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OUT TO SEE

AAHS to hear about The Hill

The Apalachicola Area Historical Society is pleased to open its Spring Speaker Series, starting off with Pam Richardson this Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Raney House Museum, 128 Market Street in Apalachicola. Richardson will offer a "History of Apalachicola's Hill: An Armchair Tour."

This is a free event, and everyone is welcome. Future speakers include James Hargrove on Saturday, March 16, and Diane Brewer on Saturday, April 20. For more information, call 850-296-6952.

HCOLA festival this weekend

Be sure not to miss H'COLA's 16th annual African-American History Festival the weekend of Feb. 15-17 at Franklin Square, on Sixth Street in Apalachicola.

With the theme "Our Roots Run Deep," the program features three days of fun, food, music and culture for the whole family.

Vendor booths open on Friday at 4 p.m. with the crowning of the Royal Court at 7 p.m. Saturday kicks off with the parade at noon, then come hear the all-new entertainment lineup featuring the soulful sounds of deejay Ced B all day, plus live performances by rhythm and blues band, Stank Sauce, of Jacksonville, and legendary Alabama blues man, Lil Jimmy Reed.

The festival concludes Sunday with outdoor worship at noon.

For a full schedule, find us on Facebook, visit HCOLA.org, or call 653-7515. The festival, organized by H'COLA (Hillside Coalition of Laborers for Apalachicola) is brought to you by Duke Energy and in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

Apalach library opens bookmark contest

Apalachicola Margaret Key Library will feature three different activities at their booth during the HCOLA African American History Festival this Saturday, Feb. 16.

Audie Pieper, library assistant, will have a table to create oversized bookmarks, part of a contest that will award cash prizes in three age categories, with the winning bookmarks to be professionally printed and distributed as the library's official bookmark for an entire year. The H'COLA festival kicks off the contest, which will run until March 31. Children ages 3-12 are eligible to enter.

A second table will feature African-Americans of achievement who might not be as well-known, with the display featuring scientists, inventors, doctors, and lawyers who are brilliant and yet often go unmentioned and unrecognized during Black History Month.

A third table will feature information and sign-up for the library's Memory Lab.

For more information on the library table contact 653-8436 or stop by 80 12th St. Apalachicola.

Carrabelle cuts deal with homebuilder

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Carrabelle highlighted its first city commission meeting inside its newly constructed City Hall by taking a big step that could lead to several new jobs, and new homes, coming to the county.

After going back and forth over conditions of a four-year lease for most of the now mostly vacant 61,000 square foot building that once housed the



Sal Gaglio, left, and Justin Massimo make the case for Little Custom Homes. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

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County, Carrabelle weigh airport matters

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While both airports in the county appear to be flying high when it comes to their growth, matters are heating up on the ground.

In the case of the Apalachicola Regional Airport, owned by the county, it's all about the advisory board.

And in the case of Carrabelle's Thompson Field, owned by the city, it's about getting damages to the asphalt due to Duke Energy's operations following Hurricane Michael.

At the tail end of last week's Feb. 5 county commission meeting, Chairman Noah Lockley noted that he's been getting telephone calls regarding the volunteer airport advisory board, which the county disbanded several months ago and has not reconstituted.

Former county planner Alan Pierce said the airport's master plan has a component in which citizens give input, prompting Commissioner Ricky Jones to call for that input to be gathered according to the plan's requirement.

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Interim principal Michael Sneed and wife Laura, who is also a teacher, have fun during the winter with their three children.

District shuffles leadership team

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Franklin County High School got a thorough shuffling of its administrative leadership last month.

In a schoolwide assembly

on Jan. 30, Superintendent Traci Moses addressed the student body and formally introduced the new additions to the team, as well as some changes.

Michael Sneed has been named interim principal for the remainder of this year, succeeding Jill Rudd, who has been

named to follow Dr. Sue Summers as director of special programs, after she announced she will not be returning next year.

Nathan West will join Sneed as the new assistant principal, along with returning assistant

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Charles Syverson



Nathan West



Shelly Miedona



Donna Barber

School declines Denton Cove settlement

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The Franklin County School Board received a lengthy standing ovation from a packed audience at a special meeting Monday evening.

It was not because the five members had decided on a deeply education-related issue, nor was the applause directly connected with the day-to-day matters within a district that is educating about 1,000 students each week.

Rather, it was all about land and money, and how about 3.6 acres on the corner of the former Apalachicola High School grounds, at 17th Street and Avenue L, fit into the future of the Hill neighborhood.

The crescendo of clapping came following the board's decision to take no action on a proposed settlement offer

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Library to kick off Memory Lab Saturday

Kick-off for the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library Memory Lab is this Saturday, Feb. 16 at the H'COLA African American History Festival. Information about the lab and sign-up to digitize

family photos and important papers will be available at the library booth.

"It's time to preserve the history that makes Apalachicola thrive and create lasting access for years to

come," said Pam Richardson, Memory Lab coordinator. "It is disturbing to see the uneven representation in our archives and we want to change that, to create real balance as to the recorded history of our

community.

"We want to start with the Hill community because there is so little African-American history available in our archives," said Richardson. "It is important to preserve

the letters, pictures, and facts of African-Americans that played a role in the Apalachicola. And without digitization, we are concerned things

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Triumph creates \$15 million recovery fund

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Triumph

During a special meeting last week the board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. voted to earmark \$15 million as a hurricane recovery fund.

The fund would be available to local governments in Gulf, Franklin, Bay and Wakulla counties, those coastal counties most impacted by Hurricane Michael.

Staff will bring back a recommendation for disbursement of those funds, in particular bridge loans, and will take up those recommendations at a later date.

The Triumph board meets again Feb. 25 in Bay County.

Much of the discussion during the 90-minute special meeting pertained to a recommendation via letter from Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, suggesting the Triumph board establish a fund to assist local governments in hurricane recovery.

A particular focus was addressing revenue shortfalls due to loss of property and sales taxes.

Former House Speaker Allan Bense, a member of the Triumph board, said the suggestion had merit but had several concerns and urged

caution about using Triumph money for anything other than economic diversification.

Bense noted there was state funding in the hundreds of millions of dollars to local counties after Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Harvey, sticking with just recent examples.

"I want to be helpful but I don't want us to take our eye off the ball," Bense said. "I am very concerned about utilizing Triumph (funds) for anything except economy recovery unless we can create jobs and assist hurricane recovery at the same time."

Bense said he wanted any Triumph money to local governments to be repaid and he was concerned about lending money to cities and counties that will be unable to pay back the loans.

He also believed Triumph should stay away from competing with the private sector; "banks make loans."

Gulf County officials submitted letters in support of an application for \$21 million in Triumph grant funds for county commission, city of Port St. Joe and Gulf County schools to mitigate revenue shortfalls. The county

commission's letter ends with an expression of disinterest in a loan. Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. was legislatively established to disburse into eight Northwest Florida counties \$1.5 billion in fine dollars stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

"We have been hit by two disasters," said Jason Shoaf, a member of the Triumph board from Gulf County, adding it would be a "crime" if Triumph money was spent on hurricane recovery at the expense of economic development.

Bense and Dr. Pam Dana, another Triumph board member, each, in different words, said Triumph should not be used to mitigate the responsibilities of state and federal governments.

Dana, who played a key economic role under Gov. Jeb Bush, said a bridge loan program was established after a hurricane under Bush, but she added that was state general fund dollars.

"It's imperative we don't take the burden off the state for paying for the recovery," she said.

Bense strongly suggested at several junctures that local governments push the area's legislative delegation to sponsor a bill to have the state to guarantee all loans

made by Triumph. He said it could be done legislatively, would be a process he would fully support, and encouraged local governments to pursue.

Several board members noted that the region's legislative delegation had already filed numerous bills linked to hurricane recovery and Gov. Ron DeSantis had expressed his interest in hurricane recovery.

But, some board members acknowledged, there was a degree of pressure from outside the region about using Triumph funds for hurricane recovery, evidenced by the Patronis letter.

Bense and chair Don Gaetz also each mentioned upcoming annual payments due to Triumph, which has received about \$300 million to date, but that must be approved by state lawmakers.

And there was general consensus on the board that Triumph needed to do something, within the guidelines established by state lawmakers.

"We've got to do everything we can to assist," Shoaf said. Bridge loans, he added, would be a "good move to get our economy rolling. But our prime mission is to diversify our economy."

A central theme for justifying that assistance was the

shortfalls local governments will feel in the coming years as property values are significantly impacted.

Whether Triumph should provide bridge loans or grants is to be determined, but for economic development to take place in the region, "we need local governments to be viable," Gaetz said.

Bense also spent a few minutes defending the board's pace of fund disbursement, saying the board had to be "prudent, thoughtful and deliberate."

Some \$20 million in projects are underway with hundreds of millions dollars worth of projects in the pipeline, he added.

And, he said, any criticism of claw back provisions in project term sheets could be responded to with one word, Redpine.

Several years ago Bay County officials entered into an agreement with Redpine by which the company would receive significant tax breaks and upfront capital and in turn produce hundreds of jobs. The company never materialized and Bay County lost \$600,000 on the deal, Bense said.

"We don't want that to happen," Bense said. "We need to make sure if you don't conform you're going to feel some pain."

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Aggrenox 200mg/25mg	200	\$140.00	Boniva 150 mg	3	\$70.00
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Asacol 800mg	300	\$250.00	Uloric 40mg	90	\$175.00
Vesicare 10mg	100	\$165.00	Breo Ellipta 100mcg/25mcg	90 ds	\$400.00
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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners through the Franklin County S.H.I.P. Program will be accepting applications beginning Friday, February 15, 2019 for FY 2018/2019, for Disaster Repair Assistance Grants. Qualifications are as follows:

SHIP funds may be used to provide emergency repairs to very low and low income households in the aftermath of a disaster to address emergency housing repair needs. This may include, but is not limited to the removal of tree and debris needed to make home habitable, repairs to prevent further damage and weatherproofing damaged homes. **Maximum award:** \$10,000 Assistance provided will be in the form of a grant. **Recipient Selection Criteria:** Applicants will be served on a first come, first qualified basis if they meet the selection criteria. Priority assistance will be provided to Special Needs, Disabled and Very Low to Low income groups.

Additional Information: The home to receive assistance must be located in Franklin County. Applicant must own and occupy the home and have damage directly caused from the disaster as certified by the Franklin County Emergency Management Director. Applicant must have no homeowners insurance.

The total allocation is \$142,075. The application period will remain open until disaster funds are fully committed. The program does not assist with repairs to mobile homes.

For an application or more information please call Lori Switzer at 653-8199, email: franklincountyship@yahoo.com or come by the office located at The Fort Coombs Armory, 66-4th Street, Apalachicola.

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4:30p Student Dance	1p R&B Headliner Jimmy Reed	
	3:30p Ethnic Fashion Show	
	4:30p R&B Headliner Stank Sauce, The Band	
	8p Festival Day Close	

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DEAL

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Hexaport factory, commissioners voted unanimously to agree to a deal with Little Custom Homes, out of Wilson, Arkansas, a maker of “comfortable little houses that have the right amount of living space and quality craftsmanship,” according to its website.

The city still wants to review more detailed financial statements from the company before signing on the dotted line. But with Mercer Asset Partners, a real estate investor out of Titusville, New Jersey, having come on board a few months ago, and bringing with them capital investment, the trio who negotiated the deal - City Attorney Dan Hartman, Mayor Brenda La Paz and City Administrator Courtney Dempsey - signaled they were not expecting any new information to spoil things.

The commission heard entirely from Sal Gaglio and from Justin Massimo, Mercer’s founding principal. Sitting in the audience but not addressing the commission were Bill Joe Denton, founder of Little Custom Homes, and Kip Kane, who introduced the company to the city a year ago.

Talks had moved slowly between the parties over the last year, but by all indications, Mercer’s representatives were eager to strike a deal Thursday night.

