

OUT TO SEE

FEMA help available at libraries

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center are open at the Carrabelle Public Library, 311 St. James Ave., daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m..

Registration Intake Centers, staffed by Disaster Survivor Assistance Crew 14, are open at East-point Public Library, 160 Hickory Dip Road, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at Apalachicola Public Library, 80 12th St., Monday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

On Sundays, DSA Crew 14 will be conducting outreach at Franklin County churches.

Farmers Market this Saturday

The Apalachicola Farmers Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 27.

Come for fresh produce, homemade breads, artisan furniture, craft work, jewelry, art and live music, as we celebrate the spirit of community and gratitude for our special city.

Musicians and music lovers come to the Market for relief, both hurricane and musical! Apalachicola is home to so many talented musicians and music lovers, singer songwriter David Lloyd has volunteered to spearhead a community music gathering for our post hurricane market.

St. George Island lighthouse to reopen

The St. George Island lighthouse will reopen Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 28, from noon to 5 p.m., and then will be closed for a week.

Crooked River Light reopens Wednesday

The Halloween grand re-opening of the Crooked River Lighthouse, with a big party will be 6 to 9 p.m on Wednesday, Oct. 31. Candy for the kids. Come in costume. For more info call 697-9221 or 697-2732.

Panhandle Players show moved

Panhandle Players has rescheduled its first show of the season, "Secrets and Sweet Tea," to Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2 at the Chapman. Tickets are on sale. For more info, visit Panhandle Players's Facebook page, or call 850-653-8894.

Michael packs a wallop

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On the eastern fringe of colossal Hurricane Michael, that two weeks ago pummeled the two Panhandle counties to the west to the point of some death and widespread destruction, Franklin County's blessings far exceeded its suffering.

Those who build docks and repair roofs are going to be busy, just as cleaners, tree trimmers and home remodelers have been. Some have lost their entire homes, and some a huge chunk of their belongings. But there's no loss of life to be mourned, no shelters to visit

Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper, who started out Oct. 10, the day after the storm, walking the route where it pummeled the county's eastern coastline, took to the skies Oct. 12 from the Apalachicola Airport, an essential piece in the air rescue puzzle in the immediate aftermath of the Category 4 hurricane.

The county's fixed base operator, Centric Aviation, had kept the facility open round-the clock, first welcoming Coast Guard rescue missions, and then supply operations by National Guardsmen, and



Flood water advances on Market Street in downtown Apalachicola [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

then eventually a bevy of charitable organizations airlifting by small planes, all while Duke Energy staged a massive energy restoration operation on the grounds, just as the company did at the Carrabelle Airport, an equally indispensable asset on the eastern end of the county.

Skipper said her preliminary estimate is that the

county will sustain at least a \$35 million loss in property value as a result of the storm.

"That's structure damage only, not land erosion," she said. "That's going to take some time for the state to do overlays."

She said much of her estimate is based on a survey on the ground by her staff, which tallied up the cost of

lost and damaged property, especially in the hardest areas of the coastal areas, of Alligator Point and the St James Island subdivision.

On Alligator Point all the way to Bald Point on the southern tip, lots of beach erosion could be seen from the air, as well as several homes with the roofs torn

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Early voting starts Saturday

Staff Reports

The Nov. 6 general election in Franklin County will take place with only minor changes

In the wake of the Hurricane Michael, Franklin County Supervisor of Elections Heather Riley had announced that the polling place for Precinct 2, traditionally at the Mission By the Sea Church on Alligator Drive in Alligator Point, had been moved to Chillas Hall in Lanark Village, due to concerns about road access.

But on Monday, following a strong expression of disapproval by those who gathered for a Saturday meeting of the Alligator Point Taxpayers Association, Riley reversed her decision.

"After a thorough inspection of the Precinct 2 polling location, done to ensure safety and that all utilities are in working order, voters will be able to cast their ballots at Mission by the Sea on Alligator Point on Election Day," she said.

Early voting will start on the state-mandated date of Saturday, Oct. 27. Riley

said pre-hurricane plans were to start early voting at the Apalachicola office and the Carrabelle annex on Monday, Oct. 22, but that decision was changed after conferring with state officials and those from surrounding affected counties.

Hours for early voting will be extended from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the two supervisor of elections offices, open daily through Saturday, Nov. 3, and closed Sunday, Nov. 4.

Those who don't want to wait until Saturday to early vote can come to the Apalachicola office at 47 Avenue F, and vote an in-office absentee ballot. That option will be available up until Election Day.

Riley said she has all the staff she needs to run the general election. "We have been in touch with all of our poll workers, and everyone is back on board except one, and we have alternates to fill in," she said.

She said an option is available for displaced voters, those who evacuated and have not returned to town,

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Battery Park, where the Florida Seafood Festival will be held Nov. 2 and 3, looked like this the evening after Hurricane Michael hit Oct. 10. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

Seafood Festival a go!

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The Florida Seafood Festival, which in 54 years has grown to become the state's largest maritime festival, isn't letting go of its 55th annual affair.

John Solomon, president of the non-profit festival's board, has confirmed the festival will be held as planned, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3 in Apalachicola's Battery Park. "We're good to go," said Solomon.



Named to be King Retsyo is Demetrice Cummings, who will accompany the queen, Franklin County Senior Beyla Walker, in reigning over the festival.

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Scenes from Michael



Workers from Water Street Seafood shovel ice to help the day after the storm.
[DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES PHOTOS]



National Guardsmen help load water at the city municipal complex.



The 13 Mile oyster plant near Indian Pass lies in ruins after the storm.



National Guardsmen unload bottled water in Eastpoint [STATE OF FLORIDA]



A boat got carried across 98 into the front of the Marathon station west of Apalachicola
[JOHN WEAVER | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Florida National Guardsmen set up equipment at the Apalachicola airport for help in guiding helicopters.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
COMMERCIAL ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
at
APALACHICOLA REGIONAL AIRPORT
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids at the Franklin County Office of the Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 (office: 850-653-8861) until 4:00 PM local time on **November 30, 2018**, for the **COMMERCIAL ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** project at Apalachicola Regional Airport. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on **Tuesday, December 4, 2018**. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED: COMMERCIAL ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, Apalachicola Regional Airport." The project generally includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following tasks:

Clearing and grubbing, excavation and embankment, new asphalt road improvements, pavement markings and signage, drainage, and security improvements to a new access road.

Beginning on **Thursday, October 25, 2018**, digital copies of the above documents may be obtained from the office of AVCON, INC., 320 Bayshore Drive, Suite A, Niceville, Florida 32578 (office: 850-678-0050) upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Thirty dollars (\$30.00) payable to AVCON, INC. per bid set. Hard copies of the above documents may be provided at an additional cost. Questions relating to the Bid Documents shall be submitted to the Engineer.

Bid security in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid must be submitted with the bid. The bid security may be either a certified check or a proposal guaranty bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Bid security shall be made payable to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners. The successful bidder must be able to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Labor and Materials Payment Bond, and shall begin execution of this contract within five (5) calendar days following the date of the Notice to Proceed. Franklin County has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this project. The DBE participation goal for this project is **6.96%** and compliance requirements are listed in the bidding documents.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be conducted at the Apalachicola Regional Airport FBO Terminal at 8 Airport Road, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 10:00 am local time (EDT)**. Questions related to the Bid Documents will be answered at that time. Attendance by prime contractors is strongly encouraged.

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Funding for this project is being provided by the Florida Department of Transportation. Franklin County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any technical or legal deficiencies and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the County. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a period of 120 calendar days following the bid opening.

