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## OUT TO SEE

### Apalach Farmers Market Saturday

The Apalachicola Farmers Market is this Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mill Pond Pavilion at the end of Market Street. For more info email farmersmarket@cityofapalachicola.com.

### Blues on Reid Saturday

Downtown Port St. Joe will be filled with the sounds of the blues this Saturday, March 23, beginning at noon. Blues on Reid will showcase the sounds of JC and The Backscratchers (noon to 1:10 p.m.), Corey Hall Music (1:30 to 2:40 p.m.), Kelly & The Healers (3 to 4:10 p.m.), The Cat Daddy Blues Band (4:30 to 5:40 p.m.) and headliner Bobby Blackmon (6-7:30 p.m.). All times are ET. Admission is free.

### Gulf County Easter Egg hunt Saturday

The children of Gulf County will enjoy the 2024 Easter Egg Hunt at Honeyville Park and Community Center this Saturday, March 23 starting at 9 a.m. CT/10 a.m. ET, and concluding at 11 a.m./Noon ET. Free entry for all. Come get your photo with the Easter Bunny and enjoy games, prizes, hot dogs, crafts and more. Egg hunt starts at about 10:15 a.m. ET.

### Full moon event Sunday at Crooked River

The Crooked River Lighthouse will host a Full Moon Event on Sunday, March 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Carrabelle, featuring the musical trio "Boats A Rock'n" performing reggae, folk, jazz, rock, blues as well as a few originals. For more info, email carrabellelighthouse@gmail.com or call (850) 697-2732.

### Full moon climb on island Sunday

The March Sunset and Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be Monday, March 25, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and running until 9:30 p.m. For more information, call (850) 927-7745 or email info@stgeorgelight.org.



The 19th annual Forgotten Coast En Plein Air event got fully underway Saturday morning in Carrabelle with the Quickdraw, a two-hour painting event held at the Marine Street pavilion. Winning the top prize among the many who took part, gathered on the dock in Carrabelle, was Robin Popp, from Trenton. The Paint-Out runs through Sunday, March 24, with a variety of events throughout Franklin and Gulf counties, including the Wet Room open house Sunday at the Joe Center for the Arts. For complete information visit ForgottenCoastEnPleinAir.com.

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## Tourist numbers slowed in first quarter

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After steady growth in lodging tax numbers ever since the 2020-21 period of pandemic shutdown, it appears the first quarter of fiscal year 2023-24 in both Franklin and Gulf counties has been flat.

Both counties are still within shooting range of hitting last year's numbers, which were \$4.74 million in Gulf based on its 5-cent tax on short-term rentals and \$3.3 million in Franklin based on its 3-cent tax rate.

Because Gulf handles its own collection, they have already posted January 2024's numbers, which show a 19.1 percent drop for the month, from \$141,585 to \$114,503, or a decline of a little

more than \$27,000 for the month. They are currently running about 7.8 percent behind last year's numbers, with the busiest months all ahead.

Because Franklin's tax is collected by the state, the January numbers won't show up for another month or so. But as it stands now, the first quarter saw them about 4 percent behind the previous year.

Looking at the first quarter of the collection year, both counties saw a dropoff in October 2023.

Gulf's receipts declined by \$71,542, or by 18.4 percent, as they fell from \$387,900 in October 2022 to \$316,538 in 2023.

In Franklin County, the drop was a tad less, or 16.1 percent, de-

clining by \$45,241 from \$280,910 in October 2022 to \$235,669 in 2023.

In November, Gulf County saw an uptick of 6.2 percent, with revenues rising by \$10,428, from \$169,343 to \$179,771.

In Franklin County, there was a decline in November, from \$146,699 in 2022 to \$139,188 last year, a dropoff of \$7,211, or about 4.9 percent.

But in December, Franklin County rebounded as it saw a \$30,663 boost in revenues, from \$128,229 to \$158,894, an upturn of about 23.9 percent.

Gulf County saw growth in December as well, as revenues for that month rose by \$25,581, or about 25.1 percent, from \$101,963 in 2022 to \$127,544 in 2023.

## Teen spring breaker stalks, batters deputy

### Gulf County to step up beach patrol

Special to the Star

A 17-year-old spring breaker is facing felony charges after seeking out and battering an off-duty Gulf County Sheriff's Office deputy Thursday evening.

According to a news release from the sheriff's office, shortly before 6:30 p.m. ET on March 14, three males crawled under the fence of a Gulf County deputy's house on Cape San Blas. One unidentified male was taking pictures of the deputy's patrol vehicle parked at the residence.

As the males approached the deputy's front door, the deputy immediately recog-

nized 17-year-old Camilo Alejandro Nanfra, of Tampa, from prior on-duty contacts this week that included the deputy issuing him a notice to appear for possession of alcohol by a minor.

The release said Nanfra was holding a wooden stake from the deputy's property, and that as the deputy made contact with the three males in his garage, the two unidentified males fled on foot down the boardwalk to the beach.

Nanfra also fled down the deputy's private boardwalk toward Cape San Blas after attempting to strike the deputy in the face.

As the deputy ran after him, he pushed the deputy, sending them both off the boardwalk into the marsh grass area, according to the news release.

Nanfra started clawing and punching the deputy, then fled to the beach, where he ended up on an adjacent boardwalk where an off-duty Gulf County reserve deputy began chasing after him.

Nanfra stuck the reserve deputy in the chest, causing him to fall off the boardwalk into the marsh grass. Nanfra also fell off the boardwalk where a struggle ensued between the two. The deputy joined the reserve



Camilo Alejandro Nanfra  
[GCSO]

deputy to help restrain Nanfra until a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission law enforcement officer arrived. The deputy assisted the FWC officer to place Nanfra in handcuffs.

The deputy received minor injuries; the reserve deputy and Nanfra did not sustain any injuries.

"Our full support is

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# Franklin Correctional tops in regional K9 tracking

Special to the Times

K-9 tracking teams from 14 Florida Department of Corrections institutions gathered from across the Panhandle to exhibit their superior tracking abilities in Bristol earlier this month.

Taking first was the team from Carrabelle's Franklin Correctional Institution, with second place going to the team from Chipley's Northwest Florida Reception Center, and third place to Blountstown's Calhoun Correctional Institution.

The training included various day and night events focused on tracking human scent, conditioning for rough terrain, and distance progression for K-9 tracking teams. The rigorous training of officers and their K-9 partners allows the institutional teams to remain valuable assets to local law enforcement and help keep their local communities safe.

"I am immensely proud of our K-9 teams and their hard work behind the scenes in preparing to assist emergency calls in our communities," said Angela Gordon, the Florida Department of Corrections Region I director of institutions. "Our officers' dedication and commitment to crafting their skills correlates to real lives saved in



Standing with their K-9 Ruger is the FCI team, from left: Sgt. J. Hubbard, Sgt. G. Colaluca, Sgt. T. McKenzie, Officer L. Pichardo, Sgt. J. Harris and Officer W. McNair. [ FDOC ]



A member of the FCI K9 tracking team takes part in the competition. [ FDOC ]

the community."

The K-9 tracking teams are tasked with pursuing escaped inmates; however, such instances have become infrequent in modern times. As a result, these teams are often deployed within communities to aid local law enforcement in capturing dangerous fugitives and finding missing children and vulnerable adults.

Since January 2023, Region I's K9 tracking teams have responded to 266 calls, assisted with 49 fugitive apprehensions, and located 16 missing and vulnerable persons.



Apalachicola's Willie McNair, a corrections officer at Franklin Correctional Institution, is a member of the K9 tracking team. [ FDOC ]

## Unoccupied structure fire extinguished in Wewa



Gulf County Sheriff's Office deputies and Gulf County fire crews managed to put out an unoccupied structure fire Saturday afternoon in the 100 block of Crawfish Cabin Road in Wewahitchka. [ GCSO ]

## DEPUTY

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with our deputy who was targeted at his own home by an angry individual. While this is an isolated situation, we are preparing for the future as spring breakers gravitate to our beaches that have less restrictions than some of our neighboring counties," said Sheriff Mike Harrison. "As a show of support for our deputy and reserve deputy, we will have extra patrols out starting this weekend to let residents and visitors know this type of behavior will not be tolerated. Gulf County is known for its safe and family friendly environment and we want to keep it that way."

Nanfra is charged with battery, burglary, and possession of a counterfeit driver's license or ID card, all of which are felonies. He is also charged with battery, criminal mischief, trespassing, and fraud - impersonation. He was booked in the Gulf County Detention Facility and transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice in Bay County.

## Officer rescues dog stuck in the mud

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A lot of times it's the quick thinking of a dog that rescues a person.

In this case, a crew from Franklin County returned the favor.

On Sunday, March 11, Mel Livingston, from Apalachicola, and Vermont architect Rob Brown, a regular winter visitor here for many years, were fishing on Whiskey George Creek north of Eastpoint in a small skiff.

When they arrived in West Bayou, the men saw a dog immersed in the mud along the west bank.

"It wasn't moving, except for its head, as though stuck," said Brown. "We couldn't get closer than 100 yards because the water was so shallow."

The men called Franklin County animal control, and quickly

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Animal Control officer Clay Nowling consoles Bailey after the rescue. [ ROB BROWN | CONTRIBUTED ]

# Carrabelle dedicates new veterans memorial

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In a patriotic ceremony Friday morning March 8, the city of Carrabelle dedicated its newly-expanded Veterans Memorial Park.

The park, along U.S. 98 in the center of town, now features six 30-foot flagpoles for the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force flags, and one 40-foot flagpole for the U.S. Flag.

City Commissioner Tony Millender offered the opening prayer for the dedication service. In May 2021, he had brought his vision to expand the existing Veterans Park to include a military service flag display.

In September 2022, after revising multiple conceptual drawings for the expansion, the CRA board approved the final conceptual design that included the Space Force flag, representing the newest military branch.

The CRA ended up paying \$90,000 for the \$115,300 park, with the remaining \$25,300 coming out of ARPA (American Rescue Plan) monies.



Carrabelle Mayor Brenda La Paz, right, and Commissioner Tony Millender, led the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial Park. [PAT FUNDERBURK | CONTRIBUTED]

Some of the original pine trees had to be removed, and the previous irrigation sys-

tem dug up and replaced, as well as wiring for electrical outlets installed, pavers and concrete put in place, new sidewalks and landscaping created.

The former flagpole for Old Glory was replaced and the old one relocated to the Carrabelle History Museum.

At the ceremony, Old Glory was raised by Navy veteran Greg Kristofferson and Coast Guard veteran Vance Pedrick, followed by Army veteran and Carrabelle Police Officer Tim Stevens singing the National Anthem.

American Legion Post 82 and the post's motorcycle riders, took an active role in the ceremony, with members helping raise the military service flags.

All the flags will be lit at

night from their bases. In her remarks, Mayor Brenda La Paz described in detail the history and design of each of the service flags.

Four of the service flags display an eagle; the flag of the U.S. Coast Guard is the only one to have Latin inscribed on it with the words "Semper Paratus," the official motto which means "Always Ready."

The U.S. Space Force flag, unveiled on May 15, 2020 in the Oval Office, has a black field with the central portion derived from the Space Force Seal. Because the flag is so new, it remains on back-order, so Carrabelle staff had a temporary replica made for the event.

The event featured a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the moment.



The flags fly high over Carrabelle's new Veterans Memorial Park. [PAT FUNDERBURK | CONTRIBUTED]

## DOG RESCUE

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picked up Clay Nowling, the officer dispatched to the scene, at the boat landing off State Route 65.

Brown and Livingston drove Nowling back to West Bayou where he stripped down and got in the water.

"He waded, swam, flopped all the way to the dog. He almost had to be crawling in the mud," said Brown. "Next he dug the dog free of the mud with his bare hands, and then helped the dog back to the boat by gently pulling him through the mud and shallow water.

"Mel and I were amazed at Clay's determination to save Bailey's life," said Brown.

The dog, a large 14-year-old golden retriever named Bailey, belongs to the John Richards family of Eastpoint, and they were waiting when the trio, plus dog, returned safely to the boat landing. "As it turned out Bailey had been missing for three days: they had all but given up hope to find him," said Brown. "John Richards later said Bailey was OK and eating like a horse!

"The hero of the day was Clay Nowling," said Brown. "He knew what he had to do and he just went right ahead and did it, without a word of complaint. All the way back to the boat ramp he consoled Bailey, patting him and talking to him. It was an impressive display of determination and caring. You have a fine young man on your team."

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# OPINION



## 'Hunker Down' has been nothing but exceptional

With mixed emotions I read (and thoroughly enjoyed) Kesley Colbert's final two Hunker Down articles. On one hand I'm very pleased that his 40-year run is over, knowing the deadline pressures he's undoubtedly had to live with, coupled with the sacrificing of valuable, once-in-a-lifetime quality retired time.

On the other hand, I'll sure miss reading his "stuff," but I guess I can consider myself lucky to have en-

joyed said stuff for dang near 27 years. Shucks, some folks have never had the pleasure.

Anyway, to Kesley, please accept my heartfelt congratulations for the successful run you've had and for your literary achievements. Those accomplishments should never be considered as unexceptional. In your own way, in your own style, "Hunker Down" was nothing but exceptional.

Respectfully,  
*Jack Blake*  
Port St. Joe

## Who said nothing to do in a small town?

The wearin' of the green was in full swing at the first annual Lanark Golf Club Golf Cart St. Patrick's day parade! From the artistically decorated cards to the shirts and hats and balloons and garlands and even dog blan-

kets, St. Patrick was honored by all the participants.

It was such a busy weekend in Franklin County – activities at each end of the 98 corridor. The Carrabelle History Museum hosted the

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## Island's marina development raises ecosystem concerns



Cameron Baxley  
Guest Columnist

Apalachicola Riverkeeper strives to keep our shared natural resources safe from injury, harm, or destruction, in an effort to ensure a thriving Apalachicola River and Bay, which our economy and ecology depend on.

In reviewing the St. George Island Landing proposal, Apalachicola Riverkeeper is concerned about the functional loss of ecosystem services due to activities, such as filling wetlands with spoil, loss of seagrass and

marsh, runoff, and increased sewage.

The proposed development is near oyster reefs, high-quality wetlands, and seagrass beds that provide ecosystems services free of charge to the community.

Salt marsh and seagrass are highly productive natural communities. They serve as shelter or nursery grounds for many invertebrates and fish. They serve as important food sources for manatees, sea turtles, recreational and commercial species such as mullet, blue crab, shrimp, tarpon, flounder and so on. Marshes and grasses also improve our water quality by slowing down water runoff and filtering pollution. They provide erosion control by reducing the wave-

energy and promote settling of suspended particulates that become stabilized by their dense roots and rhizomes.

The proposal requires the fill in of wetlands, which is inconsistent with the county comp plan regarding wetland setbacks and the protection of wetlands.

The soils along Apalachicola Bay are poorly drained with a high-water table. For three to six months of the year, the water table is within 10 inches of the ground. When wastewater hits this water table, it feeds into nearby water bodies. Increased wastewater into the Bay threatens oyster habitat and other species.

Apalachicola Bay, with an average depth of 9 feet, is a relatively shallow

bay with slow flushing. Slow flushing allows for increased nutrient availability to plants and animals but can act to the detriment of a well-balanced system when wastewater and other toxic substances are detained in the bay for an extended period.

