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## Questions raised about design of Riverfront Park

By Lois Swoboda and David Adlerstein  
Times Staff Writer

Concern among Apalachicola residents about the design of the city's Riverfront Park led to a flurry of meetings early this week, and a decision to modify some of the design elements.

Two state grants totaling \$400,000 are funding the park construction, whose central feature is a \$56,000 fountain that will circulate water.

The fountain idea had sprung from design ideas suggested by the

University of Georgia's Riverways South committee, who incorporated it into the report they submitted to the city last year.

"We kind of scaled it down some and brought it before the city's waterfronts committee for their approval," said Cindy Giametta, the city grant writer. "The one they had designed took up half the park and we scaled it back."

That committee, empowered to sign off on designs for city-owned property, approved the idea earlier this month, although not all the members were clear that they had done so.

Harry Arnold, chairman of the waterfront committee said he did not, and would not, have approved it. He said the committee had other ideas, including a shrimp boat that was donated. City Administrator Betty Webb said the city has recommended that boat be placed on the city's Bodiford property, on Water Street between Gander's and B-9 Boat Works.

Committee member Roy Solomon said he did not recall the fountain being mentioned prior to the committee's

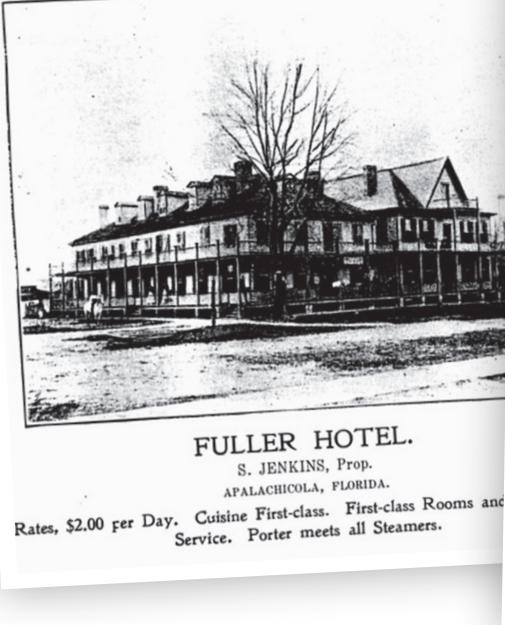
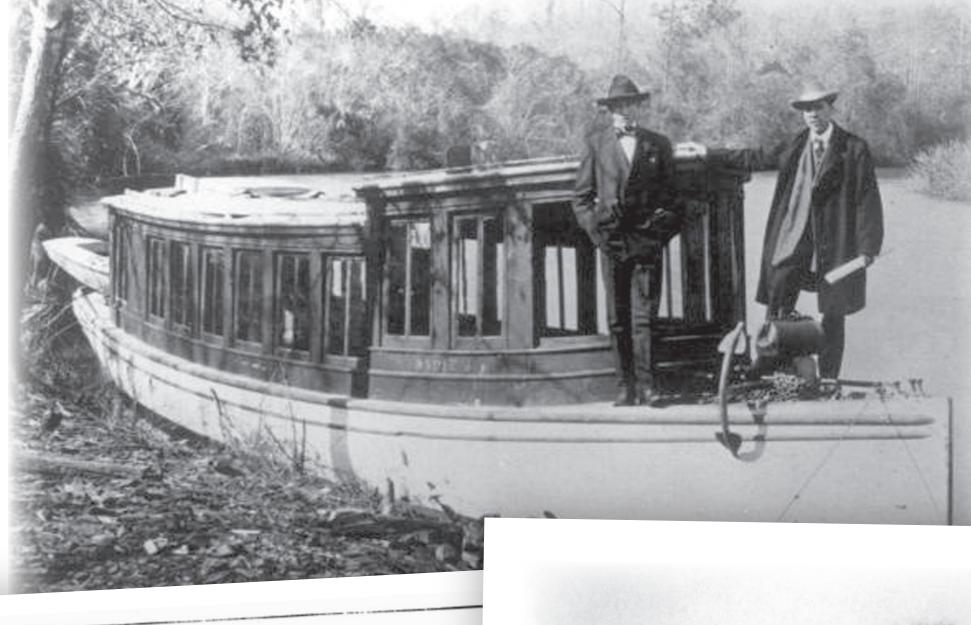
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A view of construction of the fountain at Riverfront Park in Apalachicola.

## Prosperity in BLACK APALACHICOLA



## Jenkins left early legacy as prominent innkeeper

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

**A**t a time when most African-Americans were struggling, Spartan Jenkins was a prosperous and resourceful local businessman who ran the finest hotel in Apalachicola. Born in Eufaula, Alabama in July 1858, Jenkins came to Apalachicola as a lad and went on to become one of the most successful men in the county.

The 1870 Eufaula census lists him as 13 years of age and attending school. In that record, he is listed with his widowed mother, Ann Jenkins, age 35, a domestic servant, and his sister, Eliza Jenkins, 7.

Sometime between 1870 and 1880, Jenkins' mother met Daniel Fry, a widowed, white, steamboat captain and moved with him to Apalachicola with Eliza and Spartan in tow, along with a second son, Harry whose father was probably Fry.

According to Lee Williams' paper on "Black Apalachicola," Fry and Ann Jenkins continued to live together until his death on March 18, 1894. His last act, completed on his deathbed when he was completely blind, was to leave all of his real property to Ann Jenkins and her sons.

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At top, this picture of the Sadie J is dated 1906. Could that be Spartan Jenkins on the right? Above left, The Fuller Hotel, from a flyer printed before 1910. Above right, Spartan Jenkins and family, likely his wife, Belle, daughter Sadie and son William.

## Carrabelle 'sets the bar' with Shriners' weekend

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Perfect weather and local hospitality made a Shriners' convention held in Carrabelle last weekend an outstanding success.

"We have set the bar for all future events," said David Jackson, who organized the party. "They couldn't believe we'd done something so big in a little town like this. They don't know Carrabelle."

On Friday and Saturday, the Shaddai Shriners of the Panama City district, of which Carrabelle's Shrine Club is a part, came to town to stage their Spring Initiation Ceremony when new candidates are inducted into the Shrine.

Jackson said 14 new members were welcomed into the fold but not before performing a highly original and amusing set of initiation tests. Four of the new members were sponsored by the Carrabelle club.

"There was nobody who was not impressed, from the ladies luncheon at the Crooked River Grill to the banquet at C-Quarters on Saturday night, everything was great," said Jackson.



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One of the Shriner clowns works the parade crowd Saturday in Carrabelle.

"They bragged and bragged and bragged on us."

Jackson said the turnout for the ladies luncheon, 80 women, was unusually high.

About 15 Shriners came to the ceremony from as far away as Atlanta and about 20 units performed

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## County gets good news on jobless front

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Franklin County got a whiff of good news last week, when the state reported the unemployment rate declined by nearly 1 percentage point in March.

According to preliminary labor market statistics released Friday by the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, the county's jobless rate dropped to 6.8 percent last month, with 318 people, out of a county labor force of 4,698, without jobs.

This meant 35 fewer people were on the jobless rolls in March than in February, when the unemployment rate stood at 7.6 percent, with 355 people without work out of a smaller labor force of 4,615.

Last month's unemployment rate was still 3 percentage points higher than one year ago, when in March 2008, the labor force stood at 4,639 people, but only 177 were without jobs, for an unemployment rate of just 3.8 percent.

The county's unemployment rate tied it with Wakulla for sixth best in the state last month, behind Jackson, at 6.7; Leon, at 6.2; Alachua and Monroe, both at 6.1; and Liberty, at 5.2 percent. There were 26 Florida counties with double-digit unemployment rates.

Franklin's 6.8 percent jobless rate for March is more than 3 percentage points better than the state average of 9.7 percent, which represents 893,000 jobless out of a labor force

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# Solving the mystery of Indian Creek's sick mullet

Recently the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners asked me to investigate reports of "sick" mullet being caught in Eastpoint in the Indian Creek area. When I checked with local residents and fishermen, what they showed me was about a half-dozen silver mullet with open sores (ulcers) on their bodies. I contacted Catalina Brown, a biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Fish-Kill Hotline, who arranged for fresh samples of the mullet to be sent to her laboratory.

Once the fish arrived, it was determined that the mullet were infected by a water mold that goes by the scientific name of *Aphanomyces invadans* (Ai). The following is some general information about the disease.

In Florida, ulcers in estuarine fish have been observed since the late 1970's. Unlike the rest of the eastern seaboard of the United States where menhaden are primarily affected, multiple species of estuarine and freshwater fish with ulcerative mycosis (UM) have been reported. In prior studies, UM-type ulcers appeared to be a mixed syndrome with a number of potential bacterial and fungal pathogens implicated. However, the appearance of large numbers of fish with ulcers in the spring of 1998 refocused scientific investigations into potential causative factors.

Since the outbreak

in 1998, research conducted by the FWC has implicated Ai as a significant cause of ulcers in Florida estuarine and freshwater fish. In addition, Ai infections have been found in estuarine fish along the East Coast of the U.S. and in Southeast Asia, Japan, and Australia. In these other areas, the infection is called "ulcerative mycosis," "epizootic ulcerative syndrome," "mycotic granulomatosis," and "red spot disease."

Ai has a life cycle that consists of three different stages: hyphae, zoospore, and cyst. Changes in the aquatic environment (such as a change in salinity or water temperature) cause Ai to undergo rapid asexual reproduction. During this time thousands of swimming "spores" are released into the water. These "spores" then search for a fish host. The "spores" infect the skin of the fish and cause the development of bloody skin ulcers. If a host is not found, the zoospores become cysts and sink to the mud or sediment.

## What is an ulcer?

An ulcer is defined as the localized shedding of dead skin tissue, exposing the underlying dermal or muscle tissue. The ulcer may have rough or raised irregular margins and will often appear bloody or rotten.

Ulcerated estuarine fish have been collected in coastal areas throughout Florida. Scientists at



A view of a menhaden with ulcerative tissue.

FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) have found that several types of molds/fungus can cause the ulcers. However, at this time only Ai has been found statewide.

Routine monitoring of the health of fish in Florida estuaries is conducted monthly by a partnership between FWRI's Fisheries Independent Monitoring (FIM) group and Fish and Wildlife Health group. Fish with gross external abnormalities, including ulcers, fin rot, tumors, and skeletal abnormalities are culled by FIM during monthly random fisheries assessment sampling trips in Apalachicola Bay, Cedar Key, Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, South Indian River Lagoon, North Indian River Lagoon, and the St. Johns River.

These culled fish are sent to FWRI headquarters in St. Petersburg for diagnosis. Data from this random sampling show that out of the thousands of fish

examined in the field, less than 0.1 percent of the fish in Florida estuaries suffer from Ai infections, and less than 1 percent experience gross external abnormalities.

## Variety of species are affected

The most commonly affected estuarine fish are striped mullet, silver mullet, and sheepshead. Other affected species have included black drum, pinfish, American shad, pigfish, red drum, Atlantic croaker, and gray snapper.

Stressed fish are more likely to become infected with disease. Fish are very sensitive to changes in the aquatic environment. Rapid changes in salinity, temperature, and/or water quality can cause fish to become stressed, leaving them open to infection. Changes in salinity in estuaries can occur from natural occurrences such as local watershed basin run-off, or runoff from severe storms and hurricanes, or from

artificial manipulations of water levels in bodies of water. These rapid changes in the aquatic environment may stress the fish and increase their chances of infection by various diseases.

## Mortality and fungal infections

Fish don't necessarily die from infections of Ai. Scientists have observed lesions in various stages of the healing process in different species of fish. These fish are frequently found in higher salinity water that may have helped, along with the fish's immune system, to eliminate the fungus. However, it is very difficult to obtain data on fish mortalities: weakened, dying, or dead fish may be eaten by predators or be found when decomposition interferes with determining the cause of death. Secondary bacterial infections in the open ulcer may also increase the likelihood of mortality.

## How can I help?

If you see or catch any ulcerated fish, please call the Fish Kill Hotline (1-800-636-0511) or fill out an online report at <http://research.myfwc.com/fishkill/submit.asp>. Report what type of fish had an ulcer, how many fish have them, the location where you caught or saw the "sick" fish, and how to contact you for additional information.

Frozen samples can be used to identify this fungus using genetic techniques. They will accept frozen ulcerated fish in good condition that have the following information: location (GPS coordinates preferred) and date of capture, species, and standard length, total length, or fork length. Contact the Fish Kill Hotline for more information on providing samples.

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## SHINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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## HELP US SHED THE LIGHT ON THE FIGHT

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A special Luminaria Ceremony held during the American Society's Franklin County Relay For Life remembers and celebrates the lives of those lost to cancer and honors and provides hope for those who are survivors. During this unforgettable ceremony that takes place just after sunset, candles are placed around the track and will illuminate the path as Relay participants slowly and reverently walk the track as the names are read and a bagpiper plays the appropriate music. Some walkers may choose to stand in front of the bag given for a loved one while others silently walk. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and courage with which we all continue to fight cancer as well as paying tribute to those who have lost their battle to this disease.

For a suggested donation, you can remember a lost loved one or you may wish to honor someone who is a cancer survivor. Franklin County has lost many precious citizens to cancer. Cancer is indiscriminate and knows no boundaries. At Relay For Life we walk the track because we have been touched by cancer and because we want to put an end to this disease. We walk because we offer hope to survivors and we walk to pay tribute to family and friends who are not here to walk. To honor your loved one, please send this form with your check to **Susan Hoffritz, 123 N Bayshore Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328**. Luminaria forms may also be filled out and donations made at any **Franklin County Gulf State Bank or Apalachicola State Bank and Trinity Episcopal Church**. If you are unable to locate a form, please call **Patti McCartney at 927-2913**. Luminaria will also be sold at the beginning of Relay For Life on Friday, May 15, 5:00 pm at the Franklin County School football field.



We invite you to become part of the celebration at

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# Opinion

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## Willing to swap op-ed space for giant, juicy tomato

I've been channeling Mary Carol Creekmore and Xuripa Miller this week. Years ago they both wrote folksy columns for The Times. Mary Carol kept us updated on the social and family goings-ons in Apalachicola, and Xuripa caught us up on the Eastpoint scene. I remember Xuripa writing about gathering and eating the early spring green, poke salad.

Mary Carol often included items about who brought her the first tomatoes of the season, half a pound cake, a pot of chicken and dumplings, or peach jam. Some of us started to suspect that folks presented her with offerings just to get their names in the paper. I am not even going there. Although, now that I think about it, I would be glad to give anybody a plug who brought me a big, red, homegrown, juicy beefsteak tomato. 'Mater and mayonnaise sandwiches anyone?

I have been absolutely shameless about seeking information for places to pick dewberries (the ones on vines) and blackberries (the ones on bushes). My students, after much urging, provided me with about eight or nine locations. I even got some hints about a place up 65 for blueberries.

Today, on the Apalachicola side of the bridge I reconnoitered two spots. I saw some bright red berries at one and white blossoms at the other. Neither place was very impressive.

Sadly, I also found evidence of many plants on road shoulders that had been mowed. One year, on the way to Port S. Joe I saw thousands of white blossoms indicating a bumper crop to come. I actually emailed Tommie Speights, the public information guy at the Florida Department of Transportation. I requested that the agency hold off on mowing until the harvest. He was cordial and promised to look into it. Unfortunately, I was unsuccessful. The mowing continued. No pie, no cobbler, and no dooby for me that year.