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Danny Flowers, from Texas, climbed the St. George Island lighthouse.
[JAMES HARGROVE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

Blind man climbs St. George lighthouse

On Friday, Oct. 5, a docent at the Cape St. George Lighthouse was alerted that a blind man wanted to climb to the lantern room. Danny Flowers, a visitor from Texas, was waiting on the gift shop porch with a friend from Crawfordville named Bobby Pierce. Feeling his way with

his white cane, Flowers accompanied James Hargrove to the base of the tower, where he and Pierce met the lighthouse keeper, Tracy Evans.

Pierce led the way up the 92 steps, tapping each of the steps with his cane. At the watch room he set the cane aside and climbed up the metal ladder through

the opening to the lantern room. "I just want a photo of me in front of the Gulf of Mexico," he said, and added "If I can do it, anyone who was present that afternoon.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

ARREST REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests listed this week were made by officers from the Carrabelle Police Department, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Highway Patrol, U.S. Marshal's Office, and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Sept. 28

Alecia Marie Teat, 39, Apalachicola, domestic battery, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence; \$2,500 bond (FCSO)

Oct. 1

Shelly Lee Polous, 39, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked - habitual offender, felony violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)

Lonnie Nathan Crum, 28, Carrabelle, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, possession of weapon or ammunition by a convicted fellow, two counts felony violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)

Oct. 2

Jeffrey Alton Martin, 42,

Carrabelle, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia; \$5,500 bond (CPD)

Jason Paul James, 37, Eastpoint, felony violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)

Jazmin Nicole Galvan, 28, Carrabelle, battery; \$500 bond (FCSO)

Josephine M. Givan, 42, Eastpoint, possession of methamphetamine, disorderly intoxication; \$16,000 bond (FCSO)

Oct. 3

Amanda Marie Allen, 51, Apalachicola, violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)

Robert J. Herrin, 30, Wakulla County, held for U.S. Marshal's Office without bond (USM)

Paul Zachary Sanders, 28, Eastpoint, violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)

Kathleen K. Cadwallader, 63, St. George Island, DUI - second offense; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Oct. 4

Nathan Daniel Jones, 32, Apalachicola, three counts violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)

Malik Harvey Carza, 21, Tallahassee, possession of

marijuana with intent to sell or deliver, fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer at high speed, resisting an officer without violence; held without bond (FCSO)

Oct. 5

William Garrett Shiver, 25, Havana, failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended or revoked, and leaving the scene of a crash; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Derrick Edward Kennedy, 45, Carrabelle, driving while licenses suspended or revoked - habitual offender, attaching a license plate not assigned, revocation of pre-trial release; held without bond (FCSO)

Oct. 6

Clayman Edward Coughlin, 34, Apalachicola, petit theft - first offense, defrauding an innkeeper - less than \$300; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Oct. 8

Mary Rachel Nowling, 30, Eastpoint, resisting an officer without violence, trespassing - failure to leave property upon order of the owner, battery, petit theft - first offense, two counts of violation of conditional release; held without bond (FCSO)

Oct. 9

Antonio Dewayne Smith,

40, Tallahassee, resisting an officer without violence; \$2,500 bond (FCSO)

Bobby Clay Martin, 38, Apalachicola, two counts violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)

Oct. 11

Williams Marks, 46, homeless, loitering or prowling; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

Oct. 14

Donna Lisa Castor, 58, Alligator Point, disorderly intoxication, resisting an officer without violence, trespassing on structure or conveyance; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

Tammy H. Shiver, 49, Eastpoint, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams, battery; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

Oct. 16

Joshua Chad Cadwallader, 33, St. George Island, disorderly conduct; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

Oct. 18

Dominic Toni Antonele, 50, North Miami, disorderly intoxication; \$500 bond (CPD)

Melinda Dempsey, 47, Eastpoint, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, DUI - first offense; \$1,750 bond (FCSO/

FHP)

Joey G. Banks, 32, Eastpoint, resisting on officer with violence, disorderly conduct, violation of conditional release; held without bond (FWC)

Oct. 19

Timothy C. O'Bryan, 37, Apalachicola, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia, keeping of a public nuisance structure for drug activities; \$15,500 bond (FHP)

Fredrick Hitchcock, 49, Port St. Joe, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia; \$11,000 bond (FHP)

Oct. 20

Courtney Smith, 28, Eastpoint, DUI - first offense; \$500 bond (FHP)

Oct. 22

Dmitri Antaeus Covan, 20, Eastpoint, violation of an injunction against repeat, sexual or dating violence; held without bond (FCSO)

Douglas Matthews, 35, Apalachicola, failure to appear on violation of injunction protection; \$2,500 bond (FCSO)

Michael hammers fishing industry

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Fish dying in the Apalachicola River due to a sewage leak in Wewahitchka, the ravaging of oyster leases in Alligator Harbor, and the

smashing of loading docks on seafood houses along Apalachicola Bay are some of the known havoc Hurricane Michael wreaked on the eastern Panhandle's recreational and commercial seafood industries.

A more detailed analysis of the effect Michael had on

the sensitive oyster bars in Apalachicola Bay - where harvesting remains closed from before the storm due to the predictable effect runoff has on water quality - is to be conducted this week by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

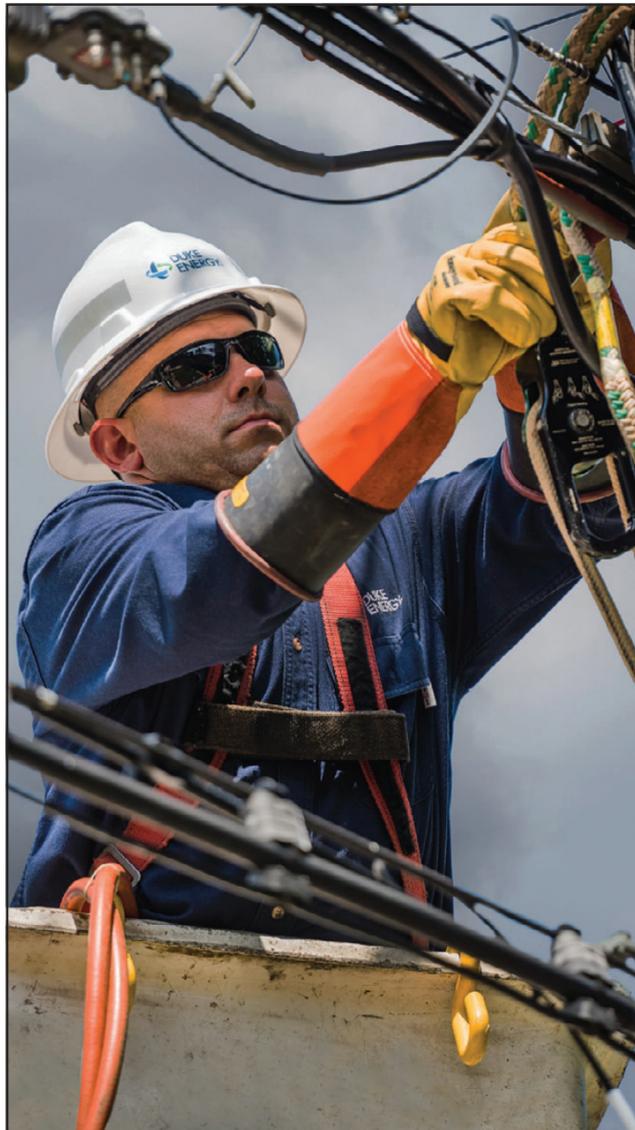
With local production in

the estuary already sharply down due to a lack of freshwater flowing downriver from Georgia, the industry is bracing for a further decline.

