

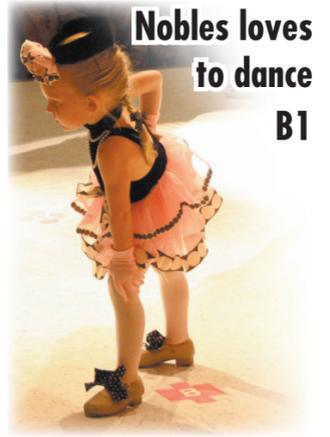
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Nobles loves to dance B1

Franklin School District's B grade snaps string of C's

ABC School earns third A in last seven years

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The school grade news was all good for Franklin County last week when the state issued its school accountability report results.

The tide of educational success lifted all boats, as the district ended five years as a C county to earn its first ever B grade.

The Apalachicola Bay Charter School climbed two grade levels, from a C last year, to earn its third A grade in the last seven years.

The consolidated school earned a solid C, up from last year's D grade, and its best performance since 2002.

"I was thrilled," said Superintendent Nina Marks. "Everybody's real excited. We were well into a C. We have faced

physical, emotional, and organizational challenges over the past months. The consistent hard work established an initial consolidated school foundation, a school grade of C. We'll take it.

"Improvements occurred in 2009 as the newfound focus on the students became evident all over campus," she said. "Who knows how we'll do next year when we meet new challenges with even more determination, commitment, and support for one another?"

Apalachicola Bay Charter School Principal Don Hungerford was elated with the news the school had earned

575 points, for a solid A.

"We're very, very pleased," he said. "I'm very proud of our students and our staff. We had a number of students make great gains. We put a lot of effort into increasing our intensity, particularly more for math and science, because we already had a lot of intensity for reading. Obviously it paid off."

Marks echoed Hungerford's pride. "They're our kids too," she said. "The district on an average is a B, and I think as long as everybody views it that way, we'll be fine."

Further confirmation that the two schools have grown alike

was evidenced in the populations of free and reduced lunch students, an indicator of low income, and the numbers of minority students, reported in the state's "grade card."

The percentage of minority students at the ABC School, which in its earliest years had just a handful of minorities, now numbers 17 percent, 1 percentage point greater than the 16 percent at the consolidated school.

In addition, 58 percent of the ABC School student body is on

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County jobless rate inches upward

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Government jobs, still relatively unscathed by the ongoing recession, helped Franklin County maintain the state's third lowest unemployment rate in May.

According to preliminary labor market statistics released Friday by the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, the county's overall jobless rate inched upwards to 6.4 percent in May, as 309 people out of a labor force of 4,855 were without work.

The jobless rate was four-tenths of a percentage point worse than in April, when it stood at 6.0 percent, with 288 people looking for employment out of a smaller labor force of 4783.

Despite the rise, Franklin's numbers placed it behind only Liberty County, at 5.0 percent, and Monroe County, at 6.2 percent, among the state's 67 counties. Trailing just behind Franklin were Alachua, Leon, and Walton counties, each at 6.6 percent, and Jackson County, at 6.8 percent.

State officials said many of the counties with low unemployment rates have a relatively high percentage of government workers.

Franklin's unemployment numbers placed it well above the 8.5 percent average for the three counties that comprise the Gulf Coast Workforce Region. Bay County posted an 8.6 percent jobless rate, just slightly better than the 8.4 percent in Gulf County.

Still, the region's jobless numbers were 1.7 percentage points better than the state rate of 10.2 percent and nearly 1 percentage point lower than the national rate at 9.4.

"Our area's unemployment rate is flat in comparison to last month, however; outside of the last six months, our un-

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FLYAWAY FUNDING?

Feds threaten to pull grant for airport buffer

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The FAA said it will take back \$199,000 it has awarded the county to buy a runway protection zone if the county commission does not act by Aug. 15.

Commissioners have deadlocked on the land buy at the Apalachicola Municipal Airport all spring. Earlier this month, Bill Ferris, airport improvement program manager for the Federal Aviation Authority in Florida, said the FAA would withdraw the funds on July 31 if the commission did not act.

After a conference with Dan Garlick and Ted Mosteller, chairman of the airport advisory board, he agreed to extend the grant for two more weeks.

"The airport authority (county commission) must have the grant application in the office by mid August," said Jim Peters, an FAA spokesman.

The commission voted not to buy the 21 acres of land on May 5, and again on June 2. At both meetings, Commissioners Pinki Jackel and Cheryl Sanders voted no, and Commissioners Bevin Putnal and Noah Lockley voted in favor, with Chairman Smokey Parrish recusing himself.

"You have to think about what's down the road. You have to protect your facility for future development. Many pilots will not land without instruments and for larger planes they are a necessity."

Donnie Duce
Spokesman, Florida Department of Transportation

Parrish cited the fact his employer is a part owner of the 21 acre parcel, but at the June 2 meeting, he said ownership of the land had recently changed. The land now belongs to Garlick, CEO of Garlick Environmental Services in Apalachicola.

Parrish has written the State of Florida Commission on Ethics to ask if he can now vote on the matter. He

said he plans to recuse himself from voting on the airport issue at least until he can appear before the state ethics commission on July 24.

In a June 17 e-mail, Kathleen Bergen, a public information specialist for the Federal Aviation Authority's Atlanta office wrote that it is the decision of the commission, as the airport's sponsor, whether or not to buy the land.

"The FAA encourages, but does not require, the acquisition of Runway Protection Zone land," she wrote. "We have told the sponsor that it needs to decide if it is going to buy the land. If not, then the FAA will cancel the grant. If they are not going to buy the land then the grant will be rescinded," Bergen wrote.

Construction on land would shorten runway

The acreage would be secured to create a protection zone at the end of runway 13-31, the airport's principle runway. If the land is not purchased by the county and is later developed, the usable length of the main runway would be shortened.

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Health department considers closing Carrabelle clinic

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

As the 2009-10 budget debate nears, the county health department has served notice it is considering whether to shut down its primary care clinic in Carrabelle.

Wesley Tice, who oversees the health department, told county commissioners June 16 the health care needs it has filled on the eastern end of the county over the past two years are now partially being met by the Weems East medical offices in the Carrabelle city complex.

"We filled a gap two years ago and now the gap is not there," he said. "They (Weems East) is seeing patients, and in that sense they're competing with us. We see patients with Medicaid, pa-

tients on a sliding fee scale and some folks who don't have the ability to pay at all, and in that sense we see a different type of patient.

"Three years ago we expanded services there to fill in a gap because there wasn't a medical provider in the eastern end of the county," said Tice. "Because Weems East is operational, the gap should be filled by them so I can pool my resources."

Tice said reductions in state funding over the past three years, and a \$35,000 reduction slated for the upcoming year, have forced the health department to further streamline its operation.

County funding for the health department has been reduced \$87,000 over three years, Tice said, making it even more im-



PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA

A view of the county health department's annex in Carrabelle.

portant to generate greater cost efficiencies.

"I can't afford to keep the Carrabelle clinic open any longer," he told commissioners. "I want

to pull back and integrate more of our services to Apalachicola.

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DAVID ADLERSTEIN

Program encourages reading

Students can enter library drawing to win bicycle

More than 60 children, several from the Project Impact program, started the summer off with books Tuesday morning as they attended the first day of the Apalachicola Municipal Library's Summer Reading Program.

The program, free and open to the public, runs through July 23 at the library, 74 Sixth St., and is held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The program targets young people who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade.

Students who attend or come by the library to sign up to count the number of minutes they read over

the course of the summer or check out books will receive a golden ticket, which goes in a box for the grand prize of a bicycle, donated by ACE hardware in Apalachicola. The drawing, at the end of the five-week program, is to be done by Mayor Van Johnson at an ice cream party on Tuesday, July 28.

Readers can also win free books. Or over the course on the summer, if they read 600 minutes (20 minutes per day), they can win a backpack filled with school supplies. Just stop by the library for details.

This is the first year for the library's summer reading program,

created with the sponsorship of Trinity Episcopal Church and the Rotary Club, plus the generous support of two Texas librarians, Karen Kessel and her protégé, Mary Pruitt, who donated their expertise in getting the program off the ground.

In photo above, Kessel reads to the students in Benedict Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church, which served to welcome the large group of students. For more information on the program, which features a story, activity and a snack at each meeting, or other opportunities at the Apalachicola library, call librarian Caty Greene at 653-8436.

Hot, hot, hot!

Five records melt during heat wave

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The pavement sizzled and sprinklers steamed this week as Apalachicola experienced five consecutive days of record high temperatures, with the thermometer hovering seven to nine degrees above average.

The month of June began normally enough, with the first seven days at or near the normal high/low range of 88 to 72 degrees Fahrenheit. On June 16, temperatures began to climb.

On Wednesday, June 17, the heat wave began in earnest. The temperature topped out at 99 degrees, beating the old record for that date, 97, set in 1981. The temperature fell to 76 degrees that night but surged up to 96 the next day, tying the record.

A 98 degree high on Saturday once again tied the record for that day, and Sunday's 100 degree high broke the standing record from 1998 by two degrees. The temperature bottomed out at a toasty 80 degrees on Sunday night and soared back to 100 on Monday, beating the previous record of 95 set in 1998 by five degrees.

According to Irv Watson, science officer for Tallahassee's NOAA office, the unusual weather is the result of an upper high pressure system situated just to the west of Franklin County.

"We were very close to the upper ridge of the system for the last week, which meant the air flow was clockwise off the land mass

instead of a sea breeze off the water. I was amazed to see the 100 degree temperature at Apalachicola's airport yesterday because it is so close to the beach," he said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

He explained that with a steady air flow off the land, the air is dry, so there is no precipitation and no cloud cover to cool things off. The temperatures just built and built.

Watson said the system is now drifting west and will probably wind up situated over the southwestern United States. This will lead to cooler air in our area and increase the chance of showers.

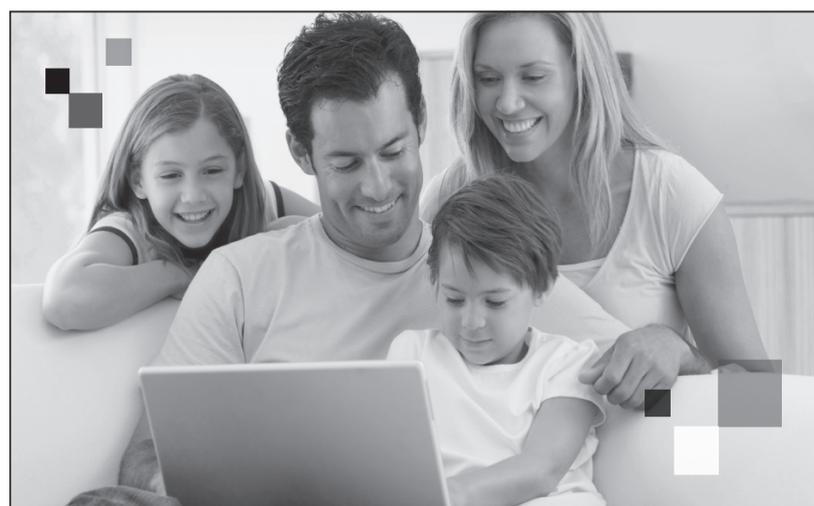
Although nighttime temperatures are predicted to remain on the high side, 79 to 80 for most of the week, daytime temperatures should drop to the lower 90s by Thursday, June 25.

What does this mean for hurricane season? While the temperature of the Gulf of Mexico is running three degrees above normal down south in Naples, at 89, Pensacola's Gulf water is currently 77 degrees, seven degrees below June's average of 84 degrees.

Watson said that, while we are not currently in a drought, the upper soil is dry and we are in need of precipitation.

For area drought and wildfire information updated daily, visit <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tae/fire/wx.php>.

For water temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico, go to <http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/dsdt/cwtg/egof.html>.



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All FCTDC Off-Season and Sustaining Grant Applications will be released on Friday, July 3, 2009.

The DEADLINE FOR RETURNING APPLICATIONS WILL BE 5:00 pm, Monday, August 3, 2009.

\$80,000 has been allocated for 2009-2010 Off-Season Grant awards in the following categories:

Festival Grants are provided to support organizations in producing and promoting large events that result in high tourist demand and economic return. These are multi-day events. Each festival grant award is \$7,500. A total of three (3) festival grants may be awarded for the 2009-2010 cycle. Sustaining Grant recipients are not eligible for this award. Anticipated attendance should be in excess of 5,000 people.