I still have some sites to check out up Highway 65 and Highway 67. I suspect the deeper into the woods I go, the better luck I will have. I have decided that enduring the possibility of a red bug infestation will be worth it. If you see me scratching, you'll know I've been to the forest.

Several of my students said that the end of Little St. George Island closest to St. Vincent Island usually has millions of berries. Take note berry-pickers with boats.

I am starting to wonder why this simple little food-gathering project has become so important. I really did have other ideas for the column. I could have written about all the folks who talk to me in the grocery store or email from far away. They share anecdotes and want to talk about recollections of the times and people gone by.

We have a collective memory of the old days and numerous observations about what is happening now in our shared communities.

Despite my aggravation and downright fury about several local issues, I felt the need to focus on the positive this time. I have been known to provoke angry responses when my intention was only to initiate a dialogue.

I could have written about Nikolai, the gent from the Department of Education who claims to have turned around schools in the Bronx and sincerely believes he can do the same thing here. I optimistically suggest he spend some time listening to students, parents, and teachers.

I am steaming about any proposal to move the Apalachicola Municipal Library to the former Apalachicola High School site. I worked there over a dozen years. I believe it is a toxic building with numerous infrastructure problems.

The library's precious bequest from Margaret Key could be much better spent than by trying to prop up a building with so much going against it. I could also have done an entire column on the city, county, state, national, and world issues that have me outraged.

I would rather concentrate on where to pick blackberries. And by the way, if you want to drop off a tomato from your garden, I'll see to it that you get your name in the paper.

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RED WHITE  
AND ROUX

Denise Roux

## UF study: Florida land values tumble in 2008

By Stu Hutson  
University of Florida

Keeping in step with the U.S. economy, Florida land values took a major tumble in 2008, with some areas losing more than half of their 2007 worth.

According to the annual Florida Land Value Survey, conducted by the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, rural land and land outside of metropolitan areas -- eagerly sought by developers in recent years -- is now commonly being offered for sale at a fraction of its cost.

"In some cases, it's almost like a fire sale," said Rodney Clouser, the UF professor of food and resource economics who led the survey. Some respondents reported large blocks of land being offered at 20 to 30 percent of their purchase price.

A population boom between 2002 and 2006 contributed to a dramatic rise in land prices throughout Florida. But now, the state's annual popu-

lation increase is expected to be only 10 percent of the boom years' growth, according to UF population projections.

The survey, which does not cover urban land values, showed that land outside of cities primed for development, dubbed transition land, decreased by as much as 55 percent in the northern half of the state.

Transition land within five miles of urban centers in the southern half of the state lost nearly 40 percent of its value.

However, in the one exception to the otherwise gloomy economic picture, transition land more than five miles away from urban centers in the southern half of the state increased by 5 percent. Most likely, this is because its low price and relative location to large cities was seen as the best deal by those still looking to buy real estate, Clouser said.

Nevertheless, the 5 percent increase is significantly smaller than the nearly 17 percent increase for the same area last year.

Lagging development hasn't just affected areas destined for shopping malls and homes. It has also contributed to drops as large as 26 percent in farmland values.

Although such land is typically evaluated primarily by the profitability of the crop produced, urban expansion was so rapid in recent boom years that many began to evaluate the land based on what it would bring if used for housing or other development purposes, Clouser said.

Land prices are expected to continue their drop through 2009 -- although not as dramatically as in 2008. Survey responses from individuals involved in the Florida real estate market predict an overall drop between 5 and 17 percent.

Even after the national economic picture brightens, Clouser said, a surplus of homes and other existing development would need to be sold before demand would once again drive land prices up.

The report can be viewed at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/FE798>

## Letters to the EDITOR

### Were campaign promises just lip service?

To the Editor:

Now that the dust has settled, tempers have cooled, and rationality (hopefully) has returned, I am asking the Franklin County Commissioners to PLEASE revisit the Economic Development Council proposal and consider it on its pro-active, visionary merits.

After watching the broadcast of the April 7 meeting, a cynical observer might suspect that certain Franklin County individuals have never really wanted economic development and employment opportunities in this county beyond the seafood industry, government, and real estate/tourist service industries. The possibility of bringing clean industry to this county, with good wages and benefits, would be too much competition and perhaps draw away from the available pool of workers.

I've watched various commissioners over the past 16 years bemoan the circumstances that send our young people out of the county to find employment opportunities. I've heard those same commissioners talk about how much we need "jobs, jobs, jobs!" Every one of you has run your election and re-election campaigns with the promise that you would bring jobs to the county. Was that all just lip service?

In order to "bring jobs to our county" we have to reach out and go get those opportunities. They're not going to fall in our laps. We have to promote our county as a place that's "open for business." We need to put as much effort into seeking and bringing clean private industry and businesses to Franklin County as we do in seeking and obtaining government handouts, stimulus, earmarks, pork, grants, subsidies, and bailouts.

In proposing the creation of an Economic Development Council, the county commission board finally appeared to be formulating a vision for the county's long-range and sustainable employment prospects. But something

happened to the reasoning of three of you on April 7.

Nothing was offered in the way of credible rationale for the "no" votes that occurred. And we could see on the faces of Commissioners Putnal, Parish and Lockley, who waffled and wavered and ultimately voted "no," that they knew they had been disingenuous, to say the least.

Let's return to reason. Again, please revisit the Economic Development Council proposal and look to its merits. No more lip service -- TAKE ACTION!

Sincerely,  
Pam Vest

### School staff makes a difference in students' lives

To the editor

Is it just me or has our beloved Franklin County taken on the tone of, "Them against us" or "Consistent Negative Speaking of Others?"

When I first came to Apalachicola many years ago, I fell in love with this small seaport jewel and its people and I still love it and its people today. I have worked in several different jobs in the county and have learned from them as well as enjoyed them all, but my heart is with the Franklin County School System where I started substituting in the '70s at Apalachicola High School. I have had the privilege to work in the system well over 20 years, have seen many students graduate, teachers retire, school board members elected, principals and superintendents come and go.

Not once have I placed things that are not true, things that I don't have the proper understanding about, or hurtful and damaging articles in the papers. Have I seen flaws in the different places I've worked including the school system? Why, of course, whenever there are people there will always be flaws. I have come to realize that if I do more than is required of me on my job, and all else that I know to do to help others, things and situations will usually get better.

Allow me to invite all that believe

our elected officials, administrators, teachers and staff at the consolidated school, learning center and throughout the county don't have our precious children at heart and attempting to make positive impacts in their lives, please come and volunteer some of your time and help us.

Many of us come to work before the sun comes up and it's dusk when we return home. We've come to work on Saturdays and some parents have the liberty of calling us during the evenings, not to mention weekends and e-mailing too. We don't get paid overtime and I am sure you know about the condition of our budget, but it's the concern and love of the children that motivates us.

Yes, there are some issues on our campus that need to be resolved, as there are on millions of campuses nationwide. We have dedicated personnel that are committed to the academic success, as well as the mental and physical wellbeing of each student in our charge and we work diligently toward solutions. If by chance at the end of a week we breathe a sigh of relief, thinking we have made a difference in the lives of some of the students, periodically we face a wave of criticism from the outside and sometimes even from within.

Can you answer a phone, duplicate papers, file papers, tie shoes, encourage a student that is feeling like no one cares, lend a listening ear, attempt to help a child understand that to mistreat and hurt others physically or with words is wrong? Can you pass a background check and have as little as one hour or two a day, a week or a month?

Yeah, then you are just who we need to help make our system what you think it should be. Already in the system? I encourage you to keep up the good work, continue to be an asset to the children, your co-workers and all around you. I also encourage you to speak positive. I ask for prayer for all of our children, everyone that works in the school system, their parents, how about all of us praying for each other?

Dolores Hayward-Croom

## Insurance coverage you shouldn't do without

By Jason Alderman

Some people looking to reduce expenses drop or trim their insurance coverage, gambling

tors?

that they won't become sick, have a car accident or suffer a fire or other catastrophe. Unless you've got unlimited savings, however, forgoing adequate insurance could place you just one unexpected event away from financial disaster.

- Do they restrict specialized services you might need like maternity benefits, out-of-state coverage, mental health coverage, etc.?

Here are insurance policies no household should be without:

- If you choose catastrophic coverage to lower premiums, can you afford the high deductible in case of an accident or major illness?

**Medical:** This is the most critical -- and unfortunately the most expensive -- coverage you need. When comparing plans, consider:

- Are your doctors in their provider networks? If not, can you afford the out-of-network charges or are you willing to find new doc-

tors?

• "Actual cash value" coverage repairs or replaces belongings, minus deductible and depreciation, whereas "replacement cost" cov-

age will replace the items in today's dollars. Depreciation can significantly lower values, so replacement coverage is often worth the extra cost.

- Jewelry, art and computers usually require additional coverage.

- Consider additional liability insurance, especially if you have significant property investments or savings.

- Review your coverage periodically to account for inflation, home improvements, new possessions, change in marital/family status, etc.

**Car insurance:** You probably can't even get a driver's license without demonstrating proof of insurance. Consider these coverage options:

- "Liability" pays if you cause an accident that injures others or damages their car or other property.
- "Uninsured motorist" pays for damage caused to you or your car by an uninsured motorist.

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# Plans discussed for Apalachicola High School

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

At a meeting of the Apalachicola Community Pride Committee held Thursday, a proposed design to renovate the Apalachicola High School was discussed.

Betty Taylor Webb, city administrator, displayed a tentative floor plan and a sketch of the proposed changes to the school's facade prepared by design consultant George Coon, of Lucas Architects.

The plans showed about one fifth of the school's floor space

dedicated to the municipal library and archives. Also penciled in were a cafe and ceramics shop.

The audience made a number of suggestions for what could be housed in the old school.

The school is now being used by Project Impact, an after-school activity program administered by the city.

The food pantry has said they want to move their operation to the facility.

Karla Ambos, chairman of the Community Garden committee, suggested classes could be held there teaching work skills, trades and history. She said the city could seek a USDA grant

to locate a community garden kitchen in the school and teach nutrition classes.

The building might also house a local sports museum, a pet project of Mayor Van Johnson.

Dieter Ambos proposed that an information and greeting center displaying local art work could be located at the entry to the building.

It was suggested that the school could house a volunteer resource office and provide office space for government groups or nonprofits that periodically visit the city, including the youth probation officer, Big

Bend Hospice and the Literacy Council.

It was even proposed that City Hall might be moved to the 14th Street location.

There were some questions raised about the building.

Library board member Susan Clementson questioned the plan to move the municipal library to the school.

"Everything we've looked at is more centrally located," she said.

In a later interview, City Commissioner Frank Cook said there was no plan to move the library at this time.

"Why are we taking on this

1970s building? Do we know what the utilities were over the last five years?" asked Carrie Kienzle.

Dieter Ambos said he believed the building had multiple air conditioning units and could be cooled in sections as it was used.

"There is one very old, very inefficient unit, but that means we have a great opportunity to make some green changes," said Faye Johnson, director of Project Impact.

"I realize we're going to have some changes over there, but I think it's something we can deal with," said the mayor.

## Affordable housing still on advocates' radar

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

They've done away with the county's affordable housing coalition, but don't think for a minute they've abandoned the cause.

Significant developments that could help families into affordable housing in the months ahead are moving to the front burner.

On March 26, the Franklin County Affordable Housing Coalition met and dissolved itself, leaving behind the corporation that it had spawned, the Franklin County Community Development Corporation, to carry on its work.

"The coalition has evaporated, on the advice of legal counsel, and we've changed the bylaws to make the corporation self-perpetuating," said Rev. John Sink, secretary of the corporation.

The board now includes nine members, each elected by the corporation, and three members who serve at the pleasure of their respective commissions. These include County Commission Chairman Smokey Parrish, Apalachicola Commissioner Frank Cook and Carrabelle Commissioner James Brown.

Dan Rosier, of Carrabelle,

chairs the corporation, with Steve Watkins, as vice chairman, and Cliff Butler as treasurer.

Also on the board of the community development corporation are Lori Switzer and Bob Connors, both from Franklin's Promise, School Board Member Teresa Martin, Joe Pouncey, from GreenSteel, and Tara Ward, a teacher at the ABC School.

Randy Webster serves the board as technical advisor, while Rocky Cabagnot, from Legal Services of North Florida, advises the board on legal matters.

Sink said the coalition had become non-functional over the last several years, ever since it started with great fanfare about four years ago, when housing prices were at their peak.

"We met a couple of times and each time the numbers seemed to go down as we met," said Sink. "We said 'Let's form a more formal organization, a 501c3, and get it incorporated so we can really conduct legitimate business.'

That decision gave rise to the corporation, which later added a land trust component, enabling it to assemble parcels of land and hold them in trust.

"It was so we could receive parcels of land as gifts and

*"We want to properly educate the public on what a land trust is and how it operates."*

**John Sink**  
secretary of the Community Development Corporation

therefore hold the cost of housing down," said Sink. "The corporation owns the land and leases it to the homeowner. This is sort of a hybrid, where you own the house but you don't own the land."

The corporation has two parcels to work with in Carrabelle. The corporation secured title in Feb. 2008, thanks to the city commission's vote in 2007.

"What we've done over there is to partner with Habitat for Humanity. They will be the builder," said Sink. "We've been screening out some candidates and about the time we get them up to where we're ready, they say 'We want that land too.'

"We want to properly educate the public on what a land trust is and how it operates," he said. "The typical mindset is when you

buy a house, you own the land too."

Sink said the corporation has put in for some grant monies to assist potential homeowners, and is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's rural development arm, the federal home loan bank and the SHIP program.

They are also discussing ways of targeting priorities to serve a specific population, such as teachers.

"You can target the priorities to who can own the property," he said. "The city could do the same thing, for public employees."

### NEW FEDERAL MONEY TO HELP FUND CONSTRUCTION

Sink said an infusion of about \$350,000 in federal money, earmarked for new home construction by income-eligible, credit-worthy applicants, will soon become a tool in the quiver of the county's five-member housing board. Sink serves as chairman, and Robert Davis as vice chair, along with Tommy Luster, Cliff Butler and Skip Frink.

Low-interest loans, 1 percent for 30 years, and totaling no more than \$100,000, may be provided

to households with incomes below 120 percent of the area median income.

Monthly payments can be no greater than 30 percent of an applicant's income. The applicant must either own the land, or have an agreement with the county's land trust for property ready for construction.

Sink said the selection criteria for the program, which is administered by the county's SHIP office in Apalachicola, has been drafted and remains to be approved by the county commission.

As it stands now, the housing board, after separating the available funds into allocations for different levels of low-income applicants, will give first preference to those who are not current homeowners, although they may be owners of a mobile home.

Next priority for the construction loans would go to those who occupy a principal residence that is not suitable for rehabilitation as determined by a SHIP housing inspector.

Lastly, priority would be given to those who are elderly, disabled or can demonstrate a documented economic, health or public safety need."



