



OUT TO SEE

Don't miss Estuaries Day Friday

It's all about the Bay on Friday, Sept 28 as the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve celebrates National Estuaries Day at its Nature Center in Eastpoint.

Activities, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. will include dozens of free, fun and educational activities for kids and adults including marine animal touch tanks, and estuary-themed games. The Sea Turtles of the Forgotten Coast exhibit will demonstrate what a sea turtle nest might look like and show videos of nesting sea turtles and hatchlings!

Attendees can also tour the ANERR's impressive 5,400-square-foot Nature Center with its three large aquariums filled with local estuarine and marine life, an 80-foot long mural depicting the area ecosystems, and a hands-on Bay Discovery Room.

For more info, call 670-7708.

Panhandle Players host Kick-Off Sunday

The Panhandle Players are opening the 2018-19 season right this Sunday, Sept. 30 with a Kick-Off Party, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Chapman Auditorium.

This donation-only event will feature the Celtic band "Meabh's Mavericks," Ramon Valenzuela's famed tacos, the Tallahassee Community College dancers, along with a preview of the first show of the season "Secrets & Sweet Tea."

Guests will learn about the upcoming season, so come and enjoy delicious tacos and great live performances. All proceeds go to the restoration of the Chapman Auditorium.

Sacred Heart offers diabetes class Tuesday

Sacred Heart's Diabetes & You program is helping community members successfully manage type 2 diabetes, and learn the skills they need to manage their condition through making healthier choices and making lasting changes such as losing a modest amount of weight, being more physically active and managing stress.

The October class will focus on Healthy Eating and will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at the county health department, 139 12th Street, in Apalachicola. These classes are held monthly on the first Tuesday of each month.

Diabetes & You is a free community program provided by Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf. No registration is required. Diabetes Educator John Griggs is also available for one on one appointments. For questions or more information, call (850) 229-5620.

Apalach OKs budget

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After hearing from an audience that ranged from the fiercely indignant to the steadfastly supportive, Apalachicola city commissioners Tuesday night unanimously approved a budget for the upcoming fiscal year that keeps property taxes unchanged, but sharply hikes water and sewer bills.

The roughly \$4.6 million general fund budget, for the fiscal year beginning Monday, keeps the millage rate for ad valorem taxes unchanged at 9.6043 mills, a very slight one-fifth of 1 percent increase over the rollback rate of 9.5862 mills, which would



Johnny Byrd [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

have kept property tax revenues at the same level as this year.

Instead, since the city saw a 3 percent, or roughly \$4.4 million, expansion of its tax base - from \$142.9

million to \$147.3 million - the unchanged millage will bring in about \$1.34 million in property tax revenue, about \$40,000

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Capital Area to serve as ESF 15

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Franklin County commissioners have turned to the Capital Area Community Action Agency to succeed Franklin's Promise Coalition as the ESF-15 emergency support function agency overseeing the administration and disbursement of close to \$300,000 raised in the aftermath of the June 24 Lime Rock Road fire.

The Sept. 18 vote was 3-2, with Commissioners Cheryl Sanders and William Massey voting no.

Sanders voiced opposition to the contract drawn up by County Attorney Michael Shuler because it allowed for a \$3,500 subsidy to Capital Area, to be paid out of the county's professional services budget, and not directly out of donations.

"I'm concerned about this because when the ESF 15 contract was discussed, myself and Noah (Lockley) were very explicit we wanted 100 percent of the funds to go to the fire victims in Eastpoint, and we did not want any administrative money paid on this," she said.

Sanders noted that the previous ESF contractor, Franklin's Promise, was made up entirely of volunteers "and they didn't charge nothing."

In a disagreement over the terms of a proposed contract, Franklin's Promise last month chose to withdraw as the ESF 15 agency, and has since returned all the funds they gathered to the county, approximately \$280,000.

"This ESF 15 organization is a volunteer organization. We shouldn't be paying money for it," said Sanders. "I don't care if it's Franklin's Promise, I don't care if it's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). We should not have to have no money put in there."

"I don't think it's right," she said, adding that she preferred a local entity, rather than one based in Tallahassee, be the ESF 15.

"I would rather it be our local folks who have been here," Sanders said. "I don't have no problem with nobody. We need local and we don't need one penny to go in supplementing somebody's budget."

Shuler said none of the donations would be used to pay Capital Area, which he said plans to hire a full-time local employee at about \$30,000 annually. That individual would succeed the late Pat Carroll, who was a long-time Capital Area staffer responsible for assisting local

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Brooke Martina, the 2017 Miss Florida Seafood crowns the new queen, Beyla Walker. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

Beyla's gala

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After sweeping the interview, and poise and appearance segments of the competition, Franklin County High School senior Beyla Walker was

crowned the 2018 Miss Florida Seafood Festival at the Saturday night pageant in the high school auditorium.

The daughter of Harolyn and David Walker, of Apalachicola, Walker will reign over the upcoming Florida Seafood Festival Nov. 2 and 3.

"I've been to seafood festival my whole life, and just to be up there and hear my name called was definitely a dream," said Walker. "It was a night I'll never forget."

Franklin County High School junior Kalahn Kent,

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more than came in this year, to the general fund.

The biggest difference will come in the city's roughly \$2.07 million in its enterprise fund budget, comprised mainly of water and sewer billings, plus about \$100,000 from income associated with the Scipio Creek and Battery Park boat basins.

An enormous chunk of these utility billings will go towards addressing a roughly \$800,000 debt obligation the city has with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stemming from a \$9.35 million loan it took out in 1995 for wastewater collection system and treatment plant improvements.

With a steep rate hike set for customers, the city will be able to make its current \$430,000 annual debt service payment, plus an additional \$89,000 in reserve payments, enabling it to bring the loan out of default.

In addition, the city will have the funds necessary to make a \$142,500 annual bond payment on water system improvements, plus set aside about \$95,000 for capital outlay in the event repairs are needed on the water and sewer system.

Bearing these costs will be the city's water and sewer customers, who are poised to see about a 40 percent hike in their upcoming bills.

A sewer user fee (SUF), created a five years ago specifically for debt repayment, will jump from the current rate of \$10.75 to \$29 for all residential customers, a hike of \$18.25, or about 170 percent.

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

In addition, a 13.5 percent increase in the base rate, and the per 1,000-gallon charges, is in store for both residential and commercial water and sewer users.

Help for senior citizens urged

The first two speakers to come before the commissioners, Leslie Coon, an Apalachicola business owner, and Rebecca Jetton, a former staffer with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, illustrated the sharply divided feelings of the audience.

Coon, who has advocated for a three-tiered payment plan for the commercial SUF that would give a break to smaller businesses that use less water, opened by blasting commissioners. She accused them of ignoring the needs of downtown businesses, and asked that they either take a cut in pay, or cover the \$95



[DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]
Sally Williamson

monthly fee themselves.

"I can barely make my ends meet," she said, taking issue with Mayor Van Johnson's comments of several weeks that she said suggested "that we as citizens have squelched the development downtown."

"Never have I seen you in my shop," she said, addressing her comments to all five commissioners. "You are at fault and you need to step down."

Jetton followed up with her observation that when she worked for the state, and represented Apalachicola, she learned the delinquent sewer loan would stand in the way of securing for the city additional state funds.

"This is an old loan that didn't work out the way everyone wanted it to," she said. "The city was under pressure, and the state had a lot to do with you having to put in an advanced wastewater treatment system."

"I know this is a hard decision for you all to make," Jetton said. "But you need to do this, you need to stay the course or the city is going to go bankrupt."

"The city has to provide the infrastructure for them (growing businesses)," she said. "Stay the course; you must increase your rates."

The issue of how the sewer rate hikes will affect senior citizens was first brought up by Sally Williamson, a self-described "eldercare advocate" who noted the city last year removed the 12-year-old ate cut that it had extended to seniors, while at the same time it raised rates 3 percent on everyone.

"That was a double whammy, this time they'll have three whammies," she said. "I know we're in trouble; it's going to be a bitter pill. Plus the 10 percent (hike) on all electrical bills, that's going to hurt them too."

Apalachicola resident George Coon said that he spoke with an elderly neighbor, "who is essentially bedridden. They wanted me to speak for them without naming them. The (loss of the) senior benefit, it's hurt them greatly."

Coon said his neighbor suggested commissioners reduce the salary of all city workers, or eliminate their own monthly stipend, which runs about \$400.

Later, at the special

meeting when the vote was taken, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott asked that the city consider rescinding the most recent raise given city employees (a 3 percent pay hike given out three years ago) and place those revenues in a fund earmarked to offset the sewer bill increases for those in need. His suggestion did not receive support from the other four commissioners.

Apalachicola resident Robin Vroegop urged the city commissioners to give people an option on their bills, in which they can donate money to help seniors and others in need.

"See if we can try this, at least try this," she said. "I know how it is to put all your change in a jar so at the end of the month you can pay your utility bill."

In his remarks later in the meeting, Mayor Van Johnson outlined the creation of an "ApalachHeart" fund that has been set up. The new non-profit, to be administered with the help of Valentina Webb, a former city commissioner now active in the church and social service community, will gather donations that will then be used to offset the rate hike for those in need. The new organization, however, will remain separate from the city, and utility references will not, as yet, offer a donation option, he said.

Calls made for cuts to salaries

In her remarks, Vroegop mentioned that Leavins Seafood uses space on city property, without cost to the company. "I'm just saying that is potential income," she said.

Speaking on behalf of Leavins Seafood, Darren Guillotte said the seafood industry has changed since the late Grady Leavins started it in 1972.

He said it now employs about 35 workers, and that the company paid out \$32,000 last year for water, sewer and garbage.

"The first thing they (visitors) see when they come off the bridge is that shell pile," Guillotte said. "We can look for property outside the city and move the shells if that's what you want us to do."

Vroegop went over a list of several other possible sources of income, including raising launch fees at Battery Park, which are now mostly voluntary. "If we could get more enforcement, we could get more fees," she said.

"I see all the pain being borne by all the individual citizens," she said. "We can do something now, we don't have to fold. We can find the money."

City Manager Ron Nalley said he has been busy looking for additional sources of income, but that he can't make definitive recommendations in time for the Oct. 1

deadline to ratify a budget. "I cannot answer these questions within 30 to 60 days," he said.

A strong appeal to make cuts in the city budget came from Apalachicola resident Johnny Byrd.

"I know we need money, but it's not the citizens who should be bearing the burden. The city's going to have to bite the bullet and do things they don't want to do," he said.

Byrd, a former Apalachicola policeman, urged commissioners to make further restrictions on the use of city vehicles within the police department, and called for a hike in fees charged to marina users.

"If you can afford a \$100,000 boat, you can spend the money to put it there," he said. "Business is business, friends is friends. Don't mix friends with business."

"When you gotta do what you gotta do, you do it. Do what's best for the largest part of the city," Byrd said. "That's what businesses do. It ain't about love, it's about business."

Apalachicola resident Jamie Liang called for either a jobs cut, or a rollback of salaries. "If you decide you don't want to cut, you roll back salaries," she said.

The city commissioners got a strong note of support from Apalachicola businessman Tom Morgan, who defended them against comments from the audience that suggested they had acted in an unethical, self-serving way.

"I know all five personally, and I have dealt with a lot of city commissioners and mayors in my lifetime," he said. "I have never dealt with a commission of five more honest people who are not in it for themselves, who are doing the best job they can for the city. No one is out for personal gain."