Hartman opened the agenda item with a report on the lease, noting most all the conditions had been agreed to save for the terms of the ramp-up, the opt-out, and the deposit.

He said the lease terms called for \$3,500 a month for the first two years, and then \$4,500 a month in year three



A view of the interior of what Little Custom Homes plans to make. [PHOTO COURTESY MERCER ASSET PARTNERS]

and four, to begin April 15, 2019.

For the ramp-up, which would be rent-free months as the company gets its footing, “we started off at three months, they asked for a year,” Hartman said. “We moved up to four months. They said they could do six months as long as they had a 60-day early termination option in first year. We provided originally a 120-day early termination.

“Also we asked for a \$15,000 security deposit. They would be willing to put up a \$9,000 security deposit,” he said.

After Dempsey said she had not received credit check and financial background information from the company, La Paz raised concern over what she had seen so far.

“The financial statement seems to be on a template. There’s no indication it was done by a CPA or an accounting firm so it’s hard for me to understand the facts on the financial statement,” she

said.

Gaglio said he had not received a request for the complete financial information, but that was understandable given that he had only come on board within the last two months. Both he and Massimo reassured commissioners they would provide the needed information, including their Social Security numbers.

Gaglio said the company’s request for favorable lease terms in the first year was based on it wanting to see first-hand if the project would work.

“We are going to make an investment here, and we want to make sure we have the time to get it done. We think it will take nine months to see (if it will work),” he said. “Four-month notice (for early termination), we found that difficult to work with. We’re willing to come back from 30 days to 60 days.”

Gaglio also said that two-month security deposit was fairly standard.

“We’re excited to be coming here,” he said. “Our goal is to try and establish ourselves in Carrabelle and provide an affordable home for people.”

Together with La Paz, Commissioner Tony Millender led the questioning of the company, and it was he who eventually moved, with Frank Mathes seconding, to agree to the lease terms.

“We have a nationwide team here. We believe in the community of Carrabelle,” said Massimo. “It’s our goal to make sure we can go about this at the right speed, and we’re successful and you don’t have a tenant that leaves halfway through the lease.”

“I want you to succeed,” said Millender. “We need to make sure we’re protected here. I’d like to see us try to move forward.”

The agreement calls for the same proposed monthly lease amounts, with rent abated for the first six months, and the security deposit upped

to \$12,000. The company could terminate the lease with 60-days’ notice within the first two years, after which it would rise to 120 days. In addition they would bear the cost of insuring the property for \$2 million, as well as holding general liability, workers compensation and surety bonding.

“It sounds good to me,” said Mathes.

“I think we’re pretty well protected and covered there,” said Cal Allen.

Hartman estimated that Little Custom Homes would use about 56,000 of the total 61,000 square feet of the building, with boat builder Martin Ben-Baruch continuing to lease the remaining 6,000 square feet. The commission left it up to the two parties to work out how best to share the space and parking, and afterwards they shook hands and chatted amiably.

Earlier in the meeting, commissioners confirmed changing the zoning for the property to include 17 acres with a primary use of industrial, which will enable Ben Baruch to have dry boat and RV storage.

“We have a very high demand for boat and RV storage right now,” said Ben Baruch. “We have a waiting list pretty much. I do have people waiting to put there.”

“I tell them there is no way they can stay in the RV while it’s stored there,” he said. “It’s not going to be an RV park. Dry storage period.”

Massimo touts quality of homes

In his presentation, and in an interview later, Massimo touted the quality of the homes that Little Custom will be making. He said they’ll meet all hurricane codes, and be built to site-built standards, with amenities that range from stainless steel

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OPINION

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Billionaires, wealth tax and Keith Richards



Margaret McDowell

Editor's Note: This is the first in a four-part series on wealth in America

"I don't care 'cause I'm a billionaire." From "Blues in the Morning" as performed by Keith Richards

Questions regarding taxes on the wealthy are germinating feverishly in a country struggling with income inequality. CEOs of America's largest 350 corporations made an average of \$15.6 million in 2016, 271 times what the average worker brought home. And those millions often pale in comparison to what the owners of those companies bring in.

A good example of the blowback against income inequality is a recent Huffington Post article entitled "Should Billionaires Even Exist?" Some politicians are floating the idea of a 2 to 3 percent tax on the assets of Americans with a net worth of over \$10 million. Other suggestions include progressive tax rates which top out at 70 percent for the top one-tenth of 1 percent. Even a ban on stock buybacks has been proposed, which would prevent companies from making large purchases of their own publicly traded securities, which is a tax-efficient (aka "billionaire friendly") way of returning capital to shareholders.

One thing is certain: the political battleground over income inequality is just beginning.

But there's something about limiting individual wealth in America which is in direct conflict with everything we believe about our country and free enterprise. Author Bill Bryson, after touring The Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, and reflecting upon the incredible Vanderbilt family wealth, said "No one should be that rich, with the possible exception of myself."

In Bryson's humor we find some truth.

Capping wealth for others may or may not be okay, but what about when it's applied to us? Don't we all deserve the right to become as wealthy as we can?

Some would say no, not at the expense of others. But here's the rub. Many billionaires employ hundreds of thousands and provide a decent living for employees. Many ultimately give most of their money away. So by limiting net worth, we'd be minimizing what many billionaires contribute to society, in terms of both employment for others and charitable contributions.

The abundance mentality says that billionaires create a bigger pie for us all to share. The scarcity mentality argues that there are only so many dollars available and that billionaires own too many of them. It's worth noting that many European countries experimented with extremely high taxes on the wealthy and in recent years have reduced or eliminated many of those taxes. Perhaps not coincidentally, there aren't too many hot startups coming out of Europe.

Whichever philosophy we ascribe to, it is difficult to justify taxing some Americans twice: once on their annual earnings and again on their total net worth. Some of California's wealthiest citizens already pay upwards of a 60 percent total tax rate when federal, state, property and sales taxes are combined.

Next week: Huey P. Long's Share Our Wealth program

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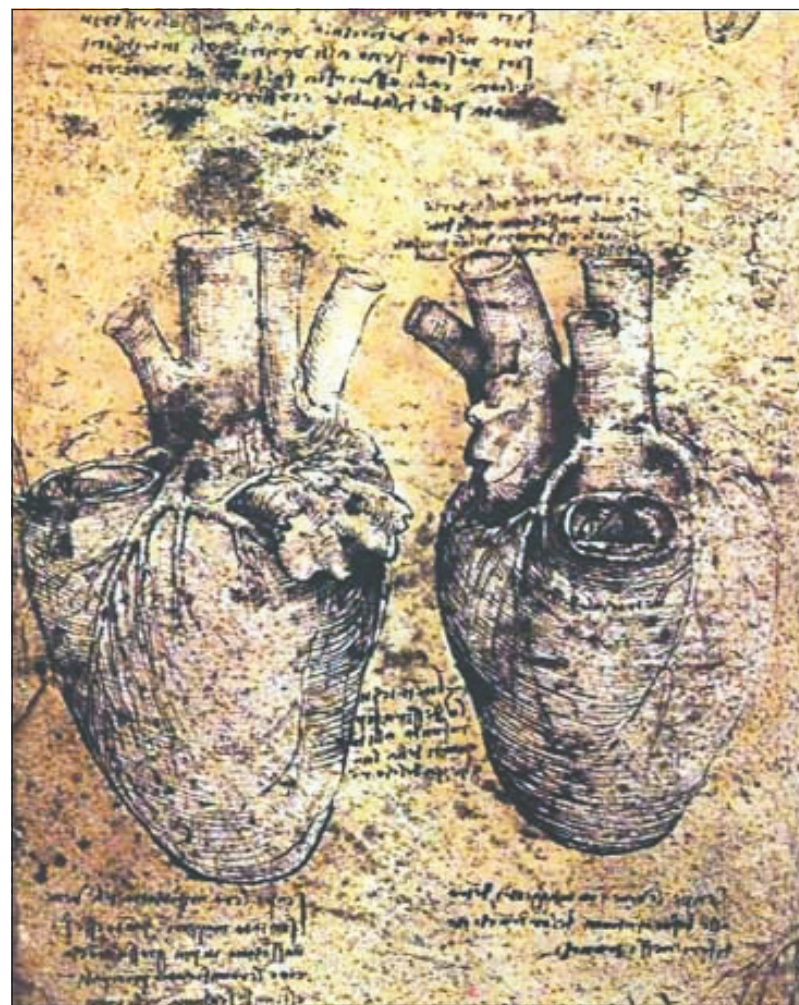
You've gotta have heart, miles and miles and miles of heart!" So crooned Eddie Fisher in his rendition of the hit tune "Heart" from the Adler and Ross musical comedy "Damn Yankees." The show premiered on Broadway in 1955 and I'm not sure the lyricists knew how right they were, in a sense, about those "miles and miles and miles."

In his recent book, "Heart: A History," Sandeep Jauhar explores just how essential that organ is to us, metaphorically as well as biologically. "Each heartbeat," Jauhar tells us, "generates enough force to circulate blood through approximately 100,000 miles of vessels." And in the average lifetime the human heart pulses three billion times, more or less.

The fetal heart begins to beat at around six weeks, about the same time as the first fetal brain activity. Even after an animal is medically "dead," the heart has been known to beat for days or even weeks. In a laboratory setting the heart tissue of chickens, nourished with water and blood plasma, has continued to pulsate for 20 years. Individual heart cells pulse on their own in a petri dish and are drawn to join and synchronize with other cells, becoming, as Jauhar puts it, "social entities."

Our hearts speed up or slow down in concert with our thoughts and emotions, as fear, anger, sexual excitement, or other passions arise and subside. It is no wonder then that the ancient Greeks and Romans viewed the heart and not the brain as the center of our mind and soul.

The ancient Greek word for heart was **cardia**; the Romans called the organ **cor/cordis**. The words' stems **card-** and **cord-** and our word "heart" are what linguists term "cognates," from a Latin word meaning



The heart and its vessels, Leonardo da Vinci, second half of 15th century. [BIBLIOTECA AMBROSIANA | WIKIMEDIA COMMONS]



Vintage Valentine's Day card, ca. 1910. [WIKIMEDIA COMMONS]

"born together," because they share a common linguistic parentage. Though they may not look quite alike, say all three aloud and you can hear

and feel their likeness: cord/card/heart. The h- of "heart" has a bit of the throaty hard c- tone (compare the cognates "horn" and "cornet/cornucopia"), and the final -t and -d are "dental consonants," so-called because we move our tongue to the back of our upper teeth to produce both sounds, which are essentially identical except that we vibrate our vocal chords for the -d (b and p share a similar connection, both formed by pursing our lips, the b "vocalized," the p not).

The reason for the similarity is simple. All three words derive from a common ancestral language known as Proto-Indo-European that dates back 5,000 years and more, long before written records, and was spoken by a society originally located in Eurasia in the area of modern Ukraine and Russia. Like

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Illegal immigration impacts entire nation

In his Jan. 31 letter to the editor (See "America has no immigration problem"), Ted Tripp proposes that the USA does not have an immigration problem or crisis per se, but rather states that the real "problem" is that we the citizenry choose to discourage (oppose) migration into our country by "brown people, essentially Indians or part Indians." He buttresses his statements by asserting that "I lived in Mexico in the 1970s."

Quite frankly, I disagree. We indeed have an immigration problem that greatly impacts our southern border initially, then spreads throughout our nation.

Point One: The continual emergence of migrant caravans (note the plural) from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua that travel north through Mexico have a common destination:

The US Southern Border. These caravans bring thousands that seek to enter the US and no end is in sight.

Point Two: Agreed, that not all these people are criminals. But once they enter our country illegally, they have broken our laws, period. Calling them "undocumented" is just a smoke screen, as is calling illegal immigration a victimless crime. (Try "victimless" on the deputy the next time you are caught speeding.)

