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OUT TO SEE

Gallery concerts start Friday

The first in a series of concerts coming to The Gallery at High Cotton this fall and winter will be this 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 at 230 Water Street in Apalachicola.

Farmers Market Saturday

Join us for the Apalachicola Farmers Market this Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mill Pond Pavilion by the working harbor of Scipio Creek. You'll find fruits and vegetables, homemade just baked bread and baked goods, local honeys and jams. Meet the artisans who craft fine furniture, jewelry, soaps and wooden bowls, while you enjoy live music and the spirit of community.

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, to meet some of the local marine denizens in seawater touch-tanks. A walk follows on the 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 3-1/2 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; minimum age is 7 years old. All 7 to 13 year olds should be accompanied by a paying adult.

Register online by Sept. 7 by visiting 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.

Locals blast Apalach commissioners

Urge cuts be made, rather than a steep hike in water and sewer rates

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At their second budget workshop last week, an event which typically draws fewer than a handful of city residents, Apalachicola commissioners got an elephant ear full of complaints regarding a proposed rate increase that would sharply hike water and sewer bills.

Speaker after speaker, about a dozen all told,



George



Turrell



Miller

urged commissioners to avoid enacting, at their final budget vote Sept. 25, a 13.5 percent increase in the base rate, and the per 1,000-gallon charges, for both residential and commercial water and sewer users.

In addition, the monthly sewer user fee (SUF), put in place five years ago to address the city's default on a loan debt to the state, is on track to jump from

the current rate of \$10.75 to \$29 for residential customers, a hike of \$18.25, or

about 170 percent, For commercial users, the monthly SUF would go to \$95, an increase of \$74.25, or about 358 percent, from the current rate of \$20.75.

"How did we get here? You all didn't see this coming?" asked Granville Croom, voicing the widespread discontent throughout the

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County posts state's best voter turnout

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Before this past primary election on Aug. 28, Supervisor of Elections Heather Riley said she was shooting for a turnout of 75 to 80 percent.

She didn't quite hit that ambitious mark, which would have been astronomical for an off-year primary election, but she did achieve one thing - the best turnout in the state.

By the time polls closed Tuesday night, only 27.46 percent of registered Florida voters had cast primary-election ballots. But in Franklin County, the turnout was 56.46 percent, part of a trend that saw turnout in some rural North Florida counties dwarfing the state rate.

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A fellow Saint



Gordon Hunter during his days serving in Vietnam [GORDON HUNTER SCRAPBOOK]

St. George Island man flew on same mission when McCain was shot down over Hanoi

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Last week the nation mourned John McCain, honoring him for service as Navy pilot, shot down on a bombing mission over Vietnam, held captive in the "Hanoi Hilton" for five years, later representing Arizona in the Senate for more than three decades, twice running for president.

St. George Island resident Gordon Hunter's political career has not been nearly so illustrious or long-lived.

A decade ago, in his only bid for public office,



A photo taken by Gordon Hunter while on a bombing mission over Phuc Hoi. Note the smoke from where one of the bombs landed. [GORDON HUNTER SCRAPBOOK]

Hunter missed a run-off for the Milton, Georgia city council by two dozen votes, and that was the end of it. He was too busy flying for Delta Airlines

and managing the family's Christmas tree farm to remain in politics.

But on Oct. 26, 1967,

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County tries again with TDC hire

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Perhaps three times will be a charm when it comes to hiring a new executive director for the Tourist Development Council.

Concerned that a discrepancy existed between the wording of the recent Request for Qualifications, and how they planned to do the hiring, county commissioners decided to advertise for a third time.

"The RFQ says that the TDC will, "will" not "shall" send the top three ranked applicants back to this board and it's in the RFQ. It says that at the Sept 12 meeting the

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community center at the Aug. 30 meeting.

“If I run into a roadblock I’m going to stop,” he said. “Nobody see this coming? Now we’re at a point now where we’re the ones got to pay for it.”

Fellow Apalachicola residents Despina George and Billy Fuentes, who serves as administrator of the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District, each called into question the city’s inaction on a debt that goes back to 1995, when the Florida Department of Environmental awarded the city a \$7.6 million loan, and the legislature kicked in another \$3.9 million to be placed in an interest-bearing escrow account, to assist the loan repayment.

A 2017 audit by the Office of the Inspector General showed that in 2008 the city and DEP entered into a 25-year repayment plan in which the city would pay about \$450,000 annually, split equally between the escrow account and a separate debt service account funded by utility receipts.

Over the next four years, the debt service account still had not been set up, and the entire loan repayment accounts had been taken from the escrow account, depleting it to the point where it is now gone, and the city still owes, as of a year ago, \$3.8 million on the loan, plus penalties.

“We really need answers why this happened and why it (the audit) wasn’t made public,” said George. “I was just horrified when I found the file and traced the history of this loan.

“We knew in 2008 what

our situation was and it’s been hidden,” she said. “Instead of dealing with the problem we pretended it didn’t exist. I don’t know the commissioners have even seen the audit report.”

Both City Attorney Pat Floyd and Mayor Van Johnson took issue with Fuentes’ and George’s assertion that the city had neglected its responsibility for keeping the loan current.

“This fund was set up to pay itself off,” said Floyd. “The state of Florida set up this fund to pay for this. The escrow was to generate interest so the city of Apalachicola did not have to pay one dime.

“It didn’t work because interest rates fell. That’s when the city got put in the position to unexpectedly come up with payments that weren’t planned for,” he said.

“We’ve been to the legislature several times to say you caused this,” said Johnson. “The bottom line is the city of Apalachicola did not create this.”

City Commissioner Brenda Ash stressed in her comments that no decision had yet been made regarding the rate hike.

“This board has not taken this issue lightly,” she said. “We have looked for alternative financing options, spoken to several lenders, and spoken to State Rep. (Halsey) Beshears and (State Senator Bill) Montford. Our goal was to restructure and rework this loan so we wouldn’t have to put an additional burden on you as our citizen base.

“We have not raised rates,” she said. “We’re at a point where this has to be proposal put on the table to resolve this issue. It is going to be a drastic hit and we’re still researching it.

“We are taking steps to

eliminate the debt but in the meantime we have to do some assisting ourselves,” Ash said. “I understand we have a big community of fixed income residents; we’re looking at all the avenues right now. We have to put it out there in order to come up with a reasonable resolution. Somebody may have an idea that we haven’t thought of.

“We have been putting off raising rates because we’ve been constantly looking for ways to prevent this from happening. If we had (raised them) a couple of years back we would have already gone through this process. We were trying to look for ways that it wouldn’t have to come to this.”

Most of the speakers who spoke out to the commissioners voiced concern about the effect the rate hike would have on the poor, particularly seniors on fixed incomes.

“This didn’t happen overnight,” said County Commissioner Noah Lockley. “For you to drop it on the people to take care of it all at once I don’t think that’s right. These are people on fixed income. What they going to do without? It’s going come to medicine or food, or pay your water. You’re not going to collect no water bills on someone who has to eat, who has to buy medicine.”

Amy Hersey said her research has shown that a water bill should be 4.5 percent of median income for an area.

“We got kids coming to school who haven’t taken baths. I see the 4-year-olds who come in who haven’t had a bath in two days,” she said. “I can pay my water bill but can my neighbors behind me?”

Lillie Turrell said she didn’t mind seeing the state come in to handle the situation.

“I do know hardship, people cannot afford it. That’s twice this year (rates have been raised),” she said. “You just put things on people and you don’t realize what you’re doing. I don’t know what the state will do but I don’t mind them coming. I’m just appalled that you’ll would be putting another charge on us.”

Sally Williamson said she spoke as an advocate for elder care. “You removed the senior benefit and we got a double whammy,” she said. “With this raise you are tripling that for elderly care, there are those who are elderly who cannot afford this.

“Look at your conscience,” she said.

“We want you to tell us how you got here, we want answers,” said Barry Hand. “If you don’t really consider your seniors in this city, this is not going to be good.”

Johnny Byrd and Jamie Liang both said they believed cuts were in order.

“Make cuts, and take money out of the general fund,” said Byrd. “Look at all the departments and see who we can do without.

“I know you hate to cut but sometimes that has to be done,” he said. “People who we can do without, do without, and let’s put more money in the general fund and help pay this bill.”

Liang stepped forward to advocate for cuts to city employees. “I see people on the side of the road doing nothing,” she said. “We’re a town struggling. Do we really need this kind of budget for law enforcement? We need to get to the nitty gritty. The BP money burned a damn hole in the governing body’s pocket. We have to stop boondoggling and pay what needs to be paid.”

Granville Croom’s wife Delores voiced opposition

to cutting the police.

“Let us not be deceived,” she said. “Apalachicola is not such a great and perfect place that we can afford to lose any of the policemen that we have. I don’t think it’s part of your plan, if you were thinking about this.”

City Manager Ron Nalley said that because the debt is so large, the cut would have to be massive.

“We’d have to let everybody go in the police department and everybody in public works, that’s the kind of cuts we’d have to make,” he said. “We’re talking about eliminating full departments.”

Johnson argued that opposition to city projects, such as against the putting in of the CVS and of the Denton Cove development, has restricted economic development that would have led to more balanced books.

“Several years ago the work camp closed down, that was largest water and sewer customer, we got \$60,000 annually,” he said. “That money hasn’t been replaced and every major development that would have generated enough tax dollars, it’s been rejected by this community. This community has not grown.”

Both Ronnie Page and Bobby Miller urged the commissioners to look for alternatives.

“We all know how we got here, it’s gross mismanagement of funds,” Miller said. “You kicked the can down the road and we ran out of road.

“We’ve got to come up with a solution to come out of this problem,” he said. “Putting it on the backs of people who are retired, it’s kind of tough.

