



# The Gadsden County Times

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## Gadsden County's first black-owned credit union is in the works

By Erin Hill  
Gadsden County News Service

Quincy may soon be the home of Gadsden County's first black-owned bank.

During a recent meeting, Gadsden County Commissioner Kimblin NeSmith went before the Quincy Commission to ask permission to submit a letter of intent to the State of Florida, naming the old NetQuincy building as a possible location for the People's Credit Union of Gadsden County.

NeSmith, who is a representative for the credit union, brought some of the credit union's board members to the meeting with him to introduce them to the commissioners.

According to NeSmith, the mission of The People's Credit Union of Gadsden County, Florida is to enhance the overall quality of life for its members by utilizing the credit union profits to provide lower interest rates, reduced fees, and higher savings rates.

NeSmith said he met Curt Bradwell, who is one of the credit union's board members, back in 2007 at Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy.

NeSmith said he and Bradwell discussed a myriad of issues in Gadsden County.

"Most of them centered around the issue of lack of financial assistance from our local financial institutions, so at that time we decided to work towards putting together an application for a credit union in Gadsden County, Florida," NeSmith said.

NeSmith said in March of 2019 they met with the Office of Financial Regulations for the State of Florida and began the application process for the credit union. He said they completed the application process in June 2020.

NeSmith said after they completed the application, the Office of Financial Regulations submitted seven findings that they needed to correct.

"Since then, we have made the corrections, and we are down to the last issue that they would like us to present to them as a part of our supplemental application, and that is a possible location to operate the credit union," NeSmith said.



"Most of [the issues in Gadsden County] centered around the lack of financial assistance from our local financial institutions, so we decided to work towards putting together an application for a credit union in Gadsden County."

- Kimblin NeSmith

NeSmith said the letter of intent is not a binding document.

He said once they receive approval and their charter license from the state hopefully the commission will entertain a discussion for a permanent lease agreement to utilize the old NetQuincy building.

NeSmith said there are financial institutions in Gadsden County, but none of them are local.

NeSmith said they don't want to disturb any of the existing occupants of the building.

He said the state will send in an auditor to evaluate the building.

"If they inform us that we need to secure a certain area or we need additional space, then we have to operate under their guidelines," NeSmith said.

The commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the People's Credit Union of Gadsden County's letter of intent that will be sent to the state.



PHOTO BY ERIN HILL

Local and state government officials and business and community leaders pose for a photograph in front of Quincy Fire Department's new aerial fire truck.

## Quincy unveils new fire truck

The new aerial fire truck is expected to cut down response times.

By Erin Hill  
Gadsden County News Service

Senator Lorraine Ausley, Democrat-Tallahassee, and Representative Ramon Alexander, Democrat-Tallahassee, made a visit to Quincy on Thursday, June 17 and presented a \$755,340 ceremonial check to local officials; the check represents the purchase of a new aerial ladder fire truck for Quincy.

The check presentation and unveiling of the new fire truck was held at Trulieve.

Quincy City Manager Jack McLean said that location was chosen because it sits near the border of the county and the city, and because the company has been life-changing to the community, employing more than 1,400 people in Gadsden County.

Gadsden County Commissioners, Quincy City Commissioners, business and community leaders, and dozens of Trulieve employees were in attendance.

"Our firefighters and other first responders have been on the front lines of the pandemic, risking their own lives to help our residents," Alexander said. "We owe it to give them the best possible equipment to meet the evolving demands to do their jobs safely. These funds for a fire truck will

improve the quality of life for them in continuing to protect the community."

Quincy Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Grant Sapp said Quincy Fire Department desperately needed a new ladder truck to fight fires, but she said the city did not have the funding to replace the 25-year-old aerial truck the department had been using.

"Thanks to Representative Ramon Alexander and Lorraine Ausley we now have the money, and we will now have a new fire truck," Grant Sapp said.

Although the City of Quincy has the only professional fire department in Gadsden County, the Quincy fire department works with the volunteer fire departments when responding to emergencies.

According to a press release from the Gadsden Board of County Commissioners, the old aerial truck's response time in the City of Quincy is 3.88 minutes, and the response time in Gadsden County is 8.38 minutes.

The newly appropriated aerial ladder truck will decrease response time in the city to 3.38 minutes, and in the county, it will decrease to 7.63 minutes.

County Commission Chair Brenda Holt said despite their differences, the local governments support one another.

"We support the City of



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Quincy Fire Department's new aerial fire trucks ladder is stretched to its full extent, reaching 100 feet into the air.

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PHOTO BY ERIN HILL

Representative Ramon Alexander and Senator Lorraine Ausley presented a \$755,340 ceremonial check to Quincy Mayor Ronte Harris representing the purchase of a new aerial ladder fire truck.



PHOTO BY ERIN HILL

Quincy Mayor Ronte Harris (right) presents both Lorraine Ausley (center) and Ramon Alexander (left) with plaques as a token of the city's appreciation.

# Community Calendar

# JUNE

Want to see your event listed in The Gadsden County Times Community Calendar? Send information regarding your event to the Times Editor at editor@gadسدnecountytimes.com or call (850) 627-7649.

### Gadsden Library's Summer Reading Program

• June 14 - August 6  
The Gadsden County

Public Library System will be filling the 2021 Summer Reading Program with lots of fun activities, prizes, and awards. With

support from the Friends of the Gadsden County Public Library System, this year's summer reading program will have raffles, activity packs and crafts, online events, online reading logs, the chance to earn prizes, and fun activities for every

reading level.  
Contact: (850) 627-7106

### HIV Testing Day and family activities

- Friday, June 25
- Noon - 4 p.m.
- 1840 Live Oak Street, Quincy

Big Bend Cares will be hosting testing for National HIV Testing Day. Testing will be conducted on a drive-through basis. There will also be free hot-dogs, hamburgers, and chips for participants.

Contact: Calvin at (850) 321-0961 or Tunya at (850) 212-9737

### Second Harvest distribution in Chattahoochee

- Saturday, June 26
- 9 a.m.

613 Chattahoochee Street, Chattahoochee  
The Liberty Center (lo-

cated in the old Chattahoochee High School) will be distributing food with the Second Harvest food program. The distribution is open to all Gadsden County residents. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., with the distribution beginning at 9:30 a.m., and a free barbeque meal will be served at 10:30 a.m.

### Big Red Bus blood drive

- Sunday, June 27
- 11:30 a.m.
- 10 West King Street, Quincy

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be hosting a blood drive on church grounds. In addition to saving lives by giving blood, participants will receive a free wellness check, a \$10 gift card, and a commemorative t-shirt.

### Independence Day fireworks in Greensboro

- Saturday, July 3
- Just after dark
- 559 Greensboro Highway, Greensboro

Greensboro Kiwanis Club will again be hosting the annual fireworks show in town. Fireworks will begin

just after dark, and can be viewed from around the Greensboro Elementary School.

### Greenshade-Dogtown Fourth of July Fireworks

- Sunday, July 4
- 8 p.m.
- 8583 Salem Road, Quincy

The Greenshade-Dogtown Volunteer Fire Department will be putting on a free fireworks display for Independence Day at 5F Farm. This will be a drive-in event.

### Fourth of July Celebration in Chattahoochee

- Sunday, July 4
- 500 River Landing Road, Chattahoochee

The City of Chattahoochee will be returning to hosting the annual Fourth of July Celebration at the city's River Landing Park. The event will begin at 3 p.m. and last until after dark, when a firework show will take place. There will also be food vendors, booths for local craftspeople and artisans, activities for kids, and live music. Admission is free.



404 West Jefferson Street  
www.myquincy.net

Quincy, Florida 32351  
(850) 618-0020

June 11, 2021 RFP #2021-06-03

The City of Quincy Government "City" is accepting proposals for Group Medical Insurance to include: Health, Dental, and Vision & Life. COQ#06-09-2021.

The City of Quincy, Florida solicits your company to submit a proposal on our RFP for Broker/Agent services as well as carrier proposals for Group Medical Insurance for Health, Dental, Vision, Long term disability and Life policies.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and clearly identified as "PROPOSALS FOR GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE - COQ-06-11-2021-2."

In order to facilitate review of proposals, each Proposer must submit 6 signed, 1 digital and 1 original copy of the written proposal to the address listed below:

Group Health Insurance  
COQ-03-09-2021-2  
ATTN: Charles J. Hayes  
City of Quincy

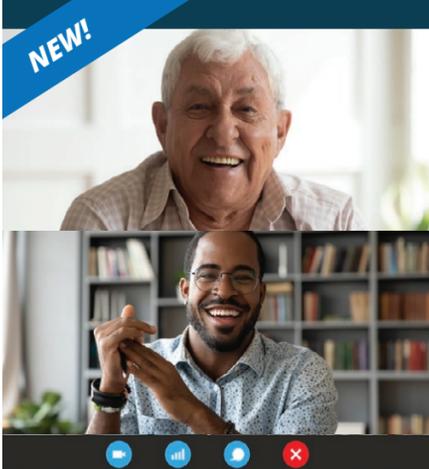
All questions or requests for information (RFI) concerning this RFP will be answered by an addendum which will be posted to the City's website at <http://www.myquincy.net> no later than Addendum posting date.

Questions concerning these specifications and/or requests for information (RFI) must be submitted in writing by email by the Deadline for Questions/Requests for Information listed above using the contact information below:

ATTENTION: Carolyn Bush, Human Resources  
City of Quincy  
404 West Jefferson Street  
Quincy, FL 32351  
cbush@myquincy.net

City of Quincy Human Resources Department  
(850) 618-1895

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Join the  
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**ANTI-CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOP**

**TUES | JUNE 29TH | 6PM**

**Quincy Recreation Department**  
Ferolito Recreation Center  
122 N. Graves Street | Quincy FL 32351

**WORKSHOP TOPICS**

- + Latest info about crime in your neighborhood
- + Crime Prevention Strategies

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION**

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**FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

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*River Landing Park*

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Chattahoochee, FL 32324

**From 3 p.m. until after dark**  
**Free Admission**



# OBITUARIES & DEATH NOTICES

## Cynthia S. Robinson



Cynthia S. Robinson "Cindy" of Havana, FL, passed away Sunday, June 20, 2021 surrounded by her loving family and her precious fur babies.

