sept 1  
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9am - 4pm Eastern

**Huge Yard Sale**  
Cleaning out warehouse, living room, dining room, kitchen, bedroom furniture, antiques, pictures, collectibles. Lots more, priced to move. RAIN OR SHINE!

**MONEY MOVES!**

IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



4100-4130

EMPLOYMENT

4100 - Help Wanted  
4130 - Employment Information

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Lighthouse Keeper  
St. George Lighthouse  
(Approx 10-30 hrs/week)

Provides visitors with insight into the history of the Cape St. George Lighthouse, answers questions. Keeps daily log of visitors and activities up to date. Maintains cleanliness of Lighthouse. Assists in promotional activities including monthly Full Moon Climb. Other duties as assigned by management. Weekend and/or holiday work may be required.

High School Diploma plus 2 years of work experience is required. Must be trustworthy and reliable. Demonstrated ability to work independently and exercise sound judgment is required.

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## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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Commercial

6110 - Apartments

6120 - Beach Rentals

6130 - Condo/Townhouse

6140 - House Rentals

6150 - Roommate Wanted

6160 - Rooms for Rent

6170 - Mobile Home/Lot

6180 - Out-of-Town Rentals

6190 - Timeshare Rentals

6200 - Vacation Rentals

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