Sponsorship Grants are provided to support organizations in producing and promoting mid-size events that result in high tourist demand and economic return. These are multi-day events. Anticipated attendance for these events should be a minimum of 2,000 people. Each sponsorship grant award is \$5,000. A total of six (6) Sponsorship Grants may be awarded for the 2009-2010 cycle.

Assistance Grants are provided to assist organizations in producing and promoting events that are full day, recurring events which generate strong tourist demand and economic benefits. The anticipated attendance for these events should be a minimum of 400 people. Each assistance grant award is \$2,000. A total of eleven (11) Assistance Grants may be awarded in the 2009-2010 cycle.

Please note: Sustaining Grant recipients are limited to one (1) application for either a \$5,000 Sponsorship Grant or a \$2,000 Assistance Grant.

Special Request Grants will be accepted by the FCTDC on an individual case basis throughout the year. A total of \$5,500 will be allocated for the 2009-2010 season and may be awarded as eleven (11) separate \$500 awards.

Note: The total allocation in all categories is subject to the availability of funds. The FCTDC may revise category allocations without notice prior to making awards.

\$100,000 has been allocated for 2009-2010 Sustaining Grants and will be divided among award recipients.

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Federal stimulus money targets 18- to 24-year-olds

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Federal stimulus money is funding summer job training for more than a dozen Franklin County youth, through the county library's TIGERS program.

TIGERS, which stands for "Teens in Gear Enjoy, Realize, Succeed," is now in its ninth year and has long been able to enroll students in on-the-job training programs funded through a contract with the Gulf Coast Workforce Board.

But this summer, said Carol

Barfield, program specialist with the library's youth development programs, the TIGERS have been allocated additional money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009.

Barfield said the money is intended to provide intensive training to youth with an emphasis on the 18 to 24 age group.

In a May 1 letter from Annie Ball, who directs the youth program, she wrote that "it is the goal of this program to provide long-range career opportunities for youth, ranging from permanent employment at the end of the

summer training period to further advanced education and apprenticeships."

Barfield said Apalachicola, Eastpoint and Carrabelle were originally allotted 10 slots, but when half of Apalachicola's 26 TIGERS indicated interest, the Workforce increased the number of slots in the county to 15.

Participants can make \$300 every two weeks in incentive stipends, and can work a maximum a 20 hours per week, which translates to a wage of \$7.50 per hour. Money earned does not count against food stamp allocations.

Businesses must make the training available, but do not have to fund the youths' on-the-job training.

"It's an incentive, not an employment," she said. "It's an outstanding program."

So far, there are two TIGERS working for the city of Apalachicola, Ann Richards and Jeffrey Banks, and in Eastpoint, Tomeika Ford, is working for the county solid waste department.

Ashley Williams is working at the Apalachee Center in Apalachicola, while Denisha Allen and Avie Porter are training at the

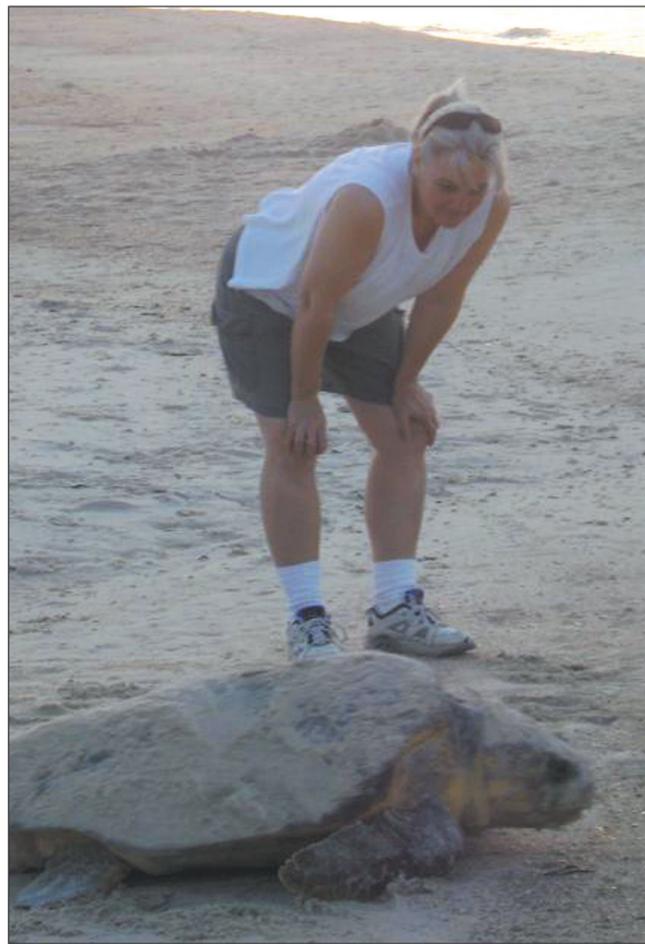
Apalachicola Riverkeeper.

The Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce is receiving assistance from Adreenah Wynn, while Gardens Inc. is utilizing the services of Ladaedrean Williams, and the Gibson Inn's Café Momi that of Rahkeim Pierce.

The Apalachicola Municipal Library has brought in Sandrianna Rhodes for training.

In Carrabelle, Nina Fox is working at the Boys and Girls Clubs, and Samantha Creamer is at the St. James Bay Nursing home.

Barfield said she is continuing to place young people at sites.



Photos courtesy of SUSAN BASSETT

Bassett says goodbye to her miracle.

Volunteer turtler witnesses miracle in the morning

Early on the morning of June 11, Susan Bassett, a volunteer turtler on St. George Island, had the experience of a lifetime when, during her usual rounds marking new nests, she came on a female turtle in the process of laying her eggs.

"I came up on this mama turtle just finishing up her nest and got to watch her pack down the sand with her body, throw sand over the nest site and head on back out to the water," she wrote.

Bassett took the required measures of the female; her shell is 37 inches long, 34 inches across.

"What a treat is all I can say; she was gorgeous. Dead quiet except for the surf, which you can see was low, and you could hear the thump thump thump as she packed the sand down with her whole body," she wrote. "Lots of long quiet sighs, too, as she was finishing up. They always seem so tired at the end of the nesting."

Bassett said she hopes everyone seeing these pictures



Susan Bassett, a volunteer turtler on St. George Island, came on the turtle in the process of laying her eggs and framed against the sunrise.

will remember to take everything in off of the beach at night during turtle nesting season, which runs through Oct. 31. The biggest hazard is paraphernalia left on the beach in the turtles' way, and of course dis-

tracting lights. "Please turn out your lights," she said. "It's especially a problem in the business district. Turning off your lights at the end on a business day could save a life and some energy, too."

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No sweat finding fresh peas and beans

Perhaps the heat will have broken by the time the paper goes to press, but for me right now, it's all about avoiding being hot and sweaty.

Yup, I said sweat. I know Southern ladies are said to merely glow with a fine sheen of perspiration. My recent foray to the Farmer's Market in Tallahassee put that myth firmly to rest.

I had spent Friday night in Tallahassee with old, dear friends, Renn and Gary Edenfield. We visited the market in Timberlane Square a little after eight on Saturday morning. The place was bustling, and I was impressed. This market has been around for many years; now, they even accept food stamps. The produce is evenly priced with each vendor. The search is not for price, but rather quality.

We walked around, perusing all of the offerings before making our purchases. I was on a quest for fresh peas and found an abundance — white acres, crowders, zippers, and black-eyes; plus baby limas

and butter beans. They weren't cheap, but shelled peas and beans never are. The prices ranged from \$6.50 to \$8 a quart. I got \$10 worth of white acres with lots of snaps (just the way I like them). I looked for tomatoes with a few imperfections because I wanted to make sure they were home-grown. I loaded up with green beans and new potatoes. I found some small and tender okra.

The blueberries and blackberries were huge, but I resisted since my berry jones has been sated recently.

I could have stayed much longer, but I started having vision problems. The sweat was literally streaming into my eyes and down my cheeks. The ends of my hair were dripping. It took me forever to select five ears of corn, because I had to keep stopping to wipe my face.

I may have grown up without air-conditioning, but that native gene for withstanding heat has evidently atrophied. My not-so-long-ago ancestors lived in south central Florida, migrating there from

Alabama after the Civil War. My grandmother used to tell me stories of growing up on a farm in the early part of the 20th century — no electricity, no ice, no refrigeration.

I was reminded of her old-Florida tales as I watched an elderly fellow quietly shelling peas at the market. I figured most peas were shelled by machine these days. Then I got to thinking about surviving the heat and remaining productive. It makes a great deal of sense to find a task that requires minimum movement, may be conducted in the shade where a welcome breeze might venture, and a cool drink will be close at hand.

Despite those moments of cool respite and big noon-day dinners of just-picked vegetables, back in Nana's day preserving the harvest meant having enough to eat throughout the year. Imagine billowing plumes of steam as carefully saved jars were sterilized in boiling water. Vegetables, pickles, relishes, jams and jellies had to be handled in the heat of summer when they were harvested, not when it was convenient. I imagine those ladies also did a bit of



PHOTO FROM THE FLORIDA PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

This photo, taken in 1939, shows Mrs. J.C. Waldron, of Aucilla, with preserves in her pantry.

sweating.

The ongoing conversation at my house lately has been about how controlling the temperature of our immediate environment has been essential to the advance of society.

I do know that once I returned home to wonderful refrigerated air; I had plenty of energy to cook. I boiled a ham bone with my peas, and scraped corn cobs. We ate so much out of the pots during the

preparation process that I doubt there is enough for dinner tonight. Not a problem. I will fry my okra, make hoecake, and slice up a tomato.

I won't be doing any canning or preserving. The IGA and the Piggly Wiggly are just down the street, so I believe I will make it through winter. I do, however, plan to gorge on what is fresh right now. I will be going to the local market in Apalachicola on Friday afternoons to

mingle with the folks who grow vegetables and fruit locally. I don't want food flown in from Chile or Peru. With our seafood and the produce all around us, it's the time to eat locally and seasonally.

We don't even have to sweat for it. How lucky is that?

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Troubled waters: Low river flow hurts Gulf fishery

By Jill Elish

Reductions in the flow of the Apalachicola River have far-reaching effects that could prove detrimental to grouper and other reef fish populations in the northeastern Gulf of Mexico, according to a new Florida State University study that might provide new ammunition for states engaged in a nearly two-decade water war.

The Florida State researchers found that in years with low river flow, the concentration of phytoplankton — the microscopic plant-like organisms that feed into the food chain — decreased over a large area of the continental shelf. This is significant because scientists have hypothesized that year-to-year changes in the phytoplankton can alter the availability of food for the very young fish larvae, according to research scientist Steven Morey of the Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies (COAPS) at Florida State.

Although much of

the scientific research examining the consequences of low-flow conditions, primarily caused by extended drought in recent years, has focused on the Apalachicola River and the estuary system of Apalachicola Bay, the Florida State researchers instead examined the effect of unusually low and high flows over the wide western Florida continental shelf. A number of important reef fish, such as grouper, spawn on the outer shelf edge and use the inner shelf areas as nursery habitat.

"This work shows that variations in the river flow can have implications on marine ecosystems over a much broader geographic region, namely much of the continental shelf extending out several hundred miles," Morey said. "This now suggests that there might be a link between the river flow variations and offshore fisheries."

Morey, Dmitry Dukhovskoy, also of COAPS, and Mark Bourassa, an associate professor of meteorology



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE MOREY

Authors of the Florida State University study are, from left, Steve Morey, Dmitry Dukhovskoy and Mark Bourassa.

at FSU, examined the seasonal and year-to-year variability of the river flow caused by changes in precipitation over the watershed encompassing much of western Georgia and parts of eastern Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. The researchers used satellite ocean color data and computer models of ocean circulation to identify a region extending about 125 miles offshore of Apalachicola Bay in which the changes in ocean color, which is indicative of the abundance of phytoplankton and other organic material in the water, is linked to changes in the river flow.

The researchers outlined their findings in an article, "Connectivity of the Apalachicola River flow variability and the physical and bio-optical

oceanic properties of the northern West Florida Shelf," published in the journal *Continental Shelf Research*.

The findings broaden the environmental considerations of managed flow reductions in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) river system. The Apalachicola River, the final leg of the river system, has been the focus of a nearly 20-year legal battle between Florida, Georgia and Alabama, known as the Tri-State Water War. At the heart of the dispute is Georgia's desire to divert water from the ACF river system to the burgeoning population of the Atlanta metropolitan area, and Florida and Alabama's contention that this flow reduction could have negative consequences

for the downstream river environment.