Point Three: Illegal immigrants in the United States do not pay payroll (income), Social Security or Medicare taxes. Nevertheless, they receive services at our hospitals (usually without payment), welfare and other governmental subsidies that are funded by the taxpayers. These financial resources are not "evergreen" or unlimited. Decisions and budgets are real. Ask folks on Social Security, those that worked all their lives and paid

their taxes, how much taxpayer money should be apportioned to illegal migrants?

Point Four: You lived in Mexico (I'm thinking that is about as relevant as staying at a popular express hotel). I was born in Canada (on a US Air Force Base from Florida-born parents), lived in Texas, Alabama and Massachusetts, all not relevant. Migrants that enter this country illegally are impacting our country. Caravans that are heading to our borders constitute a problem. Problems that are ignored and allowed to intensify produce crises.

Maybe a wall will not solve the problem. But then again, it will help in some areas as our border agents indicate. Most likely our immigration and border "problem" will take several parts working in tandem to provide the needed security. All options should be considered. American citizens deserve that.

Dr. Mikel Tuten, Carrabelle

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**VETERANS
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Surviving spouse may receive assistance


Charles Elliott

The loss of a loved one is painful enough without the economic impact that will follow. There are several programs that may assist the surviving spouses through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). Each entity addresses a particular group of veterans and their spouses. The VA has two programs for surviving spouses: Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Survivors Pension.

DIC is for cases involving a veteran who died in service, died of service connected condition or was totally disabled for a specific period of time. DIC is paid at the monthly rate of \$1,319, tax free, for surviving spouse with no dependents, with an increase for each dependent. The qualification for DIC is determined though a medical link between cause of death and the veteran's military service. We have to check all the blocks when processing these claims; when the records are up-to-date and the spouse is in the file and the medical records are accurate, it can smooth out the process. Presumptive claims for service in Vietnam or as a POW can be rapidly granted if the files support it. I harangue about keeping records straight, this is why.

Survivors Pension is a needs-based program for spouses of wartime service veterans who have limited income. Survivors Pension is paid out to surviving spouses with no dependents at an abysmal monthly rate of \$756 less any other income. This is for wartime veteran's surviving spouses, with an income of \$9,078 or less. This income can be adjusted downward by deducting authorized medical expenses but cannot result in a pension payout of over \$9,078 per year. Only one of the two VA programs will be paid.

Surviving spouse of retired members of the armed forces may be eligible for payments from the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). The payout from the SBP is a lifetime monthly annuity paid based on the percentage of retired pay selected. The service member must have elected SBP at the time of retirement, designated the beneficiaries and paid the premiums.

The surviving spouse can collect both DIC and SBP with limitations. If the SBP was not enrolled in, there is no retired payment after death of retiree. Each case is different, and the only way to know is by looking into it. As always, at your service.

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Legion Post confronts end of life

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While it long has been said that old soldiers never die, the fact is they do, and attention must be paid.

The time leading up to that moment, and what happens afterwards was the subject of an evening of talks to the Willoughby Marks American Legion Post 106 last month.

At a chili dinner on Jan. 24, inside the hall at 108 U.S. 98 just west of Apalachicola, the Legionnaires heard from the director of the Tallahassee National Cemetery as well as from the veterans liaison from Big Bend Hospice.

Following the intro by Post Commander Al Mirabella, the small gathering heard for most of the evening from Raymond Miller, director of the comparatively new 250-acre national cemetery on Apalachee Parkway, which first opened in late 2015.

Miller, a retired Marine Corps master sergeant, and former director of national cemeteries in Milwaukee and Memphis, began by stressing that the cemetery was open to all veterans, as well as their spouses and dependent children, unless that individual left the military with a distortable discharge. The dependent child eligibility is for all those who were born with a medical issue, or who died before age 18, or 23 if they attend college.

"The only difference is that the veteran receives military honors," when he or she is buried in one of the crypts.

Miller said the cemetery, Florida's ninth national cemetery and one of 136 nationwide, has done over 325 services since it began. All branches of the military are welcome, and costs are covered by a veteran's death benefits.

If a veteran remarries after he or she is divorced, the second spouse is also eligible, unless that union ends in divorce.

Miller said national cemeteries throughout the nation are undergoing their largest expansion since the Civil War, and that the one in Barrancas is growing, as well as several others in the state.

He said the federal government is working to make sure a national cemetery is within 75 miles of every veteran. All are operated by the Veterans Administration, with the exception of Arlington National Cemetery, which is run by the Army.

Miller said the national cemeteries offer a pre-need program, which can be arranged by securing the necessary paperwork through The National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

The cemetery is Tallahassee can conduct services weekdays, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending with the



Raymond Miller, director of the Tallahassee National Cemetery, addresses Legion Post #106. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]



Harrison Garrett, veterans liaison for Big Bend Hospice, addresses Legion Post #106. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

last one starting at 2 p.m. The grounds are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but since the gates are not locked, people can come in at most anytime, from sunup to sundown, year-round.

Eligibility can be open to National Guardsmen, depending on the specifics of their service. He said before 1980, a person in the reserves had to serve at least one day on active duty, but the rules have been changed a little since. "I don't tell anybody no, until I know," Miller said.

He said a service is planned for March 29 at the cemetery to honor the day set aside to commemorate the service of Vietnam veterans. He said a service will also be held on Memorial Day, as well as in September to remember those prisoners

of war and missing in action, and in December on the day to honor "Wreaths Across America."

Miller said a service is planned for March 8 to bury the remains of a man lost on the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor, remains that were recently identified through DNA analysis. Originally from Illinois, the family now lives in Tallahassee.

Following Miller's remarks, Harrison Garrett, the veterans liaison from Big Bend Hospice, spoke about the "Five Wishes" program, in which loved ones can talk over what they want to do in the event they are facing death.

"Loved ones don't know how to handle that conversation. It's a hard one to have," he said.

He said hospice offers 25

veteran volunteers, many of whom can be helpful with visits to those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury.

Big Bend Hospice also offers a multifaceted Valor Program, which can include a Valor Ceremony, that brings together friends and family members to thank the veteran and preserve his or her legacy; and a Veterans Memorial Garden at the Jean McCully Family House to pay tribute to all U.S. military veterans.

For more information on these programs or to get involved, please contact Big Bend Hospice at 850-878-5310. For more information on the national cemetery, contact Miller at Raymond.miller2@va.gov.

FLEUR

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us and all humans, these prehistoric folk felt their heart throbbing, knew it was vital, and called it something like **ker(d)**. As the Indo-Europeans migrated southward for warmer climes, the sound, and eventually spelling, of the word evolved differently in the different regions in which they settled, including the territory of the Anglo-Saxons (where in Old English the word was **heorte**), the Romans, the Greeks, and in India where the word in their ancient language of Sanskrit was **hrd** or **hrdyam** (again, like Greek **cardia**).

CARDiology, "study of the heart," comes to us from Greek, and Greek and Roman physicians knew something of the heart's functioning, that it had valves and pumped (or sucked) blood through the veins and arteries. Aristotle thought it created blood. It was widely believed that the organ was at the CORE, the life-center, of the body, and that it was the seat not only of the emotions, but of the mind and intellect.

Many other English derivatives reflect ancient views of the heart's role in our behavior. We are indebted to Greek more for such medical terms as CARDiac, electroCARDio-gram (ECG), and myoCARDial. But from Latin come a host of words related

to emotional matters and affairs of the heart: a COR-Diality is sincere, heartfelt affection; a COURageous woman has a brave heart; to enCOURage someone is to help him take heart; you reCORD memories you want to keep in your heart; if your heart and a friend's are aligned, you are in acCORD, and if not, your relationship may be fraught with disCORD.

And speaking of relationships, here's some heart-to-heart advice for this Valentine's Day, which of course was named for ancient Rome's Saint Valentine (or for ONE of the three!). Send your sweetheart a card inscribed with some heartfelt blandishments; one character in Roman comedy tried calling his girl cor meum, spes

mea, mel meum, "my heart, my hope, my honey." If that kind of sweet-talking doesn't work, try giving her a heart-shaped box of cherry CORdials! She's sure to see you've got miles and miles of heart.

Rick LaFleur is retired from 40 years of teaching Latin language and literature at the University of Georgia, which during his tenure came to have the largest Latin enrollment of all of the nation's colleges and universities; his latest book is "Ubi Fera Sunt," a lively, lovingly wrought translation into classical Latin of Maurice Sendak's classic, "Where the Wild Things Are." Rick and his wife Alice live part of the year in Apalachicola, under the careful watch of their French bulldog Ipsa.

AIRPORT

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“Do you need a board?” asked Commissioner Smokey Parrish. “You have to have public input; it don’t say you have to recreate this board.”

“This thing has been functioning fine the way it is. I don’t think we need an airport advisory board,” he said. “It’s too cumbersome. It just creates too much controversy when people come on the board with their hidden agendas.”

“I’m the one that has to represent these people that live all around that airport, not the people on the island, not the people in Carrabelle,” Parrish continued, forcefully. “I know what they want and

what they will put up with and what they won’t put up with as far as planes flying over their house, going around and around all night long.

“If you don’t live there, it don’t bother you. I get the complaints because I represent the people that live around it,” he said. “We’re looking for jobs at the airport, we’re doing all that. We don’t need nobody to tell us how to do that.”

Jones, who represents the county on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, said the ARPC’s rules require public input, but that has yet to be done.

“We don’t need an advisory board, we need public input, not just four or five people giving that advice,” he said. “It can’t be just four or five.”

Commissioner Bert Boldt, who sits on the board at Carrabelle’s Thompson Field, said that one is “a very functional board (that has) provided a huge amount of improvement in that airport.”

“I think there is a healthy process for the board. I have found the watch care that this advisory board has had over the airport,” he said, referring to Carrabelle’s board. “I know we saved the loss of thousands of dollars in unpaid rent.”

“I think there’s pros and cons (to having a board) and I think it’s appropriate to look into it,” he said, moving to research the re-creation of one in Apalachicola, with Commissioner William Massey seconding.

The motion passed 3-2, with Jones and Parrish

opposed.

“It don’t matter to me,” said Lockley, reiterating that he’s been getting plenty of calls.

“Everybody’s getting them,” said Massey.

“Well they ain’t called me,” said Parrish. “There’s an obvious reason for that too.”

In Carrabelle, a report at last week’s city commission meeting from Tim Sullivan, chair of the Carrabelle Aviation Advisory Board, indicated that hangar space had been rented for the first time to the owner of a two-engine plane.

Commissioners had copies of a 196-page evaluation by the aviation consulting firm Kimley-Horn which evaluated damage to airport pavement following the deployment of

Duke Energy trucks there following the Oct. 10 Hurricane Michael.

“There is no way the airport can be brought back to brand-new condition. We expect it to be brought back to the day before the storm,” said Mayor Brenda La Paz, in delivering Sullivan’s report.

She said the Duke staging damaged the apron, and that doing patchwork repair was not advisable. “You’re going to have the same pothole segmentation but more of it,” she said.

She said a formula employed by the advisory board calculated damage to the apron, runway, taxiway and run-up to the apron.

La Paz said the damages totaled \$521,700 and the city was seeking

reimbursement from Recovery Logistics, which oversaw the staging.

“We’ll submit that and see what kind of response we get. Hopefully we’ll have options,” said City Attorney Dan Hartman.

“I would think Duke has a responsibility to correct whatever they damaged, within reason,” Commissioner Tony Millender said.

La Paz said Kimley Horn estimated it would take \$2.73 million for a major rehab of the land.

“Even the advisory board agrees that is not within reason. It wasn’t in brand new condition when they took the site over. (But) just doing spot repairs is just a potential for potholes,” she said.

“Let’s shake the tree and see what falls out,” said Hartman.

DEAL

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appliances to butcher block counters.