“I can think of three cuts we can make in this city right now,” Miller said. “You won’t even miss ‘em.”

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.

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HUNTER

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the two men shared something very much in common.

Each piloted an A-4 bomber off of the U.S.S. Oriskany, part of attack squadron VA-163, assigned to target a thermal power plant in downtown Hanoi.

Hunter completed his assignment without incident. But McCain's plane was hit, he broke both arms and his right knee on ejection, was fished out of Truc Bach Lake and then imprisoned for five years by the North Vietnamese.

"Hanoi was well-protected, we knew it would be in a hot, dangerous situation," Hunter said, in a Labor Day morning interview. "The idea would be to take out to take out the electrical plant, a huge electrical plant that supplied the city.

"I was too intense doing my job to worry about anybody else," he said. "But I knew there was a lot of stuff going down. I heard on the radio there were a lot of people being hit.

"(After we returned) we learned we lost McCain. That's when we knew we lost some guys," Hunter said.

Now 75 and retired, living on St. George Island and active with the advisory board for the Apalachicola airport, Hunter's road to that fateful mission more than 50 years ago was far different than McCain, son and grandson of four-star Navy admirals, all graduates of Annapolis,

In contrast, Hunter enlisted in the service, the

son of a man who lacked a college education, a "great and supportive father" who worked as a warehouse materials supervisor for Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation.

Born in San Jose, California, growing up in Saratoga in the Santa Clara Valley, Hunter graduated Los Gatos High School in 1960, and attended UCLA on a Navy ROTC scholarship.

"I just always wanted to be around ships and so forth, always interested in the sea," said Hunter, whose middle name Waterman no doubt foreshadowed that ambition.

After graduation in 1964, Hunter went to aviation training at Naval Air Station Pensacola, and earned his wings in June 1966, adept at flying the A4 Skyhawk, a small, single-engine, single-pilot attack plane, designed to nimbly drop bombs.

The need to replenish pilots meant Lt. junior grade Hunter would check in to the carrier Oriskany in Oct. 1966, stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin.

He had completed but two flights aboard the ship when on the morning of Oct. 26, he was on the flight deck, slated for a third, to be the first one out.

In the forward flare locker, the Navy later determined, a seaman had accidentally ignited a flare, and in panic, threw it into a weapons locker where flares were stored, rather than over the side of the ship. The resulting explosion and fire raced through five decks, killing 44 men, many of them veteran combat pilots who had flown raids but a few hours earlier.

"My roommates in

the junior office bunk room, they were killed in their sleep," dying from asphyxiation from the white phosphorus smoke, Hunter said. "I had escaped certain death."

The Oriskany returned to San Diego for repairs, and by June 1967 was back off the coast of Vietnam, where Hunter reassumed his missions with his fellow "Saints," nickname for his squadron. A pair of jets would fly road reconnaissance, gathering photographic evidence of traffic coming down highways from the North, and then Hunter and his fellow pilots would destroy bridges, trucks, trains, whatever was shipping supplies to replenish Viet Cong forces in the South.

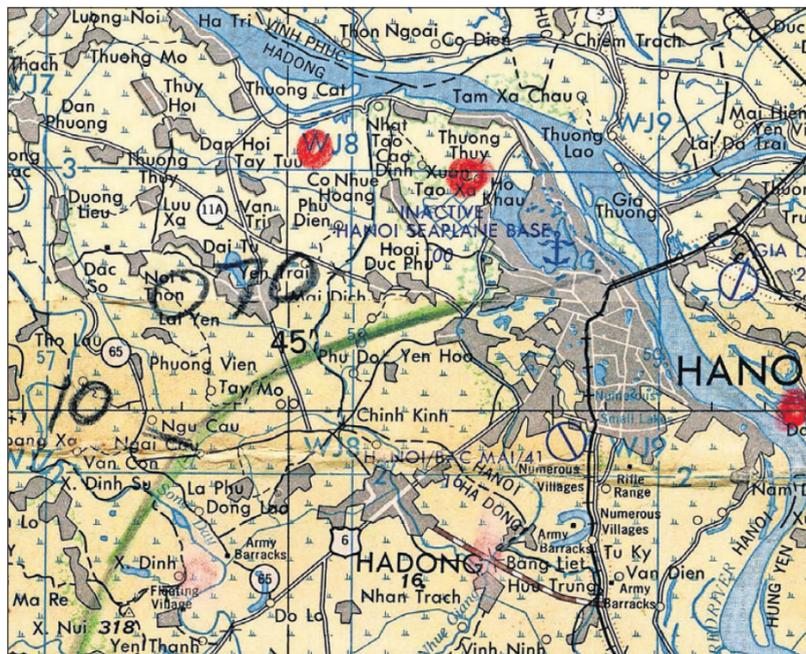
It was exactly one year to the date of the Oriskany fire that the now-famous Alpha strike took place, a formation of 20 bombers assisted by fighter planes.

Hunter had been busy with his daily bombing runs, a junior officer in a close-knit squadron of Saints. "We had a lot of good junior officers, pretty brave guys who knew their way around and were pretty good. We were the young guys being trained under their wings. All of us junior guys becoming seasoned attack pilots," he said.

"We would fly probably one a day, and maybe considered a spare for others," Hunter said. "The ship would be out on the line on station and then we would go back to port in Philippines or to Japan for R and R (rest and relaxation) and then come back on station."

McCain was new to the Oriskany crew, after his

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A map of routes to Hanoi kept by Gordon Hunter for use in his bombing missions. The red dots represent known launch sites for surface-to-air missiles.

[GORDON HUNTER SCRAPBOOK]

Franklin County Coastal Cleanup

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 — 8:30-11:30am

Cleanup Locations

- Apalachicola: 10' Hole
- Apalachicola: Abererombie Landing
- Bald Point State Park
- Carrabelle: City Pavilion
- Carrabelle: Carrabelle Beach
- Eastpoint: Downtown
- Eastpoint: Millender Park
- Lanark Beach
- St. George Island: Downtown
- St. George Island: State Park

Where to Meet

- Battery Park — under the bridge
- 12th Street out about 12 miles
- 146 Box Cut Rd, Alligator Point
- City Pavilion on Marine St.
- Across from RV park
- Pavilion Area on HWY 98
- Marion Millender Park — off Patton St.
- Public Access Pt. — Arizona St. south of Hwy 98
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First Baptist Church Apalachicola

46 9th Street, Apalachicola



Speaker: Dr. Torey Blackman

Dr. Torey Blackman was saved at the age of 21 on June 20th, 1995. That night Torey asked Jesus Christ to save his soul. Just a few months later the Holy Spirit began to deal with him about preaching His Word. He surrendered to God to be a preacher of the gospel in September of 1997 and has been serving the Lord since.

In October 1998, Torey met his wife, Joy. They were married on May 20, 2000 and have been serving the Lord together in various ministries.

In May of 2016, Torey was introduced to Fellowship Baptist Church in Carrabelle. He is currently serving as the pastor of Fellowship and has been actively involved in Franklin County. Torey is well known, respected and loved in Carrabelle and the surrounding communities.

OPINION

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Oscar, Felix and the sound of laughter



Margaret McDowell

**Felix Ungar: "I think I'm crazy."
Oscar Madison: "If it makes you feel any better, I think so too."**
From "The Odd Couple"

The sound of audiences laughing at his material provided the affirmation that his own childhood denied him. My favorite film adaptation is "The Odd Couple," released in 1968 and starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon. Characters Oscar Madison and Felix Ungar cohabit Madison's New York apartment while Ungar and his wife endure a separation. Madison is a total slob who is driven insane by Felix and his obsessive neatness.

Mike Nichols won his first Tony Award for directing it. "Barefoot in the Park" made Robert Redford a star. And Burt Bacharach scored his musicals. His plays enjoyed 9,000 performances on Broadway in a 15-year period (1965 to 1980), with four running simultaneously in 1966. He wrote "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues," "Lost in Yonkers," "The Prisoner of Second Avenue," "Plaza Suite" and many more.

Neil Simon was born in the Bronx on July 4, 1927. His salesman father left and returned repeatedly. Eventually the family dissolved and Neil was shuffled off to live with relatives. Several of his plays, including "Lost in Yonkers," draw from his early life experiences. Simon was awarded a Tony and a Pulitzer Prize for that play.

After his discharge from the Air Force, he began writing comedy sketches for Phil Silvers and Sid Caesar. His first play, "Come Blow Your Horn," was written in 1961 and enjoyed 677 performances.

Simon wrote about middle class people, their foibles and funny mannerisms, and the struggles of families, marriage, and everyday living. After his first wife died of cancer in 1973, he married actress Marsha Mason and wrote what he considered his favorite play, "Chapter Two," based on their marital strife. "Biloxi Blues" was developed from Simon's own military experiences in Denver.

Simon died recently at age 91. From a relatively impoverished and dysfunctional upbringing, Neil Simon rose to the top of his profession as a playwright. He took the everyday agony and unhappiness surrounding him, and turned it into professional success through good humor, hard work and immense natural talent. Perhaps it is hyperbole, but one critic called him the most prolific playwright since Shakespeare.

There is a common misconception that rich, successful Americans inherit their place in society from their similarly wealthy parents. While exposure to handling financial issues can provide a leg up, a person must develop his or her own financial and career success, regardless of background. Many times, the desire to escape and deal with dysfunctionality or poverty can provide remarkable financial motivation to achieve.

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GUEST COLUMN

Managing growth for a laid-back island

By James Donald
Special to the Times

The St George Island Civic Club, now 400 members strong, has a long history of volunteerism with a focus on improvements to the island and fundraising activities for countywide needs. The club also serves as a forum for discussion and information sharing of issues that impact island residents and homeowners.