"There isn't a single commissioner that likes the numbers we're seeing," he said. But it is where we are today and today is going to take leadership to get us out of where we are.

"I believe with leadership of a city manager we're going to find some money," Morgan said, in urging a yes vote on the budget. "In a year from now we'll have a much better handle on where we are and where we're headed."

Both Byrd and Apalachicola resident Lillie Turrell said the city should brace itself for utility cutoffs when residents can't pay their bills.

"If you're under \$30,000 a year there's no way you can pay it," said Byrd.

"Some of these people's water is going to be cut off, it's that simple," said Turrell. "They're not going to have the money that's being put on them right now."

"Let's face the facts here," she said. "Don't go to sleep at night thinking God ain't watching you because he is."

Ash challenges those who 'belittle and degrade'

Prior to the vote, Johnson recalled how he and his fellow commissioners had opposed a rate hike about four years ago when City Administrator Lee Mathes came to them and asked them to consider it.

"This board said emphatically no," he said. "Given what I know today, I would have been the first one as mayor to say let's raise the rates then. We are here because we refused to raise the rates on the very people who are encouraging us now not to do it."

The mayor recited a series of stern warnings by state officials about the city's insufficient revenues, and of their possibly coming in and setting rates, or even appointing a receiver to collect those fees and even taking funds out of other city accounts.

"That's going to be out of our hands. If you think you guys are upset now, wait until later," Johnson said. "Given what I learned I would not put this community through this again."

Commissioner Jimmy Elliott said he and his colleagues have taken cost-saving steps, such as not taking the city-paid health insurance and he pledged to contribute to the Apalach-Heart fund, just as the mayor has said he will earmark \$100 to the fund.

Commissioner Brenda Ash said that given what she knows now, she regrets not advocating for an increase a few years ago. She also took issue with some of the harsh attacks levels against commissioners.

"I did not go on this journey as a commissioner for the glory, the glam, the prestige," she said. "I went on this journey for my love of these people."

"We all have our own passion right now. We all have the same idea of contributing to help someone," Ash said. "I'll give some of that back, the Lord has blessed me in ways that I can do that, and I don't take his blessings for granted and I do not take yours for granted."

She chided those who have made statements "to belittle and degrade this body. Those decisions were made from the heart, not from the pocket, not from the glam, not from the prestige."

"How many of you can say you've given back to this community?" Ash said. "I've listened to the ridicule, the anger. We know what we've been going through, the pain and agony, but it requires leadership."

"In the meantime we are here and we will make the decisions we think are beneficial for the city," she said. "It's about the betterment of the entire city."

Following the vote, the mayor summed up his feelings in a single sentence.

"Thank you Jesus," he said.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CITY ORDINANCE

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

CITY OF APALACHICOLA ORDINANCE# 2018-03

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL UTILITY TAX CHARGED FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE.

The public hearing will be held in the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida starting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. All interested parties are encouraged to appear and be heard with respect to this proposed ordinance.

For the City of
Apalachicola City Commission
Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk

NF-4530145

The City of Carrabelle is accepting applications for a Water / Sewer Billing Clerk

Under the supervision of the City Administrator and Water / Wastewater Superintendent, the employee will be responsible to processes payments, customer receipts for utility payments from walk-ins, mail and night depository, manage customer accounts, and other related duties.

Complete job description is available upon request.

Must have two or more years of customer service experience, cash handling experience preferred, proficient computer skills using computer to prepare documents, data entry and email, have working knowledge of MS Word and Excel,

be able to use a personal computer, facsimile machine, adding machine and other office related machines. Must have High School Diploma/GED, salary will be discussed at time of interview. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 1001 Gray Ave. Carrabelle, FL 32322, all previous applicants need to re-apply. Deadline to apply is October 12, 2018.

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NF-4530220

'Lots 2 Love' with school lunches

Special to the Times

To recognize the National School Lunch Program and the 30 million children it serves every day, Franklin County schools will recognize National School Lunch Week from Oct. 15-19.

The theme, "Lots 2 Love," encourages students and school nutrition professionals across the country to share what they love most about school lunch programs.

National School Lunch Week will emphasize healthy foods offered daily at Franklin County schools. There will be coloring contests, recipe contests, and daily prizes for participating in the National School Lunch Program.

Grandparents are invited to come out on



Friday, Oct. 19 to eat lunch with their grandchildren. The schools also have an open door policy so that anyone with any questions can come out, on any given day, to get the answers they need about healthy school lunches or to talk about the program in detail.

"School lunches are healthier than ever, with more fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and less fat and sodium," said Terry Hilton, the district's director of food and nutrition services. "National School Lunch Week helps us educate parents and students about all the

benefits of our lunch program, and the appealing choices we offer."

School lunches include a hot entrée with two vegetable options and two fruit options, and all meals come with a choice of fat free chocolate milk or 1 percent white milk. The school cafeteria also makes fresh salads daily which gives students a healthy options to the hot entrée. In addition they have available a lite alternative meal that includes a peanut butter and jelly jamwich or a turkey and cheese wrap. Both of these options are served with a one-ounce cheese stick and a one-ounce bag of Fritos Corn Chips. These options, available every day, come with fruit, vegetable, and milk choices like all other meals served at any Franklin County school.

The federally-funded

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) provides nutritionally balanced, healthy meals to students every day. The program, which has served the nation's children for more than 70 years, requires school meals to meet federal nutrition standards like offering fruits and vegetables every day, serving whole grain-rich foods, and limiting fat, calories, and sodium.

The "Lots 2 Love" campaign is made possible by the nonprofit School Nutrition Association. Parents and students can follow the fun using the hashtags #NSLW18, #SchoolLunch, and #Lots2Love.

For more information on National School Lunch Week, visit the school district website at www.franklincountyschools.org or schoolnutrition.org/nslw/

The Franklin County School District does not discriminate on basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, pregnancy or marital status in its educational programs, services or activities, or in its hiring or employment practices. The district also provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other patriotic youth groups, as required by the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.

Questions, complaints or request for additional information regarding discrimination or harassment may be sent to: Nick O'Grady, director of curriculum I & federal grants, 85 School Road, Eastpoint, FL 32328, or call him at 370-2810 Ext. 4110 or email to nogrady@franklin.k12.fl.us

Unemployment rate remains unchanged

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Franklin County's jobless rate remained unchanged in August, the same as it was one year ago.

According to preliminary numbers released Friday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Franklin's 3.5 percent jobless rate last month meant 169 people were on the jobless rolls, the same as in July, as the labor force shrunk by 49 workers, from 4,840 to 4,791.

The county's August rate was identical to one year ago, when the labor force was larger, at 4,862, and the jobless rolls nearly exactly the same, at 170.

Franklin's jobless rate tied with Hillsborough, Sarasota, Broward and Bradford counties for sixth best in the state. A tad better, in fifth place, at 3.4 percent, were Santa Rosa, Baker, Union, Pinellas,

Alachua and Bay counties, just behind Lafayette, Clay, Orange, Seminole and Nassau counties, all at 3.3 percent.

Leading the state were Wakulla at 3.2 percent, Walton and Monroe both at 3.0 percent, and St. Johns and Okaloosa counties, tops in the state, at 2.9 percent.

The August rate for the tri-county CareerSource Gulf Coast region, which also comprises Bay and Gulf counties, was 3.4 percent, a decrease of six-tenths of 1 percent over the year. The Gulf Coast region was lower rate than the state rate of 3.8 percent.

Bay County's jobless rate dropped from 3.6 to 3.4

percent and Gulf County's unemployment rate from 3.9 to 3.6 percent, both well below their 4.0 jobless rate of one year ago.

"We are happy to see the increase in jobs," said Kimberly Bodine, executive director for CareerSource

Gulf Coast. "The hospitality and leisure sector appears to be thriving in Franklin County, which continues to be a large part of the county's economy."

Franklin County's June bed tax numbers reflect an increase of almost 19 percent from last year and almost 26 percent from June 2016. Gulf County bed tax collections are up 4 percent from last year and up almost 44 percent from July 2016.

Bay County reports bed tax collections for July 2018 at 6 percent over the

previous year and 19 percent above July 2016.

Franklin County did not report any commercial permits, but had one residential permit pulled, at a value of \$116,454. Gulf County also reported no commercial permits, but had 11 residential permits pulled, valued at almost \$3.2 million, for August 2018. Bay County reported one commercial permit, valued at \$1.5 million, and 64 residential permits pulled, valued at almost \$18.3 million, for August 2018.

The region's labor force was 103,026, up 1,174, or 1.2 percent, over the year. There were 3,477 unemployed residents across the three counties.

Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in August, unchanged from the July rate, but down three-tenths of 1 percentage point from a year ago. There were 375,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 10.24 million. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in August.

NEWS BRIEF

Be part of first Citizens Academy

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the first Citizens Academy beginning on Oct. 4. The purpose of this program is to highlight all units of the sheriff's office, giving citizens an in-depth understanding of what the agency is doing for the community. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the agency, personnel, equipment, policies and procedures.

The class will be on Thursdays at the sheriff's

office multipurpose building from 5:30 to 8 p.m., including dinner. The dates are Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, and Nov. 1.

This is a five-week, one day a week class and you must be able to attend all dates. Please do not fill out an application if you cannot attend each class. Registration is open to the public.

Please call Christy Thompson for more information if you're interested in this class at 323-2178. You may also send a private message for an application, then fax back to us at 670-8566 or come by the office to fill out an application.

NOTICE TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

DR-529
R. 12/09
Rule 12D-16.002
Florida Administrative Code

Franklin County Tax Year 2018

Members of the Board		
Honorable	William Massey	Board of County Commissioners, District No. 5
Honorable	Noah Lockley	Board of County Commissioners, District No. 3
Honorable	George Thompson	School Board, District No. 1
Citizen Member	Mark Willis	Business owner within the school district
Citizen Member	Donnie Gay	Homestead property owner

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

Summary of Year's Actions							
Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in County Taxable Value Due to Board Actions	Shift in Taxes Due to Board Actions
	Exemptions		Assessments*		Both		
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested			
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Commercial	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Industrial and miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Agricultural or classified use	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
High-water recharge	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Historic commercial or nonprofit	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Business machinery and equipment	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Vacant lots and acreage	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ. *Includes transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.	
Chair's name William Massey	Phone 850-697-2899
Clerk's name Lori P. Hines	Phone 850-653-8861 Ext. 100

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OPINION

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Managing financial affairs again on your own



Margaret McDowell

Editor's Note: The following is a two-part series. Next week, we'll consider the three phases of emotional recovery and financial adjustment for widows.

**"And at 65 years old
My mother, God rest her soul;
Couldn't understand why the only man
she had ever loved had been taken."**

From "Alone Again, Naturally"
as performed by Gilbert O. Sullivan

There are 20 million widows living in the United States, and soon after the death of a spouse, the majority find themselves managing their finances alone for the first time in many years. And many will work with a financial advisor without a spouse participating for the first time as well.

Having advised dozens of women in this transition stage, it's clear that most are very vulnerable. Above all, they want someone to listen and appreciate what they're going through. Issues are both emotional and financial. Because of this, we normally suggest recently widowed women slowly adjust to a new life and make no major financial changes for a year.

They may, however, require immediate assistance with changing the titles on accounts, filing for benefits, and dealing with estate planning issues. Income from retirement accounts, life insurance, Social Security benefits and any pension payments must be accounted for and balanced against outgoing payables. A trusted advisor can assist in handling pressing issues like these.

