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School board weighs quarter-mill tax shift

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Franklin County School Board is examining details this week of an option, newly created by the Florida legislature, that would enable it to shift a quarter-mill in property taxes from its capital outlay budget to cover operating expenditures.

The board was scheduled to meet at 4 p.m. June 30 in a work-

shop to discuss the proposal, which would require at least a supermajority 4-1 vote by the board to be approved for one year. To be continued, it would be subject to voters' approval as a referendum on the ballot in November 2010.

Faced with an expected decline of as much as 30 percent in local property tax money, and a decline of about 6.6 percent in the base student allocation in state funding, the district is looking for

a way to supplement its operating revenue.

If approved, the quarter-mill shift would add an estimated \$638,586 to the general fund, which would help shore up the amount of money the district holds in reserve, which right now is below the state-mandated minimum.

In addition, it would ensure no modifications need to be made in the district's plan to provide

teachers and staff raises of 8 percent next year and 6 percent the following year.

These raises, part of an overall 24 percent hike between July 2008 and June 2011, were granted by the board following approval in June 2008 of a four-year half-mill tax levy, earmarked for salaries and benefits, by county voters.

At this week's workshop, school board members plan to review details of funding scenarios

provided them by Sam Carnley, the district's director of financial services.

The scenarios incorporate a drop in the state's per pupil funding of about \$255, or from \$3,885 this year to \$3,630 next year.

Even with no action by the board, the amount of property tax millage levied on county taxpayers will rise next year,

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SHAPING BOYS' LIVES

New Seahawk skipper plans baseball turnaround

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

If Mike Emerson succeeds with Seahawks baseball like he did as a college outfielder, then local fans of the great American game have some exciting seasons in store.

And if he, together with his fellow teachers and coaches, can shape the achievements, and sharpen the ambitions, of local boys like he did at a privately-run all-boys alternative school in Bay County, then plenty of Seahawks have some fulfilling years ahead.

Emerson, newly hired as the high school ESE teacher, and coach of the Seahawks baseball program, boils down his philosophy on turning around kids' lives to a simple imperative.

"Every day is a new day. Whatever you did yesterday, that was yesterday," he said. "You don't hold the past over the kid's head."

And that's the same type of thinking he plans to use in rejuvenating the baseball program. Putting the yesterdays in the past, and focusing on the future.

"It's not going to be 'put your cleats on and go out to play.' It's going to be organized baseball," said Emerson, on a tour of the Franklin County High School baseball diamonds. "I see it as an opportunity to start something, and build a

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Colston thinks sewage problem for the birds

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

A local environmental engineer believes seagulls, not people, may be at the bottom of St. George Island's frequent beach closures and he has data to support his idea.

St. George Island resident Newt Colston is a retired environmental engineer and an expert on groundwater contamination. At the June 16 county commission meeting, he said that based on several studies, he did not believe human waste could be the source of coliform bacteria contaminating the beach.

He said that the amount of contamination found on island beaches is more likely to come from wildlife than from tourists.

He told commissioners that the Florida Department of Health performed a study on the island in 1999 using tracers and wells to determine the flow rate of groundwater to the bay and Gulf. Because the island is so flat, the researchers found that water moved at a rate of only one to 15 inches a day.

Colston said another study done by the University of Florida demonstrated that coliform bacteria levels in groundwater were reduced by 90 percent every six days. Since, with a 30-foot setback, it would take water from a properly functioning septic system at least 24 days to reach the Gulf, the concentration of bacteria remaining in the groundwater could not be sufficient to elevate bacteria levels at the beach.

What does Colston think is causing elevated coliform readings? Seabirds.

He said that bird droppings could cause the elevated bacteria count and, given the large number of birds on the island and the fact that begging gulls are attracted to beach crowds, he could be right.

Without more concrete evidence, however, not everyone is willing to accept his theory. Andy Smith of the Apalachicola Riverkeeper pointed out that many of the rental houses on the island are housing more people than their septic tanks were intended to handle.

"There could be a lot of improperly operated septic systems out there," he said.

Kevin Begos, director of the Oyster and Seafood Task Force, said he would wait for DNA testing before he made up his mind.

But, he also asked, given a positive result for human contamination, "How do you know it's from a septic tank and not a swimmer?"



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St. George Island tour guides clash over land use

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Journeys of St. George Island has agreed to make some changes in response to allegations of land misuse.

At the May 19 meeting of the county commission, David Avant, a resident of Patton Street on the island, complained about what he said was commercial use of residential property.

He said he was a 15-year resident of the area, and that Journeys, an island guide service, was using a block of land at 331 Patton St. as a marina and campground. He



DAVID AVANT



BETTY LOU DOUGLAS

also claimed that the business activities were causing noise pollution, interfering with the public right of way, polluting the canal with dead fish and creating an eyesore.

Avant said a 500-gallon gas storage container was positioned only 20 feet from the

water at the site in violation of Florida Department of Environmental Protection rules. He said Journeys had created stormwater drainage problems on the street by filling in retention ditches in the public right of way to create additional parking.

Avant said the county should be responsible for enforcing ordinances and codes that he said prohibit the commercial use of the property.

"We don't want to sue our neighbors and we don't want to sue the county and waste everyone's time and money, but nothing's going to happen until I sue and force them to

enforce their ordinances and codes," Avant said.

Commissioner Pinki Jackel said her mother owned a piece of property on Patton, and that she believed the commission needed to step in and be in compliance with the law.

The commission voted unanimously to have County Attorney Michael Shuler research Avant's allegations. They also sent a county road crew to Patton to clean out drainage ditches and facilitate runoff management.

At the June 16 meeting, Justin Macmillan, owner of

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State challenges Sportsman's Lodge pier construction

By Lois Swoboda
Time Staff Reporter

Sportsman's Lodge owner Bob Allen denies wrongdoing in the face of state accusations that he infringed on public land when he expanded his waterfront restaurant.

On May 18, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection cited Allen for constructing a pier and deck without state permission and for dredging and filling without authorization. The state agency has ordered him to remove the structure and is seeking at least a \$10,000 regulatory penalty assessment against Allen.

Andy Smith, attorney for the Apalachicola Riverkeeper, said the state acted at the urging of his organization. He said he discovered aerial photographs showing that no structure was in place in 1991, but that by 1998 photographs showed a pier and other structures encroaching on public property.

The DEP contends that during a Jan. 25 inspection of The Sportsman's Lodge, at 97 North Bayshore in Eastpoint, department staff discovered a 776-square foot L-shaped pier, a 2,400-square foot covered porch and a 796-square foot deck that they say are unauthorized and extend beyond the mean high water line into East Bay.



PHOTO BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN

A view of the pier and deck at Sportsman's Lodge.

They also contend Allen filled in nearly 4,000 square feet within East Bay to allow expansion of his restaurant, the White Eagle Lodge.

Allen said he has done nothing but lawfully repair preexisting structures that were damaged by a series of storms. He said that he was not required to apply for a DEP permit to repair his property after a storm and that, if he had applied for the permit, it would have been granted. He denies

that he has dredged or filled around his property.

"It's not like this guy went about this willy-nilly," said Allen's attorney, J. Layne Smith, of Tallahassee, in a June 26 telephone interview. "He didn't throw this together over the weekend. It took over a year. He gave Eastpoint something in six figures to get water and sewer down there. He got permits, paid taxes and did all of the things you could reasonably expect

a property owner to do. "There were structures in the same area the DEP is complaining about in the 1970s, maybe not in the same configuration. The pilings were still out there but the structure had been removed," J. Layne Smith said.

Allen's attorney also stressed DEP had visited the site regularly in the past, and weekly over the last two years, as part of negotiations to purchase property from Allen for construction of Indian Creek Park. Why, he asked, did they allow Allen to construct the buildings if they were out of compliance?

"In our view, it's important for Eastpoint to

have the Sportsman's Lodge," Allen's attorney said. "It's good for the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association. They can walk out there and wet a hook or even meet there."

DEP ordered Allen to remove the pier, porch and deck and pay fines amounting to at least \$10,000. The notice of violation ordered the removal of the structures by June 7 but Allen filed an order of estoppel so the structures can remain in place and in use until his day in court.

Allen contends that, prior to his buying the land in 1974; the larger of the two preexisting structures was on pilings

that extended beyond the mean high water mark.

"By deed, in 1934 and in 1960, the prior owners of the real property granted the State of Florida the right to make certain uses of the submerged land at issue — not the other way around," wrote Allen's attorney in his June 10 petition for evidentiary hearing.

He said the preexisting structure was damaged in 1985, and altered in 1986 under permits issued by the county. The structure was renovated in 2002 and converted to a restaurant at that time. After the Hurricane Dennis storm surge damaged the building in 2005, the structure was repaired under a general permit issued by the county.

But the DEP contends that at some point Allen expanded the structure, which was not allowed under the permit. The Riverkeeper believes this happened in the 1990s.

"The last permit the county issued to Allen was only for storm damage repair after Hurricane Dennis in 2005," said County Planner Alan Pierce. "It is possible (Allen) also obtained a permit to make repairs after Hurricane Opal in 1995."

J. Layne Smith said he hopes the matter can be settled in mediation but, if all else fails; an evidentiary hearing has been scheduled in July before a hearing officer from either the DEP or the Department of Administrative Hearing. J. Layne Smith said he expects that hearing date, if required, to be rescheduled for later in the year.

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The Franklin County Public Library Eastpoint and Carrabelle Branch will be closed Friday and Saturday in observance of the Fourth of July.

The book drop is always available for patrons use after hours. Books can also be renewed by phone, 670-8151 in Eastpoint, or in Carrabelle, 697-2366, a good way to prevent overdues during the holidays.

The summer reading program Be Creative @ Your Library resumes next week. The theme for the third week of the program is Colorful Science. Meet a mad scientist at the library and prepare to be slimed, along with some great sci-



Young people from the summer reading program at the Carrabelle Branch create coil pots with help from library assistant Tonia Granger. This year's theme is Be Creative @ Your Library.

ences books. Children ages 5-12 are invited to participate at no charge. Registration is ongoing, and summer guests are also invited.

Apalachicola water earns good grades

The annual Water Quality Report for Apalachicola was released in June, and local water quality is excellent. All tested contaminants were at acceptable levels, and only one potential source of contamination was identified.

Under the state Source Water Assessment and Protection Plan, drinking water resources are constantly monitored, and a biannual report on water quality is produced.

In 2008, the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The evaluation was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity. Except where indicated otherwise, the report is based on the results of monitoring for the period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2008.

The city is supplied with ground water from three wells. The wells draw from the Floridan Aquifer. The only treatment required is chlorine for disinfection purposes.

Water is monitored for various chemical and biological contaminants from both natural and manmade sources including radium, barium, fluoride, sodium, chlorine, haloacetic acids, trihalomethanes, copper and lead.

All contaminants fell within acceptable levels during the 2008 test period.

Because of an administrative oversight, the city collected only four of the five required samples for February and March resulting in a monitoring and reporting violation for those months. On the average, water systems nationwide receive more

than one violation per year.

The only potential source of contamination identified was a disused petroleum storage tank at the National Weather Service Office at the Apalachicola Airport. The tank has the potential to affect only one of the three wells, and the level of concern is listed as high.

The report is now available online at www.cityofapalachicola.com.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Betty Webb, city administrator, or Janelle Paul, utilities clerk, at 653-9319, or attend any of regularly scheduled water bureau meetings held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Apalachicola Community Center, 1 Bay Ave.