Cindy was born on June 28, 1960 to Leslie and the late Judy Smith of Quincy, FL. She was married to Dixon G. Robinson, Jr. truly the love of her life. Cindy was sister "Boss" to three brothers: Tay, Tracy and Trampis, and was the precious aunt to a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Cindy was a member of Concordia Baptist Church, Concord, FL. Cindy's love for everything and everyone was easy to see. She always, always had a smile on her face, even through the hard parts of life.

After high school Cindy began her 41 year career with the Florida Department of Revenue, where she continued to work until her passing. Life long friends were made throughout those years, and she was often referred to as "Our Cindy" by her co-workers. She was truly loved by everyone.

Cindy was a busy lady, and known by many as the "Cake Lady" at a very young age Cindy started

baking cakes and never stopped. If you can imagine it, she found a way to make it happen. From birthdays to weddings and everything in between, she was the best.

If you couldn't find Cindy in the kitchen, you could find her working in her flowers. Cindy loved everything that bloomed, and her hard work shines through in her yard. It is absolutely stunning and filled with love.

There was no down time around Cindy from baking, gardening, crafting, spending time with family and friends and still maintaining a full time job. She appeared to be super-woman. She lived life to the fullest, and loved her family above everything, and they loved

her more than she will ever know. She was an avid collector of beautiful things, and was a member of Tallytown Collectors Club. Cherished friends were made and lifelong memories will be held in the hearts of her beloved club members.

Cindy is survived by her beloved father Leslie Smith; brothers Montia (Valarie), Tracy (Alisha), Trampis (Emily) Smith; and her devoted Aunt "Pat" Patricia Barber. Aunt Cindy will be missed immensely by all of her nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. They truly loved their Aunt Cindy.

The graveside funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at Vickers Cemetery in Havana. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday June 22, 2021 at Faith Funeral Home Chapel.

Donations may be made to M. D. Anderson Cancer Center at [mdanderson.org](http://mdanderson.org) (in memory of Cynthia Robinson)



## Irene Kirkland



Irene Kirkland, 92, of Quincy, Florida passed away on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 in Quincy, Florida at River Chase Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Abbeville, Alabama, she was a long time resident of Gadsden County. Irene received Christ early in life, and in later years united with Bostick Temple Christian Center where she served faithfully as a Mother of the church and choir member. Mother Kirkland loved the Lord, her family, and her church family. Services will be

11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Carter Paramore, Quincy, with burial at Sunnyvale Cemetery. Viewing will be

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday, June 25, 2021 at Bradwell Mortuary. The Surviving family includes her son, Waymon Kirkland, Quincy, FL; grandson, Lamar Kirkland (Germaine), Midway, FL; 15 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; and 27 great great grandchildren.



## Juanita Johnson

Ms. Juanita Johnson, 74 years of age, of Quincy, FL, departed this life on Monday, June 14, 2021 in Quincy, FL. Visitation will be from 2pm - 6pm, Friday, June 25, 2021 at

the Mortuary. A celebration of life will be 10:00am, Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Mt. Hosea Cemetery, Quincy, FL. Williams Funeral Home of Quincy, Florida will be

providing the service for the Johnson family.



## Shaun Jermaine Potter, Jr.



Mr. Shaun Jermaine Potter, Jr., 19 years of age, of Quincy, FL, departed this life on Saturday, June 19, 2021 in Quincy, FL. He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his father, Shaun Potter, Sr., Quincy, FL, mother, Jamie Grice, Tallahassee, FL, two sisters, Skyra Potter and Ashanti Potter, both of Quincy, FL, paternal grandmother, Patricia Potter, Quincy, FL, paternal grandfather, Phil Potter, Sr., Chipley,

FL, maternal grandmother, Sylvia Grice, Quincy, FL, maternal

grandfather, James Grice, Quincy, FL A celebration of life will be 12:00 Noon, Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Gadsden High School Gymnasium, on Blue Star Highway, East Quincy, FL. Williams Funeral Home of Quincy, Florida will be providing the service for the Potter family.



## Terry Gainous

Mr. Terry Gainous, 71 years of age, of Quincy, FL departed this life on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 in Quincy, FL. Visitation will be from 2pm - 6pm, Friday, June 25,

2021 at the Mortuary. Service will be 10:00am, Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Williams Funeral Home of Quincy, Florida. Williams Funeral Home will be providing

the services for the Gainous family.



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**June 28th**  
**5-7 pm**



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Quincy, Florida 32351

The public is invited to join Senator Ausley for the official Grand Opening of the Quincy Office.

\*Refreshments will be served\*



For more information, please contact my Quincy office at (850) 627-0474

## Death Notice

### Stevie Safford

Stevie Safford, 56, of Gretna, Florida, passed away on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at his residence.

### TODAY CAN BE DIFFERENT

## How would God describe you?

How would your friends or your boss describe you?

Would your spouse, roommate or sibling describe you any differently?

If you know you haven't been "living right," you may feel nervous at the thought of what they might say.

Perhaps their answers to these questions would be sobering, maybe even embarrassingly revealing.

I hope thinking about these questions will motivate us to do whatever it takes to become a person

worthy of honorable words.

Going a little deeper, if you consider the way you've lived so far, how do you think God would describe you?

Wouldn't you love to hear God say something like what he said about David: "I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will" (Acts 13:22 ESV)?

I love both parts of this verse. I want God to see me as a person after His heart and one who always



**Sheryl Boldt**

obeys Him. Yet, I fail miserably at being the type of person I long to be.

We know David didn't obey God perfectly. He sinned greatly. Among

other offenses, he committed adultery and ordered the woman's husband murdered. Yet God saw a heart that honestly sought after Him.

How can we obey Jesus' words in Matthew 22:37 (ESV), which says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."?

Most find it challenging to love God with this level of intentionality, but with God's presence dwelling within us, we can make choices that will help us

love Him with our entire being, even when we're tempted to do otherwise.

We do this one choice at a time – choice by (sometimes difficult) choice.

I take comfort in knowing God helps me want to do His will – and constantly works to enable me to stay true to Him (Philippians 2:13).

Meditating on God's Word has kept me from giving up when my constant failures made me want to quit.

Our heavenly Father's love for us is a moment-by-moment example of how to love and serve our friends, boss and

spouse, and His love for us is our strongest motivation to love Him back.

It's my constant prayer for God to shape me into the person He calls me to be.

The longer we put our hope and trust in our Redeemer, the more we'll become the person we want others to see and the person we want to see in ourselves.

Most importantly, we'll become the person we want God to see.

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### BREANNA'S BREAKROOM

## Parenting from the Inside

I did a brief career stint as a correctional officer.

During my time as a correctional officer the Florida Department of Corrections received a new secretary, Mark S. Inch.

One thing he wanted us to remember was the forgotten victims, the family of the incarcerated and how their lives are also affected by crime, which is honestly, something many people probably do not think about.

I know I did not.

I knew people who were incarcerated but did not think about how it could affect their kids.

As a correctional officer, I have checked in many children on numerous occasions for visitation.



**Breanna Rittman**

*Staff Columnist*

Instead of spending time practicing a sport or going to the movies, these kids frequented our prison's visitation area.

The children already knew the check-in routine and would instruct their younger siblings and cousins to spread their arms like an airplane so I could conduct a pat search.

I thought to myself, "This is not normal nor should it be normal."

It's like the kids were on autopilot (no pun intended), but I realized that it was normal for those kids.

In middle school, I remember my classmate Michael Gibson, III saying his dad was in jail.

I do not know what led to that statement, but I remember it like it was yesterday - we were sitting in our 8th grade math class at James A. Shanks Middle School.

In 2017 I met Aayana Kenon, current Teacher of the Year for Gadsden County Schools at a mutual friend's college graduation party.

While working for the Florida Department of Corrections, I learned her father was also incarcerated and from Havana.

Both of these individuals had dads who are currently serving life sentences.

I could never understand the magnitude of how this affects both Mike and Aayana.

Over the years I observed that both communicate with their dads on a regular basis and have strong bonds with them; both Mike and Aayana are parents themselves and make sure their kids see their grandfathers.

How does a dad achieve such a strong bond while being incarcerated?

I have seen men who do not have contact with their kids because the mother will not bring them to visitation or pick up the phone for the kids to speak to their dad.

I have also witnessed men listen intently as their daughters inform them about their extra-curricular activities such as dance team and prom.

Even for the active incarcerated fathers, being involved comes with limitations.

Children have to wait on their dads to call in order to tell them good news; it can sometimes take a days or even weeks for messages to be received through the JPay system.

Even with Aayana, her dad had to find out she was teacher of the year from reading the newspaper.

So again how does one achieve a bond while being incarcerated?

I remember some of the men I supervised attended a class called Parenting from the Inside.

When tasked with father's day profiles, I

reached out to Aayana and Mike to see if they could ask their dads to describe their experience parenting from the inside.

Thank you Mike, Aayana, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Kenon for opening up and sharing a glimpse of your story.

#### Vincent Kenon

"Picture this, a 23-year-old first time father sees his newborn daughter for the first time as she lies on a hospital weight scale soon after being born.

The father is perplexed, because he can't hold her or even the mother of his child, in order to share the joyful feelings cruising through his being.

The reason is because he's seeing his daughter through the lens of a camera via photographs taken by a family member and shown to him through a glass partition while being visited by said family member.

A mixture of joy, excitement, worry and fear engulfs the young man as he rides the wave of euphoria that comes with seeing your newborn for the first time, yet at the same time the real possibility of never being able to hold your beautiful daughter as a free man looms like an impenetrable darkness.

That was me almost 27 years ago.

That day, as I looked at my beautiful daughter lying on the scale, alive and well, I vowed that no partition, no wall, no fence or any circumstance would stop me from being the best father I could be to my child.

I did everything I could, from calling as much as I could, to making sure to stay out of trouble so that my then-fiance could bring my daughter to the prison for visitation.

Those short three hour visits allowed me to build my physical bond with my baby girl, while at the same time allowing me to really understand the paramount importance of doing everything I could to give her lessons that only a father could give.

Trust me, this wasn't easy and definitely came with much stress and worry and sleepless nights of praying that my family was okay, as well as daily hope that I could get home to them soon.

My will to be there for my daughter surpasses any obstacle that can place before me because my will is rooted in infinite love.

I remember it all, the first sight of her, the first physical touch, the birthdays, the look of joy on

her face every time she got to see me, and also the growth processes that I watch her go through year by year.