The Apalachicola River is considered a "hot spot" of ecological biodiversity, and Apalachicola Bay supports extensive finfish and shellfish communities dependent on the regular flow of freshwater from the river. The river is a source of nutrients that can contribute to the abundance of phytoplankton, which are consumed by small zooplankton, thus feeding the marine food web in the region. The strongest connection between the river flow rate and the offshore water properties is seen during the late winter and early spring months, which coincide with the spawning period of several reef fish species.

"It is possible that if the natural flow of the river is reduced by water being

diverted to reservoirs upstream, it could reduce the natural nutrient supply to the local food web," Morey said. "That could potentially result in a reduction of food available for larger plankton, like fish larvae."

The study sheds some light on potential effects of climate change scenarios altering precipitation patterns over the southeastern United States, Morey said, but further study is needed to determine if the proposed man-made flow reductions at the center of the water wars will have a significant impact on the offshore marine systems, especially during abnormally dry years.

Jill Elish is a writer for the News and Public Affairs Office of the Florida State University.

Letter to the Editor

Health department in Carrabelle exceptional

I would like to thank the staff of the Carrabelle branch of the health department for their care. They have treated me and my family with a compassion that goes above and

beyond any procedural protocol. In this age of impersonalized medicine, it is medicinal in and of itself to be taken care of by people who know you as a whole person and a member of their community.

If you or your loved ones have had a similar experience

to mine, please let your county commissioners know. We cannot afford to lose this brand new facility and the exceptional people who work there.

Thank you,

Melanie Humble
Carrabelle

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free and reduced lunch, just 7 percent-age points below the 65 percent at the consolidated school.

More and more students meeting high standards

With 477 points, the consolidated school fell 18 points short of earning a B, but Marks said the district had no plans to lodge an appeal.

"I don't see the point in us doing all that," she said, adding that "next year when we're really close to that A, then I will challenge it."

With 63 percent meeting high standards in reading, 68 percent in math, and 76 percent in writing, the district's results were the best in each of these three main categories since 2003, when the roots of consolidation began. Students meet high standards when they score at least 3, 4 or 5 on the FCAT test, meaning they are performing at grade level or better.

The ABC School's percentage meeting high standards in these three subjects paced the district, with no fewer than three-fourths of its students achieving that distinction in each subject area.

In science, the ABC School had 58 percent of its students meeting high standards, 25 percentage points better than last year. "Last year our sciences scores were poor," he said. "This year we've made gains."

At the consolidated school, 35 percent of the students met high standards in science, 11 percentage points better than last year, but below the 2006-07 results, when 44 percent met high standards in science.

Better than three-fourths of the consolidated school students met high standards in writing, as strong a showing as at any time since 2002.

In math, 64 percent of the students met high standards in math, and 59 percent in math, both best-ever results since 2001.

ABC School does well with learning gains

A big part of the point totals comes when students make learning gains in reading and math. At the ABC School, better than 71 percent of students did so in each subject, while at the consolidated school, 58 percent made

reading gains and 66 percent made gains in math. All of these percentages were among the best results for these categories in the last eight years.

The school grades also award points for learning gains made by students who have performed in the lowest quarter of those tested. At the ABC School, better than 70 percent of these students made this stride, including a huge 29 percentage point leap in regards to reading by these lower performing students.

At the consolidated school, 57 percent of these lower performing students made gains in reading, 10 points better than last year. But only 61 percent of these students made gains in math, 7 percentage points worse than the consolidated school's showing last year.

Hungerford said that ABC School teachers will soon meet to determine how they plan to divvy up amongst themselves and other staffers \$100 per student in bonus money, or about \$30,000, for having earned an A.

This week the ABC School completed its move to the campus of the former Chapman Elementary School.

"We are hoping to move the classrooms in about a month," he said.

Hungerford said the 2009-10 staff is complete, with the exception of a kindergarten teacher.

He said next year, when the school becomes a Title I school and there is a change in how the school handles its finances, it should be in slightly better financial shape than it was this year, when several teacher assistants had to be laid off midyear.

"A number will come back, but it will be less than we were when we were fully funded," he said.

He said he has laid down a challenge to the faculty to shoot for two consecutive years as an A school, something it has yet to do because of the difficulty in sustaining large strides in learning gains in consecutive years.

"We've never done that, it's more difficult," he said. "It's a toughie."

Marks said the district plans to complete nearly all of its staffing at this week's special meeting, Thursday June 25 at 6 p.m. at the Willie Speed board room in Eastpoint.

"We've rewritten job descriptions for the deans," she said. "The goal is to get everything done before July 1."

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"We saw the need," he said. "The need's still there but not the money."

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders pressed Tice on what it would take to avoid closing the clinic. At present, Dana Whaley, an advanced registered nurse practitioner, sees patients four days a week in Carrabelle, while pediatrician Dr. Michael Wilder sees them one day a week and volunteer gynecologist Dr. Ivan Backerman on an as-needed basis.

"Tell us what it's going to take to keep that clinic open," said Sanders. "I want to see numbers because I believe Carrabelle is paying its own way."

Tice said \$150,000 is needed to cover the clinic's expenses for one year, and stressed that the financial picture is larger than just the situation at the Carrabelle clinic.

"It's not Carrabelle. It's the whole health department," he said. "You can't single out Carrabelle as self sufficient. You have to look at the entire health department as one pie. And when you look at that as a whole, that's when you see the entire funding picture."

Tice noted the department is mandated by law to keep 8 percent of its entire budget in reserve in a trust fund. "When you're operating below that threshold, that's not good," he said. "We're teetering on the brink of 6 percent."

Sanders stressed that Weems East being located in the city complex is a temporary situation. "The majority of the people that use Carrabelle clinic can't get to Apalachicola," she said.

Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson said that she understood numbers were down in Carrabelle. "Nor-

"I can't afford to keep the Carrabelle clinic open any longer."

Wesley Tice
Health Department

mally health departments are not doing primary health care," she said. "We should put Weems in the health department building and save the money for the new building."

Weems on track with new construction

In an interview Monday, Weems Memorial Hospital CEO Chuck Colvert said the hospital board would consider any proposals presented it by the county commission regarding facility use in Carrabelle.

"We have a plan and we're moving forward," he said. "But we would certainly look at that. I think if the county commission came to us and said the health department has given us the building, I think our board would work with the county commission and look at it."

Colvert said architects Clemons-Rutherford, who have done a lot of work for Tallahassee Memorial Hospital as well as designed the new consolidated school, drew up three plans for the new Carrabelle facility. The hospital board has selected the interior design it preferred for a 5,500-square-foot facility.

Engineers are now working on doing soil compaction studies, Colvert said, and some preliminary work has begun. "We've cleared trees out of there and put in fill dirt and done some site work," he said.

Colvert said he does not

yet have a cost estimate for the facility. "After we get the site at the height level we want it, then we'll get an artist's rendering," he said, noting that he expected groundbreaking within the next 60 days.

Mark Friedman, a member of the Weems hospital board, said he expected that although sales tax revenue is down because of the recession, there will be enough funds to complete construction of the new facility, on land adjacent to the Carrabelle annex of the health department.

"One thing we have to go back to is we promised there would be an urgent care facility in Carrabelle," he said. "We have made a commitment to build an urgent care facility and my personal opinion is that there's no way we could now add on to that building."

"We could use it as cost-saving measure, but could not use it to be the solo facility," Friedman said. "We promised more and they need more. There's no radiology or lab in that building, and not enough exam rooms."

Colvert said the Weems East doctor's practice is doing well at the Carrabelle municipal complex. "We started with three-and-one-half days open with Dr. Chorba and the demand was so great we have added another day," he said.

Dr. Todd West now goes on Thursdays, while Dr. Nancy Chorba goes in on Mondays, Fridays, and a half-day Wednesday. "It's just like any other physician's office," said Colvert, noting that sees private insurance patients, Medicare and Medicaid patients and

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employment rate hasn't been in the 8 percent range since early 1998," said Kim Bodine, executive director for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "We do see signs of improvement, and we are faring better than the nation, and the state; even better than most parts of Florida."

Franklin's jobless rate continued its pattern of being 2.5 percentage points worse than one year ago, before the start of the current recession. In May 2008, the county had 191 people out of work from a similar sized workforce, for a 3.9 jobless rate.

Bodine said that throughout the Gulf Coast region, job declines over the past year have now spread to most of the major industries including mining logging and construction, down 18.3 percent; manufacturing, down 16.2 percent; trade, transportation, and utilities, down 4.8 percent; retail trade, down 5.6 percent; transportation, warehousing and utilities, down 7.7 percent; financial activities, down 5.6 percent; professional and business services, down 8.4 percent; and education and health services, down 1.3 percent.

The only regional industry sectors that have not declined are wholesale trade and information, both with flat job growth rates; leisure and hospitality, up 1.6 percent; and government, up 1.4 percent, due to additional federal jobs.

To assist local unemployed residents, the workforce board is administering \$1.7 million in federal stimulus funding for local workforce programs. "The board has contracted funds with Gulf Coast Community College and the Workforce Center to provide intensive services to those looking for jobs including training, and we have seen good results," said Bodine. "We have at least 100 folks in the pipeline for training and employment placement right now, and more are signing up every day."

Individuals interested in assistance should contact Michelle Weiss at the Workforce Center, 850-872-4340 ext. 145.

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Donnie Duce, spokesman for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) said if a 30-foot tall structure were to be built at the fence line 800 feet from the end of the existing runway, it would shorten the usable length of runway 13 by 500 feet.

He said that the protection zone will become even more important when, in the future, the airport implements precision approach landing procedures. Currently, planes landing at the airport make a visual approach but an instrument-based approach system, or precision approach, is featured in the airport's comprehensive development plans.

"You have to think about what's down the road," he said. "You have to protect your facility for future development. Many pilots will not land without instruments and for larger planes they are a necessity."

Opponents say most of the land is not suitable for development because it is wetland, and take issue with the appraised value.

Garlick, an expert on wetlands delineation, said he has investigated the site scientifically and contends that while some of the soils in the area are wetland soils, others are not.

"If you review the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation (NRCS) Service Atlas it does map

the subject area as hydric (wetland), according to the U.S. Hydric Soils Index. However, the soils are only an indicator and do not characterize or identify the subject site as wetlands," he wrote in an e-mail. "The criteria for identifying wetlands involve an association of wetland soils, water loving plants and hydrology. The criteria are identified by state and federal rule. In this case, Franklin County relies on the state rule."

Under state rule, Garlick said, much of the area does not qualify as wetland because the plants vegetating much of the area — saw palmetto, sand hill blueberry and smooth gallberry among others — do not qualify as wetland plants. He said several of the lots are buildable, and a lot adjacent to the contested property recently sold for \$18,000 with a residence now under construction there.

Jackel believes appraised value too high

A vocal critic of the land purchase, Jackel said the initial asking price of \$10,000 per acre, and the counteroffer of \$9,000 an acre, which was below the lowest appraisal, were both too high.

"The day that (Property Appraiser) Doris Pendleton came into the meeting and

announced that property values across the county had dropped 30 percent across-the-board, it made an indelible impression on me," Jackel said. "Twenty minutes later, we hear that the airport land was appraised at \$9,800 a year ago. I would say 30 percent less than that is fair. You do the math, \$6,800 an acre."

"I am not opposed to protecting the runway. My hang-up has always been the price," she said. "With Dan Garlick having now been transferred into the mix of owners, I think that some of the things that have happened around this airport property are unusual."

The land has undergone two appraisals by the same company, Bell, Griffith and Associates, Inc. of Tallahassee, and a review. Duce said this is normal procedure for appraisals ordered for his department or the FAA.

The first appraisal took place in April 2008 and the second was released in March 2009 after the first appraisal was reviewed by Ketchum and Associates. In 2008, Bell Griffith set the range of value after adjustment at \$9,415 to \$14,999 per acre. The more recent range of values went from \$9,038 to \$12,749 per acre, a reduction of 15 percent on the high end but a reduction of only 4 percent on the low end.

Garlick, whose company is housed in a building at

the airport, said he bought the land for \$9,000 an acre because he feared the former owners would walk away from the deal. He said he plans to offer the land to the commission at the same price he paid.

On July 1, at the end of the state's fiscal year, the county will forfeit \$10,500 in state matching funds when the joint participation agreement between the county and the state runs out.

Since the commission's next meeting is July 7, it seems certain that the state money will be lost.