FWC officers continue to investigate a fish kill that spread down the Apalachicola River from Wewahitchka, which reported Oct. 10, the

evening the hurricane hit, that 80,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater had poured into the river due to a power outage.

An FWC officer stationed at Abercrombie Landing, just west of Apalachicola, said he noticed the effect as late as Friday.



Together with our communities.

Hurricane Michael was a historic storm, leaving catastrophic damage and flooding in its wake.

In the aftermath, Duke Energy Florida has restored power to more than 75,000 customers hit by Hurricane Michael, and we are grateful for your patience. When bad weather strikes, you can always count on us to be there to help.

Duke Energy Florida is part of your community and we're proud to serve you.

We're in this together, and we'll get through it together.



OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EOC did its best with 'impossible' storm

I am the volunteer operations chief at Franklin County Emergency Management. During the year I work about one day a week, but since before Hurricane Michael I have been at work 24/7 and then full-time. I know how the center works.

First, the job of the three county employees in the center goes on throughout the year. It involves mind-numbing training in federal and state procedures, and constant updating and improving the county's ability to handle a disaster of any type. The center has bookshelves full of white binders with all the procedures. I do tasks like making maps, programming radios, and writing plans for Pam Brownell's approval. I am simply stunned by the complexity of the rules that govern this county getting help, and then getting it paid for by the state and federal governments. Without all that year-round training and planning, the help would not come, and when it did our citizens would be stuck with the bill.

No politically oriented person would want to work here. Even when things go exactly as planned, people who are hurting and want to justify their pain blame Pam and the center for even imagined failures. Rumors that justify feelings fly on the social media. We are human beings, ergo we make mistakes.

The staff, volunteers such as my wife and I, representatives of the Highway Patrol, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Coast Guard, National Guard, county health department, roads department, and other critical agencies did not evacuate but sat out the storm in our antiquated emergency operations center. We were packed in, and spread a nasty respiratory virus among us. When dawn came with a clear sky, all those agency representatives went to work bringing their poised crews and resources to Franklin County. First, we got helicopter drops of food and water and then we got airplane loads. Then trucks broke through to the county.

This huge effort, involving many thousands of workers (600 state troopers, for example) came to us and then used us as a staging area for relief efforts for the devastated counties west of us. We had the last working airport on the eastern shoulder of the storm, so soon we were a satellite link for the Army and good food and a cot for stray workers. More and more help arrived, and the roads gradually opened from east to west.

Communicating with the citizens of Franklin County became a critical problem. The center has redundant systems (such as two internet providers) and generators for local radio. Two things went wrong. First, some citizens have not completed applications for Franklin Alert, so we could not reach them on their cell phones. Then, all the communications infrastructure starting in Franklin County and going to the west failed, including land lines and radio stations. The National Guard gave us satellite telephone lines and internet access.

It isn't over yet. Today we received four pallets of tarps, debris is being removed, and FEMA is enrolling people who need federal help. Before long we will start considering what we could have done better. I have a long list of assumptions we made that turned out not to be quite right. Some of our equipment wasn't useful, and some of our training didn't apply. Each person did his or her best with a storm that was not supposed to be possible in this corner of Florida. We have a lot of people to thank, and a lot to be thankful for.

Sincerely,
Timothy Keith-Lucas, Carrabelle

Have something to say?

The Times editorial page is a forum where differing opinions and fresh ideas are freely exchanged. All submissions must be signed, and include the email address and/or phone number of the author for verification purposes only.

We may edit them so as to ensure they meet guidelines for style. Please email your letters to Dadlerstein@starfl.com. Or fax them to (850) 653-8893. Or mail them to Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 820, Apalachicola, FL 32329. Submissions must be received by Monday evening for publication in Thursday's paper.

GUEST COLUMN

Hurricane Michael made for extraordinary dining

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To be frank, I ate good during Hurricane Michael.

This I say with no snide glee, no callous dismissal of those who lost more than a night's meal, some a heartbreaking helluva lot more. This I share as a duty to accurate reporting, to strict adherence to journalism's dictate that a story, whatever it is, must be rooted, like a fat turnip, in the facts, on whatever muddy street they grow, in whatever nasty direction they spread, till their root tendrils tickle truth.

I ate pretty darn good during the hurricane. In fact, I remember every single meal I consumed, probably because I wondered where the next one was coming from. So, in a sense, Hurricane Michael may work for my good, because keeping a record of meals, how much protein, carbs and fats you cast down on that satisfying six to eight hour journey known as digestion, is essential to good health.

I mustn't digress. Note to myself: Brush up on the meal plan, keep the sugar down, shed a pound or two. Also, be sure you have water, food and reliable sources of illumination when a Category 4 hurricane puts your county out of commission.

Here's what I ate, and you decide for yourself whether you think I ate well or not. You'll notice I have switched from the mistaken word "good" to the correct one "well" because eating is a verb, an act you do several times a day, either by adhering to a meal plan or just chomping on everything in sight. So, to modify that verb, and to point out such eating was welcome and pleasing, I must use an adverb, like "well," and not an adjective like "good." Although I could have written "good eating," as in "I sure did enjoy some good eating during Hurricane Michael" and that would have meant modifying a verb with an adjective. Language is intended to break rules.

Either way, what I know good and well is that I didn't lack for food, substantive, tasty food, during the four days, Wednesday through Sunday, when Michael chewed up the county. In fact, when I finally returned home, and threw out a freezer and refrigerator full of rotting inedibles, it dawned on me that I was actually taking a step down from finer dining.

Not once was I compelled by hunger to consume Meal-Ready to Eat, served up by National Guardsmen, or what the Salvation Army or Red Cross had to offer. So I can't



Volunteer Lisa Keith-Lucas rolls out a crust at the emergency operations center for apple pies served up to the National Guardsmen and other emergency service personnel.

say how they would compare to what I had, although John Solomon tells me MREs aren't bad, because he had one after a long day doing what so many in the county did, mucking out from below his mom's house, and the chamber of commerce offices from flooding on Commerce Street. The chamber's now at the Dixie Theatre until they relocate to 17 Avenue E.

I mustn't digress. Solomon came home and ate the MRE because he also was tired from cooking barbecue downtown, across Avenue D, with two professional BBQ teams from South Florida, and a food truck serving gumbo, to the needy here and in Gulf County.

Now, these guys were good, their food was the barbecue bomb, but in comparison to the bustling place next door, they were mere food booths, concession stands, alongside the five-star Michelin Guide first-class catering operation going down on the corner.

Run on the street outside Tamara's Cafe, coordinated by owner Danny Itzkovitz, managed by schoolteacher Lindsay Shepard, supplied by other restaurateurs in town, stocked by the grocery stores, staffed, served and smiled on by kitchen and wait staff, supplemented by volunteers, this was a four-day blissful chow down, from what they told me.

I only had the sautéed chicken, lightly seasoned, well-textured, served on a resilient paper plate, I'd give it 4 stars out of 5, and the turkey and cheese sandwiches, flavorful yet not overpowering, memorable but for the bun, followed by a tasty macaroon from the chocolate shop next door. Not the best thing for that meal plan I was talking about, but I digress.