— By Lois Swoboda

Public Hearing Notice

1st CDBG Public Hearing

The City of Apalachicola is considering applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a grant under the Economic Development category for an amount up to \$700,000 under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-ED) Program. For each activity that is proposed, a minimum of 51 percent of the beneficiaries will be low to moderate income households. The proposed Scipio Creek Boat Basin project will construct new dock facilities, provide for the loading of ice and the offloading of seafood, construct a heavy lift boat haul and repair yard, install repairs at the existing dock facilities, and construct a public retail seafood open air market and public restrooms. As this project will assist the community in retaining its existing seafood workforce and allow the creation of additional jobs, this is an Economic Development grant. In addition to CDBG funding, the Economic Development Administration will contribute up to 80% of the following projected area costs;

Activity	Budget (Approximately)	LMI % (Approximately)
Boat Haul and Repair Yard	\$756,000	>51
Water Sewer and Electrical repair	\$68,000	>51
Piling and Dock Repair	\$168,000	>51
Dock Offloading area, boat to truck	\$350,000	>51
Seafood Market and Public restrooms	\$435,000	>51
Ice Making and Loading for boats	\$340,000	>51
Additional Dockage development	\$100,000	>51
Administration	\$75,000	>51

The City has an adopted anti-displacement and relocation plan; however, no displacement of persons is anticipated at this time. If relocation assistance is required as a result of the project, the City will provide assistance as indicated in the policy.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at City Hall, located at Apalachicola City Hall, 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, FL on Wednesday July 8th, 2009, commencing at 5:00pm. A draft copy of parts of the application will be made available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the Apalachicola City Hall, office of the City Grants Manager, Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 4:00pm upon completion of the application on or about August 15th. The application will be submitted to DCA on or around September 1st, (or later, if necessary). To obtain additional information concerning the application and public hearing, contact Cindi Giametta, City Grants Manager, at the City Hall, 1 Bay Avenue, or by phone at (850) 653-9319.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring special mobility accommodation at this meeting should contact Cindi Giametta at the City Hall, or by phone at (850) 653-9319, at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Cindi Giametta at the City Hall, or by phone at (850) 653-9319 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided.

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EDITORIAL

Spirit of '76 means sacrifice

The year 1776 dawned in a most inglorious fashion.

King George III of England had, just before the calendar turned over a new year, declared the American colonies in rebellion, a rebellion he insisted would be vanquished by what was then the mightiest military on the planet.

The ensuing months would be filled with intrigue, attacks and counterattacks as the colonies formed the second Continental Congress — the first, convened in 1775 established a united 13 colonies and an army — to consider how best to answer draconian measures from the King, such as the Stamp Act which effectively taxed every sheet of written word in the colonies.

The massacres at Lexington and Concord in April 1775 lit a fuse to a fire of freedom that still burns more than 220 years later.

The Continental Congress the following year charged a five-man committee with drafting a declaration telling the King, in effect, to jump in a lake.

Of course, the language that Thomas Jefferson, the primary author of the document though the members of that nascent Congress made some 50 revisions, mostly minor with the exception of the deletion of a paragraph assailing the King for the pox of slavery, was much more soaring and dignified than “jump in the lake” but the effect was the same.

The colonies had had enough, they insisted on their independence from their masters across the ocean, from

where many of those colonists fled to the promise of freedom and a fresh start on different continent.

The push for independence — and it was a divided nation back then with many so-called Tories wanting nothing more than to remain under the fold of the King — risked the lives of the founding brothers and their like-minded countrymen in front of a firing squad or in the hangman's noose through their “treasonous” actions.

And they really didn't have a country, just an idea, a concept conceived by ordinary men who undertook extraordinary efforts to forge a slice of freedom and a republic unlike any seen before in history.

That country, in fact, looked like a long shot in the year we celebrate this weekend.

The representatives of the Continental Congress had signed the Declaration of Independence in the July heat, though not technically all signed on July 4, but it was nothing more than paper, ink and language that would ring for two centuries and more.

On the farms and fields of the colonies, the British were routing a rag-tag band of colonial militiamen, typically lightly-armed men from every day walks of life, blacksmiths, carpenters, farmers and tavern keepers, many who had never taken up arms before.

While George Washington had earned something of a name during the French and Indian War, and

by that time created something of a force of regular army, his top lieutenants were two men who had little to no experience with battle or strategy.

Washington actually spent most of 1776 on the run, retreating from Boston, New York and northern New Jersey while facing a lack of supplies, an army that was inexperienced and lacked proper equipment, and one that seemed to dwindle daily due to desertions and the intent of many in this faux “army” to serve their six-month initial enlistment and go home.

But stunning victories at Trenton and Princeton came late in the year; won when Washington, against all odds, divided his available troops and surprised the British, routing them in the field and establishing that this rebellion would not be easily put to a close by the King, his army and navy.

There would be hardships ahead and five more years of bloodshed before the British surrendered.

Two years later would come from the Continental Congress, a Bill of Rights and a Constitution.

The sacrifices of those seven years are reminders of the foundation laid for this country that remains a beacon of freedom and democracy for much of the world, a country that celebrates, but too often forgets, the sacrifices that mere ordinary mortals have made in the spirit of those founding brothers in arms and pen.

The sacrifices of women like Apalachicola's Monica Conter Benning and men like her late

husband, Barney Benning, both survivors of the horrific attack on Pearl Harbor that beckoned the country into World War II.

Benning continues to live with the images of what she saw that December day in 1941, just as do the many men and women of the “Greatest Generation,” who slowly are slipping away from us with their memories and their proud legacy of unity and bravery when the nation's values were at stake.

The sacrifices of a man like Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Clifford Sims from Gulf County, embraced in death by a region that barely recognized him in life, but who lived and died for his band of brothers on the fields of combat in another far-flung dot on the map.

Sacrifices like those being made today by lawyer and 40-something Dan Burke, of Apalachicola, men and women of all ages and demographics, who continue to battle an enemy in the Middle East even though far too many of us have forgotten there even is a war in Iraq or Afghanistan, so caught up are we in our everyday lives and the impacts of a sinking economy.

So, enjoy a barbecue, a visit from the pirates, a day at the beach and fireworks as the sun sets on July 4, 2009.

But do so while remembering all those who made possible this celebration of the birthday of the finest country, even with all our foibles and tribulations, on the globe.

Remembering a friend for life

I grew up with Connie McGinnis, of course, she was Connie Meyer back then. We attended Trinity Episcopal in Apalachicola, went to Sunday School, sang in the choir and were members of a vibrant young people's group, Episcopal Young Churchmen (EYC).

She was a year behind me in school, and had her own crowd, but we became BFF (Best friends forever) around 10th and 11th grade. Our houses were within walking distance by Sixties' standards, and we burned up the pavement trading visits and sleepovers. We

talked mostly about boys, and we both had crushes on some of the Army guys stationed in town.

Remember, this was during the Vietnam War and Fort Rucker had a helicopter temporary training base at the Apalachicola airport. The guys lived in small apartments all over town. My special heartthrob lived on the route to Connie's house. He just happened to spend most

of his off time outdoors detailing his brand new gold Pontiac GTO muscle car. It was quite convenient to stop for a friendly chat on my way to visit. Believe me, it was unrequited love, but

a girl could dream.

We especially liked nighttime choir practice. Once Connie got her license, her mom, Jeanette, would let us take the black Dodge station wagon to attend. We allowed plenty of time so that could have a good 15 minutes or so to ride around before and after practice. We had an old crumpled pack of Kent Cigarettes that we shared between us. It lasted for weeks. We thought we were way cool.

EYC was hip back in the day. The priest, Father Jean Chance, had three good-looking teenage boys. Attendance was mandatory for them. The Methodist minister's son, Steve Mullis, also came. With a core group like that, the girls flocked like bees to honey. EYC was in charge of the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. We used those funds to rent two beach cottages at Indian Pass Beach for the annual EYC weekend. We were also in charge of the Epiphany service — a beautiful, candlelit ceremony held after Christmas.

EYC weekend was always a blast. We were heavily chaperoned, but the adults let us go down to the shore by ourselves after dark. We built a bonfire, enjoyed life, and our privileged youth. It was magic with no liquor or drugs. Certain participants still get a light in their eyes when EYC weekend is mentioned. I'm not revealing anymore than that.

After college Connie and I lost touch. I knew she lived in San Antonio, Texas. Every now and then we would bump into each other in the grocery store when either of us



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The confirmation class at Trinity Episcopal, conducted by the bishop in the 1960s, included, from left, Lisa Barber, Carolyn Saffran, Jody Fortunatas, Denise Roux, Joni Jones, Connie Meyer and Tom Daly.

was home for a visit.

After the death of her husband, she moved home and entered the school system. We started sitting next to each other at meetings, and she gave me a ride to work when I had car problems. We always had too much to say to each other and never enough time.

The students were fascinated that we had known each other as teens. I think their brain cells worked overtime imagining Ms. Roux and Ms. McGinnis in their salad years.

In her 18 months back home, Connie reconnected with old friends, met new ones, went to church, sang in the choir, and created a safe haven for her special students. I laughed during every single conversation we had.

The closing hymn at her memorial service was Amazing Grace. I think about the quality of grace often, because it embodies my religious belief. I believe it is the perfect good, given



Connie Meyer, during her high school years.

freely with no thought of reward, and charity done privately, with no public recognition.

I ignored being self-conscious as I joined in at the recessional. I sang as loudly as I could for

the amazing grace of Connie Meyer McGinnis.

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Journeys, appeared before the commission and contended that Avant's allegations were, "without truth or merit."

He said Avant was complaining because he had opened an ecotour business of his own and was in competition with Journeys. He said Avant also operated his business out of his Patton Street home.

Several residents of Patton Street neighborhood spoke in support of Macmillan and Journeys.

"I don't recall Mr. Avant living on Patton Street until this last year," said Betty Lou Douglas of 609 West Bayshore. "I live within 300 feet of the Macmillan property and I don't hear anything."

She said the neighborhood was mixed use with several people operated businesses from their homes.

"If it's a residential area, what are the five vacation rentals doing on the street?" she asked.

Another neighbor, David Harbaugh, of 319 Patton, said he believed the drainage problems were due to fill on neighboring lots.

Macmillan said he would voluntarily move the gas tank.

County Engineer Dan Rothwell said that one end of Patton was blocked by a fence that needed to be removed.

Macmillan said his mother had erected the fence to prevent people from dumping trash at the end of the street.

The board instructed him that he could not block the right of way for any reason and he agreed to remove the fence.



TIM WHITEHEAD

Dynamic Dixie Belles

Fresh from the district championship in Marianna last week, the Franklin County All-Stars Dixie Belles girls softball team, for ages 13 to 15, is at this week's state tourney in Brooksville. The Franklin County team lost to the Marianne Belles Monday night, June 22 16-6 and then roared back for consecutive wins, 17-15 on June 23 and 17-7

June 24 in five innings, securing their title as 2009 District 2 Dixie Softball Belles Champions.

Coaches include Jim and Pat Mcwhinnie, Link Carroll and Barbara Mathis. Players are Ashley Carroll, Devon Young, Marilyn Lee, Jecce Hatfield, Savannah Boone, Haleigh Ming, Christina Collins, Anne Lee, Bailey Lee, Rebecca

Prickett, Ashley Moore and Meagan McClain.

The state championship will be held in Brooksville on Thursday, July 2. The team still needs to come up with at least \$800 more in order to cover the cost of the tournament. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please call coach Link Carroll at 653-6240.