“I’ve seen where housing stock was either destroyed or falling

apart, with people spending excessive amount of money to rent or own,” he said.

“As we start getting the manufacturing process in line and starting with the hiring and think about strategically, it’s helpful to be on site for a lot of those things,” he said,

defending the need for the ramp-up period.

“There’s a lot of stuff that needs to get put in place,” he said.

“We believe in the market and the demand is there,” Massimo said, pointing to the hurricane as well as to talks with local real estate people. “Obviously there’s been a terrible natural disaster and some demand is related to that. We’re very confident that there’s demand there and we’ll be there for a long time.”

He said the three models they will offer could rent from between \$600 to \$1,000 a month. “If we see opportunity to acquire land and become a customer from Little Custom Homes, that’s another opportunity.”

Massimo said that in addition to partnering with developers, he hopes that with the ability to secure



A view of the exterior of what Little Custom Homes plans to make. [PHOTO COURTESY MERCER ASSET PARTNERS]

housing without government subsidies,” added Massimo.

He said the company might modify the existing building by placing a small showroom with windows, or enlarging the doors, at their own costs, to make it easier to get completed units out of there.

“We talked about overhead cranes but at this time I don’t see any need for it,” Massimo told commissioners.

“Our goal is to find developers here and we provide discounts to people who buy in bulk,” he said. “We’ve simplified the offering to five models to try to make the house more affordable.”

“We’ll pay very good wages for the right people to work in our factories,” Massimo said. “Everyone tells us there’s a demand, which is why we’re willing to take the move.”

long-term mortgages, something not typically offered with mobile homes, he sees individuals buying the units, which could range from \$80,000 to \$120,000, not including land costs.

He said the building could in time employ upwards of 40 to 65 people, based on the success the company has had in Mobile.

“They’re carpenters,

mechanical trades, anything required to construct the home,” he said.

Gaglio said the company plans to start out by marketing within a 100-mile radius, and then branch out based on success.

“Our goal is to increase the radius as far as possible,” he said. “Our primary designs are built in factory and secured on a permanent basis on site.”

“It’s all about affordable

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Humane Society launders dirty money

Special to the Times

Pat Kelly of Harry A's found himself with a garbage bag full of one-dollar bills after removing them all from the walls of Harry A's during reconstruction after Hurricane Michael. What to do with all this grubby money? Why donate it to the Humane



Bundles of cash. [PHOTO COURTESY FC HUMANE SOCIETY]

Society, of course. On Jan. 28, \$3,417 was deposited into the Humane Society's general fund where it will be used to care for the homeless pets in their care. The Humane Society is grateful for this unexpected monetary gift and would like to thank Pat for every single dirty dollar.

Daniels earns FPEM certification

Special to the Times

At the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association's annual meeting and work session last weekend in Miramar Beach, Jennifer Daniels, county emergency management's special needs coordinator, received her Florida Professional Emergency Manager (F.P.E.M.) certification.

She joins approximately 90 certified emergency managers in the state. To earn her FPEM, Daniels had to have at least four years of full time emergency management experience, two of which were attained in Florida, and achieve service as part at least two of the following: Declared Disaster; National Special Security Event (NSSE); Major Public Event; Complex Incident; Full Scale Exercise; Two Functional Exercises or Four Table-top Exercises

In addition, requirements included obtaining a minimum of 50 hours of general management training; a minimum of 150 hours of emergency management



Jennifer Daniels stands with her Florida Professional Emergency Manager certification, together with Jeff Goldberg, director of Walton County Emergency Management. [PHOTO COURTESY FRANKLIN COUNTY EOC]

training; and the FEMA Professional Development Series Certificate.

Each also had to complete full Incident Command System training; and at least seven contributions to the emergency management

profession such as providing training, public speaking, developing an exercise, being published, receiving their FEMA Advanced Professional certificate, certified Florida Master Instructor, and others.

PANHANDLE PLAYERS

'Murder at Chapman' doesn't fall flat

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It's a wonderful thing when a writer finds his voice. The golden skies open wide as laughing mouths, and waves of thunder roar down from the heavens like applause. Perhaps the moment is not always as grandiose as this. Sometimes it may be accompanied only by the sudden nod of a hungry seagull's head.

Regardless of how the cosmos deals with this momentous occasion, in the case of Royce Rolstad, this finding of comic vocalization came in his play "Murder at the Chapman," that drew a large crowd last weekend at all three performances at the Chapman Auditorium, more than 600, and that's not including people who got in free, like me.

Rolstad, a master showman who wrote and directed the production, did everything including act in it. His confidence was abundant, up to and including tracking the box office numbers on his cell phone right up until curtain time, like a nervous poker player constantly looking at his cards.

As it turned out, he won the hand, gambling that an ensemble of his favorite local comic actors would bring out the outrageous har-de-har-hars that stem from uninhibited silliness. And, very importantly, add a considerable number of their own creative lines and touches. From the beginning, when leading lady Megan Shiver's elementary school aged son Solamyn strode onstage looking dapper in a crisp new suit and did an unmistakable Hitchcock impersonation, it was time for everyone to loosen their ties and have a little fun.

Certainly, this was not a comedy with any lasting insights, or deep reflections on the suffering in life that can be soothed by laughter. It did not show



The reporter David (Eric Olson) is perplexed by the ravings of the diva (Faith Lynch). [PHOTO COURTESY PANHANDLE PLAYERS]

us a fresh way to take the human condition with a smile. Or did it? Like the first show of the season by Jerry Hurley, who made an appearance in this show alongside Sally Crown as annoying tourists who happen to be homicidal at the Gibson Inn, the script took on death, but exaggerated and befuddled it. It didn't think too much about the prospects of that dismal reckoning.

The plot centered around amateur actors rehearsing for a mystery confronted with a real-life death in their midst, and then carrying on in a childish manner, perpetuating their petty bickering and overblown vanities. Because it's a subject Rolstad knows well, being a chieftain amongst us buffoons since he's Panhandle Players president himself, and because both he and the cast knew when not to take anything too seriously, the entire play brought enjoyment.

There is no point citing each actor's performance in detail, since the characters were drawn not so much deeply as vividly, so I will use one sensory word to describe each of them, with the exception of one. As the lead actor, Gary Niblack - Steamed. As the lead actress, Faith Ward - Blustery. As the president of the board, Jeana Crozier - Bossy. As the house manager, Megan Shiver - Sly. As the wannabe actor,

Steve Allen - Fuming. As his partner, Judy Loftus - Huffy. As the stage manager, Bob Ingua-giato - Pissed. As the understudy, Bob Caiola - Prissy.

But as the reporter in the play, oddly named David, Eric Olson deserves more than a few words. This tall, slim bodybuilder was terribly miscast. You're telling me Rolstad couldn't find someone 20 years older, with a head of gray hair, shorter and 10 or 20 pounds overweight? OK, 37, maybe 38 pounds overweight. Is that too much to ask?

Look, Royce, the show was funny, it had brisk lines and moved with a welcoming, unpretentious air, a clear sign you're finding your voice of dramatic silliness. I'm just saying that one character insulted the fine institution of journalism all the way from Sop-choppy to Two Egg, and very nearly left a giant blue ink stain on the production's breast pocket.

One last thing - special credit goes to Crown's dog, Hobart, who made the most out of a laughable limp that he not long ago sustained when he pulled a ligament.

At least he wasn't miscast.

David Adlerstein is a member of the Panhandle Players' board of directors. He rarely agrees with them, but tolerates them anyway.

PET OF THE WEEK

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Starlight Trio to grace High Cotton

Special to the Times

The Starlight Trio from St. Augustine will perform this Friday evening, Feb. 15 at The Gallery at High Cotton.

Elisabeth and Lon Williamson, musical and life partners for over 35 years, are well known around the state for their artistry as a duo, blending eloquent harmonies with accomplished musicianship. Add to their dynamic repertoire of original, old-time, jazz, swing, and bluegrass tunes the guitar stylings of Rick Kuncicky and they're on fire.

Tommy Cooper, a favorite Apalachicola singer-songwriter will open the show. He has just finished recording his first extended play release through Cat Family Records in Tallahassee. His originals will make you laugh, cry and sing along.



The Starlight Trio, from left, Lon Williamson, Rick Kuncicky, and Elisabeth Williamson [PHOTO COURTESY JENNY ODOM]

doors at the 230 Water Street location open at 6 p.m., concert begins at 7

p.m. BYOB; \$10/15 donation at the door. Your

hosts invite you to come early, and to bring something to share.

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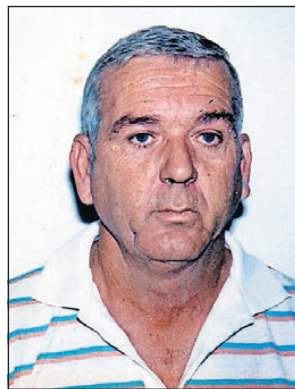
BUDDY MIXON

McArthur "Buddy" Mixon, 75, of Eastpoint, passed away Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019 in Panama City.

He was born in Apalachicola and was a lifelong resident of this area. He was a correctional officer.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Duggar Mixon; daughter Kimberley Mixon Mahaffee; sons Travis Kijowski, and Todd Kijowski; sisters Ola Jean Silva and Nell Smith (Michael); six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many other loving family and friends.

He is predeceased by a son Tracey Kijowski, sister Mary Estes, and



brother Joseph Mixon.

Graveside services will be Thursday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Apalachicola.

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

JEANETTE KIRVIN FLOYD

Jeanette Kirvin Floyd, 85, of Tallahassee passed away on her birthday, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019 in Tallahassee.

Born in Apalachicola on Feb. 6, 1934, Jeanette was the oldest of four children born to her parents, George Higdon Kirvin and Modell Stone Kirvin. She was surrounded by a large family and many friends.

Jeanette excelled in basketball while in grade school and graduated high school in 1952. She married James Theodore Floyd on Sept. 19, 1954 in Apalachicola, where their first child, James Christopher Floyd was born in 1955.

Jeanette worked for Apalachicola State Bank before moving to Panama City to follow James as he advanced through the ranks at the Florida Game and Fish Commission. Their second son, George Kirvin Floyd was born in Panama City in 1957.

In 1958 Jeanette continued to follow her husband James as he was promoted to a major, with the title of chief of information and education. Jeanette went to work with Tallahassee Federal Savings & Loan where she was quickly promoted to vice-president and a member of the board of directors. Their third child, Jennifer Louise Floyd, was born March 27, 1968 while living in Tallahassee.

In 1978, after retiring from the savings and loan business, Jeanette entered the real estate sales industry. Her vibrant energy and banking knowledge yielded success in the large commercial and estate home market sector.

Jeanette was a beacon of light for her family, friends and all of



her business relationships. She was always gracious and respectful while maintaining crisp focus on objectives and achievements. Most importantly, Jeanette demanded the highest of standards from her children and drove them to achievement as well. Jeanette lived a glorious life and lived in the home that she and James built in 1971, where she hosting large Christmas events. Her presence brought light to all that came into in her presence. With her passage into heaven she has transitioned into a shining angel that will be with us always.

She is survived by two children and two grandchildren, Chris Floyd (deceased) and his widow Lacy and their daughter Amanda Brooke Floyd; George Kirvin Floyd and his fiancée Chelsey Jade Venrick, and his son James Anderson Floyd; and Jennifer VanHusen and husband Troy.

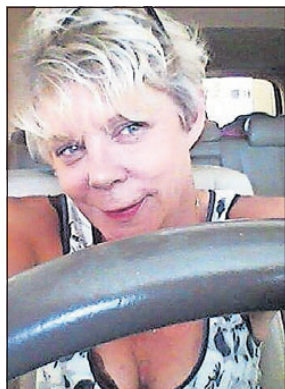
Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. at St. George Island Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Whaley officiating, followed by burial in Magnolia Cemetery. A reception followed the graveside services at 1632 Hawthorne Lane, St. George Island.