Oftentimes the subject of one's living situation will arise. Do I want to stay in my home? And can I afford to do that? Do I want to sell and move nearer children and/or grandchildren? What are the financial and tax ramifications of various scenarios regarding my primary residence?

An advisor who is a fiduciary and practices holistic financial planning can address these and other important questions that can ease a transition into a new financial life. The key is often the person's readiness level. Many newly widowed women are just not prepared to take the reins and execute major financial decisions the first few months they're alone. They're often reeling from the shock of ending one stage of their lives. Most take some time to find their footing and become comfortable with beginning a new chapter.

Eventually women living alone need an understanding of what their new personal budget is going to like. They'll evaluate all recurring expenses and understand the sources of all streams of income. Simply stated, they'll take charge of their financial affairs.

Widows are now living on one Social Security check instead of two; they're adapting to working with a new budget for a single person; and they're now the primary decision maker in all their financial affairs. It's a lot to digest and process during what is normally already a very difficult period of time.

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GUEST COLUMN

Rural Florida sees explosive Airbnb growth

Special to the Times

Airbnb, the Sunshine State's leading community-driven hospitality company, announced last week that Floridians in rural counties earned \$24.7 million in supplemental income while welcoming 125,000 guests through the Airbnb vacation rental platform over the past 12 months, representing a remarkable 110 percent rate of year-over-year growth.

For this report, Airbnb compiled data for the 32 Florida counties officially designated as "rural" by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

In Franklin County, data for 2017 showed 4,100 guest arrivals and \$700,000 in host income, a 265 percent growth over 2016. In 2017, Airbnb properties in the county contributed \$16,000 in bed tax revenues to the Tourist Development Council.

The 110 percent growth



rate of Airbnb guests to all state-designated rural Florida counties nearly doubles the growth rate to urban counties. The data is indicative of an increasing desire among travelers to get off the beaten path and experience all of Florida, not just the big cities or traditional vacation hubs.

This report comes on the heels of new data demonstrating the Florida hotel industry is booming, reporting record rates of hotel development, total hotel rooms available, hotel room nights sold, hotel occupancy rate, and hotel room revenue.

Yet the vast majority of Florida's hotel inventory is centralized in the large metro areas and well-known beach towns. This leaves large swaths

of rural Florida with very limited traditional lodging options -- and sometimes none at all.

As such, home sharing has allowed homeowners in rural regions throughout the state to fill that void and earn valuable supplemental income while opening up their counties to tourism and the revenue that comes with it.

For example, Wakulla County is home to just three hotels, according to Hotels.com, yet the local Airbnb host community has helped the county take full economic advantage of its growing popularity with visitors, with 205 percent year-over-year guest growth over the past year as local hosts earned a combined \$276,000 in income. Similarly, Gulf County -- also home to just two hotels according to Hotels.com -- is an increasingly popular destination for Airbnb guests.

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YOUR PUBLIC TRUSTEE

A look at Florida's proposed amendments



Marcia Johnson

Q. Can you provide some information on the proposed constitutional amendments that will be appearing on the November ballot?

A. Using resources provided by Florida TaxWatch, The James Madison Institute, the BallotPedia, Florida Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, Inc., the League of Women Voters, the Tampa Bay Times, and the Constitution Revision Commission, I will summarize, over the next few weeks, each of the proposed amendments, with the purpose only to provide information that might be helpful to encourage more informed votes.

In this week's issue, I will cover Amendments #1 and, #2, which along with #5 were placed on the ballot by our legislature after 60 percent of both the House of Representatives and the Senate agreed to do so. Amendments 3 and 4 are citizen initiatives, where a required number of signatures by registered voters get the proposed amendment on a ballot. The other amendments were referred by the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets every 20 years to review and propose changes to the Florida Constitution. Florida is the only state with a commission empowered to refer constitutional amendments to the ballot.

Amendment 1 to increase homestead exemption by \$25,000 for homes valued at more than \$100,000: In brief, a yes vote exempts home values between \$100,000 through \$125,000 from property taxes -- other than school taxes -- which increases the maximum homestead exemption to \$75,000. A no vote keeps the current homestead exemption structure and retains the \$50,000 exemption rather than raising it to \$75,000.

Supporters of this measure, which originated with the Legislature, say this amendment's tax break would make homes more affordable. Opponents argue that with the amendment, most benefits go to only a handful of homeowners; that it is not a tax break but a tax shift because while someone

Workshop Saturday on ballot's amendments

The Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee will host a "Speak up and let your voices be heard" workshop this Saturday, Sept. 29 to discuss the 12 amendments on the ballot for the Nov. 6 general election.

The workshop will be conducted by Cecile Scoon, who serves as first vice president of the League of Women Voters of Florida, a nonpartisan political organization.

This nonpartisan event, open to all, will be from noon to 2 p.m. at Holy Family Senior Center, 203 Dr. Frederick S. Humphries St., Apalachicola.

For additional information and to RSVP, please contact Carol Barfield, chair of the Franklin County DEC, at 850-323-0625 or franklinc.dec@gmail.com.

Scoon received a bachelor's degree in visual and environmental studies from Harvard University in 1981. After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1984, she spent five years as an active duty Air Force JAG prosecuting in military courts martial. She retired from the Air Force reserves as a major in 2005. She is currently a civil rights lawyer in Panama City, working to protect the rights of those wronged at work due to their race, religion, age, disability, place of birth, or unwanted sexual advances. She is the mother of three children, ages 21, 24, and 27, and enjoys running, gardening, painting, and watching soccer with her best friend, husband, law partner, and LWV member, Alvin Peters. Scoon also serves as president of the Bay County League of Women Voters, and as first vice president of the state organization, chairs the League's efforts on the Restoration of Rights and for Health Care. Cecile is also a proud member of the Xi Omicron Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

might benefit, someone else has to pick up the tab; and that it is likely a decrease in revenue will result in cuts to services or higher local rates. Local officials may need to raise millage rates and would need to exhibit greater fiscal responsibility if Amendment 1 passes. Opponents are the Florida Association of Counties; Florida Education Association; Florida League of Cities; Florida Policy Institute; League of Women Voters of Florida; Florida City and County Management Association; and Progress Florida.

Amendment 2 would make permanent the existing temporary cap of 10 percent on annual property value increases for vacation homes, apartments and commercial property, effectively limiting increases on tax bills: A yes vote would make permanent the 10 percent limit on increases in tax value for non-homestead property, thus reducing tax bills. It would continue to deny local governments (excluding school districts) tax revenue they would otherwise collect from rising property values. A no vote would end the practice of limiting tax increases on non-homestead property, resulting in additional revenue to local governments of about \$700 million, according to the State Revenue Estimating Conference. Those in favor of this

measure, which originated with the Legislature, argue Florida has an inequitable property tax system that disproportionately burdens renters, businesses, second home-owners, snowbirds, and other non-homestead property owners. They say this cap helped stem the multi-billion dollar tax shift from homestead to non-homestead properties, and cite that on average, non-homestead property is taxed at 91 percent of its just value, while homestead exemptions result in homestead property being taxed on 53 percent of its value.

Opponents argue funds from property taxes are vital to local governments providing necessary services. Another argument is whether this language needs to be in the Constitution when tax issues can be addressed by the legislature. Supporters include the Florida Association of Realtors; Florida Chamber of Commerce; and Florida Tax Watch. Opponents include the Florida Education Association and the League of Women Voters of Florida.

If you have any questions or comments about this column, please forward them to Marcia Johnson, Clerk of the Court, 33 Market Street, Ste. 203, Apalachicola, Florida, or by email to: mmjohnson@franklinclerk.com. Visit the Clerk's website at www.franklinclerk.com.



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CHASING SHADOWS

Orman House kitchen scores historic restoration

By Lowell Thomas
Special to the Times

Now is the time to take the highest-rated tour in town: the historic antebellum residence of Apalachicola's most important merchant and businessman, Thomas Orman. Even if you've taken it before, there is now a dazzling new reason to do it again — a \$27,000 historic restoration of the residence kitchen.

Why is this such a big deal? Previously, only three-fourths of the downstairs were restored. As popular as the tour has been, it skipped what is the warmest room in any house, the kitchen. Now, as you tour the full circle of the downstairs, you stroll through the kitchen, listening to its fascinating story while soaking up the rich decor in its original form.

Even before this latest restoration, the house tour had been extremely popular. It consistently got 4.5 out of 5 stars on tripadvisor.com, with fully one-fourth of the reviewers complimenting their tour guide, park ranger Mike Kinnett — known and well-liked by all as Ranger Mike — for his enthusiasm and knowledge.

Ranger Mike, with his special love of history, Apalachicola and the Orman House has been mainly responsible for the many authentic and period pieces that will fascinate you. Among them are Thomas Orman's original dining room table, his hand-carved cypress wet bar and several other dining room pieces. Ranger Mike's storytelling style brings them alive as you glide through the rooms on the tour.

"I has been my great joy to realize my dream of bringing the kitchen in the Orman House back to its glory days. With the support and generosity of area residents, Orman family descendants, and the Franklin County Citizen Support Group we all take pride in sharing this historic jewel in Apalachicola," said Kinnett.

The restoration project was initiated in Oct. 2015 when a private donor pledged \$5,000 to get it started. However, getting state approval for such projects is not easy. In fact, the first proposal was declined. The final plan required further discussions with state park officials and a detailed PowerPoint presentation with visual as well as written details of the demolition and reconstruction plans.

The responsibility of marshalling this adventure through the state's strenuous hoops fell to Park Manager Josh Hodson, and his persistence finally paid off.

"We are so proud to have a partnership with the Friends of Franklin County State Parks Citizen Support Organization (CSO) that supports these types of efforts. This collaborative project between our CSO and private donations has helped to transform one of the last remaining modern elements of the



The newly restored historic kitchen at the Orman House [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]



A back utility room, adjacent to a pantry, flanks the restored historic kitchen [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

Orman House from when it had been a bed & breakfast before the state acquired the property in 2001. We are very excited to show off these renovations to the community and our visitors," said Hodson.

A modern kitchen, bathroom and three extra walls, added by a previous owner, were stripped out. Then wall coverings had to be removed and in the process the original brick chimney of the wood stove, hidden for years behind added wall coverings, was exposed. Old floors were torn up and the termite- and water-damaged underflooring had to be repaired.

Then wall coverings were beautifully restored. A reconstruction of the original butler's closet and partial wall with serving window were added. Finally a new heart pine floor was installed.

An original kitchen floor plan, hand-drawn from memory of times living there

by two different Thomas Orman heirs, guided it all.

In the end, the project was completed with private citizen donations of \$8,300. The remaining expenses, approximately \$18,700, were funded by the Friends of Franklin County State Parks, Inc., a non-profit citizen support organization.

"It was an honor for Friends of Franklin County State Parks to be a able to support this renovation," said organization president John Hockman.

Hutchinson Design & Construction masterfully completed the work. Owner Joe Hutchinson and his talented crew — Kalo Smith, Michael Fuentes Jr. and Joshua Redick — with their special love of restoration projects, graced the room with historically accuracy and charm.