Duce said the money rolls back into the state general fund and may or may not be reallocated to FDOT. He said if the money was returned, his department would try reallocating it back to the Apalachicola airport project, but noted the FDOT is struggling with budget cuts.

A grant to build a commercial paint hanger at the airport was reduced by \$150,000 earlier this month. County Planner Alan Pierce said that, if the work had already been under contract the state could not have withdrawn the funds.

If the state funds are lost or the reallocation comes too late to provide the county with the required 10 percent in matching funds, the county will have to raise the \$10,500 in order to receive the FAA award.

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uninsured patients, although there is no sliding scale.

Tice said the health department's Carrabelle clinic will not close July 1, but the matter remains on the table, with a possible reduction in service hours also under consideration.

"Right now it's left up in the air. No decision's been made," he said. "We're looking at streamlining, efficiency, and generating more additional revenue, and consolidating human resources."

"We need to be fiscally respon-

sible and at some point in times it's going to come up and I can wait until September. Everybody's been losing funding or has lost funding," he said.

"Right now we're still open and maybe there's something that will happen that can keeps us open," he said. "I don't want to close it. I expanded services because I recognized there was a need. That was three years ago and so I don't want to take a step back, but that's the way it is."

"I just wanted them to be aware of what the situation is, so when they go into budget discussions they may look more favorably on us," Tice said.

He stressed that even if the clinic is forced to shut its doors, "there's still going to be a public health piece there."

Tice cited an outreach to curb sexually transmitted diseases, family planning, immunizations, and prenatal care are just some of the core public health programs he would expect to continue at the annex.

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A Mexico Beach charter boat captain led the Masters Division at this year's 21st annual Big Bend Saltwater Classic, headquartered once again at the Carrabelle Boat Club.

Team Ventafish out of Tallahassee led the recreational team division with 461 points.

Captain Chuck Guilford and Team Koldtogo won the Master's Division this year with 238 points. A fourth generation charter boat captain from Mexico Beach who pilots the Charisma, Guilford fished the tournament on the Arrowhead, a boat belonging to teammate Langdon Flowers, of Flower's Bakery.

This year's tournament produced many new records, especially in the juniors division. Macey Musgrove's 3.85-pound flounder set a new high mark for the juniors. Junior angler Judson Upshaw set a record with his 23.25-pound grouper.

Caleb Bickerstaff's first place king mackerel set a junior's record at 28.15 pounds. This is Bickerstaff's second big year in the tourney. Last year he took first place in the black sea bass category and fifth place for grouper. Trenton Fewox set a new junior's record with a 6.6-pound Spanish mackerel. Last year he took second place for a 1.25-pound whiting.

Ben Munroe broke his own recreational division record from last year with

his 7.5-pound sheephead. This year he also won the jackpot money. Last year he was not entered in the jackpot. Clay Cantley set a tournament record for flounder in the recreational division with his 6.15-pound catch.

Steve Petty won the \$1,000 Big Ass Fish prize, sponsored by Skybox Liquors, for his 66.35-pound wahoo. This year for the first time, SeaTow offered an additional \$1,000 for the biggest fish if the angler subscribed to SeaTow's emergency service. Since Petty did not, the prize rolls over and, if next year's Big Ass Fish winner is a SeaTow customer, he or she will win an additional \$2,000.

John Buckner, of Tallahassee, was this year's Bob Deaton Memorial Trophy winner, awarded each year to the angler who scores the most individual points.

Once again this year Century boats provided a boat as a door prize anglers entered in the Saltwater Classic. The 1801 center console Yamaha with a 115-horsepower motor and a Magic Tilt trailer went to Alan Whitfield, of Macon, GA.

The Saltwater Classic has become a family tradition for many fishermen and several families fished as teams this year. The Vatter family had three generations on the water: Grandpa Dave of Wakulla Station fished with son John and grandson Travis of Crawfordville.

Recreation Team Challenge Leaderboard

Points Leaders
1) Tam Ventafish 461 2) Bluewater Bandit 393 3) Carrabelle Marine 386 4) Barnacle Bill's 377 and 5) Cuatro Amigos 375

Amberjack
1) Iron Dukes 29.20 2) Team Ventafish 23.15 and 3) R.E. Bass Construction Inc 20.30

Dolphin
1) Iron Dukes 40.15 and 2) Carrabelle Marine 17.30

Flounder
Cuatro Amigos 5.95

Grouper
1) Bluewater Bandit 28.65 2) Iron Dukes 19.65 3) Team Ventafish 19.30 and 4) Carrabelle Marine 16.60

King Mackerel
1) Team Ventafish 25.90 2) Sids Pub 24.65 3) Barnacle Bill's 19.45 4) R.E. Bass Construction Inc. 18.55 and 5) Ebc Fishing Team 17.45

Mangrove or Red snapper
1) Carrabelle Marine and 5) Barnacle Bill's 9.70

The Hope family of Crawfordville also brought three generations to Carrabelle: Daughter Brittany, who took fourth place for black sea bass, fished with her mom and

dad, Leslie and Joe, and her grandfathers, Dale Hope of Crawfordville, and Wayne Branlau, who traveled down from South Carolina for the contest.

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Saltwater Classic benefit OAR, the Organization for Artificial Reefs, Inc. a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit group of marine enthusiasts and artificial reef advocates based in Tallahassee.

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LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

As part of their "take a soldier fishing program," Company Commander Scott Barry of Tallahassee fished with the Freedom Boat Club this year. Barry, who is a reservist, said he has helped Gerald Floyd, the program's founder, arrange for other soldiers to fish but this is his first visit to the tournament.

Redfish
1) Cuatro Amigos 6.15 2) Bluewater Bandit 6.05 and 3) Ebc Fishing Team 4.35

Spanish or Cero Mackerel
1) Cuatro Amigos 3.80 2-tie) Carrabelle Marine and Team Young Gunz 3.50, 4) Team Ventafish 3.05 and 5-tie) R.E. Bass Construction Inc and Barnacle Bill's 1.20

Spotted Sea Trout
1) Barnacle Bill's 2.65 2) R.E. Bass Construction Inc 2.35 and 3) Cuatro Amigos 2.25 and 4-tie) Carrabelle Marine and Bluewater Bandit 1.75

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Awesome All-Stars

The Franklin County AA All Star team has closed out its memorable 2009 season and wants to thank all the parents and supporters who came out to cheer them on. They want to extend a big Thank You to the coaches and a special thank you to Mrs. Ava Amison for a splashing good time at their All-Star party. Coaches in back row, from left, are Eddie Moses, Ottice Amison, Greg Sasnett, Brian Kent and, not pictured, TJ Pendleton. Middle row, from left, are All Stars Jacob Pendleton, Christian Amison, Bryce Kent, Tonner Segree, Lucas Sasnett, Christopher Newell, and Tyrell Green. Front row, from left, are All Stars Elan Blich, Micah McLeod, Ethan Riley, Ethan Moses and Matthew Gay.

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FWC: Steer clear of nesting beach birds

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"Just approaching a bird is enough to flush it away from its nest," said Ricardo Zambrano, an FWC biologist. "When birds fly off their eggs, it exposes the chicks to predators."

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This time of year, a variety of protected birds nest on Florida's beaches, in-

cluding terns, black skimmers, snowy plovers and Wilson's plovers.

The FWC and other agencies posted signs earlier this year around many nesting areas on Florida's beaches. These closed areas protect nesting birds from unnecessary disturbances and prevent humans from stepping on their nests. All of these species nest in the open and lay well-camouflaged eggs directly on the sand, making them nearly invisible to predators and to the untrained human eye.

"We need the public's help in protecting these spectacular birds while enjoying the beach," Zambrano said. "Beach-nesting birds are part of Florida's unique natural heritage."

For more information on nesting shorebirds, go to www.MyFWC.com/CONSERVATION/ConservationYou_Living_w_Wildlife_shorebirds.htm.



COURTESY OF FWC

A snowy plover on the nest.

Richardson announces candidacy

Former rep to run for Florida Senate

On May 22, former state Rep. Curtis Richardson officially announced his candidacy for the Florida Senate, District 6, seeking the seat being vacated by long-term legislator Al Lawson.



CURTIS RICHARDSON

After 28 years of public service, Lawson must leave the Legislature because of term limits. District 6 encompasses all or parts of 11 counties from Madison to Bay.

"Senator Lawson has been a superb legislator and has done an outstanding job representing the citizens of North Florida. His absence will leave a tremendous void in our local delegation," Richardson said.

Richardson said that because of his experience and proven leadership, he will be able to immediately fill that void. He said he will use his almost 20 years in public service to provide the exemplary level of representation citizens have come to expect.

"I'd like to return to the Legislature to continue to be a voice for all Floridians and shape public policy to make Florida a great state for all of its citizens," Richardson said. "I will continue to fight for children and families, advocate for public education, look out for the interests of our rural communities and be a champion for state employees, the elderly and the disabled."

Richardson's experience includes work as a school psychologist in the Gadsden School District, and service as an aide to former Commissioner of Education Betty Castor and the late Gov. Lawton Chiles. For the past 10 years, he has been a consultant for the University of South Florida's Shared Services Network Project.

Richardson was first elected to public office in 1990 as a member of the Leon County School Board. He served on the school board for six years, two as chairman.

In 2000, he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives, representing District 8, and served for eight years, until he had to leave in 2008 because of term limits. As a legislator, he served on a wide variety of committees and was a champion for public education, an advocate of quality affordable health care, a staunch defender of children and families, and a strong voice for state employees. He was widely recognized for his legislative leadership and accomplishments.

Richardson is a 35-year resident of Tallahassee with an extensive history of community service. He is married to Judge Nina Ashenafi Richardson, and they have two daughters, Carina, 8, a student at Florida High, and Aida, 3, who attends Creative Preschool in Tallahassee. They are longtime, active members of Bethel AME Church, where Richardson is an usher and trustee.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Representative Leonard L. Bemby Florida House of Representatives, District 10

From the desk of State Representative Leonard Bemby

Dear Friends:

Thank you for allowing me to represent you in the Florida House of Representatives.

I am humbled by the responsibility you have given me to serve as your representative in our state capital. What happens in the Florida Legislature has serious implications to our daily lives and those of our children and grandchildren. I take this responsibility very seriously as your State Representative.

The 2009 Legislative Session was – in a word – challenging. The fragile nature of our economy and the shortfalls in our state revenue have made providing for the needs of our communities difficult. And, frankly, the Legislature missed some opportunities to reprioritize our spending and run a more responsible, accessible and accountable state government.

While the session provided its share of challenges, it also provided some opportunities. For instance, I was proud to sponsor successful legislation that:

- Protects our agricultural community from the threat of plant pests and disease.
- Provides our small and fiscally constrained counties with significant tax relief.
- Revises confidentiality laws for clinical psychologists to better protect the public interest.

Additionally, I am pleased that the Legislature restored \$21 million in library funding that is critical to our small counties, as well with the further development of a \$20 million ethanol research project and facility in our district that is expected to create 250 jobs.

I introduced a number of key amendments that improved other bills during the legislative process. I also weighed in on many important issues through questions and debate on the floor of the House of Representatives.

It is very important to me that my fellow legislators have the opportunity to know and understand our issues and values in District 10 so they can better understand our rural attitudes. I made it clear that I supported few, if any, new fees or taxes for my constituency.

I want to hear your concerns and share information and ideas. Please call or stop by our legislative offices in Madison, Chiefland or Tallahassee.

