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NOAA forecasts mild hurricane season

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Thanks to an active El Niño, the Gulf coast may be heading into a mild storm season.

Mike Jamski, forecaster for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) office in Tallahassee, said the Western hemisphere is emerging from a neutral period and a weak El Niño has begun to develop in the Pacific Ocean.

El Niño is a warming of surface ocean waters in the eastern

tropical Pacific. During a strong El Niño, temperatures can rise as much as 15 degrees above normal from the coast of Peru across the central Pacific.

The heat and humidity from El Niño changes global atmospheric circulation and disrupts weather and climate patterns in many regions around the world. El Niño alternates with La Niña, a cooling of the same region of the Pacific. The temperature change with El Niña is usually less drastic.

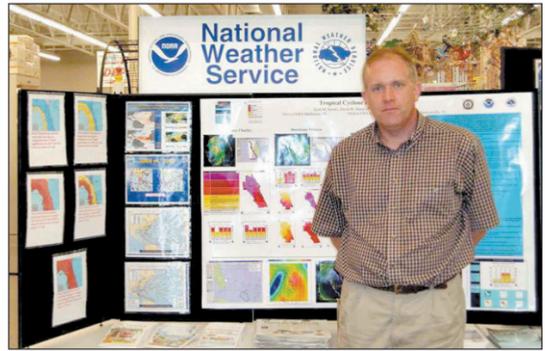
Neutral is the term used when neither El Niño nor La Niña is

present in the Pacific. About half of all years are classified as neutral years.

The name El Niño, from the Spanish for “the little boy,” refers to the Christ child, because the phenomenon is usually noticed around Christmas time.

NOAA expects this El Niño to continue developing during the next several months, with further strengthening possible. The event is expected to last through winter 2009-10.

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Mike Jamski, a forecaster with the Weather Service Forecast office in Tallahassee.

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New way to the bay County dedicates Eastpoint boat ramp

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Franklin County opened the Fourth of July holiday weekend with a ribbon cutting on the new Eastpoint boat ramp on Patton Drive, the first piece of a dock project county officials hope will soon extend all the way to U.S. 98.

Four county commissioners were joined on July 1 by two officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in snipping the baby blue ribbon tied across the recently completed ramp. Only Commissioner Bevin Putnal was absent, due to having hand surgery.

“This will preserve the heritage of the seafood industry in Eastpoint, for as long as we can preserve it,” said Commissioner Pinki Jackel, whose district includes both the St. George Island and Eastpoint waterfronts.

In his blessing, the Rev. Casey Smith from the Eastpoint Church of God, asked for God’s keeping it “a safe haven, a place of recreation and excitement, as well as prosperity for our commercial fishermen.”

Funded by two FWC grants, one covering the \$68,750 cost of design and the other the \$396,000

cost of construction, the project dates back to Nov. 2007, when Commission Chairman Russell inked the deal for the design phase with engineering firm Bailey, Bishop & Lane.

One year later, the construction grant paperwork was signed by Commissioner Chairman Smokey Parrish, with that work completed by a host of companies, including Poloronis Construction, Coastline Construction, Jason White Construction and Sol Verde.

“It’s been a long, hard battle,” said Parrish, at the dedication. “It’s been a vision of mine and the county commission to enhance the boat ramps in this county. I’m proud to see that happen.”

Capt. Donald Duval, said on behalf of FWC, that “what it’s all about is providing places for people to use the resource.”

Jackel thanked the many contractors and county employees on hand, including the planning office’s Roxie Allen, who baked the sheet cake that was served at the onsite reception.

She said she was grateful for the cooperation of the contractors, who worked with her in refining the finished product. “I appreciate their patience with me adding a woman’s touch,” Jackel said.

A floating dock adjusts to tide

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Willie Poloronis, owner of Poloronis Construction, said the work included removal of about 200 loads of river bottom to create enough depth, about five feet, for the ramp to work effectively.

The project includes a the main dock, a 10 foot by 10 foot platform that floats with the tide, and is linked to the shore by an aluminum walkway. The parking lot has been repaved, with oyster shells forming the base of the area leading up to the newly installed concrete ramp that slopes into the water. Adjacent is a 40’ long work dock, a more rugged structure designed for oyster boats. Solar lighting will illuminate the area.

Boaters and fishermen alike are raving about the new ramp, although one commissioner has said some further steps may be needed to eliminate a potential problem.

At the July 7 commission meeting, Putnal said the county needs to secure some additional gravel to place at the end of the ramp, so that there is a more even slope, rather

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Apalachicola OKs Downtown Improvement Board

The Apalachicola city commission approved the formation Tuesday afternoon of a new Downtown Improvement Board, designed to plan and coordinate a downtown revitalization program.



JOE TAYLOR

The new board was approved by a 3-0 vote at a special meeting called to sign paperwork on a half-million dollar loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development office. Commissioners Mitchell Bartley and Jimmy Elliott were absent.

Apalachicola store owner Joe Taylor outlined the new board’s mission, which is “to unify a broad range of interests in order to plan and coordinate a downtown revitalization program to promote economic development and historic preservation.”

Unlike the Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce, the new board would direct its attention only to the downtown area, and would not have a broader focus on the entire city.

Without spelling out details, Taylor said the new board “would maximize public and private resources to rec-

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Allen asks Carrabelle to continue with waterfront program

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

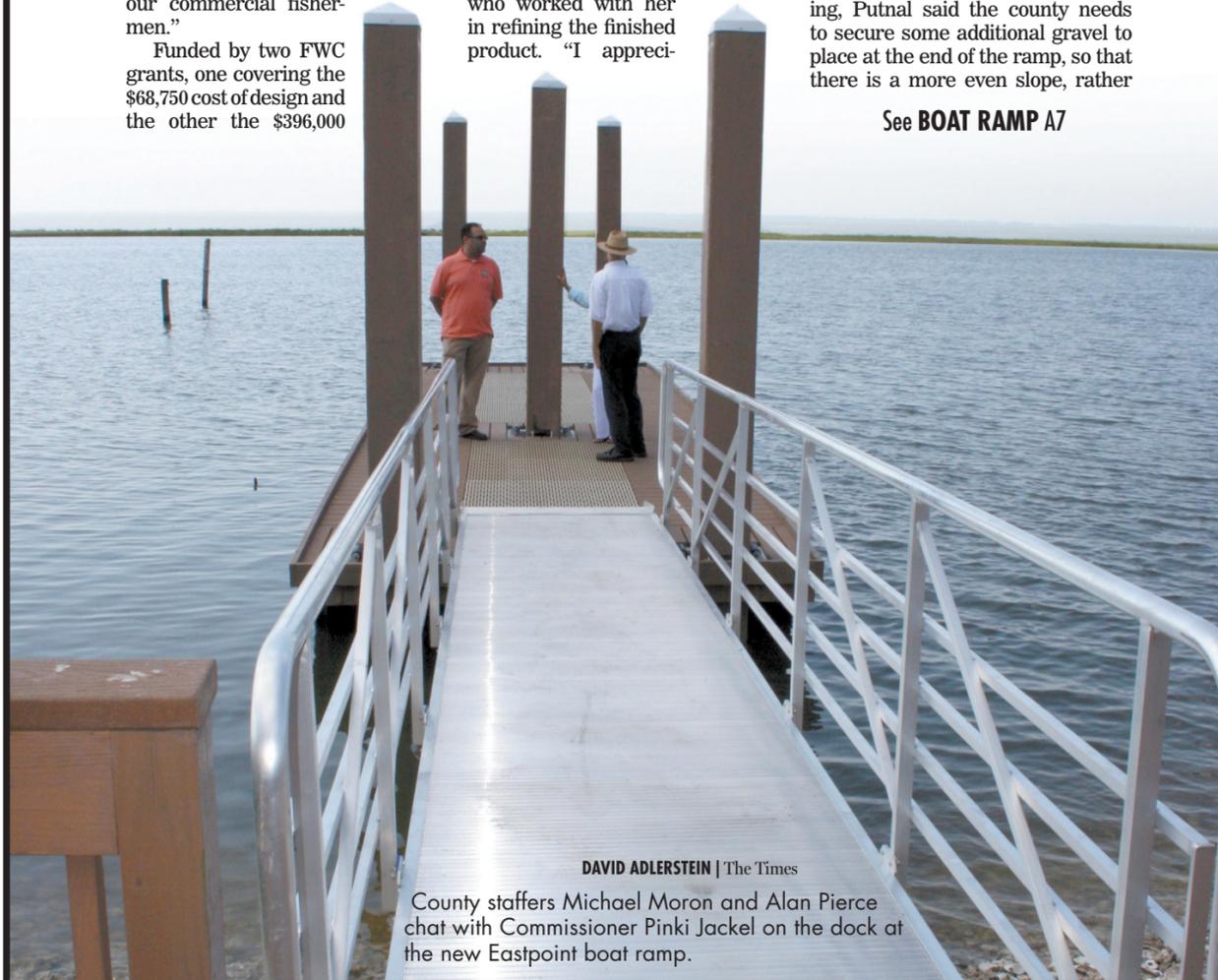
State funding for the Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership ends in August but organizers of the program want the city to continue to participate.

At the July 2 meeting of the Carrabelle city commission, Tamara Allen, program manager for the Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership asked the commission to allow the project to continue beyond the end of state funding August 31. She asked to continue using the old one-room Coast Guard office on the waterfront as a center of operations. The city pays for utilities in the building, which it owns.

Waterfronts Florida, a subsidiary of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), offers help to coastal local governments in the state to revitalize their working waterfronts by providing resources for planning.

In addition, the program designates selected communities to receive technical and limited financial assistance

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County staffers Michael Moron and Alan Pierce chat with Commissioner Pinki Jackel on the dock at the new Eastpoint boat ramp.



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Star Publications awarded

The Times and sister paper The Star took home eight journalism awards at the Florida Press Association's Better Weekly Newspaper Contest reception, held Saturday at The Breakers in Palm Beach.

Times city editor David Adlerstein and staff writer Lois Swoboda earned an honorable mention in the News Story category for their joint coverage of the destruction of Apalachicola State Bank by a seafood truck last November.

Adlerstein also won an honorable mention in the Photo Series in the One-

sue category for his coverage of Pam Nobles' annual dance recital.

Swoboda took home second place in the Outdoor Writing category, for a story on wildlife biologist Adam Warwick's rescue of a 300-plus-pound bear near Alligator Point.

At The Star, staff writer Despina Williams took first and second places in the Best Obituary by a Newspaper category, for profiles of the late Apalachicola residents Genaro "Jiggs" Zingarelli and Albert "Corky" Richards.

Williams also won third

places in the Headline Writing and Shining Star categories. The Shining Star award honors an individual's outstanding contribution to a newsroom during the contest year.

Star contributing writer Marie Logan won second place in the Photo Series in the One Issue category for her photos of a turtle release exhibition.

The Times and The Star competed against newspapers with circulations under 7,000 in all categories except Best Headline and the Shining Star Award, which were open circulation divisions.

Questions loom as county OKs hangar construction

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The county commission has approved plans to construct a commercial hangar at Apalachicola Regional Airport, but future use of the facility is still in question.

At the July 7 meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to go ahead with construction of an 11,000-square-foot commercial hangar, although how the hangar will be used is undecided.

Requests for proposals (RFP) for use of the facility were opened prior to discussion of the hangar. Only two RFPs were received. Skywatch Ventures of Valdosta and Bill Ruic, the fixed-base operator, each proposed to use the hangar as a paint shop for aircraft. Neither proposal gave specific information about funding or proposed fees for use of the hangar.