The reason I didn't pig out downtown five days morning, noon and night was because

I frequented the eatery at the emergency operations center, where I holed up for three days. Lisa Keith-Lucas oversaw that kitchen, doing everything from procuring in the darkness food from the grocery stores to making sure there was enough, since it hadn't been the plan for a whole lot of people to be there round the clock for a week.

Right down the street, on the other side of the airport, was a second diner at the Apalachicola Airport, with an even more extensive menu - the Duke Energy encampment, which welcomed the EOC people to join with the hundreds of energy restoration staff who got up in the morning before sun-up so they could get the lights on. In Carrabelle, that meant three days after Michael, in Apalachicola four, on the island five, just so you could cook your own food.

The same thing, they tell me, was going on all over the county, on St. George Island, in downtown Carrabelle, at Eastpoint, at restaurants and churches, where all manner of food establishment pitched in the goods. And I am sure that those people who could cook with their generators at home gladly shared with neighbors what they had.

A sign of concern for your fellowman, and lovingkindness, all this is true, but honesty requires me to point out that when you're scared and discomfited, stuffed full of worry, you eat. That's what we do, to give us comfort we address the dire situation by eating. So it really did make sense that we would do a lot of this eating together.

And it is a great thing we did. Because eating good, hot, food, from someone who cares whether you like it or not, because they care about you, is a powerful motivator and inspirer. It's what got these line crew on their feet every morning, and it's what welcomed them when they got back from a long day on the job.

It's what bonded together lots of anxious people, sitting them down together, enjoying the bounty from God that flourished, and the company of their friends and loved ones.

It's what reminded us all of who we are, creatures who need food, comfort and shelter to survive, and divinely inspired human beings who need love and companionship to fully live.

When all is back to where it was, and that will take many months, and much longer west of here, remember this when it comes time to dine out, or to go food shopping, or to volunteer at the local food pantry or church supper.

We eat to live, and we eat to love.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Proud of how public officials performed

I'm writing today to say that I'm proud of the way all of the public officials - local, state, and federal - performed in the face of a very destructive hurricane called Michael. It has been the most coordinated effort I have ever seen!

A tremendous amount of work has already been done, with much more to go. I am also proud of the way the citizens of Franklin County pulled together to help dig each other out of this mess. Thanks everyone!

We should not forget to thank the hundreds, if not thousands, of power company employees from all over the country that came in to get our electric grid back in order. They deserve all of the praise

we can heap on them! Wow!

With that being said, there is still much to do and we will be a long time healing. While we are busy cleaning up and rebuilding, we should not ignore the upcoming election on Nov. 6. I would like to encourage everyone to spend the necessary time it takes to study the candidates and issues, and then cast your vote.

For instance, in District 2 we will be getting a new county commissioner and we have three good candidates to choose from. I know all three, and I believe them to all be good people. With that being said, I think Bert Boldt would make the best commissioner for District 2. I've spent quite some time talking with him about our county and his vision for its future, and I will vote for him. Bert is a highly educated,

successful businessman with a lot of good, old common sense thrown in for good measure.

Regardless of who you decide to vote for, I encourage every registered voter to take the time to vote.

Thanks
Bill Snyder, Lanark Village

Editor's Note: The Times will accept letters to the editor related to the Nov. 6 general election up until the evening of Monday, Oct. 29. Please keep them of reasonable length, and avoid any negative below-the-belt denunciations of opponents. Please email to Dadlerstein@starfl.com, or drop them by the office at 129 Commerce Street. Also, include your telephone number for verification. The Times reserves the right to reject letters based on their being inappropriate.



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CHASING SHADOWS

Michael helps out underwater archaeologists

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Hurricane Michael did underwater archeologists a giant favor two weeks ago, when its Category 4 strength winds uncovered a pair of century-old shipwrecks off the beach of Dog Island.

“Both of these may be wrecks that haven’t been seen since 1899,” said Chuck Meide, director of the Lighthouse Archeological Maritime Program, the research arm of the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum.

“They appear to be ones that haven’t been exposed yet. It will be interesting to figure out which ones they are,” he said.

Meide knows as much as anyone alive about these Dog Island shipwrecks, a result of the devastating Aug. 1, 1899 Carrabelle Hurricane, a Category 2 storm that roared up the Gulf of Mexico from the Dominican Republic and came ashore in Carrabelle, killing seven, injuring hundreds, and destroying an estimated 57 ships throughout the Panhandle. An estimated 14 timbering ships harbored on Dog Island were damaged by the storm, as well as several others off St. George Island (See sidebar).

In 1999, as a graduate student in the Florida State University anthropology department, studying underwater archeology, Meide and his colleagues secured state grant funds to conduct extensive research on the shipwrecks off Dog Island. Some limited archaeological work had been conducted on the island prior to their study; nine archaeological sites on or around the island had been listed in the Florida Master Site Files.

Using remote sensing devices that included a proton precession magnetometer, a side-scan sonar and a GPS unit, Meide and his fellow project scientists documented all they could on the wreck believed to be the Norwegian bark Vale, basing that assumption largely on an account from the early 1960s, from an 86-year-old shipwreck survivor, Thorvald Iversen, who came to Dog Island to see the spot where he had wrecked in 1899. In his letters to the late Vivian Sherlock, Iversen identified this site as the Vale.

In their 1999 Dog Island Shipwreck Survey, Meide, James A. McClean and Edward Wisner compiled enough evidence to confirm the wreckage they were studying was indeed that of the Vale.

Meide said that in 1899, already in the twilight of the age of sail, the Norwegians would use old sailing ships as lumber ships for the bulk carrying trade. He said ships such as the Vale would shelter themselves on the bay side of the island in Ballast Cove and Shipping Cove, normally a good anchorage where ships would come up and dump their ballast, and then take on lumber from the forests.

“They would load large timbers the length of the deck,” he said. “Some (of these ships) have dark square holes, and they would have to seal those up. Seems like this was just an ongoing activity on Dog Island, and they could work year round.”

Meide and his colleagues carefully examined the weathered skeleton, made



The exposed wood from the uncovered 1899 shipwreck off Dog Island [ANDREW SMITH | CARRABELLE BOAT CLUB]



A close up of a portion of the exposed 1899 shipwreck off Dog Island [MICHAEL SALYER | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Unidentified foreign bark wrecked off Dog Island coast after the hurricane of 1899 [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA/KING]

of wooden planking reinforced with iron. “We had some of those iron riders, framing members sticking up out of the sand,” he said. “One stuck up out of water at low tide.”

“We exposed the wooden timbers and we did some excavation by hand, to document how it had been put together. We exposed the bow end and the stern end, and got an overall measurement,” Meide said. “Another FSU student in Norway went to that country’s records and we found able to confirm (ship records). The length matched up.”

“It was just awesome as a young archeologist to be able to work on the island,” said Meide.

Fortunately, the project had a series of excellent photographs, now in the State Archives of Florida, taken by Joseph King the day after the 1899 hurricane. “They’re just some of those beautiful photographs of shipwrecks,” Meide said.

The photographs that went viral right after Hurricane Michael came first from the camera of Andrew Smith, whose family has a house on Dog Island. Caden Barber, manager of the Carrabelle Boat Club, had spotted the visible wreckage from the air, and then Smith and friend Chester Reese went exploring

with the permission of the landholder’s property.

Smith said that as far back as when he was 8, two decades ago, he had noticed signs of shipwrecks, one of them 100 yards into the gulf, on the western end, when the hull of an old boat could be glimpsed underwater.

“That one underwater, it’s still intact because it’s sort of safe from the surf,” he said.