Just to be a part of that makes me never want to give up and has fueled my evolution as a father and now a grandfather.

Maybe some dads find it easy to look at fatherhood as a casual thing but for me this was my calling, something that felt even more important than myself.

I don't know that I did all the right things as a father, or said all the correct things or even was what a perfect father should be but one thing for sure, I parented from my heart and soul.

Lastly, I can't act as if my journey was simply all me either.

God bless me with wonderful parents who did everything they could to help me stay connected to my child despite my circumstances, and a child's mother, who although faced with a situation not of her choosing made sure to include me in my child's life, especially during the early formative years.

All in all, being a parent from the inside is not ideal and far from desirable, but when you view the phrase "Parenting from the inside," through the lens of the incarcerated dad, you realize that parenting is truly from the inside deep down into the essence of the man himself and the love that such an essence evokes for his child, as well as the pride that he feels when he witnesses the beautiful and successful person she has become.

Just to know that you contributed to her getting there means more than one can imagine.

Once again picture this, a young man watches his daughter depart his presence yet once again after a visitation session has ended, and the pain that never lessens makes him fight to hold back his tears, so he resorts to their bonding ritual and mouths the words ELEPHANT JUICE to her, although she's too far away to hear him.

It's okay though, because all she has to do is read his lips to get the message.

You see, when someone reads the lips of another who is mouthing "ELEPHANT JUICE," the one who is talking appears to be saying "I LOVE YOU!"

How fitting that something so simple can prove to anybody that distance doesn't have a chance against an infinite love

that comes from the "The Inside."

Pun intended."

#### Michael Gibson, Jr.

"Well, my experience as a father being incarcerated has been a very hard one and I never wish no man or woman ever having to go through what I have gone through.

I love my kids with all my heart and soul and I thank God everyday for the blessing He bestowed upon me in my kids.

I made a lot of mistakes when I was young and I truly regret them, because the mistakes I made took me away from my kids and I regret not being there to help raise my kids like any father should have.

I missed out on a lot of things in my kids' life, but I thank God for my family whom I love so much because they along with my kids' mother played a big part of me maintaining a good relationship with my kids.

Even though it wasn't easy, I refused to allow anything to get in the way of me being apart of my kids' life even if it meant being a long distance Dad.

There wasn't a holiday nor birthday that I didn't write and send them cards.

I made it a priority to write and call my kids every week and also my family brought them to see me on the regular.

I took those opportunities to parent my kids and let them know how much I loved them and missed them as they got older.

I constantly communicated with my kids about everything and I also encouraged them to talk with me about anything and everything.

I think communication was the big key for us and the fact that I was completely transparent with my kids, I let them know that I would always be honest with them and that they could always talk to me about anything.

I do know that it's by the grace of God that I have such a wonderful relationship with my kids because it took a lot of effort on their part to want a relationship with me even after all those years of not physically not being present in their lives.

My son Mike is my hero because I truly admire the young man he has become.

He is the ultimate young man that I should have been growing up and taking care of my responsibilities the way he is doing as a father and husband."

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## The Fathers of Gadsden County

The role that fathers play when it comes to supporting their families and communities is of undeniable importance. According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, 1 in 4 children live without a biological, step, or adoptive father in their lives - an estimated 18.3 American children do not receive the benefit of having an active father in their daily lives, a statistic that the initiative refers to as a 'crisis.'

This makes it all the more worthwhile to support and lift up the men who have stepped forward to be a father in their children's lives, and to the children around them.

Thank you, hard working and caring fathers of Gadsden County, for being someone that the next generation of men and women can look to as a role model, a figure of wisdom, and a leader to follow.

### Anthony Powell: Father and commissioner

**Breanna Rittman**

*Gadsden County News Service*

Everyone who knows him knows that Anthony Powell is a hardworking father.

In addition to his full-time commitment to his responsibilities as a father and provider for his family, Powell has also served his community during a period as a commissioner for Gadsden County's District; Powell was only the second black man to serve in that seat.

"My concern was the health and safety for the residents of Gadsden County," Powell said.

Powell graduated from James A. Shanks in 1974, then attended Florida A&M University on an academic and athletic

scholarship.

At the university, Powell studied business administration and played football for the Rattler team before his graduation from Florida A&M University in 1978.

When it comes to fatherhood, Powell says his own father was his greatest role model.

"He taught us to always take pride in what we do," Powell said.

Powell and his wife Michele will celebrate 40 years of marriage in July; the couple has two children, Tiffany and Adam, and two granddaughters, Amani and Aubree.

Powell says he always prioritized teaching his kids how to handle farm animals, drive and maintain their own vehicles,

and keep a well-presented home and lawn, among many other skills that Powell considers crucial.

Powell has been a member of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church for over 50 years, where he has served in many capacities.

"I have done everything except be the pastor," said Powell. "I know my place."

Amongst his own academic pursuits, playing sports, raising a family, and volunteering with his church, Powell also spent 17 years working in local tobacco fields.

As a commissioner, Powell said he understood that times had changed and people did not want to work on farms anymore, so he set



out to create more jobs in the community, so young adults could spend their time being productive.

"I pushed for a better lifestyle," Powell said. "An idle mind is the devil's playground."

Powell says he believes one should set a platform and someone should be able to build on that platform.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE POWELL FAMILY

The Powell family during a recent Christmas. Pictured, from left to right, are: Anthony Powell, Amani Jacobs, Aubree Powell, Michele Powell, Tiffany Powell, and Adam Powell.

In 2019, Powell retired after 40 years working in city and county government.

Now retired, Powell enjoys spending his spare time with his children and granddaughters.

"They make you feel wanted, smart and important," Powell said.

While many people use their retirement to find a new community to settle in, Powell says he has no plans of relocating anywhere, and plans to stay in his Gadsden County home.

"I wouldn't live anywhere else except Gadsden County," Powell says.

### Doug Stephens: Father, pastor, and coach

**Breanna Rittman**

*Gadsden County News Service*

Doug Stephens is a local father who wears several hats in the community.

Stephens is currently the lead pastor at Fellowship at Midway Church, as well as the Gadsden County Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the director of Live the Life.

Stephens started playing sports at the age of three, and throughout his youth, he played soccer, basketball and baseball.

Upon reaching adulthood, Stephens says he chose to be a coach himself so that he could follow in the footsteps of some of the men - many of whom were coaches - who had made a difference in his

own young life.

One of the decisive moments leading up to Stephens deciding to coach was when he was asked by one of his high school coaches to help with the Special Olympics.

While helping, Stephens said his coach told him that he had a gift for helping others.

"I went there and I served with him. It spoke to me personally about helping others," Stephens said.

While originally from Maryland, Stephens moved to Jacksonville, Florida to attend college, where he majored in secondary education and minored in history, Bible and Physical Education.

He started his teaching career in 1991 while in

Jacksonville.

In 2007, Stephens planted the Fellowship at Midway Church and began teaching at East Gadsden High School.

It was at East Gadsden, Stephens said, where he began to take a more active role in mentorship for his students and student-athletes after noticing a lack of parental involvement for some of the children in his care.

According to Stephens his job at East Gadsden became critical when it came to helping kids.

"That became my favorite part of my job; being a mentor, dad, whatever I could be for a kid," Stephens said.

Stephens says he can recall one incident when a student's dad had gotten

drunk and began abusing the student's mom; after locking herself in the bathroom, the mom called Stephens at 2 p.m., and asked him to come pick up the student, her child, and bring them to a safe place.

"We just stepped in, wherever the need was," Stephens said.

In 2017, Stephens left the public school system to become the director of Live the Life, and organization that teaches people how to have healthy platonic, romantic, or familial relationships.

"It's about how to communicate better. Teaching people that there's different personalities and how to get along with each other," Stephens said.

Stephens and his wife Anna will celebrate 30



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE STEPHENS FAMILY

Doug Stephens is the father to seven children of his own (two of whom were adopted from Peru), and a father-figure to many more children in the Gadsden County community.

years of marriage in August; they have raised a total of seven kids on Stephens' salary alone.

While Anna Stephens has a degree in education, the couple decided to allow her to stay home and raise their children as a stay-at-home mom after the birth of their oldest son.

Over the years, Ste-

phens says his own children have learned to appreciate his role in his students' life.

One of his daughters recently said she appreciates her dad because of the way so many other kids treat him like a dad.

"The kids...I think they know when you care, and hopefully I showed that," Stephens said.

### Gustavo Calderon: His family's provider

**Breanna Rittman**

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While many fathers are hardworking and seek to provide for their families, Gustavo Calderon's daughter, Jocelyn, believes her dad should be recognized for all the hard work he has done for their family, as well as families around the area.

"He deserves to get praise from people who do not know him; he's probably worked in their house, but they don't know his story," Jocelyn said.

Her father, Gustavo Calderon, is a mechanic who works on air conditioning units for Benson's Heating and Air Conditioning.

Born in Uruapan, Michoacán, Mexico, Calderon moved to the United States in the 1980s, first to Los Angeles, California, and then later to Florida in the 1990s.

Calderon was the first of his siblings to come to the United States, and

Calderon says that his original plan was to eventually move back to Mexico - but he ended up starting a family while in the United States, and chose to stay.

"I wanted my kids to have a better future, so I started picking up on American culture while practicing the customs and traditions I had back in Mexico," Calderon said.

Though Calderon liked raising his kids in the United States, it was not always easy for him due to the language barrier - but Calderon's family says that their father did not let this obstacle keep him from being a hard worker and provider for their family.

"I liked raising my kids in the United States," Calderon said. "Not everyone raises their kids the same way once they migrate from another country."

While being a father is a journey of ups and downs, Calderon says that his favorite part of being a dad



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CALDERON FAMILY  
**Gustavo Calderon**

was being able to witness the births of his children and raise them.

"You never know if you can have kids, and when you have them it's very emotional," said Calderon. "You get to see a part of you in another human form."