Representative Bemby's Initiatives:

- ✓ Protect the interests of small and rural counties, provide them tax relief and protect them from unfunded state mandates
- ✓ Publish state spending and budget information on the internet for all to see
- ✓ Create jobs by maintaining \$20 million in funding for ethanol research here in our district
- ✓ Stop a premature rule making process that would force residents to buy new and more expensive septic tanks
- ✓ Streamline the permitting process so we can compete with Georgia to provide jobs
- ✓ Legislature restored \$21 million in funding for our libraries throughout our district
- ✓ To maintain proper funding for our local law enforcement, fire rescue and Department of Corrections employees
- ✓ Protect state workers from pay cuts in the budget process
- ✓ Allow our school systems the flexibility they need to make it through these tough economic times
- ✓ Protect our farming and agricultural interests from unnecessary permitting and development intrusion
- ✓ Provided our small counties with significant tax relief in the implementation of Amendment #4
- ✓ Continue to protect our small county government structure

For a detailed summary of the 2009 Legislative Session and to read the full state budget log on to: www.myfloridahouse.gov

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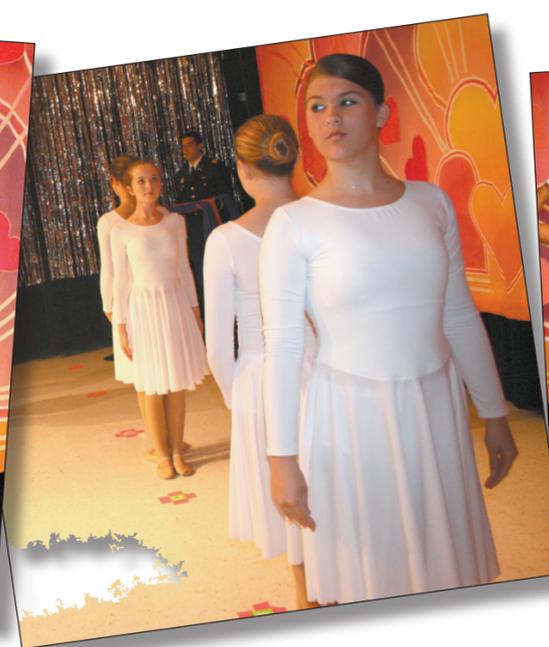
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The Gift of Love

LEFT: In the show's opening number, performed by the "Hot Flashes," the shoulder strap on Pam Nobles' leotard snapped midway through, prompting a hilarious moment. Nobles breaks out laughing as her mom, June Gray, lends a hand. **MIDDLE:** Focusing on her next move in "This Old Flag" is Cecillia James. **RIGHT:** From left, Whitney Vause, Annalyse Wharrie and Parrish Johnson strut in a tribute to famed Broadway choreographer Bob Fosse.



Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN

Recital celebrates heart's emotion

The beauty of love dominated the Franklin County School stage May 30 as Pam Nobles Studios presented its 27th annual recital.

Entitled "The Gift of Love," the production focused on the many facets of love, whether it be love of God, love between a man and a woman, love of parent to child, love of friends, love of life and love of country.

"We live in a world that sometimes feels like it is spiraling downward when you hear the news on TV about the horrible things going on around us," wrote Nobles in her welcome. "If people would just focus on loving each other more, our world would be a much better place."

Highlighting the evening recital was a senior solo by Parrish Johnson, who has studied dance for 13 years. Johnson also received a scholarship from the studios at the high school graduation.

Also receiving awards for their commitment and dedication were Haley Mathes (11 years), Whitney Vause (12), Linda Griffin and Sara Ward (14), Linda Maloy (20), Rita Theis (22) and June Gray and Debby Ruffner (23).

Registration for next year's dance season is Aug. 18 and 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Apalachicola studio.

Taking part in "A Mother and a Father's Prayer" are, from left, Brooke Moore, Mallorie Shiver, Chelsea Register, and Amber Henning.



Performing in "When I'm By Your Side" are Ella Friedman, Lexi Holland, Krista Kelley, Kalahn Kent, Jadya Luberto, Alyssa Martina, Alyssa Robinson, Eva Strickland and Morgan Vaughn.



Helping to perform "This Old Flag" is 2nd Lt. Derek Brown, a 2005 Apalachicola High School graduate who just a weekend earlier graduated from West Point. Flanking him are Katie Maxwell, left, and Sara Ward.

Art worth pondering

By Despina Williams
Florida Freedom Newspapers

Carrabelle artist Leon Wiesener is a thoughtful sort, so it's not surprising that his new art gallery would be a bit high concept.

Located at 409 Tallahassee Street in Carrabelle, Perpenders Gallery, which Wiesener founded with wife, Frances, does not peddle "regional art."

It doesn't sell mermaid portraits, dolphin oil paintings or things made out of seashells.

"No more seagulls, no more pelicans," said Wiesener with a chuckle.

Wiesener has opted for a fine art approach, including works from his personal collection of drawings and lithographs by Picasso, Matisse, Chagall and other masters in the gallery's two exhibition rooms.

Wiesener has installed motion sensors on all windows and doors to protect the pieces, which range in price from \$100 to \$1,500.

Though he and Frances have enjoyed the artwork for many years, they're ready to let the pieces go, particularly since their children have no interest in inheriting them.

"Our children told us to get rid of it before we die," laughed Frances.

Wiesener hopes interior decorators designing million dollar homes will visit the gallery to "match the quality of artwork to the home."

The high profile work will share gallery space with the best of the area's artistic talent - Tallahassee photographer Ed Babcock, Crawfordville jeweler Mary Reynolds, Carra-

GALLERY OPEN

Perpenders Gallery, located at 409 Tallahassee Street in Carrabelle, will host a grand opening ceremony on Friday, July 3 at 10 a.m.

belle watercolorist Joseph Kotzman and Wiesener himself.

An award-winning pastel artist, Wiesener will exhibit some of his drawings, along with playful mixed media creations he calls "travel boxes."

The large boxes, which are six inches deep, combine pastel drawings with other images depicting places he's traveled.

The works showcase Wiesener's offbeat sense of humor.

"Dog Island vs. Hand Island" offers a comparison of pests found in both locations, including yellow flies, mosquitoes and "no-see-ums."

Another work is entitled "Where the Giant Squirrels Live." (The answer: Iowa.)

The gallery will also showcase Wiesener's handcrafted "nasty boxes," take-offs of Appalachian children's toys that bite.

Gallery visitors should handle Nasty Duck and Nasty Scotty, a silver-toothed dog, with care.

Perpenders will exhibit 25 to 30 pieces at a time, with artwork rotated every two to three weeks.

The Wieseners have been diligently sprucing up the gallery, housed inside a charming old home, for the July 3 open house.



Perpenders Gallery, founded by Leon and Frances Wiesener, is located at 409 Tallahassee Street in Carrabelle.



In addition to works by Picasso and other masters, the gallery will feature the work of local talents like Carrabelle watercolorist Joseph Kotzman.

"We've had a lot of three T-shirt days," said Frances of the sweltering summer heat.

Wiesener studied under German Expressionist Karl Zerby at Florida State University and was an associate professor of art at the University of Tennessee for a decade.

In naming the gallery "Perpenders," Wiesener chose a word that means people who ponder a solution diligently, which speaks to his passionate commitment to his craft.

"Perpend means to ponder. As a verb it's an act, an intellectual act, and as a noun, it's someone who participates in that act," said Wiesener, who hopes the gallery's visitors will become perpenders as well.

"Whoever comes here is going to be put in the situation of trying to ponder the difference of what other galleries are offering and what we're offering."

"Whether it's their taste, we don't know. But at least it's an alternative."

Weddings



Heather Fasbener, Corey Maxwell to marry

The parents and grandparents of Heather Fasbener are proud to announce her upcoming marriage to Corey Maxwell.

Corey is the son of Ronnie Maxwell and Cindy Wefing, and grandson of Margaret and the late Corky Richards, all of Apalachicola. Heather is the granddaughter of Wayne and Carolyn Butler, of Apalachicola.

The wedding will take place at Lafayette Park on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at 6 p.m. in Apalachicola. Reception will follow afterwards at the Eastpoint Fire House.

All family and friends are invited.



Crystal Taylor, Doug Sloan marry

Crystal Taylor and Doug Sloan were united in marriage on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 6 p.m. at Lafayette Park in Apalachicola.

The Rev. Ricky Jones, of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, in Apalachicola performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Carla and Buddy Page, of Apalachicola.

The groom is the son of Clara Brigham, of Arkansas.

Community BRIEFS

National forest could raise cost of pass

The Apalachicola National Forest is taking public comments on a proposal to increase the fee for the annual pass from \$40 to \$50 per year. The fee for the pass has not been increased in over 10 years. Of the money raised through the fees, 95 percent goes toward operating and improving sites within the forest-like campgrounds.

Cathy Briggs, recreation manager on the Apalachicola National Forest, said the Forest Service recognizes how important these sites are to local communities and those who use the sites. This fee increase will help them maintain the recreation sites to the level and quality that people have come to expect.

People who would like to comment on the proposed increase can send comments by July 10, 2009 to: Apalachicola National Forest, 57 Taff Drive, in Crawfordville or e-mail cbriggs@fs.fed.us

Croom, Hauser, Martina appointed to Workforce Board

On June 2, the county commission voted unanimously to reappoint Betty Croom, of Apalachicola, for another three-year term on the Gulf Coast Workforce Board.

At the same time, they moved Sheila Hauser from a slot representing the private sector to an economic development slot after Lynn Martina, of Eastpoint, was appointed as private sector representative. Hauser qualifies for the economic development slot because of her work with the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce.

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DCF sets up office in health department

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Department of Children and Families has made good on its promise to start up a local office to help local residents in determining eligibility for public assistance programs.

Diana Anthony, with 25 years experience with DCF, has begun work setting up an office at the Franklin County Health Department, at 139 12th Street in Apalachicola.

Robyn Gordon, operational program administrator for access for Circuit 2, said a working agreement that can be renewed in six-month intervals has been drawn up with the health department. As soon as connectivity issues are resolved, and Anthony has completed a two-day refresher course, she will begin office hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We are glad that she is there and we do hope residents of Franklin County will take the opportunity to apply for assistance they potentially are eligible for," Gordon said. "We asked for a local access line and we're checking right now to see what they consider local."

"We're working issues out with the telephone," Gordon said. "People will be able to call her direct without going through the health department switchboard."

Anthony's primary responsibility is to determine the eligibility for public assistance programs for residents of the county, she said.

She will be completing interviews locally, either by telephone, which is the preferred method, or if a customer needs to come in, she'll see them face-to-face at the health department, Gordon said.

"They won't have to connect to someone in

another county for their interview or for case processing," she said. "That will be done by Miss Anthony."

Customers will still need to use the customer call center if they have changes to report, or if they want to make inquiries on their case. They can reach the call center by calling 1-866-762-2237 or by accessing the Web site www.myflorida.com/accessflorida.

Gordon said the online Myaccess account can address questions such as what benefits are available, obtaining a temporary Medicaid card, when reviews are due or when an appointment is scheduled.

Community partners are still being used to help with the application process. Any businesses or organization interested in become a community partner can call community partner liaison Erin Lamonica at (850) 488-0675 ext. 236.

Gordon said DCF staff has made headway in reducing the backlog in Circuit 2. "Applications fluctuate from day-to-day but overall, from February to the present, we've reduced backlog in the circuit by 63 percent," she said. "We're continuing to work on that."

Applications for DCF programs have seen a spike of late, as individuals are affected by the ongoing recession.

Gordon said the county had 1,136 active clients for food stamps last month, a rise of 15.7 percent over the 982 active food stamp clients in May 2008.

In terms of Medicaid, there were 1,360 clients in the county last month, a rise of 11.5 percent over the 1,220 people on the program in May 2008.

A total of 1,798 county residents took advantage of DCF programs last month, an increase of 12.4 percent over the 1,600 clients in May 2008.

Bloodmobile in county next week

Area residents who are willing and able to donate blood are asked to come out and give next week when the Bay Medical Bloodmobile is in the county.

A special request has been made that folks consider donating in the name of Wallace Hill, a longtime resident of Franklin County who lives in Apalachicola. Hill is battling leukemia and is in

need of blood transfusions. The insurance company will only cover this to a certain point and therefore he needs blood donated in his name to help cover the cost.

Married to Dot Porter, and brother to Helen Quackenbush, Hill and his wife are both retired from the Franklin County School District, where he was a vocational

education teacher. He has been an active member of the American Legion in Apalachicola.

The Bay Medical Blood Mobile will be in Apalachicola on Monday, June 29 at the Natural Medicine Shoppe from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donors will receive a free "Blood Donor Beach Bum" beach towel and in addition, will have a choice of a Subway cookie

or drawing a card from the fishbowl for various "gifts" from local businesses.

On Wednesday, July 1 from 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. the bloodmobile will be at the Carrabelle branch of the Franklin County Library, where all donors also will receive a free beach towel.

For more info, call Aimee Palmer, area blood drive coordinator at Bay Medical, at (850) 747-6570.

Legion Post 82 to host Fourth of July lunch

Did you have a fun weekend at the Saltwater Classic? The weather sure was nice.

You always seem to run into someone you know, when you're out and about. Talked to a couple who are now from Port St. Joe. Come to find out, they were from Centralia, IL, which is a hop-skip-and-a-jump from my hometown of Granite City, IL.