“There was some stuff visible before the storm,” he said. “That island is ever-changing geographically, one summer we may see the outline of it. The storm just uncovered a lot of stuff that will probably get uncovered back up soon. You get some more rough seas and it’s scattered and gone.”

Smith said it appears that two wrecks were uncovered, within 100 yards of each other, on the middle of the gulf side of the island. But where they were originally is anyone’s guess.

Meide said he knows well how locations have changed over time. “The beach is moving north,” he said. “We found the old Dog Island lighthouse, which toppled around 1876, had moved right over and beyond. The rubble of the lighthouse was on the gulf side, even though we know it was constructed and served as lighthouse on the bay side.

“The wrecks that used to



In this photograph, taken August 2, 1899, are pictured, from left, The Norwegian bark “Jafnhar;” the American schooner “James A. Garfield” (in foreground); another U.S. schooner, the “Mary E. Morse” (beyond the Garfield); the Russian bark “Latara” [OR LATAVA] (dismasted, beyond the Morse); and the American barkentine “Vivette.” In the distance is the Norwegian bark “Vale,” and an unidentified wreck (beyond the tugboat). [STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA]

The wrecks of 1899

The following, compiled in Chuck Meide’s research, lists the known shipwrecks of the Aug. 1, 1899 hurricane that hit Franklin County, and what became of them.

Warren Adams - An American three-masted coastal schooner, wrecked on St. George Island, was re-floated.

• **Emma L. Cottingham** - An American three-masted schooner, stranded on St. George Island by the storm, was eventually re-floated and repaired.

• **Benjamin C. Cromwell** - An American three-masted schooner, stranded on St. George Island by the storm, was eventually re-floated and repaired.

• **Hindoo (also referred to as the Hinda, Hindu and Hindos)** - A Norwegian lumber bark out of Mandal, Norway, built in 1877 in Apenrade, Germany, measured 141.1 feet by 31.5 feet by 17.5 feet and was 622 tons burthen and 541 net tons. While loaded with lumber waiting to sail out, the hurricane wrecked the vessel ashore on St. George Island. It was eventually re-floated and repaired.

• **James A. Garfield** - An American shallow-drafted, three-masted coastal schooner out of Bangor, Maine, ran aground stern first on the inshore side of Dog Island in Shipping Cove. It was eventually re-floated.

• **Mary E. Morse** - An American three-masted schooner whose homeport was Bath, Maine, was thrown ashore on Dog Island south of the James A. Garfield. It was floated and repaired.

• **Vidette** - An American barkentine, grounded at Dog Island on the outside of the island opposite the James A. Garfield, was salvaged and repaired.

• **Vale** - A Norwegian lumber bark built and registered in Kragero, Norway in 1878. It measured 536 net tons and 554 burthen tons, 139 feet by 30 feet by 17 feet'. It was blown ashore bow first on Dog Island in Shipping Cove.

• **Jafnhar** - A 476-ton Norwegian bark, built in 1877 in Porsgrunn, Norway, measured 130 feet by 29.3 feet by 16 feet. Captained by M. Thygesen, it was blown ashore on Dog Island in Shipping Cove.

• **Latava** - A Russian bark that was Blown ashore on Dog Island in Shipping Cove.

• **Cortesia** - An Italian bark that one source claims was wrecked somewhere near Apalachicola, while another claims it wrecked on Dog Island.

• **Unnamed U.S. schooner** - A shallow-drafted coastal three-masted schooner that ran aground on a shoal outside Dog Island. It is not known if this vessel was abandoned or re-floated.

• **Unnamed Finnish schooner and Spanish bark** - Two vessels, a Finnish schooner and a Spanish Bark, were mentioned by Iversen in an eyewitness account of the August 1899 hurricane. They are reported to have wrecked in the vicinity of Dog Island.

• **ex-Eliza S. Willigan** - A Norwegian bark built in 1874 in Rothesay, New Brunswick, that measured 168.5 feet by 34.9 feet by 19.7 feet, 883 burthen tons and 802 net tons. It was re-floated and named Helen Buck

• **Ranvola** - A British bark, built in Newcastle in 1861 out of Kragero, Norway, measured 121.2 feet by 27.1 feet by 17 feet, 396 ton burthen and 374 net ton. Wrecked off Apalachicola while loading pitch pine.

• **Albert Halsey (or Haley)** - A fishing schooner out of Pensacola, built in 1846 in Stonington, Connecticut, that measured 61.1 feet by 17.1 feet by 8 feet. Commanded by Captain Limmick, it was blown ashore in Carrabelle Harbor.

be exposed, and the ones that never were exposed, are now showing up,” he said. “They’re becoming exposed and then buried again.”

Meide said he received a flurry of calls, texts and emails as soon as the pictures from Dog Island surfaced, from friends at the Florida Bureau of Archeological Research, the Florida Public Archaeology Network and Florida State University, who expressed interest in examining the wreckage once conditions allow it.

“We’re lucky in Florida to have a lot of good research archeologists,” he said. “Everyone agrees that someone should go out and take a look at these, which we’ll often do in partnership. Some are pretty gung-ho about getting out immediately.

“Before it’s degraded or being buried again, we’d love the opportunity to record what’s there,” Meide said. “But it’s still

pretty dangerous to be traveling around in the hurricane zone. Hopefully there will be a visit organized to get out there.”

He said the technology 20 years after his 1999 research has improved considerably, including the use of high-definition still cameras that can construct a three-dimensional image.

“They can have a really well-documented 3D model, almost the next best thing to having the shipwreck in front of you,” Meide said. “That would be great to record what is exposed. The idea is to document it while we can see it and know exactly where it is when it gets buried again.”

In the meantime, with the wrecks on private property, and the fragility of their pieces, Meide stressed it is important to leave them alone.

“Take as many photos from a distance but don’t take anything else,” he said.

MICHAEL

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off. The surge cut through the peninsula in several places, submerging platted lots.

"They had a beach view," Skipper said. "Now they have a beachfront lot."

The situation was not good for older homes built not on pilings, but directly on the ground, everywhere from Lanark Village to St. George Island.

Hurricane Michael's amphibious assaults had taken down several homes in Lanark. "Most of the gulf-front homes, even if they are standing, the back side was blown out by water," Skipper said.

For those gulf-front homes standing several feet above the ground, the loss was limited to portions on the ground designed to break away in the event of high winds and storm surge. And of course roof damage and flooding.

"I'm not an architect but I know there are numerous buildings where the foundation may have been compromised but I'm not trained to look for that," Skipper said. "I really expect that (damage) number to rise."

"It will climb with land erosion the state just provided me, plus some new photography shows that a couple of places actually built up on land," she said. "I'm looking at more damages for sure."

The ominous threat of a fast-moving Hurricane Michael emerged early in the week, when the Weather Channel sent Jim Cantore and his crew to Apalachicola to prepare for coverage.

"Each storm behaves differently. If this doesn't have people's attention it should," said the Weather Channel's Chris Warren in a pre-storm telephone interview. "That's what kind of scares me, people taking this lightly."