Lee Lewis, of Avcon, the engineering consultant for the airport, said there were two options for use of the facility. He said the building could house a shop to service aircraft as large as a King Air Beechcraft or that a portion of the hangar could house offices to generate rental income. He said it was also possible the space could be leased for aircraft storage.

"Do you have someone who's willing to lease the building you build?" Commissioner Pinki Jackel asked.

"Worst-case scenario, we will have very competitive lease rates," Lewis answered.

He said his firm had designed the hangar based on



Lee Lewis

the original grant amount of \$1.24 million. The state reduced the amount of the grant money by \$150,000 in June.

Lewis said Avcon hopes the cut in funding is temporary.

"We can build the basic building but it will be tight," he told the commission.

He said that Florida Department of Transportation is funding the entire project, with no matching funds required.

"A paint hangar or offices, those are decisions that can be made in the future. We only get one chance at this building," Lewis warned the commission. "A number of contractors have indicated this is the most competitive time to build."

County Planner Alan Pierce said private-sector support will be needed to complete the project. "We have no signed leases for office space, and the brief synopses these two companies have turned in don't talk

about financing," he said.

"I think it's important that we get this with the understanding that we can't be responsible for any of the funding," said Commissioner Bevin Putnal.

Commissioner Noah Lockley moved to proceed with plans for construction. Jackel asked Lewis to provide commissioners with a breakdown of the numbers for the project.

Pierce said the project is on schedule to accept bids for construction of the hangar. The commission will open bids Aug. 4 and possibly award the contract on Aug. 18, he said.

Pierce said the bids will give separate costs for constructing just the hangar's shell, the paint shop and the offices. Once bids are opened, the county can make a more informed decision on what path to take for the hangar's construction based on the estimated cost of construction, Pierce said.

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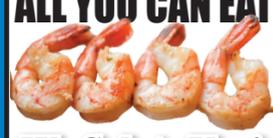
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Emergency grant to help fund trash pickup

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Roadside trash is a growing problem around the county. The Gulf Coast Workforce Board will provide extra help with trash cleanup during the high season.

At the July 7 meeting, county commissioners discussed roadside trash. Commissioner Bevin Putnal said Transfield Services (formerly VMS), the firm under contract to clean the shoulders and ditches of county roads, is not adequately maintaining the area between 10th Street and State Route 65 in Eastpoint.

He asked County Planner Alan Pierce to send a letter of complaint to Bob English, interim director for Transfield.

Solid Waste Director Van Johnson said he believed the number of day-trippers to county beaches has in-

creased this season because of economic conditions and that the amount of trash has increased as well.

He said he would investigate deploying more workers to pick up trash on the weekends when the majority of day visitors travel to the beach.

Pierce told commissioners the county was eligible for four temporary workers under the Gulf Coast Workforce Board National Emergency Grant program. He said such workers could be used to supplement regular county employees for trash pickup.

The board voted unanimously to accept the workers after the contract is reviewed by County Attorney Michael Shuler.

Pierce said the workers would be subject to drug tests and screening. He said they could not work on the bridges but could be used for litter control on the approaches to the bridges.

In a later telephone interview, Johnson said Fonda Davis is the liaison with the Workforce Board.

He said two existing county employees charged with beach cleanup will oversee the temporary workers, who will be employed for a six-month period. The temporary employees will be available to work on weekends.

Kim Bodine, executive director for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, said the county will receive about \$44,000 in funding out of a more than \$400,000 grant that will serve Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties.

She said the state made the funds available through an emergency declaration related to April 2009 flooding and storms, and that the funds are earmarked for cleanup related to that disaster.

She said the four local residents who are hired will work for up to six months

and get paid \$10 per hour. They will have to have their own transportation to Eastpoint, where the county will run a van to the cleanup sites.

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board, headquartered at the Workforce Center at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, is one of 24 regional workforce boards around Florida. It is chartered to serve the workforce and training needs of Bay, Gulf, and Franklin counties.

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Editorial

Health care reform, Franklin County style

During this sticky summer weather in Washington, politicians are dealing with a sticky challenge. Senators and congressmen have before them the monumental task of reforming the nation's health care system.

Drug companies have promised to return \$80 billion in savings over the next 10 years to Medicare recipients. Hospitals have upped the ante and pledged to give back \$155 billion.

President Obama is pushing hard to deliver on a promise he made during the campaign, to bring coverage to 46 million uninsured Americans and rein in expanding health care costs, the single largest stumbling block to the nation's economic growth.

Republicans are balking at Democrats' plans for universal coverage, decrying a public insurance option as an enormously expensive step that will limit patient choice and stifle private enterprise.

There are plenty of options on the table — whether they be single-payer, tort reform, tax breaks, trigger plans, co-op plans, you name it — and they're complicated. But most important, the sheer vastness of the challenge is out of the hands of ordinary American citizens who don't sit in the hallowed halls of Congress or in the board rooms of huge pharmaceutical giants or hospital chains.

Ordinary people who live in faraway big cities and small towns, in places like Franklin County, who deal every day with the simple challenge of keeping themselves and their

loved ones healthy.

They go to the doctor when they need to, *and when they can afford it*, and they follow the doctor's instructions as best as they can. If they have medical insurance, they rely on it like a life preserver in a treacherous sea. If they don't have coverage, they go somewhere they can afford the charges. Sometimes all they can afford are no charges at all.

And who pays the difference between what they can afford and the true cost of health care? The taxpayer, people who live in faraway big cities and small towns across the nation, in places like Franklin County.

With this backdrop in mind, it is important for county commissioners to remember some basic principles as they approach the upcoming July 21 afternoon workshop on health care delivery in Carrabelle.

This is not a vast challenge, like nationwide health care reform, that is out of everyone's hands. This is a challenge squarely on the shoulders of this county's elected officials, those five commissioners elected to spend wisely each and every nickel of taxpayers' money. And on those constitutional officers who have an obligation to provide constructive advice when it comes to gathering, collecting and spending those dollars.

This is a challenge squarely on the plate of this county's appointed health leaders, those who run the health department and the Weems Memorial Hospital system, whether it's preventive care, medical treatment or

emergency response.

This is a challenge squarely on the charts of this county's medical professionals, who deliver the services we all depend on, to keep us and our loved ones healthy.

We're all in this together, which is why it's crucial we embrace common assumptions when it comes to finding answers for funding health care for Carrabelle and the eastern end of the county.

Over the past five years, the county has been able to dig its way out of a troubling health care crisis of its own, by putting Weems and the ambulance service on solid financial footing with the help of a one-cent sales tax. No one threw up their hands and said "let the hospital die," or let EmergencyStat's sudden departure destroy the ambulance service. Everyone pitched in, reached into their pockets and put the ship on an even keel.

The deck of that ship that serves Carrabelle is blessed to have several able health care providers meeting the community's health care needs. Dana Whaley, an advanced registered nurse practitioner at the county health department's annex, is a valuable primary care asset, just as are Dr. Nancy Chorba and Dr. Timothy West at Weems Clinic East.

From all indications, patients like these health care options available in the Carrabelle area, and that is how it should be. If both offices were just another example of private-sector health care providers successfully meeting patients' needs, then all

would be fine and this editorial could end right here with a giant sigh of relief.

But such is not entirely the case. Both the health department practice and Weems Clinic East are heavily dependent on public-sector taxpayer support for survival. The Carrabelle annex's primary care practice offers a sliding scale for patients who can't otherwise afford to see a medical professional. Plus taxpayer money, by way of a county subsidy to the state-funded health department, is what keeps that afloat.

In the case of Weems Clinic East, county sales taxes enable that facility to break even and provide the care patients depend on. And on the horizon is a million-dollar project to build an Urgent Care Clinic in Carrabelle, based on a promise made in order to secure passage of that very sales tax.

With this in mind, we believe it is important that county commissioners, health care officials and medical providers give careful consideration to Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson's call for a cost-effective solution to Carrabelle's health care needs. No one wants to deny Carrabelle the medical care it needs and deserves. The commissioners on the eastern end of the county are right to defend that care.

But there are serious questions about taxpayer dollars. In this time of recession, does it still make sense to hand over a million dollars to contractors to build a brand-new urgent care center, when a retrofit of the existing

annex might work as well for less money? Especially since further shrinkage of state dollars to the health department will only free up more available space at the annex, and even threaten to close it altogether?

Does it make sense for taxpayers to continue to subsidize two medical practices in Carrabelle, when a reasonable collaboration between Weems and the health department could result in more expanded and cost-effective care for everyone?

Does it make sense for Weems and the health department to continue to conflict over scarce health care dollars? Isn't it reasonable to expect that the two publicly-supported health care entities will work together even more closely as a united force to meet the county's medical needs, from Alligator Point to Apalachicola?

We don't have all the answers; no one does. It's going to take everyone working hard to hash this out. And both the health department and Weems are to be congratulated for their success in delivering care.

But we believe that this success has come because of a willingness by taxpayers to pony up the funds needed to cover costs. These taxpayers must be listened to when it comes time to reach a cost-effective conclusion.

Commissioner Noah Lockley was right when he said "Some of these issues can be worked out, but we have to sit down and negotiate." Now is the time. We need health care reform, Franklin County style.

If they only knew from mullet roasts

As a subscriber to Google Alerts — Apalachicola, I often receive e-mails from travelers and writers who blog and post about this area. They glowingly wax on about the lack of high-rise development and amusement parks. They speak of unspoiled beaches and the abundance of fresh, local seafood.



RED WHITE AND ROUX
Denise Roux

fishing and eating. In the evenings, we built bonfires out of driftwood, sang old songs, told lies and smooched behind the sand dunes. If we were lucky, we got to stay at the beach for a few nights in a cottage with no air-conditioning, television or telephone. We played cards and board games.

We slept on sagging mattresses on the screened porch and pulled a tarp or old shower curtain over our heads if the rain started blowing in. We went out in the mornings to seine for bait fish and check the crab traps. We spent the afternoons picking crabs, working on supper or napping. I imagine there was also some reading going on, but no news or current events. We had everything we needed or wanted.

My family, like many, never owned a beach house; however, we were frequent guests of those more fortunate. Even a day trip with a home base at a friend's cottage was especially fine.

I particularly remember the



DENISE ROUX

Enjoying a mullet roast on Indian Pass Beach in the mid-1960s are, from left, Rita Sawyer, Julia Anthony, Audrey Roux, Charlotte Dean, and Helen Quackenbush.

mullet roasts of my childhood, organized by my parent's generation, and held at Indian Pass Beach or farther west on the cape. In latter days, they became once-a-summer events, but there was a time when they were commonplace. The grown-ups were able to mobilize on short notice, and everyone knew

what to contribute. Specific locations at the beach varied somewhat, depending on how the cape's shifting shoreline affected transportation.

Several of the men would go out early in a boat to catch mullet. There was an abundance.

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Natural input

St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge is a terrific place to go for a day in woods, sand and sun.

Shell hunters find nirvana, hikers a pristine walk in the woods and visitors a snapshot

of old Florida. A sambar deer might leap from the underbrush. An Eastern diamondback rattlesnake might slither out of the woods. There is a thriving red wolf population.

This week the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will host a pair of open house meetings to seek public input on the management of St. Vincent Island. The Franklin County meeting will be at the Apalachicola Community Building (City Hall), 1 Bay Ave., on Thursday, July 16, from 6-9 p.m., with a presentation at 6:45 p.m.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is developing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the refuge over the next 15 years. The purpose of the meetings is to gauge the public's ideas on management of the refuge as part of the planning process.