June 15, 2021

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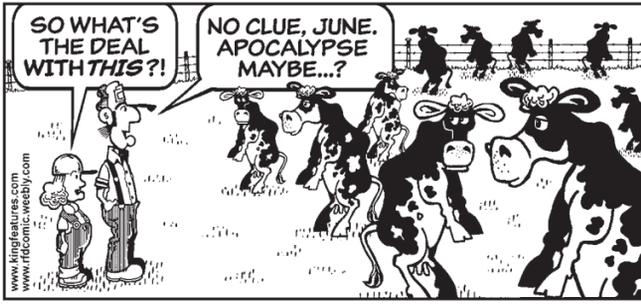
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by Gary Kopervas

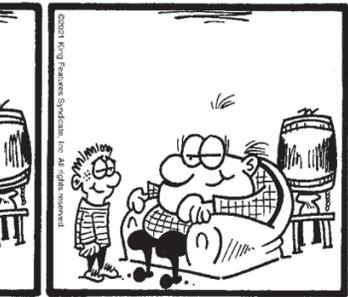
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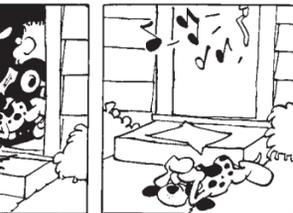
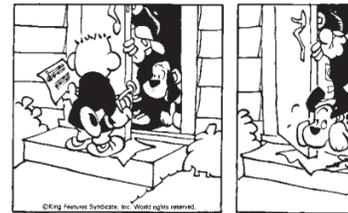
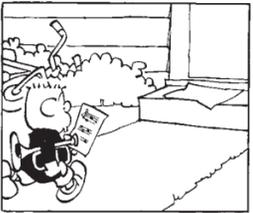
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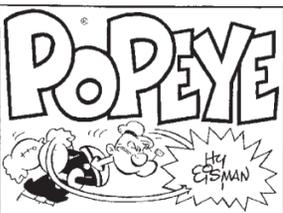


by Jeff Pickering

TIGER



by BUD BLAKE



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Sad to say ..."
- 5 Armed conflict
- 8 Folksinger Joan
- 12 Jet speed measure
- 13 Greek mountain
- 14 Big name in scat
- 15 Docking site
- 16 Leftovers carrier
- 18 Screenwriter's creations
- 20 Reddish horses
- 21 "I'm not impressed"
- 22 Martini liquor
- 23 Skilled
- 26 Flood protection
- 30 Gun the engine
- 31 Witty one
- 32 "As I see it," to a texter
- 33 Sleazy hotel
- 36 Be nosy
- 38 Train lines (Abbr.)
- 39 Aunt, in Acapulco
- 40 Part of Hispaniola
- 43 Iced desserts
- 47 Cinched
- 49 October birth-

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- 6 Big fusses
- 7 Cleaning cloth
- 8 Past
- 9 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
- 10 Flair
- 11 Turns sharply
- 17 Beam
- 19 Favorite
- 22 Joke
- 23 Canine cry
- 24 N.J. neighbor
- 25 First lady?
- 26 Droop
- 27 Life story
- 28 I love (Lat.)
- 29 Republicans
- 31 Existed
- 34 Camelot king
- 35 French cheese
- 36 — Lancelot
- 37 Bigwigs
- 39 Roman robes
- 40 Wasted no time
- 41 Con
- 42 "Suffice — say ..."
- 43 Shopper's delight
- 44 Fencing sword
- 45 London gallery
- 46 Bridge coup
- 48 Inlet

DOWN

- 1 Band boosters
- 2 Secular
- 3 Computer brand
- 4 Tempura choice
- 5 Shoebox datum

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		6		4				9
7			3					8
	1			5		6	2	
4				1				9
		9	5					1
	8	5			3	2		
	2		8		1	4		
		7			6			8
8				9				3

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Puzzle Solutions on Page 11

LAFF-A-DAY



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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals D

GI NIY XYTTIXL JIQDUFYZDYQUXDX  
JVOL V DLMGLMFN DI CLD  
UMOIZOLG UM CQVXX-QIIDX  
IQCVUMKVDUIMX?

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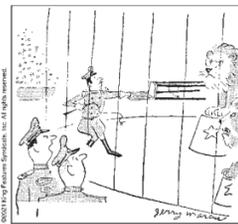
CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

DET XTTJX LU ZTXBCBTSIT PZT  
YCPSTJ BS DET VPR VT  
YZLITXX DET STMPDBQT TQTS DX  
BS LKZ CBQTX.  
— XETZRC XPSJNTZM

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"If you ask me, he's losing his..."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Bandit: PARTIE
- Delightful: VOLLEY
- Quiet: ERENSE
- Joyful: DALETE

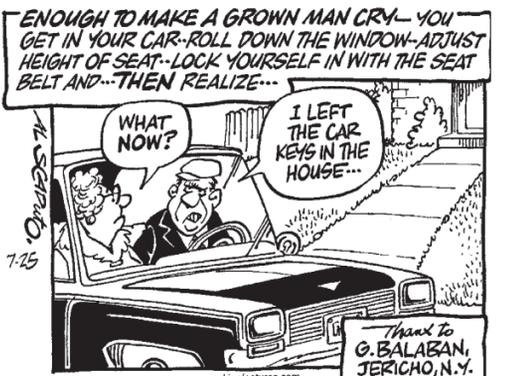
TODAY'S WORD

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

SCHOOL DAZE-



BY AL SCADUTO



GRIN & BEAR IT

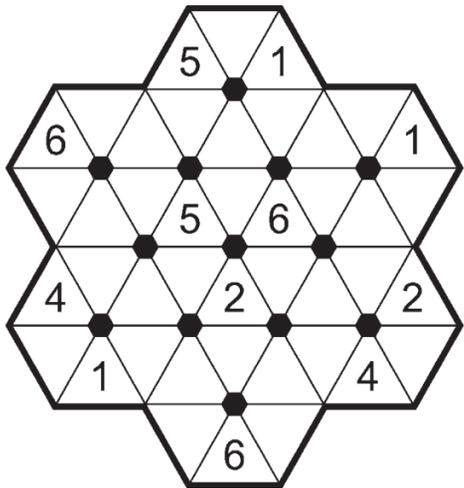


"Can't you go a little faster? We're getting bug splatters on the back windshield."

# SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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## MAGIC MAZE ● — OUT

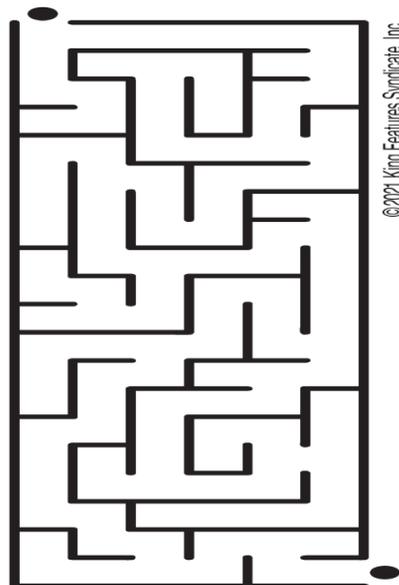
Q I F C Z W T Q N K I F C Z W  
 U R P M J H E S C Z X U S D Q  
 N L D J G E C T D Z X V T E R  
 P N L E J H E REACHED C  
 A B Y W T V K E P G T R E N P  
 N L R K I U C T O G A H K U E  
 C B Z O K O O C O X C R A O Y  
 W U S R W P L H C Y O L E R R  
 T S R I F N I T S R I F R V R  
 M L J I G D E P M A T S B E A  
 D B A Y K C A L B X W U T S C

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **No Radio or TV Coverage Allowed**

Average	Carry	Psyched	Shouted
Bail	Cook	Reached	Stamped
Break	First-in, first-	Rounded	Stretch
Brown	Lock	Scooped	

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Kids' Maze



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## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                     |           |                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Pinnacle         | ___ M ___ | Give in to          | ___ B ___ |
| 2. Thirsty cloth    | ___ L     | Rapunzel's home     | ___ R     |
| 3. Rash act         | ___ O ___ | Colt's sister       | ___ I ___ |
| 4. Singing group    | ___ O ___ | Bench or recliner   | ___ A ___ |
| 5. Prison official  | ___ D ___ | Beatty or Harding   | ___ R ___ |
| 6. Erupted          | ___ S ___ | Like overdone toast | ___ N ___ |
| 7. Sofa             | ___ U ___ | Team trainer        | ___ A ___ |
| 8. Fern leaf        | ___ D     | Forward facing      | ___ T     |
| 9. Meddle with      | ___ A ___ | Emotional mood      | ___ E ___ |
| 10. Butt of a rifle | ___ C ___ | Baby-bringing bird  | ___ R ___ |

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	-	x		7
+		x	+	
	÷		+	11
÷	+		-	
	+	÷		2
2	11		10	

DIFFICULTY: ★★★  
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 4 5 6 7 7 8 9

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## Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:

1	5	3	1	2
5	4	1	3	4
3	4	3	1	5
4	4	2	3	3
2	1	5	4	4

1	2	5	4	5	5
4	1	1	1	2	6
2	6	5	3	1	2
3	4	3	5	6	2
6	2	2	2	3	2
1	5	6	2	4	3

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

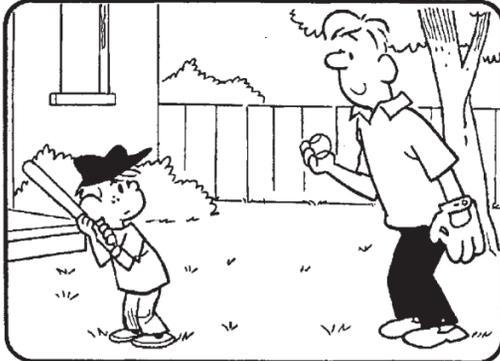
WHAT KIND OF HORSES ARE SCARY?

- |        |     |       |        |     |       |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| HANSEL | ___ | LEASH | MASCOT | ___ | TACOS |
| RISING | ___ | RINGS | ARISEN | ___ | RINSE |
| ANGLES | ___ | LEANS | RASHER | ___ | SHARE |
| PHASED | ___ | SPADE | GREASY | ___ | GRAYS |
| TAMEST | ___ | MATES | LASHES | ___ | SHALE |

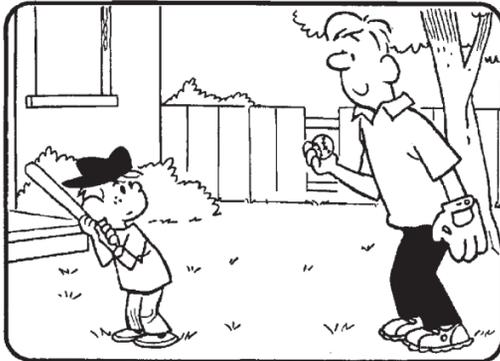
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

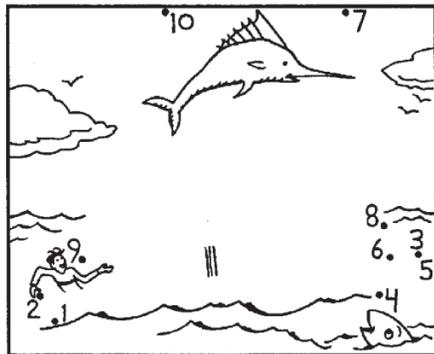


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Window is wider. 2. Ball is different. 3. Hedge is smaller. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Shoes are different. 6. Fence is broken.