"It has been really rewarding to be a part of the community and the state's



This Feb. 1961 photos shows the Thomas Orman house being restored by the previous owners. The home was built of lumber shipped from New York in 1836; an old slave quarter and brick well are located in the rear of the house. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA/STOKES]



This photograph, taken June 1, 1901, shows the Orman home, which was built of lumber shipped from New York in 1836. In 1999, it was purchased by the Florida State Parks division to become the Orman House Historic State Park. [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]

interest in the historical restoration of the Orman House kitchen. Historic restoration is a growing trend that makes my work a joy," said Hutchinson.

Ranger Mike is now on fire with his new 360-degree tour, featuring the newly-restored 19th century kitchen. But he needs some help from citizens and other friends of the house to finish it off with a few authentic period kitchen pieces. First among them is a wood-burning stove (or gas-wood combination), but other items high on list are a kitchen

sink with a pump, a pie safe and an ice box.

There has never been a better time to tour the Orman House Historic State Park. But if you, or anyone you know, might have a wood-burning stove or any of these other items to donate, take it one step higher. Give Ranger Mike a call. Your added loving touch to this hard-earned historically-restored kitchen will make the tour a more enriching experience for everyone.

Ranger Mike can be reached at 653-1209.

AIRBNB

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Local homeowners helped catalyze the local economy by hosting 4,700 guests in the past year to the county, earning over \$1 million in supplemental income in the process.

"Delivering tourism -- and the revenue that comes with it -- to rural Northern Florida has been a long-standing goal," said State Sen. Bill Montford, whose district includes 10 of the

rural counties adjacent to Tallahassee. "When that tourism is delivering hundreds of thousands of dollars into the pockets of working-class Floridians in the process, that's even better."

"The agricultural communities I represent are hungry for economic development," said State Rep. Ben Albritton, whose district includes the heart of DeSoto County and Hardee County. "Opening up these counties to people-powered tourism is putting valuable extra income into pockets of homeowners and hopefully will encourage more small businesses

to invest in rural Florida."

Additionally, in three counties technically state designated as urban, over half of the local Airbnb hosts live in areas that are census-designated as rural tracts. In Citrus County, 60 percent of the 190 active Airbnb hosts live in such rural tracts; in Hernando County, 53 percent of the 150 active Airbnb hosts live in these tracts; and in Marion County, it's 54 percent of the 170 active Airbnb hosts there.

Airbnb recently launched an Office of Healthy Tourism, with a mission to support tourism in Florida

and beyond that is local, authentic, diverse, inclusive and sustainable. The company recently released a report highlighting the #1 most wish-listed listings in every county in Florida, including the 32 state-designated rural counties. In Franklin County, the most wish-listed site was "Apalachicola retreat in Paradise," a studio type mother-in-law suite, which joined Airbnb in Jan. 2012 and which has received a five-star rating from 95 percent of recent guests.

Opening up the state to increased tourism has a

trickle-down effect both in terms of guest spending at local small businesses and tax revenue to the state. Thanks to a 2015 tax agreement with the Florida Department of Revenue, Airbnb collects and remits the state sales tax on all Airbnb bookings in Florida, which delivered \$33 million to the state in 2017. Airbnb also has tax agreements in place to collect the local county bed/tourist tax for 23 of the 28 state-designated rural counties that assess such taxes (Union, Liberty, Calhoun and Liberty do not have county bed taxes).

FWC REPORT

During the week of Aug. 17 through 23, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer Specialist Anderson and Major Duval, working an alligator hunting detail, were at Abercrombie Landing when they heard two gunshots from downriver. About 20 minutes later, a vessel with three people on board came to the ramp and dropped two of the occupants off before heading back downriver. A short time later, the vessel returned, the operator got out and one of the previous occupants got back in the boat and went back downriver while the first operator backed the trailer into the water. Once the boat was loaded, Anderson and Duval contacted the three individuals. An inspection of their vessel revealed several raccoons killed illegally. Anderson issued one misdemeanor citation for illegally killing the raccoons and several infractions and warnings for other resource and boating violations.

During the week of Aug. 24 through Sept. 6, Officers Swindell and Pino were on patrol in Dr. Julian Bruce St. George Island State Park when they encountered three individuals exiting the east end fishing area. The officers noticed the truck contained multiple fishing rods and conducted a resource inspection, during which they discovered 24 egg-bearing blue crabs. The appropriate action was taken for the violation. Officer Travis was on patrol near the Apalachicola Bridge when he saw several subjects fishing under the bridge. After checking multiple subjects and coolers, he located two undersized redfish and one undersized spotted sea trout. The owner was cited for possession of undersized redfish and issued a written warning for possession of the undersized spotted sea trout.

Felon nailed for loaded semi-automatic

By David Adlerstein

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A Sunday afternoon traffic stop on U.S. 98 near SummerCamp, on a car following too closely to the one ahead of it, yielded more than just a routine traffic ticket.

According to a news release from the Florida Highway Patrol, at about 4:30 p.m. near the St. James Y, at the eastern end of the county where U.S. 98 curves north towards Sopchoppy, Trooper Hening observed a 2012 Honda Accord following too closely to the vehicle ahead of it.

After stopping the car in front of SummerCamp, Hening noticed the driver "was nervous and was showing signs of criminal activity."

Asked to present his license, the driver, Jimmy Quintero, 24, of Tallahassee,



AK-9 9mm Luger automatic pistol [JOHNSON YANG | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Quintero

said he did not have one. Quintero was asked to exit the vehicle, and upon the arrival of a deputy from

the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, the vehicle was searched.

Hening located a loaded AK-9 9mm Luger

semi-automatic pistol in the right floorboard under a towel, 81 grams of an unknown plant material, two grams of marijuana, eight grams of a white power substance, a digital scale, and a box of 9mm ammo.

Quintero was placed under arrest and transported to the Franklin County Jail. He was charged with driving while license suspended

or revoked – third or subsequent offense, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, and following too closely.

In June 2014, Quintero was sentenced in Leon County to three years community supervision following a conviction for a Feb. 2013 grand theft of under \$5,000, committed when he was 19 years old.

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people with utility bills and other essential needs.

Capital Area, directed by Tim Center, administers the local Head Start program, provides utility assistance, and most recently purchased the many former FEMA travel trailers, at a cost of about \$200,000, that have provided temporary housing for displaced fire victims.

In a subsequent vote, also 3-2, the commissioners voted to return about \$22,700 to organizations connected to the family of

the late Ben Watkins.

The return of the money had been asked for by the Watkins family, with their citing the fact that it had been their intention to donate it to a private non-profit entity, and not the government, on behalf of the fire victims.

The funds include a \$10,000 donation made by the J. Ben Watkins Private Foundation, and administered by J. Ben "Benjy" Watkins III; a \$10,198 donation made by the Community Foundation of North Florida, a non-profit directed by Joy Watkins, wife of J. Ben Watkins III; and a \$2,500 donation made by Apalachicola attorney

Steve Watkins.

"They genuinely love the people of the county," said Sanders. "The man is dead and gone. I had high regard for him.

"They're putting it in there with a heart. They felt the money wasn't given to the proper thing," she said. "We went against the purpose of why they put the money in there and I think they deserve the money back. If they want their money they need to have it back."

Both Noah Lockley and Smokey Parrish voted no on the motion to return all the funds. Parrish said he was not against returning the funds, but wanted it done

on a pro-rated basis, as recommended by the county's accounting firm. He said since some of the money had already been spent on fire victims, that prorated percentage of the donations should not be returned.

"I'm not opposed to giving them the money back, but we've spent some of it," he said.

Steve Watkins said the family intends to reassign the donations to the fire victims, but that it won't be going to the sheriff's relief fund, because that too is connected to a government entity.

"Joy is researching it," he said. "We'll follow her lead."

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PAGEANT

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daughter of Kristen Kent, of Apalachicola, finished as runner-up, after winning the casual wear portion and finishing second in talent, with a dance routine to the song "O Come to the Altar" by Elevation Worship.

Franklin County High School junior Destiny Fludd, daughter of Lashanda and Gerald Rheame, of Apalachicola, won the talent portion, as she performed a dance routine to the song "Natural" by Imagine Dragons." She also finished as runner-up in poise and appearance.

Port St. Joe High School senior Hailey Gay, daughter of Danny and Crystal Gay, of Apalachicola, finished second in the interview segment, and second in casual wear, and was named Miss Congeniality by the vote of all six contestants.

Also participating were Franklin County High School juniors Krista Fuller, daughter of Kendra and John Fuller, of Apalachicola, and Takiah Ford, daughter of Tomeika Ford and Kelvin Martin, of Apalachicola.

Despite a stage lighting glitch that delayed the start of the pageant, emcees Royce Rolstad, from Forgotten Coast TV, and 2017 Miss Florida Seafood Brooke Martina, moved the evening along briskly and happily.

The six contestants strode gracefully across the stage from their opening routine to the song "Champion" to the evening's close, their movements choreographed by 2008 Miss Florida Seafood Sara Ward.

"We went over it until every girl was comfortable with it," said Walker. "She made sure we were having fun and being ourselves."



Destiny Fludd won the talent portion with a dance routine to "Natural" by Imagine Dragons (DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES PHOTOS)

"I enjoyed every bit of it," said the newly crowned queen. "And I made a new friend, Hailey Gay. We stayed hours at the school practicing routines. It was great; we were all having fun."

With pageant coordinator Tress Dameron and 2012 Miss Florida Seafood Christina Collins behind the scenes, the evening proceeded through the contestant introductions, which led to each of the girls answering one of 12 possible questions provided them in practice, and posed them by John Solomon, the festival president. Each was dressed in casual wear, giving the judges an opportunity to judge them

on how they handled their speaking role, as well as their outfits.

Judging once again this year was Shawn Yao, a forensic unit supervisor for the Tallahassee Police Department who has long served in that capacity for the pageant, as well as Ginger Bowden Madden, a distinguished assistant state attorney in Okaloosa County who happens to be the daughter of famed Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden. Joining them this year was Kelsey Peck, a news anchor for WMBB Channel 13 in Panama City.

After Rolstad introduced the judges, Martina outlined how



In the talent portion, Hailey Gay performed a speech on her ambition in life entitled "Algebra Teacher."



Krista Fuller performed a cheer routine for the pageant talent competition.

the judges had given each of the contestants a 10-minute interview earlier in the day, the results of which was a big part of the pageant scoring.

In the talent portion, Fuller opened with a cheer routine, followed by Fludd's winning dance and Ket's runner-up performance. Ford read a motivational poem, followed by Gay performing a speech on her ambition, entitled "Algebra Teacher."

Walker then sang the song "Colors of the Wind," from the soundtrack to the animated feature film "Pocahontas." "I thought 'What's going to be a good song for the whole crowd that has a good message?'" she

said. Following the talent, Martina and Rolstad plugged the sale of festival t-shirts. These shirts, ranging in size from small to 3X, are available for \$10 each at all Centennial Bank locations.

After the judges arrived at their decision, the climactic moment arrived, with Martina taking her final bow, thanking her family, and especially her older brother Brent, who was her King Retsyo, for their support all year long.

The new queen, who is an honors student and senior class president, glowed as her name was called.

"The Seafood Festival is a time where our community, along with the tourists, come together to celebrate our rich history in seafood and everything our county has to offer," she said afterwards. "To be a 'queen' is to be a woman of excellence and that's what I strive to be."

Walker, who is eyeing attending Florida A & M University, her mother's alma mater, to study mass communications, was sponsored by Mount Up Consulting, an education consulting business run by retired Franklin County teacher Elinor Mount Simmons. In her comments, she said she most admires her class sponsor, Jennifer Edwards, "because her capacity to love is unmatched and she is a woman of grace and true poise."

