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# Sen. Bill Nelson: 'I need your help to help you'

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

The hot topics were Water Wars, fishing laws and stimulus money on Tuesday afternoon, when Sen. Bill Nelson held a series of town hall meetings in the county.

The day began in Carrabelle at the new Municipal Center with a public meeting where Nelson, clad in a cotton shirt, jeans and scuffed suede boots, fielded questions from the audience.

"When I come to the Panhandle I come back to my roots," he told the gathering, explaining that his great-great-grandfather, a Danish immigrant, had stowed away on a boat in New York and wound up landing in Port St. Joe



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where he married a local girl before heading north again.

The Democratic senator began on a positive note, comment-

ing that he felt confident that Florida and its ally Alabama will prevail in the legal battle that has become known as the Water

Wars.

The questions began with Tamara Allen quizzing the senator about obtaining funding for

Joining Senator Bill Nelson, right, for a stroll along Apalachicola's working waterfront, are, from left, Dave McClain, with the Apalachicola Riverkeeper, City Commissioner Frank Cook and County Commission Chairman Smokey Parrish.

a commercial dock for Carrabelle's fishing community. He told her grant money should be available through the federal stimulus package.

He said Franklin County schools have received \$400,000 and another package is in the works to fund a summer youth employment program for Wakulla and Franklin counties.

Several audience members, including Commissioner Noah Lockley, questioned him further about the stimulus package.

Lockley said he did not believe the county is receiving a fair share of the funds. County Planner Alan Pierce said he felt

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## FOOD STAMP SLOWDOWN

DCF staffers pledge to tackle backlog



PHOTO BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN

Traci Leavine, left, Circuit 2 operations administrator for DCF, and Walt Cook, director of DCF's Northwest region, address members of the Franklin's Promise Coalition.

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

State officials plan to speed up response times for food stamp requests, and put a part-time staffer in Franklin County to handle a growing number of applications, after hearing an urgent request for help last week from the Franklin's Promise Coalition.

Walt Cook, director of the DCF's Northwest region, and Traci Leavine, operations administrator for Circuit 2, outlined plans at the coalition's May 21 meeting in the board room of the county health department.

The coalition invited the DCF staffers to attend the meeting in light of local complaints about the backlog of cases being handled by the DCF office in Quincy, which handles most of the applications from the county for food stamps and other DCA-administered services.

Without a local DCF office, coalition members complained of long telephone delays in communication with Quincy, and lengthy waits for processing applications for help many families need right away.

"I'm spending six to seven hours a day on DCF matters," said Pat Carroll, who directs the county's branch office for Community Action Partnership, a private sector, non-profit that serves as a clearinghouse for information on and coordination of a variety of federal and state anti-poverty programs.

"They (local people) look at our office as DCF now," she said. "They need that face-to-face contact."

The delays in processing food stamps, which Carroll said have been as long as four months in at least one case, have a "snowball effect" that affects these



Clarice Powell shows off a basket of vegetables harvested from Franklin's Promise's plot in the Apalachicola Community Garden, while County Commissioner Pinki Jackel looks on at left. All the vegetables are distributed through the food pantry to needy families.

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## Poppies, poetry mark Legion's Memorial Day



PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA

**MEMORIAL POPPIES:** Ginger Spicer, of Lanark Village, distributes poppies to the Legion officers.

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Once again Lanark Village held the county's lone Memorial Day ceremony this year and several speeches mourned the loss of interest in the holiday's true meaning.

"Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day," read Chuck Spicer, the master of ceremonies.

"While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country," he said.

He then told the audience, gathered at Legion Post 82 in Lanark Village, about the origins of Memorial Day as Decoration Day at the end of the Civil War, when the graves of fallen soldiers were tended, beginning in 1860s but there was no official date.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30,

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## ABC School paces district's third grade FCATs

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Buoyed by a particularly strong performance in math at the Apalachicola Bay Charter School, third graders throughout the county remained steady in reading, and were slightly up in math, on state standardized testing.

Based on results released last week for the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, 72 percent of the county's third graders scored a 3 or above, considered at grade level. This is down 3 percentage points from last year, but still rep-

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# hogs gone wild

## Wayward pigs crash Eastpointers' holiday picnic

Story and photos  
by David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Stephanie Adkison woke up a little after 7 a.m. on Memorial Day and got ready to go to work.

Not exactly living high on the hog, just another day punching the clock.

"My boyfriend called to me 'Lord have mercy, check it out,'" she said.

Adkison went to the window and looked out on the sunny morning. "We seen two pigs kind of crisscrossing in the yard," she said.

Soon the animals were rooting their snouts into the sandy front lawn, settling their fat bellies comfortably into the cool soil under a shady tree.

Adkison headed to work and after she got home, they were still there, with her boyfriend and his buddies sitting around in a relaxed circle around them. She didn't see the little black piglet that had been there with them, but her buddies said they had, before it scampered away.

"You can touch them and rub them. I think it's too cool," she said. "They're not bad."

Deputy Jason Register had arrived on the scene after the sheriff's office was called, and he kept his distance, as he set about finding the owner.

"Our main concern is getting the owner back his property," he said.

For the next two-and-a-half hours, Register went hunting for the owners, sniffing our leads, looking for clues, asking around to see who might be missing a healthy looking boar and sow.

Finally, he reached Michael Luberto who determined they were owned by his older brother, Willie Jr. He said they wandered

away to Adkison's 599 Wilderness Road home when they went out to drink water.

Meanwhile, the two pigs relaxed soundly on Adkison's front lawn, keeping their cool and occasionally getting up to enjoy some of the water the men were lavishing on them from a big metal bowl.

Around 4 p.m., Michael Luberto came by with a specially-built trailer a friend had made, and the tranquil mood was shattered as the half-dozen or so men set about rounding them up.

Pig's feet got pulled, ears were twisted and the sound of high-pitched squealing permeated the air.

But soon, both animals got wrestled to the ground, with additional help from Frankie Dalton and his sons, Marcus, a Franklin County freshman, and William, a seventh grader, and friend Drew Monroe.

The other men slipped hobbles on their feet, tying them tightly as they carried them into the metal trailer.

Dalton said he was used to capturing such animals, having raised domestic pigs and gone hog hunting to bring some good breeding stock back to the county woods.

"We love it," said Adkison, who seemed to already miss the friendly porkers soon after they were carted away. "We wouldn't have it any other way."

At right, Frankie Dalton, left, tugs the sow's ear as his son, William, and friend Drew Monroe, right, try to wrestle it to the ground.



At left, Frankie Dalton presses on the sow to make sure it is secure. Below, Stephanie Adkison, standing, and her friend, Tiffany Boone, are all smiles after their two visitors are safe within a secure trailer.



Above, Adkison pets the boar's ear as they sleep in her front yard. At right, the sow takes a drink from a nice cool beverage left out on the table in the front yard.

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Auxiliary chaplain Diane Huebanks leads the group in prayer for America's warriors.

1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. It was declared a national holiday by Congress in 1871, but official celebrations in the various states began in 1973.

"It is not a day about division," said Spicer; "it is about reconciliation and the general human need to honor the dead." At the end of Spicer's talk, the auxiliary members handed out paper poppies they had created for the celebration, and Diane Huebanks, chaplain of the Legion Auxiliary, led the group in prayer.

Michael Guidry, the post chaplain spoke on patriotism and honor, and described the men and women who serve in our armed forces as "ordinary Americans making extraordinary sacrifices."

District 2 Commander Bill Miller warned against turning Memorial Day into just another long weekend.

"When you walk on the beach, remember the men who died on the beach at Normandy for your freedom," he urged.

Mary Crane, president of



District 2 Commander Bill Miller told the gathering, "When you walk on the beach, remember the men who died on the beach at Normandy for your freedom."

the auxiliary, gave the final speech of the ceremony and read the poem "Flanders Field."

"What the auxiliary wants to do is celebrate this post," she told the audience.

Virginia Spicer and Sonya Alday then placed a wreath at the foot of the flag pole and in the traditional Memorial Day ceremony, the sergeant-at-arms lowered the flag, which stood at



PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA

American Legion Post 82 Commander Joe Myrick, left, and Chaplain Michael Guidry, right, salute the flag as it is raised to full mast.

half-mast and then raised it to the top of the pole.

The ceremony was followed by a barbecue supper and music and games in the Legion Hall.

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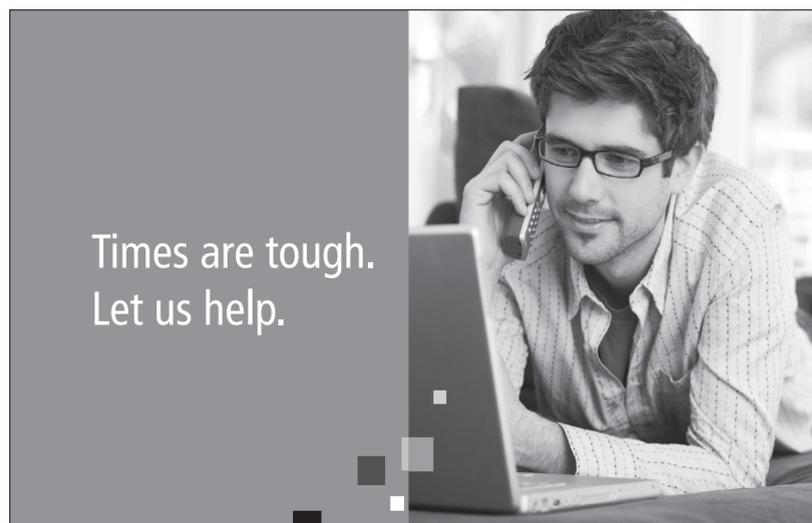
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# To kill a mockingbird leads to harassment

Lately, I have been thinking about mockingbirds.

My memories were triggered by an article in the Guardian newspaper from the United Kingdom. It focused on the research of Douglas Levey, a professor at the University of Florida. The article stated, "Mockingbirds can recognize people who have threatened them



**RED WHITE AND ROUX**  
Denise Roux

and even start dive-bombing them if they see the person again. An urban population of the songbirds ignored most passers-by, but took to the air when they recognized people who had approached their nest days before."

The article goes on to explain how the research was



PHOTO BY GREG GOEBEL

A mockingbird, photographed in Orlando.

conducted on campus. Over the course of three days volunteers would walk up to a nest and touch it gently. It only took two

days for the mockingbirds to recognize those individuals and make a screeching, take-to-the-air protective response. It didn't

matter what the volunteers wore or if they approached by a different route, the mockingbirds still recognized them.

This was the most interesting part of the article for me. "For example, they (the mockingbirds) might be better at differentiating between cats that are aware of their nests and those that are simply passing by."

That really resonated. I have a yard/house cat, Mrs. B, who likes to accompany me on my morning walks. One day I stepped outside to find her in front of two dead baby mockingbirds. I can't know her role in their demise. She may have just been in the wrong place at the wrong time. She had a guilty look on her face, and the circumstantial evidence was abundant. The mockingbirds agreed.

For many months, going on

a year or so, the birds attacked and harassed her every time she was outside. She got into a habit of duck and cover. She still went on our walks, darting from overhanging brush to another hiding place, trying to avoid the birds. She complained vociferously the entire walk, but seemed determined to continue, despite her real fear.

The most amazing thing occurred about a block away. The blackbirds on the power line also attacked when we passed by. Was there avian communication going on here? Mockingbird to blackbird, "Get that gray cat; she is the murderer."

I emailed Dr. Levey complimenting his research, and relating Mrs. B's experience. He responded immediately. (I love the

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## Letters to the EDITOR

### Slow down, and spare someone heartache

This is to the person who ran over and killed my dog. And continued around the corner to his home (you did back up and return after you saw my son picking up what was left of his 12 lb. body). I want you to know his name was BAXTER and that he was loved by his family.

Please slow down when any dog or family pet gets near your truck on our dead-end street. Spare someone else the heartache that you have caused my family when you could have just SLOWED DOWN or just maybe? stopped until he was clear of your truck.