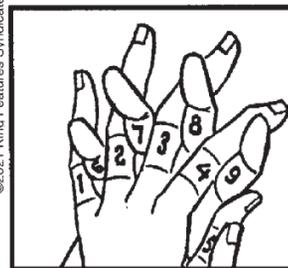


ON SAIL! Go it, sailfish, up, up and away. What can you draw to complete this picture? To find out, add lines dot to dot.

SIX PICK! There are six numbers between 1 and 100 that are spelled with six letters. Four of them are ninety, eighty, thirty and twenty. Quickly, what are the other two?

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Numbers eleven and twelve.

## FINGER-TRICKIN' WITS TESTER

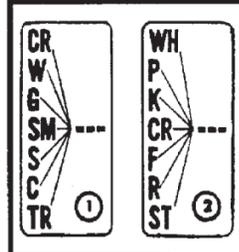
YES, the hand is sometimes quicker than the eye, and on occasion may be shown to outwit the brain.

For instance, simply assign numbers to someone's fingers (see left), ask the person to clasp hands, and then challenge him or her to move designated fingers as you call out numbers.

Vary this, if you wish, by assigning an assortment of numbers in random order.

As a further test, ask your friend to cross wrists, then clasp hands, turn clasped hands inward (toward body), and upward toward the chin.

Now, challenge person to move a finger either by number, or when you point to it.



SPELL OUT! Let's see if you can insert a three-letter word that will complete seven longer words in each of the posers presented at right. In No. 1, for instance, try AFT, and get craft, waft, but that's all. Similarly, in No. 2, try ALE. Result: Whale, pale, kale... but there the string ends.

Now that you have the idea, continue to try words until you find two that comply.

No fair peeking at answers below.

ASH and EEL, respectively, will do it.



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Signed Doc Dawkins  
It: 6/24

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CASE NO. 2021 CA 000186

ANNETTE POMPEY,  
Plaintiff,

v..

ESTATE OF SARAH POUNCEY; et al.  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ESTATE OF SARAH POUNCEY, ESTATE OF RONALD ROGERS, and ESTATE OF LEE POUNCY III, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against them; and CODY POUNCEY and LEE POUNCEY IV.

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Gadsden County Parcel ID No. 3-07-2N-3W-0730-00000-1592

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has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses,

if any, to it on FRANK S. SHAW IV, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, COLON & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 28th day of April, 2021.

(SEAL)  
Nicholas Thomas - Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Pam K. Carter  
Deputy Clerk  
Gadsden County Courthouse  
10 E Jefferson Street  
Quincy, FL 32351  
4t: 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2021-CA-000290

SOUTHEAST INVESTMENT VENTURES, LLC,  
a Florida limited liability corporation,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES G. OADE; if alive, and if deceased,  
unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees,  
creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming  
by through, under or against him,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JAMES G. OADE; if alive, and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against him

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Quiet Title on the following property in Gadsden County, Florida:

Commence at a light wood hub and tack known as marking the Southwest corner of Fractional Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 2 West, Gadsden County, Florida; and run thence North 45 degrees 10 minutes 48 seconds East 188.07 feet to a concrete monument in the center of a creek; thence Northerly along the centerline of said creek a distance of 2524.1 feet, more or less, to a point located North 02 degrees 30 minutes 48 seconds East 2358.82 feet from the aforesaid point, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 09 seconds East 865.14 feet to a point in the centerline of a 60.00 foot roadway, said point lying on a curve concave to the East; thence along said centerline curve with a radius of 3402.90 feet, through a central angle of 00 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds for an arc distance of 49.99 feet (the chord of said arc being North 20 degrees 58 minutes 26 seconds West 49.99 feet); thence continue along said centerline as follows: North 20 degrees 33 minutes 11 seconds West 798.23 feet to a point of curve to the left; thence along said curve with a radius of 366.60 feet, through a central angle of 23 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds for an arc distance of 147.97 feet (the chord of said arc being North 32 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds West 146.96 feet); thence North 43 degrees 40 minutes 38 seconds West 220.76 feet to a point of curve to the left; thence along said curve with a radius of 203.46 feet, through a central angle of 27 degrees 36 minutes 49 seconds for an arc distance of 98.06 feet (the chord of said arc being North 57 degrees 29 minutes 02 seconds West 97.11 feet); thence leaving said centerline and run South 18 degrees 42 minutes 33 seconds West 30.00 feet; thence South 13 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds West 359.50 feet to a point in the centerline of the aforesaid creek; thence Southerly along said centerline a distance of 825.00 feet, more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Gadsden County Parcel ID No. 2-06-3N-2W-0000-00230-0100 has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANDREW J. POWER, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, COLON & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 8 day of June, 2021.

(SEAL)  
Nicholas Thomas - Clerk of Court  
By: Pam K. Carter  
Deputy Clerk  
Gadsden County Courthouse  
Quincy, FL 32353  
4t: 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8

## NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

The Gadsden County School District will receive bids from qualified vendors interested in providing Group Health Insurance.

The RFP packet is available on the District's website at www.gadsdenschools.org. In addition, a physical copy can be obtained at 35 Martin Luther King Blvd., Quincy, FL 32351.

The proposal due date is July 15, 2021 by 2:00 p.m.

Questions regarding this RFP may be directed to Andrea Lawson, Purchasing Agent. Her contact information is: (850) 627-9651 extension 1287 or email at lawsona@gcpsmail.com.  
2t: 6/17, 6/24

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 21000201CPA

IN RE: ESTATE OF

CALVIN LANIER, SR.  
Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CALVIN LANIER, SR., deceased, whose date of death was May 6, 2020; File Number 21000201CPA, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gadsden County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1649, Quincy, FL 32353-1649. 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 WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is: June 17, 2021.

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ZEBADIAH KEITH LANIER  
Personal Representative  
7109 Salt River Avenue  
Sun City, FL 33573  
2t: 6/17, 6/24

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.2021-215-CPA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
DOROTHY WILLIAMS,  
Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the intestate estate of DOROTHY B. WILLIAMS, deceased, File Number 2021-215-CPA is pending in the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, Probate Division, c/o the Gadsden County Courthouse, Post Office Box 1649, Quincy, Florida 32353 1649. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the qualifications of the Personal Representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands 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. Notwithstanding the time periods stated above, any claim filed two (2) years or more after the decedent's death on May 4, 2021 is barred.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 17, 2021.

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TANYA W. BRADWELL  
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Quincy, Florida 32351  
Personal Representative  
2t: 6/17, 6/24

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, IDE Technologies, Inc, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 1564 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 827 P 540 DB 91 P 225; BEGIN 1811.1 FT E AND 500 FT N OF SWC OF SE 1/4 OF NW1/4, RUN N 150 FT, W 290.4 FT, S 150 FT, E 290.4 FT TO THE POB. IN SECTION 5-2N-4W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-05-2N-4W-0000-00133-0100

Name in which assessed: Olin Ward and Fannie Ward

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of August, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 28th Day of April, 2021

NICHOLAS THOMAS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gadsden County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Marie Presnell, Deputy Clerk

4t: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERTIFICATE NO: 425 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 736 P 1130; DB 111 P 374- BEGIN 23 FT S & 202.5 FT W OF NEC OF SW1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF NW1/4, RUN S 50 FT, E 100 FT, N 50 FT, W 100 FT TO THE P.O.B. IN SECTION 35-3N-2W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-35-3N-2W-0000-00233-0700

Name in which assessed: Katie M Warren

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of August, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 28th Day of April, 2021

NICHOLAS THOMAS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gadsden County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Marie Presnell, Deputy Clerk

4t: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

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CERTIFICATE NO: 938 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 727 P 36 OR 727 P 42 BEGIN AT NWC OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 SOUTH 11\*16" EAST 399.30 FT; NORTH 75\*45" EAST 182.80 FT; NORTH 11\*16" WEST 353.40 FT; WEST 185.20 FT TO THE POB. LYING IN SECTION 4-3N-6W. OR 679 P 1034 OR 131 P 268.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-04-3N-6W-0000-00412-0100

Name in which assessed: Robert J Fennell Sr, Janice Y Fennell, Carmena Fennell, Robert J Fennell Jr, Meredith Fennell

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of August, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 28th Day of April, 2021

NICHOLAS THOMAS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gadsden County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Marie Presnell, Deputy Clerk

4t: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, TLOA of Florida, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 1556 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 712 P 1026 OR 712 P 1024 OR 712 P 1022 OR 712 P 1020-CORR Q/CLAIM OR 688 P 1997 OR 686 P 455 OR 571 P 1584; OR 455 P 1525. DB 89 P 323 LOT 7 BLOCK X IN BURMAH HEIGHTS

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-01-2N-4W-0860-0000X-0070

Name in which assessed: Gary W Bailey, E Lamar Bailey, and Earnestine B Priestler

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of August, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 28th Day of April, 2021

NICHOLAS THOMAS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gadsden County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Marie Presnell, Deputy Clerk

4t: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, TLOA of Florida, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 1863 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 373 P 1852 BEGIN AT INTERSECTION OF NORTH BNDRY OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 AND THE EAST R/W OF VIRGINIA ST AND RUN EAST 150 FT; S 100 FT; WEST 150 FT; N 100 FT TO THE P.O.B. IN SECT 14-2N-4W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-14-2N-4W-0000-00132-1300

Name in which assessed: Simon Howard Jr and Vivian R Howard

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of August, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 28th Day of April, 2021

NICHOLAS THOMAS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gadsden County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Marie Presnell, Deputy Clerk

4t: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Carlos Alexander Maldonado, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 2369 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2015