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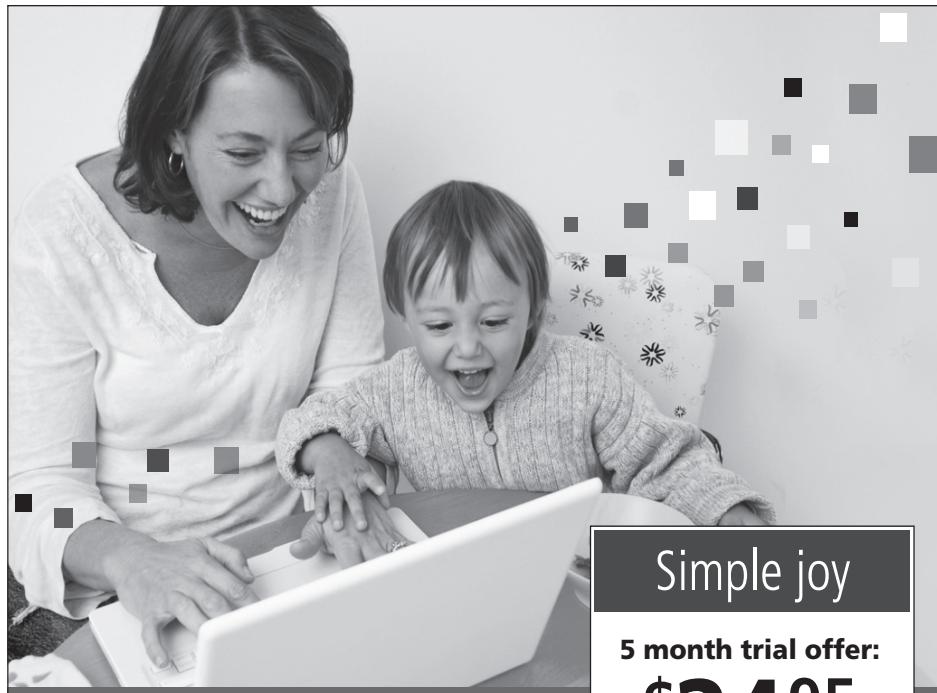
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Ruthye and Rosilyn Blanck.

## Never judge a pirate by his peg leg

Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Rosilyn Blanck of Rosemont Avenue in Highland Park is happy to have her parrot Ruthye home safe and sound and she credits a number of people with Ruthye's return.

Three weeks ago, Ruthye, a 3-year old Solomon Islands Eclectus, escaped from a small pet crate that Blanck's husband Charlie was using to transport the bird to an outdoor aviary. This surprised the Blancks, who did not believe Ruthye could fly. Rosilyn said the bird remained in her yard for five days but the couple was unable to lure her back inside.

"She would call to us, but didn't seem to know how to come down. I don't think she was ever fledged. These birds are totally arboreal in the wild. They never come to the ground," said Rosilyn.

Ruthye made her way to a fishing boat anchored

up river, the home of Matthew "Pirate" Quinn and his wife Nicky.

Quinn is a friendly chap, seen frequently around town with his wife in colorful pirate garb. Their floating home is popularly referred to as the pirate ship.

The Quinns made a sheltered area where Ruthye could feed and, for two weeks, she kept them company. Nicky Quinn was concerned that the bright red parrot was constantly dodging eagles and ospreys. She was sure the bird was someone's pet and eventually the Quinns contacted the Oyster Radio who announced the bird's location and a contact number for the Quinns.

A neighbor of the Blancks heard the announcement and contacted the bird's owners.

"I think it's kind of neat that, when all this stuff is going on in Africa with pirates demanding ransom, our pirates returned my bird. I paid him a little reward but I didn't have to,"

said Rosilyn.

Rosilyn said when she called Quinn his first question to her was, "Do you have a boat?"

She asked why and he explained where he lived. This is when another Samaritan stepped in to help the Blancks.

Officer Carmen Brownell of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission ferried Charlie Blanck out to the pirate ship.

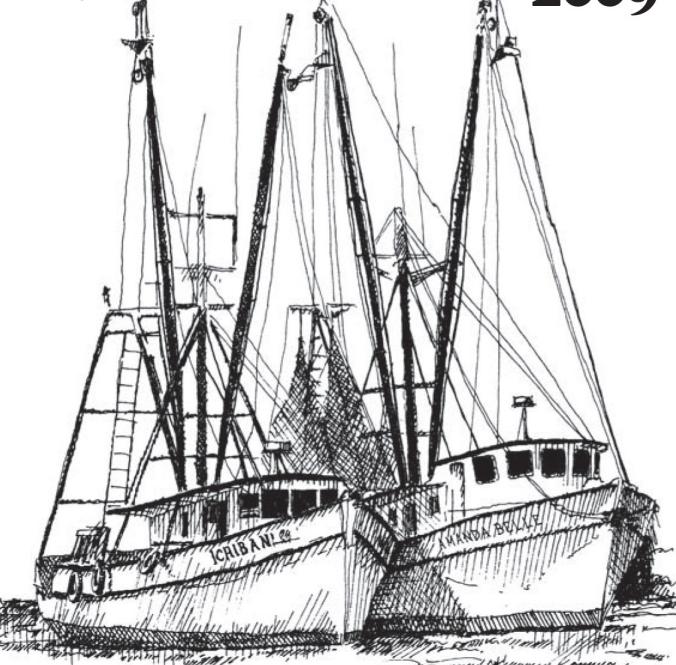
"He was so nice," said Rosilyn. "I really want to thank him."

When Charlie arrived on the Quinns boat, Ruthye was very pleased to see him. She flew to him and entered the carrier voluntarily.

Rosilyn said that, after Ruthye arrived home, she refused to leave her cage for two days.

She said the bird was sleek and happy after her adventure and wants to thank everyone from the Quinns to Oyster Radio, to her neighbors and the FWC officer for bringing Ruthye home.

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## Seahawks boys basketball placed on probation

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

One too many games last season has led to the Seahawks boys basketball team being placed on restrictive probation by the Florida High School Athletic Association for next season.

In a March 17 letter from Roger Dearing, the FHSAA's executive director, the Seahawks also were limited to playing a maximum of 23 games next season and assessed a fine of \$100.

In addition, restrictive probation means the school is served notice it is in "a period of warning for one or more calendar years and additional violations during this period may result in an extension of the probationary period, or in the school being placed on suspension probation, or in the school being expelled from membership (in FHSAA)."

According to Cristina Alvarez, the FHSAA's director of media relations, the state learned the Seahawks had played 26 games, one more than the maximum allowed, when school officials submitted their team data form for the state championship series program.

After making the final four, the Seahawks lost in the semifinals in Lake-

land to eventual champion Jacksonville Arlington Country Day, who won the Class 2A for the fifth consecutive year.

Eight of the Seahawks' 26 games last season were played in tournaments during the regular season, and each counted toward the allowable total. Coach Fred Drake said the team played six games in two tournaments but that the state might be considering the two games in Columbus, Ga., as tournament games.

Athletic Director Mike Todd said the additional game came about because the Seahawks played three games at the Bay Barnstorm Classic over the Christmas break. The Seahawks lost a nailbiter to Cairo, Ga., in their opener and then had to play two other games out of the losers' bracket.

Todd said there were no plans to appeal the FHSAA's decision.

Drake said the 23-game limit will likely not affect scheduling because teams throughout the state are looking at a shorter season as it is.

"The state already said they're going to cut back on the games, and we expect to play 20," he said. "That's what everybody in the state is pretty much preparing for."

## Seahawks eye post-season

By Christy Thompson  
Special to the Times

The Lady Seahawks regular season has ended with only district play looming on the horizon.

The end of the Seahawk schedule was designed with just that in mind: "the end." We wrapped up the season with Munroe, Wewahitchka and Blountstown, three challenging games to ready the girls for North Florida Christian in the district finals. There was plenty of questionable officiating surrounding the first two games. I guess it was just meant to make us work harder and take our losses in a positive way.

It just feels like this was the way it had to be for the Lady Seahawks to get that much better. It's hard to convey the big picture and positive aspects of a game to the girls when the score reflects a loss. In review of past losses, any one of our committed errors could be removed and change the outcome. Our errors always seem to come at the most detrimental times. Combating this just goes



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Pitcher Shelby Shiver and catcher Leigh Redmond form the battery of the Lady Seahawks' defense.

along with experience, and these girls are young, very young. It would be my guess that this 2009 softball team will not only take districts, but be the youngest to do so. We are rolling with only one senior starter, Khrystal Davis.

This last week of softball will prove to be instrumental toward gaining success against North Florida Christian on Thursday, April 23. The Seahawks played good ball against Munroe, before losing 2-1, and better against Wewa,

in a 5-3 loss, but absolutely solid as a rock during the Blountstown game. We took this one into extra innings after having a six-run rally and playing superb defense throughout the game. It was our best game of the season thus far. We just couldn't hold onto the lead late in the eighth inning to defeat the Tigers and lost 7-6.

One thing is for certain, though: If the Lady Seahawks play ball this tough against North Florida, then be prepared to hand that trophy over to the district champs! I feel very good about our team coming into the district playoffs. We are ready, and the morale among the girls is very positive. There is nothing that will stop this team from handling business come Thursday on Seahawk field.

The team is healthy and back to normal positions despite previous injuries. I look forward to a successful season with these girls, and that would include winning the district championship.

Christy Thompson is the coach of the Lady Seahawks varsity softball team.

## Seahawks baseball REPORT

### April 7

Franklin Co. 0 0 3 2 0 0 1 - 6  
Munroe 4 0 2 0 0 4 0 - 10

The Seahawks made a road trip to RF Munroe but came away with a 10-6 loss. Steven Babb was on the hill for the Seahawks, giving up 10 hits, seven walks and only striking out five. The Seahawks played a good ball game but could not overcome the four errors on the field. Leading hitters for the Seahawks were Jared Mock, 3-for-4; Jason Thompson, 2-for-4; and Chase Richards and Caden Barber, each 1-for-4.

### April 9

Franklin Co. 0 3 1 6 1 0 1 - 12  
Jefferson Co. 2 0 0 1 0 3 0 - 6

The Seahawks' bats came alive in Jefferson County, pounding out 19 hits, leading to a 12-6 district victory. Bobby Garrett was on the mound for the Seahawks, striking out nine, walking nine and giving up six hits. Leaders at the plate for the Seahawks were Gary Larsen, 3-for-5; Jared Mock, 3-for-4; Caden Barber, 2-for-5; Cole Lee, 1-for-3; Bobby Garrett, 3-for-5; Bo Hardman, 4-for-4; and Gene Anderson, 1-for-3.

### April 14

North FL. 3 3 3 2 0 - 11  
Franklin Co. 0 0 0 0 0 - 0

The Seahawks played the No. 1 one team in the district on Tuesday. The bats were silenced by the pitchers for NFC. The NFC pitchers struck out seven while walking only one Seahawk batter. The lone hit from a Seahawk came from Jared Mock in the first inning. The Seahawks played good defense with only one error.



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No. 7 Jason Thompson does some belly bumping with Bo Hardman after Thompson slammed a three-run homer in the fourth inning against John Paul II on April 16.

### April 15

#### Game 1

Franklin Co. 2 1 6 0 - 9  
East Gadsden 9 1 1 0 - 11

The Seahawks traveled to Quincy to take on 3A East Gadsden in a make-up game. The Seahawks came away with an 11-9 loss in the first game. Hitters for the Seahawks were Jared Mock, 2-for-4; Austin Larkin, 2 for 3; Jason Thompson, 1 for 4; Caden Barber, 1 for 4; Cole Lee, 1 for 2; Chase Golden, 1 for 2; and Steven Babb, 1

for 1. Other contributors for the Seahawks were Gene Anderson, Chance Buffkin, Brice Carlson and Chase Richards.

#### Game 2

Franklin Co. 1 2 0 3 2 - 8  
East Gadsden 3 0 0 0 2 - 5

The Seahawks took flight in the second game and soared to an 8-5 victory. Bobby Garrett was on the mound for the Seahawks, giving up four walks and seven hits while

striking out 10 to lead the Seahawks to victory. Hitters for the Seahawks were Jared Mock, 1-for-2; Steven Babb, 1-for-4; Cole Lee, 1-for-3; Chase Richards, 1-for-2; and Gary Larsen, 1-for-2.

### April 16

John Paul II 0 0 0 0 4 0 - 4  
Franklin Co. 0 0 1 7 3 1 x - 12

The Seahawks avenged an earlier season loss against John Paul with a 12-4 win at home Thursday. Bobby Garrett was again on the hill and struck out five while giving up six hits in the latter innings. The Seahawk hitters were Jared Mock, 2-for-5; Bo Hardman, 2-for-5; Steven Babb, 2-for-4; Caden Barber, 1-for-4; Jason Thompson, 1-for-3 with his first homerun; Cole Lee, 1-for-4; Bobby Garrett, 1-for-4 a triple; Chase Richards, 2-for-4; and Gary Larsen, 1-for-3.

Following a home game April 21 against Wewa, which is Senior Night, the team travels to Liberty County on Thursday, April 23, to face the Bulldogs.

Beginning Monday, April 27, the Seahawks will be in district play at home versus Maclay at 4:30 p.m., then the championship game at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30.

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Bobby Garrett delivers a fastball against John Paul II on April 16.

# Saturday to be big day for county's lighthouses

Governor Charlie Crist has proclaimed Saturday, April 25 as Florida Lighthouse Day. The day will be celebrated at the Cape St. George Light on St. George Island with free climbing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day.

Saturday will be a great day to visit the area's three other historic lighthouses, the St. Marks Lighthouse, the Crooked River Lighthouse, and the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, which will all be open for climbing.

Cape St. George is currently open to the public five days a week. The Cape San Blas Lighthouse is open for climbing on Saturdays. The Crooked River Lighthouse will be open for public climbing for the first time on April 25, and on Saturdays thereafter. The St. Marks Lighthouse, not generally open to the public, will hold a special Open House on Florida Lighthouse Day.

"One of the most important messages that all Florida's lighthouses will be emphasizing on

Florida Lighthouse Day will be support for the new Visit Our Lights lighthouse specialty license plate," said St. George Lighthouse Association President Dennis Barnell.

Since the lighthouse license plate became available in Dec. 2008, 19 of the plates have been purchased by Franklin County motorists. Florida Lighthouse Association President Stan Farnham said Franklin County, one of Florida's least populated counties, has the highest per capita sales of the lighthouse plate year to date.

The lighthouse plate is currently tied with the Sea Turtle plate for the fourth most popular specialty plate among county motorists, trailing only the license plates featuring Florida State University, the University of Florida, and Protect Wild Dolphins. More than 100 specialty license plates are available in Florida.

The Visit Our Lights plate is available at Tax Collector James Harris's

office, for an additional fee of \$27. Of that amount, \$25 goes to the Florida Lighthouse Association to be distributed to the state's lighthouses on a grant basis to fund the preservation of these historic structures, and \$2 goes to the state for administrative costs. Of the 59 historic lighthouses constructed in the state, 30 are still standing.

Historic lighthouses, which once protected coastal shipping and guided mariners into Florida's ports and rivers safely since 1824, have become major tourist attractions. These "beacons on a hill" attract a million visitors annually who spend nearly \$5 million on admissions and merchandise, and pump millions more into local communities.

In the past 20 years, the state has awarded \$4.8 million in grants to lighthouses. This investment in historic lighthouse preservation and restoration created jobs that employed contractors, architects and engineers, resulting in an immediate

economic impact in lighthouse communities. Included in this number are the county's two lighthouses, Cape St. George and Crooked River; both of which have received grant funding from the state.