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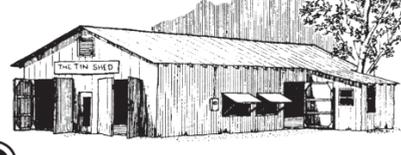
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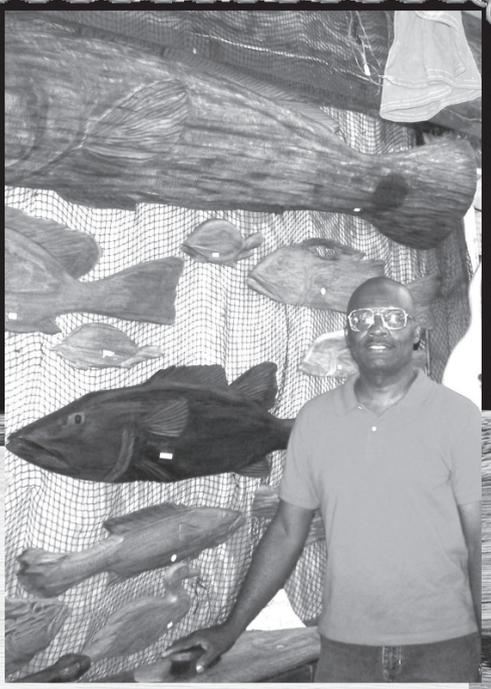
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program people can be proud of."

He plans to schedule games against squads from bigger schools, like Rutherford, Mosley, Florida High and Maclay, teams with well-known baseball programs.

"We'll learn from our losses too," he said. "I want the kids to see good pitching. I want them to see the guys from 4A and 5A programs. To me these programs are well-known and well-established, and they get those kids who can pitch.

"I want that caliber of baseball here," said Emerson. "I want to teach the pitchers to hit locations, to throw off-speed. I want to get kids to throw the strikes when they need to.

"Anybody can hit a fastball," he said. "Hitting spots is probably the most important thing you can get."

And he ought to know baseball, because that's a game he's already proved he can play.

Believes in hitting to the opposite field

While Emerson also expects to serve as an assistant to head football coach Josh Wright, with whom he'll be sharing a house in Magnolia Bluffs, Emerson is emphatic as to which sport is number one.

"I'm a baseball guy," he said. A native of Panama City, Emerson graduated in 1991 from Mosley High School. He started off playing third base but in his junior year, switched to the outfield.

"I made one diving catch and I never saw the infield again," he said.

In high school Emerson stood 6' and weighed 188 pounds, but by college he had grown two inches and packed on 220 pounds.

"I was a late bloomer, I guess," he said.

After graduation, Emerson first went to George Wallace Community College, in Dothan, AL, and then played one year, one very distinguished year, in 1995 at Brewton-Parker, a private Christian Baptist

College in Mount Vernon, GA.

As right fielder for the Brewton-Parker Barons, a team affiliated with the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics), Emerson was first team All-Conference, first team All-American and Player of the Year.

He batted .399, with 98 runs batted in, nine triples, and 18 home runs, with a slugging percentage over .800.

To what does he attribute his breakthrough at the plate?

"I learned how to hit to the opposite field," he said, explaining that his batting average grew by close to 100 points once he became better schooled at hitting to where opponents weren't expecting.

"That's where most of my power was, to right center," he said. "That's what I need to teach the kids. If you open up and hit to right field, that makes you a .400 hitter. That's the basics I need to teach them"

In 1996, Emerson went on to play for the University of West Florida Argonauts, again proving his prowess with a .344 batting average, as he started 54 of 55 games. That season he had a 14-game hitting streak, still among the best in school history, had 95 total bases and smacked five home runs and 95 runs batted in.

But with his many plate appearances, he also made the record books by striking out 41 times that season, second highest in school history.

Emerson played independent ball over the summer for three seasons, eying a shot at professional baseball as he played for the semi-pro Valdosta Red Sox, before ultimately returning to school to finish his degree and embark on a teaching career.

"I gave it a good shot. I could hit, I could throw, but when you look at speed..." he said, his voice trailing off into the red dust of the Seahawks infield.

The lesson Emerson wants to impart to the students he will work with is that he is an example of how they can put the pieces together and shape their own careers.

"I was an average student, middle of the class," he said. "I wasn't going to go to college on academics. I had athletics."

Focusing on reaching boys

Emerson earned a bachelor's in physical education and health from the University of West Florida in 2001, where he served as assistant baseball coach from August 1999 until June 2002.

He taught three years at Panama City's Rutherford High School, where he also was assistant coach for both baseball and football.

For the last five years, he was at the private Emerald Bay Academy, where he served as a learning community instructional leader, a type of dean position, at this alternative school serving middle and high school boys.

Emerson is proud of his years at Emerald Bay, where 70 percent passed the FCATs in 10th grade in high school, nearly double the percentage at A.D. Harris, Bay County's leading alternative school.

He plans to focus on truancy, grades and behavior, and provide the patient focus so necessary in these young peoples' lives. "I'm willing to sit down with a kid, even if he's being a behavior problem," he said. "They come with an attitude."

Emerson said he likes the all-boys format ("It takes out some of the juvenile stuff. There's no showing off.") but recognizes that the challenges at Franklin County will confront both genders as they work to shrug off, in some cases, years of generational poverty.

"I want to tell them 'Surprise people. Do something they think you can't do.'" he said. "They may not choose to leave, but I want them to see other opportunities outside of school, and if you're willing to make the sacrifice, to bring some of the knowledge back to town.

"We'll look at each kid individually and see," he said.

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because the Florida Legislature this spring decided to shift more of the funding burden to local taxpayers.

Carnley said last year's required local effort, which is the millage the state mandates local taxpayers must pay, stood at 1.48 mills, and raised about \$5.14 million, with an additional local discretionary millage, at 0.532 mills, which raised another \$1.7 million.

But next year, based on state funding rules, the required local effort will rise to 2.187 mills, and raise about \$5.59 million, and the local discretionary millage will rise to 0.748 mills, and add another \$1.91 million.

Together with other direct state funding, plus \$388,000 in new federal fiscal stabilization money, the

district will have a foundation of about \$9.4 million in local, state and federal annual funding to work with, up from last year's \$9.1 million.

Drop in half-mill levy receipts for salaries

Because of the decline in property values, the additional half-mill operating levy money earmarked for raises is expected to yield about \$1.28 million next year, a good half-million dollars less than the \$1.73 million it brought in this year.

Prior to approval by voters, initial estimates had been the four-year levy would yield at least \$1.5 million to \$1.8 million each year until it

expires June 30, 2012.

While all of last year's half-mill salary money wasn't spent to fund the 10 percent pay hike granted in the first year of a three-year contract, declining property values will continue to yield less revenue in the next two years. This will make it less likely the district will be able to fund any yet-to-determined raise in the last year of the four-year span of the levy.

"It's not as much, so we can't give as much," said Chairman Jimmy Gander. "If it falls short, we can either renegotiate (with the union) or it's all over at the end of three years."

In addition, the district needs to bolster the district's fund reserve balance, which currently is

only about \$100,000, with the state requiring the district have at least a \$1 million cushion.

Board Member David Hinton asked that Carnley present to the workshop numbers on whether the district can achieve its required fund balance without having to shift the quarter-mill out of capital outlay funds.

Cathy Wood, speaking on behalf of the teachers union, told the board that "the Legislature failed once again to provide needed resources" to Florida schools.

She urged the board to look to the quarter-mill option as "a source to replenish your reserves," adding that "25 cents will not be too much to ask taxpayers for education."

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FSU grad students top 5K Sizzler race

By David Adlerstein
 Times City Editor

By definition, runners are quick to the finish.

But being quick to the start led to a bout of heartburn in what otherwise was an immensely successful 5K Sizzler race Saturday evening on St. George Island, drawing the largest field in the event's 11-year history.

Traditionally, the Sizzler gets underway sometime between 7 and 7:30 p.m., soon after the conclusion of the one-mile Fun Run, which drew 32 runners and was won this year by 14-year-old Mason Brown, vacationing with his family from Springfield, MO, in 7:12.

And so, on Saturday evening, a siren got the field of more than 200 runners off the starting line at about 7:22 p.m. for the Sizzler.

For most of the runners, this was as expected. But for a few, including a handful of topnotch entrants from Tallahassee, this was about eight minutes prior to the 7:30 p.m. time posted on some of the publicity.

Thus, they ran too late, before ever setting foot on the course.

Eastpoint veterinarian Dr. Hobson Fulmer, long-time organizer of the race which has grown into a regional draw and a Gulf



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At left, Sizzler winner Jay Robida. At center, Zack Winkler, 4, from Loganville, GA, takes a swig of water after finishing the Fun Run with his grandparents, Linda and Don Gunther, of Signal Mountain, TN. At right, Lilly Unger, 6, of Tallahassee, gets help putting in her Fun Run time of 8:30 from her mom, Lisa Unger.

Winds Track Club Grand Prix event, said he mistakenly used some publicity from earlier years that specified a 7:30 p.m. starting time.

Volunteers who handled registration Saturday told entrants the start would follow the Fun Run, and runners are traditionally eager to get started once they've warmed up.

Still, in light of the post-

ed 7:30 p.m. time, Fulmer apologized profusely to those runners who missed the start.

"I was pretty embarrassed about that," he said. "I'm trying to fix it the best I can."

He is awaiting word from a proposal he sent to the Gulf Winds Track Club that could mean running another Sizzler later this summer, sanctioned by

the track club, at Fulmer's expense.

Temperatures cool down for start of race

With more than two dozen volunteers helping out, people like Bob and Susan Pruitt who sprayed the runners with water at

the two-mile mark, last weekend's race raised over \$9,000 for the Franklin County Humane Society. The island's first responders unit was on hand, as were deputies from the sheriff's office.

"The turnout was the most we've ever had," said Fulmer. "Everybody had a

good time, and everyone raved about the party at Harry A's afterwards."

About 95 percent of the 232 runners registered for the Sizzler took part, with two Florida State University graduate students winning top honors.

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On Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. (ET) t the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse Annex at 34 Forbes Street in Apalachicola, Florida, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider enacting the following ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-36 WHICH AMENDED THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE SOUTH SHOAL VILLAGE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE SOUTH SHOAL VILLAGE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. Persons who may desire to appeal any decision made at such meeting should make arrangements to have a verbatim record of the proceedings made.

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

Those persons needing special accommodations to attend the meeting should call Marcia Johnson, Clerk of Court, at 850-653-8861 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

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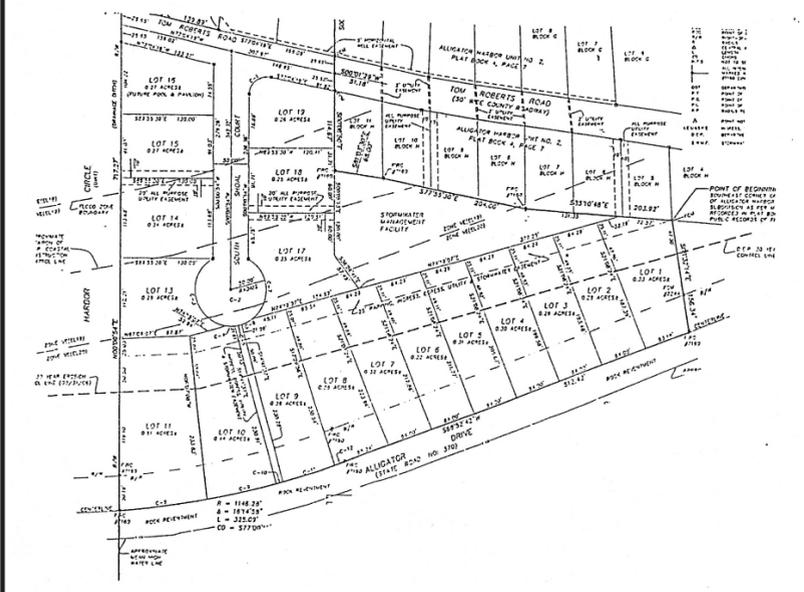
On Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. (ET) at the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse Annex at 34 Forbes Street in Apalachicola, Florida, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider the conditional abandonment of that part of Alligator Drive lying South of Lots 1-11, South Shoals subdivision recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 21, Official Records of Franklin County, Florida. A copy of an unscaled drawing of that part of the road proposed for abandonment is attached.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed conditional abandonment. Persons who may desire to appeal any decision made at such meeting should make arrangements to have a verbatim record of the proceedings made.