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 267 P 962 BEGIN 140 YDS W OF NEC OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4. RUN E. 75 YDS., S. 56 YDS., N/W TO A POINT 17 YDS. S. OF P.O.B., N. 17 YDS. TO P.O.B. LESS PART TO D.O.T. PER OR 162 P 48 IN SECTION 17-1N-2W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 4-17-1N-2W-0000-00121-0400

Name in which assessed: Sandra Jackson Darden

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of August, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 28th Day of April, 2021

NICHOLAS THOMAS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gadsden County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Marie Presnell, Deputy Clerk

4t: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Municipal Point Capital LP, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 2418 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 600 P 1615 OR 558 P 480 COMM AT SEC OF N1/2 OF NW1/4 OF NW1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUN S 89 DEG 06 MIN 49 SEC W 115 FT, S 28 DEG 27 MIN 11 SEC E 241 FT, S 01 DEG 04 MIN 14 SEC E 12.50 FT, N 88 DEG 55 MIN 46 S SEC E 132.06 FT TO A POINT OF CURVE, THENCE SW/LY ALONG CURV CURVE FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 41.83 FT TO BEGIN AND RUN ALON ALONG SAID CURVE FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 41.02 FT, S 56 DEG 13 MIN 11 SEC W 155.99 FT, S 20 DEG 39 MIN 57 SEC E 514.80 FT, N 72 DEG 04 MIN 36 SEC E 175 FT, N 18 DEG 50 MIN 51 SEC W 562.43 FT TO THE POB. OR 333 P 1; IN SECT. 4-1S-4W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 6-04-1S-4W-0000-00323-0100

Name in which assessed: Ethel C Whitehead, Densly W Fletcher and Suzanne W Holley

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of August, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 28th Day of April, 2021

NICHOLAS THOMAS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gadsden County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Marie Presnell, Deputy Clerk

4t: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Arduster House Jr, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 8 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2014

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 169 P 254 BEGIN AT A PT ON E SIDE OF A GRADED ROAD, SAID POINT BEING 1352.16 FT N AND 557.33 FT E OF SWC OF E 1/2 OF LOT 2, RUN S 85 DEG 58 MIN E 159 FT., S 29 DEG 44 MIN W ALONG A FENCE LINE 417.56 FT., N 07 DEG 23 MIN E ON E/LY SIDE OF A GRADED ROAD 376.88 FT TO POB. IN SECTION 35-4N-4W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 1-35-4N-4W-0000-00313-0500

Name in which assessed: Almos House and Teretha G House C/O Arduster House Jr

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of August, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of January, 2021

NICHOLAS THOMAS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gadsden County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk

4t: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Opheim, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 53 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2018

# One of Us

## Monica Smart-Gainous leads a life of community service

**Oriana Plummer**  
Gadsden County News Service

Community event and vendor coordinator Monica “Ms. Quincy” Smart-Gainous is originally from the St. Johns Community in Gadsden County.

She attended Gadsden County Public Schools until her educational journey led her to pursuing a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from St. Leo University.

She is married with four children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The inspiration to dedicate her efforts to community service began in 2009.

Smart-Gainous belonged to the Gadsden County Coalition for Change and fell in love with the experience of coordinating a food drive, where residents and local friends donated food for those in need.

While coordinating for the organization, she also volunteered with the extreme makeover of Shank’s Middle School in Quincy.

She experienced working with summer youth programs and local residents, organizing opportunities for the students to be compensated for volunteering.

“We were at Shanks Middle School for a week, planting trees and painting. City employees and business owners volunteered on their lunch break some days. The Sheriff’s Office and foot-



One of the events Monica Smart-Gainous coordinated, with a goal of bringing the community together, was the Sawdust Community Day in May of 2021.

ball team within the community helped as well. We received a great number of donations. That’s that village that we need. I was so glad to be a part of that village to make my community better,” says Smart-Gainous.

With the help of the Gadsden community’s generous labor and donations, Gadsden County was able to save about \$100,000 on reconstruction costs.

Ms. Quincy’s interest in the Sawdust Community Outreach started with her knowledge of the organization’s chair, Avis Woods.

“She asked if I would join a meeting one day, and I’ve been there ever since,” says Smart-Gainous.

Smart-Gainous assisted with organizing a commu-

nity day for the Sawdust community May 2021.

The community event included Gadsden County Sheriff’s Office, Apalachee Center, Boys Town North Florida and granted the guest the opportunity to speak with Chattahoochee’s City Commissioner Kimblin NeSmith and Gadsden County School District Chair, Leroy McMillan.

“That was our first biggest event within Sawdust Community. The event prior to that one was our voter’s registration event. That event really brought everyone from the community together,” said Smart-Gainous. “The people out there are excited about what’s happening and us taking the community back.”

The Sawdust Commu-

nity Outreach Program has been working diligently to combat community violence and create safe spaces for everyone in the community to enjoy.

The program started a crime watch team that allows residents and business owners to keep an eye out for suspicious or unruly activity within the community.

The outreach program welcomes volunteers from ages 18 to 64 years old and they meet at the Sawdust Park every other Saturday at 10 a.m.

A few of her other coordinated events include Derrick’s Car and Bike Show, a local Black History Parade and Frenchtown Rising in Tallahassee.

The community leader also has worked with a local master credit business to create a mental health public service announcement.

Smart-Gainous is actively coordinating with Mount Olive, and acts as Christopher “Dj Trucker” Holt’s public relations specialist, specializing in event and vendor coordination.

“She is the real deal. She is very professional and she gets the job done. She handles the coordination for my vendors and some of the events I have. She is a tremendous help to my business and a lot of others,” says Christopher “Dj Trucker” Holt.

Smart-Gainous enjoys



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MONICA SMART-GAINOUS  
Monica Smart-Gainous

traveling, shopping and spending time with her loved ones.

She enjoys cooking and creating recipes with some of her refrigerator’s various random ingredients.

Smart-Gainous says her husband often jokes with her saying, “he had no idea she could cook so well when they first met.”

“I have a friend, Carolyn, I can call her and tell her I want to go somewhere and she’s riding with me. We may go to a state for one thing but we’ll make time for exploring. We’ll go to thrift stores and find different African-American historical monuments. I love to cook but I love good food as well. My friend and I love to drive to Pensacola to visit El Esada. We love fresh and authentic food. The line is always wrapped around the door,” said Smart-Gainous.

She’s been married to her husband for three years, but will celebrate 10 years of their relationship in June 2021.

Smart-Gainous and her husband grew up not far from each other.

She was acquainted with a few members of his family but she never connected the dots. Smart-Gainous shares her story of “true fate.”

“We met April 9, 2011 in Quincy. We exchanged conversation one night at a restaurant and we clashed because he’s a

Greensboro Bulldog and I’m a Shanks Tiger, so I let him know he wouldn’t get one over on a tiger. We talked for about three hours and we’ve been rolling ever since. It was something that the Lord put together,” says Smart-Gainous.

Smart-Gainous currently works with Boys Town North Florida, and is considering pursuing a master’s degree in human services.

Although she’s been afforded some great opportunities to exercise her skills within the community, she’s raising the bar so she can increase her efforts in assisting the Gadsden masses.

“It’s always a great thing to be humble, it’s never about one person or me. I’m not sure where I get my giving spirit from but I’m glad I have it. It’s always great to be able to give back to your community. One scripture that I always keep with me in life is Jeremiah 29:11,” says Smart-Gainous.

*(For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an unexpected end.) - Jeremiah 29:11)*

If anyone is interested in joining the Sawdust Community Outreach’s crime watch program, Smart-Gainous says they should feel free to reach out to her at [monicasmart@gmail.com](mailto:monicasmart@gmail.com)



Monica Smart-Gainous is pictured here with other members of the Sawdust Community Outreach organization during a recent event hosted by the organization.

FROM “NEW FIRE TRUCK”  
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Quincy with \$400,000 a year but they need more money,” said Holt. Holt said securing state funding for the Quincy Fire Department was a top priority for the county as well.

Quincy Fire Chief Anthony Baker said the aerial

ladder on the old truck stretches 75 feet. The ladder on the new truck reaches 100 feet high.

He said the fire fighters will have to climb it once a year as a part of training.

Baker also noted the truck has advanced technologies and can send out

alerts to cell phones within a five-mile radius to let people know an emergency vehicle is headed in their direction.

“The citizens of Gadsden County and our fire-fighters deserve quality and effective equipment to safely respond to emergencies throughout the county,” said Senator Ausley.

“We must do all we can as a state to be proactive and thoughtful, especially when people’s lives are at stake. I was happy to work with Leader Alexander to secure these funds that will fill a significant need for the City of Quincy Fire Department and Gadsden County as a whole.”

Quincy Mayor Ronte Harris presented both Alexander and Ausley with plaques as a token of the city’s appreciation.

The aerial truck is the second large investment the Quincy Fire Department has received this year.

In May, the city revealed the fire department’s new burn tower/training facility.

The new training facility cost \$168,000; Baker said between the training facility and new aerial truck, nearly \$1 million has been invested in Quincy’s fire department in the past few months.

Several local officials have said the new editions will benefit the entire county.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Opheim, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 1286 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2018

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: BEGIN 60 FT S OF NEC OF LOT 166, ORIGINAL QUINCY, RUN S 60 FT, W 150, N 60 FT & E 150 FT TO POB. OR 367 P 1657 OR 395 P 1917

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-07-2N-3W-0730-00000-1661

Name in which assessed: Heirs of Katie Mae Brown c/o Jessie Gilbert

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of August, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 6th Day of January, 2021  
NICHOLAS THOMAS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gadsden County, Florida  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk  
4t: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Gene Opheim, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 2182 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2017

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 771 P 1279 OR 579 P 550 OR 564 P 730 COMM AT NEC AND RUN S 89 DEG 09 MIN 49 SEC W 478 FT, S 16 DEG 19 MIN 49 SEC W 674.9 FT, S 22 DEG 11 MIN 49 SEC W 207.53 FT, S 34 DEG 12 MIN 29 SEC E 337.34 FT TO BEGIN. S 34 DEG 12 MIN 29 SEC E 150 FT, S 62 DEG 01 MIN 02 SEC W 150 FT, N 34 DEG 12 MIN 29 SEC W 150 FT, N 62 DEG 01 MIN 02 SEC E 150 FT TO POB. OR 300 P 1290 IN SECT. 2-1N-SW

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 4-02-1N-5W-0000-00114-0800

Name in which assessed: Eric Davis, Aretha Ward, and Brian Ward

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 4th Day of August, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 6th Day of January, 2021  
NICHOLAS THOMAS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gadsden County, Florida  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk  
4t: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO. 2021 CA 0341

BETTY J. HOLLOMAN,  
Plaintiff,

v.  
ESTATE OF RICHARD JORDAN;  
ESTATE OF PECOLA JORDAN and  
unknown spouses, heirs, devisees,  
grantees, creditors, and all other  
parties claiming by, through, under,  
or against them,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

**TO: ESTATE OF RICHARD JORDAN; and the ESTATE OF PECOLA JORDAN, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against them.**

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that a Complaint for Tax Deed Quiet Title on the following property in Gadsden County, Florida: Gadsden County Parcel ID No. [2-15-3N-4W-0000-00222-1600]

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has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on FRANK S. SHAW IV, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, COLÓN & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff’s attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff’s attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 25 DAY OF June, 2021.