Lighthouses are among the oldest standing historic buildings in America. "If we don't value our rich history and ancestors, we leave out a big part of who we are," said Farnham. "FLA helps with sharing these iconic structures with others and future generations to learn from our maritime history. Europe saves its castles; here we want to save our lights. Imagine if all were restored and open!"

The Florida Lighthouse Association promotes, preserves and protects the rich maritime heritage of the remaining 30 historic Florida lighthouses for future generations. The all-volunteer association educates and raises attention to get public support to increase Florida lighthouse preservation measures.



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On the porch, from left, are lighthouse historian John Cannetta, Arlene Oehler, president of the Carrabelle Lighthouse Association, Carrabelle Mayor Curley Messer, Carrabelle Waterfronts Partnership program manager Tamara B. Allen, Joan Matey, who is curator of the museum inside the house, and former Carrabelle Mayor Jim Brown. On front step, from left, are Leslie Cox, Mary Ann Shields, former City Clerk Becky Jackson, and Georgia Russell, all supporters of the city's ongoing effort to recapture the glory of the 1893 lighthouse.

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Sun, Apr 26	76°	62°	0 %
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Wed, Apr 29	78°	64°	30 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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Bald Point High Minus 9:15 Low Minus 0:03

### APALACHICOLA

04/23 Thu	04:10AM	1.4	H	09:26AM	0.8	L
	02:42PM	1.5	H	10:14PM	-0.1	L
04/24 Fri	05:12AM	1.4	H	09:58AM	1.0	L
	03:02PM	1.6	H	10:51PM	-0.2	L
04/25 Sat	06:14AM	1.5	H	10:29AM	1.2	L
	03:27PM	1.7	H	11:32PM	-0.4	L
04/26 Sun	07:16AM	1.5	H	10:58AM	1.3	L
	03:58PM	1.8	H			
04/27 Mon	12:18AM	-0.4	L	08:22AM	1.5	H
	11:27AM	1.4	L	04:36PM	1.8	H
04/28 Tue	01:10AM	-0.4	L	09:33AM	1.4	H
	11:59AM	1.3	L	05:21PM	1.8	H
04/29 Wed	02:11AM	-0.3	L	06:14PM	1.8	H

### CARRABELLE

04/23 Thu	02:45AM	2.2	H	07:13AM	1.3	L
	01:17PM	2.4	H	08:01PM	-0.2	L
04/24 Fri	03:47AM	2.2	H	07:45AM	1.6	L
	01:37PM	2.6	H	08:38PM	-0.3	L
04/25 Sat	04:49AM	2.4	H	08:16AM	1.9	L
	02:02PM	2.7	H	09:19PM	-0.6	L
04/26 Sun	05:51AM	2.4	H	08:45AM	2.1	L
	02:33PM	2.9	H	10:05PM	-0.6	L
04/27 Mon	06:57AM	2.4	H	09:14AM	2.2	L
	03:11PM	2.9	H	10:57PM	-0.6	L
04/28 Tue	08:08AM	2.2	H	09:46AM	2.1	L
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04/29 Wed	04:49PM	2.9	H			

### SOLAR

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04/24 Fri	m 3:45	m 4:05	5:24AM		●
	M 9:50	M 10:15	6:32PM		●
04/25 Sat	m 4:30	m 4:50	5:23AM		●
	M 10:40	M 11:10	6:33PM		●
04/26 Sun	m 5:36	m 5:55	5:22AM		●
	M 11:45	M -	6:34PM		●
04/27 Mon	m 6:30	m 7:05	5:21AM		●
	M 12:20	M 12:50	6:34PM		●
04/28 Tue	m 7:35	m 8:15	5:20AM		●
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04/29 Wed	m 8:45	m 9:20	5:20AM		●
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## SHRINERS' from page A1

in Saturday morning's parade.

He said the businesses were happy to donate prizes and money. Local hotel owners reported increased business.

A tired but happy Jackson said he did not plan on hosting the ceremony again next year. He said that organizing the Spring

Ceremony is something you have to do to advance in the Shrine.

"I'm in line to be the Panama City potentate in about five years," he said. "I want to be the head honcho."

Shriners International, limited to those who hold the title of Master Mason in Freemasonry, is a fraternity

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## Building bridges



Story and photos by David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

First the students study how bridges are constructed, and then they build them, and finally they discover how much it takes for them to break in two.

Very similar to the learning process pursued by structural engineers, but hopefully without the breakage when multimillion projects are involved.

On April 3 at the outdoor pavilion of the Franklin County Middle School, students in the seventh and eighth grades culminated one of the school's most popular traditional science assignments by seeing how much weight their Popsicle stick bridges would withstand.

The bridge project is actually a three-stage learning assignment that begins when the students are sixth graders.

Deborah Faircloth, who teaches middle school science, has the sixth graders build replicas of bridges that they either are familiar with personally, such as one in Tate's Hell; have heard about, such as the Apalachicola Bridge that used to rotate on a turnstile; or have read about, such as the one spanning Sydney Harbor in Australia.

The students draw up blueprints that depict the design, and they type up a report on the history and purpose of the bridge.

In the case of Kaden Crum, it's the Mile High Swinging Bridge, a 228-foot suspension bridge on Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina.

In the case of A. J. Copley it's the New River Gorge Bridge, a 3,030-foot steel-arch structure in Fayetteville, WV.

Both designs were exquisitely done, and were highlighted along with the most striking entries in a display case in the front of the media center. These included works by Macey Hunt, Callie Westbrook, Kaylee Edwards (of the 20th Street viaduct bridge), and Madison Newell (of a covered bridge).

Krystal Butler's span of Sydney Harbor, Cole Wheeler's replica of the parallel bridge spanning Lake



Pontchartrain, and others, from the Golden Gate to Carrabelle's Tillie Miller Bridge, all showed off the students' talents.

Each of the students in all three grades were given 100 Popsicle sticks to work with, and asked to use only wood glue to assemble them. They could paint it if they wanted, and decorate it in any way they wished, but the specifications called for making it no more than 30 centimeters long and five centimeters wide, about enough space for a Hot Wheel car to ride through.

"There were no instructions on how to do it other than the materials to use," said Faircloth. "It was their own custom design."

The sixth grade's structures were all left intact on display in the media center, but the seventh and eighth graders, in Spencer Tolbert's class, made structures that were destined to be destroyed as they saw whether the structures could withstand 100 pounds of weights.

The seventh graders had structured bridges of a generic shape, while eighth graders were required to incorporate an arch or a truss in their designs.

A sturdy number stood up to the weights, but not all the students subjected their creations to the test.

"I don't want it to break," said seventh grader Michael Stevens. "I want to take it home and show my mom."



Top left, sixth graders Kaden Crum, in back, with his Mile High Swinging Bridge, and A.J. Copley, with his New River Gorge Bridge, stand behind their featured creations. Above, Standing with their bridges are, from left, eighth graders Hannah Oxendine, Roxana Barahona and Chantel Rhine. At left, Seventh grader Ashley Carroll peeks behind her bridge, modeled after the old Apalachicola Bridge. Top right, students test their weight.

## Humble serves as Florida Senate page

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Franklin County sophomore Lakota Humble could hardly contain his enthusiasm for having served as a page in the Florida Senate during spring break.

"It was an amazing experience," said Humble, 15, following his induction last week as a member of the high school's National Honor Society. "It was a big week. There were a lot of things to do."

A member of the Seahawks boys basketball team, Humble was able to re-schedule after the post-season tournament would have forced him to cut back his original week.

Humble was one of 19 pages, and the only from the county, to take part in the Senate page program March 23 through 27, under the direction of page coordinator Minnie Bush.

On Monday, the students, who came from as far away as Miami and even Alabama, were taken on a tour of the Capitol, familiarizing them with the places they would be running documents to and from on behalf of senators and their various committees.

"In our spare time, we did homework and played educational games, meaning Monopoly," Humble quipped. On Tuesday, the pages

heard a talk from Sen. Gary Siplin (D-Orlando) on education and state testing, while on Wednesday, the youth continued to run pages while preparing for their mock work session on Thursday.

The hypothetical bill that the pages took up during their work session was whether to increase a fee charged to Florida college students from 2.32 to 6.32 percent. The mock session was held in the Senate chambers, where Humble chose to be seated where the Senate minority leader, Democrat Sen. Al Lawson, and Humble's sponsor, sits.

Four of Humble's seven proposed amendments were approved by the pages, including reducing the increase to 4.5 percent, and boosting the grade point average eligible for an award to 3.2 percent. The measure passed by a single vote.

Later that day, Lawson, and fellow senators Mike Haridopolos (R-Melbourne), Dave Aronberg (D-Greenacres), Eleanor Sobel (D-Hallandale Beach), and Frederica Wilson (D-Miami Gardens), met with the pages.

As for the political side of the experience, Humble enjoyed the give-and-take with other students. "I'm a Democrat all the way," he said. "We always argued about politics in our spare time."

## HEROES, HEROINES AND VILLAINS IN A PANHANDLE PLAYERS PRODUCTION



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# Curses! if you miss 'Tombstone'

It would be a shame if you miss the Panhandle Players' production of "The Shame of Tombstone" this weekend at the Dixie Theatre.

Written by Tim Kelly and directed by Tom Loughridge, the cast of brave heroes and dastardly villains, wily vixens and sweet heroines, takes to the stage Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$5 for children under 12, at the door or call 670-8261 to order.

An old-timey, Western-themed melodrama, "The Shame of Tombstone," will fill the stage with outlandish "characters" dressed in



**'SHAME OF TOMBSTONE':**  
Panhandle Players Warren Van Bramer, left, Laura Baney and Janyce Loughridge rehearse for "The Shame of Tombstone" production coming up April 24-26 at the Dixie Theatre.

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splendid costumes, offering audiences a vaudevillian blend of music and drama,

comedy and confusion that will take your mind off your troubles and make you laugh out loud. It will be a rootin' tootin' hoot for the whole family.



## Cooks to renew wedding vows

Charles Wayne Cook and Jo Ann Lynn Cook are celebrating 28 years of marriage together by renewing their vows.

The ceremony will take place Friday, April 24

at 7 p.m. at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, on Brownsville Road, in Apalachicola.

No invitations are being sent. All family and friends are invited.

## WEDDING



### Scotty Lolley, Hannah Creamer to wed

Miss Ashton M. Lolley requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her father, Scotty A. Lolley, to Hannah I. Creamer, daughter of Doug and Gwen Creamer.

Please join us as we

celebrate new beginnings, new dreams, and most importantly, new love on Saturday, May 23, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Medart Assembly of God in Crawfordville.

Reception to follow.

## BIRTHDAYS



### Lorenzo Jr. turns 8

Lorenzo Jr. turned 8 on Sunday, April 19, 2009.

A big Happy Birthday

from your parents and

Lonnie and Kendra, Aunt Debbie and Cousin Brandi.

We love you, Blue!



### Sydney Shuman turns 5

Sydney Rees Shuman celebrated her fifth birthday on Monday, April 6.

Sydney is the daughter of Kevin and Chrystal Shuman, of Eastpoint, and little sister to Makenzie Shuman.

Maternal grandparents are Randy and Linnie

Hightower, and Eddie and Carol Moore. Paternal grandparents are Jeri Turner, and Jo Anne and the late Blake Thomason.

Maternal great-grandparents are Lena and the late Melton Mathis, and Charles and Mazzie Moore.

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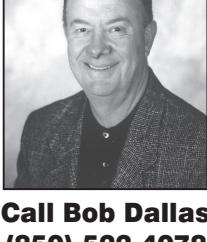
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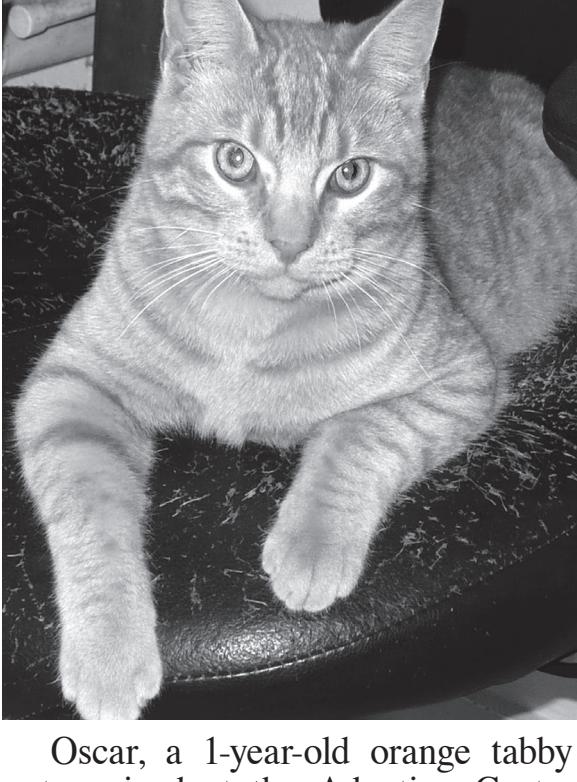
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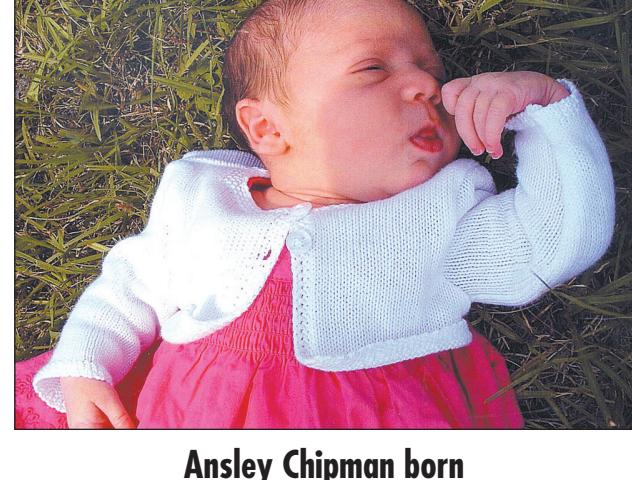


Oscar, a 1-year-old orange tabby cat, arrived at the Adoption Center a month ago. He is a sweet, truly affectionate boy, current on his shots and has been neutered.

Call Kam at 670-8417 for more details or visit the Franklin County Humane Society at 244 State Route 65 in Eastpoint. You may log onto the website at [www.forgottennets.org](http://www.forgottennets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets.

Remember, when you adopt a friend for life, you not only save the life of that pet, you make room for us to save the life of one more abandoned dog or cat!

We also need donations of bleach, laundry soap, cat litter, dog toys and treats. Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated.



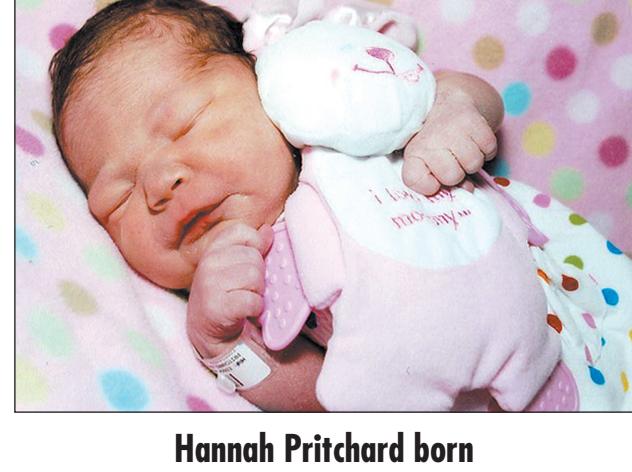
### Ansley Chipman born

Ansley Grace Chipman was born Thursday, March 26, 2009, at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee.