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

Those persons needing special accommodations to attend the meeting should call Marcia Johnson, Clerk of Court, at 850-653-81861 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

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John Robida, 29, a Florida State grad student in biology doing research on hepatitis C, cruised to victory overall, finishing in 16:52, a solid minute ahead of the second place runner.

Robida's time was about seven seconds slower than his second place finish last year.

"After the first 400 meters, there were a couple younger kids who were with me and then they fell off and I was by myself," he said. "The last mile-and-a-half was just cruising."

Now an avid marathon runner, the Buffalo, NY native said he initially liked the gentle wind, which cooled down runners after temperatures dropped about 20 degrees by race time from their noon day high.

But, the wind "was brutal in my face on the back half," he said.

Taking top prize for female runners was Kelsey Scheitlin, 25, a doctoral student in geography at FSU, who covered the course in 19:45.

"It was hot," she said. "The last straightaway was a killer."

It was Scheitlin's first race on the island, although she has done academic research on the probabilities a hurricane will reoccur, and St. George Island has been one of the locations studied.

She hoped to race against her Gulf Winds running partner, Micah Adriani, a grad student in psychology, but it was not to be.

Adriani missed the start of the race, as she had just completed her warm-ups and was on her way to the starting line when she saw some of the runners zooming down the course.

"I was extremely disap-



Kelsey Scheitlin, the Sizzler's top female runner.

pointed," she said. "We're competitive, but in a fun way. I would have liked to run with her."

Several local runners took part, including Michael Shuler, who ran a 23:25, slower than his best of 22:40 but better than his time last year, when he was recuperating from surgery.

The island's John Shelby, at 55, was pleased with his time of 26:57, although "I've done much better and I've done worse. I have the dubious honor of finishing last once."

"The race has really grown," he said, reflecting on the 10 Sizzlers he has run. "Thank God it has. I don't have to finish last anymore."

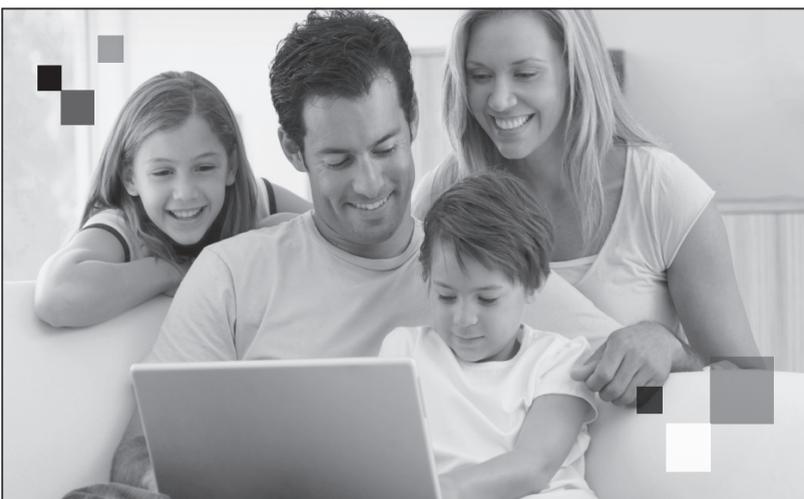
Apalachicola's Jay Kanuck was pleased with his effort as well. "I just start-

ed again two weeks ago, after a couple of years," he said.

Cassie Gary had a big smile on her face as she cooled down after the race, especially since running is part of a health program that follows her quitting smoking three months ago after 20 years of the habit.

"I smoked a lot," she said, recalling how she went cold turkey after a brief bout with the patch "I was just done. I had smoked up all the cigarettes that were allotted me in my lifetime."

Avid runner Shaun Donahoe declined to share his times, but was satisfied with another successful Sizzler race under his belt. "I was thrilled," he said. "Ninety-five percent of life is just showing up."



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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.

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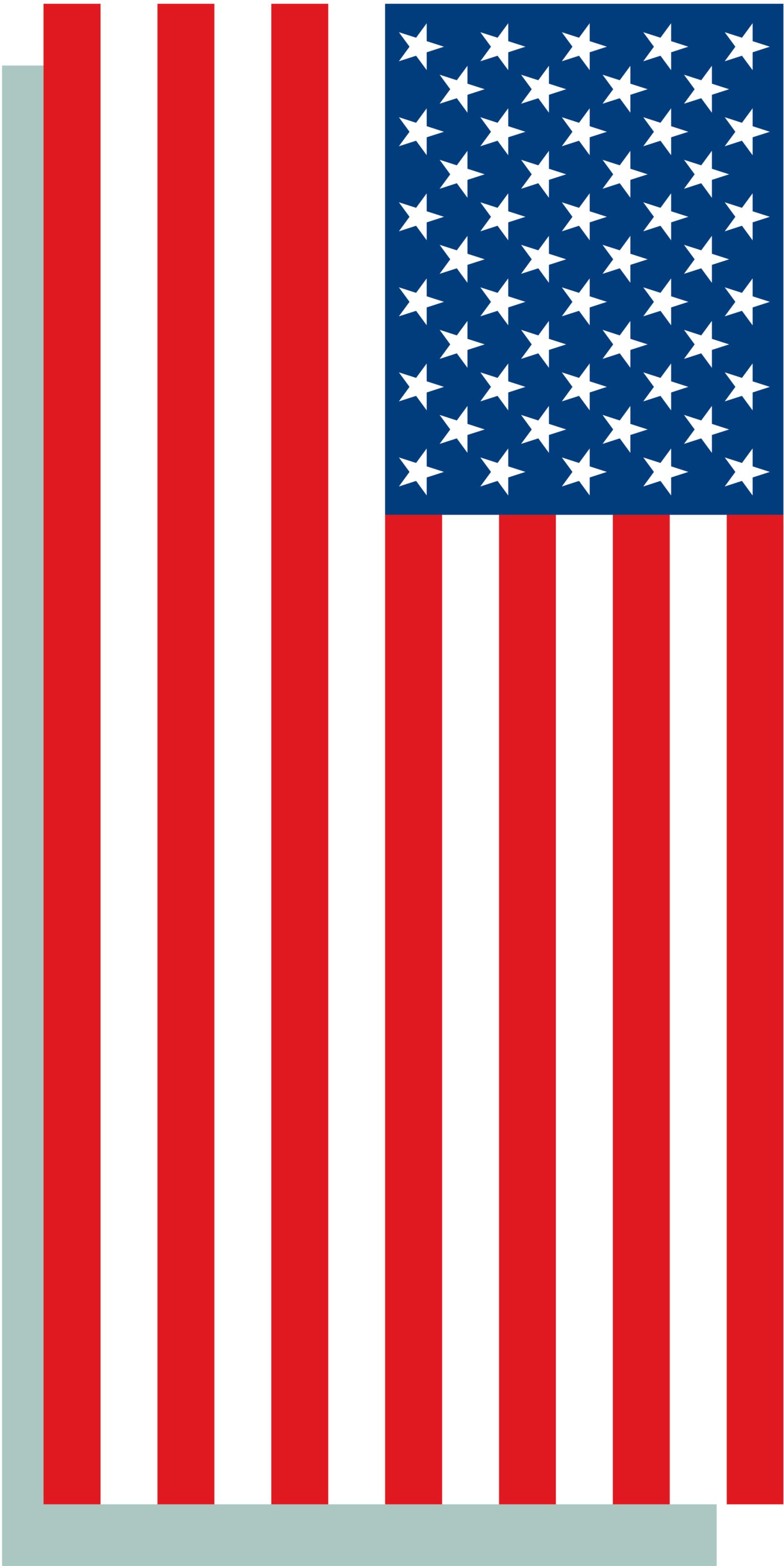
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On their own



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Top left, Tomilee Dowden, left, and Chelsea Soderholm, thank the library for their wonderful experiences as TIGERS at Sunday's recognition dinner. Top center, Sybil Kemper, from the county's tobacco prevention program, left, presents a present to Patrick Jones, while Eileen Annie Ball looks on. At top, right, Majken Peterzen. At bottom, left, Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson. Bottom center, Kenneth Turner shares a duet with the library's Carol Barfield, as drummer Joe Lehning looks on, following Sunday's recognition dinner.

Banquet bids farewell to TIGER seniors

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Never has a streak of tigers brought so many tears.

But they weren't tears of fear caused by this group of nine tigers, they were tears of joy, the joy in watching nine young adults leave the comfort of their youth and venture out into a world of new adventures.

The fourth annual special awards ceremony dinner for the Friends of the Franklin County Public Library's TIGERS program drew a robust and enthusiastic audience Sunday.

Seven of the nine graduates of the program, which stands for "Teens In Gear Enjoy Realize Succeed," were seated at the head table: Brianna Gordon, Tomilee Dowden, Chelsea Soderholm, Andrew Gurganus, Patrick Jones, Ka'Trisha Williams, and Sarah Hadsock.

The two others, Charles Goggins and Asenath Thomas, were absent due to other commitments as they prepare for college in the fall.

All the seniors received scholarship awards from the library, with Gordon, Hadsock and Gurganus receiving the three highest awards for their participation in the program.

Highlighting the evening's dinner, emceed by Eileen Annie Ball, the former county librarian who worked to create the TIGERS program several years ago, were two keynote speakers.

Majken Peterzen, an accomplished artist out of Tallahassee, spoke first, beginning her remarks by questioning the graduating seniors on their future plans.

Hadsock said she enjoyed working at the library, while Williams said she planned on a nursing career and Gordon one as an x-ray technician. Jones plans a career in business, while Gurganus has his sights set on becoming a firefighter, Soderholm on being a victim advocate, and Dowden a teacher.

"We live in a community where we have a problem with good teachers," she said. "I want to be the person who changes that."

Peterson went on to speak about a favorite story of hers, "The Haberdasher's Holiday," in which a man named Charles Van der Vaan, the 24th son in his family's lineage and born to incredible riches as a cobbler, decides that making hats is what truly makes him happy.

"Follow your heart. Do what you're supposed to do," she said. "Life isn't about finding yourself. It's about creating yourself."

Next to speak was Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson, who began with a story of how Alice, from the fantasy novel "Alice in Wonderland," met the Cheshire Cat after falling through the rabbit hole. When the cat asked her, from its perch in the tree, where she was headed, Alice replied that "I really don't know. I suppose it doesn't really matter."

The cat replied, "Well, then I suppose it doesn't matter what road you take."

Johnson urged the young people to build on their hopes. "Your destination depends on your ability to dream," he said.

The next step, he said, was to use persistence and determination to achieve their goals and "not allow anyone to discourage you."

Johnson then recalled his second bid for the Apalachicola city commission in 1997, following an unsuccessful run in 1993. He said that after being discouraged by influential people that his odds were unlikely of success, he went on to emerge victorious in a field of five candidates, and was re-elected twice before being voted mayor.

"Don't be afraid to dream. There's not such thing as an impossible dream," he said. "Naysayers will place obstacles in your path to make you stumble and fall. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence."

After a delicious potluck dinner, complete with a cake featuring all the seniors' photographs in icing, Gurganus, Hadsock, Dowden and Soderholm all rose to give thanks to the TIGERS advisors that shaped their experiences over the past several years.

"There's so much stuff I got

to see and do," said Dowden. "You really enriched my life and lots of others."