A viewing was held Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kelley Funeral Home Chapel.

RENEE BACOT

A memorial service will be held this Saturday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church for Andrea Renee Bacot, of Apalachicola, who passed away Jan. 30 in Covington, Georgia.

In the afternoon, from 1 to 4 p.m., join her friends and sister Gina at Lafayette Park for an informal potluck to celebrate Renee's life. Come and share music, memories



and love for Renee. Please bring chairs. Musicians are welcome to perform.

LANARK NEWS

Bingo tonight at Crooked River Grille

Morning coffee is weekdays, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Chillas Hall. On Thursday mornings at Chillas Hall, the place to be every weekday morning for coffee and conversation, Charles Elliott, the county's veterans service officer, will be there during coffee time to help veterans with their needs and questions.

Every Wednesday night, Chillas Hall offers Bingo, with doors opening at 6 p.m. The Sacred Heart Parish has Bingo every other Thursday evening. Their next bingo is Thursday, Feb. 14

from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Crooked River Grille at St. James Bay Golf Club. Come early and eat dinner.

The Lanark Community Church at the corner of Oak and Spring streets can provide for your spiritual needs at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings. Pastor Dominic Lyda officiates.

The Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 on Oak Street serves hamburgers every Friday night, starting at 5 p.m.

If you have an item for Lanark News, please send it to David Adlerstein at dadlerstein@starfl.com

AT HOLY FAMILY

Senior Explorers Club starts Friday

Holy Family Senior Center's new initiative, Senior Explorers Club, which meets the first and third Friday of each month, begins Friday, Feb. 15 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The vision of the group is to provide a safe and relaxed space for our Franklin County seniors to meet, chat and explore topics of interest and concern.

Other programs, events and activities happening at the Senior Center include:

- **Senior New Year's Baskets:** Deadline for dropping off items at the Holy Family Senior Center, 203 Dr. Frederick Humphries Street, is Friday, Feb. 15 by 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 14: **Seniors Valentine Lunch**

& Dance 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Monday, Feb. 18: **Kitchen 101: Baking Bread** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (RSVP by Friday, Feb. 15)

- Monday, Feb. 18: **Tend to the Butterfly Garden work day** 9 to 11 a.m. (RSVP by Friday, Feb. 15)

- Tuesday, Feb. 19: **ECCC Monthly Meeting 1** to 2 p.m. (RSVP by Friday, Feb. 15)

- Wednesday, Feb. 20: **Express Yourself through Dance** noon to 1:30 p.m. (RSVP by Monday, Feb. 18)

- Thursday, Feb. 21: **Matters of the Heart** noon to 1 pm (RSVP by Monday, Feb. 18)

For more info, call Erica Head at 653-3134 or email to holyfamilyseniorcenter@gmail.com

LIBRARY CORNER

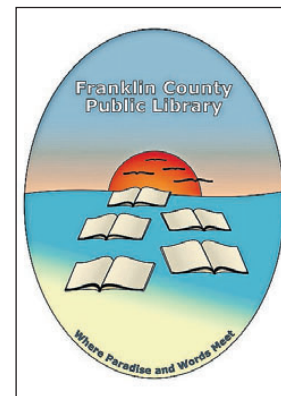
Computer and tax help both available

Special to the Times

Hello Franklin County! The Basics of Better Living Program topic is Meals in a Mug and will be offered at the Eastpoint branch on Friday, Feb. 15 at 1:30 p.m. Don't miss this event to learn about many incredible ideas on how to prepare and store entire meals in a mug.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Friends of the Library-sponsored annual Soup, Bread, and Book Sale at the Carrabelle branch. The sale will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23 with the book sale starting at 10 a.m., soup and bread available by 10:30 a.m. If you would like to be a soup or bread donor you may sign-up at the Carrabelle branch and we ask that all soup donations be delivered by 10 a.m. the morning of the sale.

Computer classes continue each week at both the Carrabelle and Eastpoint branches. Classes, offered through the first week of March, are taught by Pam Tullous, a certified trainer. All classes are free and open to the public. Contact either library for more information and pick up a schedule of classes offered at both libraries as dates vary by location. The class on Google Sheets, will be Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Eastpoint branch. All classes have been well-attended and we are learning so much helpful information. Thanks Pam! Free AARP Tax Aide



continues to be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on alternating Thursdays between branches weekly through April 11. Registration is necessary and can be done at the selected library. When you register pick up the paperwork that is to be completed and brought to your scheduled appointment.

Garden programs are available monthly at both locations. February's topic, Container Gardening: Growing Inside and Out, is facilitated by Les Harrison, director of the Wakulla Extension Office. The next program is scheduled at the Eastpoint branch on Feb. 19 and will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Join author Doug Godsman as he presents a reading and book signing of his adventure novel, "Highland Justice," at the Eastpoint branch on Friday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Follow us on Facebook, view the calendar of events and online resources on the library website at fcpl.wildernesscoast.org. Contact the Eastpoint branch 670-8151 and the Carrabelle branch, at 697-2366. See you at the library!

FAITH BRIEFS

First Baptist hosts mullet dinner Friday

The First Baptist Christian School will host a "Valentine Fried Mullet" dinner fundraiser this coming Friday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The "donation only"

dinners include cole slaw, baked beans, hushpuppies, and a homemade dessert. Eat in or take out, or call for delivery at 653-9540 (Apalachicola only).

Dinners will be served in the First Baptist Church Dining Hall, 46 Ninth St., Apalachicola.

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OUTDOORS

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Pan fish thrive in cold weather

By Frank Sargeant
Special to the Times

While fishing for many species found in Panhandle waters can get tough in February, two varieties that most view as “pan” fish thrive during cold weather. By coincidence, they look a good bit alike—both sheepshead and juvenile black drum have vertical dark stripes on their sides. And they both prefer similar habitat and similar food—hard structure likely to hold crabs and shellfish.

Of course, both species are around the rest of the year, too, but they become abundant in winter in northwest Florida, and particularly in the case of the sheepshead, they tend to aggregate in large schools as they prepare for the spawn in early spring. Catch one sheepee at this time of year and you may load up with a limit of



Sheepshead typically average a pound or two, but fish of 4 pounds and more are not uncommon. [COURTESY OF FRANK SARGEANT]

eight—note that’s down from the 15 that were allowed a few years back. The size limit is still 12 inches. Black drum have a slot limit, 14 to 24 inches, and the bag is five daily.

Finding the fish is a matter of running from one piece of hard structure to another until you connect. In clearer water near the passes, it’s often

possible to see sheepshead as they graze on barnacles on bridge and dock pilings. The same is true at the large piers extending into the gulf when the surf is moderate.

They also gather in the black water of inside bayous around deeper docks and bridges, but can’t be seen here. The docks along the ICW from Destin to Fort Walton Beach are known as particularly productive. And of course the jetties are always worth checking at all Panhandle passes.

And for those who take time to scout out wrecks and rock piles in the deeper water of the large bays, these locations also produce exceptionally well, and get less pressure than more obvious spots.

Both sheepshead and black drum also gather in

oystery holes in the deep back country creeks like those at the east end of Choctawhatchee Bay.

The basic tactic is to fish a thumbnail-sized piece of fresh-cut shrimp on a size 1 J-style hook with enough weight to get it to bottom. Other baits that work well are sand fleas, fiddler crabs, oysters and barnacles, but none of these stay on the hook as well or are as readily available as shrimp.

Many anglers like to rig with a 12-inch dropper above the weight, so that they can feel the bite without the fish having to move the lead. Braided 15-pound-test on a 7-foot medium spinning rig and 3000-size reel is a good rig. Many prefer fluorocarbon leader in 15 to 20 pound test, because it’s a harder line than mono and less likely to get nipped by the sharp teeth of the sheepshead, though if the ‘head makes a direct bite on fluoro that gets cut, too.

It can be tricky to hook sheepshead because of their relatively small and very hard mouths, designed to grind up shellfish. What works best is to keep tension on the line and when you feel the bait pulled or moved steadily, make a slow, firm pull, then start reeling immediately without allowing any slack. A sharp snap-set often jerks the hook out

of the fish’s mouth. Black drum, on the other hand, usually hook themselves—the same steady hook set works fine for them.

While it’s possible to catch some of each species by simply dropping a line around hard structure, it’s much more effective to chum. And fortunately, the chum is already there in many good spots—barnacles and mussels on the pilings make ideal chum.

The tactic is simply to scrape off the shells with a spudding hoe or other steel device and let the crumbled shells and meat drift into the current. If there are sheepshead or drum anywhere nearby—or early season pompano or redfish, for that matter—they’ll come quickly to the free feast.

While the dropper-rig setup is best for vertical fishing around bridges and piers, a “shrimp jig” setup may be better for fishing oyster holes and docks in black water areas. This is basically just a 1/8 to 1/4 ounce jig head with no plastic tail or bucktail—just a bare 1/0 light wire hook. A piece of fresh shrimp long enough to cover the shank of the hook is threaded on. The jig is the cast to the suspected hotspot and allowed to sit—there’s no need to move it because sheepee’s feed mostly by scent. The advantage of

the jig is that you immediately feel the pickup, and can reel the hook home in most cases.

There’s also a limited winter flats fishery for sheepshead in some areas—just like reds, they go up on the flats to feed on shrimp and crabs, and can sometimes be seen waving their tails in the air. They are perhaps even more spooky than reds in this situation, so a silent, slow approach and a long cast with a non-intrusive offering like an unweighted shrimp is a must. But if you do it all just right, you can sometimes fool these fish, and they are sometimes big ones, over 4 pounds—they run and fight at least as hard as a redfish of similar size.

Bottom line is that these striped species may require a bit of effort and some extended searching to locate this month, but once you find where they’re hanging out you can return to the spot repeatedly until spring warmup and catch the fillets of both are tasty, but the sheepshead is really outstanding. (Nip the sharp spines off with kitchen shears before filleting, though—it’s like cleaning a pin-cushion otherwise.)

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, February 14	63°	51°	0%
Fri, February 15	68°	59°	10%
Sat, February 16	71°	61°	20%
Sun, February 17	72°	62°	60%
Mon, February 18	70°	61°	40%
Tues, February 19	71°	64°	50%
Wed, February 20	71°	60°	20%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

Cat Point	High	Low
	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:

Bald Point	High	Low
	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
14	Th	10:15p 1.2		6:38a -0.2	
15	Fr	4:05p 0.9	11:19p 1.2	7:46a -0.3	6:30p 0.8
16	Sa	4:32p 1.0		8:42a -0.5	8:00p 0.9
17	Su	12:31a 1.2	4:58p 1.0	9:32a -0.5	9:00p 0.8
18	Mo	1:42a 1.3	5:22p 1.0	10:18a -0.6	9:48p 0.8
19	Tu	2:49a 1.3	5:42p 1.0	11:00a -0.5	10:33p 0.6
20	We	3:52a 1.3	6:00p 0.9	11:39a -0.3	11:18p 0.4

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
14	Th	8:22p 2.2		3:50a -0.3	
15	Fr	2:12p 1.8	9:26p 2.2	4:58a -0.6	3:42p 1.6
16	Sa	2:39p 1.9	10:38p 2.2	5:54a -1.0	5:12p 1.8
17	Su	3:05p 1.9	11:49p 2.4	6:44a -1.0	6:12p 1.6
18	Mo	3:29p 1.9		7:30a -1.1	7:00p 1.4
19	Tu	12:56a 2.4	3:49p 1.9	8:12a -1.0	7:45p 1.1
20	We	1:59a 2.4	4:07p 1.8	8:51a -0.6	8:30p 0.8

FISHING REPORT



Folks I know I sound like I’m beating the same drum but Highland View bridge is the talking point again this week with continued good success with Redfish, Trout and some lunker Black Drum. Bait of choice is still live shrimp and we’ve finally got a good supply of live shrimp at Bluewater Outriggers. We’d gotten some pretty good reports out of Apalachicola as well. Several artificial baits are showing progress to include the old reliable Gulp New Penny, Vudu shrimp and ZMan shrimp. The question keeps coming up can you fish along the wall and jetty at St. Joe Marina. The answer is yes; you just have to park at the barrier and walk the rest of the way in. I ask that you exercise caution back there as there is no one around like there used to be all the time and an accident could go unnoticed. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

By Gibby Conrad
Special to the Times

Many people along the northern Gulf Coast refer to the marine mammals cavorting in our near shore waters as “porpoise.” The marine mammals that we see in our waters are bottlenose dolphins – not porpoises. So, why the confusion, and what’s the difference?