There are two oyster bars that are next to the proposed development. East Hole currently supports an oyster population; it has been a highly productive area in the past. Currently, there are four restoration reefs of one acre each. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission plans to deploy about 32 acres of material in that area this year. Hotel Bar has also received restoration

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## Dems blame business for passing on inflation



Ron Hart  
Guest Columnist

When you create inflation like Biden has, that cost is always passed on to the consumer. Materials, regulatory and oil costs are up, along with interest rates. The expense to do business naturally goes up; and for Biden to childishly chide business owners for raising prices, calling them "greedy and gouging" (even yelling that his Snickers bars have shrunk), aka shrinkflation, is pure political BS.

Old Joe should know about this. He is a few fries short of a Happy Meal

himself. For a guy his age who does not speak very well and who called Laken Riley "Lincoln Riley," Biden ran a lot of risk as a one-time anti-busing segregationist saying "Snickers" in his SOTU address.

In reality, as long as there are fair competition and free markets, consumers get a good shake. The businesses Biden does not want to talk about, which raise their prices because they have virtual oligopolies, all have one thing in common: They have cadres of lobbyists, essentially price fixers, who have their tentacles into Washington politicians for protection.

First, there is the insurance business. It is highly regulated, and they buy off corporate media

by buying every other commercial on TV: Progressive, State Farm, Allstate, Farmers and, of course, GEICO (which has the gecko, the caveman etc.).

Just car insurance prices went up another 21% in the last couple of years. They all advertise and by switching to them they save you money each time. I did the math based on the commercials. If you switch to Allstate from Farmers, then back to GEICO, then to Progressive and back to GEICO, they should owe you about \$1,129.

My Drunkle Mac may have had it right. He would hear commercials brag that you can save 20% on car insurance by switching. He said, "I save 100% by leaving the scene of the accident."

I also figured out how State Farm saves all that money to pay Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce and that walrus-looking Kansas City coach, Andy Reid: they do not pay claims. It seems that Taylor Swift is the only one on the Chiefs' roster not in State Farm commercials.

The insurance model is simple. Your agent is a local, hardy, fellow-well-met. Who could not like him? He is a good golfer, "always there with a joke or to light up your smoke." And he always says you are covered, which is the case right up until you have a claim. Then a much less affable fellow shows up. He is called an adjuster, and he "adjusts" your claim down to the point that you

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# Thanking our legislators for investing in healthcare

Kelly Beach, Robin Godwin,  
and Bryan Walrath  
Guest Columnists

The Florida Legislature passed monumental health care legislation and funding this year. Our communities across North Florida will benefit from additional access and infrastructure to meet their needs. The passage of the "LiveHealthy" legislation (SB 7016, 7018) is a testament to our policymakers' and health leaders' commitment to investing in a healthier and more stable Florida.

We would like to express our gratitude to our local champions State Senators Jay

Trumbull and Corey Simon and State Representatives Shane Abbott, Jason Shoaf and Griff Griffiths, for prioritizing the health of our state's residents. The approved healthcare legislation ushers in a modern approach to advancing healthcare innovation, strengthens the healthcare pipeline and improves access to behavioral health resources.

All said, this legislation allows for greater access to healthcare including:

- \$134 million in increased Medicaid reimbursement for mothers and babies



Kelly Beach

- \$10 million of recurring funds for rural hospital capital improvement projects

- \$50 million per year for a healthcare innovation fund

- Increased funding for healthcare workforce pipeline programs

- \$100 million in education funding at teaching hospitals

- \$11.5 million in behavioral health services.

- \$50 million additional dollars for Slots for Docs program - a program to increase medical residencies

The rural hospital capital funds have already benefited the Panhandle communities near Sacred Heart Gulf and Emerald Coast. These resources will ensure we can continue to provide life-saving care to the poor and vulnerable across North Florida.

The money allocated for nursing residency allows Ascension Sacred

Heart Bay to further expand and develop the breadth of talent that already exists in our residency nursing program, and will provide us with the opportunity to cement an innovative learning environment. We plan to utilize this training environment to connect with our community school districts and provide training opportunities to our local high schools' career and technical education.

The historic legislation and focus on health care this year will strengthen our sites of care and enhance the services provided to the thou-

sands of Floridians who trust Ascension with their health needs every day. We are grateful to be part of a community of leaders who are putting our patients first and adequately preparing for what lies ahead.

Thank you,  
*Robin Godwin is president and chief executive officer of Ascension Sacred Heart Bay; Kelly Beach is administrator and chief nursing officer of Ascension Sacred Heart Gulf; and Bryan Walrath is president and chief executive officer of Ascension Sacred Heart Emerald Coast.*

# Greene and friends trumpet 'criminal immigrant' canard



Mona Charen  
Guest Columnist

President Joe Biden chose to scrap a bit with Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene at the State of the Union -- a choice that should remind

us of the old saw, "Never wrestle with pigs. You both get dirty and the pig likes it."

Greene has two modes: heckling and lying. This time, she was doing both by bellowing that Biden should "Say her name," a reference to Laken Riley, the nursing student who was murdered by an undocumented immigrant. Biden said the name (though he mangled

it) and added the reasonable observation that thousands of people are murdered every year by the native born. A few progressive speech police then attacked Biden (!) for using the politically incorrect terminology for the murderer, causing Biden to correct himself, and here we are -- all covered in mud while the pig is grinning.

Biden's initial

instinct was good, even if the execution and follow-through left something to be desired. But that doesn't mean Biden should shrink from the subject in future. On the contrary, the false immigration narrative is clearly damaging Biden's standing.

Cards on the table: I'm for increased immigration. Immigrants are vital to our economy. They will contribute an

estimated \$7 trillion to our GDP over the next 10 years. They also revitalize our civic culture, injecting new Americans who do not take our prosperity or our freedoms for granted (and that's not even counting all the new cuisines). They contribute more to the economy than they take from it. Yes, our immigration laws are outdated and in need of reform -- as

the Biden administration at length conceded. But while revising our criteria for asylum and hiring new immigration judges, we must not lose sight of the fact that being a magnet for those who want a better life is an American strength, not a weakness.

Greene cited the case of Laken Riley because she was a young, white wom-

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## KELLY

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annual Culture Crawl event with education, vendors, music and Fishy Fashions too. Lanark's own artist extraordinaire Joan Matey created fashions from the sea for the pirates to the sheriff. Guests from Texas, California, North Dakota, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Virginia, Washington D.C. Georgia, Alabama, Florida and even Scotland came in to tour the history museum, and to learn more about the lighthouse and Camp Gordon Johnson attractions as well. The opening of the Tate's Hell exhibit in the new second floor display area was well-attended and highlighted the afternoon for visitors. The newly installed elevator made access easier for guests.

The golf cart parade saw more than two dozen brightly deco-

rated golf carts -- some base colors of red, black, green and yellow but all had garlands of green and well-dressed drivers. Balloons, air-filled leprechauns and incredible displays created by entrants from St. James, Lanark and Carrabelle. Several handsome contestants even featured red-orange beards! More than 12 prizes were awarded and a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner, complete with Irish soda bread, was then available at the Lanark American Legion pavilion, prepared by the parade creator and hostess Nola Tolbert.

The annual Lanark quilt show was also a success, as was the Eastpoint annual fire department rib cookoff. It was great fun to be in Franklin County this busy weekend. Whoever said "there is nothing to do in a small town" should have visited us this weekend.

Mel Kelly  
Carrabelle

## HART

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are not covered.

Insurance companies have only two clients they need to please: politicians and their regulators. The market has not seen a new insurance company of consequence in decades. They do not have to compete on price and quality when they are a government-sanctioned oligopoly.

Doctors mean well and do a good job, but health insurance is a business where no one understands what he is paying, what he is getting, or what he will owe when he goes to a doctor. If you are healthy and honest with insurance, they take advantage of you. You are paying more for ObamaCare. Health insurance is like a paper hospital gown that ties in the back. It is awkward, dehumanizing, and cold, and you only THINK you are covered.

The other businesses in bed with government that are ripoffs are real estate brokers. They have somehow

been able to avoid antitrust issues on their fixed 6% commissions. They usually pay lobbyists the most in each state, and it is hard to get around them.

I pay 6% if they add value, but in my last eight deals I have done for sale by owner. It's easy. Comps are readily available now online. Closing is easy with the person who does the real work, an escrow agent/attorney. I do not buy title insurance; it is a ripoff. Most of the money goes to commissions.

Agents are good folks, but their business model stinks. The document you sign to list a property for sale is 12 pages long. Eleven describe how they get paid and state that they have no liability. The only more coercive and one-sided documents are Google or Facebook user agreements and a marriage license.

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## BAXLEY

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efforts and supports an oyster population. It is possible it could receive future restoration attention given its proximity to East Hole as well as its suitable substrate.

Development should be compatible with the inherent limitations of the site. The maintenance of high-water quality of Apalachicola Bay is vital for the region's fishery resources and industry. Although much of resource protection is traditionally a function of the state and federal government, local grassroots, proactive county planning and problem-solving serves as a strong line of defense to ensure that well-planned, community assets are compatible with our region's economically productive environmental resources.

If this development leads to a bay closure due to poor water quality, there will be negative impacts to our regional ecology and economy.

The Apalachicola Bay is trying to recover. Let's work together to make sure it does.

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## SPORTS

## Seahawks edge Tiger Sharks in extra innings

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It doesn't get much better than last week's first varsity baseball matchup this season between Franklin County and Port St. Joe.

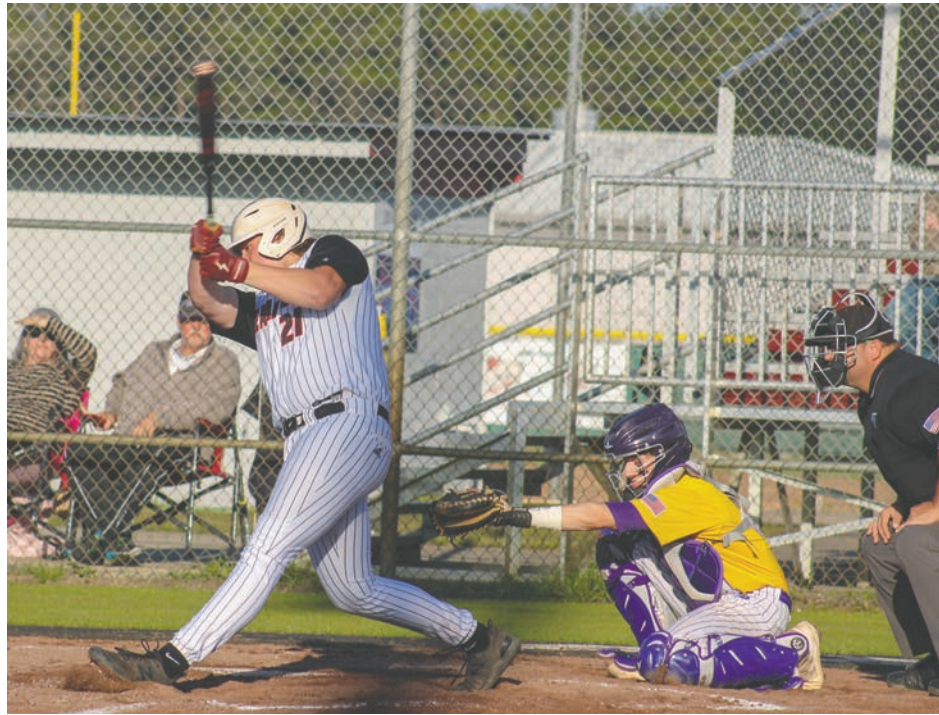
Twelve strikeouts in just under seven innings by the Seahawk starter, clutch hitting that saw the Tiger Sharks come back from a four-run deficit, and a walk-off win in the bottom of the eighth inning thanks to a perfectly executed sacrifice fly to right field by sophomore Colby Blackburn that sent senior Cody Abercrombie with the winning run.

"It was a great game between two rival schools; I wouldn't have it any other way," said Seahawk coach Brock Johnson, surrounded by an exuberant squad that had just secured the 5-4 win.

"You don't play this game to win against teams inferior to you," said Johnson. "This is the type of moment, even though it's regular season, that you try to teach these kids what you play this game for."

"We could have folded when they come back and tied it up, but we didn't," he said. "We're going to play them again, it's a long season and I'm really proud of the way we finished tonight."

After Abercrombie struck out all three batters in the top of the first, the Seahawks put together a rally that earned them three runs in the bottom



Seahawk sophomore Colby Blackburn's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth brought home the winning run. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

of the inning.

Freshman Sadiq Jones walked and senior Wil Luberto was hit by a pitch thrown by St. Joe starter senior Fisher Vandertulip.

Abercrombie then sliced a double to center field, scoring Jones, followed by a bunt from senior Logan Bentley that brought home Luberto. A grounder to second off the bat of senior Terry Proctor brought Abercrombie home.

Abercrombie gave up a triple to senior Eli Harris in the top of the second, but three strikeouts by the Seahawk starter meant he would not cross home plate.

Freshman Chason Martina beat out a throw to first to get the bottom of the second started, followed by a Jones'

single to right field and then a passed ball that would tack on a fourth run for the Seahawks.

Tiger Sharks coach Ashley Summerlin decided to pull Vandertulip in the second, and make way for long relief work by senior Jentzen Odom.

"Fisher is a kid we rely on, he's closed for us and finished games for us but this was his first start of the year," said the coach, noting that he had only recently been cleared by doctors after having surgery in the off season.

"He had worked his pitch count up, he pitched 39 pitches and had no outs in the second," said Summerlin. "I didn't feel like he had his best stuff, and we ended up doing a good change."

In the top of the fourth, Tiger Shark junior Peyton Knox laced a line drive down the right field line to score

Harris, who had stole second after beating out a throw to first. But Seahawks catcher senior Chase Millender picked the next Tiger Shark trying to snatch second, and Port St. Joe was held to a single run.

In the top of the fifth, junior Max Godwin lofted the ball over the right field fence for a two-run shot that also scored senior Owen Grantland, and just like that it was a one-run game.

In the top of the seventh, the Tiger Sharks refused to say die, and thanks to Vandertulip's two-out line drive that scored Odom, the game was knotted at 4-all.