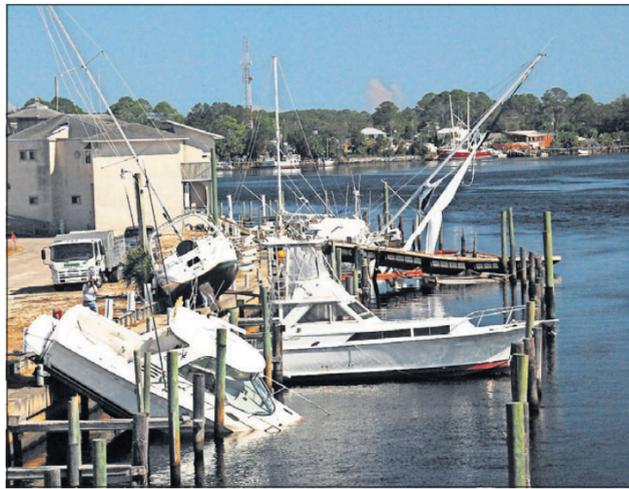
"It's happening so quickly," he said. "Unlike Florence where we watched this thing go across the entire Atlantic Ocean, people on Friday didn't have a clue about Michael. It became a hurricane early today, and it might not have gotten a lot of people's attention."

"If makes a big move, it will probably go to the next biggest city west or east," Warren predicted.

And that's exactly what happened, as Michael punched its 140-plus miles per hour winds into Bay County, leveling Mexico Beach, pummeling Bay County and getting some severe licks in to Gulf County. before it headed northeast and devastated inland areas, especially Calhoun County.

Franklin County was by no means spared, with recorded winds off St. George Island as high as 130 mph, and a nine-foot storm surge, and three feet of flooding, rolling into Apalachicola. Boats at the marinas in Carrabelle were upended and flung ashore, and Battery Park, in addition to extensive tree damage, had a sailboat leaning up against the community center for several days.

On the Tuesday before the storm, Gov. Scott gave his last press conference before the storm at the sheriff's office, urging people in



Boats at the Moorings of Carrabelle lie are shown upended on the seawall.

[DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]



A view of the Apalachicola River, behind Leavins Seafood, at 10-Foot Hole, in Apalachicola, on Wednesday afternoon of Hurricane Michael. This is where Maddie & Tae are set to perform Nov. 3.

[RICHARD BICKEL | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

the Panhandle to heed the mandatory evacuations. Accompanied by Sheriff A.J. Smith, he would make several post-hurricane visits to the county in the immediate aftermath, before turning his attention to the west and then the north where the damage was worse, and there was loss of human life.

Included in his visits was a trip to the make-shift food kitchen in downtown Apalachicola, where he presented coordinator Danny Itzkovitz and Lindsey Shepard with a flag of the state of Florida.

Both Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio made their visits, with Nelson visiting the emergency operations center and Rubio taking in the Oct. 9 county commission meeting, riding in with Mayor Van Johnson on his golf cart. Congressman Neal Dunn and his challenger Bob Rackleff both made visits, as did Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, Attorney General Pam Bondi and volunteers from the DeSantis for Governor campaign.

The commission heard a full report from Emergency Operations Director Pam Brownell, detailing the toll. Together with her two staffers, Tress Dameron and Jennifer Daniels, the EOC at the airport had been the hub of operations, welcoming the CERT volunteers, as well as National Guardsmen, state and local responders, road crews and everyone else summoned to help.

In Carrabelle, Mayor Brenda La Paz was a steady public presence, attending to the Duke Energy crews massed at the airport and issuing detailed bulletins on the many developments that were happening by the minute. In Apalachicola, City Manager Ron Nalley, just a

few months into the job, got his taste of an emergency, overseeing the move of the City Hall to the city municipal complex after flooding damaged the location at Avenue E and Water Street.

The county commission meeting's biggest applause was for Danny Collins, Duke Energy's intergovernmental liaison, who was the face of a Duke Energy operation that was stunningly efficient in its ability to get nearly every business and household in the county back with power in less than a week, in some cases within three days.

By Oct. 18, the commissioners had approved a memorandum of understanding with the state for its post-Hurricane Michael debris removal, which began Oct. 16 and will continue daily for at least the next two weeks.

The memorandum enables the Florida Department of Transportation to assist nine fiscally-constrained counties with debris removal and emergency road clearance. In addition to Franklin, and its two cities, the memorandum includes neighboring counties.

The deal puts the county's existing debris removal contract with Crowder-Gulf, and debris monitoring pact with Tera-Tech under the auspices of DOT, meaning the county will not have to pay these two contractors upfront, and then await reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which can sometimes be a protracted process.

In addition, the county will no longer have to bear a 12.5 percent cost share.

In her report to commissioners, Jeanne Devlin, with CDR McQuire, a consultant that works with the county's



The dock in front of Franklin County School was destroyed by the storm, but the school grounds sustained little damage and school reopened Oct. 23. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]



Carrabelle's brand new Island View Park was torn up by the storm.

[DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]



A tree landed on this home's roof in Eastpoint

[DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

emergency operations center on disaster planning and response, said they were continuing to line up additional local subcontractors to assist in debris removal.

"There's going to be a second pass," Devlin said. "We're doing everything we can to get subcontractors to work."

Judging from the huge piles of debris on the right-of-way in front of people's homes and shops, it will take lots of hauling in the days ahead before the county takes on a semblance of normalcy. Debris pickup for Eastpoint, St George Island and all areas west of Yents Bayou began last Friday, with all areas east of Yents Bayou including Carrabelle, Lanark Village

and Alligator Point set to start today.

The EOC recommends that the piles not be placed next to trees, poles or other structures, including fire hydrants. White goods, which include such things as washers, dryers, air conditioners and the like, should be placed together; electronics should be piled separately. Vegetative debris, such as branches and tress, should be piled together, and another made of construction debris, which includes such things as dry-wall, carpeting, furniture and plumbing.

Hazardous waste, such as oil, paint, pesticides and cleaning supplies should be collected together, and placed aside.

FESTIVAL

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Trees, limbs and other debris littered the park as of Friday, but festival officials are confident that debris will be removed in time for the festival.

Solomon said Saturday night's headliner, Maddie & Tae, as well as LaRue Howard, the highlight act of Friday night's evening of Christian

music, are both on tap to appear. "They haven't told us no," he said.

Also slated to fill the grounds of the Battery Park Marina are amusement park rides, which Solomon said are still on track.

He said Ken Lawson, chief executive officer of Visit Florida, telephoned him on Thursday and pledged support for the festival.

Solomon said the festival continues to take applications for possible vendors. Go to www.floridaseafoodfestival.com to apply.

VOTE

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or those who are out of town working. "They can have ballots emailed to them and they must be faxed back," Riley said.

Up until Wednesday, October 31, voters can call the office at 653-9520 and request for an absentee ballot to be sent out. These ballots must be returned to

the supervisor of elections office by 7 p.m. Election Day.

"I was expecting a really great turnout and I still feel like we're going to get a good turnout just not as large," Riley said. "It's probably the last thing on people minds; people are worried about food, water and jobs."

"But we've had people come in," she said. "It's still important and it's still on people's minds."

Riley said that while the

supervisors' offices still lack internet, it's being worked on and should not have an impact on tabulating and compiling the election results. "We haven't been able to look at any reports," she said.

But, Riley said, the election "sticks" that are basically thumb drives that store all the election data will still be able to gather all the results, and if need be, they can driven to the main office in Apalachicola, "just like in the old days."