The confusion probably stems in large part from the fact that the fish known as dorado, or mahi mahi in other places, is called a dolphin in our area. If the fish is a dolphin, then the mammal must be a porpoise, right? Not always.

This is a classic case of common names causing confusion and why scientists use genus and species to identify animals. Both species of marine mammals, dolphins and porpoises, are categorized as the order Cetacea, but sorted into different families. Dolphins are from the family Delphinidae and porpoises are from the family Phocoenidae. While these two families share many traits, they are as different as horses and cows. There are over 40 species of dolphins worldwide, including five different freshwater, or river, dolphins. There are only six types of porpoises.



Bottlenose dolphin in the Gulf of Mexico. [PHOTO COURTESY OF FDEP]

The Gulf of Mexico is home to nine species of dolphins, but there are no porpoises in the Gulf.

Both dolphins and porpoises are air-breathing, warm-blooded mammals. They both give live birth and mothers nurse their young from mammary glands. They all have large, complex brains, high intelligence, and use echolocation to navigate and hunt. The physical differences between dolphins and porpoises can be broken down to faces, fins and body shapes.

Dolphin faces have a prominent, elongated rostrum, or beak, and a toothy grin. Their teeth are conical and are used for grasping, not chewing. Their top, or dorsal, fins tend to be curved and their bodies long and lean. Porpoises have blunt heads and smaller mouths and their teeth are spade-shaped. Dorsal fins are triangular – shark like – and

their bodies are more “portly.” The name porpoise is derived from the word *porcopiscus* or pigfish – not very flattering. Dolphin is derived from the Greek *delphus*, interpreted as “fish with a womb,” but as we have already established, neither of these animals are fish. Now that we have that straightened out, let’s focus on our bottlenose dolphins.

The bottlenose dolphin, *Tursiops truncatus*, is the species made famous by TV’s Flipper, and through marine parks and “swim with the dolphins” tourist attractions. They are the most common species in the Gulf of Mexico’s coastal waters with an estimated population of 10,000 though the actual number is unknown. These are highly intelligent, inquisitive and playful animals. Their brains are actually physically larger than humans – 1500 to 1600 grams

versus 1,200 to 1,300 grams. They communicate with a series of whistles and clicks and identify themselves with a signature whistle.

Bottlenose dolphins are very social and often swim in pods. They are known to assist each other in hunting, child-rearing, and protection. One of the most interesting traits of dolphins has to do with their sleep patterns. Dolphins breathe through a blowhole in the top of their heads. The blowhole is closed in the relaxed position, so they have to consciously open it to breathe. To accomplish this while sleeping, they rest half of their brain at a time to allow the conscious side to control breathing. They sleep up to eight hours a day, and while sleeping, move very slowly at the surface in a behavior called logging.

Keep your eyes open for these wonderful marine mammals. You can spot them along the beaches, in the bays, and around the mouths of rivers all along the northern gulf coast. And if *Tursiops truncatus* is too much of a mouthful, use the correct common name – bottlenose dolphin.

Gibby Conrad is education specialist at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve.

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SPORTS



Senior Tonnor Segree reaches for a loose ball headed out of bounds, against St. John Paul II. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

West wants mental toughness for post-season

By David Adlerstein
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The Franklin County Seahawks closed out the regular season at home Friday with a gigantic loss.

But the Class 1A post-season begins Friday, and that's all that matters.

Nathan West's Seahawks got shelled 84-47 by Class 3A powerhouse Saint John Paul II.

"It was just an old-fashioned butt whupping," said West. "They came out strong off the tip, and got off to a hot start."

Senior Simon Brathwaite led the team with 10 points, while senior Daijon Penamon, and sophomores Eden Brathwaite and Lamarius Martin each had eight.

"We did a terrible job of controlling the glass on the defensive end," said West. "They're just a good ball team."

"I think we're going backwards defensively," he said. "Our guys need to do a better job on how we approach games. I can only prepare them so much. They have to be mentally tough and mentally prepared no matter what."

"I don't think we're mentally tough enough," said West. "We played a tough schedule, and it's helped us get to where we need to be placed competitively."

"These have been tough environments, and that's because we're going to be put into situations where we have to fight and grind out a



Senior Simon Brathwaite lays it up against St. John Paul II. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

win," he said. "I could have scheduled 15 home games, 10 on the road and won 25 games. But I don't think having an easy schedule helps you."

"I believe absolutely now we have got to be focused on one game at a time," he said. "I think we got a good chance to make a run here. We have some pieces of the puzzle we didn't have last year."

"We have to put it all together, we have

to defend," West said. "We're not locking down on defense. We got to buckle down on the defensive end of the floor."

The boys get their first test Friday night in the district tourney at Wewa, when they take on the winner of the Altha vs. Bozeman game.

Then unless they stumble badly, on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. it's the district championship vs. the likely opponent - Port St. Joe.

Middle School Hawks beat Wewa, Tolar

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The middle school Seahawk baseball team, under the direction of coach Dakota Tillis, opened play at home Feb. 4 with a 7-2 over Wewahitchka.

Cody Abercrombie got the win on the mound, pitching three innings while striking out eight. Chase Millender and Abercrombie both collected hits with Abercrombie collecting a RBI.

On Feb. 7 at Hosford, the boys fell 8-6.

Jonathan Carter went 1 for 3 with a double, Evan Stanley went 1 for 1 with a double and 2 RBI.

Abercrombie went 1 for 3, Mason Moses went 1 for 3 with a double and 2 RBI. Jordan Pride and Amontaye Austin each went 1 for 1.

Evan Stanley took the loss on the mound working 2 1/3 innings, and striking out six.

On Feb. 8 at Tolar, the young Seahawks won 12-0.

Middle School Seahawks Schedule

Friday, Feb. 15 vs. Hosford
Tuesday, Feb. 19 @ Wewa
Thursday, Feb. 21 @ Port St Joe
Monday, Feb. 25 vs. Blountstown
Tuesday, Feb. 26 vs. Port St Joe
Thursday, Feb. 28 @ Altha
Tuesday, March 5 @ Blountstown
Monday-Tuesday, March 11-12 District Tourney

Jordan Olsen went 1 for 3, Pride went 1 for 2, Stanley 2 for 3, Moses 2 for 2 with a triple, and Will Luberto 1 for 3.

Abercrombie got the win on the mound, striking out seven in three innings of work.

The Feb. 11 home game was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

The boys host Hosford Friday. "Evan Stanley will be taking the mound again, and is more than ready to toe the rubber," said Tillis.

Lady Hawks face Jay Friday

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Franklin County advanced out of the districts, but it came after a tough loss to Port St. Joe last Thursday.

Tydron Wynn's girls finished as district runner-up after they fell 46-37 after fighting back to a near tie in the fourth quarter.

"We let it get away from us at end of the game. Down 15 in the third quarter and we cut the lead to two points in the fourth quarter," said the coach.

"We fought hard but

turnovers at the wrong time hurt us in this one," he said.

Honesti Williams led the team with 14 points, followed by Hannah Sweet with six and Jahneese Brathwaite with four.

"Now our attention is on Jay. Win on the road and advance is all we focus on now," said Wynn.

The Lady Seahawks travel west several hours to square up against Jay High School this Friday at 8 p.m.

Jay, now 13-0 at home and 24-2 overall, lost their season opener 69-32 to Class 7A Pace, then reeled off 19 wins until falling 39-38 to 5A Pensacola Catholic.

NEWS BRIEFS

Carrabelle artists host fish rubbing Friday

The Carrabelle Artist Association is sponsoring a Chili, Soup, Hot Dog and Fish Rubbing day this Saturday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost will be \$7 and will include a beverage. The fish rubbing will involve rubbing ink or acrylic paint on a fish after which the fish is pressed to rice paper or fabric. Materials will be provided. A donation jar for the fish rubbing will be available.

Tickets are available at the event or at the Carrabelle Library, Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce office, and Senior Center.

For information call Marian

Morris 850-294-9664

Legislative delegation hearing Feb. 27

The Franklin County Legislative Delegation will be holding a public hearing in Apalachicola, on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex, 37 Forbes Street.

All residents and elected officials are invited to attend. The purpose of the hearing is to provide the citizens the opportunity to meet their legislators, discuss concerns and offer comments prior to the upcoming 2019 Legislative Session.

LIBRARY

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might never get recorded or they might get lost or fall apart with time."

The initial goal is to sign-up for participation. Each family or individual will commit to record at least 100 items - photos, tapes and papers - into a digital format. Each participant will receive a digital copy of all their information and the library will keep a copy. All original records will be returned to the owner.

"Our hope is that well after grandma and great-grandma

are no longer here to remind us of who is in what photo or of their family's stories, the library will have copies for patrons to enjoy," said Richardson.

For more information about the Memory Lab Project, call the library at 653-8436 or stop by 80 12th St. in Apalachicola.

Lots more at the H'COLA festival

Apalachicola Margaret Key Library will feature three different activities at their booth during the HCOLA African American History Festival this Saturday, Feb. 16.

"At my table, we will create oversized bookmarks," said Audie Pieper, library

assistant. "We love showcasing creativity and we have a community just full of talent."

Cash prizes will be awarded in three age categories, with the winning bookmarks to be professionally printed and distributed as the library's official bookmark for an entire year. The H'COLA festival kicks off the contest, which will run until March 31. Children ages 3-12 are eligible to enter.

"We felt this was a great way to draw children in and allow them to express themselves artistically," said Pieper.

Children may draw whatever inspires them in a bookmark outline. Supplies will be available and children

may also take bookmarks home if they want to spend more time on their work.

"A cadre of local artists will judge the entries to determine winners, so it would be worth taking extra time with this project," said Pieper.

A second table will feature African-Americans of achievement who might not be as well-known. "We hope to expand the knowledge of our community about interesting African-Americans and their stories," said Trinity Hardy, library assistant.

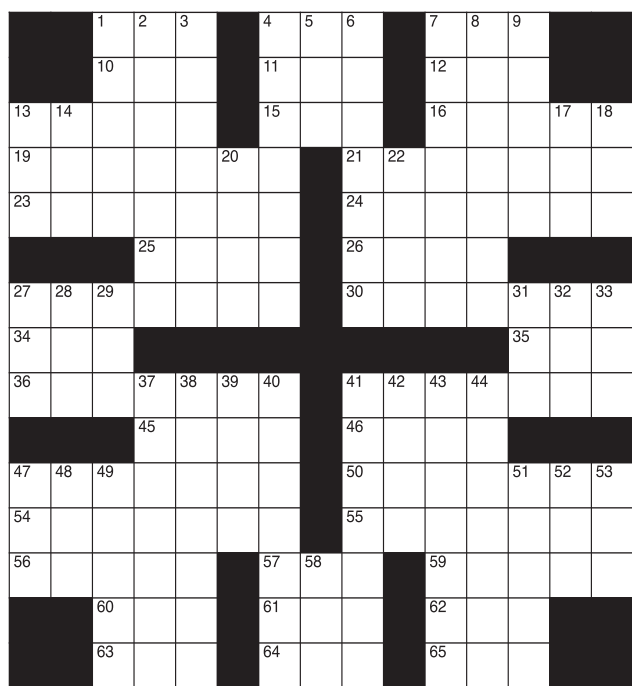
The display will feature scientists, inventors, doctors, and lawyers who are brilliant and yet often go unmentioned and unrecognized during Black History Month.