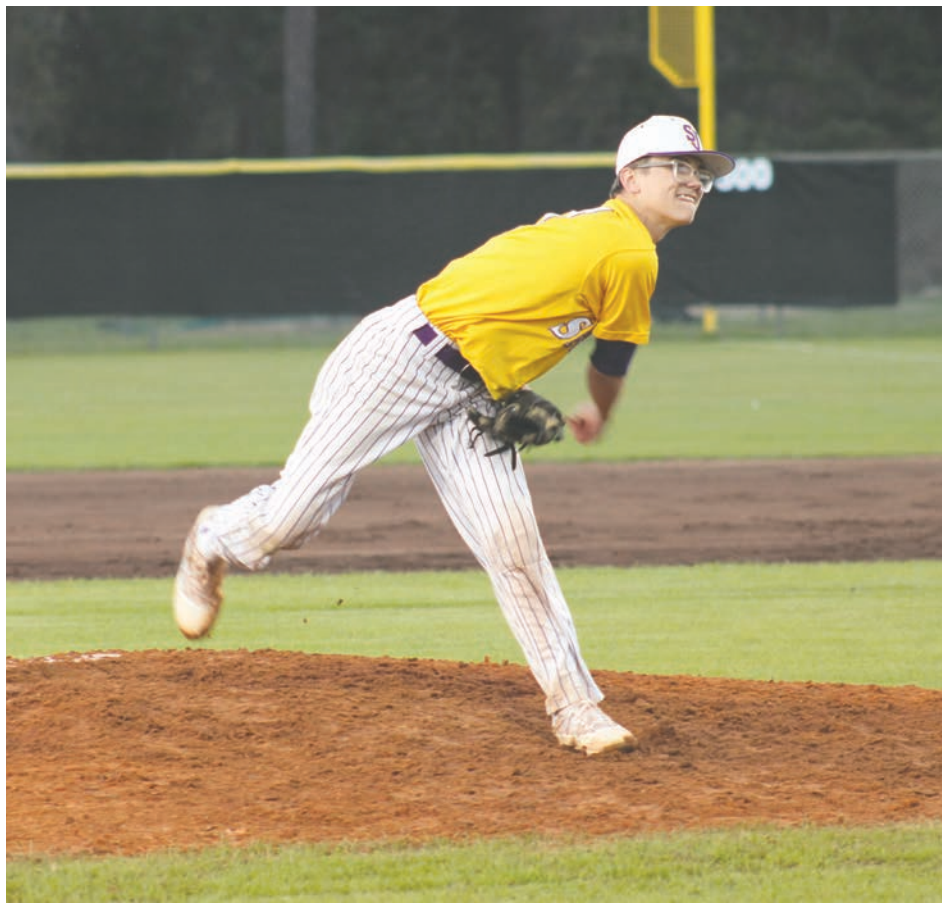
With Abercrombie at his pitch count, Johnson sent in senior Logan Bentley to get the job done, which he did with no further damage. He gave up a single in the eighth, but a ground out, a pop fly and a strikeout ended the threat.

"Logan is going to have to be a big part of us going forward," said Johnson. "He hasn't been asked to pitch what he's going to pitch this year. Cody is obviously our horse but we have a good team, a good makeup."

In the bottom of the eighth, Abercrombie singled to right, Proctor advanced him to third, and it was Blackburn's turn.

"That kid is just a sophomore," said Johnson. "They were going to pull the infield in and we were expecting a squeeze and I just told him your job here is to get something in the outfield."

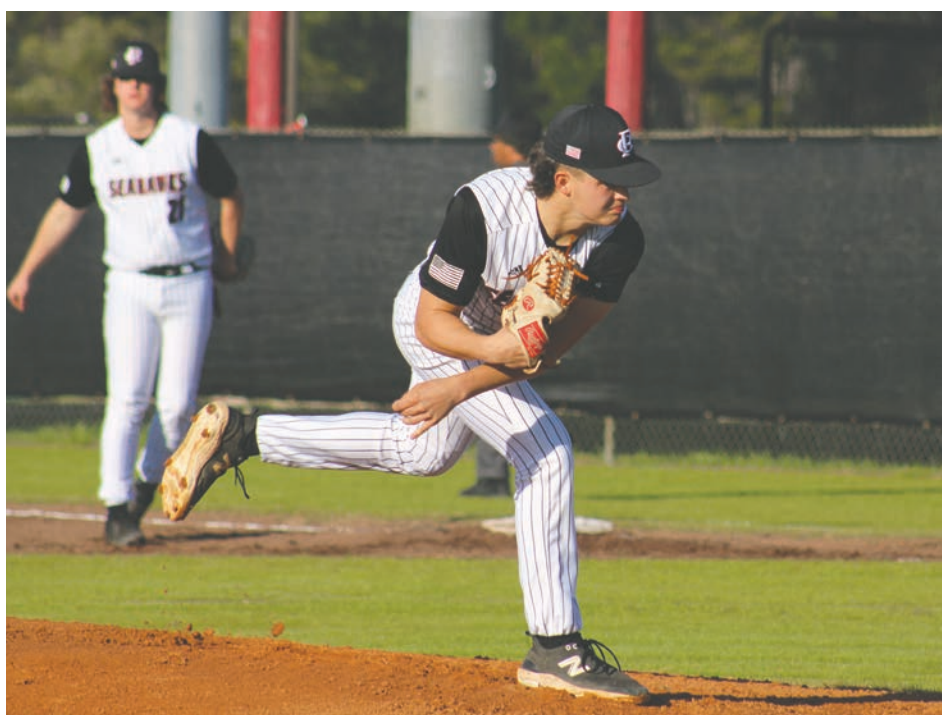
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Tiger Shark senior Jentzen Odom entered the game in the second inning in relief. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



Seahawk freshman Sadiq Jones checks his swing. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



Seahawk senior Cody Abercrombie struck out 12 before being lifted in the seventh. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



Tiger Shark senior Owen Grantland eyes the pitch. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

# Windmark parades St. Patty pooches

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The Windmark Beach Homeowners Association celebrated the wearing of the green as they paraded their pets Sunday afternoon on St. Patrick's Day.

From the Mill down Good Morning Street, and around the Village Green, they walked with dogs done up in fancy green outfits.

Special guests included the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, and the Forgotten Coast Dancing Witches.



Some people strolled with more than one dog. [ WINDMARK BEACH HOA ]



Irish eyes were smiling Sunday afternoon at Windmark. [ WINDMARK BEACH HOA ]



The Forgotten Coast Dancing Witches help raise funds for humane societies and other worthy causes. [ WINDMARK BEACH HOA ]



This dog, of German heritage, enjoyed being Irish on Sunday. [ WINDMARK BEACH HOA ]



The dogs were cute and well-behaved. [ WINDMARK BEACH HOA ]

## BASEBALL

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"If they don't intentionally walk you, I kind of thought they would have to make a force at all bags, it has to be in the outfield, nothing in the infield," said the coach.

And that's what Blackburn did.

"With two freshmen in the outfield and a freshman on third base, we have a young team. "I'm very excited about the growth we're about to do," said Johnson. "We had our chances to win the game

and didn't get it done," said Summerlin. "We dug ourselves a hole early and we were able to scratch our way back in but they out-executed us."

"It was a good game," he said. "It's still early in the year we're trying to find our solid footing. Every time we go over there it's a fight."

The game was not without fighting words between the two archrivals.

"With any rivalry game the players are going to jaw back and forth, they're going to chirp," said Johnson. "We was doing the talking, theirs was doing the talking. It's something you don't like to see.

"I'm not going to kill the kids' intensity, but you try to rein certain things in. It can make it look ugly when it's really not," said the Seahawk coach.

Abercrombie finished the game with 12 strikeouts, two walks and four earned runs on eight hits. Odom struck out four and gave up one earned run on two hits, in six-and-two-thirds innings.

Godwin went 2 for 4, with a triple and a home for St. Joe, with Knox also going 2 for 4.

Abercrombie helped his cause by going 3 for 4 with a pair of doubles.

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# Get a free lesson Sunday in Latin jazz

## Special to the Times

This Sunday, Dr. Carlos Vega, associate professor of saxophone at Florida A & M University, will offer a free education seminar at Trinity Episcopal Church in Apalachicola before his Latin Jazz Ensemble performs original and classic Latin-infused music.

Vega has extensive music connections throughout the United States and has performed with Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine, Arturo Sandoval, Ira Sullivan, Tito Puente, Chicago Afro Latin Jazz Ensemble (CALJE) and Doc Severinsen and his Big Band.

He has three critically acclaimed releases on Origin Records Jazz Label and has assembled a stellar ensemble

for this show, with Vega on saxophone, Jean Caze on trumpet, Whitney Ashe on piano, Joshua Ramos on bass, and Marcelo Camacho on drums.

Vega, who tours extensively throughout the U.S., Europe, South America, and Africa, has secured a grant from the South Arts Roads Artists Series which allows him to bring his ensemble to the Isle Newell concert series. He has been lauded for his dynamic and unique approach to composition as well as jazz improvisation.

*The free education session begins at 3 p.m. at Trinity Church followed by the performance of the ensemble at 4 p.m. Tickets for the concert are \$20 in advance at [inconcertapalachicola.org](http://inconcertapalachicola.org) or \$25 dollars at the door. Students are free.*

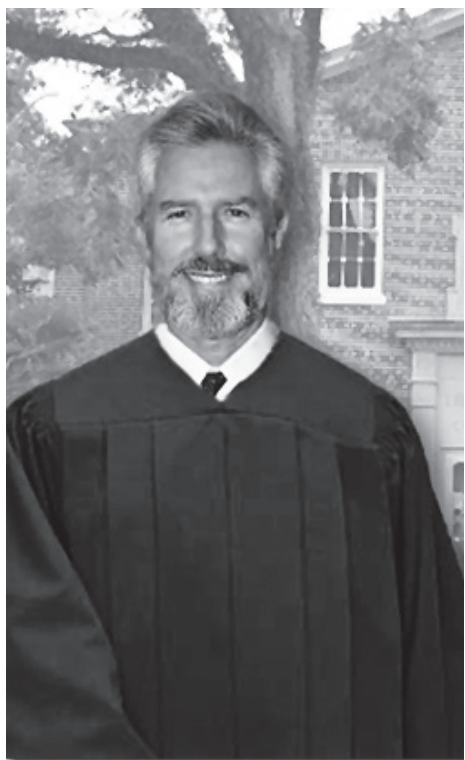


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# Liberty County judge resigns after probe

## News Service of Florida

The state Judicial Qualifications Commission said earlier this month that a North



Liberty County Judge Kenneth Hosford

Florida judge has resigned, ending a case about alleged misconduct.

The commission, which investigates accusations against judges and makes disciplinary recommendations to the Florida Supreme Court, said in a filing that it was dismissing charges against Liberty County Judge Kenneth Hosford.

“The basis for the dismissal is Judge Hosford’s resignation from the Liberty County Court effective at 5 p.m. on Feb. 29, 2024, which has been received and accepted by the Governor, and his agreement to not to serve as a senior judge or hold any future judicial office,” the filing at the Supreme Court said.

An investigative panel of the commission and Hosford

last year reached a proposed agreement that would have led to a 30-day suspension for the judge and a public reprimand. The proposed agreement stemmed from a discussion between Hosford and an assistant state attorney after a hearing held on Zoom.

The investigative panel, in a filing at the Supreme Court, said Hosford addressed “concerns over the prosecutor’s decision to decline to file charges in a theft case where Judge Hosford had, just the day before, personally approved an arrest warrant for the accused. During the Zoom meeting, while addressing his displeasure with the way the prosecutor had declined to prosecute the case, Judge Hosford also

admits to having provided investigative advice to the detective investigating the crime, including suggesting to the detective that he might get a search warrant to obtain more evidence of the crime.”

The Florida Public Defender Association and the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers expressed concerns about the proposed agreement, and the investigative panel said in December it had started an inquiry into new allegations of misconduct by the judge.

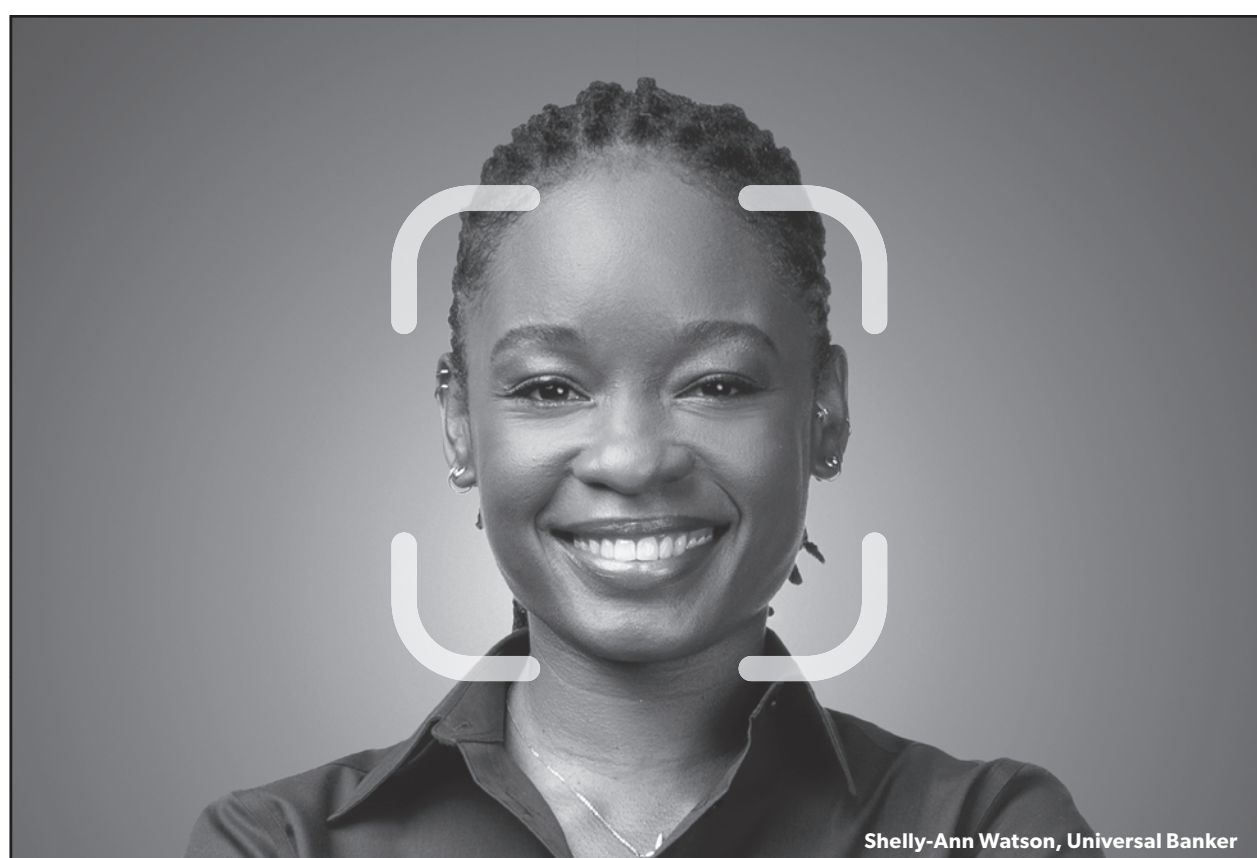
The filing Thursday said the additional inquiry had been completed, though it did not provide details about the findings. The Supreme Court has ultimate authority about disciplining judges.

# Florida gas prices increase

## News Service of Florida

Prices at the pump continued to rise in Florida amid increased travel and Gulf Coast refineries switching to a summer blend of gasoline. The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gas Monday in Florida was \$3.46, 4 cents higher than a week earlier, according to the AAA auto club. The national average price Monday was \$3.47 a gallon, up 7 cents from a week earlier. AAA pointed to oil topping \$80 a barrel because of concerns about Ukraine attacks on Russian refineries, demand for gas increasing with warmer weather and the shift to a more-expensive summer blend of gas. Florida’s average price was 16 cents a gallon higher than a month ago. The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton area had the state’s highest average price at \$3.64 a gallon, according to AAA. The lowest prices were in the Panhandle, including an average of \$3.24 a gallon in the Panama City area.

**The Apalachicola Bay Charter School is seeking the following for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year:** Testing Proctors, Substitutes, and Tutors (Part-time, full-time & contracted available). **2024-25 Positions: Certified Elementary and Middle School teachers.** Applications are available at the school’s website: [abceagles.org](http://abceagles.org). Email completed applications to the CEO/Principal, Elizabeth Kirvin, [ekirvin@abceagles.org](mailto:ekirvin@abceagles.org). Employment of personnel in ABC School is in compliance with Federal and State Laws regarding nondiscrimination and preference. Any person who believes he/she may need reasonable accommodations during the application or interview process should notify Elizabeth Kirvin.