On such things, we in this space tend to trust the input of Dr. Joe Collins, the king of ick and one of the most highly-regarded herpetologists in the world.

For more than a decade, Dr. Collins, his wife, his wife's mother and his students have trekked to St. Vincent to survey the things that most of us might run from — snakes, lizards and all things slimy and icky.

Dr. Collins not only injects education and humor into his annual visits, but provides critical knowledge and perspective about the resources. His words are worth heeding, if for no other reason than understanding the some of what makes this a postcard part of the world.

Dr. Collins provided his input from his herpetological center in Kansas, which follows

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School uniform policy would be outrageous

Editor's Note: Early last week, the school district sought input on a proposal from the Franklin County Schools Code of Conduct Committee regarding school uniforms. The committee planned to recommend the school board approve a change that khaki, black or blue pants, shorts or skirts (no jeans) be added to the school uniform for the 2009-210 school year.

If approved, the proposal would have added to the existing uniform policy, which already specifies that pants and shorts must be worn with a belt, and that shorts and skirts must not be more than 3 inches above the knee.

Principal George Oehlert said he received a lot of feedback from parents regarding the proposal.

"This is really a 'dead issue' now. There is no change to the dress code for the 2009/2010 school year," he told Zachary Jones in an e-mail last



GUEST COLUMNIST
Zachary Jones

week. "The Code of Conduct committee was considering making the recommendation to change the dress code, and the proposal was to get student and parent feedback to the proposed changes. Based on the response from both students and parents, the committee listened, thus no changes or additions to the dress code."

When I read the school proposal for full uniform, I almost lost my mind. It's bad enough that we are surrounded by gates like we are in prison at the school. My thoughts are just like everyone else who was against the full uniform. Some said "ridiculous." I said "outrageous."

Some parents can hardly afford school shirts for their child whenever they need new ones, and some are just tired of paying for school shirts over and over again. Now, adding a full uniform to their stress is just foolish and upsetting.

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I Googled school uniform policies, and I read that a school uniform gives students decency, which is good, and that it helps students perform better in school. I'm not a rocket scientist, but by wearing school uniform, how can that help you perform better? It's either you have it, or you are developing it.

I also read that some schools provide uniforms for those who can't afford them, which I thought was excellent, but I know that our school is not willing to do

that because they have their own financial problems and can't afford to give away uniforms just like that.

This is what some parents had to say: "There are parents that are struggling to pay for school shirts, and to add bottoms is totally outrageous, and this is a public school, not a reformatory school," Mary Sewell said.

Carol Barfield said, "In these economic times, parents are just not able to afford this. The school board needs to look at their own

finances and see how they are just barely staying afloat, and then maybe they will have compassion on parents in this rural area."

On the other hand, some agreed with the proposal, for example, "I think the change in the dress code for next year is a good idea," Christina Pearson said. "My son attended a school in Bay County where the dress code was school shirts with khaki pants or shorts for the boys, and he had no problem with that. In fact, he preferred to wear khakis instead of

the jeans simply because khaki is more relaxing.

"I personally like the idea because I feel it teaches our children to have respect and decency for themselves and for the school that they attend. I know some are against it, but they have a right to their own opinion and choice. Either way, I really don't have a problem with the changes," she said.

Zachary Jones is working this summer as an intern at the Apalachicola-Carrabelle Times.

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The next step would be preparation of the roasting pit. A square was dug into the sand, the wood loaded in, and lit. The time-honored grate was part of a long-gone box spring. Imagine a double-bed sized cooking grill at ground level.

The fish were gutted, heads and eyeballs left intact, and handed over to the ladies. They stationed themselves at the tailgate of a pickup and chopped mounds of lemons and onions. The fish were stuffed, tied with cotton string and placed on the grate over glowing embers. The wait would be excruciating.

The only way to check for doneness was to peel back the mullet skin and poke at the flesh. Burned fingers were an inevitable result. When the word went out that the fish were ready, the potluck side dishes began to appear.

We usually had baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad and a vast assortment of brownies, frosted sheet cakes and homemade cookies. We peeled the mullet and ate it with our fingers. There was the subtle flavor of the beach, tender, juicy, white and smoky. Remember, this was roasted, and it was a totally different critter from the smoked mullet more readily available today.

Could this experience be re-created? Of course, but we would have to lay aside our schedules for a bit. Could we gill net for the mullet? Would there be enough for a decent roast? How would we cook them without the box spring grate? Would we have to haul a cooker down to the beach? And how about that driftwood bonfire? The neighbors might complain. As for driving on the beach, fuggedaboutit unless you have a coveted permit.

I recognize that with increased population comes increased responsibility to protect our resources. No more careening over sand dunes. I also know that my memories are colored with nostalgia.

But, hey, you know what? I think we could still do it. An adaptation here, a little advance planning there, and voilà, a mullet roast. I think we all deserve it. I'm know I'm ready.

Denise Roux is a regular columnist for the Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times. To reach her, e-mail her at rouxwhit@mchsi.com.

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"St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge presents one of the greatest biological opportunities for research in the southeastern United States because it is an island with limited human access. This also makes it one of the few places in the southeastern United States where conservation of sensitive species can be maintained and controlled on an ongoing basis (i.e., the red wolves, etc.).

Some of the herpetological conservation projects that might be considered for the St. Vincent 15-year management plan, the CCP, include:

1. Re-introduction of Eastern Indigo Snakes (*Drymarchon couperi*). While the first attempt in the 1980s was not successful, new information indicates that a different approach and/or methodology might show success. If this can be funded, I am ready to do it.

2. A study of the Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake (*Crotalus adamanteus*) on the island would be useful; these reptiles will probably become extinct on the mainland of Florida. Thus, the St. Vincent island population may become the last of these creatures in the region.

3. A study of the population dynamics and status of the state-protected Gopher Tortoises (*Gopherus polyphemus*) on the island would be of great benefit in increasing our knowledge about

these chelonians.

4. A study of the status of the Diamondback Terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*) on the island would be of great benefit in increasing our knowledge about these chelonians; they live in such a narrow environment along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, and their conservation status is uncertain.

5. A study of the Salt Marsh Snake (*Nerodia clarkii*) on the island would be useful in preparing a contingency conservation plan for them. Populations elsewhere in Florida are federally protected.

6. Dr. Emily Moriarty Lemmon at Florida State University has expressed an interest in having her students do field research on the island. Most of the students would work with amphibians.

7. Amphibians need fresh water. Any management plans or upgrades that could increase the freshwater acreage on the wildlife refuge would be very helpful. Again, many amphibian populations may be decimated or go extinct on the mainland; St. Vincent might become the last refuge for some of them.

8. A better system of roads might be adopted for the island, possibly one with fewer roads than at present, but also more strategically located than the current ones. However, I am thinking in terms of biological research; there may be other perfectly valid reasons for the current road arrangement (i.e.,

safety, maintenance, fire control).

9. Upgrading and enlarging the cabin (on the island) to create a small field research station might be a good idea; it would attract more biologists to do research on the island. I suspect the cabin would lend itself well to more modern means of generating heat and electricity such as wind and solar.

10. Having a permanent contract with St. Vincent Shuttle Service to transport authorized field biologists to the wildlife refuge would be useful, and would relieve having to take folks over in the barge. The preferred work times of researchers often are not in synch with the barge schedule.

11. Small all-color booklets covering the wildlife of St. Vincent, sponsored and paid for by USFWS and distributed to visitors gratis, would build a strong sense of ownership with the public. There is nothing more exciting than seeing a living creature in the wild and being able to identify it with a handy booklet given to you by USFWS.

St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge is a gem in the federal refuge system and has the potential to play a more significant role in conserving the biological diversity of the southeastern United States. The above points are but a few of the many ideas that passed through my mind. Please feel free to share this information with anyone."

Nobody could put it more appropriately.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	Temperature			% Precip
	High	Low		
Thu, July 16	89°	77°		40 %
Fri, July 17	89°	77°		40 %
Sat, July 18	87°	75°		40 %
Sun, July 19	88°	77°		40 %
Mon, July 20	89°	77°		30 %
Tue, July 21	90°	77°		30 %
Wed, July 22	90°	78°		50 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	AM	H	PM	L
07/16	Thu	12:23AM	1.1	02:41AM	1.0
		09:47AM	1.8	06:42PM	0.1
07/17	Fri	10:25AM	1.9	07:52PM	-0.1
07/18	Sat	11:15AM	1.9	08:54PM	-0.3
07/19	Sun	12:17PM	1.9	09:49PM	-0.4
07/20	Mon	01:27PM	2.0	10:38PM	-0.5
07/21	Tue	06:40AM	1.6	09:26AM	1.5
		02:36PM	2.0	11:24PM	-0.4
07/22	Wed	06:56AM	1.5	10:23AM	1.4
		03:41PM	2.0		

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	AM	L	PM	H
07/16	Thu	12:28AM	1.6	08:22AM	2.9
		04:29PM	0.2		
07/17	Fri	09:00AM	3.0	05:39PM	-0.2
07/18	Sat	09:50AM	3.0	06:41PM	-0.5
07/19	Sun	10:52AM	3.0	07:36PM	-0.6
07/20	Mon	12:02PM	3.2	08:25PM	-0.8
07/21	Tue	05:15AM	2.6	07:13AM	2.4
		01:11PM	3.2	09:11PM	-0.6
07/22	Wed	05:31AM	2.4	08:10AM	2.2
		02:16PM	3.2	09:52PM	-0.5

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Date	Day	AM	PM	Rise/Set	Moon
07/16	Thu	m 11:30	m -	5:10AM	☾
		M 5:20	M 5:45	7:02PM	
07/17	Fri	m 12:05	m 12:20	5:11AM	☾
		M 6:10	M 6:35	7:01PM	
07/18	Sat	m 12:50	m 1:15	5:11AM	☾
		M 7:05	M 7:35	7:01PM	
07/19	Sun	m 1:50	m 2:20	5:12AM	☾
		M 8:10	M 8:40	7:01PM	
07/20	Mon	m 2:55	m 3:15	5:12AM	☾
		M 9:05	M 9:35	7:00PM	
07/21	Tue	m 3:50	m 4:20	5:13AM	☾
		M 10:10	M 10:40	7:00PM	
07/22	Wed	m 4:55	m 5:10	5:13AM	☾
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than a ledge, during low tide.

He said at least one boat trailer had been damaged when it jammed on the concrete slab when it was pulling a boat out of the water. "It got hung up on the end of ramp," he said. "It's a drop-off and the tires dropped off, and when they started pulling it out they couldn't and it was hung up."

Putnal said the problem is a common one, and often results when repeated boat traffic and propeller action blows away sea bottom that used to make for a smooth entrance and exit. "When they dug the hole out, they didn't build it level with the bottom of the water," he said.

He recommended the placement of "small rocks about the size of a fist," of the type the state uses them in low-water crossings. "That's probably what we're going to have to do over there," he said. "The problem is only with low tide. It's nothing new; it's just a common thing that happened."

Appraisal underway for adjacent lots

To meet the immediate need for more parking, and the long-term goal of ex-

panded waterfront access, county officials hope to extend the site by gradually obtaining nine more lots that extend east to U.S. 98 along the south side of U.S. 98.

Mark Curenton, the assistant county planner, said the first piece of land is a small triangle, with waterfront access but no road-side frontage, that as of last November, was owned by Richard Spohrer, of Eureka Springs, Ark. The property appraiser's office assesses its value at \$85,850.