When I was at the VA

clinic in Tally, visited with several from Franklin County. I had driven Jerry Hartnett up for his appointment.

Sunday was the first day of summer-and we sure have been hot. Got the old A/C full speed! Don't forget to take your vitamin B1 in the morning to ward off the yellow flies. And if you do get bit, make a paste of meat tenderizer with

water. Put some on the bite to draw out the sting and reduce the swelling.

On July 4, services will be held at our American Legion Post 82, in the village, at 1 p.m., followed by a BBQ lunch. We will have Thomas Lee's world famous ribs, potato salad, beans, and Tom Larsen's corn on the cob. A donation of \$7 will be collected at the door. Come enjoy the afternoon with us! At 4 p.m. they will draw the winning ticket for the Ford Taurus

wagon.

Members of the Lanark Boat Club will hold a picnic on the Fourth, but don't have all the details yet.

Keep Deputy Tony Sapp in your prayers. He was injured in a rollover accident, while on duty.

Be kind to one another and check in on the sick and housebound and remember God's last name is not damn!

Until next time, God Bless America, our troops, the poor, homeless, and hungry.



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh



WORLD AROUND YOU
Bill Mahan

UF provides lawn, garden publications

Attention all you gardeners out there! A common question I get from folks around the county is, "Do you have any information about ...?" You can fill in the blank as to what topic people are looking for information on. So this week, I decided to take a proactive approach to letting all our gardeners out there know we have some new and updated fact sheets available for you.

The following is a list of lawn and garden related fact sheets that were recently updated or are new UF IFAS publications.

Growing Gardenias in Florida - Circular 1098, is a 7-page illustrated fact sheet by Joan Bradshaw and Sydney Park Brown, providing guidelines for growing this evergreen shrub known for the sweet scent of its wax-like blossoms — site selection, planting, maintenance practices, pests and other problems, cultivars, and propagation. May 2009. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/MG336>

Giant Swallowtail, Orangedog, Caterpillar/Butterfly - Revised 5-page illustrated fact sheet (EENY - 008) by H. J. McAuslane. It describes this striking, wonderfully "exotic"-

looking butterfly that is very abundant in Florida, and whose larva is the well known "orangedog" that is a minor pest of sweet orange and other members of the citrus family — its distribution, description, life cycle, host plants, biological control and other control methods. May 2009. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/IN134>

The Red Admiral Butterfly - EENY-446 is a 4-page illustrated fact sheet by Donald W. Hall and Jerry F. Butler. It describes this distinctive, medium sized, brightly colored black and orange butterfly that is common throughout much of the United States, including our area, its distribution, description, life cycle and biology, and hosts. April 2009. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/IN810>

Establishment of Leavenworth's Tickseed (Coreopsis leavenworthii) on Roadside Right-of-Ways - ENH-1104, is a 7-page illustrated fact sheet by Jeffrey G. Norcini, Anne L. Frances and Carrie Reinhardt Adams, provides recommendations for establishing this upright wildflower with showy yellow petals and brownish center that occurs almost exclusively in Florida,

including ecotypes, site selection, site preparation, sowing seeds, establishment and maintenance. April 2009. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/EP368>

Sharpening Tools for Landscaping and Gardening - ENH-1120 is a 5-page illustrated fact sheet by Geoffrey C. Denny. The publication discusses the required equipment and supplies to sharpen common landscape and garden tools, as well as the proper sharpening techniques. May 2009. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/EP379>

Black Spot of Rose - PP268 is a 5-page illustrated fact sheet by Jozer Mangandi and Natalia A. Peres that describes a fungal disease that that affects nearly all rose cultivars worldwide — causal agent and geographic distribution, symptoms and control. May 2009 - <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/PP268>

If you don't have Internet access and would like a copy of any of these fact sheets, then please let me know, and I'll be happy to send you a hard copy. Happy gardening!

Bill Mahan is director of the Franklin UF-IFAS Extension Program. Contact him at 653-9337, 697-2112, ext. 360; or via e-mail at bmahan@ufl.edu.

Obituaries

Robert L. Rodgers

Robert L. Rodgers, 67, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2009 at Select Specialty Hospital in Tallahassee.

Born in Jacksonville, he moved from Arcadia to Perry in 1998.

Son of the late Gerald Rodgers and Idel Bridges, Rodgers was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He played the piano for the Senior Center. He enjoyed writing gospel songs, writing a book, and playing music.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ida J. Rodgers, of Perry, son;

Robert Rodgers, of Fontenot, TX., a daughter; Polly Ann Grantham, of Louisiana; two brothers; Thomas Rodgers, of Madison, and Danny Talbert, of Apalachicola; two sisters; Jean Watson, of Apalachicola, and Peggy Talbert, eight grandchildren, one great grand-child and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon, June 17. Interment followed at Pineview Memorial Gardens.

Fonda Leigh Glass Ashton

Fonda Leigh Glass Ashton, 43, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

Fonda was born March 9, 1966 in Orlando, and later moved to Eastpoint. She was a loving person and touched many lives.

Preceded in death by her father, James Robert Glass, she is survived by daughters Alyssa Evans and Beverly Ashton; son Justin Ashton;

grandchildren Cheyanne Johnson, Madison Evans, and Jasmine Evans; mother Lisa Sloane; grandparents Charles and Charri Lynn Rosalis; along with aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, June 27 at 2 p.m. at Lighthouse Holiness Church, 1921 Leighanna Lane, in Southport. Any questions, call (205) 478-7164.

Card of Thanks

Tommy and Tammy Stevens along with their daughters, Jill and Brandy, would like to convey "Thanks" on behalf of their entire family to friends, family and the entire community of Apalachicola for all the help and kindness shown to us after the loss of our son and brother, Hakan Stevens. As well as a thank you to everyone involved with the fundraising event that helped with the costs of Hakan's memorial. The love, kindness and support during this very difficult time has been tremendous and greatly appreciated.

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GCCC enrollment increases for Summer 2009

According to the most recent figures, Gulf Coast Community College is posting an 8.2 percent overall FTE increase in enrollment for the Summer A 2009 term as compared to the Summer A 2008 term.

The highest percentage of GCCC's student population groups also showed a positive increase of 7.6 percent FTE and 6.4 percent in head count. FTE, which stands for "Full Time Equivalent" is an enrollment calculation representing one student enrollment of 13.3 credit hours. All figures are considered preliminary until final numbers are calculated after the end of the semester.



The increase can be broken down into:

- General education and university transfer (degree-seeking) students increased 6.3 percent in head count while FTE increased 5.7 percent.

- Postsecondary vocational (career-based, terminal programs) classes rose by 1.8 percent in head count and 5.9 percent in FTE.

- College Prep numbers increased 19.0 percent in head

count and 32.0 percent in FTE.

Summer B preliminary numbers are also showing an overall increase of 32 percent as compared to Summer B 2008. The highest percentage of GCCC's student population groups also showed a positive increase of 46.6 percent FTE and 43.1 percent in head count which can be broken down into:

- General education and university transfer (degree-seeking) students increased 40.3 percent in head count while FTE increased 44.0 percent

- Postsecondary vocational (career-based, terminal programs) classes rose by 66.7 percent in head count and 60.0

percent in FTE.

•College Prep numbers increased 65.0 percent in head count and 66.7 percent in FTE.

"Summer is no longer a 'slow time' for dynamic institutions like ours," said Dr. Jim Kerley, president. "There is considerable activity across the entire college, including credit classes, continuing education, and even summer camps like Kids College. The large gains in our short Summer B semester are due to offering more classes than ever before, and as the numbers show, students are responding to these flexible schedules."

ABC Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Apalachicola Bay Charter School students for making the honor roll of the entire 2008-2009 school year:

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: Bradley Lee.

First grade

All A's: Alyssa Robinson, Eden Rash, Connor Messer, Rebecca Willis, Scout McLemore, Bailey Herrington, Alyssa Martina, Savannah Parker, Camille Williams. A/B: Jake Norred, Allison Register, Kassidy Raffield, Krista Kelley, Elan Blitch, Chloe Davis, Jayden Justice, Kalahn Kent, Brock Shiver, Faith Cooper, Hunter Davis, Summer Granger.

Second grade

All A's: Christian Amison, Bryce Kent, Wesley Benoit, Kevin Flores, Jaiden Hill, Alexis Johnson, Damien Freeman, Angel Henning,

Phoenix Swords, Eva Varnes, Morgan Vaughn.

A/B: Lexi Holland, Charlie Carter, Karolynn Myers, Ian Lashley, Christopher Newell, Sophia Kirvin, Antiuana Croom, Matthew Cox, Cole Smith.

Perfect Attendance: Bryce Kent.

Third grade

All A's: Rebekah Lee, Natalie Terhune, Ethan Moses, Faith Sapp, Lucas Sasnett, Savannah Montgomery, Corie Cates, Brooke Martina, Kate McLemore, Camilla Shiver, Connor Rash, Jaylunn Obee, Landen Abel, Michaela Cassidy, Katelyn Denney, Sara Pouncey, Allie Zingarelli, Joseph Martinez.

A/B: Amanda Butler, Shaylee Crews, Sara Gibbs, Nic Joanos, Kobe Myers, Landon Nash, Simon Hodgson, Sam Salman, Preston Burkett, Brian Barfield, Gabriel Guidry, Jacob Pendleton, Alyssia Shirah, Goerjanna Meyers, Cameron Wynn.

Perfect Attendance: Simon Hodgson, Lucas Sasnett, Jacob Pendleton, Allie Zingarelli, Alyssia Shirah.

Fourth grade

All A's: Jayla Alley, Allie Kirvin, Marena Benoit, Mallorie Shiver, Eve Bond, Emily Crosby, Emily Zingarelli, Maxwell Davis, Andrew Nguyen, Astrid Ramirez.

A/B: Holly Chambers, Hunter Butler, Marshall Sweet, Derone Philpotts, Anna Smith, Kenneth Wilson, Kacey Howard, Jaylon Gainer, Katy Spann, Logan Crosby.

Perfect Attendance: Greyson Creamer, Marshall Sweet.

Fifth grade

All A's: Adriane Elliott, Skylah Obee, Dallas Shiver, Joshua Patriotis.

A/B: Raven Carr, Amber Henning, Maliek Rhodes, Daniel Roberts, Maya Blitch, Celest Creamer, Gabby Bond, Glory Miller, Spencer Strickland.

Sixth grade

All A's: Brooke Frye, Chase Taranto.

A/B: Trinity Henderson, Kelsey Shuler, Amanda Anthony, Gracyn Butler, Sasha Carr, Era Cooper, Logan Allen, Corey Bratton, Katie Seger, Alyssa Varnes, Jared Zingarelli.

Perfect Attendance: Travis Moore.

Seventh Grade

All A's: Kristen Burkett, Graham Kirvin.

A/B: Holly Furr, Christian Jones, James Newell, Brandy Parker, Gracyn Kirvin, James Bailey, Antonio Croom, Jessica Shields, Samantha Shiver, Mercury Wynn.

Eighth Grade

All A's: Elisha Patriotis, Morgan Walker, Whitney Vause.

A/B: Hannah Pruet, Coyer Causseaux, Seth Ward, Griffin Kahn, Christina Collins and Emily Cash.

Franklin County Honor Roll

The following is the fourth nine-week honor roll for the Franklin County School. Congratulations to all our middle and high school students.

A/B: Theresa Carr, Sami Coulter, Gary Johnson, Tanner Klink, Lyndsey Mahaffee, Emerald Norris, Christina Pateritsas, Harely Tucker, Tiffany Varnes,

6th Grade

A/B: Lacey Amerson, Tressie Buffkin, Julie Diestelhorst, Curtis Gordie, Zoie Lance, Justin Holland, Macey Hunt, Morgan Martin, Samantha Marxsen, Summer Medley, Morgan Mock, Tyler Rowell, Payton Smith, Michael Strops, Aaliyah West, Calli Westbrook.