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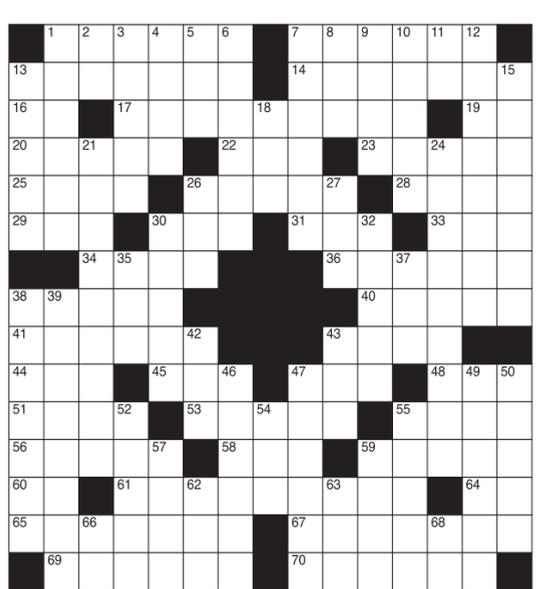
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Rhythmic patterns
- 7. Ethical theory
- 13. Nightclub
- 14. Upsets
- 16. Type of railroad
- 17. Home of The Beatles
- 19. Political organization
- 20. Disgraced cyclist Armstrong
- 22. Seven
- 23. Enlarges hole
- 25. Some are big
- 26. August __, German socialist
- 28. Unappetizing food
- 29. Cast out
- 30. Adult male
- 31. After uno
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 34. Kenyan settlement
- 36. Oxygen deprived
- 38. British writer
- 40. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- 41. Vehemently expressed
- 43. Hurt
- 44. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 45. Gradually weaken
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Touch softly
- 51. Israeli city
- 53. Indicating silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Tropical Asian plants
- 58. A very small circular shape
- 59. Type of wrap
- 60. Potato state
- 61. Spinning toy
- 64. Type of degree
- 65. Ornamental molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Verses
- 70. Rise up

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Spanish seaport
- 2. Equal to one quintillion (abbr.)
- 3. Powders
- 4. One of the "Great" ones
- 5. Increase motor speed
- 6. "E.T." director
- 7. Caught sight of
- 8. Congressional investigative body
- 9. Aroma
- 10. Runs without moving
- 11. Southeast
- 12. About remembering
- 13. Slang for famous person
- 15. Potential criminal
- 18. Body part
- 21. All over the place
- 24. Conqueror
- 26. Actress Ling
- 27. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 30. Distributes
- 32. Golfing legend Sam
- 35. Laos musical instrument
- 37. Open payment initiative
- 38. Having no fixed course
- 39. Type of dog
- 42. Digital audiotape
- 43. Hit lightly
- 46. San Diego ballplayers
- 47. Stop working
- 49. Suitable for growing crops
- 50. Musical groups
- 52. Soft
- 54. Lowest point of a ridge
- 55. Beloved late TNT broadcaster
- 57. Thin strip to align parts
- 59. Cardinal number
- 62. Frozen water
- 63. One who is incredibly special
- 66. Rhodium
- 68. Top lawyer in the land

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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TRIVIA FUN



Wilson Casey

1. About 60 percent of surveyed Americans say they won't go back to a restaurant if it's missing what?

Knowledgeable waitresses, Toilet paper in restroom, Wi-Fi, Gluten sensitive options

2. Which city in Nova Scotia, Canada, has the world's most bars per capita?

Halifax, Summerside, Yarmouth, Sydney

3. What late British actor was known as the "Man of Many Moods"?

Richard Burton, Alec Guinness, Charles Laughton, Noel Coward

4. Whose "first lady" is/was Elizabeth Anne Bloomer?

Washington, Lincoln, Ford, Trump

5. From older TV's "I Love Lucy," where did Fred's mother live?

Poland, Indiana, Jail, Utah

6. Which is nicknamed the "Pineapple Island" of Hawaii?

Kauai, Lanai, Maui, Oahu

ANSWERS: 1. Toilet paper in restroom, 2. Halifax, 3. Charles Laughton, 4. Ford, 5. Indiana, 6. Lanai

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F-STOP FRANKLIN

Michael's shudder

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

In addition to leaving a swath of destruction that will be remembered for many

years, Hurricane Michael photobombed everything in sight, putting his stamp on every image. If you have a good photo, that captures the storm, and the resilience to its wrath, please share. The Times welcomes readers to send their best photographs,

whatever they capture, 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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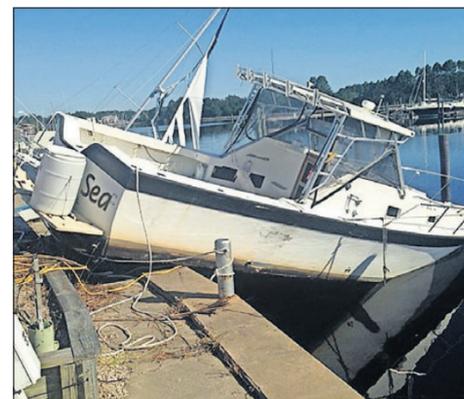


"Dancing" Annie Tucker rides her trike past boarded up shops in Apalachicola [DAVID ADLERSTEIN THE TIMES]



U.S. 98, buckled between Eastpoint and Carrabelle, the day after the storm.

[NIKKI MILLENDER | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



This boat, at Moorings of Carrabelle, got backed up on to land.

[FRANK STEPHENSON | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Lots to choose from, and bargain prices!

[JAMES HARGROVE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



A message in front of Apalachicola's First United Methodist Church, the day after the storm.

[MICHAEL RINDLER | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

FAITH

OBITUARIES

ALBERT LEE JR.

Albert Lawrence Lee, Jr., 82, of Savannah, Georgia, was called home Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018.

He was born in Apalachicola on Jan. 9, 1936. Albert was the son of the late Mabel Walton Harris and Albert Lee, Sr. of Apalachicola.

He was inducted in the U.S. Army on Oct. 6, 1953. Decorations and honors received include the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was proud to serve his country and worked diligently in the Artillery and Guided Missile Center at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

On Aug. 20, 2015, he was united in holy matrimony

to Mary Smith Lee in Savannah, Georgia.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, the late Albert Lee, Sr. and Mabel Walton Harris; grandparents Willie H. Walton and Cathlean Walton of Apalachicola; granddaughter Carmia Lee, of Apalachicola; and special uncle and aunt, Moses and Inez McGuire, of Defuniak Springs.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories a devoted and loving wife, Mary Smith Lee; a loving daughter, Lisa Lee Harvey, of Apalachicola; sons Ronald Lee Brown, of Port St. Joe, and Calvin Lee of Key West; sister Mamie C. Harris of Jacksonville;

grandchildren Stephon Brandon Cargill, Jr. and Krystle Baucham; great-grandchildren Jamarie Lee, Shazmaine Windham, Veronte Aira Lee, and Arryonna Cargill; and a special great-granddaughter, Ms. Paris Baucham; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, and in-laws.

Committal service with military honors were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, at Magnolia Cemetery in Apalachicola. He was laid to eternal rest next to his granddaughter, Carmia Lee.

Kelley Funeral Home of Apalachicola is assisting the family in all local arrangements.

JOHN CROOM

John Quincy Croom departed this earthly life on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

John Quincy Croom was born in Apalachicola on Aug. 21, 1937 to Cleophas and Gladys Breedlove Croom. At an early age, the family relocated to Brooklyn, New York where he grew up and attended PS 53 High School and graduated from East New York Vocational High School, later working as a furniture maker in Williamsburg after graduation.

In the early '60s John began a military career included joining the U.S. Army, and serving in the Vietnam War, from which he received citations and medals of honor for his more than 25 flight missions.