(Seal)  
Nicholas Thomas - Clerk of the Circuit  
By: Pam Carter  
Deputy Clerk  
Gadsden County Courthouse  
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Quincy, FL 32351  
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# DESTINATION

## Visiting the gators at Destin's Gator Beach

Vickie Lillo

mail@prioritynews.net

The placard on the boardwalk reads, "No horseplay on ramp - children who do will be fed to the gators" - apparently, graffiti doesn't count as 'horseplay', because it runs rampant along the walkway outside Fudpucker's bar and restaurant.

Gator Beach, a quaint side-of-the-road attraction, born in 2001 with the introduction of 20 juvenile alligators, aimed to lure guests off the main routes of travel.

Today, the beach fluctuates between 100-150 gators, ranging in age from 2-6 years.

"We'll only keep them up to six-feet, because they can become cannibalistic," explains Trey Tisdale, one of the two Alligator Park Managers. "We don't want them to eat each other. We love our babies."

Joining Tisdale on the overlook of the alligator's pond are supervisor Caleb Love and manager Chris Bastian, both experienced gator handlers.

The alligators are lounging nearby - one of the reptiles flashes a toothy smile, while another opens his craw just enough to offer a glimpse of his 40 menacing uppers and 40 lower 'chompers'.

With so many young gators to look after, Trey says the park can feel "like a preschool for gators."

"All of these were lucky," Love admits. "They were rescued from gator farms before they could be processed."

Love offers tours of the exhibits, beginning with 'Pearl', the park's rare resident albino alligator.

Plagued by a congenital absence of pigmentation in the skin, causing cream-colored skin and pink-tinted eyes, albinos have about half the lifespan of a regular gator.

"They are especially prone to metabolic bone disease, like arthritis," Love explains. "We give her a Vitamin D supplement."

During the tour, the albino 'princess' seems to be sleeping, and is utterly inert - except for those rosy irises that are undeniably alert.

"We get lots of questions about the size of an alligator's brain," Love notes, agreeing it's quite small. "No, you can't train a gator not to bite you. But you can 'train' it to notice patterns and routines. In other words, you can 'habituate' an alligator."

Take Pearl, for example; the beach's employees feed her every morning at 10 a.m., on the right side of her cage.

"So, every day, around 10 a.m., that's where you'll find her," Love says, as if the gator has some sort of internal clock.

In a combination aquarium/terrarium next door, filled with heated water, hatchling alligators are swimming.

Striped black-and-yellow, like marine bumblebees, these 'newbies' arrived at age seven months old, all birthed from the same batch of eggs; there are 32 reptiles in the gator nursery.

"That [striping] helps camouflage them amongst the reeds. As they stay out in the sun, their coloring turns black. At this age, though, they're still very vulnerable to birds of prey," Love explains, adding that only five percent



PHOTOS COURTESY OF VICKIE LILLO

Alligators at the Gator Beach, in Destin, wait in and out of the water for the park's daily show time - which coincides with the gator's evening feeding time.

of baby alligators make it to adulthood.

Love returns to the overlook where visitors (for a \$4 fee) can feed alligators with treats mounted on cane poles.

"We [give] them 40-50 pounds of raw meat every morning," Love explains while unwinding the rope from a cane pole and securing a chunk of gator treat-nuggets.

The treats are made of dehydrated chicken, bone meal, vitamins, and calcium.

As reptiles begin circling below the makeshift pier, showing off their voracious appetites, Bastian addresses a concern.

"It's safe. The worst that can happen is that the pole accidentally gets dropped in the water. We won't make the kids go down and get it," he laughs.

Nearby, a little boy dangles his cane pole above the snout of an alligator; with a snap, the jaws close around the pebble.

So, what allows Gator Beach to claim they're the 'World's Greatest Alligator Park'?

According to Tisdale - the first claim to greatness is that the park is free.

"If you're coming from another state, this may be your first time seeing an alligator. And obviously, if you have a big family, the last thing you want to do is have to fork out a lot of cash," says Tisdale. "It's a great attraction and we want people to stay in a good mood."

"Secondly, we're a little different," says Love. "Unlike other parks, we keep staff here, year-round, to answer questions."

"And reason number three," Tisdale pipes back in, "Where else can you see the closest living thing to a real-live dinosaur?"

While the park is free - it is by no means unexciting.

At 4 p.m., the park hosts an alligator show, with the alligator managers and supervisors flinging chicken gizzards and feet to the hungry gators.

During the show, the staff offer educational tidbits and statistics on alligators - did you know alligators can hold their breath for hours, or that a person is killed by a gator only once every two-three years?

Gator Beach also offers photo opportunities, and a two-hour, behind the



Gator Beach's gator handlers and staff offer tours, conduct shows, and provide educational information to the park's visitors. Pictured, from left to right, are: Trey Tisdale, Alligator Park manager; Caleb Love, park supervisor; and Chris Bastian, park manager.

scenes tour with the Gator Team - which costs \$90 for adults, and \$70 for kids.

Participants of that tour get to distribute raw meat to the alligators, interact with the babies and Pearl, and learn a few other 'surprises' about the park's gators.

On the way out, after squealing sufficiently over the congregation of alligators, whet your whistle with a 'Fudpuckerita', the bar's signature frozen liba-

tion - satisfy your appetite with world-famous alligator gumbo.

Browsing the Fudpucker's gift emporium for 'gator' merchandise is also recommended; remember, though, like the sign says: "shoplifters will be fed to the alligators. No excuses...no second chances."

Gator Beach, 20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, Florida Telephone: (850) 654-4200

Open: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, or until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.



Gator Beach shares a building with Fudpucker's, a roadside attraction in Destin that lures visitors off the road with bright beachy buildings and the allure of being the self-titled 'World's Greatest Alligator Park.'

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# Gadsden County School bus involved in three-vehicle accident

## Two drivers injured, seven students unharmed

**Breanna Rittman**  
Gadsden County News Service

On Wednesday, June 16 at 11:48 a.m., a Gadsden County school bus, carrying seven students, was involved in a vehicle accident.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol a vehicle driven by a 19-year-old man from Chattahoochee, was stopped in the westbound left turn lane of Highway 90 for a stop sign.

The troopers' report says that the Chattahoochee driver was preparing to turn west over Highway 90, onto State Road 12, while a second vehicle driven by an 82-year-old man (also from Chattahoochee) was traveling east on the inside eastbound lane of travel on Highway 90.

The third vehicle, which was the school bus driven by a 62-year-old woman, from Quincy, was traveling west in the inside westbound lane on Highway 90.

According to Florida Highway Patrol, the 19-year-old driver crossed the highway and traveled into the 82-year-old driver's right of way, causing his vehicle to collide with the other vehicle's rear.

According to Florida Highway Patrol, after the



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MOUNT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Two drivers, both from Chattahoochee, were injured during a three-vehicle crash on June 16. One of the three vehicles was a Gadsden County School District bus, carrying seven teenaged students.

initial impact, the 82-year-old's vehicle rotated counter-clockwise as it traveled across the grass median, through the westbound left turn lane of Highway 90, and into the westbound lane, before the vehicle's right rear collided with the school bus' left front.

After the initial collision, the 19-year-old came to a controlled stop near the area of initial collision on the south grass shoulder of Highway 90, facing east.

After the collision between the school bus and the 82-year-old's vehicle, the bus came to a final rest near the area of collision, facing north.

The Florida Highway

Patrol was assisted on-scene by Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, Gretna Police Department, Gadsden County Fire Rescue volunteers, and Gadsden Emergency Medical Services.

The Florida Highway Patrol listed the 82-year-old's condition as critical, and the 62-year-old bus driver suffered minor injuries.

The 19-year-old driver and the students on the bus were reported to have no injuries.

Gadsden County School Board's Director of Transportation Gerald Gay, III says he is thankful the students and driver did not suffer any serious injuries, and ensures local

parents that riding a school bus is still safe for their children.

"School buses are built for maximum protection in any type of impact crash. The accident on Wednesday confirms that school buses remain one of the safest modes of transportation, especially for the precious cargo that we transport," Gay said.

Gay also reminds motorists to be mindful when driving.

"We continue to ask motorists to observe all traffic laws when in the presence of school buses and school zones and help contribute to our mission to transport students safely each day," concluded Gay.

# Midway to refocus on code enforcement

**By Erin Hill**  
Gadsden County News Service

Midway City Council members recently approved ordinances that will allow the enforcement of city codes to resume within the city's limits.

In May, during a regularly scheduled meeting, the council voted to adopt emergency Ordinance 2021-04, which dissolved the planning and zoning board, and temporarily transferred its powers and duties to the city council, on its second and final reading.

The planning and zoning board hadn't met for months, due to the lack of board members available to attend meetings; two of the planning and zoning board members recently resigned, one of which is newly elected city council member Charles Williams, who had to resign to run for city council.

City Manager Linda Dilworth and City Attorney Anthony Thomas were tasked with legally reconstituting the planning and zoning board by ordinance to bring the board in closer compliance with Florida law.

During the regularly scheduled council meet-

ing on June 3, the council unanimously voted to adopt an ordinance that will allow the council to reconstitute the planning and zoning board into a seven-member board (one appointed from each of the five districts and two at-large appointed by the entire council).

Previously, members of the planning commission residing in each of five council districts were nominated by the council member representing that district, which Thomas and Dilworth said had resulted in confusion and delay in nominating members to the board.