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an murdered by an illegal immigrant. A group of GOP senators led by Rand Paul is muscling in on the stunt by demanding documents relating to the case. This is key to the cynical effort to convince Americans that most immigrants are dangerous criminals. Recall that in 2015, the right was similarly inflamed about Kate Steinle, a woman who was shot and killed in San Francisco. The man who accidentally shot Steinle was eventually acquitted, but never mind the details. She was young and beautiful and nativists from coast to coast exploited her tragic death. Trump invoked her at the 2016 Republican Convention as evidence of the vicious invasion America was facing from Mexican rapists and murderers.

Since then, Trump has only ratcheted up his incitement, now employing fascistic language about immigrants “poisoning the blood” of this country.

It’s all lies.

In 2022, there were 18,785 murders in the United States. Some of them happened in Greene’s district. A Dalton, Georgia, man escorting his girlfriend to the home

of her ex was arrested after stabbing the ex to death. Also in Dalton, a 19-year-old pled guilty to second-degree murder for supplying a 16-year-old girl with fentanyl. In Rome, Georgia, a man was convicted of slaying two sisters he believed had stolen his wallet. He shot them and dumped their bodies in a river. He later found the wallet behind his TV.

Is the Republican governor of Georgia to blame? Is Greene? Should she say their names?

Every study on the subject has shown that since 1960, immigrants are much less likely than native-born Americans to be arrested or convicted of crimes (excluding those associated with entry into the country). The right highlights a few cases of murder committed by immigrants, but as Alex Nowrasteh of the CATO Institute shows, undocumented immigrants are 27.7 times less likely to commit homicide than natives, and legal immigrants are 57.1 times less likely.

A Stanford University study of incarceration rates going all the way back to the 19th century shows that immigrants are less likely to commit crimes of every description than are the native-born. “Far from the rapists and drug dealers that anti-immigrant politicians claim them to

be, immigrants today are doing relatively well.” Criminologists have consistently found that immigrant-heavy neighborhoods in big cities have less crime, not more crime, than other areas.

It’s rich that Republicans are seeking to blame Biden for murders committed by illegal immigrants when they just rejected a bill that would have hired thousands of new border patrol agents and asylum officers, and allocated \$20 billion for new detention facilities, improved drug detection technology, and more immigration judges. It would also have dramatically overhauled the standards for asylum. But the GOP foot soldiers, after stoking anti-immigrant hysteria for years, refused to take yes for an answer precisely because the incitement is the policy.

Biden’s fundamental decency was on display during the State of the Union when he extended his deep sympathy to Laken Riley’s family for their loss. The same cannot be said for Greene and company, whose bad faith is exceeded only by their shamelessness.

*Mona Charen is policy editor of The Bulwark and host of the “Beg to Differ” podcast. Her new book, “Hard Right: The GOP’s Drift Toward Extremism,” is available now.*

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No.: 01733-000R</p> <p>Description of Property:</p> <p>BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TWP 4 SOUTH RANGE 10 WEST, AND RUN EAST FOR 740 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN SOUTH TO THE NORTH SIDE OF OLD PANAMA AND WEWA ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF SAID ROAD FOR 263 FEET MORE OR LESS TO LAND DEEDED TO DAVID FASION; THENCE RUN NORTH TO THE NORTH LINE OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 15 TWP 4 SOUTH RANGE 10 WEST, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION CONVEYED BY VICTORIA PRICE TO JAMES ROUSE AND LUCILLE ROUSE BY WARRANTY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1963 BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 32 AT PAGE 571 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS</p>	<p>OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE at: www.gulf.realtaxdeed.com on 04/17/24 at 11:00 a.m. ET or any subsequently scheduled sale date.</p> <p><b>DATED:</b> 03/11/24 REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk</p> <p><b>Publish dates:</b> 3/14/24, 3/21/24, 03/28/24, 04/04/24 March 14, 21, 28, 2024 April 4, 2024</p> <p><b>360 AMENDED</b> Summons and <b>AMENDED</b> Petition for Dissolution: ROSS RUTHERFORD v. CANDICE VOLKMAN State of California, Fresno County Superior Court, Family Law Division Case No. 23CEFL05278 To the Respondent, Candice Volkman, Petitioner, Ross Rutherford has petitioned for dissolution of marriage in the State of California, Fresno County Superior Court. The Petition and Summons were issued on September 21, 2023. Due to an administrative error, an <b>AMENDED</b> Petition and <b>AMENDED</b> Summons were reissued on November 20, 2023. The <b>AMENDED</b> Petition and <b>AMENDED</b> Summons seek to dissolve marriage of Ross Rutherford and Candice Volkman. A Status Conference has been set for July 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in Department 202 of the Fresno County Superior Courthouse located at 1130 “O” Street, Fresno, California 93721. If you object to the dissolution of marriage, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file a Response and Request for Dissolution of Marriage. Your appearance is mandatory by you</p>	<p>and your attorney, if you are able to hire one to represent your interests. You may examine the file kept by the Court. You can fulfill this request by calling the Court Clerk or by contacting Attorney for Petitioner: Amy R. Lovgren-Tipton, APLC, 225 W. Shaw Avenue, Suite 105, Fresno, California 93704. (559) 421-9137. March 14, 21, 28, 2024 April 4, 2024</p> <p><b>361</b> IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>JAMES GESSLEIN AND KATHY GESSLEIN, Plaintiffs, v. CASE NO.: 2024-CA-0010 DIVISION: KENNETH BROCK; JADWIGA H. GARCIA AND THOMAS E. GARCIA, CO-TRUSTEES, OR THEIR SUCCESSORS IN TRUST UNDER THE GARCIA LIVING TRUST, DATED OCTOBER 20, 1997, Defendants.</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF ACTION</b></p> <p>To KENNETH BROCK; JADWIGA H. GARCIA AND THOMAS E. GARCIA, CO-TRUSTEES, OR THEIR SUCCESSORS IN TRUST UNDER THE GARCIA LIVING TRUST, DATED OCTOBER 20, 1997 :</p> <p><b>YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED</b> that an action to Quiet Title to real property described as: SEVEN SPRINGS LAKE PB 5 PG 18 LOT 21 BLK A ORB 364/806 FR LITTLE RIVER CAMP LLC MAP 95A More commonly known as: Seven Springs Drive, Wewahitchka, FL 32465 <b>AND/OR</b> S7 T6 R11 SUNSHINE FARMS (UNRECORDED) LOT 29 5.18 AC M/L ORB 814/104 TX FR GARCIA MAP 14C More commonly known as: West Kelly Drive, Port St. Joe, FL 32456</p> <p>has been filed by Plaintiffs, JAMES GESSLEIN AND KATHY GESSLEIN, and you are required to serve a copy of your writ-</p>	<p>ten defenses, if any, on Alisa Wilkes, Esq., 13400 Sutton Park Dr. S., Suite 1204, Jacksonville, FL 32224. (904)620-9545 on or before April 22, 2024 and file the original with the Clerk of Court and Plaintiff’s attorney, otherwise a default and judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded.</p> <p>Witness my hand and the seal of this court on this 4th day of March, 2024.</p> <p>Clerk of the Circuit Court</p> <p>By: Deputy Clerk</p> <p><b>Please publish for 4 consecutive weeks.</b></p> <p><b>Please send invoice and copy to:</b> Alisa Wilkes, Esq. Wilkes &amp; Mee, PLLC 13400 Sutton Park Dr., S, Suite 1204 Jacksonville, FL 32224 March 14, 21, 28, 2024 April 4, 2024</p> <p><b>362 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED</b></p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that IDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC, the Certificate Holder of the following Tax Sale Certificate, has filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. 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No.: 01723-000R</p> <p>Description of Property: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, AND RUN WEST FOR</p>	<p>300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAME BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LAND OWNED BY ROBERT FAISON; THENCE RUN WEST 100 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE OLD PANAMA &amp; WEWA HIGHWAY; THENCE RUN SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG OLD WEWA &amp; PANAMA ROAD, TO A POINT DUE SOUTH OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING 100 FEET MORE OR LESS; THENCE RUN DUE NORTH FOR 375 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID LAND LYING &amp; BEING IN THE SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4, IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST.</p> <p>All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE at: www.gulf.realtaxdeed.com on 04/17/2024 at 11:00 a.m. ET or any subsequently scheduled sale date.</p> <p><b>DATED:</b> 03/04/2024 REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: Leslye Bennett, Deputy Clerk Publish dates: 3/14/24, 3/21/24, 3/28/24, 4/4/24 March 14, 21, 28, 2024 April 4, 2024</p> <p><b>365 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN</b> that Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, the Certificate Holder of the following Tax Sale Certificate, has filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Tax Deed Application Number, Real Estate Number, Certificate Number, Date of Issuance and Name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:</p> <p><b>Application#2023-02</b></p> <p><b>Name in which assessed: KIM GLAZE; WILLIAM H GLAZE</b></p> <p><b>Tax Sale Certificate #: 2015-104</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Issuance: 05/29/2015 R.E. No.: 00540-000R</b></p> <p><b>Description of Property:</b> Commence at the Northwest corner of the Chipola River Dead Lakes Bridge and run North to the State Road right of way line and thence run in an Easterly direction along the Northside of State Road right of way a distance of 2400 feet for a point of beginning. From said point of beginning run thence Easterly along the North right of way line of State Road 22A a distance of 200 feet; thence turn 90° left and run Northerly a distance of 100 feet; thence turn left and extend a line Westerly 200 feet parallel to the North right of way line of State Road 22A; thence turn left and run 100 feet more or less to point of beginning, same being a part of Section 17, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida.</p> <p>All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE at: www.gulf.realtaxdeed.com on 04/17/24 at 11:00 a.m. ET or any subsequently scheduled sale date.</p> <p><b>DATED: MARCH 11, 2024 REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk</b> March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2024</p> <p><b>369 Public Service Announcement Meeting Announcement</b></p> <p>The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a meeting to which all persons are invited. The Gulf County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 12:00 pm Eastern Time, at the Gulf County Transportation Office, 122 Water Plant Road, Port St. Joe, Florida. The agenda will include</p>	<p>its regular quarterly business items, and review of the Annual CTC Evaluation. For additional information contact Kwentin Eastberg, TD Program Coordinator at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council at 850-488-6211, or by email at keastberg@arpc.org . March 21, 2024</p> <p><b>370 Notice to Receive Sealed Bids</b> RFP 2024-06</p> <p>The City of Port St Joe will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:</p> <p><b>Wastewater Treatment Facility: Sprayfield Zone 3 Clearing</b></p> <p>This project is located in Port St. Joe, Florida and includes clearing of approximately 19 acres for use as a new spray field zone. Site clearing work to include, but not limited to removal of trees and other vegetation, topsoil stripping, clearing and grubbing, and final smooth grading. Extent of site clearing is shown on drawings.</p> <p>Plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Shannon Renfro with Dewberry at srenfro@dewberry.com. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.</p> <p>Completion date for this project will be 90 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder. Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$500.00 per day.</p> <p>Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for <b>“WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY: SPRAYFIELD ZONE 3 CLEARING”</b>.</p> <p>Bids will be received until <b>3:00 PM Eastern Time, on April 5, 2024</b>, at the City of Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, and will be opened and read aloud on Friday,</p>	<p><b>April 5, 2024 at 3:05 PM Eastern Time.</b> The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Drug Free Work Place Employer.</p> <p>The City of Port St. Joe reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in their best interest. All bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening.</p> <p>All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the State of Florida.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please call Philip Jones at (850) 571-1210.</p> <p><b>ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS-00010</b> March 21, 28, 2024</p> <p><b>371 City of Port St. Joe Request for Qualifications: Professional Planning Services</b> RFQ 2024-01</p> <p>The City of Port St. Joe is requesting the submittal of statements of qualification from interested planning professionals or firms for a Continuing Professional Services Contract until 5:00 p.m., EDT, on Friday April 12, 2024, to complete any or all of the following types of services on an as needed basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiating and conducting public workshops/charrettes</li> <li>Community, neighborhood and comprehensive planning</li> <li>Collecting and evaluating data and analysis</li> <li>Preparing textual revisions and essential narratives for the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations</li> <li>Developing and preparing overlay districts</li> <li>Analyzing growth and development patterns</li> </ul>	<p>Preparing the Evaluation and Appraisal Report amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Regulations to recommend revisions and updates</li> <li>Preparing, and implementing Findings of Necessity Studies, Community Redevelopment Agency Plans and Budgets</li> <li>Perform ancillary services as required</li> </ul> <p>This contract is intended to be a time saving device for City staff to augment in areas where specific expertise is not available or where workload will not permit timely accomplishment of budgeted projects. This contract will allow the City to solicit proposals directly from the consultant for each project or task. Work will be awarded to the consultant on an as needed basis. The City reserves the right to select firms based solely on the content of the qualifications that are received. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Responses will be evaluated with the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualifications of firm, staff, and consultants</li> <li>Previous Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation experience in North Florida</li> <li>Reputation of client references</li> <li>Understanding and familiarity of the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations</li> <li>Claims and litigation history March 21, 28, 2024</li> </ul>
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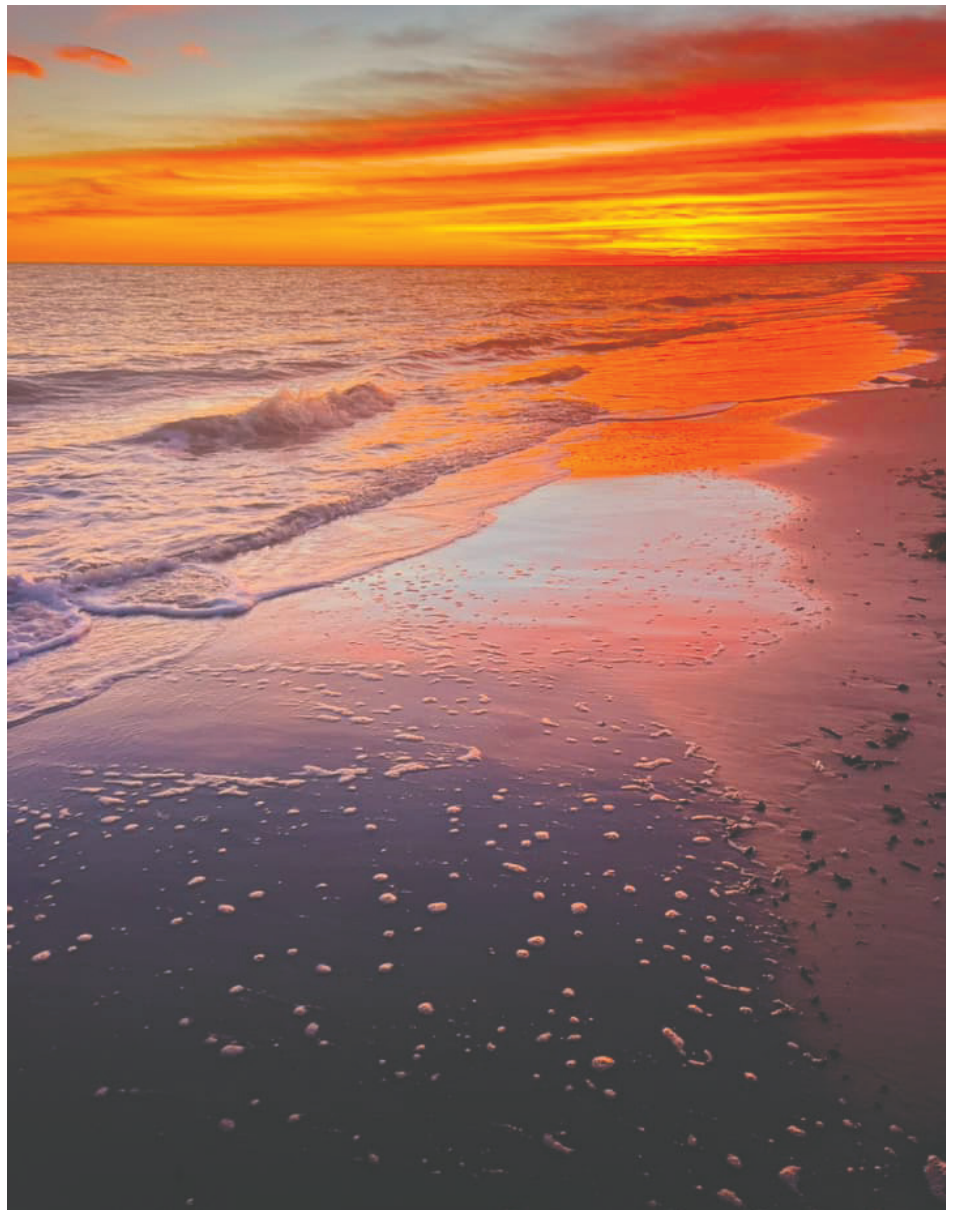
Spring has arrived and with it comes beauty and excitement throughout Franklin and Gulf counties. The Times and the Star welcome readers to submit their best photographs. All subject matter is welcome, a beautiful place, interesting wildlife, a vivid person,

an unusual image, we want to share it on this page.