His owner/mother,

G. Brannon  
Eastpoint

### Appreciative of seafood workers' leadership

As a member of the Riverkeepers staff, I have worked directly and indirectly with the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, Inc (FCSWA) for the past five years. I am very proud and appreciative of their efforts and dedication. They are - as I have said repeatedly - the "frontline soldiers in our Water Wars."

In particular I have worked with the elected officers of the organization as we struggled to counter the significant threats to the Apalachicola Bay. The most significant, and ongoing, threat to the health and productivity of our Bay has been the reduced freshwater flows. Atlanta is still taking our waters without Congressional approval. John Richards, as president of the FCSWA, and Linda Raffield, secretary/treasurer, have had a critical role in "telling the story" of the reduced flows threat and its impact on the most productive estuary in America, Apalachicola Bay.

Time and again they have taken various regional, state and national media out onto the Bay (at John and Linda's expense) to see for themselves - "hands-on/eyes-on" - the predation that occurs on oyster beds in the low-flow condition imposed by the Corps' Revised Interim Operations Plan (or RIOP). "See for yourselves. Here's what's happening to our oysters." These "visitors" have included national TV cameras, as well as decision makers such as the commanders of the South Atlantic Region and the Mobile district of the Corps of Engineers.

When there was a threat that the oyster relay money would be reduced or even eliminated, John and Linda went to Tallahassee (again at their own expense) and lobbied successfully against that budget action. They believe passionately in their oystermen and the health and productivity of our Bay. They take their jobs very seriously. And I and Riverkeepers - and the community - should be most thankful that they do.

So when an issue of a central sewage plant on St. George Island surfaced, Linda (on behalf of

FCSWA) took the Bay-protective stance for which she has been severely criticized in the local press. She rounded up as many seafood workers as she could in the short time allowed, and urged action she believed was protective of the Bay and the oystermen she represents. On reflection, as facts of the sewage treatment proposal became known, John Richards and Bruce Rotella (FCSWA president and vice-president) supported a resolution to seek a better understanding of the source of the pollution and its correction - an outcome Linda Raffield in no way opposes. In retrospect, get the facts, then act.

Though recent rains have begun to put a dent in the drought, so long as the Corps of Engineers intends to perpetuate their misguided drought management plan in the Water Control Manual update, the fight is by no means over. Now is the time for the community to rally together, as a community. Not to seek in some misguided way to punish our Bay advocates when their passion to protect makes a decision they later want to modify. Linda and John should be thanked, warmly applauded, and supported for their efforts in behalf of their oystermen and our Bay.

David McLain  
Apalachicola Riverkeepers

### Door should not be left open to central sewer

When I got word the county commissioners had voted to oppose Water Management Services' application for centralized sewer on St. George Island, I breathed a brief sigh of relief. Thank you to each commissioner for taking action to ensure Franklin County has a seat at the table during the Public Service Commission's certification process.

I want to especially thank all the citizens who took immediate action to let the commissioners and the PSC know they were opposed to centralized sewer on the island. I'm convinced that the public outcry regarding the original vote of three commissioners caused them to revisit their decision and change their minds, just in the nick of time. Every phone call, email, letter and one-on-one conversation with each commissioner made a difference.

Other involved citizens successfully shed light on how some individuals were being misled into signing letters in favor of a sewer plant. As a result, the commissioners were further misled into thinking a large number of their constituents supported such a system.

In reading newspaper accounts of the county commission meeting May 19, it appears they have left the door open for a centralized sewer on the island. This causes me great concern.

While I applaud the county commission for moving forward to study the source of the island's water contamination, overwhelming evidence supports the fact that there are various options available to address wastewater disposal without going

to a sewer plant. As reported, Mr. Newt Colston, an expert in this field, outlined how studies have determined that fecal coliforms were never proven to come from septic tanks. Franklin County's setback codes require a safe distance from bodies of water to prevent the migration of the coliforms to the open water. Proper enforcement of existing health department and county regulations will further protect our water quality.

I want to remind the county commission that a centralized sewer system would encourage denser development, as evidenced in all other locations it has been implemented. Putting the sewer issue aside, increased density would cause greater stormwater runoff. Experts have said that stormwater runoff is as bad as wastewater. A centralized sewer system would not fix stormwater runoff. Any way one looks at the issue, I think a centralized sewer system is not the answer. I ask the county commission to not change their opposition to WMS' application to the PSC.

At the county commission's workshop April 21, during his presentation, Mr. Gene Brown, owner of Water Management Services, said he was fast-tracking his plan to help the island's business district solve its wastewater problems. He also said that he did not want a fight with the county nor engage in a lawsuit, so if the county commission did not want it, they needed to tell him before he continues to spend more money on it.

The county commissioners and the citizens have spoken. We do not want nor need a centralized sewer system on the island. I ask Mr. Brown to be a man of his word and withdraw his petition for a certificate from the PSC. He will save himself and the taxpayers of Franklin County a great deal of money.

Gail M. Riegelmayr  
Franklin County Citizen

### Seafood workers president gave verbal OK

I would like to clarify my position regarding the central sewer plant on St. George Island. After looking back on the minutes, I have discovered that Linda Raffield, secretary of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, had called me on the telephone and read the contents of the letter that accompanied the petition. At that time, I approved the letter. I publicly apologize for failing to recollect my earlier telephone conversation with Linda.

She and I stand on the front lines for every issue that comes up on our bay because our motto is to protect, preserve and promote the Apalachicola seafood industry.

Since my initial approval of the letter, I believe everybody's entitled to their own opinion and we should respect everybody's opinion, without any animosity.

John Richards  
President, Franklin County  
Seafood Workers Association



## Hope for Florida's real estate markets?

By Cathy Keen  
Special to the Times

The first signs of confidence in Florida real estate are starting to appear with hopes that government stimulus plans will unfreeze markets and reinvigorate business, the latest University of Florida survey finds.

"People believe in some instances that a lot of what the government is doing to try to inject capital into the system may actually have some effect," said Timothy Becker, director of UF's Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies, which conducts the quarterly survey. "Positive responses to several questions lead us to believe there is light at the end of the tunnel."

Perhaps most significant is that respondents' perception of their own business outlook has improved after three years of steady decline, Becker said.

"If real estate investors think there are opportunities out there for their firms to make money, that means there are deals that will be getting done and when deals start getting done, various participants in the transactions make money and it's almost like a snowball effect," he said.

Another positive finding was the perception of the availability of capital, which jumped to its highest level in the survey's history, Becker said. Respondents expect some money that has sat in Treasury funds to start trickling back into real estate as investors gain confidence with the steps banks are taking to rid their balance sheets of bad assets, he said.

That capital is not yet actually available is still a concern, though, Becker said. If loans come due for shopping centers, for example, and there is no capital in the marketplace to refinance these loans, that will slow any recovery, he said.

The latest statewide survey of Florida real estate trends, completed in March, is 14th in a series and

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# Franklin County's jobless rate inches downward

**Preliminary rate for April: 6.1 percent**

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

For the second consecutive month, Franklin County's unemployment rate improved, dropping by seven-tenths of 1 percentage point in April.

County officials, however, continue to be concerned that the true picture of the county's economic situation is not fully told in the state's jobless numbers, since many of the county's seafood workers never file for unemployment compensation.

According to preliminary labor market statistics released Friday by the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, the

county's jobless rate dropped to 6.1 percent last month, with 292 people, out of a county labor force of 4,790, without jobs.

This meant 30 fewer people were on the jobless rolls in April than in March, when the unemployment rate stood at 6.8 percent, with 322 people without work out of a smaller labor force of 4,706.

The April rate is 1.5 percentage points lower than the 7.6 percent unemployment rate in February, following two straight months of declines. But the April rate is still 2.5 percentage points higher than one year ago, when in April 2008, the labor force stood at 4,799 people, but only 172 were without jobs, for an unemployment rate of just 3.6 percent.

The county's unemployment rate placed it as fifth best in the state last month among the state's 67 counties. Liberty had the state's

**According to the Washington, D.C.-based Economic Policy Institute, each dollar in unemployment compensation benefits paid by the state results in an estimated \$1.64 in positive economic benefits to residents and businesses**

lowest unemployment rate, at 4.6 percent, followed by Alachua at 5.6 percent and Leon and Monroe counties, each at 5.8 percent.

There were 24 Florida counties with double-digit unemployment rates in April, down from 29 in March.

Franklin's 6.1 percent jobless rate for April is more than 3.5 percentage points better than the state average of 9.6 percent, which represents 885,000 jobless out of a labor force of more than 9.2 million. Florida's jobless rate was up 4 percentage points from one year ago.

ida's unemployment compensation and workforce programs. These benefits and services are having a tremendous impact on millions of Floridians and on our economy," said Agency Interim Director Cynthia Lorenzo.

According to the Washington, D.C.-based Economic Policy Institute, each dollar in unemployment compensation benefits paid by the state results in an estimated \$1.64 in positive economic benefits to residents and businesses, which helps to sustain jobs and restore consumer confidence.

The \$1.4 billion in stimulus funds currently being infused into the state's unemployment compensation and workforce systems includes an additional \$25 weekly in Federal Additional Compensation since March 19, with an estimated \$345 million to be paid out by July 2010.

The state's current unemployment rate is 0.7 percentage points higher than the national unemployment rate of 8.9 percent. Florida has lost more than 380,000 nonagricultural jobs over the past year, continuing the trend of over-the-year declines that began in August 2007 primarily due to declines in construction jobs, but has now spread to almost all other major industries.

# Stimulus money to fund cities' infrastructure improvements

Both Apalachicola and Carrabelle will be getting low-interest loans for their water and wastewater needs, paid for by low-interest loans funded by federal stimulus dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd, D-North Florida, said May 19 that Apalachicola is scheduled to receive a low-interest loan of a little more than \$9 million to help finance infrastructure improvements to the city's wastewater system.

This federal funding is part of a total investment of more than \$132 million recently made available to

the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Because Apalachicola meets the criterion for being financially disadvantaged, all of the loan principal will be forgiven, making it in effect a grant.

Carrabelle is scheduled to receive a low-interest loan for \$3 million to help finance infrastructure improvements to its drinking water system. This federal funding is part of a more than \$88 million investment made available to the Florida DEP's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Carrabelle met the criteria for being financially disadvantaged and qualified for 85 percent of the loan principal, or \$2.55 million, to be forgiven.

"With these federal stimulus dollars, Apalachicola and Carrabelle will be able to address an important public health need," Boyd said. "This investment in our wastewater treatment facilities will help maintain the quality of our drinking water supply and benefit area residents."

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Gov. Charlie Crist also applauded the awards, noting that the loans "will continue our strong commitment to putting Floridians back to work while improving our water infrastructure. Together with Florida's other economic development efforts, the

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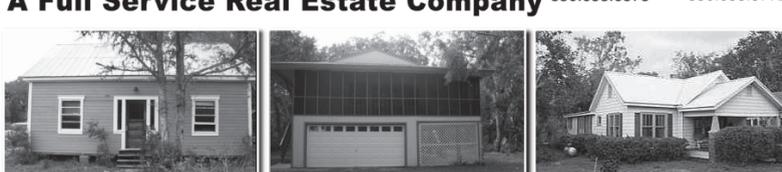
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# Ausley pays visit for state senate campaign

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Former state representative Loranne Ausley has made the first venture into the county as part of the campaign to succeed Al Lawson as state senator from District 6.

Ausley held a luncheon get-together at the Water Street Hotel April 24. Several prominent Democrats, including Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson and county Democratic committee chair Barbara Sanders, were in attendance, although Sanders noted that the county executive committee does not endorse any primary candidate.

Lawson is term-limited and has indicated he may challenge U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd for his seat in Congress.

Ausley is among three Democrats,

along with former state representative Curtis Richardson and Bill Montford, head of the Florida Association of District Superintendents, who have thrown their names in the race to fill Lawson's seat.

Ausley, who from 2000 to 2008 served a district that included parts of Leon and Jefferson counties, said that as a mother of a 6-year-old with special needs, education is one of her top priorities.

"I think anybody who has been in a classroom knows that there are not enough resources going to our kids," she said.

She said that her eight years in the Legislature taught her bipartisanship is best.