10th Grade

All A's: Ashley Moseley, Isabel Pateritsas, Shelby Shiver, James Winfield. A/B: Robbie Butler, Tiffany Carroll, Breanna Cook, Cody Daniels, Jessica Galloway, Jimmy Goggins, Lakota Humble, Chantelle Lucas, Hannah Schooley

11th Grade

All A's: Dustin Putnal, Tydrun Wynn. A/B: Kateleen Brannan, Adrienne Chambers, Deniser Clark, Maranda Coatney, Damien Davis, Cecillia James, Heather Kemper, Garry Larsen, Derick Rhodes, Russell Simmons

7th Grade

A/B: Ryan Babb, Kristen Bryan, Jesse Cameron, Ashley Carroll, Deborah Dempsey, Laura Gallegos, Jathan Martin, Logan McLeod, Leann Nichols, Wesley Norred, Brook Pittman, Lea Venable, Bria Walker

8th Grade

A/B: Morgan Kelley, Carla Lewis, Stephanie Marxsen, Shelby Myers, Miranda Pilger, Kyndl Schoelles, Chena Segree, Katie Wood,

9th Grade

All A's: Jessica Dempsey, Deanna Quick, Brianna Riddle, Tiffani Schmidt, Kristine Thompson, Adreenah Wynn

12th Grade

All A's: Khrystal Davis, Tomilee Dowden, Sarah Hadsock, Parrish Johnson, Asenath Thomas, Zachary Ward, Cheree Whiddon. A/B: Gene Anderson, Miranda Banks, Erica Davis, Jeremy James, Patrick Jones, Dakota Klink, Shelby Lipscomb, Ryanna Lockley, Angela Ochala, Tevin Ray, Derek Salyer, Elodie Ward

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TDC announces 2009-10 grant cycle

The Franklin County Tourist Development Council (TDC) opens its 2009-10 grant cycle for Off Season and Sustaining Grants beginning July 3.

The deadline for returning applications is Aug. 3, with notification of grant awards to be mailed on or before Oct. 1.

The TDC funds two separate grant programs annually. The Off Season Grant program is intended to help promote tourism-based events and activities which reflect the county's natural, historical and/or cultural attributes.

The Sustaining Grants Program is intended to help supplement operating expenses for tourism-related facilities or museums which promote the county's history, culture and nature.

Last year the TDC funded \$75,000 for Off-Season Grant awards, \$5,000 for \$500 special request awards and \$100,000 for sustaining grants. For fiscal year 2009-10, the TDC has allocated \$180,000 for the 2009-2010 grant programs and another \$20,000 for publicity of events.

The 2009-10 TDC Off Season Grant allocation is \$80,000. This grant provides funding for festivals, sponsorships and assistance grants, and is subdivided into three categories: festival, sponsorship and assistance.

Festival grants are provided to support organizations in producing and promoting large, multi-day events that result in high tourist demand and economic return. Each festival grant award is \$7,500. A total of three festival grants may be awarded for the 2009-10 cycle. Sustaining Grant



recipients are not eligible for this award. Anticipated attendance should be in excess of 5,000 people.

Sponsorship Grants are provided to support organizations in producing and promoting mid-size, multi-day events that result in high tourist demand and economic return. Anticipated attendance for these events should be a minimum of 2,000 people. Each sponsorship grant award is \$5,000. A total of six Sponsorship Grants may be awarded for the 2009-10 cycle.

Assistance Grants are provided to assist organizations in producing and promoting full-day, recurring events which generate strong tourist demand and economic benefits. The anticipated attendance for these events should be a minimum of 400 people. Each assistance grant award is \$2,000. A total of 11 Assistance Grants may be awarded in the 2009-10 cycle.

A third, non-specific "Special Request Grant" category is available year-round to accommodate funding for unforeseen tourism related events/activities countywide. A total of \$5,500 will be allocated for the 2009-2010 season and may be awarded as 11 separate \$500 awards

The TDC's Sustaining Grant Program allocation

for 2009-10 is \$100,000. This grant is intended to support ongoing operations for existing tourist destinations. Allocations will be divided among qualified applicants. Sustaining Grant award recipients are limited to one application for either a \$5,000 Sponsorship Grant or a \$2,000 Assistance Grant.

The total allocation in all categories is subject to the availability of funds. The FCTDC may revise category allocations without notice prior to making awards. Grant awards are for the sole purpose of promoting events in Franklin County that will attract visitors.

Grant applications for events that are primarily fundraising events for organizations are not eligible.

Any Florida non-profit organization is eligible to submit an application for review by the TDC Grants Committee.

To learn more or to request a grant application, please call Fran Edwards at the TDC Administrative Office, 653-8678.

On or after July 3, 2009, you may download an application from the TDC website at www.anaturalescape.com or pick one up from the TDC Office at 17 1/2 Avenue E, in Apalachicola.

NOTICE OF TRANSMITTAL OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, to consider transmitting proposed changes to the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use Map Series to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for review. The proposed changes include:

~~Delete Policy 2.2(n) of the Future Land Use Element: Marina Village Center: The intent of the Marina Village Center Land Use category is to create a southern coastal fishing village focused on a marina that provides access to Ochlocknee Bay. In addition to the marina, the village may contain a mixture of related activities including retail, office, hotel, restaurant, entertainment and residential uses.~~

~~Allowable Uses within the Marina Village Center land use shall be limited to (1) Retail Commercial, (2) Hotel/motel, (3) Entertainment, (4) Restaurants, (5) Marina including dry storage, marine fueling, and other uses necessary to support marina operations (6) Water dependent tourist commercial facilities, (7) Multifamily Residential; condominium; and private residence clubs; time share and other forms of fractional ownership, (8) Single Family Residential, (9) Office, (10) Recreation, (11) Public and Private Utilities, and (12) other similar or compatible uses.~~

~~The performance standards for the Marina Village Center are: non-Residential floor Area Ratio: .30, Residential Density: 2.0 Du/gross acres, Maximum ISR :80, Minimum common open space 25%, and all applicable provisions of Franklin County Zoning Code. The Marina Village Center shall be served by central water and wastewater. Developer shall provide central sewer and water unless the capital improvements element of a local government is amended to provide such service.~~

~~Clustering is allowed as provided by the Franklin County Zoning Code or by Planned Unit Development Ordinance (PUD). The minimum lot size that applies to the cluster development shall be determined at the time of zoning or PUD review. The total number of dwelling units allowed within a cluster development shall not exceed the number of dwelling units allowed under this land use category. Areas which are not included within lots or used for roads, accessways, bodies of water, common recreation facilities, service facilities or infrastructure shall be designated by the developer as common open space.~~

~~In conjunction with state and federal dredge and fill permit applications, the applicant shall survey the entire site for the presence of state and federally listed species. Such surveys shall be incorporated into the biological assessment portion of the dredge and fill permit application and be taken into consideration in clustering of development.~~

~~A stormwater management system will be designed to comply with the standards for Outstanding Florida Waters (OFW).~~

~~Delete Policy 2.2(o) of the Future Land Use Element: Carrabelle East Village: This category is generally intended to create a self-sustaining community with a mixture of functionally integrated land uses anchored by a Village Center. This category will complement the existing community of Carrabelle and create places to live, work and shop in the context of promoting moderately priced housing and economic development opportunities. Complementary activities for the enjoyment of village residents, including recreational, leisure, cultural, religious, and educational activities are also components of this district. The residential components of the village will include various density ranges and housing types, but the overall density in this category will be between 1 and 3 dwelling units per gross acre. Village residential, cottage residential, and estate/conservation residential opportunities will be created in a manner to maximize vehicular and pedestrian linkages to shopping, employment, recreational and other complementary activities while at the same time promoting compatibility among land uses. Clustering development on portions of a site that do not have high environmental sensitivity in order to minimize disturbance and preserving large open spaces in order to provide shared access are requirements of this category. Flexibility in design techniques is also promoted in order to achieve the goals and objectives of this category.~~

~~Allowable Uses within the Carrabelle East Village land use shall be limited to (1) Residential Single-family, (2) Residential Multi-family, (3) Retail Commercial, (4) Service-oriented Commercial, (5) Office, (6) Business and Industrial Park, (7) Passive and active recreational, (8) Schools and other Civic Facilities, (9) Public and Private Utilities, (10) Houses of Worship.~~

~~The performance standards for the Carrabelle East Village land use category are: Gross Residential Density: 1-3 du/gross acre, Maximum Non-Residential intensity of .25 Floor Area Ratio (FAR), Commercial and Business Park Intensity: .25 Floor Area Ratio (FAR), Minimum Common Open Space - 25%, Minimum Civic Space - 10%, and other Applicable Provisions of the Franklin County Zoning Code.~~

~~The Carrabelle East Village land use shall be served by central water and wastewater. Developer shall provide central sewer and water unless the capital improvements element of a local government is amended to provide such service.~~

~~Clustering is allowed as provided by the Franklin County Zoning Code or by Planned Unit Development Ordinance (PUD). The minimum lot size that applies to the cluster development shall be determined at the time of zoning or PUD review. The total number of dwelling units allowed within a cluster development shall not exceed the number of dwelling units allowed under this land use category. Areas which are not included within lots or used for roads, accessways, bodies of water, common recreation facilities, service facilities or infrastructure shall be designated by the developer as common open space.~~

~~A stormwater management system will be designed to comply with the standards for Outstanding Florida Waters (OFW).~~

Amend the Future Land Use Map for the following two parcels:

Parcel 1: Change 1000 acres on Ochlocknee Bay in Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23, Township 6 South, Range 2 West, as shown in the attached map, from Marina Village Center to Agricultural.

Parcel 2: Change 200 acres east of Carrabelle in Sections 16, 21 and 28, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, as shown in the attached map, from Carrabelle East Village to Agricultural.

A public hearing on the proposed changes will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse Annex at 34 Forbes Street in Apalachicola. More information can be obtained and the proposed changes may be inspected at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida (telephone 850-653-9783).

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

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 Marcia Johnson, Clerk, Franklin County, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 or (850)653-8861, extension 100, within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771

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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.

June 18

Katherine M. Terrell, 48, Apalachicola, trespass after warning (APD)

June 19

Herbert L. McKinney, 52, Tallahassee, violation of probation (FCSO)

James E. Pillotti, 23, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

June 20

Keith P. Dykes, 29, Tifton, Ga., disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

June 23

Kenneth M. Parker, 19, Carrabelle, fleeing or eluding law officer and DUI with property damage (FCSO)

Island Visitor Center volunteers tour Eastpoint

On June 15, the volunteers who staff the St. George Island Visitor Center climbed onto a Croom's Transportation van and were taken across the bridge to Eastpoint for a day of activities.

First stop was Barber's Seafood, where Stephanie Barber began the tour on the loading dock. She explained the process of unloading, grading, marking shipments, and loading oysters. Then the group moved into the shucking room where they observed shuckers in stalls opening oysters. Stephanie graciously answered hundreds of questions and was rewarded with a T-shirt for herself, another shirt for her husband, and free light-house climbing tickets for the workers.

The next stop was Indian Creek County Park where the group split into two and took turns enjoying a tour of the oyster bars, narrated by John Richards and Linda Raffield, of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, and listening to David McLain of the Apalachicola Riverkeeper speak on issues affecting the river, most notably the "Water Wars."

Next activity was lunch at El Jalisco. Everyone enjoyed their Mexican meal and no one left hungry.

The last stop was the construction site of the new Franklin County library in Eastpoint. Contractor Wayne Thomas showed the group around the site and through the building. The roof is expected to be completed this week. The secretary of the Friends of the Franklin County Public Library, Ellen Ashdown, passed out plans showing the many rooms and features the building will contain once completed.

Library Director Glenda Ondracek added her enthusiasm for the project, which still lacks the funds for completion. She said a picnic on the site is planned to show the community the progress that has been made.

The St. George Island Visitor Center is manned almost entirely by volunteers who assist and answer questions about the island, and sell tickets and provide information about



Photo by TOM KELLY

The roof of the new Eastpoint library is now complete.



The volunteers watch shuckers at work at Barber's Seafood in Eastpoint.

the lighthouse. Each quarter the volunteers participate in an activity that allows them to learn more about the county so they can share their new knowledge with the island's visitors.

Other activities have included a poker run

of the island's merchants, a trip to Apalachicola, ambassador training, and a trip to Carrabelle. Volunteers are always needed and may sign up by contacting the visitor center at 927-7744 or speaking with the Elaine Rosenthal, executive director, at 323-1008.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA

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ONLY PERSONS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN PRECINCT NO.5 OF FRANKLIN COUNTY AND WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS QUALIFIED ELECTORS AND ALLOWED TO VOTE OR QUALIFY FOR CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR OR CITY COMMISSIONER.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will be accepting separate sealed bids for the following:

TWO (2) OPEN TOP ROLL OFF CONTAINERS AND THREE (3) RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Specification are on file in the office of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL. 32320

Bids must be received in the office of the Franklin County Clerk of the Court 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 by **4:30 P.M., EST, on July 6, 2009**. Bids must be clearly labeled for each separate bid. The sealed bids will be publicly open and read aloud at **9:45 A.M. EST, on July 7, 2009**, in the County Commission Meeting Room located in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. For further information, contact Van W. Johnson, Sr., Solid Waste Director, at (850) 670-8167.