Curenton said he was not sure of the ownership status of the parcel, which Spohrer bought four years ago for \$340,000.

The next section of property heading east is the site of the former Allen Brothers Seafood. The first three lots are owned by Aquatic Land Development Inc., which includes investors Jeff and Dona Branch, and Art and Janet Riccard, of Port St. Joe. These lots encompass 150 feet of road and water frontage, and extend about 120 feet from the road out to the water.

According to the property appraiser's office, these lots were bought for

\$725,000 four years ago. They are currently assessed at about \$175,000, with a little more than \$100,000 in land and the rest in buildings.

Curenton said Tallahassee appraiser Paul Hyatt is working on an appraisal of those lots for the county.

The next two lots, which include 113 feet along the road and an irregularly shaped waterfront, are owned by investors, Art and Janet Riccard, Paul Lowe and Max Maddox, of Port St. Joe. These lots sold four years ago for \$730,000, and are currently assessed at a little less than \$123,000.

Last November, the county had hoped to secure \$1.7 million from the state's Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront grant program to buy the five lots. But state legislators did not fund the program, and the grant was not approved.

Jackel said she would like to see the commission draw on unspent monies in the capital outlay fund that are earmarked for land purchases to begin expanding the Eastpoint site. During this past year the commissioners drew on capital outlay monies to buy the Lombardi property

in the Two-Mile area west of Apalachicola, which has since been transformed into a seafood landing waterfront site.

The next lot is property owned by Sandra Fields, of Dearborn, Mich., with an assessed value of about \$240,000. Fields has told the county she is willing to lease the land for five years, with an option to renew for another five years, but is not interested in selling at present, Curenton said.

The last piece of the proposed project would be a property owned by Eastpoint's Noah Goodson, assessed at about \$27,000.



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Snipping the ribbon on the boat ramp are, from left, Commissioner Cheryl Sanders, FWC Capt. David Duval, Commission Chairman Smokey Parrish, Commissioner Noah Lockley, FWC Lt. Charlie Wood and Commissioner Pinki Jackel.



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Service Hearing Schedule
The customer service hearing will be conducted by the Commission at the time and place indicated below:

July 30, 2009
1 p.m.
Apalachicola Community Center
1 Bay Drive
Apalachicola, FL 32320

The purpose of this hearing is to provide customers of Progress Energy Florida the opportunity to testify before the Commission on Progress Energy Florida's request for a rate increase. Customers who wish to present testimony are urged to appear at the beginning of the hearing, since the hearing may be adjourned early if no witnesses are present to testify.

Customer comments regarding Progress Energy's request may also be submitted to the Commission at the following address: Director, Office of the Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850. Such comments should refer to Docket No. 090079-EI.

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through the Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program, created by the Florida Coastal Management Program in 1997 to address the physical and economic decline of traditional working waterfronts. Carrabelle was designated as a partner in the program in May 2007 and received a \$50,000 grant.

Partnership communities receive intensive

technical assistance in the creation of a new or refined community-designed vision plan to guide the revitalization of the community's designated waterfront area.

Over the last two years, the Carrabelle Partnership, working with Carrabelle Cares, a community service group, has organized almost 400 volunteers who donated nearly 3,200 hours of time. The partnership

has written grants totaling \$100,000 over the last two years, with the money used for projects dealing with environmental and historical preservation, hazard mitigation, improved public access to the waterfront and economic development.

"I think we serve the community in many ways," Allen said. "We act as a little mini chamber of commerce office and welcome

station. People pull up in their boats to ask questions and we get a lot of foot traffic too."

James Miller, a DCA spokesman, said helping community partnerships achieve financial independence was the goal of the program.

"While communities are certainly under no obligation to continue after funding ends, we encourage

partnership communities to continue to participate even after the two years of funding ends and we have many cities that have participated in the program for a number of years."

The commission did not vote on continuing the city's association with the partnership because the issue did not appear on the agenda. The request will be included on the agenda for

the Aug. 6 meeting.

Allen said that most designated Waterfront Partners continue to participate in the program after initial funding is exhausted by attending periodic training sessions and meeting available to members. She said the Carrabelle partnership could continue to participate without the support of the city, "but that's just not the right thing."

IMPROVEMENT BOARD from page A1

commend and implement improvements, as well as facilitate collaborative efforts" on three main areas.

The first would be promote downtown "by developing brand identity for 'Historic Apalachicola' as a national leader in cultural

and heritage tourism; plan, coordinate and host special events; and market the district to include businesses, attractions and activities."

The board would also seek to "create an inviting atmosphere in the commercial district that

conveys a positive visual image while maintaining the unique character and appropriateness of historic Apalachicola."

Lastly, the board would "support existing businesses and recruit compatible new businesses that build

a sustainable commercial district."

The commissioners also approved members of the 16-person board, with each coming from a different area of interest. Named to the board, and their respective assignment, were Susan Gary (Restaurant); Lynn Wilson-Spohrer (Lodging); PJ Trowell (Retail); Dixie Partington (Attraction); Amanda Kollar (Service); Steven Bartlett (Eco-tourism); Donnie Gay (Financial Institution); Steve Rash (Seafood Industry); Beverly Hewitt (Chamber of Commerce/Merchants Association); George Mahr (Downtown Property Owner); George Coon (Citizen at Large); Tom Daly (Planning & Zoning); Anna-Marie Cannatella (Community Redevelopment Agency); Harry Arnold (Waterfronts Committee); Joe Taylor (History, Culture and Arts Board); and Valentina Webb (Liaison to City).

- By David Adlerstein

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According to a NOAA press release, El Niño's impacts on the weather are complicated but it frequently suppresses hurricane activity in the Gulf of Mexico because prevailing winds from the northwest create a shear. This prevents tropical systems from remaining stationary over warm waters of the Gulf and strengthening into hurricanes. The prevailing winds can also increase precipitation over parts of North America, especially in winter, and decrease the probability of Florida wildfires.

It is believed El Niño may have contributed to the 1993 Mississippi and 1995 California floods as well as drought conditions in South America, Africa and Australia during the same period.

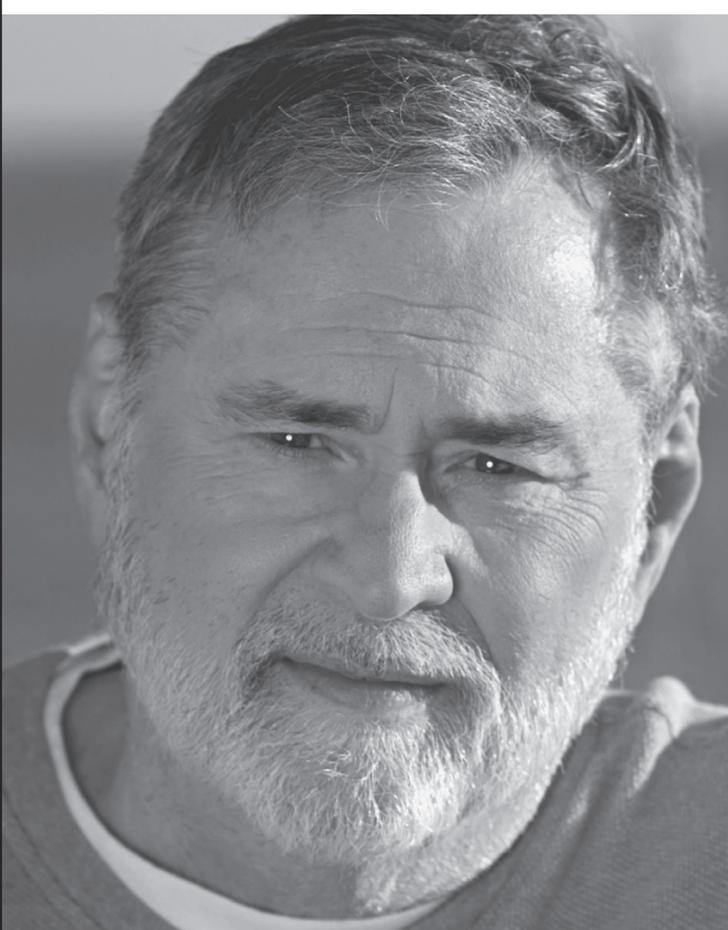
Although the specific effects of El Niño are difficult to predict, this event could also break the drought that has crippled farmers in India for several years.

Jamski said the El Niño is partly responsible for increased rain this spring in the Panhandle. He said a series of four troughs moving from the northwest over the Gulf has promoted the recent thunderstorms that have brought much needed rain to northwest Florida.

So far this year, 24.36 inches of rain have fallen on Apalachicola, only about a half-inch below the average over a 100-year period. This time last year, the area had received only 18.5 inches of rain; 6.5 inches below the norm.

The last week of March and first week of April were particularly wet with soaking rains and thunderstorms across most of Georgia, Alabama, and North Florida. A large swath of the Florida Panhandle, South Alabama, and South Georgia received over 12 inches with a greater area seeing over six inches. This resulted in flooding of low-lying or poorly-drained areas, and record or near-record floods on some Georgia and North Florida Rivers.

Jamski said he expects to see a continued influence from El Niño at least through the fall but that the effects of El Niño usually last two to three years.



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High school soccer plans to kick grass

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Thanks to a trio of volunteers led by an enthusiastic retiree, Franklin County High School is planning to field two robust soccer teams this fall.

Coach David Cox, 65, who helped start the soccer program last season, is gearing up to have both a boys and girls squad. He has brought in two volunteer coaches, and he's already drafted a schedule.

Local musician Jim "Breeze" Graham will serve as goalkeeper coach. He brings experience gained in Mobile, Ala. where his son, Christopher, was the goalkeeper for the state runner-up. His other son, Michael, played on the team that won the state championship.

Serving as the other assistant will be longtime local soccer enthusiast Joe Shields, who has coached recreational youth soccer for eight years. Shields, a Carrabelle resident, is on the board of directors for the Gulf/Franklin counties' Co-Ed recreational youth soccer league and handles registration, finding coaches, sponsors and putting

teams together for Franklin County's involvement in the aforementioned league.

"As Franklin County's interest in soccer continues, I foresee the co-ed rec league as a natural progression towards playing at the high school level," he said.

Shields' daughter, Jessica, is one of a growing number of young people who have already expressed interest in this year's season.

Cox said at least two dozen students have signed up to play, and he expects even more stepped-up enthusiasm when school starts next month. Each team must have at least a 12-player roster. The team will practice on the baseball field, and then play its home games on the football field.

Cox's 30-year interest in soccer was also prompted by his own family's involvement. When his children were at Powell High School in Knoxville, he coached for five years, back when the sport was new in America and spreading across the country.

A computer programmer who retired after 19 years from Levi Strauss, Cox spent 25 years in Knoxville working for Nexttran Truck Centers. In 1998 he

Tuesday, Nov. 10 @ Wakulla
(Women 6 p.m./Men 8 p.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 12 @ Florida High (Women 6 p.m./Men 8 p.m.)

Saturday, Nov. 14 @ Marianna (Women 1 p.m./Men 3 p.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 19 @ Leon (Women 5:30 CST)

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(Men 7 p.m.)

Wednesday, Dec. 9 @ John Paul II (Men 7 p.m.)

Saturday, Dec. 12 Marianna (Women 1 p.m./Men 3 p.m.)

Monday, Dec. 14 Port St Joe (Women 6 p.m./Men 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, Dec. 15 Florida High
(Women 6 p.m./Men 8 p.m.)