Kenneth Turner on keyboards and vocals, and Joe Lehning on percussion, part of the band New Breed, provided live musical entertainment while the guest enjoyed a multi-course dinner along with dessert.

The Franklin County Department of Health Tobacco Prevention Program sponsored the ceremony, with Sybil Kemper on hand to present goodies bags to the graduates. Also recognized at the ceremony were the many volunteers who help make the program a success.

The Library's Tigers program is funded through a grant from the Gulf Coast Workforce Board and the Kit program is funded by a Title II grant from the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

The youth program staff includes Ball, Bijan Neshat and Suzanne Creamer in Eastpoint, Carol Barfield and Betty Prince in Apalachicola, and Bonny Ball and Joan Matey in Carrabelle..

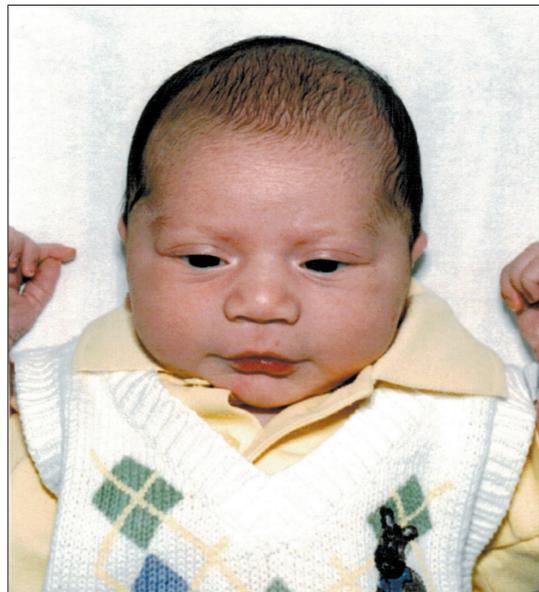
NEW BLOOMS AT KENDRICK PARK



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The Will. S. Kendrick Sports Complex east of Carrabelle has been expanded in recent weeks, as part of an effort overseen by the county parks and recreation department. Nikki Millender, a coordinator with the department, said the park now sports a tribute to famed Carrabelle native Buck O'Neil, a star of the Negro leagues who went on to major league fame as a coach, at left; a handicap accessible playground, at center; a tennis court, at right; and a nature trail that leads from the baseball park over to Sands football field.

Birthdays



Colby Carranza born

Victor and Tamra Carranza, of Crawfordville, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Colby Victor Carranza.

Colby was born on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 2:23 p.m. at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are David

and Tammy Sasnett, and Jesus and Rosa Carranza, all of Eastpoint. Great-grandparents are Roger and Agnes Keene, of Eastpoint, and Eloise Enfinger, of Pensacola.

Colby is the 14th grandchild of Jesus and Rosa Carranza, and the first grandchild of David and Tammy Sasnett.



Maranda Coatney to celebrate 18th birthday

Maranda Coatney, of Eastpoint, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 in Bristol, TN while competing in the 2009 National Hot Rod Association's Jr. Drag Racing League Eastern Conference Finals.

She will be competing along with her brother, Colton Sapp, representing South Georgia Motorsport Park.

Good luck and happy birthday,

Love — Mama, Jimmy, Erica, Colton and Aunt Jody

Still making news

Dan Sangaree, of Apalachicola, wishes to thank the many friends who remembered him with cards, cakes and phone calls on his 97th birthday. He is pictured on his birthday with his friend, Paris Janos, news anchor for Panama City's Channel 7.



Baby SHOWER

It's a girl!

A baby shower will be held for Ashley Creamer on Saturday, July 11.

The shower will be held at 4 p.m. at the Apalachicola Masonic Lodge #76, at 1 Center Street, located behind the Red Top restaurant.

All family and friends are invited.

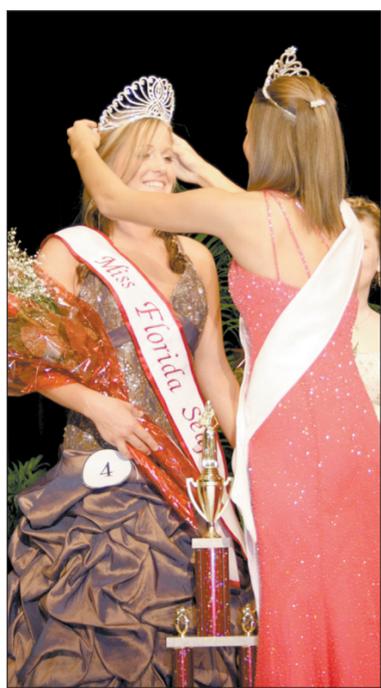
Seafood Festival plans pageant meeting

The Florida Seafood Festival board of directors is seeking all young ladies interested in vying for the prestigious title of Ms. Florida Seafood 2009-10.

Contestants must meet the following criteria: A Franklin County resident, age 16 to 18, a junior or senior for the 2009-10 school year, never been married, and have no children nor be pregnant.

Please go to www.floridaseafoodfestival.com under "Royalty" to obtain a pageant application. A pageant meeting will be held on Friday, July 17, at Pam Nobles Studios in Apalachicola to begin pageant preparation.

For more information, please contact Monica Moran at (850) 323-0099 or monicalane65@yahoo.com.



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Sara Ward, the 2008 Florida Seafood Festival queen, receives her crown from Parrish Johnson, the 2007 Ms. Florida Seafood, at last summer's pageant.

Marriage



Courtney Dearing, Zachery McAnally to wed

Sweeter than flowers, and more special too, are a bride and groom about to say I DO.

Cookie and Beth Dearing, of Apalachicola, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Courtney E. Dearing, to Zachery E. McAnally.

He is the son of Earl and LaDale McAnally, of Carrabelle.

They will be married on Saturday, July 11, 2009, at 6 p.m. at Gully

Branch recreation area in Tate's Hell State Forest, on County Road 67, Carrabelle. The reception will follow at the C-Quarters in Carrabelle.

She is the granddaughter of David and Edwina Paul, and Leroy and Katie Dearing, of Apalachicola.

Zach is the grandson of Earl and Voncille McAnally, of Carrabelle, and C.L. and Merle Odom, of Eastpoint.

All family and friends are invited.

Anniversary

Paul and Arlene Oehler mark golden anniversary

Paul and Arlene Oehler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 20, by repeating their marriage vows at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, in Kenmore, N.Y.

Father Richard Reina performed the ceremony, which was held 50 years after they were married on June 20, 1959.

Their children who were able to come to the ceremony were Cathy Curran, and her daughter, Courtney, who traveled from Blanchester, Ohio, and son, Jon, and his wife, Patricia, who traveled from Philadelphia, PA.

Paul and Arlene have four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Both retired educators, they have been living in Carrabelle since July 2000.



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Celebrating the Oehlers' golden anniversary are, from left, Cathy Curran, Courtney Curran, Arlene and Paul Oehler, Patricia Oehler and Jon Oehler.

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Monica to lead Carrabelle's Ascension Episcopal

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She will also be serving St. Teresa's Episcopal Church in Crawfordville.

The Rev. Teri Monica graduated from St. Bernard's School of Theology in Albany, New York in Dec. 2007 with a master's of arts in pastoral studies. Previously she received her master's of science in education and taught as a special education teacher in New York State.

She arrived in Tallahassee in February along with her husband, The Rev. Ted Monica and her youngest daughter, Therese Whichello. Her husband is the rector of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Tallahassee and her daughter is studying music education at Florida State University. Mtr. Teri's oldest daughter, Tara, is a dental ceramist in Norfolk.



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The Mission Board and congregation warmly welcome Mother Teri and urge the Carrabelle community to join us in worship any Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and meet Mother Teri Monica.

For more information contact Tamara Allen at 697-8380.

Weems Chaplaincy Group looks to expand outreach

Recently, as Weems Memorial Hospital CEO Chuck Colvert reflected these past four months on the hospital's "first ever" organized and authorized Chaplaincy Group, he expressed his sincere gratitude to those Franklin County clergypersons who accepted his initial "call to ministry" for pastoral support to Weems' patients and their families, as well as to the hospital's medical, administrative and support staff.

Thus far, of the 44 Franklin County churches and their clergypersons, the following seven have come forward to become Weems-certified in its countywide hospital's cooperative and caring ministry: Rev. Ron Barks, First Assembly of God,

Carrabelle; Pastor James E. Lee, Franklin County Church of Christ, Eastpoint; Rev. Casey Smith, Eastpoint Church of God; Ministers Valentina and Thomas Webb, Tabernacle of Faith International Ministry, Apalachicola; Rev. Kay Wheeler, retired deacon, Trinity Episcopal Church, Apalachicola; and Rev. Dr. John D. Sink, retired senior pastor, The United Methodist Church and organizer of the Weems Hospital Chaplaincy Group.

If any of the county's other clergy are interested in identifying and assisting with this new and unique medical/pastoral ministry, please contact Weems Human Resource Director Ginny Grincer at 653-8853 ext. 107 or Rev. Sink at 323-0718.

Church BRIEFS

St. Paul AME to host Women's Day

The St. Paul A.M.E. Church, at 81 Avenue I in Apalachicola, will host its annual Woman's Day program on Sunday, July 12 at 4 p.m.

Please come join us in celebrating this occasion.

For more information, call 653-9164 or 653-9454.

Love Center debuts new Social Time

Love Center Ministries offers friendly companionship, food and fellowship and a great chance to

socialize at its new Social Time activity, on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Coffee time begins at 7:30 a.m., with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., through 10 a.m. Following Bible study at 10:15 a.m., there will be a great chance to connect with friends throughout the morning.

Lunch will be featured from noon to 2 p.m., followed by such activities as bingo, movies, sing-alongs and more. The day's activities will close at 4 p.m.

Donations are accepted. For more info, call 653-2203.

Ernestine Larsen

Ernestine "Tina" Larsen, 67, died June 20, 2009 at Treasure Coast Hospice in Stuart.

Born in Pike County, KY, she moved to Stuart in 1971, coming from Tampa.

She was a retired deli hostess for Publix Supermarkets, working at the Cove Road and Downtown Stuart locations.

Survivors include her daughters, Bev Larsen, of Stuart; Missy McCuen, of Apalachicola; son, Harry Larsen, of Carrabelle; sisters, Lucy Stanley, of Stuart; Judy Smith, of Maryland; Freida Hunnicutt, of Michigan; Pamela Kirk, of South Carolina; brothers, Greg Roberts, of Michigan; Travis Roberts, of Kentucky; two grandsons, Garry Larsen, of Carrabelle; and Jordan



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Haddad, of Stuart; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Garry Larsen; sister, Annette Dougdale; and brothers, Pierce Roberts and David Roberts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, Inc., 1201 SE Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997; (772) 403-4500; http://www.tchospice.org.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 11 at Sandspruit Park in Port Salerno, with a covered dish luncheon to follow.

Arrangements are under the direction of Forest Hills Young & Prill Chapel in Stuart. A guest registry may be signed at www.youngandprill.com.

Nita Foster

Juanita "Nita" P. Foster, 69, of Port St. Joe, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 25, 2009.

She was born on May 28, 1940 in Munford, Alabama to the late Marion G. Parnell and Mertie Davis Parnell.

Nita was a graduate of Sylacauga Hospital School of Nursing in Sylacauga, Alabama, and for 46 years, she served others as a caring and compassionate nurse. Her gentleness and kindness touched everyone she met.

Nita leaves behind her devoted daughter, Eleanor

Foster, of Port St. Joe; her brother, Luke (Margaret) Parnell, of Crossett, Arkansas; and many other friends and relatives who will miss her, but cherish her memory.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 46 years, J. Wayne Foster.