She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

and was 20 1/2 inches.

She is the daughter of William and Allison Chipman and has a big brother, William, all of Carrabelle.



### Hannah Pritchard born

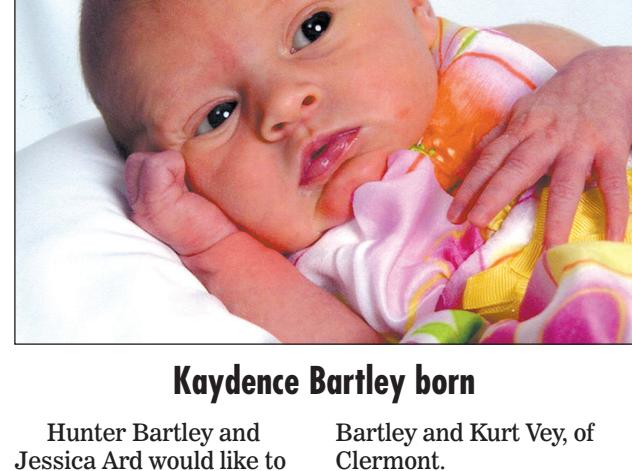
John and Shawntell Pritchard, of Eastpoint, along with brother Corbin Pritchard, welcomed Hannah Rae Pritchard, on Friday, April 10, 2009, at 1:51 p.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center.

She weighed 6 lbs. 18.8 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ray and Sharon Creamer, of Apalachicola. Paternal grandmother is Janet Bryant, of Eastpoint.

Maternal great-grandmother is Phyllis Barber, of Biloxi, Miss. Paternal great-grandmother is Mary Bryant, of Eastpoint.

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### Kaydence Bartley born

Hunter Bartley and Jessica Ard would like to announce the birth of their new baby girl, Kaydence Elizabeth Bartley.

She was born Friday, April 3, 2009, at Bay Medical Center. She arrived at 10:17 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 1/4 oz. and measuring 19 inches long.

The proud brother and sister are Kelson and Kylee Smith, of Eastpoint.

Paternal grandparents are Duane Bartley and Barbara Proctor, of Apalachicola, and Michelle

Bartley and Kurt Vey, of Clermont.

Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Michele Tuggle, of Crestview, and Wayne Ard, of Eastpoint.

Paternal great-grandparents are the late Archie and Margaret Bartley, of Apalachicola. Maternal great-grandparents are Carl and Enice Ard, of Eastpoint, Mike and Irene Pridgen, of Sumatra, and Kenny and Maryann Keagle, of St. Petersburg.

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# Mark your calendars for fun ahead

Your show of support for the second Saturday Pancake Breakfast was greatly appreciated. Thank you all very much! The members of The Lanark Golf Club will be happy to serve you in the fall.

Birthday Night at the Legion was packed out, as usual, even though it was switched from Friday to



LANARK NEWS

Jim Welsh

Saturday. Plenty of food, fun and entertainment.

Why don't you plan to join us next month? The date May 18 should be marked on your calendar.

How about that parade? All the cars doing their formations, the beads, the candy and the sunny day.

You Shriners come back again. We really enjoyed

having you visit us.

Our church is looking better already, and when John Rosenow and his team get done, it will look great. Thank you, guys!

Wednesday, April 29, will be the last night for Bingo for the Bus until the fall. Barbara Lasher said the committee is talking about one Wednesday a month during the summer. More on this later.

On Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and

26, there is the annual Riverfront Festival in Carrabelle. You can enjoy arts and craft booths, food and drink booths, and much more. Hope the sunny weather hold out! Lots of things for the kids.

Be kind to one another and check in on the sick and housebound, and always remember, God is watching us. Until next time, God Bless America, our troops, the poor, the homeless and the hungry.

# 'I am a survivor'

**Editor's Note:** The following is a passage written by a local cancer survivor. It is shared with Times readers by the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life committee in hopes of inspiring survivors and friends to support the upcoming May 15-16 Relay at the new consolidated school.

I am a survivor! A diagnosis of cancer is a genuinely traumatic experience. So many people, when told they have cancer, say to themselves, "OK, it's time to die now. I'll go home, say goodbye, sit down and wait for death to come collect me."

Fiddlesticks! Why would anyone waste time waiting for death when there's so much living to do?

Of course, we are going to need many things to help us be survivors - doctors, treatments,

family, prayers - but we must recognize that life does not become ugly just because we have an obnoxious disease.

Our lives are beautiful BECAUSE we are alive.

Our love toward our family deepens because we realize we might have lost

our chances to say, "I love you!" several times a day.

The leaves are greener, the sky is bluer, birdsong in the morning is a new glory, and the smell of chicken and biscuits being prepared for dinner is a marvel that God must have planned just for us.

My life since the diagnosis has become a delightful adventure. I have sung with fine choruses, acted in great plays, write a weekly column, work part time and am now directing a melodrama. The tumors are still there ... but, by George, so am I!

For those of you who, like me, are survivors, and for those who are struggling with depression because of the seemingly sure knowledge that your life will be shorter than you expected, see your doctors, take your treatments, but also live the wonderful adventure of life, love your family and friends, and keep praying.

Then, even if your life is shortened, it will have been more beautiful than you can imagine, and when the time comes for you to walk with God, you will be ready, unafraid and happy in the knowledge that you haven't wasted God's good life.

## Obituaries

### Carmelina Crane



CARMELINA CRANE

Carmelina "Connie" Brocato Crane, 89, of Mountain View Circle, Lyman, S.C., passed away April 3, 2009, in Smith-Phayer Hospice House, Landrum, S.C.

Born in Apalachicola on Sept. 18, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Ignatius and Nancy Tarantino Brocato. Mrs. Crane was a registered nurse prior to her marriage in 1953.

She is survived by her husband, William Joseph Crane; one son, Harry Byron Cashwell,

### Christine McLean

Christine McLean, 92, passed away at Alexian Village Healthcare, Signal Mountain, Tenn., and went home to be with the Lord on April 20, 2009.

She was born in Carrabelle on Dec. 18, 1918, and lived on St. George Island until 2006. She was a member of Carrabelle Methodist Church and attended Eastpoint Methodist Church and St. George Island Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by Curtis, her loving husband, in 1977. He was a former superintendent of schools for Franklin County for 20 years.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star for 50 years and was an active member of a button

of Pinehurst, N.C.; one sister, Betty Garrett, of Port Richey; two grandchildren, Casey Cashwell of Tryon, N.C. and Chris Cashwell of Greer, S.C.; and two great-grandchildren, Austin Cashwell of Greer, S.C. and Kinleigh Cashwell of Tryon, N.C.

Graveside service was held April 8 in Polk Memorial Gardens with Father Patrick Winslow officiating. McFarland Funeral Chapel, Tryon S.C., was in charge of arrangements.

society for many years.

She is survived by her two daughters, Carmelita Brinkle, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., and Cecelia Sigman, of Asheville, N.C.; a brother, Rodney Robison, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Carrabelle Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Monday, April 27, with burial at Carrabelle Evergreen Cemetery.

Family will receive friends from 12:30-2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Carrabelle Methodist Church or Eastpoint Methodist Church.

Arrangements by Kelley Funeral Home.

### Mary Catherine Comforter Johnson

Mary Catherine Comforter Johnson was born in Apalachicola on Sept. 21, 1913, to Peter W. and Catherine Ellen Duffy Comforter.

She grew up in Apalachicola and after graduating from Chapman High School in 1931, she moved to New York City to study nursing. Her career in nursing began with graduation from St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, with a registered nurse degree. She worked as an assistant in surgery to doctors at New York Hospital and Cornell Medical Center and accepted a scholarship to Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., to pursue an advanced degree in public health nursing.

After completing her nursing studies, she moved to Pensacola to join her mother and brother. During World War II, she ran the emergency room at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola. There she met David Tobin Johnson Sr. and married Dave in 1937.

The Johnsons had three children; Mary Catherine (Cathy), Patricia Ann (Trish) and David T. Jr.

She was predeceased by her husband, son David, her parents and one brother, W.P. (Pete) Comforter.

She is survived by daughter Cathy and husband, Judge James R. Thompson, of Fort Myers, and their son, State Rep. Nick Thompson and his wife, Cherie, also of Fort Myers; daughter Trish Deal, of Lakeland, and Trish's daughter Mary Anne Deal

Olinsky and her husband, Mitch, of Lake Mary; her son's widow, Page Trout Ciordia, and her husband, Dr. Richard H. Ciordia, of Hendersonville, N.C., and their children, Dr.

David T. Johnson III and wife, Eileen, of Salisbury, Md., and Elizabeth Page Johnson of New York City.

She is also survived by her nephew, Rocky Comforter (W.P. Jr.) and wife, Anne, of Port St. Joe, and their children, Nick Comforter, of Winchester, Va., and Julia Comforter, of Tallahassee.

Mary died peacefully of heart failure at 95½ years of age on Good Friday, 27 years after her son, David, had died on Good Friday. She passed away at the Lakeland home of her daughter, Trish Deal, where she had resided for the last four years. She was attended by the wonderful nurses of Good Shepherd Hospice of Lakeland and surrounded by her family. She had enjoyed seeing all of her family on March 21 in Lakeland for the wedding of her granddaughter, Mary Anne Deal, to Mitchell Olinsky, which she attended.

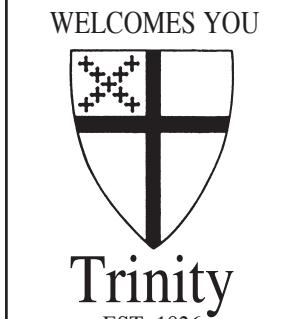
She left her family with wonderful memories, a love of nature and a strong belief in God.

Funeral Mass was Saturday morning, April 18, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Pensacola followed by burial at Holy Cross Cemetery. Arrangements were by Harper-Morris Funeral Home in Pensacola.

### Card of THANKS

The Gladys Sarvis Allen family would like to thank her friends and the First Baptist Church for their prayers, food, visits and flowers. They were much appreciated.

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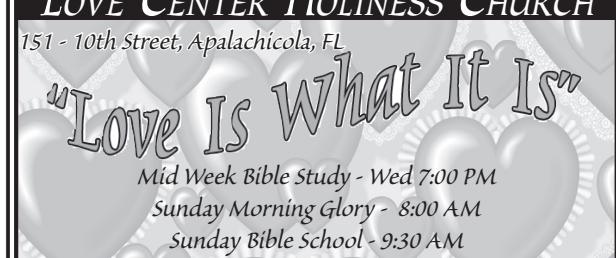
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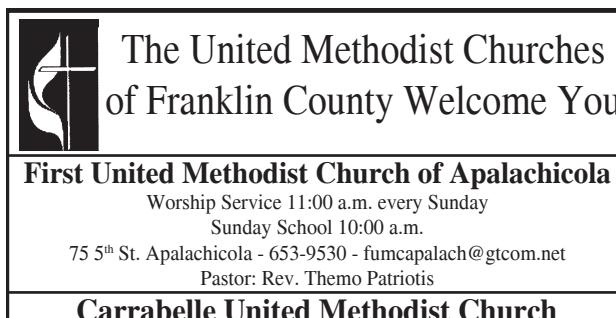
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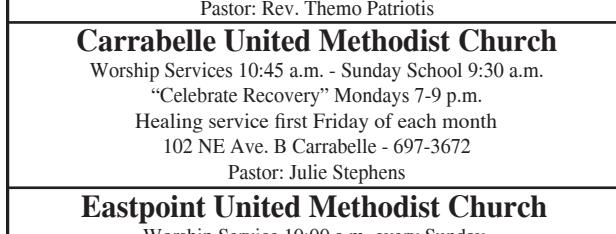
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75 5th St. Apalachicola - 653-9530 - fumcapalach@gctcom.net

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Carrabelle United Methodist Church

Worship Services 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

"Celebrate Recovery" Mondays 7-9 p.m.

Healing service first Friday of each month

102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672

Pastor: Julie Stephens



Eastpoint United Methodist Church

Worship Service 10:00 a.m. every Sunday

Prayer 9:15 a.m. Waffles & Wisdom 11:15 a.m.

Healing Service every first Fridays of the Month at 6:30 p.m.

317 Patton Dr. (corner of David St.) - 670-8825

Pastor: Rev. Beth White



St. George Island United Methodist Church

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### Community BRIEFS

#### Survivors encouraged to join Relay for Life

Anyone who has ever battled cancer is invited to celebrate life and hope by joining the Relay for Life survivor ceremony.

The survivors' lap symbolizes the courage survivors and their families display every day.

"Take this opportunity to have the community support you and others who are facing this disease," relay organizer Susan Hoffritz said. "We look forward to seeing you at the Relay May 15 and

16. Your strength helps bring hope that we are making progress every day."

Connect with other survivors and caregivers from all walks of life through the Cancer Survivors Network, a free online community. Anyone personally affected by cancer is welcome. Visit [www.cancer.org/csn](http://www.cancer.org/csn) to join. "There is no finish line until we find a cure!" Hoffritz said.

For more information, please contact Hoffritz at 323-0560 or [lakefall@aol.com](mailto:lakefall@aol.com).

#### CVS offers Look Good ... Feel Better

The CVS Pharmacy in Apalachicola will have a Look Good ... Feel Better program to help women offset appearance-related changes from cancer treatment.

It is a nonmedical and brand-neutral program. All donations go to your local chapter of the American Cancer Society. The program runs April 17 through May 6.

Call CVS Pharmacy at 653-8737 for more information.

#### Relay offers dinner for survivors

The Franklin County's Relay For Life Committee is planning a dinner reception to honor our local survivors. The dinner will be prepared and served by the culinary students of Franklin County School in the cafeteria.

Please reserve your dinner to be held Friday, May 15, at 5 p.m., by contacting Susan Hoffritz at 670-8424 or at [lakefall@aol.com](mailto:lakefall@aol.com). RSVP is requested.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

## County CALENDAR

**Thursday, April 23**

**Third annual Rock by the Sea on St. George Island.** Charity organization hosts four-day concert event through April 26, featuring Corey Smith, Wideawake, Sam Thacker, Heather Luttrell and others. Call 850-222-0000 for information.

**Wandering Star**

**Quilting Club.** 1 to 3 p.m. at Chillas Hall Lanark Village. Call Christine Hinton at 697-2551.

**Luncheon and information specials** at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Noon. \$3 donation. Call 697-3760.

**Friday, April 24**

The Shame of

**Tombstone** opens at 7:30 p.m. at the Dixie Theatre in Apalachicola. This Panhandle Players production, directed by Tom Loughridge, is a rip-roaring Western melodrama written by Tim Kelly. Call 670-8200 for more information or to purchase tickets.

**Saturday, April 25**

**11th annual historic Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat Show** in downtown Apalachicola. All types of antique boats, classic examples of traditional vessels, work boats, fiberglass classics, antique outboard motors and antique cars. For more information, call 653-9419.

**19th annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival** along Marine

Street, featuring art, seafood, maritime exhibits, sand sculpture and kids' zone. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission free. For more information, call Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce at 697-2585.

**The Shame of Tombstone**, a rip-roaring Western melodrama produced by Panhandle Players, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dixie Theatre. Call 670-8200 for more information.

**Sunday, April 26**

**19th annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival** along Marine Street from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission free. For more information, call Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce at 697-2585.