This year the civic club embraced the task of coordinating the development of a citizen-driven, wide ranging community redevelopment plan that will promote and position the island as a unique, attractive, vibrant, and economically prosperous community. This project is in response to Franklin County Business District Overlay Ordinance 2018-02 adopted earlier this year, which placed additional regulations on private properties within the island's commercial area, and laid out the vision articulated above. The timing is also tied to the current infusion of state and federal grant dollars for Gulf Coast counties resulting from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The goal of the planning effort of "SGI 2025," a working title chosen by the civic club, is to identify improvements that will preserve the natural beauty and ecology of the island while providing recommendations for managed economic development and positive growth.

How projects were selected for the plan

In early 2018, after the overlay was adopted, the club sought volunteers to serve on a 20-member infrastructure committee to collect ideas, provide research, and develop a plan for capital improvements. After months of meetings, trips to other communities to view facilities or meet with officials, tours by state and federal government granting agencies, the committee recommended these categories of projects:

Improvements to basic infrastructure, within the business district, to address problems associated with traffic congestion, flooding, and safety, including the need for making the island center more appealing and navigable by pedestrians. Additional parking spaces, away from the Franklin Blvd/Gulf Beach Drive intersections, were considered critical to reducing the overcrowding and illegal parking that characterize this area on any sunny day.

Improvements to existing venues within the island center that are inadequate or unsafe to increase serviceability, usefulness and attractiveness. Obvious examples the committee identified include the boat launch area, fishing pier and Lighthouse Park restrooms, and the shoreline on both sides of the causeway leading from Franklin Blvd to the base of the bridge.

Improvements related to "quality of life" and "livability." Successful communities provide settings for outdoor activities and opportunities for socialization that nurture community spirit and bring citizens together. The selections for recreational features were chosen specifically for their quiet, "laid back" nature, suitable for our island. The



Workshops planned for firehouse

The civic club would like to invite the general public to attend a discussion-workshop at the St. George Island firehouse on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. and/or Thursday, Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. Attendees can learn more about the plan and how the BP oil spill grants, as well as other state and federal grant entities, can be used, learn more about their specific requirements, and how SGI can qualify. For more, visit www.sgi2025.com

"inclusive" shaded playground, with appropriate surfacing, welcomes all children, even those with disabilities who today could not navigate the sand of our current play equipment. Our health-conscious people can enjoy a welcoming fitness circuit trail with shade and restrooms nearby. The community center is a gathering place overlooking the Gulf for folks to participate in recreational, educational, and cultural citizen events. In addition, the structure can be revenue producing when rented for weddings and other private functions.

How comments are being gathered

The infrastructure committee report to the membership took the form of a website www.SGI2025.com that went live this summer. The website contains a comment section so that civic club members, as well as the general public, can react to the concepts and individual projects. The committee will tabulate the responses, make changes to the proposal based on those comments, and present a final version for a civic club membership vote this fall.

Input was also solicited through announcements to organizations such as homeowner associations, the Island Business Association, and "SGI Forward," a communication tool that keeps islanders abreast of issues; posters requesting comment placed in prominent locations within island businesses; meetings and workshops with small groups; announcements on the radio and Facebook; and a presentation to the county commissioners.

How much support is necessary?

It would be wonderful to have unanimous support, and we hope the openness of the process will help us reach a broad consensus and compromise. But civic club members are realistic. The bottom line question in any community reliant on tourism for its economy is "When is it too much?" We know some islanders fear any improvements will bring unwanted change and attract more people to the area. And, in fact, making the island more appealing is, obviously, part of the design. We believe, however, that these citizen-chosen improvements are more suitable to the

island than the commercial enterprises that might develop from a for-profit perspective.

The history of the island includes past "engagements" over large-scale development, but the protection of the environment over commercialism always prevailed. As long as this barrier island and its surrounding waters are considered by national, state, and local authorities as important for the ecosystem, it will remain this unique, low-density community. But we all must be diligent. If our citizens stay informed and involved, we can shape the future. We are counting on involved citizens participating every year as the SGI2025 individual project grants are prepared to ensure we are doing what is necessary to retain the identity of St George Island.

What are next steps and timeline?

If civic club members approve the plan after edits by the committee and the board, the concepts will become the basis of grant requests to the county. County commissioners must give their approval for any grant requests because they are the legal entity representing St George Island. The commissioners will guide the choice of projects and the timelines, although we hope to spread the construction of projects over the life of the oil spill grant funding, seven to 10 years. The county will decide the design firms and construction companies through its procurement process. The facilities, which are to be located on public land, will be under the control of the county for maintenance and upkeep in cooperation with other government agencies.

Other significant elements

At this time, the civic club leadership is in discussion with other communities within the county with the goal of partnering on mainland projects to improve the prosperity of the entire area. For example, an expansion of high-speed internet can bring employment opportunities to county residents desiring to work for one of the hundreds of national companies that use remote workers today. It may provide more opportunities for our young professionals to return home to live and work. Expansion of broadband can also make this coastal area appealing for relocation by professionals who bring remote jobs with them as they settle here. Finally, such broadband to the homes of Franklin County students will open up greater educational opportunities and interaction with the world. We invite all interested parties to reach out to us on this economic development possibility. And we welcome partnerships with other communities and entities for the greater good of the county.

James Donald, president of the St. George Island Civic Club, prepared this overview with great thought and input of Infrastructure Committee Chair Mike O'Connell, sub-committee members and Civic Club members. You can join in the effort by reading this website and providing your comments www.sgi2025.com



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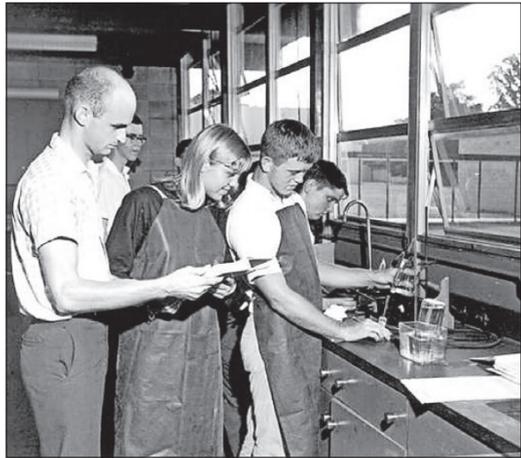
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CHASING SHADOWS

Do you remember the '60s?

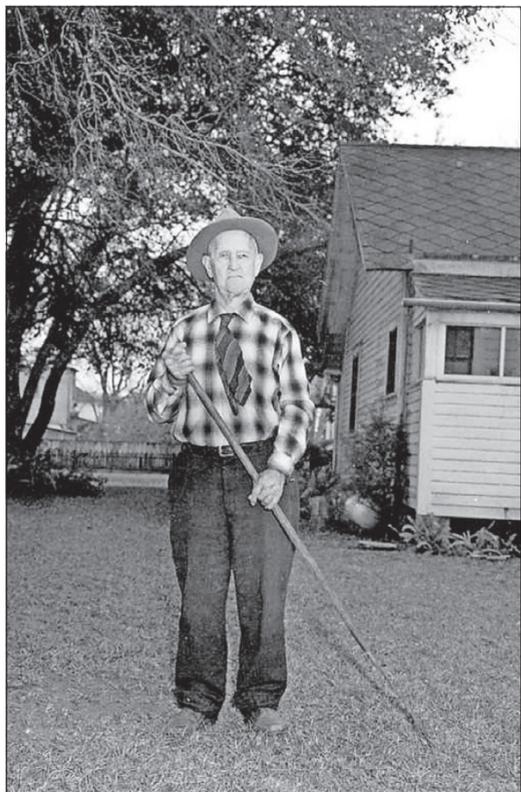
Editor's note: The following photographs were each taken in the first half of the 1960s in Franklin County. Do you recognize any of these people or places? Do you have memories of these times? Do you have photos you would like to share with our readers? Please email them to David Adlerstein, at Dadlerstein@starfl.com or call 653-8894.



Biology teacher Orlis Burton works with students at Chapman High School in 1965. The student standing at the sink is Randy Randolph. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA/HOLLAND]



This photo, posted on www.shorpy.com by Jim Page, was taken in Apalachicola in 1965, and shows his mom and a neighbor enjoying their snappy webbed lawn furniture. [SHORPY.COM | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



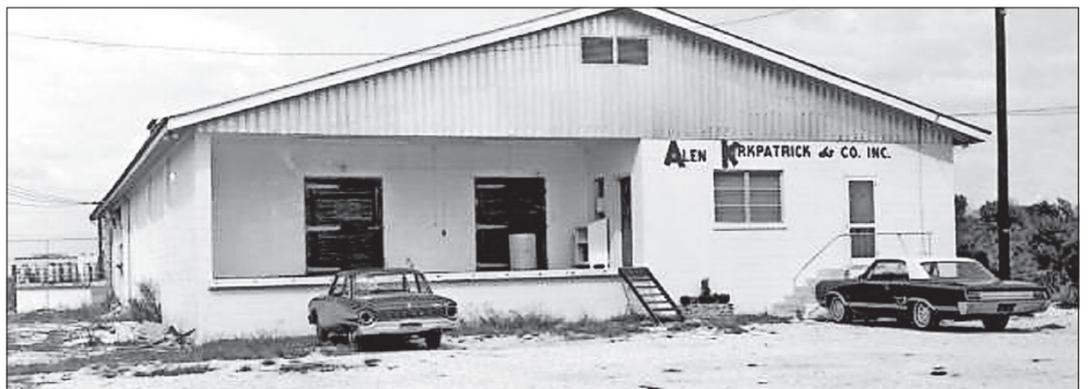
Captain Bill Fry, last of a long line of riverboat captains, photographed in Feb. 1961. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]