"During my eight years in the Legislature, the Democrats were nowhere near the majority," she said. "You have to make friends on



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Loranne Ausley, right, chats with Apalachicola's Beth Moseley at the meet-and-greet at the Water Street Hotel. Moseley, who has a son with disabilities, became good friends with Ausley because of their shared experience as parents of a special needs child.

the other side to make things work."

Testifying to the power of friendship was the presence at the luncheon of banker Cliff Butler, husband of Denise Butler, who ran as a Republican for superintendent in last year's race for school

superintendent.

Cliff Butler did not indicate his political preference that afternoon, but did say he has long been friends with Ausley and her family.

Ausley did not fundraise at the event,

but talked with local citizens about their concerns. She has jumped to an early fundraising lead in the three-person race, raising more than \$111,297.

She currently serves as board chair of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, and as a senior advisor to the Lawton Chiles Foundation. She is an attorney with over 20 years of public service at the state and federal level.

Her legislative agenda focused around the issues important to North Florida, such as economic development; respecting the role of state employees; health care; and education, particularly early childhood initiatives. Her health care expertise led to her appointment as ranking Democrat on the House Health Care Council for the 2007-

2008 term.

Ausley has also focused on a number of issues related to children and adults with disabilities, including her service as chair of the Vision Caucus and as a member of Governor Crist's statewide Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders.

She received her bachelor's from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and her law degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law. She is married to local intellectual property attorney Bill Hollimon, has a son, Will, and a stepson, John.

She is a marathon runner and triathlete, and in November 2007 completed her first full Ironman competition in Panama City. The Gulf Winds Track Club named Ausley the 2007 Female Runner of the year.

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Carrabelle Mayor Curley Messer and the city of Carrabelle hosted Sen. Nelson's town hall meeting Tuesday afternoon.

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the guidelines for most of the money are geared toward urban settings.

Commission Chairman Smokey Parrish welcomed Nelson to "our piece of paradise," and then read a list of concerns compiled by county commissioners.

On the wish list was acquisition of dilapidated Eastpoint waterfront properties for use by the commercial fishermen, and a quick resolution to FEMA's review of the status of Alligator Point's storm-damaged roads.

Parrish told Nelson that patching the stretch of road had become, "a constant battle for the taxpayers and the board that is about to bankrupt our road department."

Carrabelle commercial fisherman Jim Lycette called Magnuson-Stevens fishing regulations unfair, and said they are killing the commercial fishing industry.

"There needs to be a requirement that the rule makers consider science offered by the private sector. We want to protect our waters as much as Congress does," he said.

Nelson responded that, "the problem really becomes whose data is reliable. Every time I talk to fishermen the data is anecdotal. I'm trying to help you but you've got to give me some data."

When Bert Ivey, director of ElderCare Services in the county asked Nelson

what he sees as the future of funding, the senator replied that funding for programs for elders was the joint responsibility of federal and state government.

"You need to confront your state official about why they have deserted these programs," said Nelson.

Nelson went from Carrabelle to meetings with seafood workers and local officials at Lynn's Oyster House in Eastpoint and finally at 13 Mile Seafood in Apalachicola.

On the waterfront in Apalachicola, Kevin Begos, director of the Oyster and Seafood Task Force, enumerated the problems facing the seafood industry from high fuel costs, to Vibrio legislation that promis-

es to worsen the unemployment situation here, to the need for crop insurance for the oystering community.

Nelson vowed to support commercial seafood workers and said he favors a plan proposed by the Food and Drug Administration to allow oystermen to begin work at 5 a.m. when the bay is cooler.

Later, Nelson accompanied by seafood workers and commercial fishermen as well as Begos, Dave McClain of the Apalachicola Riverkeeper, Apalachicola City Commissioner Frank Cook and Parrish strolled along the waterfront and stopped by the shrimp boat "B.J. Henry" for a lesson on how shrimp nets are deployed.

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Internet). He wrote, "I'm not at all surprised they attacked your cat and continued to recognize her and attack her for quite some time — they are much smarter than most people think. We are pretty sure that "our" mockingbirds remember us from year to year. Also, we are sure they can recognize other individuals who threaten their nests, including crows, cats... and even cars."

As to the avian communication, he kind of burst my bubble. "I doubt, however, that mockingbirds would somehow communicate to blackbirds that your cat was a special threat. Perhaps the blackbirds simply heard the mockingbirds scolding your cat, paid attention, and learned through direct observation that your cat was a threat to the mockingbirds and, hence, would

be a threat to them."

I guess I have to agree. There doesn't seem to be any love lost between mockingbirds and blackbirds. However, I still think there may be something to the birds talking among themselves. One afternoon, I watched a lone blackbird at the bird feeder. He filled up and flew away. Within minutes, the yard was filled with blackbirds, elbowing their way to the

feeder.

I'm coming to respect the intelligence of birds more and more. We had an African parrot for awhile who despised me, but nuzzled other members of the family. I know of parrot owners who are convinced that the birds know more than they are saying. In their reptilian brains, they simply don't want to talk to us in a meaningful way. Can't blame them. They get three

squares, but still live in a cage.

Mrs. B's paranoia continues to this day. She absolutely freaks when a bird is nearby. She complains loudly and hides. I suspect she has learned her lesson.

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based on 335 responses from leaders and professional advisers in the industry. It follows the December survey, which showed that confidence in real estate markets had sunk to their lowest levels since the survey began in July 2006.

Retail is worse off than any other real estate sector right now simply because consumers are buying less, Becker said. "With people uncomfortable about whether they're going to have a job, they obviously are spending less money than they did in the past," he said.

Job losses mean the office rental market is not doing well either as owners try to fill newly vacated space, he said.

Apartment occupancy also is falling, with confidence declining even more in the most recent survey, Becker said. "In talking to

people, it appears as their houses are foreclosing, they're not necessarily going into rental apartments, they're moving in with family or friends in the short term," he said.

Single-family housing prices are expected to continue to drop, especially in areas with a glut of foreclosures, Becker said. Because banks want to get these properties off their books as they hit the market, housing prices are likely to fall as these properties are sold, he said.

"In the short term, I think we will have more downward pressure on prices, particularly in places where foreclosures have been pretty high," he said. The most notably hard hit area in the state is Lee County in southwest Florida, with places such as Miami and even Jacksonville hurting to some extent, he

said. The combination of low prices and interest rates has boosted the number of houses being sold, particularly in some areas, he said.

New construction is competing unusually well against foreclosed homes, Becker said. With lower interest rates and construction costs, builders

are starting to make new homes more affordable, creating an attractive option for would-be buyers, he said.

"With the number of distressed houses on the market, you would think that buyers would typically lean toward those because they would be cheaper," he said. "But in many cases foreclosed homes have been

sitting on the market for long periods of time not being maintained and people aren't willing to invest the money it takes to fix them back up."

Builders are building smaller homes with cheaper construction costs because that is what people want, Becker said.

"I think in general

people are downsizing everything they do," he said. "They don't need the biggest house they did before, they don't need the biggest car they did before and they aren't buying as much as they did before."

Cathy Keen is a writer for the University of Florida News Desk. You can reach her at ckeen@ufl.edu

## County tax certificate sale Friday at courthouse

The 2009 Franklin County Tax Certificate Sale will be held Friday, May 29 at 9 a.m. in the Grand Jury meeting room located on the third floor of the courthouse in Apalachicola.

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people's ability to secure heating or other assistance.

"Nine times out of 10, when I ask them what the problem is, they say 'I haven't gotten my food stamps,'" Carroll said. "Most of them do not have transportation and most do not have a phone."

Carroll said she has run up hundreds of dollars of bills on her personal cell phone trying to handle communications between applicants and DCF. "I know these clients down here are hurting really bad," she said.

### Food stamp need in county growing

Cook told the coalition communication and processing delays are a statewide problem because of a growing number of calls for help. The call center in Jacksonville receives 1.5 million calls a week, he noted.

Because federal statute require that applications must be screened and processed by state employees who conduct the intake interviews, the DCF is limited in its ability to bring in outside staff as well as in state budgetary pressures, he said.

"We're trying to modernize the phone system to a greater extent than we do," he said "But we requested

(of the Legislature) 388 people, and we didn't get a one."

He said applications for DCF services are up 48 percent in the past 12 months, with the greatest pressure on the Medicaid program. "Medicaid is really at a higher level increase than food stamps statewide," Cook said.

Data provided by Leavein indicates there were 1,125 Franklin County food stamp clients in April, a nearly 12 percent increase over one year ago. About \$1.21 million in food stamps were issued in the county in 2008, with \$1.46 million projected to be issued this year.

Medicaid recipients in the county rose in April to 1,333, about 8 percent more than one year ago, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients rose to 65, about 6.5 percent more than one year ago.

In all, recipients in the county for all DCF programs last month was at 1,753, about 7.7 percent more than one year ago.

"We have just in this region, and in Circuit 2, a large percentage of those who we think are potentially eligible, that we need to reach," Cook said. "We have people out there who are hurting."

Data from Circuit 2, which includes Gadsden, Leon, Jefferson, Liberty

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Wakulla and Franklin counties, shows 53 percent of the eligible population in Franklin County is not receiving food stamps.

### Solution to come 'sooner rather than later'

In terms of the time it takes to process food stamp applications, Cook said the statewide average is over 20 days, with Franklin at 29 days, second in Circuit 2 only to Wakulla's 30-day average.

"We have 6,000 cases a day backlog in Circuit 2," Cook said.

He said the department has been using federal stimulus money to hire part-time people, as well as overlapping priorities with existing staff, to maximize efficiency.

"In 60 days, we'll have our backlog down to zero," he said. "This keeps me

awake at night. People need it now."

Cook said the department would be willing to install a high-speed communication line, and Franklin's Promise Coalition members said a place could be found for it, to outfit a local office capable of handling communications with the state.

But, he said, problems arise in bringing existing DCF staffers into the county, as it costs \$100 in mileage per day for someone to commute, and they can realistically only do five hours of work per day given the time required for travel.

Cook said he has been in talks with a retired worker from the department, a former supervisor at the Port St. Joe office, who might be willing to come back to work in the county. If so, that would eliminate the need to hire a new staffer, who would have to complete 12 weeks of training before they could start processing

applications.

"Even if I can't get her, we will do something," he said. "We will make it happen sooner rather than later. We've got to take care of the county. I think we can do something fairly quickly here."

### Growing pressure on the food pantry

Clarice Powell, active with the food pantry, said the pantry has been seeing up to 475 families for the twice a month food offerings, and that costs for the program continue to rise as demand increases.

"We're seeing people we've never seen before," she said.

May 20 was the first day for a newly-instituted soup kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church, with Bedford playing piano for those who came by.

County Commissioner Pinki Jackel said she would like to see an effort throughout the county to "destigmatize food stamps" and encourage those who need the help to apply for it.

Facing a 30 percent increase in the cost of food, which ran \$65,000 for the last fiscal year, the food pantry plans to increase its request to the county and city commission for help next year. Last year the county gave the pantry \$15,000, with Apalachicola

kicking in \$3,500, and Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson heading up an appeal for private funds that netted \$4,000.

The United Way also gave \$4,000 to the pantry last year, with the rest coming from private donations. Powell said one anonymous visitor from outside the county recently donated \$5,000 to the food pantry to support its mission.

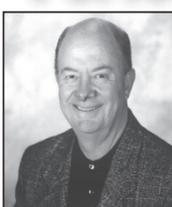
The Carrabelle food pantry program, now administered through the non-profit Carrabelle Cares, has also received a subsidy from the city of Carrabelle, but it too is supported mainly by private donations.

Jackel reassured the coalition that she would not support a cutback in county subsidy to the food pantry program for the upcoming fiscal year budget.

In addition to discussing food issues, the coalition discussed a number of new programs, available through Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida and the Big Bend Homeless Coalition, for housing assistance.

But Carroll said in terms of energy assistance, her annual allocations are already tapped out. She said both her \$17,000 allocation to help people with light bills, and her \$35,000 allocation to help with home energy, were expended in just five months.