**Please email photographs, labeled "Unforgettable Coast" and with a short description and name of the photographer, to Editor David Adlerstein at [dadlerstein@nevespublishing.com](mailto:dadlerstein@nevespublishing.com)**



Sunday's Mill Pond magic at sunrise on Scipio Creek, Apalachicola River [ PALMER PHILYAW ]



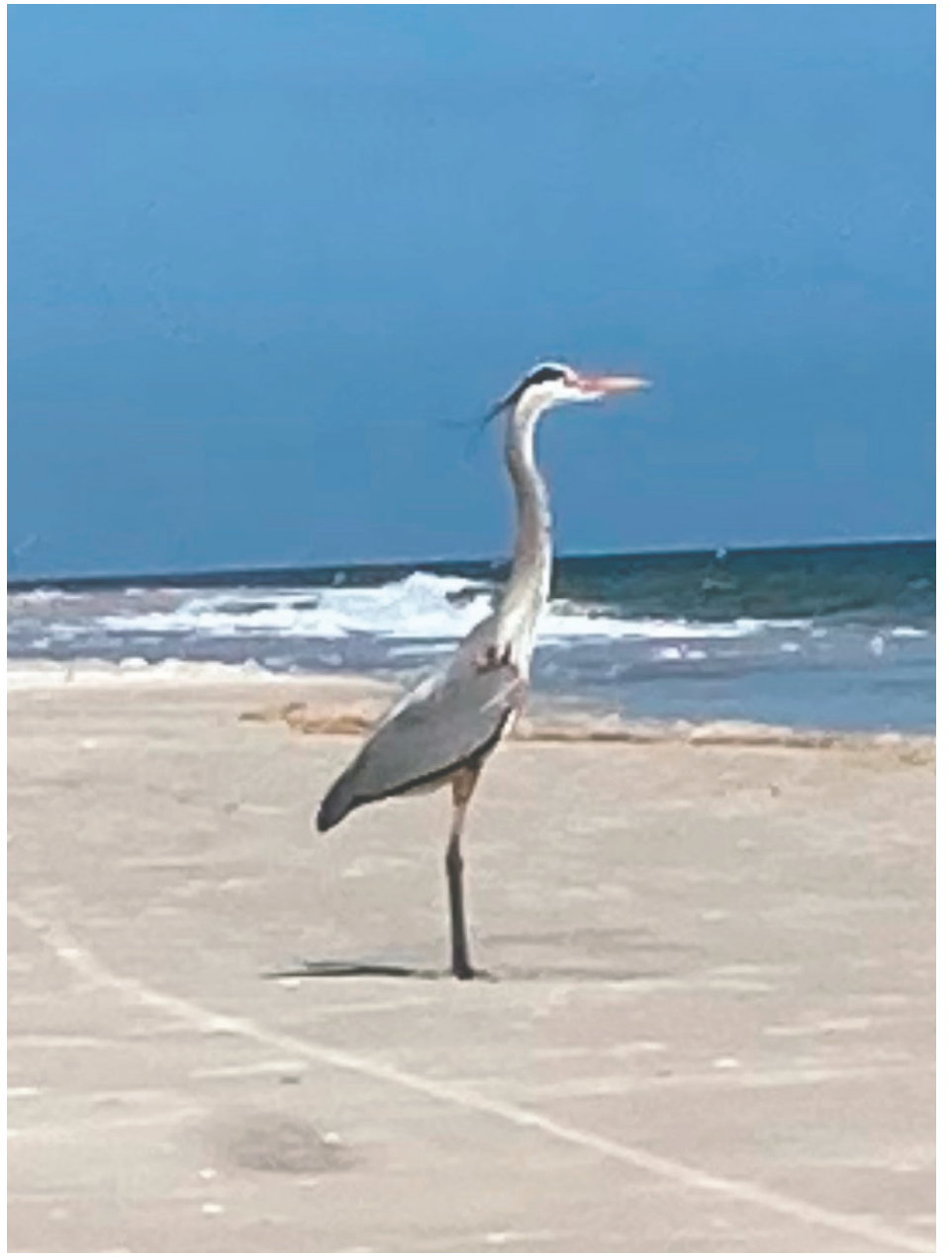
Unfiltered fiery sunset on Indian Pass Beach [ KELLY HOUK ]



A horseshoe crab [ BOB JOINER ]



Sunset at Presnell's [ JENNIFER THAL ]



A visitor to Dr. Julian Bruce St. George Island State Park [ WILMA KUYKENDALL ]

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## PET OF THE WEEK

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# CELEBRATE COMMUNITY



Charlene Dickens, left, and husband Andy are all smiles as they learn they have won the Eastpoint Rib Cookoff. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



John Solomon's 10/4 BBQ team took third place and the People's Choice award for its popular chicken dinners. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

## Cooking ribs like the Dickens

### Georgia couple wins top prize at Eastpoint cookoff

David Adlerstein  
dadlerstein@nevespublishing.com

Charlene and Andy Dickens have been bringing down their Double D Smokers' talents to the Eastpoint Rib Cookoff for the last four years.

Last Saturday, they put it all together and traveled back to Andersonville, Georgia with a \$1,000 check in their pock-

ets, which they plan to spend on their rig at the next big competition, the Big Pig Jig, Nov. 1 and 2 in Vienna, Georgia.

"We hit the tenderness and the taste," said Andy. "We had a good blend."

The Dickens had several racks of prime Prairie Fresh ribs from the Apalachicola Piggly-Wiggly to work with and so they

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Jay Humpreys, who took Honorable Mention, brushes sauce on this rack of ribs. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



This trio of firefighters from the On Scene team came in from Bay County to compete. They are, from left: Terry Parris, division chief from the Panama City Beach department; Jerry Swearingen, assistant chief of the Springfield department; and David Joyner, the Callaway fire chief. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



Judges in the cookoff were, front table, from left: Bill Bassett, Bob Heide, Lance Rodan and Rod Jones; and back table, from left: Paul Riegelmayr, Ron Prange, Tom Bernhard, Mark Boutin, Shirley Richardson, and table captain Gail Riegelmayr. Not pictured is volunteer organizer Glen Siler. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



Guitarists Mike Johnson, pastor at Eastpoint Church of Christ, at right, and Ronnie Segree were members of the band that entertained all afternoon. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]



Eastpoint firefighter Jerry Marschka helped cook all week for the fire department crew. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

A COMMUNITY'S SERVICE AGENCIES ARE ONLY AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THEM.



## WEWAHITCHKA WOMAN'S CLUB

## County Easter egg hunt Saturday morning

Rhonda Alderman  
Guest Columnist

The club is partnering with the Junior Service League of Port St. Joe, The Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPIY), Florida Department of Corrections, Gulf County Tourist Development Council, and the Gulf County Sheriff's Department for the huge 2024 Gulf County Easter Egg Hunt at Honeyville Park and Community Center.

The event will be this Saturday, March 23 starting at 9 a.m. CT/10 a.m. ET, and concluding at 11 a.m./ Noon ET. It's free!



Come meet the Easter Bunny and get a picture. There will be games, prizes, hot dogs, crafts and more. Did I mention it is free?

The GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, at 5:30 p.m. CT at the Wewahitchka Senior Citizens Building. Join us to learn more about the club and see how to be a part of an 87-year-old club and make a positive difference in your community. Contact us at [gfwcwewawomansclub@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcwewawomansclub@gmail.com). The club is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) volunteer charity organization whose purpose is to promote and provide civic, educational, and charitable activities that enrich the lives, and the environment in the service area of Wewahitchka.

## Barkus Parade yields \$23K to benefit animals

Special to the Times

Tails were wagging high! The annual Apalachicola Mardi Gras Barkus Parade on Feb. 24 was a phenomenal success, as two- and four-legged friends from all over the country flooded the streets again to walk, wag and woof their way through downtown.

Apalachicola Police Chief Bobby Varner, Sheriff A.J. Smith, this year's grand marshal, and Apalachicola Mayor Brenda Ash led the parade of pooches in Western-themed attire. There were beautiful memorials to pets who will be missed but never forgotten, such as the sheriff's "Tucker" and "Hounddog").

The weather was glorious, with the exception of a few wind gusts, and in true Mardi Gras fashion the costumes were unforgettable, and the entertainment

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Presenting the check to the Franklin County Humane Society are, from left: Doug Jimerson, president of the humane society; Sarah Madson, president, and Ken Justice, treasurer, Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers; and Karen Martin, director, and Mary Seymour, board member, of the humane society. [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

## Carrabelle lighthouse introduces vintage flea market

Special to the Times

The Crooked River Lighthouse will host an outdoor Country and Vintage Flea Market on Saturday, March 30 from

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1975 U.S. 98 West outside Carrabelle.

The Country Markets, held every first, third and fifth Saturdays, added a vintage flea to

the upcoming market.

From thrift-store worthy scores to high-end antiques, all are invited to bring their much loved treasures to the market to find them a new home. The market welcomes a diversity of items such as home décor, furniture, vintage jewelry, music, antiques, tools, ceramics and kitchenware, books, art, toys, and gently used clothing. Items just need to be clean and in good condition.

The open-air Country Market will, as always, feature local vendors with gifts and goodies like farm fresh produce, grass fed beef, baked goods including cinnamon rolls, artisan breads, and cookies, batch roasted coffee, art, handcrafted balms and

soaps, and handmade goods and craft items.

Guests can also visit the free Keeper's House Museum to see the new exhibit featuring the historic Fresnel lens and browse inside the gift shop for nautical-themed art, jewelry and souvenirs. In addition, visitors can climb to the top of the lighthouse for a view of the Bay for a small fee.

The market is recruiting new and returning vendors. Vendors may sign up at any time, at a cost of \$10 a market. For more information, contact 850-697-2732, [carrabellelighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:carrabellelighthouse@gmail.com) or [www.crookedriverlighthouse.com](http://www.crookedriverlighthouse.com). Funded in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.



A view of the county market at the foot of the lighthouse. [CROOKED RIVER LIGHTHOUSE | CONTRIBUTED]

## PHILACO WOMAN'S CLUB OF APALACHICOLA

## Members assemble goodie bags for nursing home residents

Carol Hoadley  
Guest Columnist

The January meeting of the GFWC Philaco Woman's Club was hosted by arts chairman, Barb Paget and featured an interesting presentation from Devorah Kirschenbaum, owner of Art of Glass on St. George Island.

As a community project for January, Philaco members donated 120 rolls of paper towels to the Elder Care Community Council for their distribution to senior citizens in our community. Liz Sisung then presented a Philaco cookbook to Kirschenbaum as a thank you for her presentation.

Members are looking forward to the March 21 meeting hosted by the health and wellness committee. The membership will be assembling 60 small goodie bags for delivery to the residents of the St. James Health and Rehabilitation Center.

This project should brighten the day of many of the patients, and let them know they are valued and that people care.

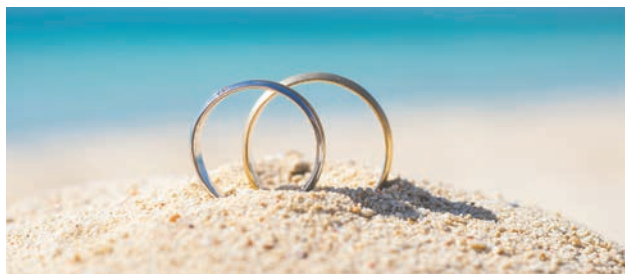
The GFWC Philaco Woman's Club is actively seeking new members who are committed to making an impact on the lives of others in the Apalachicola, Eastpoint and St. George Island area by providing service through volunteerism. Established in 1895 as a reading club, Philaco's history proves a strong emphasis of service to our libraries, schools, and community needs. Philaco has given scholarships to graduating seniors for at least 35 years, many of whom have brought their skills back to Franklin County.

If you desire to make a difference in the lives of others and to meet new friends, please join us for our monthly luncheon meeting on the third Thursday of every month at 11:30 a.m. We currently meet at Fellowship Baptist Church, 10 Ellis



Philaco Club members Monica Lemieux and Marcia Johnson, center, present donation to Valentina Webb of the Elder Care Community Council. [PHILACO WOMAN'S CLUB | CONTRIBUTED]

Van Fleet St., Apalachicola, FL. GFWC Philaco Woman's Club is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) volunteer organization. Contact us at [gfwcphilacowomansclub@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcphilacowomansclub@gmail.com).



## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Information for the newspaper's list of marriage licenses in Franklin and Gulf counties comes from the clerk of court's offices in the respective counties. The listings indicate the bride and groom, their ages, where they reside and when the marriage ceremony took place, unless not indicated on the license, in which case it is listed under the date the license was issued.

### FRANKLIN COUNTY

#### Saturday, Feb. 17

• Morgan Allan Thomas, 34, and Cristen Miranda Reagan, 42, residing in Sacramento, California

#### Saturday, March 9

• Randall Bradley Johnson, 35, and Hanna Jolene Bailey, 24, residing in Apalachicola

### GULF COUNTY

#### Wednesday, March 13

• Duane Derek Drury, 61, and Debra Abedi, 52, residing in Decatur, Alabama

## Gulf County real estate sales

The following is a listing of real estate sales in Gulf County. Each entry includes the day the sale was recorded with the clerk of courts office, the address or approximate address, names of the seller and the buyer, and sales price. All information is provided by the office of Property Appraiser Mitch Burke.