PHOTO BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN

Franklin County High School Soccer Coach David Cox, at right, gives out honors to his soccer players at the athletic banquet held at the end of May.

and his wife, Sue, retired to St. George Island.

In addition to being a coach, Cox is familiar with the rules of soccer, having spent 20 years as a United States Soccer Federation referee for both high school and college games. He officiated at games played at 15 colleges in and around Knoxville, including the

University of Tennessee women's games.

Cox's service to the local soccer program won't cost the school system a supplemental contract. Cox has received a \$2,400 grant from Levi Strauss as part of a program for volunteer retirees. In addition, he said the program has already sold \$1,500 in ads.

Players on the co-ed team last year included seniors Shelby Lipscomb, Charles Goggins and Derek Salyer, and underclassmen Jessica Dempsey, Tomilee Dowden, Frank Gerking, Oscar Godinez, J.J. Golden, Jordan King, Carla Lewis, Megan Newell, Emerald Norris, Derrick Rhodes, Casey Sapp, William Sapp,

Hunter Shiver, Andrew Waller, Brianna Whittington and Javeion Winfield.

Cox said he expects practice to start in mid-September, with scrimmages leading up to the November-December season.

"The school has been so supportive," he said. "More support than up in Knoxville."

Apalachicola fans cheer U.S. gold medal

One of the nation's premier women's college basketball players has a cheering section right here in Apalachicola.

Danielle McCray, a 5'11" senior forward on the University of Kansas women's basketball team, helped key the U.S. team to a gold medal last week in the World University Games in Belgrade, Serbia.

McCray is great-niece to Hayward-Croom, Granville Croom and Warrenetta Key, all of Apalachicola, and Clara Elizabeth Varner, of Panama City.

One of a dozen premier players to make the team, McCray helped the United States to a convincing 83-64 victory over Russia in Saturday's finals, nailing six points with three assists and three rebounds while battling some foul problems.

She finished as the second-leading scorer for the undefeated U.S. team at 12 points a game. McCray shot 56.7 percent from the field and 81.3 percent from the foul line, while also collecting 3.7 rebounds per game.

In January, McCray



JERRY WANG | University Daily Kansan

Danielle McCray, No. 4, charges down the court for the University of Kansas Lady Jayhawks during action last season against Baylor.

entered Kansas' prestigious 1,000 Point Club with 1,015 points, which made her the 20th member in the history of the university. Last season McCray ranked second on the Big 12 and eighth in the NCAA in scoring as she turned in 21.6 points per game as a junior.

"These are some of the best college players in the

country, and they showed it tonight," said USA and Arizona State coach Charli Turner Thorne. "That Russian team (6-1) has been playing together for years. For these young ladies to come together in a couple of weeks, be so responsive to what we asked them to do, to give everything they have for their country, that was awesome."

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Enjoying Apalachicola's July 3 celebration are, from left, Brittany James, Cheyenne Smith and Courtney McClain.



Kerry and James McCall, parents of Brayden, left, and Jenson, enjoy spending time at Apalachicola's July 3 celebration as their sons dip their feet in the fountain.



Above, Meredith Alford rides her bike, along with mom, Courtney Alford, and brother Nolan during Apalachicola's July 3 celebration. **Above left**, Christopher Knudson, 5, left, and brother, Jamie, 2, with parents, Pam and Richard Knudson, from Columbus, Ohio, vacationing on St. George Island, enjoy ice cream at Apalachicola's July 3 celebration. **At left**, Handley Pitts, the 22-month-old daughter of Jerry and Amy Pitts, takes a stroll on the Riverfront Park dock during Apalachicola's July 3 celebration.

Weems, TMH strengthen ties

Several items discussed at Weems Memorial Hospital's monthly board meeting June 25 showed the relationship between Weems and Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare continues to strengthen.

TMH generally sends a representative to Weems' board meetings, and on June 25, it was Cindy Blair, vice president of organizational improvement and planning. Blair was coming off a recent run of good news for TMH in the area of improvement.

On June 15, President Obama referred to TMH as "an island of excellence" in his speech to the American Medical Association. Obama cited TMH for reducing its mortality rate by 31 percent in a four-year period. Blair said the hospital's participation in a pilot project "Pursuing Perfection," sponsored by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, led to the reduction. The report issued by the institute was the basis for the president's comments, Blair said.

She noted also TMH recently received a first place award for improvement from the nationally recognized Thomson Reuters group and was within the past month given an "outstanding" rating by the national accrediting group Joint Accrediting Council for Hospital Organizations.

Blair said the recognitions reflect TMH's strategic use of data. She offered her help to the board and

staff of Weems in the collecting and use of data in shaping strategic plans for improvement. In addition, she shared with the board some data she had collected about Franklin County from the Florida Department of Health. According to one comprehensive assessment, Franklin County ranked in the most favorable state quartile when it comes to "prostate cancer age-adjusted incidence rate" and the number of premature births. On the other hand, the same assessment shows Franklin County in the least favorable state quartile when measuring "adults with

any type of insurance coverage" and the number of births to teens 15-19.

Growing ties with TMH also were cited when Dr. Steve Miniatt, president of Weems Medical Staff, told the board two Tallahassee Neurological Center physicians and the head of TMH's NeuroScience Center visited the latest meeting of the Weems Medical Staff. Miniatt said the cooperation growing between the two groups will result in better services for county patients and complimented the board for "setting a positive tone at the hospital, which has reached the medical staff."

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Candidates wishing to qualify may do so at the City Office from 12 Noon Monday, July 20, 2009 until 12 Noon Friday, July 24, 2009. City Office is located at #1 Bay Avenue, and regular office hours are from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Each Candidate must pay to the City Clerk at the time of qualifying a qualifying fee of 4.5% of the first year's salary, must be a resident of the City of Apalachicola, and must also be a qualified voter of the State of Florida, County of Franklin, and the City of Apalachicola.

All persons not previously registered to vote may register to vote anytime from now up to 4:30 PM on Monday, August 10, 2009 for the General Election, and Monday, August 24, 2009 for the Run-Off Election at the Office of the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections located at 47 Avenue F, Apalachicola, Florida, hours 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday.

The polling place will be at the National Guard Armory located at 66 4th Street in the City of Apalachicola and will be open at 7:00 AM and will close at 7:00 PM. Absentee ballots may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections at place and time noted previously. Only qualified electors will be permitted to vote. Early voting will be conducted from August 31, 2009 to September 4, 2009 (5 days only) at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 47 Avenue F, Apalachicola, Florida from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

All residents of the City of Apalachicola not currently registered to vote are urged to register and take part in this election.

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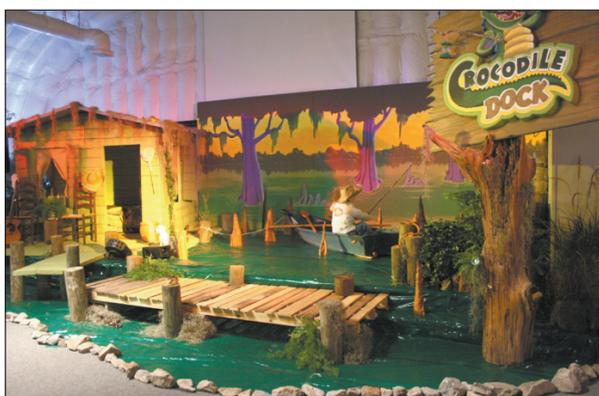
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The set for the "Crocodile Dock" vacation Bible school was a stunning recreation of a bayou scene, complete with "Liza Jean" fishing from the dock.



Counselor Mike Pridgen oversees the tug-of-war during the Gator Games portion of the weeknight Bible school.

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

For the ninth consecutive year, Apalachicola's First Pentecostal Holiness Church once again brought a world of imagination to bear on Vacation Bible School with another fantastic session.

Drawing on the theme "Crocodile Rock," the school shared characters from life on the bayou to deliver its message of God's saving power to more than 200 children, from ages 4 to 12, from throughout the county.

"It went really well," said Terry Tipton, who directs the school with the passionate help of 70 volunteer staff. "In my opinion, it was the best out of the nine vacation Bible schools that I have been a part of. We prayed for a great year, and God was very good to us! The weather was wonderful; I almost forget it was July."

Because the girls who attended the

school amassed more points than the boys, Tipton once again was given a pie in the face at Friday's raucous closing session, as parents joined their exuberant children in a spirited closing to the weeklong program.

A huge water slide was set up on Friday for the closing, and together with the children, both Pastor Susan Roach and senior citizen Ola Jean Silva took a ride down the slide.

Among her many volunteer duties, Silva had painted the Crocodile Dock sign that graced a life-size scene of the bayou that filled the fellowship hall. She was joined in that set-building effort by Teresa Ibarra and Helen Cook.

With an exquisitely painted backdrop, a handmade Styrofoam set and cypress knees on loan scattered throughout, the scene captured the tranquil spirit of bayou life in which the Bible school was set.

Drawing on the theme "where fearless kids shine God's light," the

school featured a different theme each night. On Day 1, it was "God is with us," Day 2 "God is powerful," Day 3 "God does what He says He will do," Day 4 "God gives us life," and Day 5 "God cares for us."

A menagerie of animal characters helped bring the message home. These characters included "Belle the Crane," "Flash Firefly," "Tucker Turtle," "Rocky Raccoon," "Jacque le Croc," and "Blossom Possum."

Tipton said planning has already begun for the 2010 school.

"We can't wait to start all over again," he said. "It was, and is, our prayer that the kids and youth of this community be touched by God, and see His light shining through us. Our hope is that we can reach the children of this generation before the world does."

"That is the reason we go all out for VBS," he said. "You can't put a price on the kids' faces when they see all that we have done for them."



Counselor Amy Kelly, in back, watches over the "Crawfish Crafts and Missions" class in which pre-Kindergartner Justice Josselson, at left, and Kindergartner Dylan Griffin are making alligator hats.



Terry Tipton, left, once again directed the Pentecostal Holiness vacation Bible school, with help from such volunteers as Ola Jean Silva, at right.



Mary Grace Weiler takes off during the Gator Games portion of the weeknight Bible school. Leading the group is counselor Justin Odom.



Rex Pennycuff teaches students about how God followed through on His promise to free the Israelites from Egypt. On Thursday, he taught about Jesus dying on the cross for forgiveness. Afterwards, the children wrote the names of family and friends on the cross (on the back wall in photo). "The Spirit moved mightily during that session of the class," said director Terry Tipton.



Brooke Newell, a Franklin County third grader, shows off the "Fear Not" friendship bracelet she made during the vacation Bible school. Each night the children added another charm, such as a firefly or an alligator, with a verse on the back.

Birth

Javana Pearson born

Jabara Pearson and Bobbie Jean Taylor would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Javana Taylor Pearson, on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Audy and Betty Webb and the late Dennis Taylor. Paternal grandparents are Glen Suddeth and Thelma Pearson.

Paternal great-grandparents are Freddie and Mary



Brown, and Margie Kelly and the late Lamar Suddeth, all of Apalachicola.

Kylee Smith turns 5

Kylee Grace Smith celebrated her fifth birthday on Tuesday, June 30, 2009.

Happy Birthday, Kylee! Love, Mom, Hunter, Kelson and Kaydence



Birthdays

Zariah Edwards turns 2

Zariah Elise Critton-Edwards celebrated her 2nd birthday on Friday, July 10, 2009. She is the daughter of LeAndra and Robert Edwards, of Augusta, Ga.