An original and one copy of each bid shall be furnished in a sealed envelope or container, plainly marked "Roll Off / Recycling Containers".

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Sheriff urges theft prevention measures

Due to a recent increase in thefts, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office is requesting assistance in the reduction or elimination of the opportunity for these types of crime.

All visitors and county residents are asked to secure all property by:

- Locking vehicles when parked or left unattended.
- Do not leave valuables in

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- Lock storage buildings and keep yard tools secured.
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Community CALENDAR

County's disaster preparedness seeks comments

Thursday, June 25

Franklin County School Board will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. at the Willie Speed Board Room in Eastpoint. For more info call 670-2810.

Apalachicola Revolving Loan Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. For more info, call 653-8715.

Carrabelle Public Library, 311 St. James Ave. offers Adults Wii from 9 to 11 a.m.; and Yoga at 4:30 p.m. For more info, call 697-2366.

Eastpoint Public Library, 29 Island Drive, offers Story Hour at 10 a.m., and individual computer instruction from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call 670-8151.

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

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

Friday, June 26

Exercise class at Chillas Hall in Lanark Village. 9 to 10 a.m. Open to all and free.

Summer reading at Eastpoint and Carrabelle libraries, from 10 a.m. to noon.

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

Saturday, June 27

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

Monday, June 29

Apalachicola Planning and Zoning will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. at City Hall. For more info, call 653-8715.

Exercise class at Chillas Hall in Lanark Village. 9 to 10 a.m. Open to all and free.

Carrabelle Public Library yoga at 4:30 p.m. For more info, call 697-2366.

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.

Tuesday, June 30

Carrabelle Public Library story time at 2 p.m. For more info, call 697-2366.

Apalachicola Community Gardens will meet at 6 p.m. at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. For more info, call 653-8715.

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. 25 cents per card. Families welcome. Proceeds go to St. George Island Civic Club. Call 927-4654.

Wednesday, July 1

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Carrabelle Public Library offers Kids Wii from 9 to 11 a.m. For more info, call 697-2366.

Thursday, July 2

Carrabelle Public Library, 311 St. James Ave. offers Adults Wii from 9 to 11 a.m. Yoga at 4:30 p.m. For more info, call 697-2366.

Eastpoint Public Library offers Story Hour at 10 a.m., and individual computer instruction from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call 670-8151.

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

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

Franklin County is in the process of enhancing its ability to respond to the next disaster and is in need of the community's help.

Pam Register, director of the county's emergency management department, said the county is updating its Disaster Preparedness Strategy as part of this process.

"As a resident of the county it is important that you provide your comments regarding the strategy as well as offer recommendations on how individuals, families, neighborhoods and

businesses as well as city and county governments can become as prepared as possible for future disasters," said Register.

Please log onto the strategy's web site listed below and provide thoughts and ideas as to how Franklin County can become better prepared for the next disaster.

The Disaster Preparedness Strategy Web site is www.drc-group.com/lms/florida/franklin. Thanks for your help in preparing Franklin County for the next disaster.

'Movies in the Park' to debut June 25

It's that time of year again! The Franklin County Sheriff's Office's S.A.F.E. Program (Student And Family Events) would like to invite all students and families to come and enjoy "Movies in the Park."

Enjoy a FREE family movie on our 12-foot movie screen. We will also be serving FREE popcorn.

The following is the schedule, with all events beginning at 8:30 p.m.:

- Thursday, June 25 at Vrooman Park in Eastpoint
- Thursday, July 2 at Battery Park in Apalachicola
- Thursday, July 9 at Light-house Park on St. George Island
- Thursday, July 30 at Kendrick Field in Carrabelle
- Tuesday, Aug. 4 National Night Out at Vrooman Park in Eastpoint

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Date	Temperature		
	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, June 25	89°	79°	30 %
Fri, June 26	91°	79°	30 %
Sat, June 27	92°	79°	30 %
Sun, June 28	93°	80°	10 %
Mon, June 29	92°	80°	20 %
Tue, June 30	90°	80°	60 %
Wed, July 1	88°	79°	60 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

Date	Time	Height	Type	Time	Height	Type
06/25 Thu	01:05AM	-0.4	L	08:34AM	1.5	H
	12:18PM	1.3	L	05:30PM	1.8	H
06/26 Fri	01:46AM	-0.2	L	08:53AM	1.4	H
	01:24PM	1.1	L	06:35PM	1.7	H
06/27 Sat	02:24AM	0.0	L	09:10AM	1.4	H
	02:38PM	0.9	L	07:47PM	1.4	H
06/28 Sun	02:58AM	0.3	L	09:29AM	1.5	H
	03:57PM	0.7	L	09:14PM	1.2	H
06/29 Mon	03:27AM	0.6	L	09:49AM	1.6	H
	05:18PM	0.4	L	11:09PM	1.1	H
06/30 Tue	03:51AM	0.9	L	10:12AM	1.6	H
	06:32PM	0.2	L			
07/01 Wed	10:40AM	1.7	H	07:37PM	0.0	L

CARRABELLE

Date	Time	Height	Type	Time	Height	Type
06/25 Thu	07:09AM	2.4	H	10:05AM	2.1	L
	04:05PM	2.9	H	11:33PM	-0.3	L
06/26 Fri	07:28AM	2.2	H	11:11AM	1.8	L
	05:10PM	2.7	H			
06/27 Sat	12:11AM	0.0	L	07:45AM	2.2	H
	12:25PM	1.4	L	06:22PM	2.2	H
06/28 Sun	12:45AM	0.5	L	08:04AM	2.4	H
	01:44PM	1.1	L	07:49PM	1.9	H
06/29 Mon	01:14AM	1.0	L	08:24AM	2.6	H
	03:05PM	0.6	L	09:44PM	1.8	H
06/30 Tue	01:38AM	1.4	L	08:47AM	2.6	H
	04:19PM	0.3	L			
07/01 Wed	09:15AM	2.7	H	05:24PM	0.0	L

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Date	Day	AM	PM	Rise/Set	Moon
06/25 Thu	m	7:10	m 7:50	5:01AM	☉
	M	1:00	M 1:35	7:04PM	☾
06/26 Fri	m	8:10	m 8:50	5:01AM	☉
	M	2:05	M 2:25	7:04PM	☾
06/27 Sat	m	9:05	m 9:35	5:02AM	☉
	M	2:55	M 3:20	7:04PM	☾
06/28 Sun	m	10:00	m 10:30	5:02AM	☉
	M	3:50	M 4:15	7:04PM	☾
06/29 Mon	m	10:50	m 11:20	5:02AM	☉
	M	4:40	M 5:05	7:04PM	☾
06/30 Tue	m	11:30	m 11:20	5:03AM	☉
	M	5:20	M 5:05	7:05PM	☾
07/01 Wed	m	12:00	m 12:15	5:03AM	☉
	M	6:05	M 6:30	7:05PM	☾

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

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the The Apalachicola Times.

WITNESS my hand the seal of this 2nd day of June, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of the Court
By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk

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P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida
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June 25, July 2, 2009

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND FRANKLIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT IN COMPLIANCE

DOCKET NO.
09-1ER-NOI-1901-(A)-(I)
The Department gives notice of its intent to find the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for Franklin County, adopted by Ordinance No. 2009-07, 2009-08, 2009-09 and 2009-10 on May 5, 2009, IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184, 163.3187 and 163.3189, F.S.

The adopted Franklin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Department's Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report, (if any), are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the Franklin County Planning and Building Department, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320.

Any affected person, as defined in Section 163.3184, F.S., has a right to petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the proposed agency determination that the Amendment to the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan is in Compliance, as defined in Subsection 163.3184(1), F.S. The petition must be filed within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice, and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. The petition must be filed with the Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, and a copy mailed or delivered to the local government. Failure to timely file a petition shall constitute a waiver of any right to request an administrative proceeding as a petitioner under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. If a petition is filed, the purpose of the administrative

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hearing will be to present evidence and testimony and forward a recommended order to the Department. If no petition is filed, this Notice of Intent shall become final agency action.

If a petition is filed, other affected persons may petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding. A petition for intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. A petition for leave to intervene shall be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings, Department of Management Services, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such a person has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

After an administrative hearing petition is timely filed, mediation is available pursuant to Sub-section 163.3189(3)(a), F.S., to any affected person who is made a party to the proceeding by filing that request with the administrative law judge assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The choice of mediation shall not affect a party's right to an administrative hearing.

Mike McDaniel, Chief Office of Comprehensive Planning
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida
32399-2100
June 25, 2009



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University of Florida researcher to study community change

At the June 16 Franklin County Commission meeting, Extension Agent Bill Mahan introduced Becky Blanchard, a University of Florida doctoral candidate in cultural anthropology who will be doing research in the county over the next year.

Her project examines life in rural coastal communities experiencing environmental, economic and regulatory change. It focuses on the relationship between the oyster industry and sustaining the environment in the context of the "Water Wars," coastal development, and Food and Drug Administration and Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Commission regulations. Blanchard wants to determine how changes to the seafood industry and the environment impact people's livelihoods, identities and sense of community.



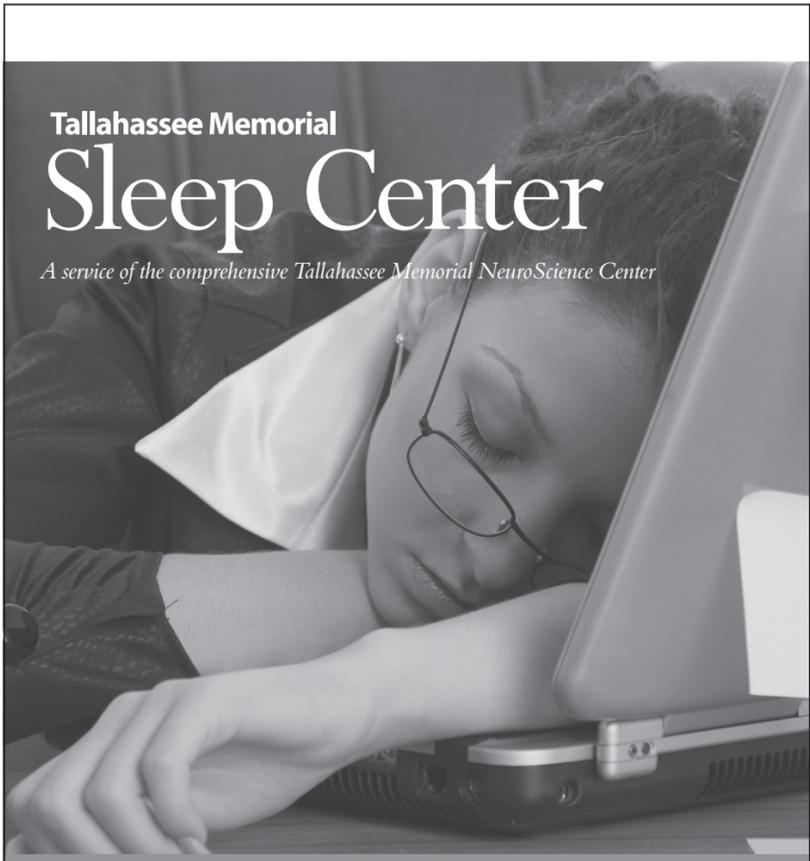
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Becky Blanchard.

She is a fellow in adaptive management of water, wetlands and watersheds in the National Science Foundation's Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program.

Raised in Oregon, Blanchard graduated in 2002 from Stanford University with a bachelor's in anthropology and minor in geology. Her grandfather was a commercial crabber on Tillamook Bay.

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Calling all young actors to attend this week's summer reading program at the Franklin County Public Library branches in Carrabelle and Eastpoint.

This week's theme is drama and participants will have the opportunity to do pantomime, drama, and role playing activities. If you want to be a star or just act like one, the library summer program will give you a few tips and pointers.

Along with all the drama fun will be stories, games, and snacks. This week's read aloud stories at the Eastpoint library are "Let's Pretend," "Rap A Tap Tap," and "There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Shell."

The Carrabelle Branch summer reading will be "Hamming it up" as well, with lots of great literature, drama activities and games, and snacks.

For more information about the summer reading program or any public library program, call 670-8151 in Eastpoint or 697-2366 in Carrabelle.



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