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The improvement in the district's numbers in math came largely as a result of the test performance of the ABC Schools' 44 third graders, with 93 percent of them scoring a 3 or better.

This is 16 percentage points better than last year, and the best showing among third graders in math since the school opened in 2001. In addition, no students at the ABC School were in the 1 category, which is for student who appear to be performing at least one year behind grade level.

"We're very pleased with the math scores. We put more emphasis on math and science this year than we have in the past and we're hoping that the scores would show that," said ABC School Principal Don Hungerford. "This is a direct reflection of spending more time and that always makes you feel good."

The percentage of the 63 third graders at the consolidated school who scored a 3 or better in the math portion dropped this year, from 74 to 68 percent. This marked the second year of declines after 92 percent of third graders at Brown, Carrabelle and Chapman scored 3 or better in 2007.

In reading, third graders at the consolidated school posted a 19-point dropoff, from 87 to 68 percent scoring 3 or better. At the ABC School, the percentage of third graders scoring 3 or better in reading remained the same as last year, 77 percent, and just 1 percentage point better than it was in 2007.

"We have been putting the emphasis on reading for the last three years and that seems to have become fairly solid," Hungerford said.

He noted that 16 percent of the

school's students had scored 1s, a higher percentage than last year, while the percentage of 4s and 5s had both improved, likely due to previous 3s moving up into areas of better test performance.

"I wished there were not as many 1s in our reading," he said. "We knew we had some children who are really struggling and I would suspect some of them would end up with ESE."

Most troubling in the consolidated school's reading scores was an increase in the number of 1s, from just 3 percent last year to 27 percent this year. The number of 4s and 5s also declined, with a boost in the number of 3s.

In math, the number of 1s at Franklin County Elementary also increased over last year, from 3 to 16 percent, although there was also an increase among students scoring 4s and 5s.

### Marks urges patience

Superintendent Nina Marks said she planned to do a thorough analysis as to what had led to the decline in scores at the consolidated school.

"The scores were not as strong as we hoped they would be. I don't know what the reason is," she said. "The charter school at this point in time their scores are reflecting higher success. As the district overall, we are all in the business of trying to close that achievement gap."

"We have reading coaches in place and there has been intensive participating on the part of the reading coaches," Marks said. "So I think we're going to have to go back to the table and study what's effective and what's not. Our programs need to have some studies done on them and find out where we are."

Marks said state officials, who have been working closely with the faculty this year as part of a correctional plan, cautioned local educators that the scores could be problematic.

"They told us out front that it would take two years to revise the programs and better address the needs of the children," she said. "We will be able to score some differences when scores come out a year from now. We've been told that this year will probably not be as good as we wanted it to be but next year we'll see quite a bit of difference. It just takes time."

"It's a matter of a lot of professional development taking place this year and over the summer, in terms of response to intervention and new assessments," Marks said. "There are a lot of things going on to update our teachers and bring them on board and for student achievements to rise."

Marks said she felt strongly that emphasis must be placed on serving the needs of the highest performing students throughout the system.

"There's been so much emphasis in the last few years placed on the lower quartile and not much emphasis placed on kids on the opposite end of the spectrum," she said. "That just lowers expectations. We need to be striving to raise the bar and finding ways to do such. I think all children need to be addressed."

Marks said she believed the results were not due to consolidation of the three elementary schools, which she said has enabled the district to improve its ability to zero in on those with learning difficulties.

"I don't think there's a problem with consolidation," she said. "You get the best of the best and they can work on increasing the educational experiences of the students. We've identified more students who need special help than before. We're more on top of that now than we've ever been."

"That's why we have the Medicaid health aides, to address children who need more assistance," Marks said. "More and more we're working towards that team effort."

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At left, the Seahawks' James Winfield is brought down near the goal line against Rocky Bayou Christian's Adam Downing at the spring jamboree. At right, the Seahawks' Dalin Modican hands the ball off against Rocky Bayou Christian.

# Seahawks win first spring jamboree

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

It doesn't go in the record books, but it's ingrained on the hearts of Seahawks fans, as Franklin County won its first spring jamboree game last week, easily rolling over Rocky Bayou Christian 28-0.

Played at the Destin Middle School, the first three quarters were played by varsity players from both sides, with the benches appearing in the fourth quarter.

"For the kids this was big," said coach Josh Wright. "It let them know they are capable of being successful. It's not the all-tell measuring stick but it does give you an idea where you are at."

"We were extremely pleased with the both the effort and execution of our Seahawks," he said. "I could not have planned a better outcome than this, as it gives the team both the confidence and the mojo they need going into the summer workout program."

From the opening possession, the size and speed among the 38 Seahawk players who dressed for the game appeared to be too much to handle for Rocky Bayou, a new program now entering its second year. As a consolidated program, the Seahawks are going into their third season and remain winless.

"They were very well prepared," said John Reaves, coach of the Rocky Bayou Knights.

Franklin County needed only six plays — all runs — to march 70 yards into the end zone for the game's first score.

After an 18-yard jaunt by rising senior running back and team captain DJ Lane, fellow rising senior

running back Gary Larson crashed through the heart of the Knights' defense for a 6-yard touchdown. Lane ended the night with 143 yards rushing — including a 73-yard run in the third quarter — as Franklin County piled up 284 yards of offense.

"DJ's hard running set the tone for the entire game," said Wright.

As it turned out, the ease to which the Seahawks pushed through the Knights' defense on the initial possession would prove to be a recurring theme as Franklin County scored on each of its first three possessions to take a 20-0 lead at halftime.

Running back Tre'kale Turrell, who will be a sophomore next year, added an 11-yard rushing score and rising senior Arron Prince scored a 32-yard receiving TD.

The other two team captains, rising junior Caden Barber and rising senior Chase Richards had productive blocks and several tackles respectively. Rising sophomore Chris Granger was the leading tackler for the Seahawks.

"Rocky Bayou has a class program and staff, and it was a great experience for our football team," said Wright. "We were afraid that we may have tried to put too much of the offense in during these spring workouts, but with the leadership of the starting quarterback and team captain Dalin Modican, a rising junior, we were able to execute the majority of our stuff."

"Participating was tremendous but there's a lot of room for improvement. A lot of things they're doing they are learning for the first time," said the coach.

Topping Wright's agenda for the summer is to



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Honored at Friday's high school sports banquet were seniors Kevin Beasley, at left, for being most valuable defensive and overall player, and Gene Anderson, for most valuable offensive player. Also receiving recognition for the 2008-09 season were Steven Babb, Caden Barber, C.J. Barnes, Shannon Beasley, Dale Butler, Eric Carranza, Masan Crosby, Chyler Duncan, Chris Granger, Matthew Hernandez, Tayler Hires, Ricky Johnson, Adam Joseph, D.J. Lane, Jared Mock, Dalin Modican, Dustin Putal, Chase Richards, Colton Sheridan, Russell Simmons, Marquez Williams, James Winfield and Bobby Wintons. "Even though we didn't have a good year with wins, we did have a good year in a lot of other aspects," said coach Jimmy Johnson. "Even though we went through the school of hard knocks, they didn't complain."

bring the players in Monday, June 15 to the weight room, and begin a three-day-a-week workout schedule for the summer.

Held on Monday, Tuesdays and Thursday evenings, from 6 to 8 p.m., the sessions will focus on weight and agility training, and are designed to accommodate players' summer work schedules.

"Constant competition,

I think they have that vision now," Wright said, noting that weight and agility training will lead to three 7-on-7 games over the summer.

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## SEAHAWKS SPRING FOOTBALL ROSTER

Name	Grade	Height	Weight	Pos	Starter
Arnold, A.J.	11	6'2	165	TE/DE	Both
Hicks, Eric	11	6'0	242	C/NG	Off
Lane, D.J.	11	5'9	176	FB/LB	Off
Larson, Gary	11	5'7	155	TB/FS	Def
Richards, Chase	11	5'11	205	RG/DE	Both
Simmons, Russell	11	5'8	185	RG/NG	
Thompson, Jason	11	5'9	182	TE/DE	
Wynn, Tydon	11	5'10	278	RT/NG	Def
Barber, Caden	10	5'9	186	LG/LB	Def
Butler, Dale	10	5'8	153	FL/LC	Def
Carranza, Eric	10	5'7	155	WR/LB	
Crosby, Masan	10	6'0	224	LT/DT	Off
Hires, Taylor	10	5'8	155	FB/SS	Def
Modican, Dalin	10	5'11	164	QB/RC	Off
Moore, Kyle	10	5'11	288	RT/DT	
Ray, Shaq	10	6'2	268	LT/NG	
Sapp, William	10	6'1	155	TE/LB	
Tarantino, Nathan	10	5'11	175	WR/FS	
Winfield, James	10	5'11	168	TB/LC	Off
Davidson, Buddy	9	5'8	186	LT/DT	
Duncan, Kris	9	5'9	170	LG/LB	
Fasbenner, Charles	9	6'2	205	LG/DE	
Granger, Chris	9	5'11	164	FB/LB	Def
Murray, Aaron	9	5'5	228	RT/DT	
Sharidon, Colton	9	5'9	213	C/LB	
Turrell, Trakel	9	5'4	126	TB/RC	Def
Waller, Andrew	9	5'9	170	TE/DE	
Wintons, Bobby	9	6'3	298	LT/DT	Def
Barnes, Brandon	8	5'5	125	TB/RB	
Golden, Chase	8	5'11	244	RT/DT	Off
Hutchinson, Skyler	8	5'8	150	QB/SS	
Lee, Cole	8	6'0	235	RT/DT	Def
Sanford, Karl	8	5'6	184	RT/DT	
Williams, Roy	8	5'10	146	WR/FS	

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# Washer craze agitates St. George Islanders

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

On Memorial Day, over 80 St. George Islanders met for the first ever island Washer Tournament, held at the home of Richard Saucer.

Washer toss is the new craze sweeping the island like a tropical storm. The arena for the game is a pair of wooden boxes joined by a 120-foot length of rope. Each box has three round holes. Players attempt to toss three-inch metal washers into the hole in one box while standing balanced on the other.

The game is similar to another craze, "Cornholing," sweeping the county, which uses bean bags. Both are similar to horse-shoes, although washer toss uses a more complicated scoring system that even experienced fans had trouble following. Free-flowing beverages may have contributed to the confusion.

Sixteen two-player teams participated in the island's double elimination tournament, which lasted all evening, about four-and-a-half hours, into the night.

First place was won by Team Beavis and Butt-head, Jim Kemp and Richard Saucer. The team won two rounds and was then eliminated on round three. With a dazzling display of skill, they came from behind in their fourth round and won six straight matches to take the gold.

Team Bert and Ernie, Newt Colston and Bob Gill, took the silver medal.

The prize for best team name went to Terry Kemp and Karen Rudder for Maytag and Whirlpool. Other colorful monikers included Nails and Stud, Vegas Dogs and Bud's Bombers.



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Champion Jim Kemp, who was also scorekeeper, demonstrates near perfect form at the first ever washers tournament on St. George Island. Note the gingerly-lifted rear leg.



Eighty-nine year-old Phil Vitale was among the top competitors at Monday's tournament.



Richard Saucer hosted the tournament and prepared barbecued tenderloin for the crowd. He and his teammate were tournament champions. Can there be a connection?

## WRAPPING UP THE SEASON



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At Saturday evening's middle school sports banquet at the high school cafeteria, Ally Millender, left, was the lucky raffle winner of a Seahawks blanket. On Friday night at the high school banquet, J.J. Golden won the blanket raffle. The blankets sell for the low price of \$50, and make a great graduation gift. If interested, call Boosters Club President Carla Whitehead, shown holding the blanket at right, at 670-1764.

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He also said players who did not practice with the team this spring still have an opportunity to play in the fall, but qualifying will be tough. "They still need to do 20 summer workouts, and there are not many workout opportunities," said Wright. "The changes that you'll see with the guys that come through the program will be immense. They've never had weight room, they've never had agility condition- ing. They are wide open and they're learning and they're listening," said the coach. "That's another thing we spent some time doing Friday, actually analyzing the film and using it to get better," Wright said. "For most of them this is all brand new to them and they're starting to get it." This story was assisted by Travis Downey of the Northwest Florida Daily News.