"Putting faces of inventors to daily-used objects or giving accolades to those who were the first to create something or to break the color barrier, that is very important to me," said Hardy. "I want young black children to know there's more they can accomplish than what is seen on television."

A third table will feature information and sign-up for the library's Memory Lab. "The H'COLA festival is a perfect place to provide information about this project," said Pam Richardson. "I hope lots of folks stop in for a visit."

For more information on the library table contact 653-8436 or stop by 80 12th St. Apalachicola.

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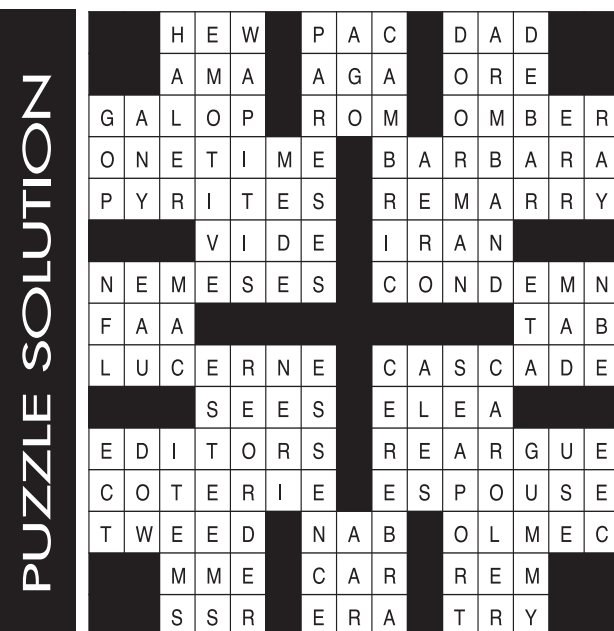


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Chop or cut
- 4. Political action committee
- 7. Male parent
- 10. Doctors' group
- 11. Ottoman military commander
- 12. A metal-bearing natural material
- 13. Lively ballroom dance
- 15. Male Gypsy
- 16. Once-popular card game
- 19. Occurred just once
- 21. ___ Streisand, singer
- 23. Shiny yellow minerals
- 24. Get hitched again
- 25. See (Latin)
- 26. Lies between the Caspian and Persian Gulf
- 27. Scourges
- 30. Sentence
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Bar bill
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Type of dishwasher soap
- 45. Witnesses
- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 47. Newspapers need them
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Small group with shared interests
- 55. Support
- 56. Wool
- 57. Take hold of
- 59. Likely the first Meso-American civilization
- 60. Woman (French)
- 61. Automobile
- 62. Popular Georgia rockers
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. A major division of geological time
- 65. Make an effort

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Czech monetary unit
- 2. Able to arouse feeling
- 3. Elk
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Earlier
- 6. Lightweight fabric
- 7. One who greets
- 8. Soldiers sometimes wear one
- 9. Officially prohibit
- 13. US political party
- 14. Used of a number or amount not specified
- 17. Make a mistake
- 18. Biopic starring Jamie Foxx
- 20. Ancient Media inhabitant
- 22. About aviation
- 27. Popular American sports league
- 28. Cologne
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 31. When you'll get there
- 32. Not pleased
- 33. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 37. Respects
- 38. Shake up
- 39. Ethiopian river
- 40. Intrinsic nature of something
- 41. Principal parts of the brain
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships dock
- 44. One who wassails
- 47. Shock treatment
- 48. Popular average
- 49. Things
- 51. A type of "bear"
- 52. Utilize
- 53. European Economic Community
- 58. Swiss river



TRIVIA FUN



Wilson Casey

1. Who is credited with saying, "Better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all.?"
Tennyson, St. Augustine, Twain, Plato

2. If a woman sees a robin on Valentine's Day, what kind of man will she supposedly marry?
Farmer, Hunter, Sailor, Drunkard

3. Approximately what portion of Valentine's Day cards are hand-delivered?
One-fourth, One-third, One-half, Two-thirds

4. If your sweetheart suffers

from anthophobia, you shouldn't give them?
Flowers, Candy, Jewelry, Cards

5. Valentine's Day stems from the ancient Roman festival of ...?
Bona Dea, Saturnalia, Con-sualia, Lupercalia

6. Nebraska and which other state have a town called "Valentine"?
New York, Idaho, Florida, Texas

ANSWERS: 1. St. Augustine, 2. Sailor, 3. One-half, 4. Flow-ers, 5. Lupercalia, 6. Texas

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F-STOP FRANKLIN

Flights of fancy

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

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cold these days, with a quiet beauty everywhere you look, and we want your take on it. If you have a good photo, please share. The Times welcomes readers to send their best photographs; whatever they capture, an unusuai image,

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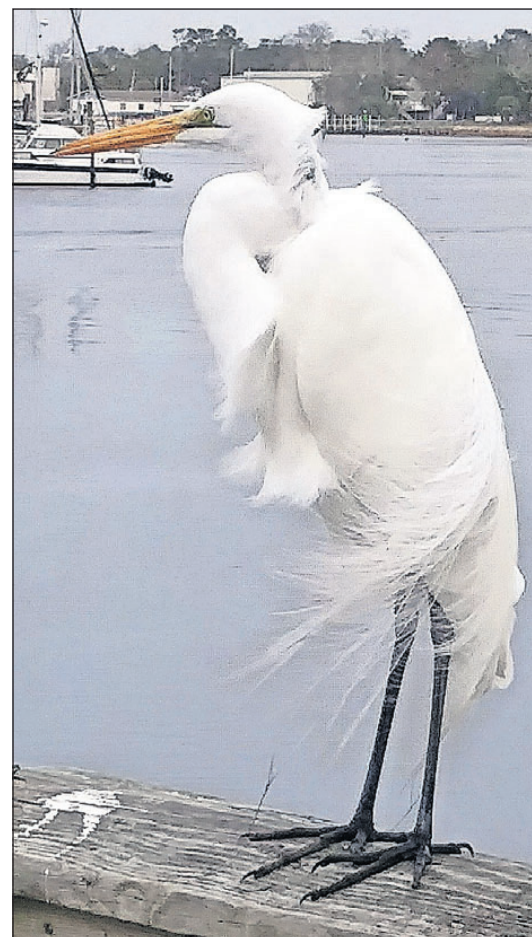
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Western willet in frog pond [ROD GASCHÉ | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



An eagle perches, focused, with its fledgling on St. George Island. [JAMES HARGROVE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



White egret on a rail on Carrabelle harbor, caught in a little wind swirl. [SKIP FRINK | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



Seabirds bask in late day sun on the colorful bay side of St. Joseph Peninsula State Park. The park re-opened daily until sundown three weeks ago. [PEG HESS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]



The Jan. 6 sunset, taken from the back patio of East Point Beer Company looking towards the St. George Island bridge. [LARRY MCINTOSH | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

4-H sponsors photo contest

The 4-H Franklin County Association, with the help of Franklin County's 4-H Making Strides Club, is sponsoring a countywide photography contest for Franklin County youth ages 8-18.

The deadline to submit photos is April 15. An awards ceremony will be held in May with all first place winners advancing to the 4-H State Competition.

Submit photo entries to FranklinPhoto4H@gmail.com.

For contest details and rules visit florida4h.org/programsandevents_/photo/or contact Michelle Gray at FranklinPhoto4H@gmail.com.

PRINCIPAL

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principal Shelly Miedona.

Moses told the gymnasium full of students and staff that she was confident of the changes, and welcomed Rudd, who recently received her doctorate, to the district office. "Mrs. Rudd knows our students, our staff and our community," Moses said.

She also introduced the deans. Fourth grade teacher Donna Barber will journey outside of the classroom and support both students and teachers in her new role as elementary dean, succeeding West. Chuck Syverson will oversee the dean duties for the middle and high school.

Each administrator took a moment to address the students and staff and collectively presented a message of building relationships and furthering the Seahawk goals for success.

In a memo to the school board, Moses addressed the need to transfer Rudd due to the resignation of Summers and the magnitude that the position requires. Rudd will serve as the principal of the preschool and alternative education program in conjunction with particular duties relating to the office of special programs.

"Dr. Jill Rudd has the knowledge of our students,

data, demographics, instructional programs and the leadership skills to ensure that there is no gap in student instructional services or reporting of federal and state programs to the appropriate agencies," Moses wrote.

Sneed, born and raised in Perry, served in the 82nd Airborne Division in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina for three years, and later earned a degree from the University of South Florida where he majored in criminology and ran track and field.

After teaching in Perry, and earning teaching certification in middle school math through Hillsborough school district's SMART program, he taught, coached and served as an administrator in South Carolina.

"As this past summer came to an end, I received a text message from a childhood friend that told me there was an assistant principal position open on the beach near St. George Island. I decided after a couple of weeks to apply for the position because it would allow me to get closer to my friends and family and the rest is history," he wrote in his bio.

"Since my family and I have arrived here, I have learned that when you work as a team you can bring about great change! My greatest strength is that I am able to adjust and adapt to any situation or conversation," he said. "I will bring a culture of

respect, high achievement, I'll open doors for the students that need direction, and fill the school, community, and every person that I come into contact with love.

"God inspires me each and every day. Each day I have a chance to serve Him better than the previous day. My hobbies are preaching and teaching in Church, spending time with my wife and kids, and traveling," Sneed wrote.

Miedona grew up on the south side of Chicago, and put herself through school by working two jobs and taking out student loans. She holds a bachelor of arts in social work and psychology, a master's in education and a specialist degree in school administration.

A former elementary and middle school teacher, and an elementary math specialist for the state, she wrote that "perseverance is one of my strongest traits. Can't is NOT a word in my vocabulary. I try every day to remove that word from the vocabulary of every child and adult I interact with on a daily basis.

"One thing I have learned being a Seahawk is an affirmation of my 'why,'" Miedona said. "I come to work each and every day because of the students at Franklin County School. The relationships I have made with the students, parents and teachers are what drive me."

West, originally from Anniston, Alabama, earned a

bachelor's in business administration from Birmingham Southern College and a master's in educational leadership from the University of North Texas.

An avid sportsman, he later served as an assistant basketball for Iowa Central Community College, and after four years there, he and wife Lindsay moved here, where they are raising their son and newborn daughter.

"I hope as the assistant principal I can bring a level of trust. I want teachers, parents, and students to trust that I have their best interest in mind," he wrote. "I want to show teachers support as they are the professionals in the classroom. I also want parents and students to know they can trust that I will make decisions that are best for them and their academic endeavors."

Syverson holds a bachelors from St. Cloud State University and a masters from Bemidji State University, and taught for 28 years, predominantly in the Midwest.

"I have strived to develop relationships with students, parents, and faculty," he said, after serving for two years as dean. "I am looking forward to continuing to improve our school culture and helping student to become the best they can be."

Barber, a lifelong Franklin County resident now in her 26th year teaching here, has spent most of those years in

the fourth grade.

"I have dreams, compassion and goals for our youth, including my own children and grandchildren. People invested in my education here, and I want to do the same for the next generation," she wrote.

Barber graduated from Carrabelle High School in 1988, attended Gulf Coast Community College and then earned a bachelors in science and masters in education from Florida State University.

"As I transition to my new role as elementary dean, I hope to continue building relationships with our students, their families, and the community in general," she wrote. "I plan to spend as much time in the various elementary classrooms as possible, providing support to the students and teachers, and working on some on positive reinforcement strategies.