FEB. 22: **292 Cove Lane, Port St. Joe**, from D.R. Horton, Inc. to Alice and Howell Anders, Jr. for \$351,000

FEB. 22: **102 Jazzy Lane, Wewahitchka**, from Natasha Watanabe to Michael

Green and Thomas Hightower, for \$15,900

FEB. 23: **1215 Canning Drive, Wewahitchka**, from Christopher Mercer to Michelle Alexander and David Corra, for \$11,000

FEB. 23: **837 Backwater Road, Port St. Joe**, from D.R. Horton, Inc. to Sarah and Matthew Goss, for \$463,900

FEB. 23: **3611 Cape San Blas Road, Cape San Blas**, from Sandra and John Rushing, to Patrick Andres and Michelle

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## Franklin County real estate sales

The following is a listing of real estate sales in Franklin County. Each entry includes the day the sale was recorded with the clerk of courts office, the address or approximate address, names of the seller and the buyer, and sales price. All information is provided by the office of Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper.

MARCH 7: **630 East Gorrie Drive, St. George Island**, from Claire and David

Larson, to Allissa, Mark and Paul McIntyre, for \$760,000

MARCH 8: **Corner of Leslie and Water streets, Apalachicola**, from White Sands Investment Partners, LLC to Apalachicola Trading Company, LLC, for \$425,000

MARCH 8: **136 Craig Street, Lanark Village**, from Michelle Ragin to Alyssa

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# The importance of deadlines, and lifelines



Walter L. Woodrick CFP  
Guest Columnist

Deadlines – we've all had them – health, work, school, life. Some of us create them for other people, and some people refuse to acknowledge them.

I played pickleball with a friend last week and I noticed

he was breathing heavily and seemed a little out of sorts. After not feeling well the following two days, he was admitted to the hospital in Dothan for observation. The doctor made a 3 p.m. Monday deadline

for an exploratory catheterization procedure. My friend successfully underwent an angioplasty and the installation of a stent to relieve a 90% blockage. A deadline became a lifeline.

April 15th is a

major deadline for income-earning Americans as it is the due date to give an accounting for our income, allowed deductions, and estimate of tax owed. We all die a little when we pay our tax bills, but

the revenue does provide life to our governmental operations.

I recently met a man who was out for a slow and deliberate walk in Port St Joe. He was

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LANARK NEWS

# Village clean-up day this Saturday morning



Pat Sewell Funderburk  
Guest Columnist

Hi Y'all:

This past weekend could not have been better. Lanark was bustling from all the activities going on. Number one, we were blessed with great weather.

First thing Saturday morning, Lanark was treated to the once-a-month Lanark Village Boat Club pancake breakfast, with more than



A line-up of more than two dozen golf carts in the Lanark Village St. Patrick's Day parade.  
[PAT SEWELL FUNDERBURK]

80 hungry people served. Some of the Lanark residents played double duty getting the quilt show started. The Lanark Wandering Star Quilt Show was amazing. So much

talent, and these quilters have been having this show for many years. Several Lanark residents won as they really came forward to support this cause. A good portion of

the proceeds will be going to the Franklin County Seniors Center in Carrabelle. Also, the Lanark Village Golf Club provided chicken salad

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Don Railey appeared as a leprechaun [PAT SEWELL FUNDERBURK]

## WOODRICK

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recovering from paralysis related to spinal stenosis, surgery, and severe pain – unable to work, zero income, and fighting boredom during recovery. I also discovered he loved to play guitar but did not have one. This man needed some love and hope – a lifeline!

A post was made on a local Facebook group asking if anyone could help get a guitar for this man so that he could have a constructive way to pass the time while recovering his mobility and dexterity. Several people responded that they were willing to help. One generous person donated a guitar to the man. The man was

thankful for the lifeline – something to help him get from where he is today to where he hopes to be tomorrow – healthy, pain-free, productive, and musical! Way to go, Port St Joe!

Deadlines and lifelines, both are important. Be sure your estate is in order. Life is short. Change is inevitable and oftentimes unpredictable. Something in a legal document is generally better than nothing. Will, living will, health care surrogate, durable power of attorney, physician's directive – these are all necessary documents for most people. Make sure your beneficiaries on investment, bank and retirement accounts are accurate. Stay organized throughout the year so that the tax filing deadline is a

non-event. Be generous and appreciative. Ask for help if you are overwhelmed, uncertain, not thinking as clearly as you used to, doing without, or a little wobbly on the pickleball court. Deadlines can bring about lifelines!

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## GULF REAL ESTATE

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Downing, for \$1,500,000

FEB. 23: **380 West Creekview Drive, Wewahitchka**, from Sabrina and Domino Demunck, to Philip Clary, for \$160,000

FEB. 23: **2154 Lake Grove Road, Wewahitchka**, from Redneck Riviera Camping, LLC to Robert Knowles, for \$78,000



FEB. 23: **401 Front Street, Port St. Joe**, from Mark Williams et al to The Laubach Trust, for \$1,700,000

FEB. 24: **117 Atlantic Street, St. Joe Beach**, from Gerhard Eisele et al to PEF Properties, LLC for \$230,000

FEB. 26: **Hardy Street, Overstreet**, from John Arnold, to Theresa and John Malory, for \$20,000

FEB. 26: **148 Hardy Street, Overstreet**, from John Arnold to Kimberly and Christopher Hicks, for \$20,000

FEB. 26: **Hardy Street, Overstreet**, from John Arnold to George and April Landrum, for \$40,000

FEB. 26: **Hardy Street, Overstreet**, from John Arnold to Robin L. Pearce, for \$25,000

FEB. 26: **124 Magellan Street, St. Joe Beach**, from Spring Creek Properties of Georgia, to PEF Properties, LLC for \$250,000

FEB. 27: **6065 County Road 30A, Indian Pass**, from Calon and Kattie Bailey, to Amanda and James McCarthy, for \$167,000

FEB. 27: **2275 Flat Water Street West, Port St. Joe**, from D.R. Horton, Inc. to Jennifer and Jeff Hawkins, for \$451,700

FEB. 27: **Cypress Drive, Wewahitchka**, from Cara and Evan Williams, to Cynthia Brooks, for \$162,000

FEB. 27: **621 Tide Water Drive, Port St. Joe**, from Kelli and Ray Culpepper, to Sheila and Frederick Etchen, for \$170,000

FEB. 27: **760 Bryant Landing Road, Wewahitchka**, from C & A Real Estate Property Team LLC, to Charles Tanner and Shawn Marlowe, for \$16,000

FEB. 27: **760 Bryant Landing Road, Wewahitchka**, from C & A Real Estate Property Team LLC, to Charles Tanner and Shawn Marlowe, for \$24,500

FEB. 28: **425, 437, 449, 458, 461, 470, 471, 482 and 532 Vermillion Circle, Port St. Joe**, from WMOZ, LLC to D.R. Horton, Inc, for \$1,530,000

FEB. 28: **124 Cortez Street, Port St. Joe**, from Mary J. Gandee, to Gandee Holdings, LLC for \$800,000

FEB. 28: **140 Palm Street, Wewahitchka**, from Cody Hamilton to Russell Gabelt, for \$47,900

FEB. 28: **342 Santa Anna Street, Port St. Joe**, from William Schofill to Ashley and Jordan Brown, for \$200,000

FEB. 29: **712 Gulf Aire Drive, Port St. Joe**, from Judith A. Kosin to Linda and Lawrence Anderson, for \$462,500

FEB. 29: **East Highway 98, Port St. Joe**, from Bay View PSJ, LLC to 250 Milledge LLC for \$200,000

FEB. 29: **East Highway 98, Port St. Joe**, from Bay View PSJ, LLC to George Newman and Zachary Childs, for \$200,000

FEB. 29: **160 Norris Drive, Port St. Joe**, from Classic Coastal Construction to Blackfin Properties, LLC, for \$625,000

FEB. 29: **3056 West Highway 98 D134, Port St. Joe**, from Alicia and Edward Dutton to Sandra H. Jones for \$350,000

FEB. 29: **547 Barrier Dunes Drive, Cape San Blas**, from Christine and Eric Paul Gafkjen, to Michael A. Hermann, for \$575,000

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and Gerald Pepper, for \$135,000

MARCH 8: **East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island**, from F. Kent Nunnaly to Anthony F. Bloodworth, for \$270,000

MARCH 11: **624 East Gorrie Drive, St. George Island**, from Sea to Peak Ventures, LLC to J & V Homes, LLC, for \$760,000

MARCH 11: **96 Avenue D, Apalachicola**, from William David Ventry to Sabrina and Christopher Fornes, for \$350,000

MARCH 11: **116 Treehouse Circle, St. Teresa**, from D.R. Horton, Inc to Carl R.

Geiger, for \$385,000

MARCH 14: **502 Avenue L, Carrabelle**, from Edwin Morshuis to Eagleview Financial Services, LLC, for \$2,200

MARCH 14: **1302 Northeast Fifth Street, Carrabelle**, from Edwin Morshuis to Eagleview Financial Services, LLC, for \$2,200

# COOKOFF

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bested the competition at the 24th annual cookoff to raise money for the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department.



Richard Radford, the department's deputy chief, won the Liar's Contest for a tale he told about obeying highway signs that read "Clean Bathroom Ahead."

[ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

But it wasn't by much.

The Double D team finished just one point ahead of runner-up Bigfish Cafe on St. George Island, captained by Clint Taylor, which earned the team \$750. In third place, also a mere one point behind, was 10-4 BBQ, led by John Solomon and assistant Philip Sapienza. which brought them home \$500.

Honorable Mention, and a \$250 prize went to J Dawg BBQ, led by Jay Humphreys together with the island's Jimmy Crenshaw, last year's winner.

Blessed with a sunny day, the cookoff drew a steady crowd and 14 competitors, all judged by a 10-person crew led by certified judge and table captain Gail Rieglmayer.

Fire Chief George Pruett said final totals have not been tallied of the proceeds, but that the silent auction had yielded \$5,000 for the department.

He said proceeds will go towards making the final payments on a \$349,000 2020 Toyne Class A pumper the department bought four years ago.



Eastpoint's Cliff and Denise Butler, wearing their Rotary vests, are longtime volunteers at the cookoff.

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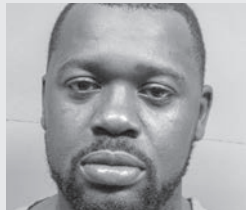


Ira Kelly, with the Bayshore Porkers, shows off his racks on the grill. [ DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES ]

## THE TIMES Arrest Reports

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

MARCH 9



**Emory Roosevelt Ross**, 38, Newberry, petit theft from a transit agency - second offense (FCSO)

MARCH 10



**Kristian Richard Scarabin**, 25, Apalachicola, battery, two counts of violation of probation (FCSO)

MARCH 10



**Danny R. Wallace**, 51, Apalachicola, hold for Gulf County (APD)

MARCH 10



**David Gage Gardner**, 33, Quincy, boating under the influence (FWC)

MARCH 10



**Tammy Nicole Smith**, 51, Port St. Joe, battery (FCSO)

MARCH 11



**Amanda Leanne Goram**, 35, Crawfordville, failure to appear (FCSO)

MARCH 11



**John George Ensworth**, 43, Carrabelle, neglect of an elderly or disabled person without great harm, possession or use of drug equipment, possession of controlled substance (FCSO)

MARCH 12



**Alphonso J. Johnson**, 37, Apalachicola, violation of an injunction against stalking, violation of an injunction protecting against domestic violence (APD)

MARCH 13



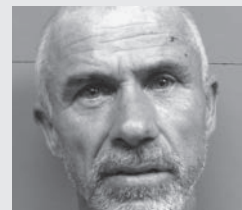
**Terry Cameron Thompson**, 19, Eastpoint, unarmed burglary of an occupied dwelling (FCSO)

MARCH 13



**Jo Helen Lemieux**, 53, Eastpoint, abandoning or discarding airtight appliance without removing doors - no injury or death (FCSO)

MARCH 14



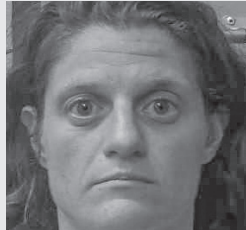
**Wade Odell Dixon**, 47, Carrabelle, reckless driving - first offense, leaving the scene of a crash involving damage to property, violation of probation (FCSO)

**All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.**

## THE STAR Arrest Reports

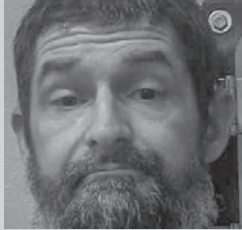
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MARCH 6



**Amanda Lee Shipman**, non support of children or spouse (Bay CSO)

MARCH 6



**Donald Wayne Brake, Jr.**, bond revocation (Court)

MARCH 7



**Jessica Nicole Brock**, violation of probation - fraud (Court)

MARCH 7



**Brandon Ray Evans**, violation of probation - possession of methamphetamine (Court)

MARCH 7



**Krystina Michelle Hurst**, violation of community control - two counts of burglary of an unoccupied structure/ conveyance or attempted (Court)

MARCH 7



**Dustin Lynn Brake**, failure to appear on charge of giving false information (Court)

MARCH 7



**Sherry Ann Smith**, violation of probation - two counts of organized fraud under \$20,000 (Court)

MARCH 8



**William Ray Raker**, non support of children (Court)

MARCH 8



**Dustin Shane McLemore**, violation of probation - false imprisonment (Court)

MARCH 10



**Cecilee Smallwood**, capias for driving while license suspended or revoked (Court)

MARCH 13



**Marvin Fransisco**, no valid drivers license (GCSO)

MARCH 14



**Landon MacLellen Yates**, possession of marijuana, non-moving traffic violation (GCSO)

# FAITH

## I love the way God loves us



**Sheryl Boldt**  
Guest Columnist

May I ask you some personal questions, friend to friend? How is sin affecting your perception of

God's love for you? How is your sin affecting your Christian journey?

And now another: Why is it so easy to see and judge others for missing the mark while glossing over our own missteps?

When we downplay or justify our sinful actions, we risk missing some important things:

the opportunity to experience God's love; the opportunity to repent and change; and – most importantly – the chance to live holy lives before a holy God.

Have you considered that the more we dismiss our sin, the more we minimize God's love and Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary? Let's see

what happens when we read Galatians 2:20 (ESV) out loud:

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Let's read Galatians 2:20 again, this

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## Build your hopes on things eternal



**Michael J. Brooks**  
Guest Columnist

The college I worked for asked me to go to Washington, D.C. for a seminar with the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities. I didn't have to be asked twice! It was a great several days on the CCCU cam-

pus a few blocks from the U.S. Capitol. I met with 30 or 40 college students who were interning in government that semester.

We later invited a CCCU rep to our campus in Marion to explain the "Best

Semester" program, and as result, had a number of our students attend one of the three or four U.S. hubs.

One morning I walked from our hotel to Union Station for a breakfast

See **BROOKS, PAGE 7B**

## OBITUARIES

"As long as there is love and memory, there is no true loss."