Beehives on a scaffold at an apiary on the Apalachicola River, photographed in July 1965. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA/HOLLAND]



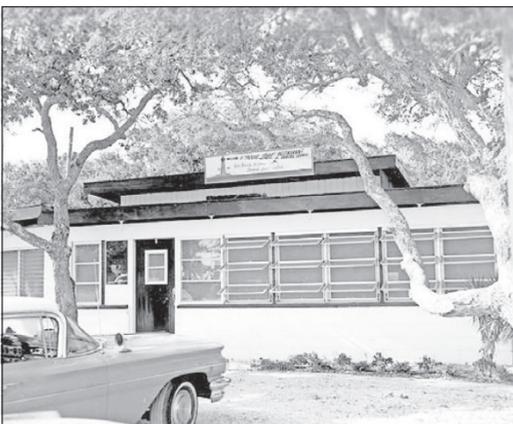
This photo, showing the Page family's 1958 DeSoto was taken in Apalachicola in 1964, and posted on www.shorpy.com by Jim Page, who is at left, pointing at his mom's cigarette, along with brother Jeffrey and Tiger, their new Chihuahua. That DeSoto leaked oil, I wrote Page. My dad would make me scrub the driveway with a broom and kitty litter to get rid of the stains. [SHORPY.COM | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



The Alen Kirkpatrick and Co. seafood plant in Apalachicola, photographed in Sept. 1965 [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA | HOLLAND]



Three representatives looking over a proposed bill in Tallahassee in 1961 are, from left, Oliver Nash of Apalachicola, Allison R. "Baldy" Strickland of Crystal River, and Jerry Thomas of Palm Beach. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]



The Island Light Restaurant, in Eastpoint, photographed in Sept. 1965. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA/HOLLAND]



Woman shucking oysters in Apalachicola, photographed on Sept. 23, 1961. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]



This unidentified man at the Apalachicola weather station was photographed in Sept. 1965. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA/HOLLAND]



Bill Martina and Pete Polonis working on their shrimp boat in Apalachicola, photographed in Oct. 1961. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA | HOLLAND]



Man from Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce welcoming people to the 35th annual Florida State Foxhunting Association show on St. James Island, photographed Oct 23, 1961. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]

ELECTION

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Franklin was followed by 55.33 percent in neighboring Liberty County, according to numbers posted on the state Division of Elections website, with Jefferson County at 49.37 percent, Gadsden at 41.82 percent and Holmes

at 40.69 percent. The state's lowest turnout rate, 20.6 percent, came in Central Florida's Osceola County. That was followed by a 21.35 percent rate in Miami-Dade, a 23.53 percent rate in Broward County, a 24.01 percent rate in Hendry County and a 24.8 percent rate in Bay County.

The best showing locally was in Apalachicola's historic district,

which saw 72.3 percent of registered voters going to the polls. The turnout was 70.4 percent by Republicans, and 79.4 percent by Democrats.

The district outside of Apalachicola was next best with a 67.8 percent turnout, comprised of 64.3 percent of Republicans and 72.4 percent of Democrats.

Apalachicola's Hill neighborhood turned out at a 67.2 percent clip, a showing of 60.4 percent by Republicans and 73.6 percent by Democrats.

All three Apalachicola precincts had school

board races, which may have helped boost turnout.

On St. George Island, 58.2 percent of voters turnout, with 58.5 percent of Republicans casting ballots, and 68.4 percent of Democrats.

On Alligator Point 53.9 of registered voters cast ballots, made up of 62.6 percent of Republicans and 56.1 percent of Democrats.

In Eastpoint, 52.1 percent of voters cast their ballot, a 50.1 percent turnout by Democrats and a 63.4 percent showing among the GOP.

Only in Lanark and in Carrabelle, neither of which had school board races, did the turnout dip below 50 percent.

In Lanark, it was 43.8 percent, made up of 50.7 percent of registered Republicans, and 48.6 percent of Democrats.

In Carrabelle, the turnout was the worst, by far, amounting to only 26.4 percent. Republicans voted at a 26.8 percent rate, while Democrats cast ballots at a 28.7 percent clip.

A review of the ballotting shows that Jay Gordon Shuler, the winner in the

race for county judge, won five of the eight precincts, aided by big margins in Apalachicola. Barbara Sanders managed to win the majority of voters on St. George Island, and in Alligator Point and Lanark Village.

In the race for the nomination by their party for tax collector, Republican Rick Watson and Democrat Teresa Ann Martin each carried each of the eight precincts. They'll square off in November in a three-way race that also includes Connie Polous, who is running without party affiliation.

CITY OF APALACHICOLA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND/OR AUCTIONEERS

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Public Notice of Meeting of the Franklin County Audit Committee

Pursuant to Florida Statute 218.391, the Audit Selection Committee for Franklin County, Florida, gives notice that on September 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (E.T.) in the County Commission meeting room, at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida, it will conduct a public meeting to review, discuss and rank the firms which responded to Franklin County's request for qualifications for firms to provide audit and accounting services for the county's annual audit and the hospital audit for Weems Memorial Hospital.

The public is invited to attend.

The meeting room is handicap accessible; however, those persons who may require special assistance to attend the public meeting must make arrangements in advance by calling Deputy Clerk Lori Hines at 850-653-8861, x100 at least two business days in advance of the meeting.

Any person who may desire to challenge the outcome of the meeting is responsible for recording a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

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TDC

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top 3 applicants would be known to the public, said Commissioner Cheryl Sanders, who also chairs the TDC. "Now as you got it you have the four (applicants coming for interviews before the commissioners.)

"It's all a mess and some of the members were very concerned were we going against what the RFQ says or are we doing it?" she said. "My thing is if it's going to be different than what was advertised two times, we need to do it again,"

At the last round of bidding, which was commenced after the first round yielded only two applicants, applicants included Laura Graham, of Forgotten Coast Management Services Inc.; Debra Davis, of Debra Davis and Associates of Franklin County; Forgotten Coast Creative LLC, managed by Cutler

Edwards, of Apalachicola; and the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, under President Donna Duncan and Director John Solomon.

The commissioners decided last month that it would best not to strike just one of the applicants, and interview only three.

"We didn't want to be seen as singling one out, that was our concern," said Commissioner Ricky Jones.

"I've sat on that TDC for 12 years; that's the most confusing thing I've ever seen in my whole life," said Sanders. "I think everybody's confused about it. We need a very large amount of clarity in this."

"I am concerned about the time constraints as of the new budget coming in October. We have to move quickly," she said.

County Attorney Michael Shuler stooped short of advising the commissioners that the discrepancy required them to rebid the RFQs

"You can't change the material requirements of

the RFQ midstream," he said. "What you're talking about is non-material process, by choosing to interview all four instead of all three."

Commissioners Smokey Parrish said the whole idea was to be more inclusive with the interviews, rather than less. "We were being more responsive and less restrictive," he said.

"The RFQ says the TDC will rank them and y'all asked the ranking not be done," said Sanders. "It could potentially set you up to a legal question. The RFQ says one thing and the county commission directed the board to do something different."

Commissioner Noah Lockley, a proponent of bringing the job in-house, as a county employee, tried again, but no one took him up on the offer.

"If it's causing all that, bring it in house," he said.

Jones moved, and Commissioner William Massey seconded, to readvertise, with the TDC scrutinizing their

adherence to the application requirements, and their returning the top five applicants although not in any ranked order, but on what was termed a "coequal basis."

Parrish specified that after it is drawn up by Shuler, the advertisement be brought back to the commissioners for their OK.

"Whatever we do, when it comes time to be ranked, anyone with a conflict has to abstain at the TDC level," noted Jones.

Following the vote, the commissioners approved a recommendation from County Coordinator Michael Morón to extend Curt Blair, the current director, on a month-to-month basis for a maximum of three months.

In his report, Blair said collections for June were at a little more than \$269,000, an increase of \$42,253 over the year before. Collections so far this year are running nearly 9 percent over last year's.

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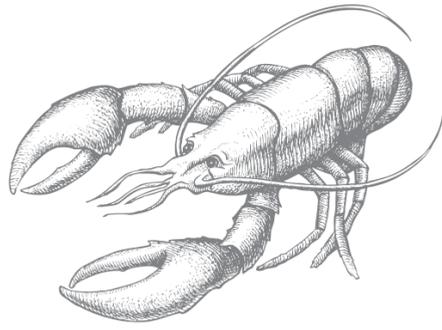
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Bodine receives Pinnacle Award

Special to the Times

At a August 21 luncheon at Florida State University in Panama City, Kim Bodine, executive director for CareerSource Gulf Coast, was presented the 2018 Pinnacle Award by 850 - The Business Magazine of Northwest Florida.

The Pinnacle Award, established in 2013, is presented annually to 10 leading businesswomen who are making strides in Northwest Florida. Award winners are recognized for holding themselves to high standards and their contribution to the betterment of the local community.

Bodine has over 25 years of experience in workforce development and oversees the administration of up to 45 funding-streams and programs with annual budgets of up to \$13 million. She has contributed to the development of many workforce programs assisting youth, veterans, dislocated workers, and disabled



Bodine

persons. Bodine is also heavily-involved in Alignment Bay County, a collective impact organization she worked to create that focuses on providing health and education resources to Bay County's youth by aligning local community organizations and resources.

Bodine currently serves as president of the Florida Workforce Development Association, leading CareerSource counterparts across the state. She also serves many local organizations, as the vice chair of ARC of the Bay, secretary of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance, and as a member of the UF/IFAS Bay County Extension Advisory Board, the Restore Council of Bay County, the Bay-Franklin-Gulf Healthy Start Coalition, the Bay Medical Sacred Heart board of directors, and the Gulf County Economic Development Council.