A graveside service to celebrate her life will be held on Wednesday, July 1 at 11 a.m. at the Montgomery Memorial Cemetery in Montgomery, Alabama. Arrangements by Kent Forrest Lawn, Panama City.

James Lee Guernsey

James Lee Guernsey passed away Friday evening, June 26, 2009, in Tallahassee.

He was born June 22, 1923, in Henryville, Indiana. Lee grew up on the family dairy farm and graduated from Henryville High School in 1941.

He received his bachelor's of science from Indiana Teachers College in 1947, his master's of arts from Indiana University in 1948, and his doctorate from Northwestern University in 1953.

His teaching career began at the University of Louisville and he retired professor emeritus of geography from Indiana State University in 1988. Other professional accomplishments include establishing state and national land use policies, co-authoring two books and making numerous contributions to textbooks, encyclopedias and periodicals.

He served in the United States Army-Air Force from 1943 until 1945. He was a licensed private pilot as flying was one of his great passions.

Lee and Ruth Guernsey

lived and raised their family in Terre Haute, Indiana from 1956 until 1988. They originally bought a vacation home on St. George Island in 1971, and retired permanently to the island in 1988, becoming an integral part of the island community and attending the First Baptist Church.

Lee treasured his life and relationships. A true humanitarian, he inspired and touched the lives of his family, friends, and students. He will be greatly missed.

A devoted husband and father, he is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth Guernsey; his sister, Mary Basham; son, Ernest Thomas Guernsey, and wife Stefanie, of Tampa; daughter, Carol June Bate and husband, Bruce of Hartwell, GA; granddaughters, Dinelle Pettitt and Annette Karlsberg; great-grandson, Daylin Pettitt; and great-granddaughter, Aubrey Pettitt.

A celebration of his life is planned for Monday, June 29 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of St. George Island with Rev. Mike Whaley officiating.

Obituaries

Leroy Dearinger

Leroy Lambert Dearinger, 74, a lifelong resident of Apalachicola, died Thursday, June 25, 2009 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Panama City.

He was born Sept. 15, 1934 to the late Leon and Annie Dearinger in Apalachicola. He served his country during the Korean Conflict as part of the U.S. Army. He was a retired secretary and was a member of Eastpoint Church of God.

Preceding him in death was his grandson, Justin Pate.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Katie L. Dearinger, of

Apalachicola; a son, Leroy "Cookie" Dearinger, of Apalachicola; a daughter, Angela K. Pate, of Baton Rouge, LA; and four grandchildren: Anthony Pate, Jared Pate, Garrett Dearinger and Courtney Dearinger.

Funeral services were held June 28 at Eastpoint Church of God with Rev. Casey Smith officiating. Burial followed in Magnolia Cemetery, in Apalachicola.

Expressions of sympathy may be submitted and viewed at www.southerlandfamily.com. Arrangements by Southerland Family Funeral Homes, Port St. Joe.

Lucille Thompson

Lucille Thompson passed away Sunday, June 28, 2009.

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Tuesday, June 30 at Kelley Funeral Home Chapel. Kelley Funeral Home handled arrangements.

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Worship Services 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672
Pastor: Julie Stephens

Eastpoint United Methodist Church

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

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

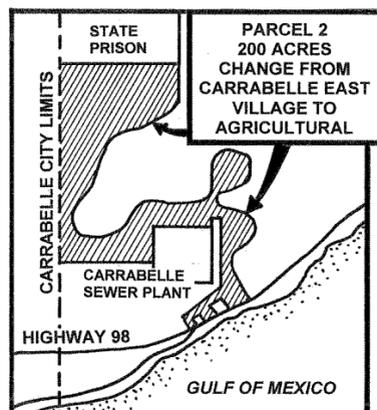
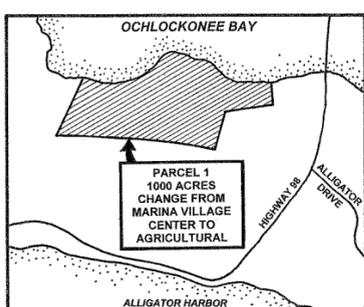
Parcel 1: Change 1000 acres on Ochlockonee Bay in Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23, Township 6 South, Range 2 West, as shown in the attached map, from Marina Village Center to Agricultural.

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



SONS OF LEGIONNAIRES HELP SENIORS



LOIS SWOBODA

Bill Miller, District II commander of the American Legion, right, presents a check for \$500 to the Rev. Mark Collins, chaplain of the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle, at the regular Thursday luncheon held June 18. The donation to the center is a gift from the Sons of the American Legion Camp Gordon Johnston Post 82.

Public welcome to join Legion on Fourth of July

Don't forget now: Everyone is welcome to join us at Legion Post 82, for the Fourth of July service, starting at 1 p.m. Stay for the rib dinner following the service. Your donation of \$7 will be collected at the door.



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

While you're waiting for all that delicious food, enjoy your favorite beverage, play shuffleboard or pool or just visit. Then at 4 p.m., the winning ticket for

the car will be drawn. What a day we will have!

Thanks to the members of The Legion, The Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons for all their work in preparing the dinner, and a big thanks to all who came out and supported the dinner.

The regular membership meeting of The Legionnaires will be held Tuesday in the Legion hall. The gavel

falls at 7 p.m. following the executive board meeting.

Members of the Lanark Boat Club will have the annual Fourth of July picnic on the grounds of the club. Things will get going at noon Saturday. Bring a dish to share. There will be a \$3 donation for non-members.

Be kind to one another, and check in on the sick and housebound. Don't drink a fifth on the fourth.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Coastal Barrier Resources System
Virtual Public Meeting – July 15, 2009

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is soliciting public input on its Report to Congress: John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Digital Mapping Pilot Project and draft maps during a 120-day public comment period that closes on August 5, 2009. The report highlights the benefits of updating Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) maps with more accurate and precise digital maps to better protect people, coastal areas, and natural resources.

The Service will hold a virtual public meeting to address the North Florida pilot project units on July 15, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the pilot project effort and to offer an opportunity for questions and answers. The North Florida pilot project units are located in Nassau, St. Johns, Volusia, Brevard, Manatee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Dixie, Franklin, Bay, and Walton Counties. Members of the public planning to participate in the virtual public meeting must register at http://www.fws.gov/habitatconservation/coastal_barrier.html by July 10, 2009. Participants must have access to a computer and telephone to fully participate. Registrants will be provided with instructions for participation via e-mail.

For more information, please visit http://www.fws.gov/habitatconservation/coastal_barrier.html, or e-mail CBRAcomments@fws.gov.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION FRANKLIN DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Purpose and Effect: The Franklin District School Board proposes to amend and adopt policies, as provided in the Administrative Procedures Act for the purpose of bringing said policies into compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules.

Summary: The following is a brief description of each proposal change:

Franklin County School District

- Student Progression Plan
- Code of Conduct
- School Board Policy Manual

Statutory Authority: Section 230.22(2), Florida Statutes

These proposed rules will be considered by the Franklin County School Board at a meeting publicly advertised and held in the Franklin County Willie Speed School Board meeting room at 85 School Road, Suite One, Eastpoint, Florida no earlier than 28 days after the original date of this notice.

The above Policy Manual, Code of Conduct and Student Progression Plan may be reviewed at the Franklin County School Board District Office, located at 85 School Road, Suite One, Eastpoint, Florida during the hours of 7:30 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday - Thursday.

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).

20 counts of obtaining or attempting to obtain controlled substance by fraud (FCSO)

June 24

Oscar J. Orcutt, 41, Eastpoint, trespass on property after warning (FCSO)

June 25

Pamela McLaughlin, 35, Carrabelle, driving while license suspended (CPD)

June 27

Patrick L. Poteete, 21, Lanark Village, two counts of supplying alcohol to a minor and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor (CPD)

June 28

Edward A. Bosket, 34, Lake City, DUI and leaving the scene of an accident (FHP)

Loreal L. Daniels, 28, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked (FDEP)

June 19

Jimmy Ward, 40, Southport, violation of probation (FCSO)

June 21

Alex Ramirez, 20, Apalachicola, leaving the scene of an accident and no valid driver's license (APD)

June 23

William D. Holton, 62, Carrabelle,

Franklin deputy recuperating after flipping patrol car

A 40-year-old Franklin County deputy sheriff is recuperating at home after suffering injuries in an early morning collision Friday in St. Teresa.

Anthony W. Sapp, 40, of Carrabelle, was the only individual hurt in the 12:30 a.m. mishap on June 19. The accident occurred on U.S. 98, west of the fork at U.S. 319, near the former location of Lorenzo's Restaurant.

"He has some cuts and bruises, a possible fractured collarbone, but he was released from Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and is at home," said Undersheriff Joel Norred.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol's media re-

lease, Sapp was driving his patrol car, a 2005 Dodge Durango, eastbound on U.S. 98 and following behind a Carrabelle Police Department patrol car. Both vehicles were en route to a call for service.

According to Norred, the two cars were responding to a complaint in St. Teresa of possible gunshots.

As they rushed to the scene, the Carrabelle officer received a call of suicide threats in Carrabelle, and slowed his vehicle. Sapp then swerved to avoid hitting the Carrabelle patrol car, Norred said.

Trooper Charles Cook wrote that Sapp's vehicle left the roadway onto the north shoulder of U.S.

98. The front left of the vehicle hit a tree, and continued eastbound on the shoulder before entering a culvert and becoming airborne.

Sapp's vehicle then rotated upside down and counter-clockwise, before the front of it hit a dirt embankment before stopping in the north shoulder the road, upside down in a culvert.

Sapp was wearing his seatbelt, alcohol was not involved in the crash and no charges are pending, according to the report.

Damage to the vehicle was estimated by FHP at \$8,000, although Norred said it appears to be totaled. "He's a lucky man," Norred said.

Colson fined, rifle forfeited, for killing bear

A Franklin County man who illegally killed a black bear last winter is finding out that justice can be costly.

Larry Joe Colson, 55, of Apalachicola, appeared before Gulf County Judge Fred Witten last week and pleaded no contest to the misdemeanor charge. He must pay a \$1,150 fine; forfeit his .30-06 rifle and scope to the state; serve six months probation and see his hunting and fishing privileges suspended for three years.

His license suspension will apply not only to Florida but also in 26 other states who are members of the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact.

Colson was charged last January after Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission law enforcement officers found a dead bear on his hunting lease in Gulf County. He later admitted killing the bear.

The leased land is owned by the St. Joe Company. The company has since notified Colson he is banned from hunting on any of their lands for the next five years.

Emergency management seeks ham radio enthusiasts

Franklin County Emergency Management, in conjunction with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), is looking actively for individuals interested in ham radio operations.

No matter what age, they are looking for:

- Those who don't have a license, but who would like to study and obtain one.
- Those who presently hold a license and wish to upgrade or renew it.
- Those who hold a general license or better who wish to instruct and train new students.
- 'Old timers' who would be willing to share their time, knowledge and experience with a new generation of amateur radio operators.

Hams range in age from six to more than 100 years old. While some are technically skilled, holding positions as scientists, or technicians, all walks of life are represented on the airwaves. Musicians, such as country music superstar Patti Loveless, Eagles guitarist Joe Walsh, and retired major league outfielder and MVP Joe Rudi, and more are all ham radio enthusiasts.

It's not only a fun hobby, but when the chips are down, ham radio is looked to for emergency communications and public service.

Anyone interested should contact Mike Rundel or Ron Page at the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center at 653-8977.

Movies in the Park continue July 2

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office's S.A.F.E. Program (Student And Family Events) invites students and families to come and enjoy "Movies in the Park."

Enjoy a free family movie on a 12-foot movie screen, along with free popcorn.