**Concert in the Park**, sponsored by the Apalachicola Area Historical Society, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Lafayette Park. Six musicians, the Orange Avenue Pan Groove Band under the direction of Kayleen Kerg, will perform, featuring three steel drums, electric bass, drum set and other percussion instruments. Bring a lawn chair and groove to the sounds of calypso, soca, jazz, blues and reggae. For more information, call 653-9550.

**The Shame of Tombstone**, a rip-roaring Western melodrama produced by Panhandle Players, at 3 p.m. at the Dixie Theatre. Call 670-8200 for more information.

**Monday, April 27**

**GED classes** are offered at the Franklin County School from 3 to 6 p.m. every week in Building 1100, Room 1105. Call 670-2800.

**Tuesday, April 28**

**Breakfast at the Franklin County Senior Center** in Carrabelle. Coffee at 7:30 a.m., meal at 8 a.m. \$2 donation. Call 697-3760.

**Apalachicola**

**Community Gardens** meeting at 6 p.m. at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 653-8715.

**Bingo.** 7 p.m. St. George Island Fire Department. \$1 per card. Proceeds go to St. George Island Civic Club. Call 927-4654.

**Wednesday, April 29**

**Bingo for the Bus.** Chillas Hall in Lanark village. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This is the last one for the time being. Call 697-9626.

**GED classes** are offered at the Franklin County School from 3 to 6 p.m. every week in Building 1100, Room 1105. Call 670-2800.

**Thursday, April 30**

**Wandering Star quilting club.** Chillas Hall Lanark Village. 1 to 3 p.m. Call Christine Hinton 697-2551.

**Community luncheon and information specials** at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Noon. \$3 donation. Call 697-3760

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that, Sue Cronkite the holders of the following certificate have filed said certificate for tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: **344** Year of issuance: **2006**

Description of property: Sections Two (2) and Three (3) of Township Eight (8) South, and Thirty-Four (34) and Thirty-Five (35) of Township Seven (7) South, Range Five (5) West. Further Legal Description may be viewed in Clerk's Office.

PARCEL NO: **35-07S-05W-0000-0260-0000**

Name is which assessed: **Robert C. Lawrence, Jr.**

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on the second Monday in the month of **May** 2009, which is the **11th day of May 2009 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 27th of March 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson  
Clerk of Courts  
Franklin County, Florida  
By: Cassie B. Sapp, Deputy Clerk

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate Number: **661** Year of issuance: **2006**

Description of property: **Section Thirty-Five (35) of Township Eight (8) South, Range Eight (8) West, Highland Park ET AL. Further Legal Description may be viewed in Clerk's Office.**

PARCEL NO: **35-08S-08W-0000-0190-0070**

Name is which assessed: Charles R. Goff and Emma M. Goff

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on the second Monday in the month of **May** 2009, which is the **11th day of May 2009 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 27th of March 2009.

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida regional Housing Authority will hold its Annual Meeting, April 23, 2009

in the Cambridge Room, Ramada Inn North, 2900 North Monroe St., Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.D.S.T. The meeting will be open to the public.

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED LAND USE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED MAP FROM RURAL VILLAGE TO AGRICULTURAL AND DELETING LAND USE POLICY 2.2(L)

On Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 10:15 a.m. at the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse Annex at 34 Forbes Street in Apalachicola, Florida, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider enacting the following ordinance deleting land use policy 2.2(L) and amending the Future Land Use Map to change the allowed land use for the following parcel:

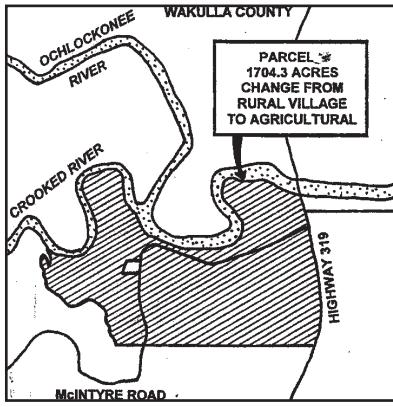
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED LAND USE ON 1704.3 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AROUND MCINTYRE FROM RURAL VILLAGE TO AGRICULTURAL AND DELETE LAND USE POLICY 2.2(L).**

A copy of the map showing the location and size of the parcel is attached hereto.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. More information may be obtained at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 (telephone 850-653-9782).

The proposed ordinance may be inspected in the office of the Clerk of Court in the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Florida.

Persons who may wish to appeal any action resulting from this hearing should make arrangements to assure that a verbatim record is made, including testimony and evidence, if any, upon which the appeal is to be based.



### NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COUNTY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED LAND USE OF FIVE PUBLICLY OWNED LANDS

On Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 10:15 a.m. at the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse Annex at 34 Forbes Street in Apalachicola, Florida, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider enacting the following ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map to change the allowed land use on five publicly owned parcels:

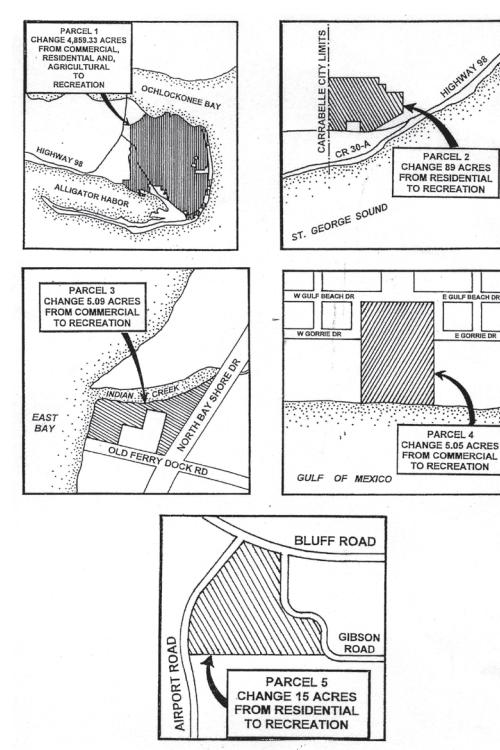
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED LAND USE ON FIVE SEPARATE PARCELS OF PUBLICLY OWNED RECREATION LAND IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.**

A copy of a map showing the five publicly owned parcels is attached hereto.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. More information may be obtained at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 (telephone 850-653-9783).

The proposed ordinance may be inspected in the office of the Clerk of Court in the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Florida.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LARGE SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CARRABELLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Public Hearing of the City Commission  
City of Carrabelle

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Carrabelle will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 7, 2009, starting on or after 6:30 P.M., at the Carrabelle Municipal Complex, 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, Florida, to consider the following item, First Reading of:

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments and make decisions regarding the above matter. The plan amendment includes changes to the Coastal Management Element of the Comprehensive Plan no changes will be made to the Future Land Use Map.

ORDINANCE NO.: 438

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, SPECIFICALLY CITY-INITIATED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 7.G.1 OBJECTIVE 1.2 OF THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT, OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITHE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection at City Hall. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearing and be heard on this matter.

At this hearing, the City Commission will accept public testimony and will consider the adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendment 09-01.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and comment upon the Plan Amendments or submit their comments in writing to the City Commission. Further information concerning the proposed amendments can be obtained from the City Clerk at City Hall, at 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, Florida, or by calling (850)697-2727, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings, and for this purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. The City of Carrabelle does not provide or prepare such record pursuant to F.S. 286.0105.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk at City Hall, at 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, Florida, or by calling (850)697-2727, no later than three (3) days prior to the proceedings.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at (850) 697-3618 as soon as possible.

Keisha Smith  
City Clerk  
May 7, 2009

# Cotton Warehouse to host boat show dinner, lecture

Apalachicola will host the 11th annual Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Antique boats, examples of classic and traditional vessels, workboats, and fiberglass and aluminum classics will be on display throughout the day.

This festival emphasizes the maritime history of our picturesque coastal town. Special highlights include authentic oyster boats, workboats and home-built boats by skilled craftsmen, plus antique outboard engines and automobiles.

In addition to art booths, there will be a display on the Apalachicola River and its flora and fauna by the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, plus the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association will demonstrate oyster tonging.

The Big Bend Studebaker Drivers Club also will hold its chapter meeting in conjunction with the show. Expect several members to bring their Studebakers to the show.

At 6 p.m., there will be a lecture and dinner at the Cotton Warehouse on the corner of Water Street and Avenue E. Speaking will be Roger Allen, who has worked in the maritime museum field professionally for 30 years, at such prestigious institutions as the Philadelphia Maritime Museum and the Harvey Smith Watercraft Center at the North Carolina Maritime Museum.

Allen is currently historic site manager of the Florida Maritime Museum at Cortez and director of the Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage. He has dedicated much of his career to the preservation of traditional maritime skills and values. He also claims to have capsized more varieties of traditional small craft in more places than anyone else in the profession, including a Chesapeake Bay log canoe in France.

For information or reservations for the dinner and lecture, please call 653-9419 or e-mail info@apalachicolabay.org.



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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COUNTY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE ELEMENTS AND MAPS

On Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 10:15 a.m. at the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse Annex at 24 Forbes Street in Apalachicola, Florida, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider enacting the following ordinance changing the Future Land Use Map to adopt new image maps and changing Elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION ELEMENT, THE HOUSING ELEMENT, THE INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENT, THE COASTAL/CONSERVATION ELEMENT, THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT, AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT AND TO ADOPT A NEW HURRICANE EVACUATION LEVEL OF CONCERN MAP.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. More information may be obtained at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 (telephone 850-653-9783).

The proposed ordinance may be inspected in the office of the Clerk of Court in the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Florida.

Persons who may wish to appeal any action resulting from this hearing should make arrangements to assure that a verbatim record is made, including testimony and evidence, if any, upon which the appeal is to be based.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISIONERS JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Spray Technician

Closing Date: April 30, 2009

Hourly Rate: \$9.00 per Hour / No Benefits / Temporary Position/  
Ends October of 2009

Contact Person:	James Dewitt Polous Mosquito Control 376 State Road 65 Eastpoint, FL 32328 Phone: (850) 670-8730
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The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Drug Free Workplace Employer

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Must have the capability to drive a pickup truck up to four to six hours at a time and have knowledge of roads within Franklin County.

Minimum Qualifications: Requires a high school diploma or an equivalent. Must possess a valid Florida Drivers License with a favorable driving record. Must pass background check.

## NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: An Ordinance Rezoning Five Parcels of Land in Franklin County, Which are all Public Parks, to P-2 Recreational District to Conform to the Land Use Map. The five parcels to be rezoned are:

Parcel 1: Change 4,859.33 acres of Bald Point State Park in Townships 6 & 7 South, Ranges 1 & 2 West, as shown in the attached map, from C-2 Commercial Business, R-1 Single Family Residential, R-6 Rural Residential and A-2 Agricultural to P-2 Recreational District.

Parcel 2: Change 89 acres of Kendrick Sports Complex, located at 1601 Ken Cope Avenue, Carrabelle, as shown in the attached map, from R-5 Multi-Family Residential to P-2 Recreational District.

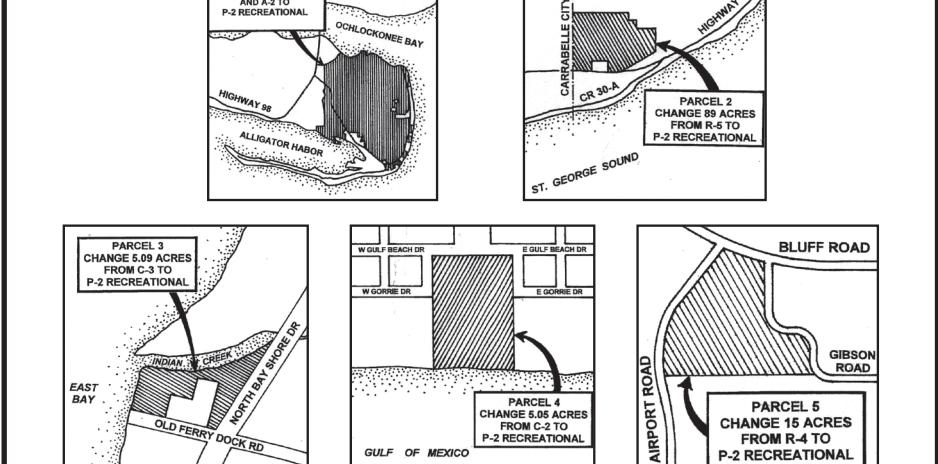
Parcel 3: Change 5.09 acres of Indian Creek Park, located at 93 North Bay Shore Drive, Eastpoint, as shown in the attached map, from C-3 Commercial Recreational to P-2 Recreational District.

Parcel 4: Change approximately 5.05 acres of St. George Island County Park, located at 2 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, as shown on the attached map, from C-2 Commercial Business to P-2 Recreational District.

Parcel 5: Change approximately 15 acres of D.W. Wilson Park, located at 100 Gibson Road, as shown on the attached map, from R-4 Single Family Home Industry to P-2 Recreational District.

A public hearing on the proposed changes to the Zoning Map series will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 10:15 a.m. at the County Commission meeting room in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex in Apalachicola, Florida. More information can be obtained and the proposed changes may be inspected at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite #1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, telephone (850) 653-9783.

Persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or in writing to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Transactions of this public hearing will not be recorded. Persons who may wish to appeal any action resulting from this hearing should make the necessary arrangements to assure that a verbatim record is made, including testimony and evidence, if any, upon which the appeal is to be based.



## Visitors up at Camp Gordon Johnston Museum

For the first quarter of 2009, ending March 31, there was an increase in the number of visitors to the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum compared to first quarter of 2008.

According to the sign-in sheet, the museum had 750 visitors compared to 700 last year during the same time period (realizing that when large numbers come in together, some visitors neglect to sign in.) This increase is even more important considering the museum was closed for the first two weeks of January for moving.

The increase can be attributed to better signage and a much larger parking area, as well as cleaner and larger facilities. The number of visitors coming into the museum during the next three quarters is critical to planning for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

The Camp Gordon Johnston Days events held the second weekend in March drew many new visitors to both Carrabelle and the museum. The parade was one highlight be-



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During the war years, women in Carrabelle volunteered to sew insignias on the uniforms of soldiers stationed at Camp Gordon Johnston.

cause the museum was able to have two of its own military vehicles included in the lineup. Unfortunately, its DUKW was being repaired and unable to be displayed.

The museum soon will post photos from that weekend on its Web site, [www.campgordonjohnston.com](http://www.campgordonjohnston.com).

The dinner-dance was an out-

standing success. This year, the decorations, arrangements and food were a true community effort, and thanks go to the Franklin County Consolidated School's girls softball team, who served the meals, and to the Shriners, who cooked the meals.

Even with a down economy, the John W. Stallman Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Country Club at Summer Brook in Tallahassee was a financial success and has added more money to the building fund. The museum also will take part again in the Smithsonian Museum's national "Museum Day" event being held on Sept. 26, 2009. Visit their Web site at [museumday@si.edu](http://museumday@si.edu) and print out tickets for this event. Please take time to bring the family in to see the new displays and listen to some great live music.

Look for the museum to show one of its vehicles in this year's Carrabelle Riverfront Festival, with the intent to have either the Jeep or Leiferwagen on display Saturday, April 25.

is available online at [www.flhsmv.gov/fhp](http://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp).