She said she doesn't have a name yet to recommend for King Retsyo, but that she know her mom's family goes back generations in the seafood industry here.

Walker's great-grandmother, Essie Mae Giddens, was a crab picker, and her grandfather Bobby Banks, was an oyster shucker and then a fisherman.

"To be able to represent the community as Miss Florida Seafood is an honor that I hold dear to my heart," she said.

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Glimpses of the pageant



Pictured from left are Hailey Gay, Krista Fuller, Miss Florida Seafood Beyla Walker, 2017 Miss Florida Seafood Brooke Martina, Kalahn Kent, Takiah Ford and Destiny Fluidd. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES PHOTOS]



Beyla Walker sang "Colors of the Wind" from the soundtrack of "Pocahontas" during the talent portion.



Runner-up Kalahn Kent finished second in talent, with her dance routine to "O Come to the Altar."

NEWS BRIEFS

Free workshop for backyard citrus growers

Want to learn about the status and implications of citrus greening disease in North Florida?

Then come talk with citrus experts and North Florida growers at a no-cost program on Tuesday, Oct. 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Fort Coombs Armory, 66 4th St. Apalachicola.

The program is geared especially for backyard citrus growers. Refreshments will be provided compliments of the North Florida Citrus Growers Association.

It is free to attend but please register at citrusgreendiseasediscussion.eventbrite.com. Or contact UF IFAS Franklin Extension Office at 653-9337 or email Erik Lovestrand at elovestrand@ufl.edu

First aid training at ANERR Saturday

American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) CPR, AED and Basic First Aid Combination Training will be offered at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This Basic First Aid combination training with AED and CRP helps participants develop the knowledge, skills, and the confidence to respond to a medical emergency. CPR, AED, and Basic First Aid combination training is an excellent choice for both the community and workplace setting, and conforms to the 2015 guidelines update for CPR, ECC, and First Aid. This course can also fulfill the required first aid training charter captains.

The cost is \$20 and will include first aid, AED and CPR. Participants will earn a two-year certificate. Topics covered will include sudden cardiac arrest, caring for cardiac arrest, CPR, using an AED, multiple provider approach to CPR, choking, control of bleeding, shock, stroke, poisoning, altered mental status, head, neck, and back injuries, nosebleed, burns, and heat and cold emergencies

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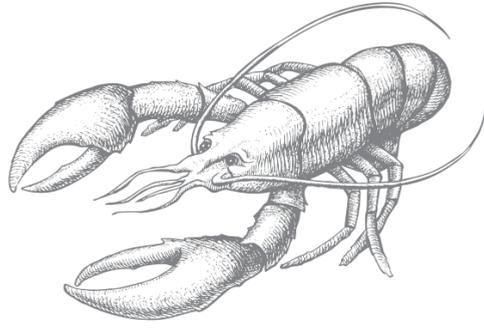
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SOCIETY

Auditions slated for Christmas show



Special to the Times

The Panhandle Players are holding auditions for their second play of the season, "A Nice Family Christmas" written by Phil Olson and being directed by Renee Valentine.

Auditions will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5 and 6 at 6 p.m. at the Roney Carriage House in Apalachicola.

"A Nice Family Christmas" takes place on Christmas Eve, and a young newspaper reporter on the brink of being fired has been assigned a last-chance story about a typical family Christmas - his family's Christmas. He goes home to his recently widowed mother, crazy uncle,

eccentric grandmother, and battling siblings and their neurotic spouses, who provide no shortage of material.

The play calls for three men and four women of various ages. No experience is necessary and everyone is welcome to audition. This show will be presented Friday through Sunday, Dec. 7, 8 and 9 at The Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola.

The following is a list of the characters:

CARL: In his 20s - 30s. The middle brother. Grew up in the shadow of his older brother, Michael, the doctor. Has a little inferiority complex toward Michael. He writes a column for the Minneapolis Star Tribune newspaper.

MOM: In her 50s - 60s. Very nice. Always putting on a happy face, her goal to keep the peace and get through the family event without incident. Her husband, Carl Sr. died three years ago. She's doing her best to get over the loss and keep everyone happy.

GRANDMA: In her 70s-80s. A real character. Grew up in a one-room house with 10 brothers and sisters on a farm in northern North Dakota. Had a very tough life growing up. She is tough as nails, and wants everyone else to be, too. Think Estelle Getty on "The Golden Girls."

MICHAEL: In his 20s-30s. The older brother. The doctor, a little nerdy, wears

a bow tie. The favorite son, at least at first. He's a little self-absorbed, a little blind to what he needs to do to keep his marriage to his wife Jill intact

STACY: In her 20s-30s. The younger sister. Nice, with kind of a wholesome innocence, even given what we learn about her. Overlooked, but not angry about it.

UNCLE BOB: In his 50s-60s. A partier. Fun-loving, has an agenda. Everyone has a crazy Uncle Bob.

JILL: In her 20s-30s. Michael's trophy wife. Emotional from being hormonal. Sometimes a little spacey. The only one who seems to understand Grandma's crazy sayings.

Ribbon snipped on new Camp Gordon Johnston site

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Carrabelle was bustling Saturday, as all three museums there opened their doors for free as part of Smithsonian magazine's 14th annual Museum Day.

The day began with a ribboncutting and formal reopening of the new Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum, at 1873 Highway 98 West, overlooking Carrabelle Beach, where troops practiced beach assaults for D-Day and other campaigns.

The 4,000-square-foot museum honors the military men and women as well as civilian personnel who trained and worked in Carrabelle and Franklin County during 1942 through 1946, with displays of military artifacts, photos and memorabilia.

Following the ribboncutting, which was jointly hosted by the Apalachicola Bay and Carrabelle chambers of commerce, David Butler, the museum president, spoke briefly to the gathering inside the museum

"At the top of my list are the World War II veterans that were trained here and the many trainers who supported this war effort," he said.

Butler thanked all five county commissioners, two of whom, Cheryl Sanders and Ricky Jones, were on hand. William Massey, in whose



A ribbon cutting on the new Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum was followed by a busy day inside the new facility, in the background. [JOHN SOLOMON | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

district the museum is, was absent, due to his taking part in a benefit for a sick friend.

Butler thanked the Tourist Development Council, and its director, Curt Blair, "who made the decision to invest in this worthy cause to preserve history and educate future generations of the sacrifices made by all Americans during the war years."

He paid tribute to the city of Carrabelle's support over the past 22 years, and for the last 10 years housing the museum in the city complex. On hand were Mayor Brenda La Paz, and City Commissioners Cal Allen and Tony Millender.

In addition to the veterans

who supported the museum over the years, and the many volunteers who worked to shape the museum's mission, Butler singled out Jim Waddell, engineer for Inovia; Sperry and Associates, the building's contractor; Harry Gray, for his assistance with providing weight-bearing beams to enable safe storage above the display rooms; Paul Osterbye, who completed the building; James "JD" Dillard and crew who built the inside wood structure and sheet rock; and the "many members of the board of directors, staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly to remove and place wall cabinets, rearrange and create displays and pull

together what you see today as you enter the newly built museum."

He also cited Laura Lee Corbett, from the state's division of historical resources, who wrote the grant and researched the content for 10 interpretive panels that provide the overview themes of the artifact collection.

The new site bustled all day, as did Carrabelle's two other museums.

Ray Andersen, a local professional artist, was at the Carrabelle History Museum at 106 Avenue B SE, working on a mural of Carrabelle's working waterfront circa 1880-1920, depicting a time when lumber, seafood,

turpentine and people all met at the waterfront. A recently expanded exhibit showcased the local history of native peoples including a newly acquired Native American pottery artifact.

Free climbs of the 103-foot Crooked River Lighthouse tower, at 1975 Hwy 98 West, were available to all children, and staff and volunteers offered a lantern-making workshop at the Keeper's House.

Funding for the day's events were provided in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

NEXT WEEK: A closer look at the new Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum

PET OF THE WEEK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018 AT 10:00 AM IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES, APPEALS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.

1. Consideration of a request to construct a house 15 feet into the front setback of Lot 7, Block 63, St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Unit 5, 701 Buck Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Dan Garlick, Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc, Agent for Ken Bowman, Applicant.
2. Consideration of a request for a variance to construct a pool and brick pavers 17 feet into the Critical Habitat Zone on property described as Lot 1, Block 51, St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Unit 5, 327 Gander Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Heath Galloway, Galloway Construction, Inc., Agent for George Plymel, Owner.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL ADDRESS THIS REQUEST AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 16, 2018 AT 10:00 AM.

****PERSONS WISHING TO COMMENT MAY DO SO IN PERSON OR IN WRITING TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT, 34 FORBES STREET, SUITE 1, APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA 32320. TRANSCRIPTS OF THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE RECORDED, PERSONS WISHING TO RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS MUST MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO DO SO.**

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SEPTEMBER 20 & SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENTS that no later than 4:00 P.M. on October 15, 2018 the Franklin County Clerk of Court will receive sealed responses for the following:

Professional Executive Administrator Services for the Franklin County Tourist Development Council and Operation of the Eastpoint Visitor Center

Requirements for submission, the Competitive Solicitation Documents, and the selection criteria must be downloaded from www.franklincountyflorida.com or call 1-850-653-8161, ext. 100 .

Responses will be opened at the October 16, 2018 meeting of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola. This is an open meeting which begins at 9:00 a.m. (ET).

All respondents must use the current Competitive Solicitation Documents. Use of any other document will result in your submission being rejected.

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FAITH

OBITUARY

SHIRLEY HICKS

Shirley Fay "Shug" Hicks, of Eastpoint, passed away Monday, Sept. 24, 2018 at the age of 72 in Panama City.

Shirley was a long-time resident of Eastpoint. She worked in commercial seafood, as a cook, and in hospitality services throughout her life.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Fred Wayne Hicks;

children, Bonnie Langley, Frances Estes, Trina Strickland, and Tammy Shiver; siblings, Bonnie Louiselle, Lucy Brooks, Lucinda "Cindy" Pavia, Carla Derks, Sylvia Turner, Charles McCranie, Billy McCranie, Barney McCranie, and Rosetta Orlando; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her son,

David McCranie; brother, Eugene McCranie; and sister, Birdie Mae Lolley.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. at Deliverance Tabernacle Church with burial immediately following in Eastpoint Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to funeral service.

Kelley Funeral Home is assisting in all arrangements.

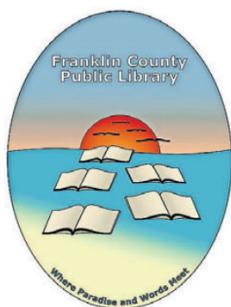
LIBRARY CORNER

Carrabelle Lego Club starts Tuesday

Special to the Times

Hello Franklin County! The library takes this opportunity to continue with a snapshot of what is available at the Franklin County Public Library. If you are not a library user, you may not be aware of all the services and resources we provide to the community, resources that can be accessed at any time online.

Even those who are avid readers and check out books often, you may not know we offer online resources such as Chilton Automotive Library. Formerly, Chilton offered printed resources for your automotive needs, now it is available online on the library website. Access vehicle specific information including repair procedures, technical service bulletins, recall information, labor estimates,



maintenance schedules, and more! When prompted, enter the password: wilderness.

And for anyone wanting to learn a new language, there's an online resource for that as well, Mango Languages. Check it out; you will be glad you did. Library staff is always available to assist you navigating the website or your other informational needs.