Maternal grandparents are the late Lewis Critton and Annette Critton, of Apalachicola. Paternal grandparents are Moezelle and Johnny Barnes.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Allen and Dorothy Davis, of Apalachicola. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Pearl and Moses Harvey, of Wakulla. Zariah celebrated her 2nd



birthday along with her brother Micah, who also turned 1. They enjoyed an invitation-only birthday party with family and friends on Saturday, July 11, at their Granne's house.

Wedding

Renaë Fincher, Gabe Gordon to wed

Matthew, Brooklyn and Gaven are pleased to announce the wedding of their parents, Gabe Gordon and Renaë Fincher.

Gabe is the son of Rolf and Linda Gordon, and Renaë is the daughter of Bobby and Anna Fincher, all of Apalachicola.

Gabe and Renaë will unite as one on Wednesday, July 29, in honor of their friend, Rond Furr. A ceremony will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009 at 11 a.m.



at Lafayette Park for friends and family.

Micah Edwards turns 1

Micah Jelani Edwards celebrated his 1st birthday on Thursday, July 9, 2009. He is the son of LeAndra and Robert Edwards, of Augusta, GA.

Maternal grandparents are the late Lewis Critton and Annette Critton, of Apalachicola. Paternal grandparents are Moezelle and Johnny Barnes.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Allen and Dorothy Davis, of Apalachicola. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Pearl and Moses Har-



vey, of Wakulla. Micah celebrated his 1st birthday along with his sister, Zariah, who turned 2. They enjoyed an invitation-only party with family and friends on July 11, at their Granne's house, where Sesame Street was the theme.

Dru Flowers marks 1st birthday

Wilbur Fred Flowers IV, "Dru," celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Family gathered for a Mickey Mouse party at his grandparents' home in Ozark, Alabama.

Dru is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fred Flowers, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marsh, all of Ozark.

He is the son of proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fred Flowers III, and brother to Sara Beasley



Flowers.

Ellen Johnson

Please stop by the Carrabelle Junction to wish Ellen Johnson a happy 50th birthday. She was born July 20, 1959 and has lived in Carrabelle for almost 33 years. Her family is having a 50's Sock Hop themed dinner at The Pirate's Landing restaurant on Timber Island on Saturday, July 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Her daughter Ellen Keith is hosting the party and would like for all family and friends to stop by and help her mom celebrate the wonderful occasion and milestone! We hope to see as many of you there



as possible to join in on the festivities!

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We would like to extend a special thank you to Miss Karen's Adventure Kamp for Kids for their visit last week. All the kids brought donations and treats and toys for the animals. All the attention the cats and dogs received that day was priceless. Thank you so much for thinking of us.

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July Birthday Bash to be held at Legion

Thirty breakfasts were served up at Chillas Hall last Saturday. Not bad for the summer season. August 8 will be the next Second Saturday breakfast. Hope to see you there!

Work on our streets in the village started last Friday. Watch for the signs, and follow those directions. Don't forget, tomorrow night is Hamburger Night at Legion Post 82, in the village.

Saturday night at The Legion, we will have the July Birthday Bash. Bring a dish to share. The meat course will be furnished by The Legion. Party starts at 6 p.m., fun begins when

you come through the door! Everyone welcome!

We still have Bingo every Monday night at the Senior Center, 201 Ave. F, Carrabelle. Doors open at 5 p.m. with Early Bird at 6 p.m. and Regular at 7 p.m. Come on over and have a fun evening with us. Who knows, you just might win. Food and soft drinks available.

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

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



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

A lifelong blood donor, Patty McCartney, of Apalachicola was among those who gave blood at Bay Medical Blood Center's highly successful blood drive two weeks ago in Apalachicola and Carrabelle, A cancer survivor, she was dismayed to learn she could not donate immediately after successfully completing therapy. "They told me I would have to wait and three years later, here I am," she said, smiling.

Can cancer survivors become blood donors?

The American Cancer Society says this about cancer survivors and blood and organ donation:

Many cancer survivors are keenly aware of the value of good health and want to help others by donating their blood or body organs. However, for the safety of blood or organ recipients, centers may restrict donations from people diagnosed or with a history of certain cancers.

Some people who have had cancer are not allowed to donate blood for a certain length of time after treatment. This is done partly to protect the donor, but it may also add an extra margin of safety for the person who receives the blood. If you aren't sure if you are well enough to give blood, talk with your doctor before you donate.

While cancer has very rarely been transmitted through transplants of solid organs such as kidneys, cancer due to blood transfusion has not been reported in the medical literature. The chance of getting cancer from a blood transfusion is extremely small. Even if cancer cells were present in donated blood, the immune system of the person getting the blood would destroy them. A possible exception might be in transfusion recipients with weakened immune systems.

Different blood collection centers may have

slightly different standards for allowing cancer survivors to donate. The American Red Cross allows most people who have had cancer to donate if the cancer was treated at least 1 to 5 years ago and has not come back.

You cannot donate blood if you are being treated for cancer; your cancer is spreading or has come back; you have had leukemia or lymphoma as an adult or if you have ever had Kaposi's sarcoma.

People who had leukemia or lymphoma as children are often allowed to donate after 10 years of being cancer-free.

Many cancer survivors also wish to help people by becoming organ donors. There is always a pressing need for organ donation. The risk of passing on cancer to an organ recipient is very small, but there have been some rare reports in the medical literature of this happening. The risk may be higher for organ transplants than blood transfusions because organ recipients are given drugs to suppress their immune systems to help prevent rejection of the transplant.

For many people, corneal donation is another way to offer help to others after they pass away. Almost all people with cancer (except those with certain blood or eye cancers) can donate their corneas.

Mattie Kay Wideman

Mattie Kay Wideman, 68, of Panama City, passed away peacefully in her sleep Sunday, July 5, 2009.

She was born Dec. 6, 1940, in Tallahassee to William and Mattie Martha Seaborn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Debra Wideman, and brother, David Seaborn.

She is survived by a son, Karl G. Stanfield II; daughter, Donna Milkowski and her husband, Paul; four grandchildren, Eric Wideman, of Clovis, N.M., Lee Eck, of Southport, Williamena Scott, of Tampa, and Josh Burris, of Ebro; nine great-

grandchildren; sister, Voncile Butler and her husband, Duke; and a brother, Sam Seaborn.

A celebration of life service was held Saturday morning, July 11, at Old Country Church in Callaway, with the Rev. James Peacock officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309; or to the American Cancer Society, 4001 W. 23rd St., Suite C, Panama City, FL 32405, in memory of Mattie Wideman.

Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home, Panama City.



MATTIE WIDEMAN

Paul Vincent Dronoy

Services were held Sunday, July 12, 2009 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Williston for Paul Vincent Dronoy, of Eastpoint, who died quietly in his home on Wednesday, July 8.

Mr. Dronoy was born May 21, 1921 in DuBois, PA. He was the seventh child, and only son, of William Earl and Dorothy (Dora) Dronoy.

He is survived by two sisters, Jean Tangren and Margaret Hornung, and three children: Pat Fitch and Kat West, both of Eastpoint, and Kevin (Bettyjean) Dronoy of Jessup, MD. He had nine grandchildren, 15 great-

grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Jeanne Dronoy, and son, Stephen Dronoy.

He heroically served in the Pacific during World War II and received a Purple Heart. After the war he served the Department of the Navy for 30 years. He retired in 1978 and moved to Archer to be a farmer/cattle rancher.

He attended and served his church, Holy Family in Williston, until 2002, when he retired again and moved to Eastpoint. There he attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Apalachicola.

Patricia Ann Brown

Patricia Ann Brown was born Nov. 28, 1940, to the now late Sarah and James DeLoach in Mayday, Georgia. She passed away in Panama City on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the age of 68.

She was a longtime resident of Franklin County. She worked for the Franklin County School System in food services and was a member of Sumatra Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children, Teresa Jones, Buddy Brown (Tina), and Sarah Broker (Mike); sister, Faye Smith; grandchildren, Sandy

Kelley (Jonathan), Jada Pettis (Daniel), Stephanie Lansford (Bob), Ben Jones, AJ Jones, Brock Crum, Kody Crum, Jamison Broker, and Baron, Michael, Johanna, and Hunter Broker; great-grandchildren, Clayton and Lynzi Kelley, James Pettis and Destiny, Anthony, and Katie Lansford; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 22 at Kelley Funeral Home with burial in Eastpoint Cemetery. Condolences may be viewed and sent via www.KelleyFuneralHomes.com.

Card of Thanks

Our family would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to Weems Memorial Hospital staff and ambulance service. On June 29 we had a family emergency that required immediate medical attention. The special care that was provided was extraordinary.

We would like to especially thank Dr. Lynn and Mrs. Jean Power, RN, for providing this care in a professional yet compassionate way. We would also like to say a special thank-you to Kenny Gilbert and Billy Leskanic for the ambulance transport.

Kenny's expertise in navigating the ambulance in a safe yet timely manner was greatly appreciated. Billy, words cannot express our gratitude to you for the services you provided. You were at the right place at the right time. You will be forever in our hearts. A special thank you to Ginny Griner for always being there for our family. We are proud and thankful for our small, yet efficient hospital. Our community is fortunate to have such high-quality people working at Weems Memorial Hospital.

Sincerely,
Earl Creamer and family

Charles Seth Sharp

Lance Cpl. Charles "Seth" Sharp, 20, of Adairsville, Ga., was killed in action July 2 in Afghanistan fighting for his country during Operation Strike of the Sword, the latest push by the United States Marine Corps taking on the Taliban.

He was born in Whitfield County, Ga., on Nov. 15, 1988, and attended Adairsville High School and Wakulla High School until age 17 when he joined the Marines. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Eric "Ric" and Tiffany Sharp, of Adairsville, GA; mother and stepfather, Angela and Gus Preston, of Alligator Point; childhood sweetheart and special love of his life, his fiancée, Katie McMahan, of Dalton, GA; grandparents, Neal and Aileen Sharp, of

Dalton, A.L. and Carolyn Rogers, of Adairsville, David Story, of Dalton, and Beverley Nuthkin, of California; sisters and brothers, Kaitlyn and Taylor Greene,

Alexander Preston, and Jessica Thumma; aunts and uncles, Mike and Rita Keehley, Rusty and Sheila Sharp, Shane and Donna Rogers, Martin and Sabrina Horner, Barbara Ann Story, and

Shane Story; special cousins, Brooks and Cameron Keehley, Kenly and Dylan Rogers, and Bre and Brooke Horner; and special friend, Rick Thumma.

Funeral services were held July 11, at NorthPointe Church, Adairsville, with Rev. Steve Morrow, Rev. Randy Gullodge, Rev. Doug Hasty, and Rev. Clinton Graham officiating. Interment followed in Eastview Cemetery with full military honors. Members of the U. S. Marine Corp served as pallbearers.

Mary E. Estes

Mary E. Estes, born March 6, 1939, passed way on Friday, July 10, 2009 at the age of 70.