- Cassandra Clare

### Paul Wilson Cunningham

Paul Wilson Cunningham, born on October 23, 1937, in Johnson City, TN to Paul Clifford Cunningham and Mary Belle Smith Cunningham, passed away on March 10, 2024, in Panama City, FL. Paul was raised in the Catholic faith, an Airforce veteran, a Sears Sales Manager, and a former member of the Red Cross. He was known as an outdoorsman and a riverman, finding solace and peace in nature. His hobbies included gardening, canning, fishing, and reading, but above all, Paul cherished time spent with his beloved family. Paul is preceded in death by his parents, sister Margaret Thompson,

sister Theresa Doty, and Grand Grandchild Aiden Heath. He leaves behind partner Marchelle



Gates of Wewahitchka; son, Steven and Bonnie Cunningham of Jasper, GA; daughters, Angela Alvarez and Eric of Riverview, FL, and Ashley Gates of Wewahitchka; sisters, Judy Kilby and Robert of Johnson

City, TN, and Cecilia Cunningham of Hilton Head, SC; grandchildren, Ashley, Mitchell, Felicia, Gregory, Carey, Joseph, Johonna, and Paislynn, as well as his great-grandchildren, Tristan, Leon, Jude, Cayden, Jace, Tori, Makayden, Kylan, Keaton, and Bowen. A graveside funeral service will be held at Roberts Cemetery in Wewahitchka, FL, on March 15, 2024, at 10:00 AM, with Reverend Aaron Kent officiating. A visitation will be held prior to the service starting at 9:00 AM. All arrangements are under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown, FL.

### Scott Edgar Burkett

Scott Edgar Burkett, age 53 of PSJ, passed away on February 17th, 2024. Scott was Co-owner of Coastal Joe in CSB.



It is here that Scott developed many friendships; especially anyone who could talk soccer! Scott is mourned by his wife, Mary Burkett and

daughters Kaleigh and Kimberlie, stepsons, Jacob and Josh and 3 Grandchildren. Parents: Sherrill and Preston Russ

and his brother Brian (Megan) and their children. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

### Jean Faulk Arnold

Jean Faulk Arnold, age 95, of Beacon Hill, Florida passed from this life to her heavenly home on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. She was born in Geneva, Alabama on June 22, 1928. After moving to Pensacola, Florida in 1941, Jean trained to become a machinist in the early part of World War II. She completed many jobs for the US Navy. Jean moved with her family to Beacon Hill in 1956. She became a dental assistant in Dr. Robert King's office in Port St Joe. She also volunteered as an Emergency Medical Technician in Gulf County. In 1964, Jean received her real estate license and soon became a broker as well

as a licensed general contractor. Jean developed land; subdivisions and several townhouses



and other apartment buildings on the gulf front and other areas in Gulf County. Jean invested and worked all of her life brokering and managing rental properties. She was preceded in death by her parents,

Jesse T. and Lonnie E. Faulk; husband, Lucien T. Arnold and 12 brothers and sisters. Jean is survived by three children, John F. Arnold (Kathy) of Beacon Hill, Florida; Lucia E. Delphinus of Tallahassee, Florida and Richard P. Arnold (Shelia) of Ocala, Florida; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Memorialization will be by cremation. Celebration of her life will be a private family service. Donations in her memory can be made through NAMIFlorida.org. Arrangements are entrusted to the caring staff of Comforter Funeral Home in Port St. Joe, Florida.

### Robert Kent Hanson III

Robert Kent Hanson III (known as Bob Hanson by his friends and family) was sixty-eight when he passed away on March 3rd,



2024. He passed peacefully in his home in Port St Joe, Florida with his friends and daughter by his side. Bob was born on April 27th, 1955, in Norfolk, Virginia. He was a man of great talents, fantastic humor, and a can-do stubborn attitude that never quit until the very end. Bob enjoyed exploring the local bay and waterways as well as riding his Harley with his friends and daughter. He was the expert trim craftsman for Windolf Construction for 10+ years. There are a number of homes and

businesses in the area that show the results of his beautiful skills. Bob was preceded in death by his loving wife and life part-

ner, Lana Lee Tucker, his parents Robert Kent Hanson II and Mary Griffith, and his friends Wanda Montague, Windy Gray. He is survived by daughters Bobby Joe Hanson, Candy Lanning, and Katrina Hanson, son Chris Hanson, brothers Mike Hanson and Mark Hanson, sisters Elinda Hanson, Kelly Hanson, and Terra Hanson, and his loving friends Paula Oaks, Joey Sheer, and Bob Windolf. Those wishing to extend condolences online may do so at <http://www.heritagefhllc.com>.





## BOLDT

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time making it even more personal. (Pause as necessary to fully appreciate the meaning and intent.)

“I, (your name), have been crucified with Christ. I nail my will to the cross. It’s no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. From now on, I, (your name), put my complete faith in Jesus, the Son of God, Who loved me, (your name), so much that

He died an excruciatingly painful death – on my behalf.”

The more we comprehend how much Jesus loves us and acknowledge the price He paid for our sins, the more we can see sin for what it is: evil, destructive and foolish. Only the greatest act of love could rescue us from it.

God’s love for us is so great that we struggle to fully understand the depth of emotion and sacrificial commitment that drove Jesus to die for mankind. Especially for people (us!) who consistently rebel –

and then minimize our actions.

Is it possible to understand a love so giving? A love so tenderhearted that it can completely penetrate our hearts?

A love so powerful that it enables us to recognize and repent of our sin and resolve to turn in a new direction?

I love the way our heavenly Father loves us. Don’t you?

*Sheryl H. Boldt, a Franklin County resident, is the author of the blog, [www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net](http://www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net). Connect with her at [SherylHBoldt@gmail.com](mailto:SherylHBoldt@gmail.com).*

## BROOKS

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meeting. I fell in step with a lady heading that way. She looked so familiar. I knew I’d seen her somewhere, maybe on television? I racked my brain to think who she was, and then tentatively greeted her, “Mrs. Schroeder?”

“Yes, I am,” she said.

Patsy Schroeder was the first female in Colorado elected to the U.S. House

of Representatives where she served 25 years. She was known as an outspoken advocate for a number of women’s causes. Vice President Mondale considered her as his VP pick in 1984, before asking Rep. Geraldine Ferraro to be his running mate. Schroeder chaired the 1988 presidential campaign of Sen. Gary Hart. When Hart dropped out, she faced calls for her to run for president, a task she eventually declined.

Schroeder was very kind, and we had a pleasant two-or-three-minute conversa-

tion as we trekked.

If we’d have talked further, I might’ve told her we disagreed politically, but I admired her determination to stand on her convictions to influence the nation.

Schroeder died last year in her newly adopted state of Florida.

Wherever she went in 1988 there were crowds, cameras, microphones and reporters.

But the day I met her, some 15 years later, she walked alone, and she took time to talk with a college professor from Alabama.

I’ve always puzzled over the lure of political power. Earning adulation from the crowds and people hanging onto our words must be exhilarating. But political power is fleeting. No one that I’m aware of has earned this kind of power and kept it forever. Politicians contribute to society, to be sure, but power doesn’t last forever.

Our world insists that personal value is primarily measured in power and possessions. But Jesus challenged this concept with a beatitude. “Happy are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled,” he said.

Jesus urged us to make it our highest goal to pursue, love and serve God.

An old gospel hymn says, “Build your hopes on things eternal; hold to God’s unchanging hand.”

*Reflections is a weekly faith column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church, Alabaster, Alabama. The church’s website is [siluriabaptist.com](http://siluriabaptist.com).*



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- ABC School Tours will be given Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am-12pm. (School will be closed during Spring Break - March 11-15.)

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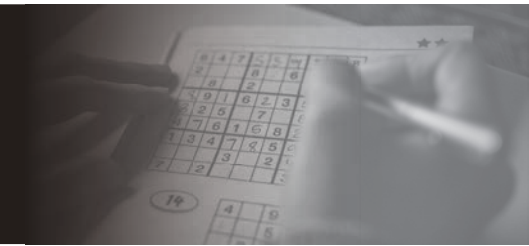
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Tickets: Pre-concert tickets are available through Eventbrite at [www.inconcertapalachicola.org](http://www.inconcertapalachicola.org) for \$20 each. Tickets are \$25 at the door. Students are admitted free. Open Seating. Doors open at 3:30 pm.

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# FUN & GAMES



## SUDOKU

### SUDOKU

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#### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

#### Here's How It Works:

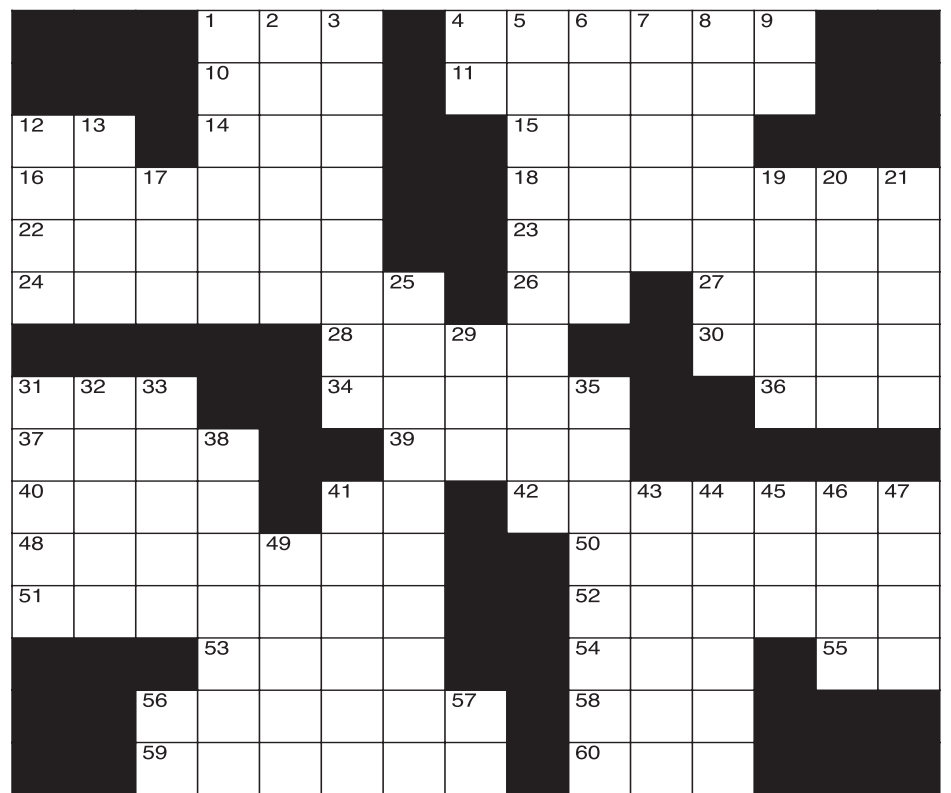
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## FOR ALL GAME AND PUZZLE ANSWERS, SEE PAGE 9B

Notice of Public Hearings For A zoning amendment to the city of PORT ST. JOE Zoning map FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT Public Hearing of the City of Port St. Joe Planning and Development Review Board and City Commission The Planning and Development Review Board sitting as the local planning agency will hold a hearing at 4:00 p.m., EST, at 2775 Garrison Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, or as soon thereafter as the issue may be heard. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider a recommendation to the Port St. Joe City Commissioners for the establishment of the Butler Bay Road Planned Unit Development District by Ordinance NO. 609 relating thereto, the title of which is set forth below. The City of Port St. Joe City Commission will conduct a Public Hearing, hold the first reading of Ordinance NO. 609, the title of which is set forth below, at 2775 Garrison Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., EST, or as soon thereafter as the issue may be heard. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider and conduct the first reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Map to establish a Bulter Bay Road Planned Unit Development District. The title of the ordinances to be considered are set forth below. The City of Port St. Joe City Commission will conduct a Public Hearing and hold the final reading of Ordinance 609, the title of which is set forth below, at 2775 Garrison Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida, on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. EST, or as soon thereafter as the issue may be heard. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider and conduct the final reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Code and Zoning Map to establish a Bulter Bay Road Planned Unit Development District. The title of the ordinances to be considered are set forth below. **ORDINANCE NO. 609 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AND AMENDING THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE ZONING MAP; DESIGNATING AND ESTABLISHING THE BULTER BAY ROAD PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT; ADOPTING CERTAIN REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BULTER BAY ROAD PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT TO SUPERSEDE REQUIREMENTS IN THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE ZONING CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Copies of the Bulter Bay Road Planned Unit Development District is available for public inspection at the City of Port St. Joe City Hall, located at 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary. Interested persons may attend and be heard at the public hearing or provide comments in writing to the City Commissioners. Comments can be mailed to the City of Port St. Joe, City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. Transactions of the public hearing will not be recorded. Persons wishing to appeal any decision made during the hearing will need a record of the proceeding and should ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony on which the appeal is based. Any person requiring special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk's Office at (850) 229-8261, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the hearing. **CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**  
March 21, 2024

## CROSSWORD



#### CLUES ACROSS

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|---|--|
| 1. Small Eurasian deer                  | 34. Silk or cotton garments              |
| 4. Irish county                         | 36. Soviet Socialist Republics           |
| 10. A major division of geological time | 37. Retired American football coach Dean |
| 11. Broadway actor Lane                 | 39. Hot dish                             |
| 12. Canadian province (abbr.)           | 40. A type of gin                        |
| 14. Human gene                          | 41. Atomic #84                           |
| 15. Two                                 | 42. Sawhorse                             |
| 16. A famous one is blue                | 48. About ground                         |
| 18. Utter repeatedly                    | 50. Medicine man                         |
| 22. Ring-shaped objects                 | 51. Seedless raisin                      |
| 23. Spoils                              | 52. Capital of Albania                   |
| 24. Occurs                              | 53. Appendage                            |
| 26. Commercial                          | 54. OJ trial judge                       |
| 27. Near                                | 55. By the way (abbr.)                   |
| 28. Products you may need               | 56. Bicycle parts                        |
| 30. Pledge thrown down as a challenge   | 58. Barbie's friend                      |
| 31. TV network                          | 59. Moved one's neck to see              |
|   | 60. Commercials                          |

#### CLUES DOWN

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|---|---|
| 1. Make up for                                | 31. Recesses                                  |
| 2. Baltimore ballplayer                       | 32. W. Pacific island group                   |
| 3. Salary                                     | 33. Tolkien character                         |
| 4. Influential world body                     | 35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party |
| 5. Engravers                                  | 38. Pioneer                                   |
| 6. Declared as fact                           | 41. Scribe                                    |
| 7. One who steals                             | 43. Painted a bright color                    |
| 8. Jewelry                                    | 44. Lowest members of British nobility        |
| 9. Hospital employee (abbr.)                  | 45. Actress Thurman                           |
| 12. Nonsense (slang)                          | 46. Type of sugar                             |
| 13. Town in Galilee                           | 47. Crest of a hill                           |
| 17. Value                                     | 49. N. American people of British Columbia    |
| 19. A fake name                               | 56. Device                                    |
| 20. Sheep in their second year                | 57. The Mount Rushmore State                  |
| 21. Town in Surrey, England                   |   |
| 25. Appropriate for a particular time of year |   |
| 29. Creative works                            |   |

### BID ADVERTISEMENT:

The Gulf County School District will be accepting bids to re-carpet rooms at Port St. Joe Elementary & High Schools and Wewahitchka Elementary and High Schools with carpet tile. There will be one room at Port St Joe High School that will be Vinyl Composition Tile (VCT). Bids will be accepted starting 3/14/24 and ending 4/4/24. Bids are available for pick-up at 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 or emailed by contacting Woody Borders at [wborders@gulf.k12.fl.us](mailto:wborders@gulf.k12.fl.us)

There will be a mandatory bid meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2024. All interested bidders will meet at the Gulf County School Board Maintenance Department at 9:00 a.m. eastern time.