## Island's annual Sizzler 5K June 27

The 11th annual St. George Island Sizzler 5K run will take place Saturday, June 27 on St. George Island. The one mile Fun Run starts at 7 p.m. and the 5k race, expected to draw a record field, starts at 7:30 p.m. This is a Gulf Winds Track Club Grand Prix event that will benefit the Franklin County Humane Society. Race day registration begins at 5 p.m. on West 1st Street. Fees are \$20, which includes a single t shirt or \$15 no shirt. A post race party and awards presentation is held at Harry A's. For more information contact Fulmer by email hobson@fairpoint.net or call (850) 509-2191 or 670-8306.

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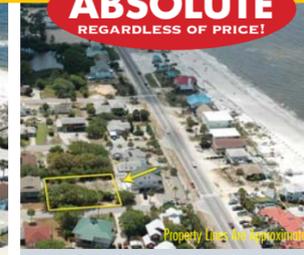
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## BUILDING ON HOPE

### Take Stock in Children signs up seven scholars

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

It was a big first step on a long journey for seven promising young students earlier this month, when the Take Stock in Children program signed up seven new recipients.

"You're going to enjoy signing this a whole lot more than a mortgage," joked Roy Carroll, who coordinates the county program, as the children, and their parents readied to sign their commitment to hit the books hard during high school, stay out of trouble and serve the community, all in exchange for the opportunity to receive a full scholarship to a community college and/or four-year college or university in the state.

Signing on the dotted line were ABC School eighth-graders Nicole Causseaux, Yvonne Mitchell, Hannah Pruett and Seth Rogers; Franklin County eighth graders Cheyenne Martin and Karlie Tucker; and Franklin County ninth grader Christina Pateritsas. Pateritsas was able to be granted a scholarship that became available after a previous recipient decided to bypass college and go directly into work as a correctional officer.

Accompanying Causseaux was her mom, Michelle Hicks; Martin her parents, Teresa Ann Martin and Henry Martin; Mitchell her grandparents the Rev. O.H. and Shirley Walker; Pateritsas her mom Callie Nichols; Pruett her mom Shannon Pruett; and Rogers his mom Evena Rogers.

Among the students already on board with take Stock are sophomore Ashley Strevel, of Eastpoint, who started with the program as an eighth grader.

Strevel, who was accompanied by her aunt Linda McQuagge, said she plans to pursue a career as an LPN (licensed practical nurse. "I want to be a pediatrician but don't know if I want to go to college for eight years," she said. "But I am going to college. I'll start off at Gulf Coast Community College and move on to a major college."

Across the table at the May 12 banquet, catered by Cheryl Creek's culinary arts students in the cafeteria, sat Strevel's mentor, Dr. John Sink, who holds a doctorate in biochemistry and is former chancellor of one of the Penn

State branch campuses, and later dean at Georgia Southern Polytechnic University.

He's done research in radiophysiology and muscle physiology, and as such takes a keen interest in Strevel's math and science progress when the two meet regularly to discuss her academic challenges.

"That's why I'm always delighted when kids do well in science, and decide on a profession in a scientific field," he said.

To meet another requirement of the program, Strevel has done community service at Ard's in Eastpoint, picking up the telephone and organizing paperwork, as she absorbs more of what it takes to succeed in the workaday world.

Carroll saluted all the mentors who are part of the program, and the other students who they work with. Mentors include Barbara "Babs" Bailey, who works with junior Katie Brannan; Jerry Butterfield, who mentors juniors Wesley Bellew and Joy Carrino; Denise Williams, who mentors senior Angela Ochala; Suzanne Zimmerman, who mentors with freshman Sammi Coulter; Dr. Lois Catlin, who mentors senior Chelsea Soderholm, and freshman Tiffani Schmidt; Judy Tysinger, who mentors freshman Lyndsey Mehaffey; George Oehlert, who mentors freshman Chance Buffkin; Laverne Smith, who also mentors Soderholm; and the Rev. David Walker, who mentors sophomore Shaquille Ray and freshman Javeion Winfield.

Newly recruited mentors include Missy Cumbie, Karl Lester, Kris and Kellie Tomes, Rosa Tolliver, Dolores Croom and Ron Yurko.

"I can not tell you how much I appreciate all these mentors," said Carroll. "They are very caring, very professional. They take to heart what they do."

As upcoming graduates, Ochala and Soderholm were both saluted for their work, and each presented a gift to their mentors.

Carroll said there are now 17 Take Stock in Children scholarships at the high school, with four scholarships to be given out next spring.

To participate in the program, either by funding a full or partial scholarship, or by volunteering, call Carroll at 670-2800.



New Take Stock in Children scholarship signees, holding up their t-shirts, are, from left, Cheyenne Martin, Hannah Pruett, Yvonne Mitchell, Seth Rogers, Christina Pateritsas and Nicole Causseaux. Not pictured is Karlie Tucker.



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About to embark on college, funded by their Take Stock in Children scholarships, are Angela Ochala, front, and Chelsea Soderholm, right. Between them is the program's coordinator, Roy Carroll.



Signing on to the Take Stock in Children scholarship program are Yvonne Mitchell, left, with her grandfather the Rev. O.H. Walker.



Signing on the Take Stock in Children dotted line are Hannah Pruett, left, and her mom, Shannon Pruett.

## Helping kids stay safe: Kids and Cops Day carries on tradition

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Hundreds of Franklin County schoolkids, from kindergarten through fifth-graders, got a chance earlier this month to learn about law enforcement and the many allied organizations that support its efforts.

At the fifth annual Kids and Cops Day, held May 1 in the large field and pavilion behind the sheriff's office, upwards of 1,000 students from Franklin County Elementary and the Apalachicola Bay Charter schools took part in the affair, which ran up through and including a lunch of grilled hotdogs and hamburger.

"The purpose of the event was to familiarize our youth with the various different types of law enforcement, the various agencies out there and how they work together with other community resources to protect and serve our county," said Sgt. Ryan Sandoval, coordinator of the department's DARE program and community resources outreach.

Among the participating agencies and departments were the Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Division of Forestry, Florida De-



Tyler Howard handles a weapon, disarmed of course, being shown him by Senior Airman Patrick Cady from Tyndall Air Force Base Security, at the annual Kids and Cops Day.

partment of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Corrections, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Apalachicola and Carrabelle police departments, American Red Cross, Tyndall Air Force Base 325th security division, county health department, Eastpoint and Carrabelle volunteer fire departments, Bay County Sheriffs Office, Leon County Sheriffs Office, and Weems Memorial Hospital's ambulance and affiliated LifeFlight helicopter service.

"The event is run off of the money we raise, it's not paid for with tax dollars," said Sandoval. "Most all is volunteer work and the food is usually donated."

After the schools kids toured the various exhibits, they each got a chance to win a raffle prize, which included water-related items, such as slip-and-slides, pools and water guns, as well as baseball bats, gloves and other summer recreation equipment. The county health department gave out bicycle helmets as well.

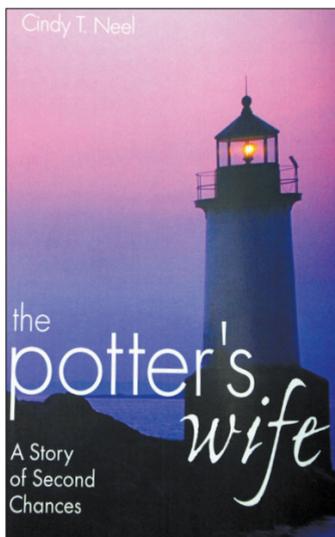
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EMT Aimee Sapp, at left, and paramedic Hilda Pippin, at right, give kids a chance to see the inside of a Weems Memorial Hospital ambulance, at the annual Kids and Cops Day.



Franklin County second grader Madison Coulter, left, gets a lesson in the perils of alcohol and tobacco from Ralph Campbell, an enforcement officer with the state's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, at Kids and Cops Day.



# A fresh look at historic preservation

Local architect Willoughby Marshall, left, signs a copy of his book entitled "Apalachicola: Economic Development through Historic Preservation" for Frank Cook. On May 16, Downtown Books in Apalachicola hosted a book signing for the second edition of the book which details the results of a study done during 1974-75. "I believe this is a good time to reissue it," said Marshall. "It wasn't pertinent when it was first published. The city wasn't ready. I think enough people are ready now. This is a guide. It won't solve all of our problems. We need to watch. We need to make sure everything we do is a plus for the city."

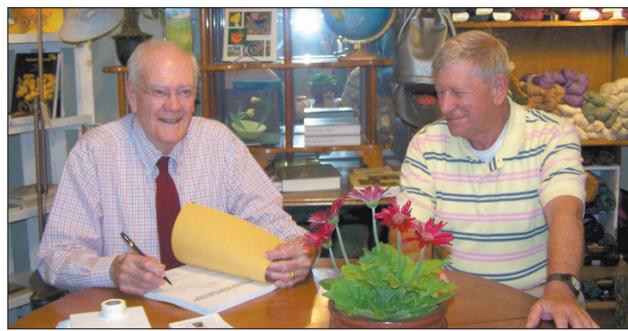


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## Carrabelle author tells story of love and redemption

From 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, Downtown Books welcomes the community to meet Carrabelle author Cindy Neel, author of "The Potter's Wife: A Story of Second Chances."

Devastated by the sudden death of her husband, Mandy Bowls is sleepwalking through life until a new neighbor intervenes. With Grace's aid, Mandy begins to heal — only to be dealt another crushing blow.

The ensuing story of grief, healing, deception, and the power of love, all set against the backdrop of a pottery shop on Florida's Gulf Coast, is certain to appeal to fans of Connie May Fowler and Anita Shreve.

Copies of "The Potter's Wife" will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

Neel and her husband of 29 years live in Carrabelle. Her compassion has informed her life's ministry, helping the homeless and feeding the hungry. She is Gulf State Community Bank's human resource officer.

Downtown Books is at 67 Commerce Street in Apalachicola, across from the Post Office. For more information, or to reserve your copy of "The Potter's Wife," call the bookstore at 653-1290.

## Anniversary, Birth and GRADUATION



### Andrew Butler graduates from NYU

Andrew Radford Butler graduated from New York University Tisch School of the Arts on Wednesday, May 13, with a bachelor of fine arts in Drama.

Andrew was named a University Scholar by maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher, completing four years of study with a cumulative 3.83.

He was awarded the drama department's Artist and Scholar Award and Outstanding Achievement in Studio Award for his work in the Experimental Theater Wing and was recognized for his community outreach with the founding of The Glass Company, an arts and activism organization.

Andrew is the son of David and Eugenia Butler and grandson of Joe W. Butler.



### Cubie and Betty Hicks to mark anniversary

Cubie and Betty Hicks will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 30.

They were married May 30, 1974, at the home of Cubie's mother, Alma Hicks, in Wausau. His brother, Rev. Corbin Hicks, performed the ceremony with many family members and friends present.

She is the former Betty Jean Kemp, a retired secretary and bookkeeper, and the daughter of Audrey Moses and the late Gene Kemp. She attended school in Apalachicola and lived there in the past with her children, Lisa and David A. Buzier.

He is retired from the Panama City paper mill. They make their home in Panama City.



### Jacob Riley born

Miranda Riley, of Carrabelle, and Michael Lane, of Waco, Ga., would like to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Jacob Hunter Riley.

Born Monday, May 11, 2009, at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Panama City, he weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20 inches.

His proud maternal grandparents are Royce and Lisa Riley, and an uncle, Thomas Riley, of Carrabelle. Proud paternal grandparents are Robert and Peggy Lane, of Waco, GA.

Maternal great-grandparents are Thomas Lee and Suzanne Brannan, of Carrabelle. Maternal great-great-grandma is Merle Brannan, of Carrabelle.

## PET OF THE WEEK



### We Need Your Help

Barney, a 2 1/2 year old St. Bernard mix, arrived at the Adoption Center two weeks ago. He is a sweet, loving boy who unfortunately has tested positive for heartworms. Barney is in need of some sponsors so he can begin his treatment. Please call if you are able to help.