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

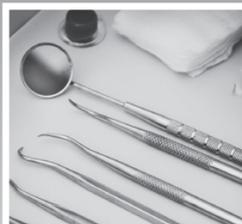
- Thursday, July 2 at Battery Park in Apalachicola
- Thursday, July 9 at Lighthouse Park on St. George Island
- Thursday, July 30 at Kendrick Field in Carrabelle
- Tuesday, Aug. 4 National Night Out at Vrooman Park in Eastpoint

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FWC hosts open house to seek input on St. Vincent Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will host two open house meetings this month to request input from the public in developing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge.

The open houses will be held at St. Joe Bay Buffer Preserve, 3915 Highway C30, from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, with presentation at 6:45 p.m., and from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, July 16 at the Apalachicola Community Building (City Hall), 1 Bay Avenue, with presentation at 6:45 p.m.

The conservation plan will set wildlife, habitat, and public use priorities and guide management decisions on the Refuge for the next 15 years. The open house meetings will provide an opportunity for interested members of the public, agencies, neighbors, public interest groups, and local governments to participate in the Refuge planning process from the very beginning.

The purpose of the meetings is to find out what the public's ideas are on management of the Refuge so they can be addressed in the planning process. Each meeting will consist of the same information and content.

Interested citizens may stop by any time to submit comments. Refuge staff and maps and exhibits will be present. At 6:45 p.m., Refuge staff then will present an overview of the Refuge, including its history, key wildlife and habitats, public use opportunities, and challenges. A presentation on the planning and environmental compliance processes will then be given by Natural Resource Planner from the Service.

Immediately after the presentations, attendees will be given the opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas on Refuge management. In addition, comment forms will be made available so that written comments can be submitted at the meeting or mailed in to the Refuge later.



PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA

A group of children learn about the outdoors at the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge's open house.

ted at the meeting or mailed in to the Refuge later.

The service invites the public to provide comments to the following questions, as well as any other issue, opportunity or concern you may have for the Refuge.

1. What makes St. Vincent NWR special or unique for you?

2. What do you value most about St. Vincent NWR?

3. What would you like to see in the future for St. Vincent NWR?

The Refuge, established in 1968, is part of the Apalachicola River and Bay Watershed as well as St. Joseph Bay Aquatic Pre-

serve. The refuge's 12,490 acres include two islands (St. Vincent Island and Pig Island) and a mainland tract located on Highway C30. The refuge supports a unique mix of upland and wetland habitat types. St. Vincent provides habitat for thousands of birds, including wading and water birds such as herons, egrets, and wood storks, as well as shorebirds like snowy plovers, American oystercatchers, and red knots.

Many neo-tropical migrant songbirds breed on the refuge and use the refuge during migration. Since 1990 the refuge has supported the recovery of the endangered red wolf by establishing St. Vincent Island as a propagation site. Other species like deer, squirrel, raccoon, and numerous amphibians and reptiles such as alligators, snakes and sea turtles can be found on the refuge.

The refuge is open year-round for wildlife-related activities such as wildlife

observation, biking, nature photography, and hiking. Public use facilities include trails, interpretative signage and a boat dock. Hunting and fishing opportunities are permitted on some areas of the refuge, according to specific refuge regulations. As required by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, wildlife resources must be given first priority with recreational uses available to the public as long as these activities are compatible with the mission of the Service and the purpose for which the refuge was established.

If you or someone you know cannot attend the open house and would like to submit written comments, they can be sent to St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 447, Apalachicola 32329. Comments may also be sent via email to Stvincentccp@fws.gov. Please feel free to contact the Refuge Office at 653-8808 with any questions.

Community CALENDAR

Thursday, July 2

Apalachicola Library summer reading program, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. For more info, call 653-8436.

Carrabelle Public Library, 311 St. James Ave. offers Adults Wii from 9-11 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. 1-3 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.

Friday, July 3

ALL CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED

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

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

The new Carrabelle History Museum, at 106 B Street, SE (Old City Hall) will be open 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. For more info, call Tamara Allen at the Carrabelle Historical Society 697-2141.

Saturday, July 4

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

Monday, July 6

Apalachicola Library Board meets at 5 p.m. at Apalachicola Municipal Library. For more info, call 653-8436.

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, July 7

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

Apalachicola City Commission meets at 6 p.m. at City Hall. For more info, call 653-8715.

Apalachicola Library summer reading program, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. For more info, call 653-8436.

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

697-2366.

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 8

Community Development Block Grant workshop at 5:30 p.m. at Apalachicola's City Hall. Workshop to discuss possible grant application for renovations to Scipio Creek Marina. 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 Li-

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

Thursday, July 9

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.

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GET THE SCOOP

Walter Scott's Personality Parade

Q Where did Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony get the names Max and Emme for their twins?—Susan Nicastro, Hudson, Fla.
A The silver-coupled couple won't provide details, but we suspect that the names of their twins were inspired by PBS's popular bilingual cartoon series *Dragon Tales*. It follows the adventures of two Latino siblings named Max and Emme.

Q Who does the cooking at home: celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse or his wife?—Rosary Polonero, Wayne, N.J.
A "My wife, Alden, is a great cook," Emeril, 48, tells us. "But she says, 'Why should I bother cooking when I'm married to you?'" Forget marrying for money—every woman should marry a chef. Get the recipe for the best dish that Emeril cooks for his wife at Parade.com.

Q Can you give me an update on the condition of basketball star Derek Fisher's daughter, who's being treated for cancer in Los Angeles?—A. Laker fan, Huntington Beach, Calif.
A Tatum, 1, would receive the best possible treatment for cancer of the retina in her left eye, Fisher, 33, quit the Utah Jazz and took a \$7 million pay cut to play for the L.A. Lakers. "I have no regrets," Fisher says. "Tatum is in remission, and her eye has been spared." We wish them continued good news.

Q I say R.E.M. frontman Michael Stipe has romanced women. My fiancé insists he's gay. Weekend chores are riding on your answer. Who wins?—Liamarie Brignoni, Sanford, Fla.
A Share the vacuuming. Stipe, 48, has taken lovers of both sexes and once described himself as "an equal-opportunity leech."

Q What odds do you give Jennifer Aniston's romance with John Mayer?—S.A. King, Studio City, Calif.
A There's no telling how long this will last, but one thing is for sure: There's not a match made in heaven. At 39, the actress wants to start a family. The 30-year-old singer likes to flit from affair to affair with Hollywood beauties such as Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jessica Simpson, and Cameron Diaz. Deep down, Jen and John just don't share the same values or priorities.

Q Your item on *Heroes* star Ali Larter said her boyfriend is actor Hayes MacArthur. Is he related to the late Helen Hayes and her son, James MacArthur?—Sharon Bayliff, Hillsboro, Ill.
A Yes, Hayes, 31—now engaged to Ali, 32—is a member of that royal acting family. The legendary Helen Hayes, who died in 1993, was his great-aunt. He calls James MacArthur, best known for TV's *Hawaii Five-O*, his "Cousin Jimmy." Hayes, who began as a standup comic in L.A., met Ali last year on the set of *National Lampoon's Hot Chick*.

Q What can you tell me about Drake Bell, whose TV show beat out Miley Cyrus' *Hannah Montana* at the recent Kids' Choice Awards?—F.C. Goodwin, Marina del Rey, Calif.
A "I've come a long way since 2005, when my face was a car crash," Bell, 21, tells us. He had a career again big break at 10, appearing with Jerry Maguire. Roles on *Scrubs* and *Mean Girls* followed before his hit kid *Drake*, debuted on Nickelodeon for three years. It's now in reruns in August. When not acting, he plays guitar. His third CD comes out in November. It stars Angelina Jolie, whom he calls "a great actress with a face that would have made her a star in any generation."

Q When Ali weeds Hayes (ll), she'll join a famous family.
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2804 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS

BILLY F. OWENS; DONNA OWENS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE(S) OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION DEFENDANT(S)

CASE NO: 2008-000027-CA

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting the Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated June 8, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-000027-CA of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN COUNTY, Apalachicola, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS of the FRANKLIN County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida at 11 a.m. on the 22nd day of July, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 86, KEOUGH'S SECOND ADDITION, CITY OF CARRABELLE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A SINGLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME VIN#H5765G

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

Dated this 9th day of June, 2009.

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation should contact COURT ADMINISTRATION at the FRANKLIN County Courthouse at 9 0 4 - 6 5 3 - 8 8 4 1 - 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

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June 25, July 1, 2009

2746T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF Jeffrey W. Daugherty Deceased.

File No. 08-000067-CP Division Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jeffrey W. Daugherty deceased, whose date of death was July 2nd, 2008, and whose social security number is 285-52-4455, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is June 25, 2009.

Personal Representative: Susan Valentine
1160 Austin Court
Sugar Hills, GA 30515
Attorneys for Personal Representative
BARBARA SANDERS ATTORNEY AT LAW
80 MARKET STREET
APALACHICOLA, FL 32320
Telephone: (850) 653-8976
Florida Bar No. 442178
June 25, July 2, 2009

2777T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

ELIZABETH G. CHILD A/K/A ELIZABETH CHILD, et al, Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000230 DIVISION:

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: KAREN TOMLINSON LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 160 Avenue C Apalachicola, FL 32320

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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

LOTS SIX AND SEVEN OF BLOCK FIFTYONE IN THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.,
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida
33622-5018
F090049792
June 25, July 2, 2009

2853T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS L. BRANNAN and IDA RENEE BRANNAN, husband and wife, Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 09-000148-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Final summary Judgment of Foreclosure in this case, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County,

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a/k/a 312 NE Avenue H, Carrabelle, Florida.

at Public Sale, to the highest bidder for cash, at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on August 6, 2009.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of June, 2009.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Steve M. Watkins, III
FBN: 0794996
41 Commerce Street
Apalachicola, FL 32320
(850) 653-1949
July 2, 9, 2009

2858T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF 1996 Suzuki SUV #2S3TA02C9T6402906

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

TO: JESSICA M. VANDERFORD, and any other person claiming an interest in the described property:

The Sheriff of Franklin County has filed a Complaint of Judgment of Forfeiture with the Clerk of Court in Franklin County, Florida, seeking forfeiture of the following property:

1996 Suzuki SUV (Green)
Tag No. 636JZP
#2S3TA02C9T6402906

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office seized the above property on March 24, 2009, in Franklin County, Florida. The property is presently in the custody of the Sheriff of Franklin County.

An Order finding probable cause and Directing Claimant to Respond has been issued by the Court. You are required to file a copy of your written defenses with the Clerk of Court and to serve a copy of your written defenses on or before 30 days from the first date of publication, on J. Patrick Floyd, Esquire, Counsel for Franklin County Sheriff's Office, 20 Avenue D, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Failure to file your defenses will result in a default judgment being entered against you.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the Court this 14th day of May, 2009.

Marcia Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk
July 2, 9, 2009

2884T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

O. LEE MULLIS and CHARLOTTE S. MULLIS, Defendants.

CASE NO. 09-000009-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 22, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 09-000009-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, SUPERIOR BANK, and the Defendants, O. LEE MULLIS and CHARLOTTE S. MULLIS, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 6th day of August, 2009, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

That certain condominium unit of Water Street Hotel, a hotel condominium, composed of Unit Number 303, and the undivided 1/30 interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto, in accordance with and subject to the Declaration of Condominium establishing of Water Street Hotel, a Hotel Condominium, recorded in Official Records Vol. 943, pp. 84-233, public records of Franklin County, Florida.

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 23rd day of June, 2009.