October will be another calendar filled month. New next month, the Carrabelle branch will offer a monthly Lego Club

for ages 5-12 that will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. First program will be Oct. 2. Also, the Carrabelle branch will offer STEAM 2 for ages 5-7. This program will be geared for younger minds in learning about science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. The program meets twice monthly, the second and fourth Wednesdays at 4 p.m. October program dates will be the Oct. 10 and 24 at the Carrabelle branch.

Follow us on Facebook, and view the calendar of events and online resources on the Library website at fcpl.wildernesscoast.org/. Contact the Eastpoint branch, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 670-8151 and the Carrabelle branch, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 697-2366. See you at the Library!

Library hosts memoir writing workshop

Special to the Times

Have stories to tell? Want to get them on paper for your children and grandchildren?

Join local author and writing instructor Dawn Radford for her six-week memoir writing workshop starting Thursday, Oct. 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Apalachicola Margaret Key Library. The workshop is limited to 10 participants.

Radford is a published author and has taught in a variety of community and professional settings. She holds masters degrees from the University of North Carolina and is a recipient of the prestigious Sherwood Anderson Award for creative writing.

Radford is currently a community education instructor at Gulf Coast State College.

The workshops will



Dawn Evans Radford

focus on developing the writer's voice and developing writing techniques. "I truly enjoy the writing process and helping individuals find their writing voice," Radford said. "Participants may not have a completed book by the end of six weeks but they will certainly have a good start."

The six-week memoir

writing course is part of the "Bring Out the Book in You!" writing workshop series offered this year by the Apalachicola library. Cost of the workshop is \$90 and includes 18 hours of direct instruction.

"I've been approached several times over the year to host professional level workshops for our adult writing community," said Jill Rourke, library director. "Memoir writing seemed the logical place to start and will hopefully spark interest and energy in future Bring Out the Book in You! workshops. Perhaps this will fuel interest in a multi-day writer's conference, which would be a good bridge to Authors in Apalach." For more information about the workshop and to register, call 653-8436 or stop by the library at 80 12th Street in Apalachicola.

FLORIDA SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

LaRue Howard highlights Friday lineup

Special to the Times

LaRue Howard, a Dove Award-winning recording artist from Orlando, will be the featured act at Battery Park on Friday, Nov. 2, the opening night of the upcoming Florida Seafood Festival.

Following the Blessing of the Fleet and the opening ceremonies, an evening of Christian musical entertainment will begin at 5 p.m. with several groups from area churches. They'll perform until 7:45 p.m., and then after a short break, Howard will take the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Carrying the mandate to "Reach The World Through Worship," Howard has been leading thousands in experiencing the presence of God for nearly two decades.

Howard's journey began very humbly, but she's now a sought-after worship leader with a strong desire to raise up a generation of bold worshippers. The humble beginnings shaped her heart of compassion for God's people and helped develop her lifestyle of authentic worship.

God uses her powerful, anointed voice to prepare the way for the return of our Savior! With a passionate, purposeful roar, she releases worship anthems that declare God's splendor, ignite faith in His people, and inspire everyone who listens to worship the one true God!

Howard, a Dove Award-winning recording artist, has released four highly acclaimed CDs. Her discography includes three worship albums and one lullaby CD for the Christian parent. She is on the brink of the most monumental moment of



LaRue Howard

her recording career with her new CD, LaRue Live At The River! The project will not only influence and impact the nations through worship, it will testify to her heart for the local assembly.

Howard is currently the worship leader at River of Life Church in Orlando, where she is responsible for leading the 1,100-member congregation weekly into a deeper encounter with God.

Her heart for worshippers all across the globe is evident in her non-profit organization, Worship Leaders Association International, Inc. WLA works to build, equip and empower worship leaders and all facets of

music ministry through monthly workshops and training sessions. WLA is active in the Central Florida community and abroad (including Haiti and Germany).

While her credentials are lengthy and her accolades impressive, LaRue considers her greatest accomplishment to be her loving family. She is married to Marvette Howard and they have three wonderful children, DeAnna, Aaron and Parker. LaRue Howard doesn't take any of her roles lightly. The diligent wife and loving mom says she will continue to work steadfastly in fulfilling her mandate to Reach The World Through Worship!

FAITH BRIEFS

Have your pet blessed Oct. 4

Bring your furry friends to a Blessing of the Animals on St. Francis Day -- Thursday, Oct. 4, beginning at 5 p.m.,

at Trinity Episcopal Church, 79 6th Street, in Apalachicola.

Join us at this community event with your cats and dogs, on a leash or in a carrier. Other pets are welcome if they are also in

a carrier. St George Island Cat Alliance, and Operation Spay Bay will be on hand with information.

For more information, call 653-9550 or email to info@trinityapalachicola.org

Apalachicola chamber wins award

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce is the proud winner of the 2018 Audio / Visual / Online Communications Award from the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals, for projects valued at under a half-million dollars. These awards recognize achievement in chamber communications, marketing, and public relations.

The Florida Association of Chamber Professionals (FACP), now in its 94th year, serves approximately 500 chamber professionals across the state, providing chamber of commerce

professionals with the information, learning and communications skills to carry out the mission of their chambers.

The chamber will host the FACP Fourth Quarter Northwest Regional Meeting in October.



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Wednesday - "Youth at S.P.L.A.S.H"	7:00pm

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Friends of St. Vincent fundraiser

Special to the Times

The Friends of St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge will hold a fundraiser from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14 at Bowery Station in Apalachicola.

The event headliner will be a Jimmy Buffett Tribute featuring Sticky Too. As part of the tribute, there will be a costume contest, so calling all

“Parrotheads.” The costume contest includes prizes.

There will also be a live auction and corn hole tournament.

The Oyster City Brewing Company’s “Special” Wildlife Lager will be available and food will be provided by 13 Mile Seafood.

No feathers, no fur, no problem. Join the fun and support a natural wonder.

Turtles inspire kindergartner's first book

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Many an author has gone to St. George Island to write a book, relaxing by the water as they pen their thoughts.

In the case of kindergartner Olivia Bates, that experience came at a fairly young age.

Now a second grader at TJ Connor Elementary School in Scottsville, New York, the young lady a few years back started visiting with her parents, Lisa and Gregory Bates, to a house rented for the winter by Lisa’s parents, Jeanne and Marty Colucci.

Retired from his job at a General Motors parts plant in Rochester, New York, Marty and his wife love welcoming the family during their three-month sojourn on the island.

Now, here’s the story of the book.

Beginning when Olivia was 4, she and her parents would fly down to Tallahassee, and one time mom bought her daughter a stuffed animal, a cat, at the airport before they drove down to the island.

Olivia named the cat Dewey, as in the Dewey decimal system, and as in the name of a live cat that had been discovered back home in a box at the book return, and as in the name of a dog, a husky-lab mix that lives up the road near her school.

“He’s jealous, jealous after he sees other dogs,” said Olivia. “He’s jealous because nobody throws him bones.”

There’s also a dog named Blackie back home but he really has little to do with this story, to which we now return.

Gregory also bought his daughter a stuffed turtle at the gift shop at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve in Eastpoint, mainly because on their family’s visit, they hadn’t seen any turtles and had just missed the scheduled release of a rehabilitated turtle on the island.

“We saw the video though,” said Olivia.

Perhaps it was a rainy day, perhaps it was on a hot day, driven indoors by the heat, but one day Olivia sat down at the



Olivia Bates, together with mom Lisa, shows off the stuffed cat Dewey and his turtle friend that gave rise to her book. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



‘They were getting hungry. Dewey caught some fish for their lunch. It was yummy!’



‘They saw a lot of shells on the beach... so, they decided to take their sand pails and shovels and collect pretty shells.’

Colucci’s kitchen table, unlined paper, “the only paper I could find.”

And she started a story, and she started drawing, and what came out of her work was her first book, a story called “Dewey and the Little Turtle,” the tale of a little calico cat and a sea turtle.

“I made it up,” she said. “I like turtles and cats. I put the cat in because I really liked my cat Frankie. I called it Little Turtle because it was little.”

Olivia is allergic to cats, she starts sneezing and gets stuffed up, but that really has little to do with this story so let’s move on.

So Olivia, then a kindergartner (before she was in Miss Brennan’s first grade class) discussed the story with her mom, whose profession is audio visuals and communications, and the little girl put the whole thing together, and with the help of a Shutterfly book Marty bought, and some twisty ties, had her first book, the story of the adventures of Dewey and the turtle.

“I did the pictures, then all the words,” said the 7-year-old, who used pens to illustrate it “because there was color in the background of the paper. Crayon didn’t really work, it was very light and I couldn’t read it.”

The Coluccis are getting set to return for the winter to the island, and no doubt the Bates family will visit, with art supplies in hand. “She’s constantly drawing,” said Marty.

Meanwhile, Olivia will continue to sharpen her love of reading as well. “I had to read Pokemon to Michael,” she said. “I try to read chapter books.”

And she’ll be working on her third book, after finishing up her second book, called “Spring Adventure” because that’s the season when the two characters first met. It’s also the season when they meet a new friend, a rabbit.

“I’m done with ‘Spring.’” She said. “I’m going to do ‘Winter.’”

Olivia also plans to produce the books with the same paper she had been using, because Blackie likes it.

“My doggie eats it so I try to use it,” she said. “When I was cutting the paper, she ate the scraps.”

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, September 27	87°	75°	50%
Fri, September 28	89°	75°	30%
Sat, September 29	89°	75°	30%
Sun, September 30	88°	75°	40%
Mon, October 1	88°	75°	40%
Tues, October 2	87°	75°	20%
Wed, October 3	87°	74°	20%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
27	Th	5:49a 1.5	7:06p 1.4	12:17a 0.8	12:39p 0.4
28	Fr	6:12a 1.5	8:04p 1.4	12:42a 0.8	1:16p 0.3
29	Sa	6:40a 1.6	9:13p 1.4	1:09a 0.9	2:02p 0.3
30	Su	7:12a 1.6	10:40p 1.3	1:39a 1.1	3:02p 0.2
1	Mo	7:24a 1.9		1:40a 1.4	3:49p 0.3
2	Tu	12:04a 1.5	8:15a 1.9	2:31a 1.4	5:24p 0.3
3	We	1:42a 1.6	9:25a 1.8	4:38a 1.5	6:46p 0.3

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
27	Th	3:56a 2.9	5:13p 2.7	9:51a 0.8	9:54p 1.6
28	Fr	4:19a 2.9	6:11p 2.6	10:28a 0.6	10:21p 1.8
29	Sa	4:47a 3.0	7:20p 2.6	11:14a 0.6	10:51p 2.1
30	Su	5:19a 3.0	8:47p 2.4	12:14p 0.5	11:27p 2.2
1	Mo	5:59a 3.0	10:39p 2.4	1:36p 0.5	
2	Tu	6:50a 3.0		12:18a 2.2	3:11p 0.5
3	We	12:17a 2.6	8:00a 2.9	2:25a 2.4	4:33p 0.5

FISHING REPORT



As we wind down to the last week of Scallop season for St. Joe Bay all indications are that it was a very productive season indeed.

Please remember that the season comes to a close on Sept. 30. On the fishing side things have heated up pretty good in our area. Good reports of Redfish along the Town Beach area and some taken around the Windmark area as well.

Several baits are taking fish including live shrimp, soft baits like Vudoo shrimp and D.O.A shrimp has produced.