He later met, and fell in love with and married his loving wife of 57 years, Betty Glover, of Dothan, Alabama. They lived in Brooklyn, New York for over 50 years, where he worked for New York Transit for many years. John was gifted with the ability of entrepreneurship as he also owned and operated, even constructed, Croom's Off the Corner Lounge and



Grill in New York.

In 1988, John and his wife returned home to the home of his birth, Apalachicola, where he started Croom's Taxi Service and later was the owner/operator of Croom's Transportation which, in 1994, was named Franklin County Transportation Disadvantage Coordinator. He was also the owner of Croom's Mini Mall, a local laundrymat and apartment complex. John served the Love Center Holiness Church, where he was a member since childhood under his grandfather and founder—whom he was named after—John Quincy Croom, and later renewed as an adult. As a lifelong member he provided Sunday school pickups, youth ministry trips, and sponsorships.

John was beloved by many; his glowing personality and service to the community will be greatly missed.

John is survived by his wife, Betty, two sons John Croom (Leah) and Rache Croom; and four grandchildren, Jendyi, Jepar, Skylar and Christian; and one great-grand, Ryan; aunt, Ella Breedlove Speed; uncle, William Croom; brother, Cleophas Croom (Virginia); sisters, Shirley Croom White, and Mary Alice Sanders, God-son, Tyrone William; Bonus-sons, Michael O'Neil, and Michael Allen; special friend, George Julius; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15 at Culley's Meadow Wood Funeral Home, in Tallahassee, Love Center Holiness Church officiating. There was a visitation from 11 a.m. until the hour of service on Monday.

Interment followed the services at the National Cemetery on Tuesday, Oct. 16. Final arrangements entrusted to the care of Bradwell Mortuary.

SERENA LOOS

Serena Doran Loos, 50, of Buckhannon, West Virginia, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2018 at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia.

She was born Dec. 22, 1967 in Manhattan, New York, a daughter of the late Irving Mellow and Lorna Bodkin Westfall-Mellow.

Serena was a coffee shop manager. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Florida and the American Diabetes Association.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Frederick Westfall.



She is survived by her significant other, Gene Evans, of Buckhannon; one son, Samuel Loos, of Florida; one daughter, Samantha Creamer and Adrian Jones, of Florida; three grandsons, Samuel

Loos, Jr., Elijah Donaldson and Arian Jones, all of Florida; four granddaughters, Jenise Loos, Thamia Thomas, Jayla Creamer and Aubrey Loos, all of Florida; two sisters, Nancy Garcia, of New Jersey, and Stephanie Mellow, of Florida; three brothers, Eric, Charles and Andrew Mellow, all of Florida, and several nieces and nephews.

In honoring Ms. Loos' wishes, she will be cremated. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.polingstclair.com. Poling-St. Clair Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

MATT KELLEY



James Matthew "Matt" Kelley, 48, of Carrabelle, passed away on Friday morning, Oct. 12, 2018.

A celebration of Matt's life was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct 18 at the Eastpoint Church of God. Visitation was from 6 to

8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at Kelley Funeral Home in Apalachicola.

Kelley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A fund to assist the family with burial expenses has been created on Facebook at <https://tinyurl.com/y72vbdxr>

JV Seahawks finish 4-1

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With a flurry of big plays early in the game, the junior varsity Seahawks finished their season Oct. 8 with a 20-6 victory over the visiting Wewahitchka Gators.

The Gators would strike first, scoring on the second play of the game from 69 yards out. "We weren't prepared early on for what Wewa was running offensively," said Coach Brock Johnson, "We had to play assignment football the entire game, which is what you have to do against that type of team."

On the Seahawks' first drive, the passing game was on point as Jordan Pride connected with Weston Bockelman for 48 yards on a third-and-long to give the boys a big boost early in the game. The drive finished with Pride throwing again, this time to Trey Jones, who came down with the ball in the end zone from 18 yards

out. Blakely Curry ran it in on the two-point conversion to give the home team the lead.

Wewa threatened again late in the half, but Jones became the hero again, intercepting the ball on the 15-yard-line and outrunning everyone for an 85-yard touchdown to give the boys a 14-6 lead going into the locker room at the half.

The second half would go back and forth, as both teams traded the ball several times before Larry Winchester broke free from 55 yards out to give the Seahawks a 20-6 lead that they wouldn't relinquish.

"I can't begin to tell these kids how proud of them I am," Johnson said. "Every kid on this team has worked so hard for me this year and the least I could do for them would be to put them in the best position to win every game."

The JV boys finished their season with a 4-1 record, with the only blemish against Florida High. The young Hawks had victories over FAMU, Wakulla, Cottondale and Wewa.



SEAHAWK ARTISTRY

Alexis Britcher

A self-portrait is a representation of an artist that is painted, drawn, or photographed by the artist. A selfie is a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically taken with a smartphone and shared on social media.

Students in the Seahawk Arts high school creative photography class were given an assignment, "Framing Your Identity" where the amateur photographers had to create a concept for a self-portrait, then direct another photo student on how they wanted to be photographed. Students were to have three objects and an abstract symbol that represented themselves in their photo composition.

Freshman Alexis Britcher



chose her t-shirt, ring, eyes, and the color blue to represent her identity in her self-portrait.

Click on the Seahawk QR Code to hear Alexis Britcher's artist statement about her "Framing Your Identity" photography assignment.

Birth

Fisher Duggar born

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Larry Fisher Duggar was born Friday, Oct. 5, 2018 at Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center in Panama City at 12:14 a.m. with a keeper of a size at 6 pounds and 15.5 ounces, and 19.5 inches long.

Fisher is the son of Heather Duggar and little brother of Bailey Duggar and Payton Carpenter. He is named after his beloved maternal



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22085 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2018-000038-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF Eva Papadopoulos Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Eva Papadopoulos, deceased, whose date of death was November 28th, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 18, 2018

SANDERS AND DUNCAN, PA. Attorneys for Personal Representative 80 MARKET STREET APALACHICOLA, FL 32320 Phone: (850) 653-8976 By: s/s Barbara Sanders BARBARA SANDERS, ESQ. Florida Bar No. 442178 Email Addresses: bsanders@fairpoint.net codom@fairpoint.net Pub: October 18, 25, 2018

21744T NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ROBERT E. ATZBERGER, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a TAX DEED to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

PARCEL	ID#
29-09S-04W-4200-0001-020	
CERTIFICATE NUMBER:	1083
CERTIFICATE YEAR:	2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:	LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 1 OF KELLY'S PLAT OF
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THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE(S) 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA,

PROPERTY ADDRESS: N/A NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ANGELINE DONALDSON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE HEIRS OF ANGELINE DONALDSON AND RONALD PLUMMER

All of said property being in the State of Florida, County of Franklin.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to the law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the Court-house door on the First (1st) Monday in the month of NOVEMBER, 2018 which is the 5TH day of NOVEMBER, 2018 AT 11:00 A.M.

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

BY: Lauren Luberto, Deputy Clerk Pub: October 11, 18, 25, November 1

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 31, BLOCK N OF LANARK BEACH UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE(S) 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 143 Georgia Street, Lanark Beach, FL NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: WALTER R. YOUNG, 11

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PARCEL	ID#
29-09S-06W-7315-0088-0260	
CERTIFICATE NUMBER:	871
CERTIFICATE YEAR:	2014

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 26, Block 88 of ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES UNIT NO. 5, According to the Plat Book 3, Page(s) 16& 17, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 332 Needly Street, St. George Island, FL NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: Jim L. Clasen and Jolyn Clasen, husband and

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Wife

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