"We are reassigning staff so that we have fewer administrators at headquarters and more troopers on the road. We have been able to accomplish this while also recognizing a cost savings," said Czernis.

Carrick began his career with the patrol in Miami in 1982 after graduating from FHP's 65th Recruit Class. After promoting up through the ranks to major, he led operations in Miami as commander of Troop-E for five years. In 1997, he transferred to Jacksonville to head Troop G. He will remain in Jacksonville.

Carrick graduated from Bishop Kinney High School in Jacksonville and holds a master's in public administration from Florida International University and a master's in civil engineering from the University of Florida. He is a graduate of the 172nd session of the FBI Academy.

## Carrick to lead North Florida for FHP

Florida Highway Patrol Director Col. John Czernis promoted Maj. Grady Carrick to chief at a ceremony April 8 at the patrol's headquarters in Tallahassee.

Carrick will be the northern region commander, overseeing the Florida Highway Patrol's four northern troops (A, B, G and H), which covers Florida from Pensacola to Jacksonville. For the past 11 years, he has been the commander of Troop G in Jacksonville, which covers Nassau, Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Flagler, Putnam, Baker, Bradford and Union counties.

The promotion is part of a recent patrol reorganization, which emphasizes accountability, responsibility and unity of command. The patrol's new structure maximizes resources and gives troopers the ability to perform their duties more effectively and efficiently. The Florida Highway Patrol 2009 Reorganization

## Judge Ferris to retire

Circuit Judge Janet Ferris announced this week she will retire from the bench June 30, 2009.

Ferris was elected to the court in 1998 and has served in the felony, civil and family divisions for the past 10 years. She also was assigned to Franklin County for two and a half years.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the people of this circuit. This has been the most challenging position I have held in 30 years of public service, and it is an extraordinary responsibility," she said. "I truly hope that everyone who has appeared before me feels that they have been treated fairly and with respect, and that they have been heard."

"I will especially miss the juvenile delinquency docket — the dedicated prosecutors, public defenders, agencies and court personnel have made a difficult assignment very rewarding, and I hope to be able to address issues related to children in

the future," she said.

Before her election to the bench, Ferris served as an assistant state attorney, chief of the attorney general's civil racketeering section, and general counsel to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

She was appointed secretary of the Department of Business Regulation in 1991 by Gov. Lawton Chiles and later served as the chief inspector general for the state of Florida.

As a circuit judge, Ferris was appointed to numerous committees of the Florida Supreme Court, including serving as chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy Committee, and as a member of the Select Committee on Justice Teaching, the Publications Committee of the Florida Court Education Council, and the Task Force on Long Range Planning for the Florida court system.

## Speed bumps to be removed

At their April 7 meeting, County Commissioners voted unanimously to set the speed limit for all paved roads on St. George Island, except East and West Gulf Beach Drive, to 25 mph. All dirt or milled asphalt roads on the island now have a speed limit of 20 mph.

Also at that meeting, County Engineer Dan Rothwell said speed bumps installed by the St. James Bay Development on Crooked River Road do not meet Florida Department of Transportation standards.

The commission ordered Rothwell to oversee the removal of the speed bumps.

They also lowered the speed limit on Crooked River Road from 35 to 25 mph. A speed limit sign will be installed as a traffic calming device on the north end of the road where it merges with an unpaved forest service road.

## Sheriff's REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests are made by officers from the following city, county and state law enforcement agencies: Apalachicola (APD), Carrabelle (CPD), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Florida Division of Insurance Fraud (DIF) and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FLDOACS).

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

### April 15

Donald G. Dempsey, 27, Carrabelle, driving while license suspended or revoked (FCSO).

Dedra Ray, 37,

Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked (APD).

Latoya L. Fennell, 24, Panama City, sale of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of public housing (FCSO).

### April 16

Doug Topham, 54, Eastpoint, sale of a controlled substance (FCSO).

### April 17

Dakota A. Wilson, 21, Eastpoint, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (FCSO).

### April 18

Emory R. Ross, 23, Apalachicola, violation of probation (APD).

### April 19

Jill Shiver, 32, Carrabelle, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (FCSO).

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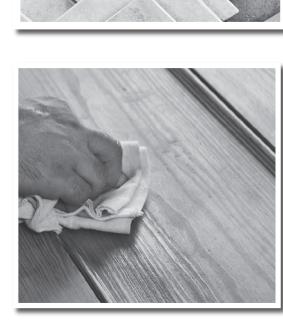
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# State trooper speaks at Saturday School

Earlier this month, the Franklin County High School's Saturday School, working with the theme "Preparation and Perseverance" arranged for a guest speaker to come from Panama City to share with the students.

The guest was a staff sergeant in the Army Reserve and a Florida state trooper, Clara E. Condo-Varner, who just finished her third deployment last month. She has been to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq.

Condo-Varner was born in Savannah, Ga., but grew up in Key West. She also lived in Apalachicola and attended Gulf Coast College.

"She was selected to share with the students because she is a prime example of what can be accomplished if right choices are made," said Dolores Hayward-Croom, the Saturday School supervisor. "Although Staff Sgt. Condo-Varner is a product of a broken home, teen pregnancy and being put in the Florida foster care system, she made up her mind to turn all of that into something positive

and pursued her dreams through hard work, preparation and perseverance.

She graduated from Key West High School, worked at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and went into the U.S. Army for eight years. While in the Army, she decided she wanted to be a state trooper, applied, was accepted and has been a trooper for 15 years, currently assigned to Bay County.

"Her presentation was both motivational and inspiring," said Hayward-Croom.

## A LUNCH FOR FUTURE LEADER



LOIS SWOBODA

Grandfathers Oakland Rhodes, left, and Harold Byrd, center right, gave a benefit barbecue on Friday, April 17, to raise money to send their granddaughter Jasmine Rhodes to the National Youth Leadership Council meeting in Washington, D.C. The man pictured here with Jasmine's father, Oakland Rhodes III, at right, is Kenneth Turner, center left, who helped with the project.

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COUNTY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED LAND USE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED MAP FROM CONSERVATION RESIDENTIAL TO AGRICULTURAL AND DELETING LAND USE POLICY 2.2(M).

On Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 10:15 a.m. at the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse Annex at 34 Forbes Street in Apalachicola, Florida, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider enacting the following ordinance deleting land use policy 2.2(m) and amending the Future Land Use Map to change the allowed land use of the following parcel.

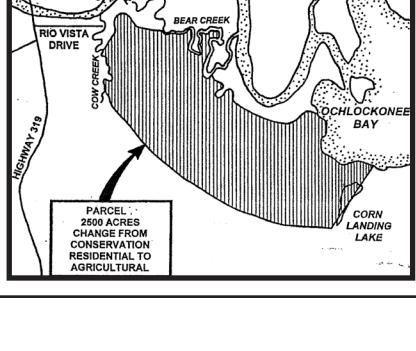
### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED LAND USE ON 2500 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED FROM COW CREEK TO OCHLOCKONEE BAY FROM CONSERVATION RESIDENTIAL TO AGRICULTURAL AND DELETING LAND USE POLICY 2.2(M)

A copy of the map showing the location and size of the parcel is attached hereto.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. More information may be obtained at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1 Apalachicola, Florida 32320 (telephone 850-653-9783)

The proposed ordinance may be inspected in the office of the Clerk of Court in Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Florida.

Persons who may wish to appeal any action resulting from this hearing should make arrangements to assure that a verbatim record is made, including testimony and evidence, if any, upon which the appeal is to be based.



## NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: An Ordinance Rezoning the following Tracts of Land in Franklin County:

Parcel (1) A 10 acre parcel lying in Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 7 West, north of Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from R-6 Rural Residential to R-3 Single Family Estate Residential.

Parcel (2) A 10 acre parcel in Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 7 West, north of Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from R-6 Rural Residential to R-3 Single Family Estate Residential.

Parcel (3) A 10 acre parcel in Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, north of Eastpoint on Blounts Bay, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from A-2 Agricultural to R-3 Rural Residential.

Parcel (4) A 10 acre parcel lying in Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, north of Eastpoint on Blounts Bay, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from A-2 Agricultural to R-3 Single Family Estate Residential.

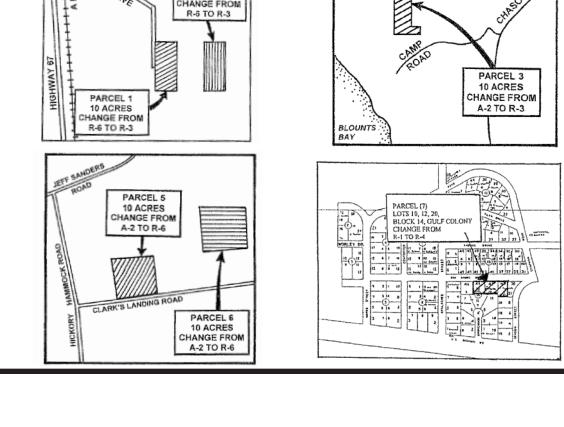
Parcel (5) A 10 acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, north of Carrabelle, Franklin County Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from A-1 Agricultural to R-6 Rural Residential.

Parcel (6) A 10 acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, north of Carrabelle, Franklin County Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from A-2 Agricultural to R-6 Rural Residential.

Parcel (7) Lots 10, 12, and 20, Block 14, Gulf Colony Subdivision, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-4 Single Family Home Industry.

A public hearing on the proposed changes to the Zoning Map series will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 9:45 a.m., at the County Commission meeting room in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex in Apalachicola, Florida. More information can be obtained and the proposed changes may be inspected at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite #1, Apalachicola, Florida, telephone (850) 653-9783.

Persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or in writing to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Transactions of this public hearing will not be recorded. Persons who wish to appeal any action resulting from this hearing should make the necessary arrangements to assure that a verbatim record is made, including testimony and evidence, if any, upon which the appeal is to be based.



## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF LAND USE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, to consider adopting proposed changes to the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use map series for:

Parcel (1) A 10 acre parcel lying in Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 7 West, north of Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from Rural Residential to Residential.

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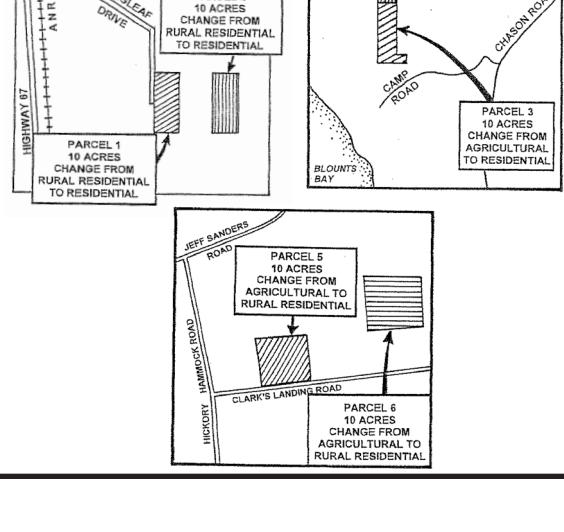
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A public hearing on the proposed changes to the Future Land Use Map series will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 9:45 a.m., at the County Commission meeting room in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex in Apalachicola, Florida. More information can be obtained and the proposed changes may be inspected at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite #1, Apalachicola, Florida, telephone (850) 653-9783.

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session of subject real property, whose names are uncertain, Defendants.

CASE NO: 08-CA-2321

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose on a code enforcement lien on the following property in Leon County, Florida:

Begin at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 2 West, run thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 56 seconds West for a distance of 1342.15 feet to a point, thence run North 46 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds West for a distance of 1040.51 feet to a point, thence run East 02 degrees 02 minutes East for a distance of 120 feet to a point on the Western side of Frances Maples Drive, thence run North 00 degrees 02 minutes East for a distance of 183.5 feet to the point of beginning, being LOT 20, BLOCK D, WHISPERING PINES SUBDIVISION, according to a map made by Apalachee Engineer and Land Surveyors,

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Inc. dated April 8, 1971.

ALSO:

A 1971 Liberty Mobile-Home Model Southernaire; Serial No. G 5196, together with all furniture and fixtures therein; said Mobile Home being affixed to Lot 20, Block D, Whispering Pines Subdivision.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Complaint for Foreclosure of the Plaintiff, Leon County, Florida, whose name and address is: Laura M. Youmans, Esq., Leon County Assistant Attorney, 301 South Monroe Street, Room 202, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 606-2500 April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009

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Complaint for Foreclosure of Lien.

This notice shall be published once weekly for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Apalachicola Times. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Leon County, Florida, on this 19th day of March, 2009

BONZ INZER, CLERK OF THE COURT FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, By: Yolanda Smith Deputy Clerk

Laura M. Youmans, Esq.

Assistant County Attorney

Leon County Courthouse

301 South Monroe Street,

Room 202

Tallahassee, Florida 32301

(850) 606-2500

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009

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FLORIDA.

JOHNSON PARK ASSOCIATES, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

DORIS V. WETHERINGTON, the unremarried widow of C.J. WETHERINGTON, a/k/a CHARLIE JOHNSON WETHERINGTON, WENDELL P. BURTON, the only heir of MIRIAM BURTON GIBSON, the surviving unremarried widow of T.Y. GIBSON, JR., a/k/a THOMAS YOUNG GIBSON, JR., C.G. CHAPMAN, a/k/a C.G. CHAPMAN, SR., a/k/a CHESTER GRIGGS CHAPMAN, JR., FRANK R. REYNOLDS, ETHEL JANE MATTHEWS, MICHAEL PATRICK REYNOLDS, the heirs of F.C. REYNOLDS, a/k/a FRANK C. REYNOLDS, BROOKS GRIGGS, and ROLAND E. SMITH, if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all parties natural, corporate, or otherwise claiming interests by, through, under or against them, a majority of the surviving BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF C & G INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a dissolved Florida corporation, Defendants.

CASE NO: 08-000519-CA

## NOTICE OF ACTION

To:

DORIS V. WETHERINGTON, the unremarried widow of C.J. WETHERINGTON, a/k/a CHARLIE JOHNSON WETHERINGTON, WENDELL P. BURTON, the only heir of MIRIAM BURTON GIBSON, the surviving unremarried widow of T.Y. GIBSON, JR., a/k/a THOMAS YOUNG GIBSON, JR., C.G. CHAPMAN, a/k/a C.G. CHAPMAN, SR., a/k/a CHESTER GRIGGS CHAPMAN, JR., FRANK R. REYNOLDS, BROOKS GRIGGS, and ROLAND E. SMITH, if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and

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West, Franklin County, Florida, with the Easterly boundary of the 100 foot right-of-way of State Road No. 370, said point also being the Northwest corner of Lot 1 of Pinellas Point, Unit No. 7, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, page 3 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida, and run thence North 17 degrees 37 minutes 28 seconds East along the Easterly right-of-way boundary of said State Road No. 370 a distance of 943.13 feet, thence South 72 degrees 22 minutes 32 seconds East 37'2.44 feet to a concrete monument, thence continue South 72 degrees 22 minutes 32 seconds East 30.0 feet, more or less, to the shore line of the Gulf of Mexico for the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning run thence North 72 degrees 22 minutes 32 seconds West 402.44 feet, more or less, to a point on said Easterly right-of-way

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respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all parties natural, corporate, or otherwise claiming interests by, through, under or against them, a majority of the surviving BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF C & G INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a dissolved Florida corporation.