Caregivers can gain 'powerful tools'

Special to the Times

Join Alzheimer's Project, Inc. for our upcoming Powerful Tools for Caregivers class in Franklin County. The class is a six week education series that aims to help caregivers to thrive while caregiving, not just survive. Attendees will learn valuable techniques to assist them while providing care to their care receiver, including: ways to reduce personal stress, change negative self-talk, communicate their needs to family members, and recognize the messages in their emotions and much more.

The class creates a support system for the caregiver who attend. Our message for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and other chronic conditions is to know they are not alone. One of the many benefits we have seen is the continued support

that remains even after the six-week class has come to a close. Caregivers are encouraged to continue attending one of the many support groups Alzheimer's Project, Inc. provides, as well as utilize the day respite programs to provide relief to the caregivers and a safe, stimulating environment for the loved ones with a memory disorder.

The class will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 12, and ending on Oct. 17. Hosted in partnership with Elder Care Community Council (ECCC) and Alzheimer's Project, Inc., the class will be held at the Apalachicola Senior Center, 203 Dr. Frederick Humphries Blvd., Apalachicola.

To register or for more information please contact Caitlin Dilley at 850-386-2778 or by email at caitlin@alzheimersproject.org

New island boutique opens

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce snipped the ribbon August 24 on the island's newest boutique Seaside Cotton. Located

at 112 Franklin Boulevard, Suite 103, the shop owned by Phyllis Lewis specializes in clothing, shoes and accessories for men and women,

clothing for women and bathing suits and dress pants for men. The shop also carries unique gift items, candles, coolers, sunglasses and more.



[JOHN SOLOMON | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

Legion Post 82 welcomes fresh blood

By David Adlerstein

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At a grand evening Aug. 18, members of Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82, together with the Sons, Auxiliary and Legion Riders installed officers for 2018-19.

Greg Kristofferson, the Post's outgoing adjutant, opened the ceremony by thanking all the special guests, who included District 2 Commander Jim Brennan and wife Pat; District 2 Auxiliary President Nell Hewitt and husband Roger, the District 2 vice commander; District 2 Sons Commander Kent Smith and wife Jane; Legion Riders Area Chairman Jim Bowers; and Western Area Commander Raymond Olsen.

"This is the occasion where we recognize those willing to serve our organization in their respective leadership roles. It takes hard work and dedication to the Post and the American Legion to step up and serve," said Kristofferson, who has been a member of the executive board for eight years, the last six as adjutant.

"It is time for me to step down and let new blood and ideas into the Post," he said, introducing the new Post Adjutant Rachel Murphy, the first female to serve in that role.

Kristofferson outlined the Post's achievements over the past six years. In 2013 the Post became a Farm Share distribution site, which has become a permanent fixture in providing food for the community.

Also In 2013, with the help of the now late member Bill Miller, Post 82 got an armament display in the form of a M101 cannon. "It was a pleasure working with Bill on this project. He said he finally got to cross that off his bucket list," Kristofferson said.

In 2014 Post 82 became the first in Florida to receive the Post Excellence Award, the only Post to receive this award that year.

In 2016 Post 82 approved the formation of Legion Riders Chapter 82, in 2017 acquired a new "used" flagpole for the Post, donated by The St. Joe Company, and moved and refurbished with the help of volunteer Post members and local contractors.

"Each year Post 82 has sent Franklin County



Leadership of Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82, front row, from left, 3rd Vice Robert Wear and Chaplain Barbara Cook. Second row, from left, Commander Bert Worthy, 1st Vice Tim Ryan, 2nd Vice Bob Shalley, Executive Member Joe Howard, Adjutant Rachel Murphy, Finance Mike Marshall and Sgt. at Arms Mike Howard. Third row, from left, Executive Member Richard Davis and Executive Member Mark Melcher. In back is District 2 Commander Jim Brennan. [BRENDA LA PAZ | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



American Legion Riders, Chapter 82, from left, are Treasurer Suzanne Brannan, First Vice Harry Larsen, Director Bobby Turner, Secretary - Membership Remona Larsen, and Legion Riders Area Chairman Jim Bowers. [BRENDA LA PAZ | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Leadership of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 82, from left, Adjutant/Treasurer Harry Larsen; Commander Terry Brannan; Chaplain Cecil Jackson; and in back, District 2 Sons Commander Kent Smith. [BRENDA LA PAZ | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

students to the American Legion's Boys State and Girls State programs and continues to do so," Kristofferson said. "Each Christmas Post 82's Auxiliary unit collects donations, shops for and delivers hundreds of Christmas gifts for veterans residing in our local nursing homes."

He said the Post each March hosts the Camp Gordon Johnston Days low country boil, and each April hosts the Tonya's Hope Cancer fundraiser, raising funds to help cancer victims with expenses during their treatment.

He noted that over the past six years, the membership rolls have grown from 120 Legionnaires to numbers as high as 157. "We received over 100 percent membership in four of the past six years with 95 and 90 percent the other years," Kristofferson said.

"Membership is the lifeblood of the American Legion and our membership goals can only be maintained and increased with the continued support from all of our members," he said. "As with any veteran's organization, we are founded on volunteerism.

A handful of dedicated individuals cannot do the lion's share of the work required to keep this Post alive and thriving.

"I encourage all members of the Post to pitch in and assist your new leaders with the various tasks that they face during the year. This is your Post and it will only continue to grow and improve if we work together to make it happen," said Kristofferson.

Brennan and then other district commanders then conducted the installation of new Post officers. He noted that Kristofferson's retirement is a big loss to Post 82. "Greg and I have worked well over the years," Brennan said. "The incoming adjutant has big shoes to fill."

American Legion Department of Florida State Commander Dianne Boland, elected in June and the first female Florida state commander, is tentatively scheduled to attend "Hamburger Night" at Post 82 is Friday, Sept. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. She and her group will visit the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum during the day and come out for hamburgers during the evening.

PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society

BUDDY is a very gentle and sweet yellow Lab. He is about 2 years old, heartworm negative and will be neutered soon. This handsome boy hasn't had a lot of life experience so he needs an adopter who is willing to introduce him to the world slowly and spend time socializing and training him. He has a ton of potential!

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

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

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RALPH F. WALTON

Ralph Foster Walton, 86, of Port St. Joe, passed away Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services with military honors will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Long Avenue Baptist Church in Port St. Joe, with Pastor Eli Prine officiating. A private interment will be held at Holly Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Ralph, son of the late Fred Foster Walton and Jewell Henderson Walton, was born April 15, 1932 in Starrsville, Georgia. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force in special forces at Tyndall Air Force Base. Ralph retired from St. Joe Paper Company after many years as a purchasing agent. He was a member of Long Avenue Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, Royal Ambassador leader, and taught Sunday School.

In his leisure time,



Ralph enjoyed wood-working, hunting, fishing, and working on his farm. He was generous with the fruits and vegetables and loved to share. He was famous for his homemade fudge and jelly that he gave out to friends and family at Christmastime.

Ralph had a passion for sports. In his youth, he played American Legion baseball, coached Little League as an adult and kept up with his Atlanta Braves. Ralph was an avid reader and enjoyed researching and learning new things.

Other than his parents, Ralph is preceded

in death by his brother, Wilson Walton and sister, Jeanette Walton.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty J. Walton of Port St. Joe; children Darlene Battle (Don) of Panama City, Janice Adkison (Martin) of Port St. Joe, and Jeff Walton of Marianna; grandchildren Brad Smith, Clay Whitfield, Brooks Adkison, Mason Adkison, Chance Walton, Christopher Walton, Michaela "KayKay" Rabon and Madison Rabon; great grandchildren Ava, Brodhi, Coral, Avery, Lauren, Madison, Connor, Aneala, Jason and Joanna; other relatives and friends.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the nurses and staff at Covenant Hospice. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Hospice at www.choosecovenant.org.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at WhatleyFuneralServices.com.

New veteran liaison at Big Bend Hospice

Special to the Times

New Veteran Liaison Michael Douglas, MSW, is helping Big Bend Hospice (BBH) make an even greater impact on veterans and their families in our communities.

A recent Florida State University graduate, he served in the U.S. Army for five years, and currently serves as an officer-in-charge in the U.S. Army Reserves.

As the veteran liaison, he will oversee all valor recognition programs honoring patients who served in the armed forces. He will recruit and coordinate volunteers who are veterans as part of the Vet-to-Vet



Michael Douglas

program. Douglas will also assist veterans and their families with end-of-life planning, access to VA benefits, and preserving their legacy.

BBH became a

member of the National We Honor Veterans program in 2013 and achieved the highest pinnacle of membership one year later by recognizing veterans through Valor Ceremonies, Dog Tag Tree of Life, and pavers in their Veterans Memorial Garden. Now they plan to enhance the services offered to veterans and their families through the veteran liaison, with services available to both hospice patients-families and Transitions' clients.

Learn more by contacting Michael at 850-878-5310 or michaeld@bigbendhospice.org

Celebrate grandparents Sunday at Holy Family

With its mission to be a bridge connecting seniors to the community, ECCC (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, this 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 ECCC, 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.



Performing on Sunday, from left, are Brooks Jones, Carol Harris, Randy Mims and Chris Clark. [JENNIFER SHEFFIELD | THE TIMES]

Bluegrass stirs the 'Frozen Chosen'

By Jennifer Sheffield

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Bluegrass, a brand of Appalachian string band music, with roots in Celtic, and African genres, is not normally used as a prelude to a traditional Episcopal Holy Eucharist Rite.

But on Sunday, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Apalachicola, it worked to pack pews with visitors, plus bring other local musicians into the fold.