Flounder bite continues to be pretty good as well. From the Mexico Beach canal all the way down to the Highland View bridge.

Again several baits are producing fish, including Bull minnows, soft baits such as Zman white paddle butt shad and Gotcha white grubs and white shrimp.

All of these baits are available at Bluewater Outriggers as well as live baits when available. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

OUTDOOR BRIEFS

Make your landscaping bay-friendly

Learn about Bay-Friendly Landscaping this Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve

Yard design and maintenance can have a big effect on adjacent water bodies. Learn how to transform your yard into a low-maintenance, luscious bay conscious landscape that attracts birds and wildlife.

The class will also feature innovative Green Infrastructure techniques such as rain gardens, green roofs, and bio-swales. Also, for a small fee, you can order your own rain barrel to take home.

The class is free, but rain barrels are \$25 per barrel and must be ordered one week in advance. Register at anerrbayfriendly.eventbrite.com. Or call Anita Grove at 670-7708 or email to Anita.Grove@FloridaDEP.gov.

Learn about the bay on Oct. 5

Learn all about Apalachicola Bay at a stewardship class hosted by the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve in Eastpoint on Friday, Oct. 5 from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Do you know what an estuary is and why it is so vital to our economy and way of life? Join us to explore the estuary we depend on. Learn about

the habitats and creatures that make up our estuary and how the river and bay are intricately connected. We will see these habitats up close aboard the Reserve’s research vessel the Henry Lee.

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SPORTS



Doing the WalkFit at Holy Family [SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

Holy Family launches 'Get Active' campaign

Special to the Times

Walkfit is a "Get Active" initiative developed to increase physical activity and social connectivity.

This program, sponsored by Elder Care Community Council (ECCC), is designed not just for the 55-plus active senior, but to be both accessible and welcoming to all.

"Walkfit introduced me to others in the community and Belinda made exercise fun!" said Natalie Parsley, a Walkfit participant.

Participants in this free weekly program attend a session twice a week, on Monday and Wednesday, from 9 to 10 a.m., at the Holy Family Senior Center. In this program attendees are given tools to measure progress and provided tips that will challenge them to become more health conscious and

wellness oriented.

"Walkfit will help you get stronger, more balanced and walk better while having fun in your community. Join us and get active," said Belinda Wharton, Walkfit Instructor.

Erica Head, senior center activities coordinator, said that in keeping with continued efforts to promote healthy living, the ECCC developed this "Get Active" campaign to reintroduce the WalkFit program, beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 1. "We hope to add other activities to this program in the near future," she said.

For more information on activities and programs please call Holy Family at 653-3134, or email to holyfamilyseiorcenter@gmail.com or check the Holy Family and ECCC Facebook pages for more details.



Staying active at Holy Family [SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

JV Seahawks slam Cottondale

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Following a week off, after rain forced the cancellation of the Sept. 13 game against Wewahitchka, the junior varsity Seahawks returned home and continued their winning ways by defeating Cottondale 24-0 on Sept. 20, bringing their record to 3-1.

Larry Winchester had a field day against the Hornets as he rushed for 96 yards with two touchdowns and also scored all three two-point conversions. Wyatt Abercrombie also chipped in with 55 yards rushing and a score.

"We came out really hot in the first quarter and for some reason we got complacent and didn't really turn it back on until the fourth quarter,"

said Coach Brock Johnson, "And that's on me, because we need to learn to play for a full four quarters in order to be the team we need to be."

Dalyn Perry would help out on the offensive side of the ball with 25 yards rushing and 44 yards receiving. Jordan Pride was 3 for 5 passing with 70 yards. Defensively the Seahawks were led by Josh Yancey with an astounding 19 tackles.

"We're playing good enough defensively to win every ballgame, just have to keep the foot on the gas more offensively," said Johnson. "Overall I'm pleased with the improvements these kids keep making each week."

The JV Seahawks next game will be this Thursday, Sept. 27 at home vs Liberty County at 7 p.m. The game against Wewa has been rescheduled for Thursday, Oct. 4 at home.



Quarterback Colin Amison leaps for the touchdown against Sneads

[JENNIFER EDWARDS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES PHOTOS]

Sneads downs Seahawks 38-20

By David Adlerstein

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EASTPOINT - If discretion is the better part of valor, then Franklin County Coach Tony Yeomans is indeed a brave man, despite his team falling 38-20 Friday night.

After his squad trailed Sneads 19-7 entering the second half, three things happened in quick succession in the first three minutes. The Pirates scored back to back touchdowns, and the Seahawks sustained their second game-ending ankle injury to a starter, this time with junior lineman Cam Wynn joining sophomore linebacker Charlee Winchester on the sidelines and then on to the hospital for x-rays.

A referee asked Yeomans if he wanted a running clock, and he agreed.

"I wasn't doing it to quit on the team, I was doing it to survive," said the coach. "I couldn't afford to lose another starter."

The Pirates' two touchdowns to open the third quarter, a fumble ran back for 65 yards by senior defensive back Courtavious Garrett, and then a three-yard rushing touchdown a minute later by sophomore Calvin Stringer that came after senior defensive guard Ryan McLeod pounced on an errant pitch, looked to put the game out of reach.

With the running clock moving, and a 31-7 lead, Sneads coach Bill Thomas had substituted in his younger players.

But two touchdowns by the Seahawks made it 31-20 with four minutes left to play.

First, a 30-yard burst by senior running back Colton Evans brought the Seahawks into the red zone, and then



The Seahawk marching band leads the pep rally Friday afternoon

freshman quarterback Colin Amison scrambled in the end zone from 11 yards out, near the end of the third quarter.

Then with time running out in the fourth, senior defensive end Tonnor Segree scooped up a fumble and ran it 60 yards downfield into the end zone.

"I had subbed some guys in, and they scored real quick and then they stopped running the clock for a little bit," said Thomas. "I about lost my religion with the refs. I told them 'You said you were going to run the clock, now run it.'"

Sophomore running back Alonzo Hill capped off the game's scoring with a 55-yard-touchdown run with a minute, and Trent Smith nailed the extra point.

Thomas, an Apalachicola native who once coached the Sharks, said he understood Yeomans' decision to let the clock run. The Seahawks have lost 11 players to injuries, nearly all starters, dating back to the

pre-season.

"This summer we thought about this game as being probably the biggest game of the year for us," said Thomas. "His goal tonight was to survive the season."

"We would have had to still come out and hump the ball right at them until the clocks running, with our seniors, until the game's at hand. If I'm doing that with the type of offense we run, you're going to get banged up," Thomas said. "He can't afford to lose nobody else."

The Pirates opened the game by scoring on their first drive, when Stringer capped it off with an eight-yard rushing score.

The Seahawks tied it up, when senior running back Rufus Townsend swept in from 40 yards out.

Sneads junior running back Seth Scott scored later in the first quarter, and then Stringer scored his second touchdown of the night, from 11 yards out.

"We played good, we just had too many turnovers," said Yeomans.

Hawks post lowest match score of season

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The Franklin County boys golf team is continuing its blistering pace, now 16-2 on the year.

On Sept. 18, at Wildwood, the team, coached by Mike Todd, edged Florida High by

a single stroke, 186-187, and John Paul II by two strokes.

Junior Cale Barber led with a 41, with junior Tyler Rainwater posting a 43, ABC eighth grader Colin Wefing 49, junior Tommy Gragg 53, and junior Schuyler Donahoe 54.

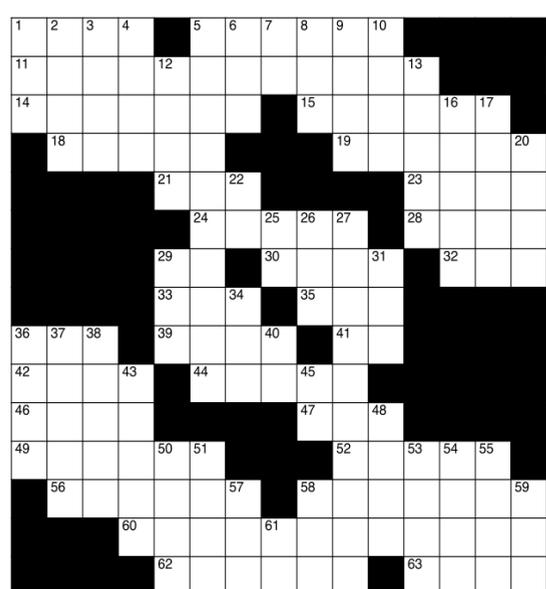
On Sept. 20, the team played its lowest match score of the year, with a

160, to best Florida High by 26 strokes, and Wakulla Christian by 45 strokes.

Barber led the team with a 37, followed by a 38 for both Rainwater and Gragg, a 47 for Donahoe and a 49 for Wefing.

It was Gragg's lowest round ever, and the lowest rounds this year for both Barber and Rainwater.

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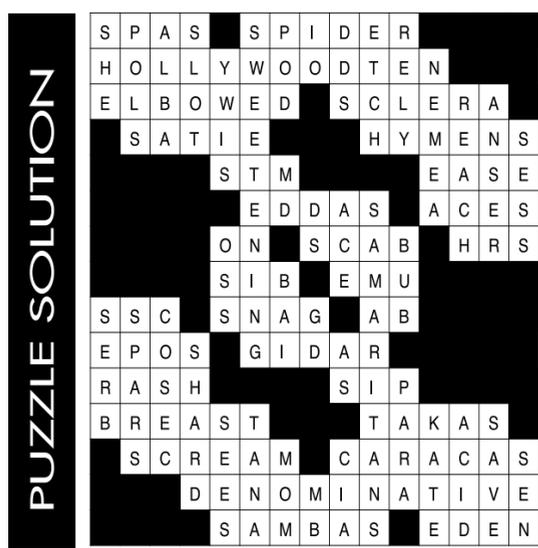


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Relaxing places
- 5. Creepy crawler
- 11. Blacklisted artists
- 14. Fought for position
- 15. Outer layer of the eyeball
- 18. Gymnopedies composer
- 19. Membranes
- 21. Short-term memory
- 23. Comfort
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Breezes through
- 29. In the general surface area
- 30. Replacement worker
- 32. Days have 24 of them (abbr.)
- 33. Bro or sis
- 35. Large, flightless bird
- 36. Future hovercraft
- 39. Complication
- 41. Core muscle
- 42. Electronic point of scale
- 44. Language of Cameroon
- 46. Skin problem
- 47. Slowly drink
- 49. Meaty part of a chicken
- 52. Bangladeshi currency
- 56. Shout
- 58. National capital
- 60. Word derived from a noun
- 62. Dances
- 63. A memorable garden

CLUES DOWN

- 1. The woman
- 2. Leaders
- 3. "Sin City" actress Jessica
- 4. A type of machine
- 5. Enhancing an offer
- 6. Detachable aircraft unit
- 7. Priestess of Hera
- 8. Tooth caregiver
- 9. A way to engrave
- 10. Count on
- 12. Williamson Airfield code
- 13. Ancient Greek city
- 16. Range
- 17. Ancient Roman poet
- 20. Scottish tax
- 22. Doc
- 25. Bad grades
- 26. A great pitcher
- 27. Helpers
- 29. Former CIA
- 31. Guy (slang)
- 34. Actress Ling
- 36. One from the Balkans
- 37. Unofficially boxes
- 38. Mathematical ratio (abbr.)
- 40. Atomic # 64
- 43. Broken glass
- 45. Equally
- 48. Serbian currency
- 50. Envisions
- 51. Source of the Blue Nile
- 53. Leo's acting pal
- 54. Sour
- 55. What relief pitchers do
- 57. Ma
- 58. Spy organization
- 59. Monetary unit
- 61. Megabyte



TRIVIA FUN



Wilson Casey

1. By global passport power rankings, who is No. 1 by its total visa-free score?
Japan, Canada, Finland, Singapore

2. Which state's town of Rosalyn has the International Vinegar Museum?
Georgia, Mississippi, Maine, South Dakota

3. Sales of Roloids, Alka-Seltzer and Tums jump about 20 percent in what month?
February, July, November, December

4. Who highly publicized the phrase, "Every cloud has a

silver lining.?"
Churchill, P.T. Barnum, Houdini, Jim Pearson

5. What are carpenter, line, post and torpedo types of?
Bumblebees, Levels, Weights, Hammers

6. Ancient Egyptians regarded a tattoo as a sign of ...?
Wealth, Ignorance, War, Occult

ANSWERS: 1. Singapore, 2. South Dakota, 3. December, 4. P.T. Barnum, 5. Levels, 6. Wealth

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

F-STOP FRANKLIN

Autumn's arrival

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

Fall is here, with summer's heat competing with the rain for top billing. Hopefully, we'll dodge a tropical storm or a hurricane. If you have a good photo, please share. The Times welcomes readers to send us their best photographs, whether they capture laughter and smiles, brilliant colors, an unusual image, person, place or thing, we want it. Photos can be of any subject, but we especially like people.