## NOTICE OF ACTION

To:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title the following property in Franklin County, Florida:

Commence at an old concrete monument marking the intersection of the South boundary of Fractional Section 33, Township 6 South; Range 1

GWENDOLEN LETTS, and all other persons in pos-

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boundary of State Road No. 370, thence North 17 degrees 37 minutes 28 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary 80.0 feet, thence South 72 degrees 22 minutes 32 seconds East 376.40 feet to a concrete monument, thence continue South 72 degrees 22 minutes 32 seconds East 30.0 feet, more or less, to the shore line of the Gulf of Mexico, thence Southwesterly along said shore line 80.0 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Barbara Sanders, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is PO. Box 157, Apalachicola, FL 32329, on or before the 1st day of May, 2009, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint of the petition.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2009.

MARIA M. JOHNSON  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Michele Maxwell  
As Deputy Clerk  
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
FRANKLIN COUNTY,  
FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION

SUNTRUST BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

FREDERICK S. WHITE;  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA DEPARTMENT  
OF TREASURY; MARIA  
WHITE; JOHN DOE; JANE  
DOE AS UNKNOWN  
TENANT(S) IN POSSES-  
SION OF THE SUBJECT  
PROPERTY,  
Defendants.

CASE NO.: 07-000416-CA

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

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tember, 2008 and entered  
in Case No.

07-000416-CA, of the Cir-  
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Franklin County, Florida,  
wherein SUNTRUST BANK  
is the Plaintiff, and FRED-  
ERICK S. WHITE; UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA DE-  
PARTMENT OF TREAS-  
URY; MARIA WHITE;

JOHN DOE; JANE DOE

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THE SUBJECT PROP-  
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house in Apalachicola,  
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the following described  
property as set forth in  
said Final

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UNIT 2, A SUBDIVISION  
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BOOK 2, PAGE 15 OF THE  
PUBLIC RECORDS OF  
FRANKLIN COUNTY,  
FLORIDA AND RUN  
NORTH 18°37'19" WEST  
150.00 FEET; THENCE  
RUN SOUTH 71°22'41"  
WEST 20.00 FEET;

FEET TO A POINT LYING  
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68°01'12" EAST ALONG  
SAID RIGHT OF WAY  
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68°01'12" EAST 37.57  
FEET; THENCE RUN  
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wherein BANK OF AMERICA,  
N.A. is the Plaintiff and  
VIRGINIA S. SMITH;

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
VIRGINIA S. SMITH;

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LARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A POINT WHERE THE EAST LINE OF FRACTIONAL SECTION TWENTY ONE (21) INTERSECTS THE AVERAGE HIGH TIDE MARK OF ST. GEORGE SOUND, WHICH POINT IS MARKED BY A TILE MARKER, AND FROM SAID POINT RUN WEST FOUR HUNDRED, FIFTY FIVE (455) FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A RAILROAD IRON; THENCE RUN NORTH FORTY TWO (42) DEGREES, THIRTY (30) MINUTES WEST EIGHTY FIVE (8.5) FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A SQUARE CONCRETE MARKER WHICH POINT IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LANDS TO BE DESCRIBED AND CONVEYED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE SOUTH FORTY TWO (42) DEGREES, THIRTY (30) MINUTES WEST EIGHTY FIVE (8.5) FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A SQUARE CONCRETE MARKER WHICH POINT IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LANDS TO BE DESCRIBED AND CONVEYED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE SOUTH FORTY TWO (42) DEGREES, THIRTY (30) MINUTES EAST TWO HUNDRED, EIGHTY FOUR AND FIVE TENTHS (284.5) FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE SIXTY SIX (66) FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD NO. 30 MARRED BY A SQUARE CONCRETE MARKER; THENCE RUN SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID ROAD RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED, THIRTY ONE AND FIVE-TENTHS (131.5) FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF SAID GEORGE WARREN TRACT OF LAND WHICH POINT IS ONE HUNDRED AND TWO (2) AND FIVE-TENTHS (102.5) FEET SOUTH FIFTY THREE (53) DEGREES EAST TO A SQUARE CONCRETE MARKER WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREBY CONVEYED LYING ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE SAID DEED FROM H. L. COOK TO GEORGE WARREN, AND EXTENDING A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED, THIRTY ONE AND FIVE-TENTHS (131.5) FEET ALONG STATE ROAD NO. 30 ON THE SOUTH SIDE AND ONE HUNDRED TWO AND FIVE-TENTHS (102.5) FEET ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID WARREN TRACT AND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF FRACTIONAL SECTION TWENTY ONE (21) OF TOWNSHIP SEVEN (7) SOUTH RANGE FOUR (4) WEST OF FRANKLIN COUNTY FLORIDA.

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on the 31st day of March, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson  
Clerk of the Franklin County Circuit Court  
April 23, 2009

**1957 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE FOR A PROPOSED WASTE-WATER SYSTEM**

Notice is hereby given on the 15th day of April, 2009, pursuant to Section 367.071, Florida Statutes, of the Application of Water Management Services, Inc. for an original certificate for a proposed wastewater system to provide wastewater service to the following described territory in Franklin County, Florida:

That portion of land on St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida, located in Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 6 West, lying between the Gulf of Mexico on the South and Apalachicola Bay on the North, bordered by 3d Street West on the West and 3rd Street East on the east, and located within Unit 1, St. George Island Gulf Beach as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 7, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida (also referred to as the "commercial section" of St. George Island). A more detailed description may be obtained from Water Management Services, Inc. at its address and telephone number listed below.

Any objections to the application must be made in writing and filed within 30 days from the date of this notice with the Office of Commission Clerk:

Office of Commission Clerk  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida  
32399-0850

with a copy sent at the same time to counsel for Water Management Services, Inc.:

Marsha E. Rule, Esq.  
Rutledge, Ecenia & Purnell PA  
P.O. Box 551  
Tallahassee, Florida  
32302

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The objection must state the grounds for the objection with particularity.

Water Management Services, Inc.  
250 John Knox Road  
Suite 4  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 668-6103  
April 23, 2009

**1960T**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**CIVIL ACTION**

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,  
Plaintiff,

VS.

DOTTIE S. EVANS, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

CASE NO.:  
19-2008-CA-000268

DIVISION:

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO:  
DOTTIE S. EVANS  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:  
190 YOUNG HARRIS  
STREET  
#11  
BLARISVILLE, GA 30512

CURRENT ADDRESS:  
UNKNOWN

TRACY L. EVANS  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:  
190 YOUNG HARRIS  
STREET  
#11  
BLARISVILLE, GA 30512

CURRENT ADDRESS:  
UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:  
UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS:  
UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in FRANKLIN COUNTY, Florida:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF A 10 ACRE TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS THE COFFMAN TRACT, BEING THE TRACT OF LAND DEeded BY W. M. LITTLES TO ROBERT L. COFFMAN ON OCTOBER 1, 1941 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK "JJ", PAGES 481-482, OF THE RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID TRACT BEING ON THE BLUFF ROAD, AND FROM SAID POINT RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BLUFF ROAD TO A POINT WHICH IS 246 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID COFFMAN TRACT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 246 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF REEVES ROAD; THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF REEVES ROAD 246 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID COFFMAN TRACT, THENCE RUN NORTH 522 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE TO THE OLD HOME SITE OF THE SAID PEARL COFFMAN TRACT, THENCE RUN WEST ALONG SAID LINE 246 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L., Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (ADA), DISABLED PERSONS WHO, BECAUSE OF THEIR DISABILITIES, NEED SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 33 MARTIN STREET, SUITE 203, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320; TELEPHONE (850) 653-8861. WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OF HEARING, IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL: (800) 955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL: (800)

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 15th day of April, 2009.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Terry E. Creamer  
As Deputy Clerk  
April 23, 2009

1989T NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF STORMWATER APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes and Chapter 62-346, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the following application for an Individual Stormwater Permit has been received by the Northwest Florida Water Management District:

Application #694, received March 24, 2009, from Dan Garlick, Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., for a modification to permit #63, to change the configuration of the proposed parking areas and stormwater management facilities, at Dan Garlick Airport Office, 98 Airport Road, Apalachicola.

Interested persons may comment upon these applications or submit a written report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ERP Office, Suite 2-D, The Delaney Center Building, 2252 Killen Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. within 14 days from date of publication.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 6th day of April, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson  
Clerk of the Court  
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As Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
PO Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida  
33622-5018  
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ING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.  
JAN WAGENAAR, HAMPTON ISLAND, LLC, BAYSIDE SAVINGS BANK, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et al., Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 09-000068-CA

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO:  
JAN WAGENAAR  
(Last Known Address)  
2306 Tally Ho Drive  
St. George Island, FL  
32328

(Additional Address)

Stern 3  
1721 Dr. Broek OP  
Langedijk Netherlands

(Attempted Address)

2308 Tally Ho  
Eastpoint, FL 32328-2147

(Current Residence Unknown) if living, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, including, if a named Defendant is deceased, the personal representatives, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming, by, through, under or against that Defendants, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described Defendants.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 12, BLOCK D, ST. JAMES BAY SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 39-46, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AND

LOTS 16, 17, 18, 19, AND 23, BLOCK S, ST. JAMES BAY SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE(S) 23-29, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on the second Monday in the month of May of 2009, which is the 11th day of May 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

DATED this 27th day of March 2009.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON  
CLERK OF COURTS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY,  
FLORIDA

By: Cassie B. Sapp  
Deputy Clerk  
April 23, 2009

1999T NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice if hereby given that, Sue Cronkite the holders of the following certificate have filed said certificate for tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 661

Year of issuance: 2006

Description of property: Section Thirty-Five (35) of Township Eight (8) South, Range Eight (8) West, Highland Park ET AL. Further Legal Description may be viewed in Clerk's Office.

PARCEL NO: 35-08S-08W-0000-0190-00

Name is which assessed: Charles R. Goff and Emma M. Goff

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

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Certificate Number: 661

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Description of property: Sections Two (2) and Three (3) of Township Eight (8) South, and Thirty-Four (34) and Thirty-Five (35) of Township Seven (7) South, Range Five (5) West. Further Legal Description may be viewed in Clerk's Office.

PARCEL NO: 35-07S-05W-0000-0260-00

Name is which assessed: Robert C. Lawrence, Jr.

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

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# Carrabelle prepares for Riverfront Festival

The 19th annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival will be held on Marine Street along the Carrabelle Riverwalk this Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26. Established traditions and exciting new features are expected to draw large crowds.

Admission is free both days, with the excitement beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Unique to the festival is the giant maritime sand sculpture. Always a surprise, this artistic endeavor has become the festival's focal point. Returning by popular demand, master sand

sculptor Mark Flynn brings his award-winning artistic talent to the downtown site. Using a huge block of wet sand, he will create a special sand sculpture based on a riverfront theme.

New for 2009 is the Climb On Us Rock Wall. This 25-foot high realistic granite rock provides an adventure for all climbers, featuring routes of varying degrees of difficulty so everyone can enjoy the thrill of this experience.

Once again, the Kids' Zone has been expanded to include the magic of Coo Coo the Clown, at 3:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, the exotics of the Big Bend

Bird Club, a pirate's treasure hunt, and animal demonstrations by the Florida Wild Mammal Association and the "touch tanks" from the FSU Marine Lab.

Special for Saturday only are return appearances of the Pet Parade, beginning at 10:30 a.m., and the Fishy Fashion Show at 11:30 a.m., where maritime models show off outrageous nautical-themed outfits made from found and recycled materials.

Saturday's entertainment will include popular singer Donovan Chapman, at 5 p.m., and The Rick Ott Band, at 1 p.m. It is rumored that "Elvis" is coming on Sunday

at noon. Other attractions include the opportunity, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., to enjoy a narrated pontoon boat ride on the Carrabelle River provided by the Apalachicola Maritime Museum.

Arts, crafts, food, heritage displays and environmental booths complete this admission-free event.

Also back by popular request, kayak races are tentatively scheduled for starting times of noon on Saturday and Sunday, weather and tides permitting. Further information on these events can be obtained from Expeditions in Tate's Hell at 697-2434.

This year's lineup of vendors promises to bring us the beautiful, colorful, fun, unusual and awe-inspiring in arts and crafts. Food booths will feature the ever-popular local seafood, ethnic offerings, and traditional fair foods. Service organizations will round out what we anticipate to be the best Carrabelle Riverfront Festival yet.

This event is sponsored in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council and the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 697-2585 or check out the Web site [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org)

## Concert in Lafayette Park Sunday

The Ilse Newell Concert Series for the Performing Arts, sponsored by the Apalachicola Area Historical Society, presents a Concert in the Park this Sunday afternoon, April 26 at 4 p.m. at Lafayette Park.

This is the final concert of the series and will consist of a special group of six musicians - the Orange Avenue Pan Groove Band, under the direction of Kayleen Kerg.

The band consists of three steel drums, an electric bass — since

"carting around a set of six bass pans, each made from a 55 gallon oil barrel, is very difficult" — a drum set and other percussion instruments. The group plays for high-profile events in the North Florida area, such as Florida State University's PRISM concert series.

Bring your lawn chair and "groove" to the sounds of calypso, soca, jazz, blues, and reggae at this free concert. For more info, call 370-6201.



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Ian Williams, chef at Veranda's restaurant in Apalachicola, serves a patron at last year's "A Taste of The Coast."

## 'Taste of the Coast' set for Saturday

The Forgotten Coast Chapter of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association and the Gulf County Scholarship Committee has announced A Taste of The Coast: An Artful Affair will be held Saturday, April 25, in Port St. Joe.

The annual event, now in its sixth year, features original works of art for sale and auction and spectacular restaurant tasting from eateries ranging from Apalachicola to Mexico Beach. Also added this year are live music; a classic car, boat and bike show; student art competitions and performances; and children's art projects.

The schedule includes a free event, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the beautiful bay side Frank Pate Park with artists' displays,

food vendors, a classic car, boat and bike show, and kid's art ac-

tivities. The main event gets under way at 6 p.m. in Port St. Joe's historic Centennial Building with the art show and auction and restaurant tasting. Tickets for the event are \$25, with a cash bar. All times are Eastern.

"We are expecting donations from artists from Mississippi and Louisiana to Wisconsin in mediums ranging from original oil, watercolor, photography, sculpture and woodworking," said Dana Boyer, event organizer. Many of them will be set up in the park. "We expect to have 10 to 15 restaurants serving up local flavors. The historic Centennial Building will be beautifully decorated, really enhancing the event."

All proceeds benefit the art scholarships for Gulf County graduates.

"This event is fantastic for the

community and a very worthy cause," said Mickey Friedman, celebrated author of "Hurricane Season" and other novels, who grew up in Port St. Joe and now lives in New York.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to see all the different art produced around the area and experience great food offered from local restaurants," Friedman added.

Special lodging packages have been made available at area inns and beachfront motels at \$229 which includes a two-night stay and two tickets to the event. Details and more information is available on the web site at [www.atasteofthecoast.com](http://www.atasteofthecoast.com).

Anyone who'd like to bring a classic car, boat or bike is encouraged to contact Boyer at 227-3777. Artists wishing to participate can call the same number.

## Real Estate Picks *Best Values on the Forgotten Coast*

**Our local real estate experts have identified what they feel are the best values around and are offering them to you in Real Estate Picks! (In this section), Discover the best real estate values in Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe, Apalachicola, Cape San Blas, St. George Island, Carrabelle and surrounding areas.**

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