She is survived by husband, Frederick Estes, Sr.; three daughters, Mary Daniels, of Panacea, Rhetta Estes, of Havana, and Barbara Calhoun, of Panama City; son, Frederick Estes, Jr., of

Apalachicola; mother, Ellen Mixon, of Port St. Joe; two sisters, Ola Jean Silva, of Apalachicola, and Nell Smith, of Colorado Springs, CO; brother, Mack Arthur Mixon, of Apalachicola; 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

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102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672
Pastor: Julie Stephens

Eastpoint United Methodist Church
Worship Service 10:00 a.m. every Sunday
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317 Patton Dr. (corner of David St.) - 670-8825
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Sheriff's REPORT

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

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

July 7

Krista R. Whiddon, 21, Carrabelle, DUI and corruption by threat against public servant (CPD)

July 8

James A. Cross, 32, Port St. Joe, withholding child support (FCSO)

July 9

Frederick R. Wilsey, 43, Eastpoint, failure to appear (FCSO)

Derrick E. Kennedy, 37, Carrabelle, burglary or attempted burglary of a structure and grand theft (FCSO)

July 10

Boyd R. Yost, 50, Tallahassee, failure to appear (FCSO)

Angela M. Arroyo, 27, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

July 11

Joseph B. Stevens, 22, Apalachicola, domestic battery (FCSO)

July 12

Mindy M. Johnson, 35, Crawfordville, DUI (FHP)

Robert L. Peterson, 41, Charleston, Tenn., violation of probation (FCSO)

July 13

Jason P. James, 28, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Residents can register for free notification service

Pam Brownell, director of Franklin County Emergency Management, urges everyone to participate in the Nixle program, a service that notifies residents when their community is in peril.

The program is free and simple to use. Registered residents will receive an automated e-mail and/or phone call when there is an emergency or threat in their locality.

To register, visit www.nixle.com. Nixle is privately funded

and has offices in New Jersey and California. Nixle is offered at no cost to all governments, nongovernmental organizations and consumers.

Alligator Point gets emergency radios

The county commission has instructed Hubert Chipman, superintendent of public works, to lend two two-way radios to the volunteer fire department on Alligator Point. The radios will be used in the event of an emergency where ordinary communications are disrupted.

Chipman said the radios, which cost about \$500 each, were no longer in use by his department. The Alligator Point department will assume responsibility for any fees associated with the use of the radios.

Parking changes on Tallahassee Street

The Carrabelle commission has ordered changes to the parking arrangement on Tallahassee Street. The west side of the street between the Carrabelle Hotel and the Funky

Oyster Shell will become a no-parking zone.

The commission ordered signs to be installed and lines painted on the street to designate the restricted area. Parking still will be available on the east side of the street.

City Planner Courtney Millender said the change was ordered because of the heavy traffic into and out of the Funky Oyster Shell on weekend nights. She said the city was concerned someone would be struck by a car while emerging to cross the street between two parked vehicles.

Apalachicola police to host neighborhood watch

A neighborhood watch meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday evening, July 20, at the Sixth Street Recreation Center.

An officer from the Apalachicola Police Department will be present to discuss security for your homes and how to protect yourself and your property. If you are interested

in taking part in a neighborhood watch program, then please come out and help us to organize.

Is your neighborhood ready to resist crime? Or is it a target for criminal activity? It's up to you. It takes all of us working together. For more information, call 653-9755.

Two-car crash in Carrabelle Friday night

Failure to obey a stop sign caused a two-car accident Friday evening in Carrabelle.

According to the report filed by Florida Highway Patrol Crash Investigator Cpl. M.S. Cross, a 2004 four-door Hyundai was traveling north on Southeast 12th Street in Carrabelle about 8:20 p.m. when it failed to stop at the intersection at U.S. Highway 98.

The driver, Sherry Jean Bearden, 47, of Chunchula, Ala., drove into the path of a 2000 Subaru station wagon driven by Donald W. Rogers, 47, of Crawfordville.

The Subaru struck the front right side of Bearden's vehicle, which caused it to rotate clockwise and end up facing east on the north side

of 98. The Subaru ended up facing west on the north shoulder of 98.

Bearden and her passenger, Raymond A. Herrera, 46, of Carrabelle, suffered serious injuries and were taken to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Both had been wearing their seatbelts.

Also taken to TMH was Deona Crowe, 35, of Crawfordville, a passenger in the Subaru. Rogers suffered minor injuries. Both individuals were wearing their seatbelts.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in Bearden's driving.

FHP was assisted at the scene by sheriff's deputies, Carrabelle police, county emergency management service and first responders.

Kuersteiner reports for training

Navy Lt. Karl A. Kuersteiner, son of Sheryl and William C. Kuersteiner, of Ochlockonee Bay, recently reported for naval aviator training at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas.

Kuersteiner is attending a 13-month undergraduate jet pilot training course that combines basic studies in engineering and navigation. He will be learning the newest technologies and techniques using state-of-

the-art visual simulator and the newest training aircraft in the world.

Kuersteiner is a 1999 graduate of Concordia High School of Houston, Texas, and joined the Navy in May 2007. He is a 2003 graduate of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., with a Bachelor's of Science and a 2007 graduate of University of Texas Medical School at Houston, Texas, with an MD degree.

Environmental film festival to show in the fall

Franklin County will host the nationally acclaimed Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival On Tour Aug. 29 to Sept. 5 in Carrabelle, Apalachicola, St. George Island, St. Teresa and neighboring Wewahitchka.

Organized by the Apalachicola Riverkeeper, the week-long film festival will feature award-winning films and a children's program designed to raise awareness about environ-

mental issues nationwide.

The films will be shown in the Dixie Theatre in Apalachicola, the Carrabelle City Auditorium, FSU's Coastal and Marine Laboratory in St. Teresa, the Volunteer Fire Department on St. George Island and the Tupelo Theater in Wewahitchka.

The 2010 Film Festival will be the second year such an event has come to North Florida.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

CORPORATE HANGAR DEVELOPMENT
at
APALACHICOLA REGIONAL AIRPORT
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids at the Franklin County Office of the Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 (office: 850-653-8861) until 3:00 PM local time on Monday, August 3, 2009, for the Corporate Hangar Development project at Apalachicola Regional Airport. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED: CORPORATE HANGAR DEVELOPMENT, Apalachicola Regional Airport."

The project generally includes, but is not necessarily limited to: furnishing and installing a 140 ft x 80 ft pre-engineered metal hangar facility, including all sitework, foundations, floor drains, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements necessary to complete the facility in accordance with the project specifications. The project will include the development of paved access drive and parking facility as well as associated drainage improvements. If beneficial to the Owner, the project may include a small office space or a commercial-use ("shamrock" style) paint booth insert with inner dimensions of 60 ft width x 60 ft depth x 18 ft height. The paint booth will include two make-up air units providing 100% replacement air and a double-skinned, 18 gauge steel product door equipped with filter racks and an airtight seal. The facility will be equipped with one restroom and a water-sprinkler fire protection system.

Beginning on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, drawings, specifications, and bidding documents may be examined at the Franklin County Office of Administrative Services, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32329 (office: 850-653-9783). Copies of the above documents may be obtained from the offices of AVCON, INC., 320 Bayshore Drive, Suite A, Niceville, Florida 32578 (office: 850-678-0050) upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One-Hundred dollars (\$100.00) payable to AVCON, INC. for each set of bidding documents obtained. Questions relating to the Bid Documents shall be submitted to the Engineer.

Bid security in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid must be submitted with the bid. The bid security may be either a certified check or a proposal guaranty bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Bid security shall be made payable to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners. The successful bidder must be able to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Labor and Materials Payment Bond, and begin execution of this contract within five (5) calendar days following the date of the Notice to Proceed.

Franklin County has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this project that the successful bidder must comply with. The DBE participation goal for this project is 6.96% and compliance requirements are listed in the bidding documents.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be conducted at the Franklin County Annex at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 on Monday, July 20 at 4:00 pm local time (EDT). Questions related to the Bid Documents will be answered at that time. **Attendance by prime contractors is required.**

OWNER'S CONTACT:

Alan Pierce, Director
Administrative Services
Franklin County
33 Market Street
Apalachicola, Florida 32329
Tel: 850-653-9783
Fax: 850-653-9799

ENGINEER'S CONTACT

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All bids shall be sealed and shall be addressed as follows:

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Franklin County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any technical or legal deficiencies and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the Authority. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a period of 120 calendar days following the bid opening.

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners requests proposals from qualified, licensed professionals for constructing restrooms and a handicapped ramp, and reroofing an existing building at the Franklin County Seafood Landing Park (Lombardi's) located at 628 Highway 98, Apalachicola. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Franklin County Seafood Landing Park to discuss the project. Further information can be obtained by contacting Nikki Millender, Community Program Coordinator, at (850) 653-8277 or fax (850) 653-8279.

Funding is presently available for construction of the restrooms and handicapped ramp only. Persons responding to this advertisement shall submit two proposals. One proposal shall be for the construction of the restrooms and handicapped ramp only. The second proposal shall be for the construction of the restrooms, handicapped ramp and reroofing an existing building.

Proposals will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2009, at the County Clerk's Office, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The proposals will be opened at the County Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 9:45 a.m.

Franklin County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug-Free Workplace.

Franklin County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Franklin County also reserves the right to award all, none, or part, of the proposal for construction of the restrooms, handicapped ramp and reroofing an existing building.

News BRIEFS

Seafood Festival plans pageant meeting Friday

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.

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 Moron at (850) 323-0099 or monicalane65@yahoo.com.

Second oyster relay on Friday

Florida Department of Aquaculture, Shellfish Center, and the Franklin County Seafood Workers will resume Oyster Relay on Friday, July 17.

The relay will be held from The Jetties to Green Point Plant, and will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information call John Richards, president of FCSWA, at 370-6243

County teachers to meet July 21

The Franklin County Teachers Association will be having a general membership meeting on Tuesday, July 21 at 4 p.m.

The meeting will be in the media center at Franklin County

High School.

Catherine Wood, president of the FCTA, said all members are invited.

Apalachee Center elects new officers

The governing board of directors of Apalachee Center, Inc., recently elected new officers for fiscal year 2009/10.

Denise Hannah (Gadsden County) will be board chair, with Forrest Davis (Gadsden County) as vice-chair, and Judge Ken-

neth Hosford (Liberty County) as chair of the board's budget, investments and insurance committee.

Harry Falk (Franklin County) passes the office of immediate past chair to Edwin Fleet (Leon County).

Apalachee Center is a private, not-for-profit behavioral health-care organization offering a comprehensive range of mental health services, which has been fully accredited by the Joint Commission since 1981.

County CALENDAR

Thursday, July 16

Franklin County School Board regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Willie Speed board room at district office in Eastpoint. For more info, call 670-2810.

Apalachicola Community Pride will meet at 6 p.m. at City Hall. For more info call 653-8715.

Apalachicola Library summer reading program, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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

Eastpoint Public Library offers Story Hour at 10 a.m., and individual computer instruction from 10 a.m. to noon.

Friday, July 17

Grand opening for the City of Apalachicola Recreation and Community Service Complex. Festivities will include FAMU Strikers Dance Crew, film by the sheriff's office, water slide, karaoke, door prizes, free hamburgers and hot dogs and much more. Fun begins at 3 p.m. with free food beginning at 5 p.m. Strikers perform at 6 p.m.

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

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

Saturday, July 18

Let's Sign in the Sunshine. Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., together with Ability 1st, the Center for Independent Living in North Florida,

Inc., will host a deaf awareness event, "Let's Sign in the Sunshine." This will be a family-friendly event in the sun. Price of admission to the board and event will be waived with a flier from Ability 1st. For more information, call 927-2111.

Monday, July 20

Apalachicola Board of Adjustment at 6 p.m. City Hall

Apalachicola Neighborhood Watch at 6 p.m. at the 6th Street Recreation Center.

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 21

Franklin County commission, regular meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.

Franklin County commission workshop on Carrabelle health care at the courthouse annex. 1:30 p.m.