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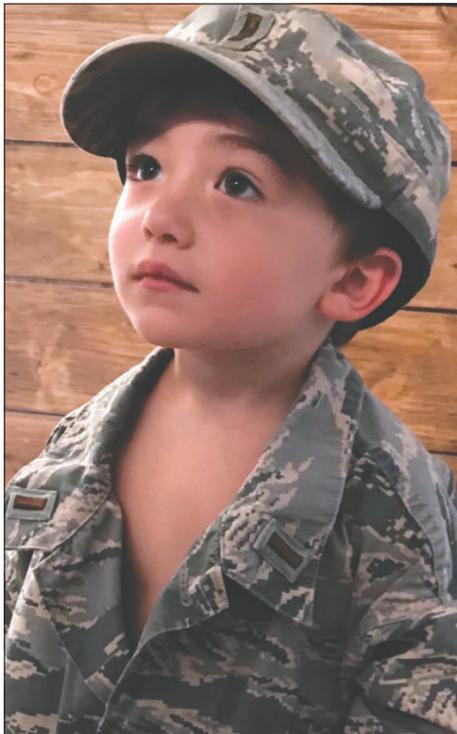
The photographer's son, Nolan Sawyer, his hockey buddy Easton Nye and her nephew, John David Lunsford, all on Mike Thornburg's dock on St. George Island. [JAN SAWYER | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



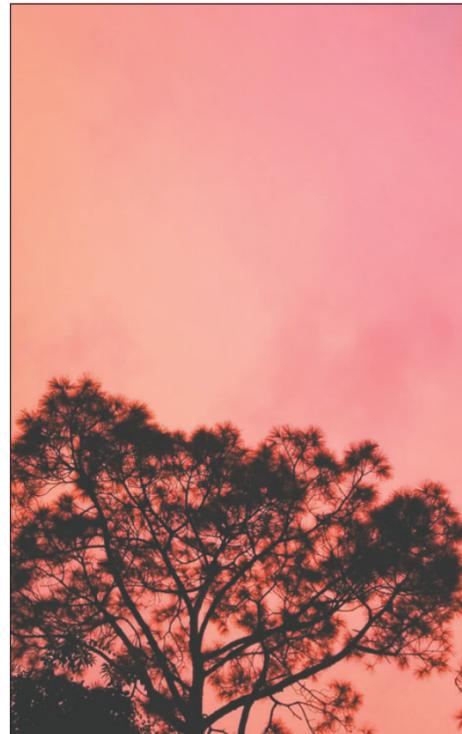
In this photo, entitled "If you think our home is full, you should see our hearts," are members of the Sharleen Shiver family, back row, from left, Sharleen, Magen, Kristianna and Rebecca. Front row, from left, Christian, Ethan, Korbyn, Jordan and Jacob. [KAYLE MEARS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Osprey looking [RICK HANBY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Wayne and Eileen Kight shared this shot of their 3-year-old grandson Kent Carter, in a deep conversation with his dad, Robert Carter, stationed at Eglin Air Force Base. [AMY CARTER | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



A beautiful morning sky at first daylight in Carrabelle at the photographer's home [KARAH BUSBY | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

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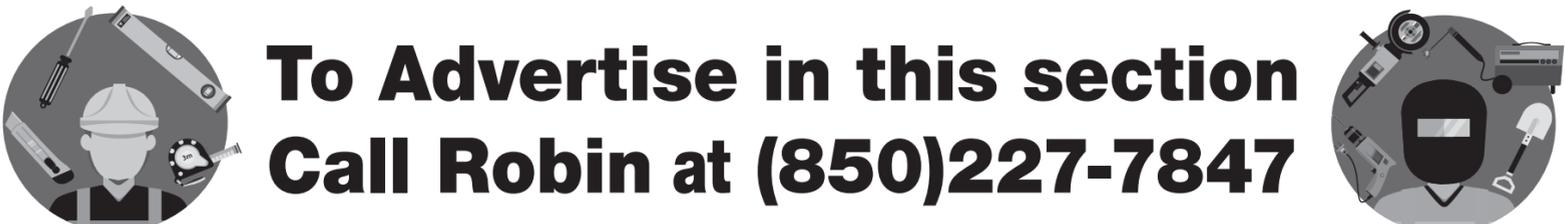
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21462T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE # 2018 CA 01

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

v.

RAYMOND R. FINN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure dated August 30, 2018, entered in Case No. 2018 CA 01 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, wherein CENTENNIAL BANK is the Plaintiff, and RAYMOND R. FINN a/k/a RAYMOND ROBERT FINN; LINDA L. FINN; UNKNOWN TENANT and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under, and

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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 and best bidder for cash at 2nd Floor Lobby of the Franklin County Court-house, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola Florida 32320, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on October 18, 2018 the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure to-wit:

Lots 9 & 10, Black A (66), Range 4, Pickett's Addition to the City of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2 at Page 20 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

Together with a 1974 CAP Mobile Home, ID#14533.

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

DATED this 4th day of September, 2018.

Marcia Johnson, Clerk of Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk
Pub September 27, October 4, 2018

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21532T FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic (the "Agency"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08(2), (3) and (4) and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, subscribing to or served by the Agency's statewide provision of funding and financing to construct or pay for energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements and wind resistance improvements in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of a Qualifying Improvement. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of

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affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 1:00 p.m. on October 30, 2018, at the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization Executive Conference Room, 2570 W International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy - which is the entirety of the State of Florida. Copies of the proposed form of resolution are on file at the office of Counterpointe Energy Solutions (FL) LLC, Third Party Administrator for the Florida PACE Funding Agency, 2600 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 163, Maitland, Florida 32751, e m a i l : gov@counterpointe.com. All interested persons are invited to present oral comments at the public hearing and/or submit written comments to the Board at the above address. Written comments should be received by

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the Agency on or before October 29, 2018. Any persons desiring to present oral comments should appear at the public hearing.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in such public hearing should contact the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization at (386) 226-0422 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

By Order of the Board of Directors of Florida PACE Funding Agency on August 14, 2018
Pub: September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2018

21624T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2018-000057-CP

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GEORGE FORREST BAILEY, III, a/k/a GEORGE FORREST BAILEY, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of GEORGE FORREST BAILEY, III, a/k/a GEORGE FORREST BAILEY, deceased, File Number 2018-000057-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is "The Franklin County Court-house, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320." The estate is Testate and the will is dated September 7, 2016. The address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this Notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this

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cedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this Notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

Any person entitled to exempt property is required to file a petition for determination of exempt property within this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR FORTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF TERMINATION OF ANY PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION, ADMISSION TO PROBATE, OR VALIDITY OF THE WILL OR INVOLVING ANY OTHER MATTER AFFECTING ANY PART OF THE ESTATE SUBJECT TO SECTION 732.402, FLORIDA STATUTES.

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All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this

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Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMAND AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED SHALL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 20, 2018.

The Law Office of Thomas M. Shuler, P.A. 40-4th Street Apalachicola, Florida 32320 850-653-1757 850-653-8627 Facsimile mshuler@shulerlawfi.com

Personal Representative: Angela Bailey 48 Chapel Hill Street Pike Road, Alabama 36064 Pub September 20, 27, 2018

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P R O J E C T : 19.h.sm.100.042 Hanser-Fry House (aka Fry-Contor House) The Friends of St. Vincent NWR organization has received a \$50,000 grant from the State of Florida for planning a Historic project on the Hanser-Fry House, located at 96 5th Street, in Apalachicola Florida. The project will include the following: A Conditions Assessment Report including Architectural, Electrical, Mechanical, Structural, a Hazmat Consultant Report (LBP Test & Mitigation Report); As-Built Drawings, Advanced Schematic Drawings, an Order of Magnitude Cost Opinion, and will include a Final Presentation to US Fish and Wildlife Service, Owner of the property. Experience with architectural projects for the Bureau of Historic Preservation is required. For project condition photos see https://www.fws.gov/refuge/St_Vincent/.

INSTRUCTIONS: All applicants must be licensed to practice Architecture in Florida. Firms interested in this project shall submit three (3) paper copies of a Professional Qualifications Supplement, including cover letter, Architectural Firm's Name, Address, Telephone Number, Point of Contact Name and email address; Proposed Engineering Teams' Name and Address; 5 projects that show experience with Bureau of Historic Preservation (name, location, year completed, size and cost, contact info for Owner), current Professional License and Corporate Charter Certificate. No email or facsimiles submittals will be accepted. Submittals must be received by October 18, 2018 by 12:00 noon. Submittals may be hand delivered or mailed to St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge office, 96 5th Street, Apalachicola Florida, 32320. A decision will be made by November 1, 2018. Questions should be directed to Suzanne Marshall at Suzanne.marshall@gmail.com

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SEAHAWK ARTISTRY

Lilly Dorman: Snapchat Self-Portrait

Special to the Times

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Seahawk Arts students in grades three through five were given the challenge of creating a self-portrait, with a Franklin County Seahawk theme, in the likes of a Snapchat face tracking filter app. The animated phone app adorns animated features onto the front-facing camera phone screen when posing for a selfie or group photo.

Fourth grade art student Lilly Dorman, a self-proclaimed cartoon animator, chose to present her self-portrait as an FCS "Seahawk" with moving parts. Lilly's snap chat animation includes colorful Seahawk feathers that move up and down, blinking eyes and a squawking beak when she opens her mouth.

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Lilly Dorman

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Local students earn TCC honors

Special to the Times

Four students from Franklin County have received academic honors at Tallahassee Community College.

Hunter Segree, of Eastpoint, and Teresa Weidensee, of Carrabelle, were among more than 850 students who were named to the Summer 2018 President's List, for those students who earned a 4.0 grade point average.

Courtney Alford, of Apalachicola, and Josie Turner, of Eastpoint, were among more than 700 students named to the Summer 2018 Dean's List at TCC. Students on the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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