All potential planning and zoning board members must apply to be nominated for appointment to the board by filling out an application form provided by the city, whether appointed at-large or by an individual council member.

Thomas said this will result in a more transparent selection process with greater oversight by the council.

The new process was supported under a unanimous vote by the city council.

The council members also voted to adopt "The

City of Midway Code Enforcement Act."

Harold Knowles, who is the senior legal consultant to the city manager, said the enforcement act will give broader powers and more specific authority to the city to enforce codes pertaining to property maintenance and beautification.

Antonio Jefferson, who is also one of Dilworth's consultants, said the city will launch a marketing campaign, and information will be sent to every citizen so they will know the expectations of the ordinance.

Knowles said once the ordinance is adopted, the city will hire a part-time code enforcement officer and a code enforcement magistrate.

"When the code enforcement officer goes out there, he'll spend the first few months just educating the community," said Jefferson.

Jefferson said the code enforcement officer will give the citizens time to comply without having the penalty of enforcement.

"After we go through the education period, then enforcement will increase," Jefferson added.

Jefferson said one of the biggest code violations in Midway are junk cars that are unregistered and sitting in residents' yards.

"The intent of code enforcement is not to be punitive, the intent is to get compliance," Jefferson said.

Councilwoman Nandrycka King Albert said code enforcement has become an issue because citizens throughout Midway, from all districts, have voiced their concerns and complaints.

King Albert said the council is implementing the policy because of the complaints from the citizens.

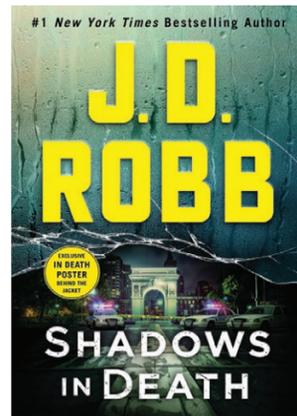
The vote on "The City of Midway Code Enforcement Act" was 4-1.

Councilman Charles Willis said he did not vote in favor of the ordinance, saying his vote in opposition was because he did not believe the act was properly advertised to the public.

Knowles said the proposed ordinance was advertised in a local newspaper, which is what is required by Florida law.

Knowles also said notice of the public hearings for the ordinances were likewise posted on the city's website.

## LIBRARIAN'S BOOK OF THE WEEK



**Book of the week:** *Shadows In Death* by J.D. Robb  
**Picked by:** Interloan Librarian Sonja James  
**Reading level:** Adult

### Synopsis:

While Eve examines a fresh body in Washington Square Park, her husband, Roarke, spots a man among the onlookers he's known since his younger days on the streets of Dublin. A man who claims to be his half brother. A man who kills for a living - and who burns with hatred for him.

Eve is quick to suspect that the victim's spouse - resentful over his wife's affair and poised to inherit her fortune - would have happily paid an assassin to do his dirty work. Roarke is just as quick to warn her that if Lorcan Cobbe is the hitman, she needs to be careful.

Law enforcement agencies worldwide have pursued this cold-hearted killer for years, to no avail. And his lazy smirk when he looked Roarke's way indicates that he will target anyone who matters to Roarke...and is confident he'll get away with it.

Eve is desperate to protect Roarke. Roarke is desperate to protect Eve. And together, they're determined to find Cobbe before he finds them - even if it takes them across the Atlantic, far outside Eve's usual jurisdiction...

### From the librarian:

The novel follows Lt. Eve Dallas and her billionaire husband Roarke as they are investigating the murder of a young woman and a man emerges from the shadows, who has a past connection to Roarke. From New York to Dublin, Eve and Roarke race against time to find out what he wants before he kills again - lots of twist and turns! This is book 51 in the awesome "In Death" series written by J.D. Robb, a pseudonym of bestselling author Nora Roberts.

### How to get the book:

*Shadows in Death* is available for check out at all library branches in Gadsden County, under the call numer 'F Rob' in adult fiction.

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**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution

1. Pirate 2. Lovely;  
3. Serene; 4. Elated

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**Even Exchange**  
answers

1. Summit, Submit	6. Burst, Burnt
2. Towel, Tower	7. Couch, Coach
3. Folly, Filly	8. Frond, Front
4. Choir, Chair	9. Tamper, Temper
5. Warden, Warren	10. Stock, Stork

**CryptoQuip**  
answer

Do you suppose horticulturists have a tendency to get involved in grass-roots organizations?

**CryptoQuote**  
answer

The seeds of resilience are planted in the way we process the negative events in our lives.  
— Sheryl Sandberg

**PUZZLE SOLUTIONS FROM PAGES 6 & 7**

**Hitori**  
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**King Crossword**  
Answers  
Solution time: 23 mins.

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# Gadsden County announces principals for the next school year

By Erin Hill

Gadsden County News Service

During a special meeting on Wednesday, June 16, Gadsden County Superintendent of Schools Elijah Key announced the school level administrators for the 2021-2022 school year.

The board unanimously voted to approve Key's list of new principals and assistant principals candidates.

When the regularly scheduled school board meeting was held last month, none of the principals' contracts had been renewed.

During the special meeting, the following were named as Gadsden County school level administrators for the upcoming school year:

## Gadsden County High School

Principal - Chelsea

Matthews Franklin will be heading to Gadsden County High after most recently serving as principal at Duncan U. Fletcher Middle School in Duval County.

Assistant principal - O'Hara Black will be a returning assistant principal at Gadsden County High School.

Assistant principal - Kysha Hopkins will be transitioning from Leon County after serving as a

teacher at Griffin Middle School.

Assistant principal - Brooke Solz will be transitioning to the role of assistant principal, after serving as a reading specialist for the district.

## James A. Shanks Middle School

Principal - Michael Sneed will become the new principal at Shanks, after most previously serving as principal at Greenville Elementary School in Madison County.

Assistant principal - Tireshia Galloway will be transferring from Gadsden County High, where she was a reading coach.

Assistant principal - Abbye Zanders will return to Shanks as an assistant principal.

## West Gadsden Middle School

Principal - Juliette Jackson

Assistant Principal - Kimberly Cummings

Assistant Principal - Shannon Williams already an assistant principal at West Gadsden Middle School.

## Gadsden Elementary Magnet School

Principal - Allysun Davis returning as principal.

## Havana Magnet School

Principal - Thelma Hickman is transitioning from Crossroad to take the lead at Havana Magnet.

Assistant Principal - Sandra Riggins will be coming from Leon County.

Assistant Principal - Deborah Shaffer transfer-



PHOTO BY ERIN HILL

Gadsden County High School's new principal for the 2021-2022 school year Chelsea Matthews Franklin (center) is pictured with the school's new assistant principal Kysha Hopkins (left) and returning assistant principal O'Hara Black (right) during a special school board meeting held on Wednesday, June 16.

## Stewart Street Elementary School

Principal - Lisa Robinson will return as principal at Stewart Street.

Assistant principal - Thaddius Green will return as assistant principal.

Assistant principal - Christopher Germany will also return as assistant principal.

## Carter-Parramore Academy

Principal - Willie Jackson will return as principal of Carter-Parramore Academy.

No assistant principal has been named for Carter-Parramore as of June 22.

## Gadsden Central Academy

Assistant principal - Laronda Frazier-Lee will return as assistant of Gadsden Central Academy, which shares a campus with Carter-Parramore.

For the upcoming school year, the principals have a start date of July 1 and assistant principals begin July 26.



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<p>2018 SUBARU LEGACY</p> <p>STK:013582, WELL KEPT <b>ONE OWNER!</b></p>	<p>2019 TOYOTA YARIS</p> <p>STK:505055 <b>FUEL SAVER!</b> SATELLITE RADIO</p>	<p>2016 CHEVROLET MALIBU</p> <p>STK:291093 <b>POPULAR MODEL!</b> LOW MILES</p>	<p>2018 HONDA ACCORD</p> <p>STK:243391 <b>SPORT PACKAGE!</b> BUILT TO LAST</p>	<p>2017 CHEVROLET MALIBU</p> <p>STK:216648 <b>BACK-UP CAMERA MUST SEE!</b> BLUETOOTH!</p>
<p>2016 CHEVROLET CAMARO</p> <p>STK:190369 <b>RALLY SPORT PACKAGE!</b> CONVERTIBLE</p>	<p>2017 HONDA CIVIC LE</p> <p>STK:026491 <b>WHAT A RIDE!</b> MUST SEE!</p>	<p>2014 MERCEDES E350</p> <p>STK:790339 <b>LEATHER, SUNROOF!</b> LUXURY</p>	<p>2018 DODGE CHARGER SXT</p> <p>STK:126181 <b>SXT PACKAGE!</b> BACK-UP CAMERA!</p>	<p>2018 INFINITI Q50</p> <p>STK:353267 <b>LEATHER, SUNROOF!</b> ALLOYS</p>
<p>2015 TOYOTA TACOMA</p> <p>STK:085346 <b>PreRUNNER, ALLOYS!</b> NICE TRUCK</p>	<p>2015 CHEVROLET SILVERADO</p> <p>STK:374817 <b>ONLY 39,996 MILES!</b> ONE OWNER</p>	<p>2018 RAM EXPRESS 1500</p> <p>STK:252367 <b>NICE TRUCK!</b> DOUBLE SHARP</p>	<p>2019 TOYOTA TACOMA SR5</p> <p>STK:111091 <b>ONLY 13,932 MILES!</b> VERY NICE</p>	<p>2017 CHEVROLET COLORADO</p> <p>STK:306318 <b>Z71 PACKAGE!</b> BED COVER!</p>
<p>2016 HONDA HR-V EX</p> <p>STK:729600 <b>BUILT TO LAST!</b> SUNROOF</p>	<p>2018 GMC ACADIA SLE</p> <p>STK:211132 <b>LOW MILES 3RD ROW SEAT!</b> ALLOYS</p>	<p>2015 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE</p> <p>STK:779816 <b>READY FOR THE ROAD!</b> NICE</p>	<p>2017 TOYOTA RAV 4</p> <p>STK:357238 <b>MUST SEE!</b> ALLOYS</p>	<p>2018 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER</p> <p>STK:015089 <b>LOW MILES!</b> BLACK ALLOYS</p>

\*Minimum \$1000 Trade Allowance. One vehicle trade allowance per vehicle purchase, June 1st - 30th, 2021. Financing available with approved credit. Other Terms and Conditions May Apply. See Dealer For Complete Details.