"It was certainly unprecedented. But we need to be open-minded," said singer Tony Partington of Cat-Pointe Music in Eastpoint and The Recollections jazz band. "I'm sure there were some not keen on this idea. But, proof was in the pudding, that people came."

The headcount for Sunday's service was 150 people. The Rev. Donna Gerold, Trinity's interim priest and celebrant for

the day, said a regular Sunday attendance this time of year is around 60.

She said she had heard of this concept before and said, "I tossed the idea of a blue grass Eucharist out as an example of something we could do to invite the community into Trinity, see our beautiful historic church building and let them have the experience of an Episcopal service."

"I mentioned it to one or two people, including our choir director, Randy Mims, and he jumped on it. Then it took on a life of its own," she said. "We have so many artistic and creative people at Trinity it was easy for it to take flight."

The group was made up of Carol Harris, of Wombat Sound Music Store, Bill Jones of Tallahassee on banjo, Brooks Jones, who sings in the choir, Chris Clark on upright bass, and Mims. These musicians also perform together at several local gigs, as the "Sing-Alongs," "Shaken

& Stirred" and "Celtics on the Half Shell."

The first tunes were Christian hymn "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" and African-American folk spiritual "Down to the River to Pray. This was followed by a liturgy, prayers of the people written by parishioner Kristin Anderson, of Long Dream Gallery, and communion processional.

Of the musical setting, there was "still enough of the traditional service to set the tone," Anderson said.

"We are nicknamed the 'frozen chosen'" she said of the church's stoic congregation

"Not today! We needed this," said Debbie Flowers, of St. George Island, of the toe-tapping energy.

"There is no better place" to experiment with the question of what would Jesus do to welcome people to worship, said Partington.

"It was a lot of fun," said Harris.

First Baptist to host revival

The First Baptist Church of Apalachicola invites everyone to join us in revival services beginning Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. to continue Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the same time. The Sunday revival service will be at 11 a.m., followed by a dinner in the

Fellowship Hall.

The title of these services is "Let Christ Be Magnified!" Our revival speaker is Pastor Torey Blackman of Carrabelle.

The First Baptist Church is located at 46 Ninth Street in Apalachicola. For more information call 653-9540.



Torey Blackman

Senior citizens to hold annual meeting

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.

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Allison Moore prepares to release the 10 rescued sea turtles [JAMES HARGROVE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES PHOTOS]

Rescuing baby turtles

Earlier this summer, Allison and Jeff Moore of St. George Island rescued 10 sea turtles after a coyote dug up their nest near Nick's Hole in the Plantation. "We gathered them and held them in a quiet place until nightfall and then took them out to the beach," said Allison Moore, of their July 22 effort. "The nest had been all dug up. We had eggs

everywhere," she said. "You could see where coyotes came and went crazy on it. If we had left those eggs, the chances are they had come back." The Moores, Elaine Rosenthal and others with the St. George Island volunteer turtlers are trained by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to do the surveys and the digs, under marine turtle permit #143.

GUEST COLUMN



An aerial view of the river [ISAAC LANG | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, September 6	86°	75°	60%
Fri, September 7	86°	75°	20%
Sat, September 8	85°	75°	60%
Sun, September 9	86°	76°	60%
Mon, September 10	86°	76°	50%
Tues, September 11	86°	75°	60%
Wed, September 12	86°	75°	60%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
6	Th	4:28a 1.4	12:54p 1.6	8:14a 1.2	9:48p 0.1
7	Fr	4:55a 1.4	2:13p 1.6	9:20a 1.2	10:36p 0.1
8	Sa	5:19a 1.4	3:24p 1.7	10:11a 1.0	11:19p 0.2
9	Su	5:40a 1.4	4:27p 1.7	10:57a 0.9	11:57p 0.2
10	Mo	5:58a 1.4	5:25p 1.6	11:41a 0.8	
11	Tu	6:15a 1.4	6:21p 1.6	12:31a 0.4	12:25p 0.6
12	We	6:33a 1.4	7:17p 1.5	1:02a 0.6	1:10p 0.5

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
6	Th	2:35a 2.6	11:01a 3.0	5:26a 2.4	7:00p 0.2
7	Fr	3:02a 2.7	12:20p 3.0	6:32a 2.2	7:48p 0.2
8	Sa	3:26a 2.7	1:31p 3.2	7:23a 1.9	8:31p 0.3
9	Su	3:47a 2.6	2:34p 3.2	8:09a 1.8	9:09p 0.5
10	Mo	4:05a 2.6	3:32p 3.0	8:53a 1.4	9:43p 0.8
11	Tu	4:22a 2.6	4:28p 3.0	9:37a 1.1	10:14p 1.1
12	We	4:40a 2.7	5:24p 2.9	10:22a 1.0	10:41p 1.4

FISHING REPORT



The best fishing we are seeing in the last couple weeks has been Flounder fishing on sandy bottom from Mexico Beach around the canal all the way to the head of St Joe Bay.

Several baits are taking fish and anglers are using Bull Minnows to soft plastic Grubs like Gotcha, D.O.A and ZMan.

Our other popular species like Trout and Redfish have been a little harder to come by with the abundance of boaters on the bay looking for Scallops.

If you are trying to target fish rather than Scallops remember right now that early (sunup) is going to be your best bet before the water is full of the Scallops. Look for good areas away from other boaters, swimmers and waders to try and nail down some fish.

I haven't heard anyone lately talk about taking Flounder up in the Intracoastal at Highland View bridge but usually there are some Flounder that like to hang out on the sandy banks.

We have taken many fish up in these areas and they are not spooked by as much boat traffic.

Until next week, Happy Fishing and Scalloping!

Retaining natural flood control benefits homeowners

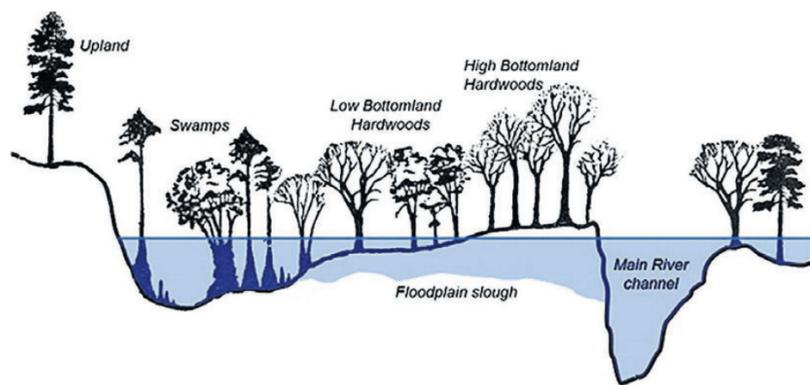
By Anita Grove
Special to the Times

Franklin County is among the unique communities that have left their natural flood plains undisturbed. Because of this, many flood insurance policyholders in the county benefit from a 15 percent savings. Here's how it works.

Flood plains are important ecosystems and provide benefits that may not be apparent at first glance. Flood plains supply nutrients and habitats for thousands of species in a river system like the Apalachicola River. A river's flood plain is the broad, flat area that surrounds the main channel; it can stretch for miles on either side. When a river floods, water overflows the channel and spreads onto adjacent land, filling wetlands, sloughs and streams. When high-water levels subside, the river returns to the main channel and flood plain water eventually seeps into the ground or finds its way back to the river.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates a one-acre wetland typically can store about three-acre-feet of water, or about one million gallons. An acre foot is one acre of land, about three-quarters the size of a football field, covered one-foot deep in water.

All rivers naturally experience periodic high-water flows. Flood plains serve as natural reservoirs, slowing and holding floodwaters until water can return to the river channel or be absorbed into the



Credit: Helen Light, U.S. Geological Survey

ground, rather than flooding surrounding streets and homes. Wetlands also reduce the velocity of the water and its destructive potential. However, if the river's natural functions are impeded – by development, for example – flooding can result.

The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) reports that floods are the most common and widespread natural disasters, and recognizes open space as the most effective way of avoiding flood damage. Through FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) program, communities are rated based on steps a community takes that reduce disasters' impacts.

FEMA rewards communities that do not develop within the flood plain, so it continues its natural functions. A good rating helps residents save money on flood-insurance premiums. Franklin County takes part in the CRS Program and receives a good rating because its flood plain has not

been developed and it retains its natural functions. Flood policyholders currently save 15 percent on their flood insurance premiums.

Historically, many cities developed on or near flood plains. These broad, flat expanses are very fertile and attractive to build on during dry conditions. When flooding occurred, cities implemented flood-control measures such as dams, reservoirs and levees. While these measures have been successful in some ways, they have limits.

Recent events have demonstrated the value of a functioning flood plain. When Hurricane Harvey hit Texas, it dumped 60 inches of rain on Houston; an unprecedented nine trillion gallons of water fell over four days. The disaster was worsened because over the past 10 years, thousands of homes were built in the flood plain.

Land once able to hold and slow floodwaters had become suburban neighborhoods and roads. There was

no longer a safe place for floodwaters to go. More than 1,600 homes flooded and there were \$800 million in insurance claims filed.

The Apalachicola River flows 106 miles from the Florida/Georgia line to Apalachicola Bay, one of the largest undammed rivers in the United States. The river's flood plain is about 144,000 acres, though its width varies along its length – from 400 feet wide in upper sections to 4.5 miles wide in lower sections. Protecting the river's natural forms and functions not only benefits wildlife and water quality but also can help protect our homes.

Anita Grove is a coastal program coordinator with Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR), which is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Coastal Office. Locally, Franklin County was a key partner in the establishment of this Reserve in 1979.