Apalachicola Community Gardens at 5 p.m. at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce

Apalachicola Library summer reading program, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Carrabelle Public Library story time at 2 p.m.

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 22

Exercise class at Chillas Hall in Lanark Village.

9 to 10 a.m. Open to all and free.

Carrabelle Public Library offers Kids Wii from 9 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, July 23

Franklin County commission budget hearing, 9 a.m. at the courthouse an-

nex.

Carrabelle Public Library, 311 St. James Ave. offers Adults Wii from 9 to 11 a.m. Yoga at 4:30 p.m.

Eastpoint Public Library offers Story Hour at 10 a.m., and individual computer instruction from 10 a.m. to noon.

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

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

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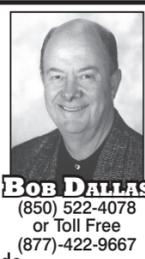


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APALACHICOLA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT BOARD

The Apalachicola Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday July 20, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center, 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, FL to discuss the following variance request.

The Property owner of Block 67 Lot 1 (101 Avenue H) is requesting a variance on the front and rear setbacks and to exceed the allowable 40% lot coverage. The Apalachicola Land Development Code allows for the granting of a variance if adhering to the current codes and regulations will result in an undue hardship upon the property owners and after proper public notice and public hearing. Any questions should be directed to Cindi Giametta at Apalachicola City Hall, 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola Florida.

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vs.

JEAN G. MCMILLAN, et al, Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 19-2008-CA-000439 DIVISION

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 22, 2009 and entered in Case No. 19-2008-CA-000439 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WFMBS 2007-011, is the Plaintiff and JEAN G. MCMILLAN, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 33 MARKET STREET, APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA at 11:00 AM, on the 6th day of August, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 11, BLOCK 69, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, UNIT NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 16-17, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
A/K/A 708 WEST BAYSHORE DRIVE, ST GEORGE ISLAND, FL 32328

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 23, 2009.

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

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF
John D. Blair, Sr.,
Deceased.

File Number 09-28-PR

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of John D. Blair, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida 32320. The estate is testate and the date of the will is August 25, 1995. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's Attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

Any person entitled to exempt property is required to file a petition for determination of exempt property with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR FORTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF TERMINATION OF ANY PROCEEDING INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION, ADMISSION TO PROBATE, OR VALIDITY OF THE WILL OR INVOLVING ANY OTHER MATTER AFFECTING ANY PART OF THE ESTATE SUBJECT TO SECTION 732.402. FLORIDA STAT-

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UTES.
A surviving spouse seeking an elective share must file an election to take elective share within the time provided by law.

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

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 9, 2009.

Personal Representative:
A. Curtis Blair
184 Avenue E
Apalachicola, Florida
32320
THOMAS M. SHULER of SHULER AND SHULER ATTORNEYS
Post Office Drawer 850
Apalachicola, Florida
32329
(850) 653-9226
Florida Bar Number 0947891
Attorney for Personal Representative
July 9, 16, 2009

2970T
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.
ROBIN COMBS and BRAD HEARD, JR., Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-524-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. 08-524-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, ROBIN COMBS and BRAD HEARD, JR., 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:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 9 & 10, Coarabell Village of Carrabelle, according to the plat filed in the Public records of Franklin County, Florida, in Plat Book 10, page 19; TOGETHER WITH all rights of Robin K. Combs and Brad Heard, Jr., under that assignment recorded February 26, 2007, at OR Book 928, page 789, and that non-exclusive easement recorded February 26, 2007, at OR Book 928, page 795, each in the public records of Franklin County, Florida; and subject to the amended restrictions recorded February 26, 2007, at OR Book 928, page 791, 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 25th day of June, 2009

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON
Clerk of the Court
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk
July 9, 16, 2009

3000T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

GOLDEN COAST DEVELOPMENT, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. 08 312-CA

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 22, 2009, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the First Floor Lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. EST on August 6, 2009, the following described property:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 9 West, Franklin County, Florida and run South 02 degrees 18 minutes 00 seconds West 2640.00 feet, thence run South 85 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds West 4571.83 feet to a St. Joe Paper Company concrete monument, thence South 00 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds West 292.45 feet to a re-rod (marked #4261) lying on the Southerly right-of-way boundary of State Road No. 30-S for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING and leaving said right-of-way boundary continue South 00 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds

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West 730.82 feet to the approximate mean high water line of St. Vincent Sound, thence run South-westerly along said mean high water line the following courses: South 70 degrees 52 minutes 28 seconds West 46.79 feet, South 57 degrees 09 minutes 25 seconds West 97.17 feet, South 47 degrees 14 minutes 20 seconds West 103.88 feet, South 43 degrees 15 minutes 14 seconds West 56.54 feet, South 56 degrees 52 minutes 04 seconds West 39.18 feet, South 75 degrees 41 minutes 41 seconds West 41.20 feet, South 87 degrees 56 minutes 34 seconds West 83.47 feet, South 44 degrees 23 minutes 00 seconds West 92.11 feet, South 35 degrees 18 minutes 06 seconds East 57.30 feet, South 06 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds East 63.47 feet, South 42 degrees 16 minutes 08 seconds East 57.30 feet, South 06 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds East 63.47 feet, South 42 degrees 16 minutes 08 seconds East 57.30 feet, South 02 degrees 47.36 feet, South 02 degrees 57 minutes 12 seconds West 31.71 feet, South 12 degrees 30 minutes 25 seconds East 44.08 feet, thence leaving said mean high water line run North 83 degrees 08 minutes 50 seconds West 113.74 feet to a concrete monument (marked U.S.G.S.) thence run North 16 degrees 18 minutes 10 seconds West 217.59 feet to a re-rod (marked #4261), thence run South 77 degrees 33 minutes 18 seconds West 42.00 feet to a re-rod; thence run North 12 degrees 47 minutes 01 seconds West 710.43 feet to a re-rod (marked #0340) lying on the Southerly right-of-way boundary of State Road No. 30-S, thence run North 68 degrees 37 minutes 17 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary 889.42 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 14.01 acres, more or less.

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: June 24, 2009.

HONORABLE MARCIA M. JOHNSON
Clerk of Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
July 16, 23, 2009

3002T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff, et al.,

vs.

JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-000334 CA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure dated June 8th, and entered in Case No. 08-000334 CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST BANK, is a Plaintiff and JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, at 11:00 AM on July 22, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK K, ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES, UNIT NO. 3, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 16, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
As Clerk of the Court
By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk

Dated this 9th day of June, 2009.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 8506972112, P.O. BOX 340, APALACHICOLA, FL, 32320, if hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System.

Attorneys for Plaintiff
Ben-Ezra & Katz, P.A.
2901 Stirling Road,
Suite 300
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
33312
Telephone: (305) 770-4100
Fax: (305) 653-2329
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3016T
IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Jong-Cheol Cho and Seong Cho, Husband and Wife; Defendant(s).

Case #: 2008-CA-000484
Division #: UNC:

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 23, 2009, entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-000484 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff, and Jong-Cheol Cho and Seong Cho, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on August 6, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 53, IN BLOCK "B", UNIT NO. 3, OF ST. JAMES ISLAND PARK, A SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MSUT FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida, this 23rd day of June, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of Court
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
DEPUTY CLERK

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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10004 North Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 112
Tampa, Florida 33618
July 16, 23, 2009

3017T
IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Jong Cheol O. Cho and Seong Cho; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

Case #: 2008-CA-000493
Division #: UNC:

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 23, 2009, entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-000493 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Jong Cheol O. Cho and Seong Cho are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on August 6, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 2 AND 3, LESS AND EXCEPT THE SOUTH-WEST 25 FEET BY 75 FEET OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, KEOUGH'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF CARRABELLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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DATED at Apalachicola, Florida, this 25th Day of June, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of Court
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
DEPUTY CLERK

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP
10004 North Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 112
Tampa, Florida 33618
08-112041
July 16, 23, 2009

3067T NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for water use permit(s) has (have) been received by the Northwest Florida Water Management District:

Application number 1.07045 filed 07/07/2009
The St. Joe Company, Summer Camp, 3800 Esplanade Way, Suite 330, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Requesting a maximum withdrawal of 270,130 gallons per day from the Floridan Aquifer System for Public Supply use by existing and proposed facilities. General withdrawal location(s) in Franklin County: T06S, R03W, Sec. 33B, 34A, 35, 36

Interested persons may object to or comment upon the applications or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report(s) containing proposed agency action regarding the application(s) by writing to the Division of Resource Regulation of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, attention Terri Peterson, 152 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333-9700, but such comments or requests must be received by 5 o'clock p.m. on July 31, 2009.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this (these) application(s). Publication of this notice constitutes constructive notice of this permit application to all substantially affected persons. A copy of the staff report(s) must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings and any public hearing date. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request according to the provisions of 28-601.201, Florida Administrative Code. Notices of Proposed Agency Action will be mailed only to persons who have filed such requests.
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3220 - Furniture
3230 - Garage/Yard Sales
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3250 - Good Things to Eat
3260 - Health & Fitness
3270 - Jewelry/Clothing
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On Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, Sawyer will teach Computer Basics II. Students will learn to search, manage and organize files using Windows Explorer. This class is for intermediate computer users.

Three more computer sessions will be offered in

August. To take advantage of each and every computer class call the Carrabelle library at 697-2366 to sign up.

Being Creative @ Your Public Library, a summer reading program, continues each Friday, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Carrabelle and Eastpoint Library until July 31. This week's theme is Colorful Science, with games, science demonstrations and stories.

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Ondracek named to Wilderness Coast board



Wilderness Coast Public Libraries Board Chairperson and Wakulla County Commissioner Howard Kessler, left, welcomes new WILD board members Glenda Ondracek, director of the Franklin County Public Library, and Dr. Serafin Roldan, director of the Jefferson County Public Library.

Howard Kessler, chairman of the Board of the Wilderness Coast Public Libraries system (WILD), has announced the addition of two new board members.

Glenda Ondracek is Franklin County Public Library's new director. She brings more than 30 years of library experience to WILD, having served in both the public school system and the university system. Ondracek was as a classroom teacher for five years. She holds a bachelor's in child education and a master's in library media and information studies.

Dr. Serafin Roldan is director of the Jefferson County Public Library. His wide range of interests inspired him to earn a bachelor's in anthropology and psychology, masters' in library sciences and in literary folklore, and a doctorate in English language and literature. He has worked as an instructor and library director in Florida and Puerto Rico.

"Our two new board members bring a constellation of knowledge and experience to our regional library system," said Kessler. "I am very proud and honored to participate in the Wilderness Coast

Public Libraries system. Its dedicated people work tirelessly toward the common goal of improving our regional library services."

The Wilderness Coast Public Libraries (WILD) system was established in 1992 for the cooperative multi-county library system of Wakulla, Jefferson and Franklin counties. The WILD system serves over 50,000 residents with a combined collection of approximately 135,000 items in its four libraries and bookmobile. Technology sharing, under the guidance of Systems Librarian Paul Clark, has been of great benefit to the three counties.

Board members include Chairman Howard Kessler, Wakulla County Commissioner; Vice-Chairperson Cora Russ, a Realtor from Franklin County; Marj Law, Wakulla County Library Advisory Board member; Julia McBee, a teacher from Jefferson County; Hines Boyd, Jefferson County Commissioner; Pinki Jackel, Franklin County Commissioner; Doug Jones, Wakulla County Director of Public Services; Roldan and Ondracek. Cheryl Turner is WILD's director.

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