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.forgottenpets.org](http://www.forgottenpets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets.

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## Wandering Star quilters donate charity quilt

Every year the ladies of the Lanark Village Wandering Star Quilt Group make a "Charity Quilt," made by the group to be donated to a local organization to be used by that organization to raise money. This year the ladies voted to donate their "Charity Quilt" to Camp Gordon Johnson. Last Thursday the ladies met at Chalis Hall in Lanark Village and presented the quilt to Linda Minichiello, holding the Quilt on the left, representing Camp Gordon Johnson. The name of this year's quilt is "Rhapsody



in Blue." The quilt can be seen at the museum's new location at the new City Complex on Gray Avenue in Carrabelle. Tickets can also be purchased here.

## Carrabelle to host World No Tobacco Day event

The Carrabelle Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend, in partnership with the city of Carrabelle and Franklin County Health Department, invites everyone to the "World No Tobacco Day Event," to be held on Saturday, May 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Carrabelle City Complex.

This event is free to the public, and there will be free food, entertainment, games and tobacco prevention materials provided to all attendees.

Please contact Cherry Rankin for more information about this event at 850-519-5370.

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# Obituaries

Iva Eugenia Daniels Dearing joined her husband, Emory Alton Dearing, in Heaven on Monday, April 20, 2009.

She was a devoted daughter, sister, aunt, wife, and mother, selflessly ensuring that all of the needs of the family were forever met. Her gentle spirit touched everyone she knew, and served as an example and role model for those that loved her.

Born Feb. 9, 1924, Iva was predeceased by her parents, William Franklin Daniels and Bonnie Mae Melton Daniels; sister, Joyce Pauline Daniels Smith; brothers-in-law; Rupert Smith, Willard Langley, Ellis Varnes, Newton Howard, and



DEARINGER

## Iva Dearing

Starke Nixon; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Brown Daniels, Iona Smith Daniels, Bernice Rivers Nixon, Beatrice Rivers Howard, and Annie Juanita Dearing Varnes; and nephews, Eugene Nixon, Billy Wayne Daniels, George Langley, Curtis Bentley, Charles Howard, Henry Howard, J.R. Howard, and Earl Howard.

Her beloved husband, Emory, entered Heaven, Jan. 3, 2004, a separation during which she never stopped loving or longing for him.

She is survived by her sister, Laurene Daniels Langley, two brothers, Roy David Daniels and Steve Daniels, and one brother-in-

law, Leroy Dearing.

She leaves behind two children, Elizabeth Alice Dearing Starling (Alton) and Linda Jean Dearing Brannan Hooks (Roy) and grandchildren and greats: Alton Starling, Jr. (Joretta) Kelsey and Megan; Scott Starling (Jennifer) and Kenzie; Jeffrey Starling (Olivia), Kirby and Timothy; Stan Brannan, Jr. (Teresa), Samantha, Levi, Bailey and Brooke; Tara Brannan Lovel (Ben) Margo and Katie; and many other family members and friends who will miss her dearly and treasure her memory forever.

Iva was a devout Christian who always looked to God for her strength and guidance. She was a spiritual being having a human experience.

Felton R. "John" Gay Sr., 65, of Apalachicola, passed from this life on May 20, 2009.

John was born Jan. 31, 1944, in Washington County to the late Jule and Sarah Gay. He

was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Betty Gay of Apalachicola; and his five children, Felton R. "Rudy" Gay Jr., Patricia "Patty" Martina and husband, Kevin, all of Apalachicola, Donnie Gay and wife, Marci, of Eastpoint, Danny Gay and wife, Crystal, and Dennis Gay and wife, Jessica, all of Apalachicola.

He is also survived by brothers, Robert Gay and wife, Audrey, of Port St. Joe, Donnie Gay and wife, Sue, and Billy Gay and wife, Serita, all of Apalachicola, and Tommy Gay and wife, Lisa, of Dalkieth; and sisters, Clara Sapp and husband, Thomas, Vergie Andrews and husband, Grover, and Lorine Glass and husband, Hulon, all of Apalachicola.

## Felton Gay Sr.



GAY

Survivors also include 11 grandchildren, Jody, Johnathon, Tyler, Kayle, Taylor, Emily, Juliana, Hailey, Matthew, Stanley, and Molly; and two great-grandchildren, Chance and

Chason.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 23, at 2 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Apalachicola with the Rev. Bonny Ison officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Apalachicola.

Pallbearers for the service were Chris Jones, Ricky Jones, Steven Gay, Victor Rowland, Samuel Andrews, Tommy Ward, Scooter Braswell and Randy Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers will be Phil Dunaway, Gene Huceba, Buddy Rowland, Junior Cooper and Ronnie Thomas.

The family received friends on Friday evening, May 22, 2009, at the church.

Expressions of sympathy may be submitted and viewed at our Web site [www.southerlandfamily.com](http://www.southerlandfamily.com).

John Ward "Ol' J.W." Hannan passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 12:47 a.m. in Tallahassee Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

John was born in Boston, Massachusetts on Dec. 19, 1922, and was raised in the West End. He entered the military service in 1941, joining the United States Marine Corps, and served in the Pacific theater. His proudest moment in the Corps was his participation in the victory of Iwo Jima.

During civilian life, he pursued a variety of work, including several years with the City of Miami Police Department, followed by many years with Miami radio stations. Most recently, he

## J.W. Hannan



HANNAN

was well-known in Franklin County for his Sunday night "Ol' J.W." oldies broadcast on Oyster Radio.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Esther Stanton

Hannan. He is survived by a daughter, Laurel Hannan Newman, of Carrabelle, three grandchildren, Jessica Cline Thrasher, of Pembroke Pines; Valerie Cline Welch, of Spring Lake, NC; and John Cline, Jr., of Lawrenceville, GA; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial service is planned; time and location to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Camp Gordon Johnston building fund are requested.

## Haken Stevens

Plans are pending for a memorial service for Haken Stevens, 30, of Apalachicola, who died early Saturday morning, May 23, 2009.



STEVENS



# Franklin County graduation June 4



CHEREE WHIDDON

There will be lots of pomp and circumstance at Franklin County High School on Thursday evening, June 4, with the third graduation ever at the consolidated school.

This year the commencement will be held in the gymnasium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Army 2nd Lt. Derek Brown, a 2005 Apalachicola High School grad who last weekend became the first county resident to graduate from West Point in 65 years.

Named as co-valedictorians are Zachary Bryce Ward and Paula Cheree Whiddon. Both have received full scholarships to Florida A & M University, where both plan to study pharmacy.

Named as salutatorian is Angela Rae Ochala, who plans to go on to Tallahassee Community College to study nursing.

The public is invited to attend the high school's awards day on Friday, May 29, in the cafetorium beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The baccalaureate service will be held Sunday, May 31 at the Eastpoint Church of God at 3 p.m.



ZACHARY WARD



ANGELA OCHALA

## Reward for lost hearing aid

A \$100 reward is being offered for a red hearing aid with clear plastic insert.

The aid was lost at Vrooman Park on ballfield number #2 on Tuesday, May 12. If you can help, call Beth Moseley at 670-8246.

## In loving MEMORY

### Margaret V. Jackson

May 17, 1930 - April 19, 2009

My sweet Aunt Margaret, we never know what day the Lord is going to call us home. In life we loved each other dearly, just as we will do in death. It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone for part of me went with you.

The day our Lord called you home, although I cannot see you anymore, I feel you in my heart.

Our family chain is broken, but our Lord calls us one-by-one and we will be together again some sweet day.

God Bless

Charles and Mary Lou Kind  
Blanch Caldwell and Family

### Helen M. Russell

My sweet Aunt Helen. There is not a day goes by I don't think of you. The special times we had together. The love we had for each other. The living things we did for each other. My memories I have of you are very special to me.

You will always have a place in my heart and someday I hope to see you again face-to-face in Heaven with our Lord. For the best for us is yet to come some sweet day.

So until then, God Bless you.

Charles and Mary Lou King  
Sister Blanch O. Caldwell and family

## Cards of THANKS

### Franklin County second grade

The Franklin County Schools' Second Grade would like to thank all of our sponsors that donated items and money for our field trips. These are the people who have won the donation items:

Putt-N-Fuss donated 10 free golfs and ice creams, won by Jessica Rudd, April Dalton, Sherry O'Neal, Linda Newell, Virginia Messer, John Harris, Dawn Ivanova, Alvovo Lopez, Robby Boatenreiter and Andre Mathis Palace Day Spa, a free basic pedicure won by Lori Camerer; Hog Wild Bar-B-Q, two ribeye dinners, won by Sarah Broker; Hometown BP, two free dinners, won by Andrea Waller; Tammy's Day Spa and Hairspray, \$25, won by Maggie May; Big Top Grocery, \$25, won by Josephine Sapp; Al's at The Beach Cafe, four \$20 certificates, won by Heather Malkey, Carolyn Smith, Keith Millender and Angelica Carranza; Dolores' Sweet Shoppe, lunch for two, won by Betty Peterson; Subway, free sandwich tray, won by William Davis; and El Jalisco, \$20, won by Mindy Kelley.

Also contributing were the Best Western, which gave \$101; Forgotten Coast TV; Barbara Sanders Law Firm; Owl Cafe; The Cut Hair Salon; Liberty Land Development and BJ's Pizza

Thank you very much for all of your help!

Second Grade Teachers at FCS

### Terrell Cain Family

The Cain family would like to thank everyone during our time of loss and sorrow after the passing of our father and husband, Terrell Jimmy Cain. Thanks for the prayers, food, flowers, cards, and everyone who came by to visit. Also a special thanks to Fellowship Baptist Church and Kelley's Funeral Home. Please keep us in your prayers.

God Bless all,  
The Cain Family

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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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# 1ST Cutest Summer Kids CONTEST

# TIME TO VOTE!



## Round one entries below!

### Category one: newborn - 2 years old

 #1 Addison Gorman 1 year old	 #2 Aniya Ward 2 years old	 #3 Andrew Moseley 22 months old	 #4 Brayden Wilson 11 months old	 #5 Caroline Nowell 2 years old	 #6 Christian Cullum 18 months old	 #7 Delainey Starling 1 year old
 #8 Jackson Havard 20 months old	 #9 John Cluxton 2 years old	 #10 Joseph Dye 5 months old	 #11 Justin Thomas 2 years old	 #12 Kaspian Garms 1 year old	 #13 Lillian Emanuel 8 months old	 #14 Lily Thompson 17 months old
 #15 Natasha McQueen 2 months old	 #16 Rob & Tom Sale 2 years old	 #17 Shannon McCluskey 5 months old	 #18 Adelin 21 months old	 #19 Blake Duncan 11 months old	 #20 Braden Hughes 8 months old	 #21 Brian Griffin 2 years old
 #23 Declan Spears 2 years old	 #24 Jackson Havard 2 years old	 #25 Layna Leslie 1 year old	 #26 Noah Makins 2 months old	 #27 Nola Havard 10 months old	 #28 Peyton Saluto 7 months old	 #29 Skylar Belcher 1 year old
 #30 Trevor Goff 23 months old	 #31 Trey Penny 2 years old					

### Category two: 3 years old - 5 years old

 #32 Tripp Syfrett 2 years old	 #33 Zoey Mason 6 months old	 #34 Adrianna Deese 3 years old	 #35 Caleb Morrissey 5 years old	 #36 Gabriel Suggs 4 years old	 #37 Hayden McDaniel 5 years old	 #38 Krysta Lichty 3 years old
 #39 Manning Merrell 4 years old	 #40 Rawlis Leslie III 5 years old	 #41 Skylar Lichty 5 years old	 #42 Ashlyn McLain 3 years old	 #43 Hinson Golden 4 years old	 #44 Jordan Scott 4 years old	 #45 Rosie Langston 3 years old

### FANTASTIC PRIZES!

The first place winners along with the rest of the top six vote getters from each category will be featured on a "Cutest Summer Kids" keepsake insert in The News Herald on Sunday, June 28th and online Saturday, June 13th. Also, First place from each category will receive \$100 cash, a gift package with passes to local attractions, gift certificates, and a professional photo-shoot package. A prize value of \$500. Second and Third place will also receive fantastic gift packages including a professional photo-shoot package. A prize value of \$250!