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SPORTS

Seahawks shut out North Bay Haven 13-0

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EASTPOINT - A thunderstorm rolling in off of Apalachicola Bay ended Friday night's game between Franklin County and North Bay Haven early in the third quarter, handing the Seahawks a 13-0 shutout.

"I didn't want to chance any more injuries, he didn't want any more injuries, it's too early in the season," said Seahawks coach Tony Yeomans. "We've both been devastated already so we decided to call it a weather shortened game."

Buccaneers coach Andy Siegal said his players weren't relishing the thought of playing a second half, particularly since quarterback Ray Tynan had already been ousted from the game with injury.

"They played a really good game plan, they outphysicaled us," he said. "They forced some stuff, they attacked, it was a good job by them"

"They came out, they're a physical football team, they're pretty disciplined," he said. "They came at us, they brought a lot of pressure in there with our young offensive line."

With seniors Micah McLeod banging it up the middle, and Rufus Townsend sweeping it around end, the Seahawks drove early, aided by a 21-yard pass play to senior Simon Braithwaite that helped set up a second and goal from the two with 10:45 left in the second quarter.

Junior quarterback Javan



Senior Micah McLeod is chased by a pack of North Bay Haven defenders [DANE WHALEY | SPECIAL TP THE TIMES PHOTOS]



Wide receiver Simon Braithwaite runs against North Bay Haven

Pride snuck it in to the end-zone, and with senior Abner Ramirez connecting on the extra point the Seahawks led

7-0. Braithwaite's interception minutes later gave the ball back to the Seahawks,

and with 4:12 left in the half, he hauled in a 41-yard pass from Pride to set up a second touchdown, when Pride snuck it in from the 1.

Ramirez's kick was low and the Seahawks led 13-0 going into the locker room.

When they came out, the rain and wind were already threatening and four minutes into the third quarter the referees ordered the players leave the field. They did not return.

"I couldn't be more proud of these bunch of kids," said Yeomans. "The kids stepped up, didn't quit. I just can't express how much I love these kids."

Townsend suffered a bruised shoulder, and Alex Hardy had a knee injury but both are expected to be back for Friday's away game at Bell, as well as Colton Evans.

JV Seahawks blank Wakulla

Special to the Times

The Franklin County JV football team came out victorious once again last Thursday with a 6-0 over Wakulla, bringing their record to 2-0 with a showdown next week at Florida High.

"We played really well on defense, came up with some big stops when we needed them," said Coach Brock Johnson, "But we shot ourselves in the foot too many times on offense with fumbles. We probably had three times the amount of yardage Wakulla did but couldn't hold onto the ball, but it will get corrected this week."

The Seahawks totaled almost 200 yards rushing, led by Blakely Curry (81 yards), Larry Winchester (65 yards) and Dalyn Perry (54 yards and a TD). Curry also led the way on defense with 12 tackles. Jimmy Adair contributed on defense with nine tackles.

"I've been pleasantly surprised with our offensive line, they've definitely stepped up and helped control the ball for us," Johnson said. "We've just got to help them out and put the ball in the end zone more."

Lots of runners take on trails

By David Adlerstein
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With a large cast of characters, cross country Kati Morgan Hathcock is excited about this year's season.

She has one of the biggest groups of runs, both boys and girls, and they're ready to run.

They opened as individuals on **Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Miller Landing Madness in Tallahassee**, and were led by junior Grady Escobar who finished 23rd with a 22:52.

Following in his footsteps were:

26) senior Damien Freeman 22:57
28) sophomore Austin Gray 23:10
77) ABC seventh grader Reece Juno 28:20
79) freshman Jahneese Braithwaite 28:39
80) junior Elijah Bowden 28:42

90) First Baptist eighth grader Ethan Kembro 29:35
99) junior Levi Bilbo 30:41
137) ABC seventh grader Avery Pharr 34:58
142) sophomore Makayla Varner 35:17
148) sophomore Cody Cassidy 35:56
149) freshman Marlee Tucker 36:05
150) freshman Michael Square 36:21
173) eighth grader Adia Barber 39:33
174) First Baptist junior Lydia Strickland 39:34
176) First Baptist

sophomore Eva Strickland 39:44
198) senior Tommy Varner 46:59

On **Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Cougar Challenge at Tallahassee's Phipps Park**, the team was led by Freeman, who finished 114th with a time of 23:04.60.

He was followed among the boys by:

123) Gray 23:15.10
152) Juno 24:15.60
181) sophomore Francisco Juan 25:42.70
205) Bilbo 26:59.00
221) senior Jaiden Hill 28:45.40
224) Elijah Bowden 29:05.20
234) Square 31:37.00
240) Cassidy 32:33.20
249) sixth grader Tylin Tolliver 40:04.
253) Kembro 46:43.70
254) ABC eighth grader Lance Peterson 47:01.30
255) Tommy Varner 47:13.50

Among the girls the top finisher, at 131st was Tucker with a 32:59.40.

She was followed by:
135) Makayla Varner 33:16.00
144) Pharr 34:19.00
154) freshman Genesis Jones 35:40.70
158) Lydia Strickland 35:52.10
164) Barber 36:55.00
173) Eva Strickland 38:39.90
182) seventh grader Zoey Burkett 50:11.80
183) seventh grader Andrea Cruz 50:29.70

Printiss, Hodgson run for TCC Eagles

Special to the Times

Tallahassee Community College made its debut at Valdosta State University's Border Clash XC Meet on Friday and returned home with impressive results in both the men's and women's races.

Freshman Genevieve Printiss, a 2018 Franklin High School grad, ran the 5K course at Freedom Park in a time of 21:36 to finish 26th overall - she was the top two-year school runner - and lead the Tallahassee women to a fourth-place finish in the team standings.

The Eagles were the only two-year school among the nine who scored as a team. Tallahassee's 129 points placed it ahead of host Valdosta State (142), Albany State University (152) and Georgia Southwestern State University (188). The University of Tampa finished first overall.

Printiss, who shaved off more than three minutes from her time at the season-opening Cougar XC Challenge, crossed the finish line 17 seconds ahead of Kendall Ward (21:53.7), who placed 30th and cut her time by 1:44.

Rachel Williams and Dorcas Jepleting finished 33rd and 37th, respectively. Williams clocked a PR of 22:05.6, bettering her time at the 2017 FCSAA Championships by 1:28. Jepleting, meanwhile, ran a 22:15.9, 2:22 faster than last week's race.

Mia Wiederkehr (22:49.0) finished 44th and Peri Thompson, running her first collegiate race, came in 62nd with a time of 27:47.0.



Genevieve Printiss [TCC ATHLETICS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

Like its female counterparts, the Tallahassee men had the top two-year school runner, was the top scoring two-year school and knocked off some four-year schools in the process.

For the second straight race, freshman Jesse Boyd paced the Eagles, finishing in a time of 25:40.0. Brandon Flagler was next for Tallahassee, finishing 41st in a time of 26:44.4.

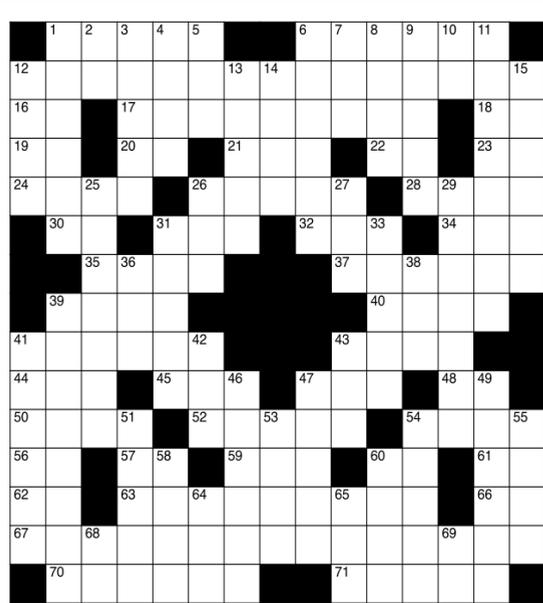
After Franklin County 2018 grad Simon Hodgson (27:55.6) finished 49th, Andrew McMillan came in 54th, the first of four straight Eagles who crossed the finish line.

McMillan ran a 28:31.0 and was followed by Gannon Hundley (28:34.5), Dalton Gray (28:35.1) and Gio Duran (28:35.3).

In team scoring, Tallahassee finished fifth, ahead of NJCAA foes Georgia Military College (7th) and Florida State College-Jacksonville (8th), as well as four-year schools Albany State (6th) and Fort Valley State (9th). Tampa finished first to complete a sweep in the team standings.

Tallahassee's next race is Friday, September 7 at the University of North Florida XC Invitational.