The Gulf County School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, the winning bidder.

# PARADE

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hopping. Both canine royalty were adopted, Queen June Bug by Lynn Wilder and King Noa by Sheriff Smith and wife Helen, as were several other dogs and a cat.

This event was supported by generous sponsors, including the Franklin County Tourism Development Council, Duke Energy, Scipio Creek Marina, Apalachicola Chocolate and Coffee Company, The Pet Stop, Centennial Bank and the Eastpoint Beer Company. In addition,

many people and businesses donated to the silent auction.

“The Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers is thankful for the support and hard work of volunteers that make this event successful year after year,” said Sarah Madson, president, Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers. “The impact of this parade on the local economy is significant with thousands of visitors filling the streets of downtown Apalachicola as well as the local restaurants, watering holes and shops.

The Mystic Krewe donated a total of \$23,200 this year, \$12,000 to Florida Wild Mammal Association and \$11,200 to the

Franklin County Humane Society. Since its inception, The Mystic Krewe has raised over \$100,000 for the care of injured wildlife and homeless dogs and cats through the Mardi Gras Barkus Parade.

“Franklin County is unique with its pet friendly accommodations and alluring wildlife. We know that this area and the animals are special, and we need to take care of what is important to us,” said Madson. “I am inspired by all the participation and support. We absolutely love hosting this event; animals and the essence of Mardi Gras – what’s not to love?”

# LANARK

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lunches. Some residents broke off to go to the Cultural Crawl in Carrabelle.

Later in the afternoon the golf club, American Legion Post and residents joined together in “Lanark’s First St. Patrick’s Day Parade.” Over 25 extremely decorated golf carts joined the parade, driving through the Lanark area led by the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department. Cheered on by residents and the future St. James Lanark Fire Department volunteers, the parade ended at the Legion for judging and more fun. A

tasty corned beef and cabbage dinner was served to those who came for the rest of the day.

Afterward, deejay Hope Stewart and sidekick Tina Gomer brought the celebration up a few notches with music, karaoke, and dancing. Oh, what a night!

There will be a “Clean-up day” this Saturday, March 23 from 8 a.m. to noon, sponsored by Franklin County and orchestrated by Joan Matey. The Lanark Village Proper area (the apartments) is the only area the volunteers will remove trash from. Put your discards (not household garbage) on the right-of-way. Residents of Lanark Village, please come

by Chillas Hall to offer your help or get more information.

In the afternoon, the Lanark Village Association will have a Chili Cook Off at Chillas Hall, from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be a tasting, voting for your choice and a chili dinner. A Silent Auction will be there for your pleasure. If you would like to participate in the cook-off, please send an email to Lanarkva@Yahoo.com. LVA would appreciate your support.

Love Lanark.

*Pat Sewell Funderburk is the Times Lanark News columnist. Be sure to send news and society items about Lanark Village life to her at p.funderburk@yahoo.com*

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<p><b>375</b> IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>IN RE: ESTATE OF PROBABE DIVISION MATILDA KOLICH WILLIAMSON, CASE NO.: 2024 – CP – 02 Deceased.</p>	<p>for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida 32320. The estate is intestate and there is no will admitted to probate. The names and addresses of the personal representatives’ Attorney are set forth below.</p>	<p>personal representatives, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p>	<p>file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p>	<p>2024 March 14, 21, 2024</p> <p><b>377</b> <b>Public Service Announcement Meeting Announcement</b></p> <p>The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a meeting to which all persons are invited. The Franklin County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 10:00 am Eastern Time at the Fort Coombs Armory, 66 4th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The agenda will include its regular quarterly business items, and review of the Annual CTC Evaluation. For additional information contact Kwentin Eastberg, TD Program Coordinator at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council at 850-488-6211, or by email at keastberg@arpc.org. March 21, 2024</p>	<p>THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p> <p>All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.</p> <p>The date of first publication of this notice is March 21, 2024.</p>	<p>&amp; MCMENAMY, P.A. 245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 150 Jacksonville, Florida 32202 Telephone: (904) 354-8080 Fax: (904) 791-9563 Email: eservice@dmjxlaw.com</p>	<p>March 21, 2024</p> <p>RFP #2024-02</p> <p>Group Health, Life and Employee Voluntary Supplemental Insurance</p> <p>The Franklin County School Board is requesting proposals from qualified proposers to provide Group Health and Life Insurance and Employee Voluntary Supplemental Insurances. Sealed Proposals must be submitted to the Franklin County School Board, Purchasing Department, at 85 School Road, Eastpoint, FL 32328, no later than 10:00 A.M. local time on April 8, 2024 and plainly marked <b>RFP No. 2024-02 – GROUP HEALTH, LIFE, AND EMPLOYEE VOLUNTARY INSURANCE</b>. Bids are due and will be opened at this time.</p> <p>All information regarding this RFP may be found at the following web address: <a href="https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/BidsList?BuyerId=f15301dc-b9da-411c-a316-04a41c93255f">https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/BidsList?BuyerId=f15301dc-b9da-411c-a316-04a41c93255f</a></p> <p>Firms/Businesses are subject to the provisions of the Jessica Lunsford Act</p>	<p>(F.S. 1012.465).</p> <p>The Franklin County School Board is an equal opportunity agency.</p> <p>All public advertisements are published in The Times.</p> <p>The Franklin County School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to re-advertise, and to enter into contract determined to be in its best interest.</p> <p>Published: March 21, 2024</p>

# ANSWERS

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A surviving spouse seeking an elective share must file an election to take elective share within the time provided by law.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims against the decedent’s estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is Thursday, March 14, 2024. **Personal Representatives:**

JOSEPH GARRETT CARTER

KAYLA ELLEN CARTER

/s/ Kelsey D. Shuler  
KELSEY D. SHULER, Esquire of Law Office of Kelsey Shuler-McAnally, P.A. 34 4th Street Apalachicola, Florida 32320 (850) 653-6777 FBN: 1049715 **Attorney for the Personal Representatives**

**379**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF KODY DALLAS RYAN PATE

File No. 16-2024-CP-0005 Division: Probate Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of KODY DALLAS RYAN PATE, deceased, whose date of death was May 15, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative’s attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF

Attorney for Personal Representative: Thomas M. Donahoo, Jr. Florida Bar No. 078530 Michelle Medina Florida Bar No. 772623 Attorneys for Personal Representative DONAHO

**381**  
FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**HELP WANTED**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Position Title:** Night Field Technician  
**Closing Date:** April 1, 2024  
**Hourly Rate:** \$13.85 per Hour / No Benefits / Seasonal Position/

**Contact Person:** James Dewitt Polous  
Virginia Messer  
Mosquito Control  
376 State Road 65  
Eastpoint, FL 32328  
Phone: (850) 670-8640

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Seeking to hire a Night Driver Technician to help control populations of adult mosquitoes by ensuring that spray equipment is working properly and applying an ultra-low volume mosquito control product to areas within Franklin County. This position is perfect for someone who is passionate about public health sustainability, likes to drive and who is looking for a flexible, graveyard shift position. If this sounds like the opportunity that you’ve been looking for, apply today! This position generally works a 7PM-1AM shift (start/end times may vary based on business needs). The Night Driver Technician works ON CALL and supports the summer seasonal operations (generally May-October/November).

As a Night Field Technician, you are responsible for driving a company vehicle with a spray unit attached to apply a mosquito control product to areas within Franklin County in an effort to control the mosquito population. You love your graveyard shift job as you get to be out of an office and driving the local community during the calmest times of the night. A map will be given to you by your supervisor for you to utilize as you navigate your Truck through treatment routes while abiding by all traffic laws. You have excellent attention to detail as you apply treatments accurately, safely, and in a timely manner.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR A NIGHT DRIVER TECHNICIAN** • Must be 18 years of age or older • Communicate effectively in English in both written and verbal forms • Have a valid Driver’s License with an excellent driving record • Be able to sit and drive a vehicle for extended periods of time • Must be able to work through the end of the season (November) • Must be available to work Monday - Friday • Navigating through various residential communities, urban environments and traffic patterns where environmental conditions are affected by weather. • Capable to use handheld technical devices including, but not limited to, smartphones, gps, and system applications  
February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024

# OUTDOORS

## WEEKLY ALMANAC

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
Thu, March 21	69°	58°	56%
Fri, March 22	74°	60°	60%
Sat, March 23	73°	58°	24%
Sun, March 24	73°	55°	16%
Mon, March 25	73°	60°	58%
Tues, March 26	72°	59°	58%
Wed, March 27	72°	59°	56%
Thu, March 28	73°	58°	53%

## THE TIMES

### APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide AM	High Tide PM	Low Tide AM	Low Tide PM
21	Thurs	1:22 1.1	4:10 1.2	9:29 -0.2	9:24 0.7
22	Fri	2:43 1.2	4:26 1.2	10:03 0.0	9:59 0.5
23	Sat	3:34 1.2	4:37 1.3	10:30 0.1	10:35 0.4
24	Sun	4:19 1.3	4:43 1.3	10:52 0.3	11:10 0.3
25	Mon	5:04 1.3	4:47 1.4	11:08 0.4	11:43 0.1
26	Tues	5:49 1.3	4:55 1.4	11:25 0.6	
27	Wed	6:36 1.3	5:09 1.5	12:12 0.0	11:47A 0.7
28	Thurs	7:27 1.2	5:29 1.6	12:42 -0.1	12:13 0.9

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Date	Day	High Tide AM	High Tide AM	Low Tide PM	Low Tide PM
21	Thurs		2:45 1.9	7:16 -0.3	7:11 1.0
22	Fri	1:18 1.9	3:01 1.9	7:50 -0.1	7:46 0.8
23	Sat	2:09 2.0	3:12 2.0	8:17 0.2	8:22 0.6
24	Sun	2:54 2.0	3:18 2.1	8:39 0.5	8:57 0.4
25	Mon	3:39 2.0	3:22 2.2	8:55 0.7	9:30 0.2
26	Tues	4:24 2.0	3:30 2.3	9:12 1.0	9:59 0.0
27	Wed	5:11 2.0	3:44 2.4	9:34 1.2	10:29 -0.2
28	Thurs	6:02 2.0	4:04 2.5	10:00 1.4	11:00 -0.4

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### ST. JOSEPH BAY

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23	Sat	2:22P 0.6	10:39 1.0	5:36 0.3	4:54 0.4
24	Sun		2:43 0.7	5:52 0.3	5:48 0.3
25	Mon	2:46 0.8	10:59A 0.8	6:13 0.4	6:38 0.2
26	Tues	3:36 0.8	10:49A 1.0	6:33 0.5	7:24 0.1
27	Wed	4:29 0.7	10:54A 1.2	6:50 0.6	8:08 0.1
28	Thurs	11:16 1.4	10:56 0.1		8:53 0.0

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide AM	High Tide PM	Low Tide AM	Low Tide PM
21	Thurs	12:55 1.0	3:43 1.0	9:02 -0.2	8:57 0.7
22	Fri	2:16 1.0	3:59 1.1	9:36 0.0	9:32 0.5
23	Sat	3:07 1.1	4:10 1.1	10:03 0.1	10:08 0.4
24	Sun	3:52 1.1	4:16 1.1	10:25 0.3	10:43 0.3
25	Mon	4:37 1.1	4:20 1.2	10:41 0.4	11:16 0.1
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## Bat maternity season coming up in April

Special to the Times and Star

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is sharing the reminder that bat maternity season, the time when most of our state's native and beneficial bats give birth and raise their young, starts on April 16.

Now is the time for property owners to check homes and other buildings for roosting bats before bat maternity season begins.

Florida's 13 bat species typically roost in trees, caves or other natural spaces, but are sometimes attracted to human-made structures. Buildings undergoing major construction can also provide greater access to bats. During bat maternity season, it is illegal to block bats from their roosts to prevent flightless young from being trapped inside structures, which isn't good for people or bats.

The most effective and only legal method to remove roosting bats from structures is the use of exclusion devices, which allow bats to safely exit a structure but block them from returning to their roosts. It is only legal to use exclusion devices from Aug. 15 until April 15, outside of the maternity season. Permits are required to use exclusion devices outside of those dates.

It is illegal in Florida to kill or harm bats, so exclusion guidelines were developed to ensure bats are removed safely and effectively from buildings outside of maternity season. Bat exclusion is a multi-step process that begins by identifying all potential bat entry and exit points in a building. To legally exclude bats, exclusion devices must be installed



A Florida bonneted bat. [ GARY MORSE | FWC ]

on key exit points, left up for a minimum of four nights and the exclusion must be conducted when the overnight temperature is forecast to be 50°F or above.

Bats are highly beneficial, both ecologically and economically. Florida's bats are insectivores, with a single bat eating up to hundreds of insects a night, including mosquitoes and other garden and agricultural pests. Worldwide, bats serve critical functions due to their roles in insect pest control, and as pollinators and seed dispersers, and their guano can be a valuable fertilizer.

Florida's native bat populations include endangered species including the Florida bonneted bat. Want to help our bats? There are several ways that Florida residents and visitors can support bat conservation:

- Preserve natural roost sites, including trees with cavities or peeling bark.
- Leave dead fronds on palm trees to provide roosting spots for bats.
- Install a bat house on your property.
- Report unusual bat behavior, as well as sick or dead bats: [MyFWC.com/Bat-Mortality](http://MyFWC.com/Bat-Mortality).

For more information about how to properly exclude bats as well as other tips to bat-proof your home, visit [MyFWC.com/Bats](http://MyFWC.com/Bats) and click "Bats in Buildings." If you have questions or need more assistance, contact your closest FWC Regional Office to speak with a wildlife assistance biologist.



A Florida bonneted bat. [ GARY MORSE | FWC ]

## Forgotten Coast Fishing Report

Special to the Times and Star

Dave Mason from Forgotten Coast Fishing reports that triggerfish season opened March 1 and keepers are being caught offshore, although mixed in with many short ones. Easiest technique is a double drop rig using 30-pound test with light wire 3/0 circle hooks with 4-ounce weight or the smallest weight that gets you down to the bottom. You don't need anything bigger than a 4000 spinning reel and a medium offshore rod. Remember we can only keep one, but they are some of the tastiest fish out there, so still worth the work to get them! Capt. Chase Wilder of Signal 0 Charters was another local captain that had catches of keeper triggerfish on the car bodies. When red snapper and gag grouper season kick in, you want to keep Captain Chase on your speed dial; he books up fast

We have had great reports inshore this week with several limits being caught by

our local guides. Capt. Lee Thompson of Shallow Sea Charters caught lots of redfish and sheepshead. Capt. Pete Barwick of Bounty Bay Charters scored big with a black drum, sheepshead and pompano. Capt. Chris Lance of Gettin Reel Sportfishing added another satisfied crew with sheepshead and black Drum as well.

Our freshwater report is pretty much a carbon copy of last week with catfish on cut bait. Trot lines and bush hooks are doing the trick. Crappie are being caught on minnows on Depot Creek so stop and get your minnows and crickets and a vast assortment of bass and panfish lures as well.

Be sure and come by BlueWater Outriggers and see us before heading out. We've got live bait and tons of tackle. Talk with our staff to get the latest tips or updates. Until next week, tight Lines and don't forget to wear your lifejacket!

Tom Gannaway



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