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Directions for voting ballot:  
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## Fish and Wildlife REPORT

### FWC officers stay busy policing fishing vessels

From May 15-21, officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement were busy with out-of-season, undersized and over-the-bag limit fish.

Lt. Rama Shuster and Officers Chris Jones and John Allen were on water patrol aboard the offshore patrol vessel Orion, when a shrimp boat was observed entering East Pass. The officers boarded the vessel to conduct fishery and gear inspections, and found an undersize cobia and 189 pounds of flounder in the hold. The legal limit of floun-

der caught as by-catch aboard a shrimp boat is 50 pounds. The officers issued two citations and seized the product. The flounder was sold to the highest bidder.

Shuster and Officers Shon Brower and Chase Yarborough were on water patrol aboard the offshore vessel Orion. At approximately 2:30 p.m. the officers boarded a recreational dive boat in federal waters, where they found red snapper out of season and undersized red grouper. A citation was issued.

Lieutenants Jason Marlow and Shuster, and Officer Brower were on water patrol aboard the offshore vessel Orion. At approximately 2:30 p.m. a commercial vessel was boarded in federal wa-

ters with four persons on board. The officers interviewed the captain and crew to find out if the vessel was fishing as a charter vessel, as a commercial vessel, or as a recreational vessel. The captain and crew insisted that they were on a recreational fishing trip with friends even though they did not know each other's names. A fisheries inspection revealed that they were over-the-bag limit of red grouper. A federal citation was issued.

Shuster and Officers John Allen and Charles Higman were on water patrol aboard the offshore vessel Orion. At approximately 11:50 a.m. a shrimp boat was boarded in federal waters to conduct a fisher-

ies inspection. A warrant check on the crew revealed one subject to have an active warrant. The subject was arrested and transported to shore where he was turned over to the sheriff's office. At approximately 4 p.m. the officers boarded another vessel where they discovered 28 undersize black sea bass in the live well. A citation was issued.

Lieutenants Scott Pearce and Shuster and Officer Charles Higman were on water patrol aboard the offshore vessel Orion. At approximately 1 p.m. a commercial vessel was boarded in federal waters. A fisheries inspection revealed that the captain was using vermillion snapper as bait and did not have the

required turtle release gear on board. A federal citation was issued. At approximately 2 p.m. another commercial vessel was boarded. The captain did not have the required turtle release gear on board. The captain had been previously warned about the turtle release gear and a federal citation was issued.

Officer Steven Cook along with investigators conducted a detail targeting the illegal harvest of oysters from leased water bottom. Cook made contact with four harvesters who were actively engaged in the harvest of oysters. After confirming that the harvesters did not have permission to harvest from the leased bottom, the officers secured information to sub-

mit to the State's Attorney for pending charges.

Lt. Charlie Wood and Officer Steven Cook responded to a commercial oyster vessel just north of Little St. George Island that was unable to return to port due to high winds and rough sea conditions. While attempting to leave the oyster bar, the commercial vessel took several waves over the bow. At that point, the harvesters made contact with the sheriff's office, which then relayed the information to the FWC officers.

Once arriving on scene, the commercial vessel was anchored and the two harvesters were retrieved from the vessel and transported back to the mainland uninjured.

## 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.

### May 19

Arthur L. Hutchinson, 32, Monticello, failure to appear (APD)

Marco Francisco, 21, Apalachicola, burglary of an occupied structure (FCSO)

### May 20

Marvin H. Garrett, Jr., 18, Eastpoint, DUI, refusal to submit to breath test and violation of probation (FCSO)

Matthew Pitts, 24, Panama City, violation of pro-

bation (FCSO)

David F. Daniels, 24, Carrabelle, no valid drivers license and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis (CPD)

Arthur F. Perry, 49, Larnark Village, disorderly intoxication, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting officer with violence (CPD)

### May 22

Preston W. Hurd, 31, Apalachicola, failure to appear and withholding child support (FCSO)

### May 23

George M. Gilbert, 35, Apalachicola, domestic battery (APD)

### May 24

Robert C. Segree, 30, Eastpoint, boating under the influence (FWC)

### May 25

David W. Kirkland, 41, Tallahassee, battery (FCSO)

Kaila L. Odom, 25, Bristol, cultivation of marijuana on state lands and driving while license suspended or revoked (FDOACS)

### May 26

Fred W. Bradford, 29, Panacea, sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

## Applications open Monday for quota hunt permits

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will be accepting applications from June 1 to 30 for hunters to be included in a random drawing for quota permits to hunt on wildlife management areas (WMAs) next season.

On many WMAs, quota permits are required for hunters wishing to hunt during specified periods of the general gun season as well as for other hunts, including the archery and muzzle-loading gun seasons. Quota permits are also required for hunts involving airboats, track vehicles, youths, families and mobility-impaired persons.

Major changes beginning this year to the quota program make quota hunt permits nontransferable, including permits for hunts specifically for mobility-impaired persons. This change is to help ensure a fairer distribution of permits among hunters.

In addition, the FWC established a guest per-

mit so quota permit holders can take someone hunting with them, if the guest applies under the quota permit holder's customer ID number.

Worksheets are available under "Limited Entry Hunts" at [www.MyFWC.com/hunting](http://www.MyFWC.com/hunting). They also will be available from county tax collectors' offices, license agents and FWC regional offices.

To apply, take a worksheet to any license agent or tax collector's office or apply online at [www.wildlifelicence.com](http://www.wildlifelicence.com) from 10 a.m. Monday, June 1 through midnight Tuesday, June 30.

Worksheets for recreational use permits are available at [www.MyFWC.com/hunting](http://www.MyFWC.com/hunting). The FWC will issue recreational use permits on a first-come, first-served basis from 10 a.m. Thursday, June 4 through March 31, 2010.

Visit [www.MyFWC.com/hunting](http://www.MyFWC.com/hunting) and select "Limited Entry Hunts" for more information on how to apply for permits, application periods and deadlines.

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# County CALENDAR

## Thursday, May 28

**Wandering Star Quilting Club.** Chillias Hall Lanark Village. 1 to 3 p.m. Call Christine Hinton 697-2551.

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

## Friday, May 29

**Franklin County Tax Certificate Sale** will be held at 9 a.m. in the Grand Jury meeting room on the third floor of the courthouse in Apalachicola. For more info, call 653-9323.

**Franklin County High School Awards Day**, at the consolidated school, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Family and friends invited. For more information, call

670-2800.

**The new Carrabelle History Museum**, at 106 B Street, SE (Old City Hall) will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn more about local history. For more info, call Tamara Allen at the Carrabelle Historical Society 697-2141.

## Saturday, May 30

**The new Carrabelle History Museum**, at 106 B Street, SE (Old City Hall) will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Museum will be open all Fridays and Saturdays in June as well. For more info contact Tamara Allen at 697-2141.

## Sunday, May 31

**Franklin County High School baccalaureate ceremony** at Eastpoint Church of God at 3 p.m. For more info, call

670-8704.

## Monday, June 1

**Bingo** at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Early bird at 6 p.m., regular bingo at 7 p.m. Cards begin at \$4. Call 697-3760.

**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, June 2

**Franklin County Commission** will meet at 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex in Apalachicola. For more info, call 653-8861 ext. 100.

**Apalachicola City Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. at City Hall in Battery Park. For more info, call 653-8715.

**Franklin County School**

**Board** will meet at 6 p.m. in the new Willie Speed School Board Room at 85 School Road, the former Brown Elementary School Media Center. For more info, call 670-2810.

**Carrabelle Lighthouse Association** will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Carrabelle branch of the Franklin County Library. For more info, call 697-5555

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

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

## Wednesday, June 3

**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, June 4

**Franklin County High School graduation exercises** at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. For more info, call 670-2800.

**Carrabelle City Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. at the municipal complex, 1005 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle. For more info, call 697-3618.

**Wandering Star Quilting Club.** Chillias 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.

## News BRIEFS

### Apalachicola library plans summer reading club

At the Apalachicola Municipal Library, it's going to be a magical summer!

A Summer Reading Club at the library will be held for young people completing Kindergarten through fifth grades. Beginning Tuesday, June 23, the club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., through Thursday, July 23.

Join the magic of trucks, tiaras, space, America, wizards, ecology and more. Prizes, snacks, crafts and loads of fun are at your library! Plus grand prizes for summer reading include backpacks.

### Buses made available for emergency service

At the May 19 meeting, county commissioners unanimously approved an Interlocal Agreement with the School Board that will make school buses and drivers available to the county in the event on an emergency.

County Planner Alan Pierce said Emergency Management Director Pam Brownell worked out the details of the agreement.

### County accepts new roads

The county commission voted unanimously to accept the new Airport Access Road and the

temporary Access Road at the Apalachicola Regional Airport as county-maintained roads at their May 19 meeting.

### How can the Chamber serve you?

How can the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce better serve you? Is there something that the Chamber can do better to help your business? Is there something you would like to see added or changed on the Web site, at the visitors' center or in the visitors' guide?

If you have suggestions call 653-9419 or email Director Anita Grove at [anita@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:anita@apalachicolabay.org).

### Funds to bear-proof your Dumpster

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conversation Commission is offering financial assistance to business owners to bear-proof their Dumpsters. Funds are available until May 31.

Call Maria Williams at 265-3677 for more information.

### Sea turtle talks begin June 3

With turtle nesting season upon us, once again, Sea Turtles at Risk Inc. and the St. George Island Volunteer Turtles will present a series of

educational talks on living with sea turtles.

The question and answer sessions will be held at the Jay Abbott Firehouse on East

Pine Drive every Wednesday, beginning June 3, at 2 p.m. during the months of June and July.

### Library seeks volunteers

The Apalachicola Municipal Library is in urgent need of new volunteers. Hours can be three hours weekly at a regular time or on an as-needed basis.

If interested, please speak to library staff, or give your name to the new librarian, Caty Greene. For more details, call 653-8436.

# Sheriff, principal address students after fight

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Trying to nip in the

bud any possible racial confrontation, Sheriff Skip Shiver and Franklin County School Principal

George Oehlert reached out to high school students May 14 to make sure there was no mis-

understanding regarding school and county policies.

The 20-minute assembly came in the wake of a fighting incident that originated in a confrontation in a physical education class but later broke down along racial lines.

"The fight was not originally motivated (by race) but it could be perceived that way," said Oehlert. "There was that perception."

The fight led to several suspensions, although the victim, who required medical attention, was not suspended. "The victim did not get any consequence because even if he said something, that wasn't a reason to attack him at school," said Oehlert.

"Other people involved in the initial attack and

subsequent involvement all got suspension."

At the assembly, Oehlert addressed policy from the school's point of view, while Shiver dealt with it from the county's viewpoint, when students are off-campus, and not under the auspices of a school activity.

"Professionally speaking, I'm not overly concerned with what they do when they're off-campus but I'm a extremely concerned with what goes on on-campus.

Drug use, fighting, we have a code of conduct and this kind of behavior will not be tolerated," said the principal. "We're trying to be tough, fair and consistent."

Superintendent Nina Marks supported the decision to deal with the problem head on.

"What we did, basically, is we got the two groups together, principal and sheriff, to have a discussion with the students so everybody was on the same page and had the same understandings of what to expect if anything like that should happen again or if anything should come about related to it," she said.

"It was their positive way to address it so students could ask questions and gain a better understanding of what our expectations are on campus," Marks said. "The school system and the sheriff's department are working together to make everything come out on the positive side rather than the negative. To offset any kind of potential problem from that point on."