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Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court
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Acclaimed jazz trio to play Magnolia Grill

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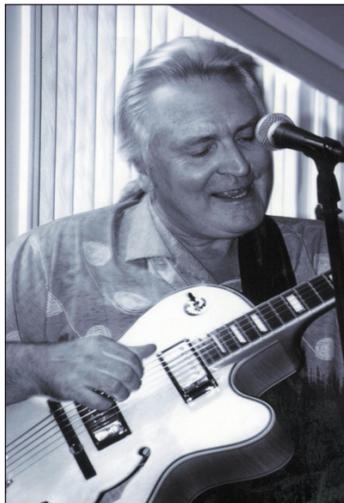
The New South Jazz Trio features three illustrative veterans of the music world, a bluesy song stylist, a veteran guitarist who has performed with some of the greats, and a world renowned bass player.

Bobbie Storm, an iconic jazz singer from the Carolinas' Low Country, continues to thrill audiences with a unique blend of jazz and blues. A regular at the famous Spoleto Jazz Series for many years, Storm can be earthy, bluesy, and tenderly sophisticated as she performs from her heart.

Guitarist Jimmy Ward, who now teaches, performs and records in Panama City Beach, has performed locally, nationally and internationally, from New York to Denver, Los Angeles to Key West, and Bermuda to Holland. He has shared the stage with Blood, Sweat and Tears,



BOBBIE STORM



JIMMY WARD

John Lee Hooker, George Benson, Clark Terry, Stephen Stills, Brubeck and Sons, Jean-Luc Ponty, Larry Graham and many more.

World-renowned bassist Steve Gilmore has played with some of the greatest, including Phil Woods, Mose Allison, Jim Hall and Gene Bertoncini. "And that's just a teaser," said Ward. "The

list is so long it freaks me out. Don't miss the opportunity to hear one of the most important jazz bassists in America playing in peak form. He is utterly amazing and does things on the bass most of us can't even imagine."

Ticket prices for the concert buffet are \$24.95. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling 653-8000.

News BRIEFS

Clerk questions TDC spending

On June 16, Clerk of Court Marcia Johnson expressed her concerns to the commission regarding allocation of Tourist Development Council (TDC) funds. She said that the county has invested TDC money on projects that are not related to tourism citing the construction of sports facilities like ball fields and skate parks within local neighborhoods.

"I am concerned about the 60 percent infrastructure/40 percent promotional allocation of funds," she said. "It is my opinion that you can-

not spend TDC funds on a ballpark. I've been concerned over the last year about some of the checks I've signed."

Her remarks were met with loud applause from the audience.

Commissioners directed County Attorney Michael Shuler to research Johnson's contentions.

- By Lois Swoboda

Night meeting runs long, draws crowd

June 16 was the first of promised quarterly night meetings of the county commission. The meeting was well attended with about 50 in the audience but the crowd had

thinned considerable by the time public comment had concluded around 9:30 p.m., four-and-a-half hours from the opening gavel at 5 p.m.

\$250,000 stricken from tax roll

On June 16, Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson told county commissioners that Tax Collector James Harris had certified the list of errors, insolvencies, double assessments and discounts on the Assessment Roll.

Errors and insolvencies totaled \$4,300, subtractions totaled \$276,000 and additions amounted to \$23,000. In summary, about \$257,000 was

stricken from the roll. The commission voted unanimously to approve the report.

FEMA signs off on local projects

At the June 16 commission meeting, Emergency Management Director Pam Brownell told commissioners that she met with FEMA on May 28. At that meeting, repair projects were approved for Owl Creek Road, Power Line Road, Jeff Sanders Road, West Road, Smith Creek Road, Duvall Road, Black Creek Road, Hickory Landing Road, Brickyard Road and damaged streets on St. George Island.

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Date	Temperature		
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Thu, July 2	90°	81°	40 %
Fri, July 3	93°	80°	30 %
Sat, July 4	93°	80°	40 %
Sun, July 5	90°	80°	40 %
Mon, July 6	89°	80°	40 %
Tue, July 7	90°	80°	30 %
Wed, July 8	92°	80°	60 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

Date	Time	Tide	Time	Tide
07/02 Thu	11:13AM	1.7 H	08:34PM	-0.1 L
07/03 Fri	11:54AM	1.7 H	09:24PM	-0.2 L
07/04 Sat	12:42PM	1.7 H	10:09PM	-0.3 L
07/05 Sun	06:22AM	1.5 H	08:53AM	1.4 L
	01:34PM	1.7 H	10:50PM	-0.3 L
07/06 Mon	06:40AM	1.5 H	09:45AM	1.4 L
	02:26PM	1.7 H	11:25PM	-0.2 L
07/07 Tue	06:57AM	1.5 H	10:29AM	1.3 L
	03:15PM	1.7 H	11:55PM	-0.2 L
07/08 Wed	07:13AM	1.5 H	11:10AM	1.2 L
	04:02PM	1.7 H		

CARRABELLE

Date	Time	Tide	Time	Tide
07/02 Thu	09:48AM	2.7 H	06:21PM	-0.2 L
07/03 Fri	10:29AM	2.7 H	07:11PM	-0.3 L
07/04 Sat	11:17AM	2.7 H	07:56PM	-0.5 L
07/05 Sun	04:57AM	2.4 H	06:40AM	2.2 L
	12:09PM	2.7 H	08:37PM	-0.5 L
07/06 Mon	05:15AM	2.4 H	07:32AM	2.2 L
	01:01PM	2.7 H	09:12PM	-0.3 L
07/07 Tue	05:32AM	2.4 H	08:16AM	2.1 L
	01:50PM	2.7 H	09:42PM	-0.3 L
07/08 Wed	05:48AM	2.4 H	08:57AM	1.9 L
	02:37PM	2.7 H	10:07PM	-0.2 L

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m = Minor M = Major		add 1 hour for daylight savings		
Date	Day	AM	PM	Rise/Set Moon
07/02	Thu	m 12:45	m 1:00	5:03AM ☉
		M 6:50	M 7:15	7:05PM ☉
07/03	Fri	m 1:30	m 1:50	5:04AM ☉
		M 7:35	M 8:00	7:04PM ☉
07/04	Sat	m 2:15	m 2:30	5:04AM ☉
		M 8:20	M 8:45	7:04PM ☉
07/05	Sun	m 3:00	m 3:20	5:05AM ☉
		M 9:10	M 9:35	7:04PM ☉
07/06	Mon	m 3:50	m 4:10	5:05AM ☉
		M 9:55	M 10:20	7:04PM ☉
07/07	Tue	m 4:35	m 4:50	5:06AM ☉
		M 10:40	M 11:05	7:04PM ☉
07/08	Wed	m 5:20	m 5:40	5:06AM ☉
		M 11:30	M -	7:04PM ☉

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JULY 4TH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Port St. Joe

The 11th annual Independence on the Coast celebration will begin Saturday, July 4, at 10 a.m. ET in Frank Pate Park.

The free, family-oriented event will feature children's activities, live entertainment, a parade, classic car show, petting zoo, great food and fireworks.

The Kid's Kitty Car and Golf Parade begins at 11 a.m. in front of the tennis courts. Judges will determine winners in six categories: boy's bike, girl's bike, tricycles, motorized, floats, on foot and most comical.

A duck race will entertain crowds from 3-4 p.m., followed by the popular Kid's Pirate Costume. Pirates invade Frank Pate Park at 5 p.m. and will share a special pirate feast with kids from 6-6:45 p.m. Live music begins at 6 p.m., with Tommy and Jimmy Curry, followed by a patriotic concert by Reggie Grantham.

Evening activities begin at 9 p.m., with a lighted boat parade sponsored by the Port St. Joe Yacht Club.

Fireworks will illuminate the sky at approximately 30 minutes after dark. Those viewing the show from Jetty Park or St. Joe Marina will enjoy the best view.

Wewahitchka

On July 4, the Wewahitchka Dixie Youth baseball/softball teams will be hosting carnival activities and concessions at the T.L. James Sports Complex, located at 521 Catalta Street.

Proceeds will help the teams pay for expenses as they advance to the state playoffs.

The fun begins at 5 p.m. CT, with fireworks at dark.

Cape San Blas

The Cape San Blas lighthouse will host its first Arts and Crafts Fair on July 3-4, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and July 5 from noon - 6 p.m. ET.

Throughout the three-day event, vendors will sell a variety of offerings, including paintings, photography, wood carvings and stained glass. Local authors will sell autographed copies of their books. Booths will teach visitors interesting facts about local history, including the Tupelo honey and turpentine industries.

There will also be drinks and hot dogs for sale.

For a \$5 admission price, visitors can also climb the lighthouse tower. Children under 10 will climb for free, with adult supervision.

Mexico Beach

Dubbed the "Best Blast on the Beach," Mexico Beach's July 4 celebration begins with a Firecracker 5K run/walk under the Palms Park. The start time is 7 a.m. CT, with entrants paying a \$10 fee. The first 300 participants win a free T-shirt.

A Kid's Fishing Tournament will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Mexico Beach Canal. The event is free for kids ages 2-13. Bait, snacks and drinks will be provided, but participants should bring their own fishing poles.

Fireworks will be launched from the Mexico Beach pier at 8:15 p.m. (right at dark).

Remember: the pier will be closed on July 4.



★★★★★ Franklin County ★★★★★

Apalachicola

Apalachicola will kick off the weekend on Friday, July 3, where the Apalachicola Rotary Club, Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, and a host of downtown businesses have once again come together to coordinate the annual old Apalach Independence Day Parade and Ice Cream Social. Children will begin decorating their bicycles downtown around 6 p.m. ET and then organize at Lafayette Park around 6:30 p.m. to ready for the parade. Participants will gather, donning red, white, and blue while riding bicycles, pulling wagons, driving golf carts and walking.

The flag waving procession will leave Lafayette Park and make its way down Avenue B to Water Street along the river to Riverfront Park, where at 7 p.m. there will be an ice cream social along with entertainment.

New this year, and starting at 7:30 p.m., will be a Rubber Duck Race, under the Gorrie Bridge, sponsored by the Rotary Club.

The club, to raise money to fight polio, is selling rubber ducks at all branches of the Gulf State Community Bank and Apalachicola State Bank.

For \$2 each, people can buy as many race tickets as they wish, with each ticket corresponding to one of the rubber ducks entered in the July 3 race event.

The ducks will be taken to the big hump of the Apalachicola bridge, to be dumped into the river onto a track made of floating oil barrier booms. Current will float the ducks downstream to a boat waiting to grab the first, second and third place winners. First prize carries a \$500 prize, second place wins \$300 and third place takes home \$100.



St. George Island

On Saturday morning, July 4, the weekend's festivities will continue in the heart of St. George Island for the annual Independence Day Parade.

Anyone can enter a float, vehicle or themselves in this parade, which starts mid-morning, about 10 a.m. ET at the center of St. George Island.

At nightfall, fireworks will be launched in front of the Blue Parrot Restaurant.

Carrabelle

The Crooked River Lighthouse will be open for climbing, with free admission, during regular hours from 1 to 4 p.m. ET on July 4. The Camp Gordon Johnston museum, at the city's municipal complex, will be open all day July 4 as well. For more info, call 697-8575.

Carrabelle will play host to the city's annual community Fourth of July picnic at Tilly Miller Park. It's BYOB (bring your own basket) and begins at 5 p.m.

There will be lots of fun events, including a community jam fest, sack races, relays, games, cake-walk and pie baking contest. For more info call the chamber at 697-2585, the library at 697-2366 or City Hall at 697-2727.

The day's festivities will close with two firework displays in the county, both beginning at "dark-thirty."

In Carrabelle, fireworks will be on Davis Island, visible from the waterfront.

Lanark Village

The Lanark Village boat club will host its 4th of July picnic at noon ET. All are welcome, and encouraged to bring a covered dish for the affair. For more info, call Janet Dorrier at 528-9359.

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