"I want to earn the trust and support of our community, so that together, we can guide our youngest Seahawks toward their best educational opportunities. I want our kids to want to be at school, to want to do their best, to respect the right of others to learn, and to understand the importance of their own learning," Barber wrote. "I want to make a difference in the lives of Franklin County's youth so that they can have fulfilling options in their adult lives."



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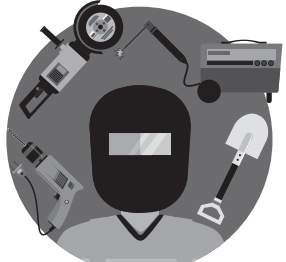
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DENTON

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in the Denton Cove court case that, if approved, would have paved the way for creation of an affordable housing complex first proposed to the school district in Dec. 2012.

George Thompson, the only school board member who was serving back then, moved to accept the mediation agreement that featured a settlement offer of nearly \$426,000 from Denton Cove GP, LLC, developers of the more than \$10 million project to create 52 low-income housing units, funded by the sale of federal tax credits, on the land.

Thompson's motion died for lack of a second, without discussion. No school board member advanced a second item, a resolution that would have been needed to complete the deal.

The matter now heads back to the courtroom of Circuit Judge Charles Dodson, where a decision, and even a possible jury trial, could come by this summer regarding what obligations, if any, the school board has regarding the complicated ownership of this land, 1.62-acres of which were the public's streets and alleys prior to the city giving them over to the school district 75 years ago to construct the segregated Wallace Quinn High School, and then later the integrated Apalachicola High School.

The cost of fighting the suit lodged by the Denton Cove developers weighed heavily in the analysis given the board by Tallahassee attorney Leonard Dietzen, the outside counsel whose firm has argued the school board's position ever since last July.

At that point, the school board ended years of extending the sales contract for the 2.04 acres the district first agreed in Dec. 2014 to sell to

Wendover Housing Partners, of Altamonte Springs, by going to court to ask the circuit judge to rule on whether the 1.62-acres of streets and alleys were included.

"They (Denton Cove) believes the whole thing is theirs," said Dietzen. "We disagreed and asked a judge to resolve the matter quickly."

Denton Cove responded by filing three counterclaims, alleging that the school board was obligated to convey the entire 3.66 acres, and to pay damages due to the board receiving "unjust enrichment" and for breaching "an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing."

In addition, in December Dodson granted a request from a local non-profit of civic activists, Historic Apalachicola Plat Preservation Inc. (HAPPI) to intervene in the suit, which enabled them to supplement the arguments being made by the school board.

HAPPI's opposition to the project is based on its advocacy to protect the city's historic grid, and its members were among those spoke out Monday night in opposition to the settlement agreement.

Dietzen argued before the board that it would make sense to accept the settlement offer, given the risk involved.

"They're saying they own the property the way contract was worded," he said. "They wanted attorney fees, and if the judge determines they're right they would be asking for \$500,000."

"We'd have a fight well worth more than the property on that count," Dietzen said.

"We're trying to get the entire price of the land and get some of your attorneys' fees paid," he said. "The taxpayers' money was going to be paid on attorney fees. The fight for attorney's fees is going to be more than the land, far more than the land we believe we would have won."

He said Denton Cove would

have surely appealed any verdict that didn't go their way, and possibly filed a federal Fair Housing Act claim, all of which would have added additional costs.

Dietzen said litigation costs would exceed \$200,000 to \$300,000.

"This is to buy certainty, at least try to accomplish the value of what the land is," he said, noting that plaintiffs do not have to show discrimination intent, only that a government body's decision would disproportionately impact a minority.

"That's a heavy responsibility for a small school board," he said. "There's no certainty and it was going to take time to get to the Promised Land in court."

"It's an unfortunate situation," Dietzen said. "Fighting for principle is one thing, but spending twice for lawyers is another responsibility you have as board members. The past stuck in everybody's craw and I understand it, but you have to deal with economics. Can you throw taxpayers' money on a principle and that's difficult when it's triple the principle?"

Board member Pam Marshall said Denton Cove had misled the school board, indicating the project would provide homes for teachers, when the data shows that all of them would be above the income limits.

"How can they claim it (the whole parcel) was sold to them?" she asked. "I just don't see where they have a leg to stand on."

But School Board Attorney Barbara Sanders said the issue of deception did not factor into this case. "That was never going to be an issue," she said. "No one has ever said we're not going to close because we were misled."

"We accepted extension money three times," Sanders said. "That question, as hard as it is to accept, that maybe there was not good faith or fair dealings, was not going to be resolved in this lawsuit."

In her argument on behalf of HAPPI, Bonnie Davis urged the board to reject the settlement, and to eventually consider a proposal to grant the land to HAPPI in exchange for the group giving them land and property of equal value in which a teacher could live.

"This 183-year-old plat contains the bones of time and connects with the past and present," she said.

She, and several speakers who followed, deplored the actions of the city commission, which got out of the lawsuit, and left it all in the school board's lap.

"We understand you didn't ask for this problem. If you no longer need the street and alleys for education, the right thing to do is give them back to the people of Apalachicola."

She said HAPPI would serve as "a vessel of transition" and said donation of a lot and pledges of \$75,000 have already come in for construction of a house.

"The will to do it is there," Davis said. "We can do it less than 36 months."

An Apalachicola resident who practiced law in Tallahassee, she said "the law is with you on this. No one can promise you an outcome. If we don't resist their pressure tactics then Denton Cove will win without ever having to defend what they want on the merit, and that would be an irretrievable loss."

The torch has been passed to you five to protect our history, to do the right thing and give the streets back to the people of Apalachicola," Davis said.

She said HAPPI believes strongly in the school board's case. "We don't think their counterclaims are valid, and if we did, we don't want for you to gamble with taxpayers' money."

Davis' stance was echoed by Apalachicola resident John Alber, also a lawyer, who took part in the mediation that gave rise to the settlement offer. He

contrasted two cities, which have had far different results when they violated the structure of their original plats.

Apalachicola resident Des-pina George, a native of the city, talked of the generosity of Wallace Quinn, who gave the land for Quinn High School in the late 40s,

"That was remarkable for that time," she said. "It was a privilege and a great public purpose was to be served."

She stressed that the donation of the land was a legacy to be preserved, and that building a housing project on it "will forever change the character, crushing that section. This (HAPPI's proposal) honors the rich legacy. What better example to send for students? Please don't sell us out."

The board also heard from Diane Brewer, who champions the Save Our Squares group. "Think bigger than the boundaries of a contract," she said.

The board heard from several others, all in opposition, over the next 90 minutes, including Dody Alber, Jilly and Ed Michaels, Robin Vroegop, Leslie McWilliams, Pete Whitesell, Kay Carson, Warrenetta Key, Valentina Webb, Elizabeth Zingarelli Milliken, Holly and Creighton Brown, Gene Smith, Dave McLain, Jamie Liang, Allan Jones, Lori Foster, Grayson Shepard and ABC School teachers Lindsay Shepard and Gina Taranto, who offered the line of the night.

"The grossly misrepresented this project," said Taranto. "They are not nice people and they're slimy."

Following the vote, Board Chair Stacy Kirvin offered some words.

"Funding is down, our (student) count is down," he said. "This seriously impacts our ability to give raises."

"Are you with us to the point of helping with attorney fees?" he asked the audience. "Every dollar we spend comes out of a classroom."



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JOHNSON (SEAL) CLERK OF COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>BY: Lauren Luberto, Deputy Clerk Pub: January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2019</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>22502T</p> <p>NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CALVIN C. HARTNESS, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a TAX DEED to be issued thereon. 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The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:</p> <p>PARCEL ID# 20-075-04W-4212-0027-0090</p> <p>CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 437</p> <p>CERTIFICATE YEAR: 2013</p> <p>DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 9, BLOCK 27(188), KEOUGH'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF CARRABELLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE(S) 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>PROPERTY ADDRESS: N/A</p> <p>NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: SGI LAND COMPANY, LLC</p> <p>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 cer-</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>tificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the Court-house door on the FIRST (1ST) Monday in the month of MARCH, 2019 which is the 4TH day of MARCH, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>MARCIA M. 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Each submittal shall include six (6) copies of the proposal. Proposals must be delivered to the Franklin County Courthouse, Office of the Clerk of Court, located at 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, no later than 4:00 p.m., E.T. on the 4th day of March 2019. RFQ responses will be opened March 5, 2019, at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commission. Proposals received later than the date and time as specified will be rejected. The Board will not be responsible for the late deliveries of proposals that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail or any other type</p>
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Any questions concerning this RFQ should be directed to Alan C. Pierce, RESTORE Coordinator, by email to alpc@franklincountyfla.gov or in writing to 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, or by telephone 850-653-9783, extension 194.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
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February 7, 2019
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February 21, 2019

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Hunter answers call of Carrabelle wild

By David Adlerstein
The Apalachicola Times
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A 20-year-old Georgia man came down here duck hunting and got what he wanted. Unfortunately for him, he shot the wrong bird in the wrong city.

William J. Adams, of Centerville, was spotted at about 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19 by Amber Holton, Carrabelle's deputy police chief, walking along Southeast Avenue C, with a brown dog on a leash in his left hand, and a dead duck clutched by the neck in his right.

Holton was searching the area because a few minutes earlier Allen Ray had called to report he witnessed a white male in a black Ford



The ducks frolic at the fountain in Sands Park during a happier time. [ROD GASCHÉ | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

150, with a duck boat in tow, stop at the pond behind Sands Park, and then pull out a shotgun and blast one of the ducks, one of the beautiful and majestic migrating ducks that have long frequented the city's safe and quiet public pond, so replete

with the soundless harmony of nature's stillness, where so many stroll through to enjoy and cherish its tranquility, peacefulness and complete absence of sudden gunshots.

In her citation, Holton wrote that Adams admitted to shooting the duck, and

cited him for discharging a firearm within the city limits.

In addition, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer Morgan Sauls was called to the scene, and he cited Adams for violating the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, which

requires that all hunters of migratory waterfowl carry on their person an unexpired federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp that is validated by "his signature written by himself in ink across the face of the stamp."

Sauls wrote that Adams shot "a pintail duck" out of the pond without being in possession of his duck stamp. Knowledgeable birders say the bird is likely from a small flock of canvasback ducks that migrated here, and that Adams shot the bird so as to be able to add that species to his collection.

Adams is slated to make a mandatory appearance before County Judge Gordon Shuler at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 7 to answer for his misdeed.

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 and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Feb. 1
Roy Preston Thompson, 33, Carrabelle, intimidation by

written threat to kill or injure; \$25,000 bond (CPD)

Feb. 2
Tiecola Yates, 29, Tallahassee, smuggling contraband into prison, possession of drug paraphernalia, distribution of marijuana less than 20 grams; \$1,002 bond (CPD)

Gary Gerald Sanford, 42, Apalachicola, DUI - first offense; released on own recognizance (FCSO)

Feb. 3

Arden Lee Coley, 71, St. George Island, DUI with property damage; \$200 bond (FCSO)

Feb. 4
Jesse Gordon Smith, 52, Eastpoint, sale of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a church or business, violation of conditional release; held without bond (FCSO)

Edward V. Keil, 25, Eastpoint, illegal use of credit cards, violation of conditional

release; held without bond (FCSO)

Feb. 6
Shawn Lechelle Hartsfield, 26, Apalachicola, conditional release violation; \$1,000 bond (FCSO)

Charles Warren Young, 66, St. George Island, indecent exposure; held without bond (FCSO)

Feb. 7
James Edward Winfield, 24, Apalachicola, possession

of marijuana less than 20 grams, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription; held without bond (FCSO)

Ricky Lee Case, 56, Eastpoint, violation of probation; held without bond (FCSO)

Feb. 8
Eddie F. Houston, 64, Apalachicola, sale of barbiturate within 1,000 feet of a church, business or school; \$25,000 bond (FCSO)

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