## Board of County Commissioners

Franklin County, Florida

Full Cost of Solid Waste Management  
Fiscal Year 2007/08

### Total Cost FY 07/08:

Element	Element Cost	Residential	Non Residential	Totals
Collection	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A (1)
Disposal	1,680,354	1,209,865	407,488	1,680,354 (2)
Recycling	1,680,354	1,209,865	63,474	225,558(3)
Total:	\$1,906,911	\$1,372,948	\$533,963	\$1,906,911

### Collection: (1)

Residential	N/A
Non-Residential	N/A

### Disposal: (2)

Residential	\$	187.43	Per HH/Year
Non-Residential	\$	5.57	Per Cu. Yd. Disposed

### Recycling: (3)

Residential	\$	25.26	Per HH/Year
Non-Residential	\$	79.94	Per Ton Recycled

- Collection in the unincorporated area is performed outside the control of Franklin County.
- Disposal costs includes the costs of all classes of waste delivered to the Solid Waste Facility.
- In addition to the unincorporated area, recycling services are provided to Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Eastpoint, Lanark Village and St. George Island.
- Offsetting grant monies and materials revenues affected the per unit costs as follows:

	Disposal:	Recycling:
Residential	\$ 163.35 Per HH/Year	\$ 13.20 Per HH/Year
Non-Residential	\$ 4.85 Per Cu. Yd.	\$ 41.77 Per Ton

In accordance with the requirements of F.S. 403.7049 and 62.708 F.A.C., the Board of County Commissioners is advising all users of solid waste management services in Franklin County of the above information concerning the full cost of service. All work papers and source documents used in calculating this information are on file and available for public inspection during normal business hours.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Dog Island Conservation District

The Dog Island Conservation District ("District") is soliciting technical bids and cost proposals for a limited, regularly scheduled passenger-only ferry service between Carrabelle and Dog Island. Bid is for a 1 year term, with option by the District to extend the contract for a second year.

A copy of the Request for Proposals can be obtained on or after May 29, 2009 by calling (850) 681-6894, by email request to [staff@hswmr.com](mailto:staff@hswmr.com), or by mail request to 3111-20 Mahan Drive, PMB124, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 PM on June 19, 2009.

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2314T  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION

WILLIAM D. LIMPET, II,  
Plaintiff,  
VS.

JOHN FITZGERALD WHITAKER a/k/a JOHN WHITAKER and SUSAN A. WHITAKER, husband and wife; and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Case No. 09-000023-

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final judgment entered in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida, described as:

1. That certain parcel of land more particularly described as follows (the "Land"):

LOT 18:

Commence at a St. Joe concrete monument marking the Southwest Corner of Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, Franklin County, Florida; thence run North 00 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds East 3158.95 feet; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 06 seconds East 495.83 feet; thence North 01 degrees 17 minutes 54 seconds West 15.00 feet to a point lying on the Northerly right of way of West Road; thence run along said right of way as follows: North 88 degrees 42 minutes 06 seconds East 208.05 feet to a rod and cap for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING run, North 88 degrees 42 minutes 06 seconds East 208.06 feet to a round concrete monument; thence leaving said right of way run North 01 degrees 12 minutes 37 seconds West 209.40 feet to a round concrete monument; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 59 seconds West 208.13 feet to a round concrete monument; thence South 01 degrees 13 minutes 54 seconds East 209.14 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.;

2. All structures or buildings now or hereafter located upon the Land or any part thereof, including all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of every kind and nature whatsoever forming part of said structures or buildings (the "Improvements");

3. All fixtures, fittings, appliances, apparatus, equipment, machinery and articles of personal property and replacements thereof, now or at any time hereafter affixed to, attached to, placed upon, or used in any way in connection with the complete and comfortable use, enjoyment, occupancy or operation of the Improvements on the Land (collectively, the "Collateral").

at public sale, to the highest bidder for cash, on the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32329, at 11:00 A.M. on the 4th day of June, 2009.

MARCIA JOHNSON  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Michele Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk  
May 21, 28, 2009

2376T  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY  
CIVIL DIVISION

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AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

ELGIN E. SIZEMORE A/K/A ELGIN SIZEMORE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELGIN E. SIZEMORE A/K/A ELGIN SIZEMORE; ANITA A. SIZEMORE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANITA A. SIZEMORE; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

CASE NO. 07-CA-424

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Franklin County, Florida, described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN AND STATE OF FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE POINT WHERE THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, INTERSECTS THE WESTERLY SIDE OF BLOCK 115 OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH WESTERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE OF SAID BLOCK 115 TO THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF AVENUE F (OR CHERRY STREET) OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, THENCE RUN WESTERLY A DISTANCE OF 95 FEET TO A POINT ON 6TH STREET MARKED BY AN IRON PIN, THENCE RUN WEST ON 6TH STREET A DISTANCE OF 15 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED AND CONVEYED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN WEST ON 6TH STREET A DISTANCE OF 95 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 174.4 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, BEING A PARCEL OF LAND FRONTING 95 FEET ON SAID 6TH STREET AND RUNNING BACK THE SAME WIDTH, A DISTANCE OF 174.4 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST.

ALSO, THE EAST 25 FEET OF BLOCK 264 OF THE MAP OF GREATER APALACHICOLA, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN DEED BOOK M, PAGE 436, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A  
230 Avenue F  
Apalachicola, FL 32320

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 at 11:00 AM, on June 18, 2009.

DATED THIS 1st DAY OF May, 2009

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 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 1st day of May, 2009.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT

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COURT  
By: Michele Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service.

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra  
9204 King Palm Drive  
Tampa, FL 33619-1328  
Phone: 813-915-8660  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
May 28, June 4, 2009

2377T  
IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Karen Beth Millender; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named 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 Defendant(s).

Case #: 2008-CA-0220  
Division #:  
UNC.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 28, 2009, entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-0220 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Karen Beth Millender are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on June 18, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 6 AND THE NORTH 14 FEET OF LOT 7, BLOCK D (112), RANGE 10, PICKETT'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA, AS PER PLAT OR MAP THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS 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 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OF SALE; IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8770

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida, this 1st day of May, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Franklin County, Florida  
By: Michele Maxwell  
DEPUTY CLERK

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP  
10004 North Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 112  
Tampa, Florida 33618  
08-096390  
May 28, June 4, 2009

2398T  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JULIA C. CHITTENDEN Deceased.

File No. 09-000010-CP

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Julia C. Chittenden, deceased, whose date of death was March 20, 2009 and whose social security number is 265-52-7007, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 34 Forbes Street, Suite 2, Apalachicola, Florida, 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is May 28, 2009.

Personal Representative  
Ann M. Chittenden  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Ann M. Chittenden  
Florida Bar No. 311456  
18035 Rakestraw Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32310  
Telephone: (850) 544-2192  
May 28, June 4, 2009



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# High school Beta Club welcomes 17 new members



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**BETA CLUB INDUCTION:** Newly inducted members of the high school's Beta Club flank sponsor Elinor Mount-Simmons following the May 19 ceremony.

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

In a moving program May 19 in the Franklin County High School cafeteria, 17 high school students were inducted into the Beta Club, an honor service society dedicated to fostering achievement, leadership and character.

Sponsor Elinor Mount-Simmons said students must have a 3.0 grade point average and be recommended by their teachers for their demonstrated leadership, character and academic capabilities.

New inductees included sophomores Caden Barber, Tiffany Carroll, Cody Daniels, Jessica Galloway, Jimmy Goggins, Lakota Humble, Nicholas Koch, Maggie Langston, Nai' Kycia Mitchell, Ashley Moseley, Isabel Pateritsas, Samantha Pouncey, Hannah Schooley and Shelby Shiver; and juniors Adrienne Chambers, Maranda Coatney, and Damien Davis.

With the theme "Let Us Lead By Serving Others," the induction ceremony opened with a welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Russell Simmons, the current Beta Club president.

Derek Salyer, a current Beta Club member,

gave the invocation, followed by a brief history of the Beta Club from vice president Cecilia James. The Beta Song, given in prose, was recited by Kendyll Hardy, also a current member, followed by the ceremony.

Simmons lit a candle representing Light, Purity and Faith. Candlelighting followed with James lighting one representing Fellowship and Cooperation; secretary Joy Carrino, lighting one for Truth, Constancy and Fidelity; treasurer Katie Brannon, lighting one representing Dignity, Restraint and Seriousness; and Salyer representing the membership and Davis representing the inductees.

Tomilee Dowden administered the pledge for the new inductees.

Current Beta Club members also include seniors Miranda Banks, Brandi Benton, Jami Daniels, Erica Davis, Khrystal Davis, Jami Giametta, Charles Goggins, Patricia Golden, Alana Hutchins, Parrish Johnson, Andre' McQueen, Paige Moses, Angela Ochala, Tevin Ray, Chelsea Soderholm, Desiree Trest, Zachary Ward, Cheree' Whiddon, Katrisha Williams, and Whitley Wilson; and juniors Mone't Moron, Tina Laughton, Shelby Nowling, Natalie Shiver, Heather Kemper, Garry Larsen and Tydron Wynn.

## WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	Temperature		% Precip
	High	Low	
Thu, May 28	85°	74°	60 %
Fri, May 29	84°	72°	50 %
Sat, May 30	85°	73°	10 %
Sun, May 31	85°	73°	0 %
Mon, June 1	83°	74°	10 %
Tue, June 2	85°	70°	20 %
Wed, June 3	85°	74°	30 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

Cat Point	High Minus 0:40	Low Minus 1:17
East Pass	High Minus 0:27	Low Minus 0:27a

To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from those given for CARRABELLE:

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

05/28 Thu	02:07AM -0.4 L	09:59AM 1.4 H
	01:19PM 1.3 L	06:20PM 1.7 H
05/29 Fri	02:59AM -0.2 L	10:27AM 1.4 H
	02:45PM 1.2 L	07:33PM 1.5 H
05/30 Sat	03:49AM 0.0 L	10:52AM 1.4 H
	04:18PM 1.0 L	09:01PM 1.3 H
05/31 Sun	04:36AM 0.3 L	11:14AM 1.4 H
	05:44PM 0.7 L	10:53PM 1.1 H
06/01 Mon	05:22AM 0.6 L	11:35AM 1.5 H
	06:57PM 0.4 L	
06/02 Tue	01:08AM 1.1 H	06:06AM 0.8 L
	11:58AM 1.5 H	07:57PM 0.1 L
06/03 Wed	03:15AM 1.2 H	06:50AM 1.1 L
	12:21PM 1.6 H	08:50PM -0.1 L

### CARRABELLE

05/28 Thu	08:34AM 2.2 H	11:06AM 2.1 L
	04:55PM 2.7 H	
05/29 Fri	12:46AM -0.3 L	09:02AM 2.2 H
	12:32PM 1.9 L	06:08PM 2.4 H
05/30 Sat	01:36AM 0.0 L	09:27AM 2.2 H
	02:05PM 1.6 L	07:36PM 2.1 H
05/31 Sun	02:23AM 0.5 L	09:49AM 2.2 H
	03:31PM 1.1 L	09:28PM 1.8 H
06/01 Mon	03:09AM 1.0 L	10:10AM 2.4 H
	04:44PM 0.6 L	11:43PM 1.8 H
06/02 Tue	03:53AM 1.3 L	10:33AM 2.4 H
	05:44PM 0.2 L	
06/03 Wed	01:50AM 1.9 H	04:37AM 1.8 L
	10:56AM 2.6 H	06:37PM -0.2 L

### SOLUNAR

m = Minor M = Major add 1 hour for daylight savings

Date	Day	AM	PM	Rise/Set	Moon
05/28	Thu	m 8:30 M 2:20	m 9:10 M 2:55	5:01AM 6:54PM	☾
05/29	Fri	m 9:35 M 3:25	m 10:05 M 3:50	5:01AM 6:54PM	☾
05/30	Sat	m 10:10 M 4:00	m 11:00 M 4:45	5:01AM 6:55PM	☾
05/31	Sun	m 11:20 M 5:10	m 11:50 M 5:35	5:00AM 6:55PM	☾
06/01	Mon	m - M 5:55	m 12:10 M 6:15	5:00AM 6:56PM	☾
06/02	Tue	m 12:30 M 6:35	m 12:45 M 6:55	5:00AM 6:56PM	☾
06/03	Wed	m 1:10 M 7:15	m 1:25 M 7:40	5:00AM 6:57PM	☾

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