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Where to shop
- 6. A descendant of Shem
- 12. NBA big man "Boogie"
- 16. Integrated circuit
- 17. Voice
- 18. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 19. Beloved English princess
- 20. Used to emphasize
- 21. Sun worshippers want one
- 22. Atomic # 44 (abbr.)
- 23. Lincoln's state
- 24. Selects
- 26. Organs present in invertebrates
- 28. Self-immolation by fire
- 30. Trauma center
- 31. Automobile
- 32. Mustachioed actor Elliott
- 34. Something to do at auctions
- 35. British School
- 37. San Diego ballplayers
- 39. Drumming pattern
- 40. One-time Portuguese currency
- 41. Honor
- 43. Beaches have it
- 44. Folk singer DiFranco
- 45. Electronic data processing
- 47. Where wrestlers ply their trade
- 48. The Peach State
- 50. Boat post
- 52. Omitted from printed matter
- 54. Witnesses
- 56. Indicates position
- 57. Atomic # 18 (abbr.)
- 59. Obligated to repay
- 60. Lead prosecutor
- 61. Sun God
- 62. The Ocean State
- 63. Seek opportunity without scruples
- 66. Keeps you cool
- 67. Achievements
- 70. A beloved street
- 71. Analyze minutely

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cooks need one
- 2. A mystic syllable
- 3. Male parents
- 4. Greek goddess of discord
- 5. U.S.-based church (abbr.)
- 6. Movies have lots of them
- 7. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 8. Influential naturalist
- 9. Ancient town
- 10. Atlanta-based rapper
- 11. Animosities
- 12. Pop singer
- 13. Speak
- 14. One who lives in Burma
- 15. Not liquids
- 25. A framework
- 26. Peter's last name
- 27. Plants have it
- 29. To shorten a book
- 31. French philosopher
- 33. Murdered in his bathtub
- 36. Greek letter
- 38. A hiding place
- 39. Crazy supporters
- 41. Winged nut
- 42. Doctor of Education
- 43. Unhappy
- 46. Popular celeb magazine
- 47. ___ and greets
- 49. Poke holes in
- 51. Beloved Mexican dish
- 53. Monetary unit of Angola
- 54. More wise
- 55. Pouches
- 58. Hindu's ideal man
- 60. Type of gazelle
- 64. Revolutions per minute
- 65. Energy unit
- 68. Cerium
- 69. Canadian peninsula



PUZZLE SOLUTION

TRIVIA FUN



Wilson Casey

1. From surveys, what's the most popular response when asked to name a food you would wash before eating it?

Grapes, Lettuce, Peach, Apple

2. What's the middle name of Clark Kent of Superman fame?

None, Henry, Joseph, Timothy

3. Where on/in the human body are one's "lats" located?

Eyes, Ears, Fingers, Back

4. What's the least popular

month for U.S. weddings?
January, February, October, December

5. Where was frontiersman Davy Crockett killed?
Congress, The Alamo, Church, Home

6. Whose state motto is "Excelsior"?
California, Florida, New York, Wyoming

ANSWERS: 1. Apple, 2. Joseph, 3. Back (muscles), 4. January, 5. The Alamo, 6. New York (Latin for "Ever Upward")

"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

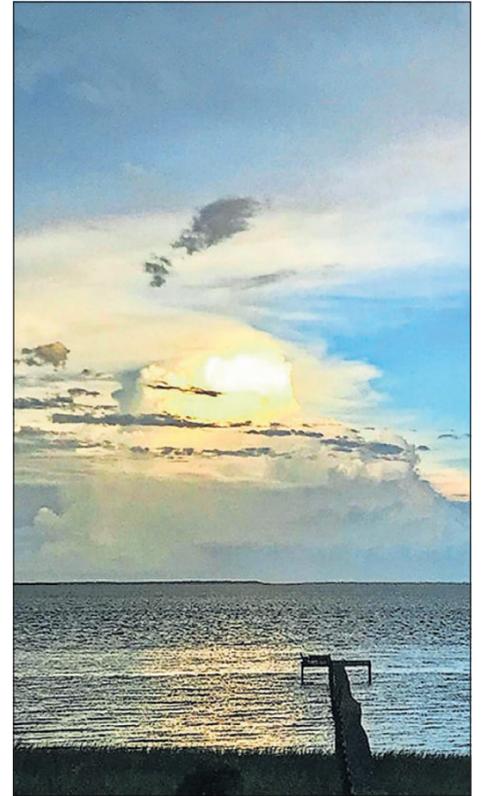
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Nature's blessing

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

Summer is about gone, the rain is here, the weather will stay hot and we hope we'll dodge a tropical storm or a hurricane. 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.

Please send photographs to David Adlerstein at Dadlerstein@starfl.com. For more information, call 653-8894.



Apalachicola Bay dusk sky on Sunday, with a glowing cloud top, always a blessing
[PALMER PHILYAW | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Vacation is over, peace to the island.
[PJ BROWN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Dawn [ROGER MUTERSPAUGH | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



The pond that is Sands Field in East Carrabelle, with walking path and family park. [SKIP FRINK | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



A ruddy turnstone patrols the beach on St. George Island. [JAMES HARGROVE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

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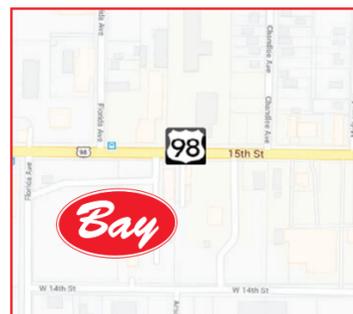
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August 27
Jeremy Kesecker, 48, Carrabelle, possession of methamphetamine with intent to see, manufacture or deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia, and operating a motor vehicle without a valid drivers license; \$6,000 bond (FCSO)
Victoria Lynn Martinez,

28, Port St. Joe, driving while license suspended or revoked - first offense; \$250 (FCSO)

August 29
Jason Nunnally, 37, Monroe, Georgia, battery on a law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMT, disorderly intoxication in a public place causing a disturbance;

\$3,000 bond (FCSO)

August 31
Gina Merritt Bolen, 50, Peachtree City, Georgia, shoplifting - second or subsequent offense; \$250 (FCSO)
Jesse Earnest Page, 39, Eastpoint, domestic battery; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Sept. 1
Nathan Daniel Jones, 32, Apalachicola, operating a motor vehicle without a valid drivers license, reckless driving - first offense; \$3,500 bond (FCSO)
Corrine Michelle Amber Piccirillo, 21, Eastpoint, DUI - first offense; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

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21657T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE # 18 CA 104

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,
V. BILLY J. HICKS; et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure dated August 14, 2018, entered in Case No. 2018 CA 104 of the Cir-

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cuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein CENTENNIAL BANK is the Plaintiff, and BILLY J. HICKS; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under, and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants are the Defendants, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 2nd floor lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, at 11:00 a.m. on October 18, 2018 the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure to-wit:

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thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 16, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the us pendens must file a claim within 60 days after sale.

DATED this 15th day of August, 2018.

Marcia Johnson,
Clerk of Court

Michele maxwell
Deputy Clerk
Pub: August 30, September 6, 2018

21695T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-46 CP
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOAN MARIE AMENT Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOAN MARIE AMENT, deceased, whose date of death

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was March 18, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for FRANKLIN County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is August 30, 2018

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Pub: August 30, September 6, 2018

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21721T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF File No. 2018-53 CP
Division PROBATE

EDMUND JOSEPH BARNELL Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of EDMUND JOSEPH BARNELL, deceased, whose date of death was August 3, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for FRANKLIN County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF

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26	A4E	150131	IT1	1.2	1.2													W.E. COMG-SUE CVA-34
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27	A4E	150000	IT1	1.3	1.3													UONG BI TAP CVA-34
30	A4E	149964	IT1	1.3	1.3													UONG BI TAP CVA-34
31	A4E	151161	IT2	1.8	1.8													CUB-34

Gordon Hunter's logbook shows the Oct. 26, 1967 strike during which John McCain was downed over Hanoi. [GORDON HUNTER SCRAPBOOK]

HUNTER

From Page A3

A-4 Skyhawk had been struck by a Zuni missile while aboard the U.S. S. Forrestal, triggered by an electrical surge on another aircraft. Fuel from a leaking tank caught fire, creating a blaze that burned for hours, killing 134, injuring 161, and destroying 21 aircraft, the worst carrier fire since World War II.

Rumors have long persisted that McCain helped trigger the blaze by shooting flames out of his tail exhaust to try to startle the pilot behind him.

"That wouldn't be true," Hunter said. "The A4 did not have an afterburner. Only

fighter aircraft had that."

Still, McCain's reputation preceded him when he was assigned to attack squadron VA-163.

"I knew who he was because he had a reputation in the training," Hunter said. "He had a reputation for being a 'screamer,' a loud guy heavily critical of people flying. Most people did not care for John McCain and his personality."

"He was a screw off at the Naval Academy," he said, not bringing up the fact McCain had been near dead last in his class. "He was not well-liked and respected. That was just his personality at that time."

The attack was scheduled for around noon, and the 90-minute mission took off as planned after an early lunch of pork chops.

Hunter's biggest challenge would be to avoid missiles, crude by today's high-tech standards, or anti-aircraft fire, 50 mm or 57 mm bullets from heavy machine guns that could tear into a cockpit and wreak havoc.

Wailing sounds, triggered by electrical equipment on the jets that could intercept the missile's radar beams, alerted pilots of their presence, and prompted them to "jink," maneuvering the aircraft to dodge them.

"They were almost like flying telephone poles. You could avoid them for the most part if you could see them," Hunter said.

He also relied on a newly introduced "Walleeye" device, the first of what they called "smart bombs," a television guided bomb where

the pilot relied on a screen inside the cockpit where he could lock on the crosshairs, and punch off the glide bomb towards its target.

Following the mission, Hunter went back to work, eventually completing 180 combat missions, before returning to the states to become an instructional pilot. Following active duty, he joined the reserves, and moved to California and then Georgia, where he flew for Delta Airlines for three decades.

His nearest brush with catastrophe had come on Dec. 12, 1967, when his aircraft was hit by ground fire in the vicinity of Ninh Binh, when a bullet entered the port side of the cockpit and lodged in the instrument panel.

He regularly attends squadron reunions, and plans to be at the upcoming 90th birthday party in Demopolis, Alabama, for his skipper Bryan Compton, who went on to become the first commander of the USS Nimitz.

McCain did not attend squadron reunions. "He was new to the squadron, he didn't have an opportunity to establish personal relations," said Hunter. "I am sure that his prison experience tempered and humbled him in a great way. I am sure he came out of captivity a completely different man. He was cocky and brash and he came back humbled."

"All of us respected him in his service to the government," he said. "I think we all have respect for his political career."

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