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Most county officers to get tiny pay hike

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

It isn't much, but it's something.

Elected county officials will be getting a tiny three-hundredths of 1 percent pay hike this year, with the exception of county commissioners, whose pay will increase by one-tenth of 1 percent, and the school superintendent and two judges, who will each get a 2 percent pay cut.

The salaries of the two highest paid officials, the circuit judge and county judge, are set annually in the state's appropriations bill. Effective July 1, 2009, both salaries are 2 percent less than the prior year, with Circuit Judge James Hankinson making \$142,178 this

year, while County Judge Van Russell will earn \$134,280.

As per a decision by the Florida legislature, Superintendent Nina Marks also will receive a 2 percent pay cut, from \$90,928 to \$89,109, or a drop of \$1,819.

For all county elected officials, the finalized salary numbers, pursuant to a formula set in state statute, were announced last week by the Florida Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations. The committee, which consists of four state senators, four state representatives and seven gubernatorial appointees, has computed salaries of elected county constitutional officers and school district officials since 1985.

The highest paid county official

will continue to be Sheriff Skip Shiver, who will receive \$99,551, or \$27 more than last year.

Next highest are Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson, Property Appraiser Doris Pendleton and Tax Collector James Harris, all of whom will earn \$90,955, or \$27 more than last year.

Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott will be paid \$74,303, or \$26 more than last year.

The salaries of these constitutional officers do not include any supplements, which can add up to \$2,000 to their formula-based salary following the successful completion of certification programs in the form of continuing education.

The five county commissioners — Bevin Putnal, Pinki Jackel,

Noah Lockley, Smokey Parrish and Cheryl Sanders — each will be paid \$25,275, or \$26 more than last year.

School board members — Jimmy Gander, David Hinton, Teresa Ann Martin, George Thompson and Carl Whaley — will be paid \$24,074, or \$7 more than last year.

During the past two decades, the salaries for elected county officials have grown steadily, but increases have slowed in recent years.

In 1990, the clerk of courts, property appraiser and tax collector were each paid \$49,304, with their salaries 84 percent higher than that today. This averages out to a 4.2 percent pay hike each year.

County commissioner pay

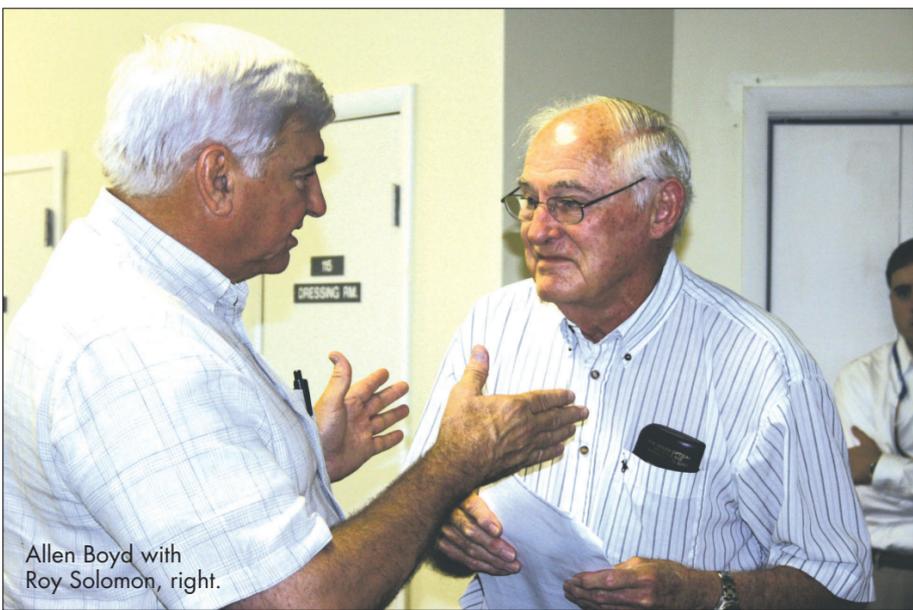
has gone from \$13,027 in 1990 to \$25,275 today, or a 94 percent increase, which is equivalent to a 4.7 percent annual pay hike.

School board members have seen their pay go from \$12,857 in 1990 to \$24,074 today, or a boost of 87 percent, which translates to a 4.4 percent pay hike annually.

In addition to their salaries, elected officials are eligible for state retirement, as well as health insurance on the same terms as regular fulltime county employees.

Growth in salaries has slowed in recent years due to a slowdown in population growth, as well as a drop in pay raises for state workers. Both these factors figure into the calculation made for elected officials.

HEALTH CARE FORUM



Allen Boyd with Roy Solomon, right.

A HEALTHY FIGHT

Boyd's Apalachicola forum peaceful and divided

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

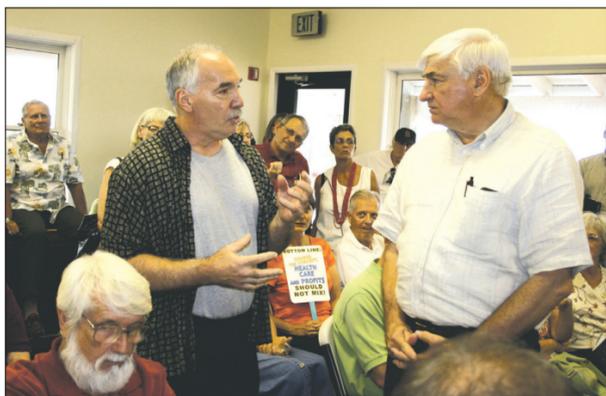
One of the first questions Allan Boyd received at his Aug. 26 health care forum in Apalachicola was from St. Teresa's Van Lewis, a vocal opponent of "male genital mutilation," who demanded to know whether the congressman would block federal funding for circumcision.

After the snickering subsided, the rest went pretty smoothly.

With the 125 people in the audience at the Apalachicola Community Center split down the middle politically, divided between decrying the government or the insurance industry, the 14th forum in Boyd's two-week string of such events drew impassioned voices that stopped short of turning raucous or rude.

A few, prompted by a phone call blitz from MoveOn.org, held signs urging reform and calling for a public option. Others came armed with talking points from

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Above, Randy Harrison presses Allen Boyd on specifics. **At left,** Allen Boyd thumbs through the proposed health care legislation.

Three-way race center stage for election

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Apalachicola voters will face a three-way battle Tuesday for city commission seat No. 4, as incumbent Valentina Webb hopes to keep the seat against challenges from a local banker and the former police chief.

Brenda Ash, of 213 17th St., and Anderson Williams, of 206 12th St., are contending for the seat held by Webb, of 255 11th St.

All of Apalachicola's 1,700 registered voters will be eligible to vote in the race, and if no one gets a

majority of the votes cast on Sept. 8, then the top two finishers will square off Sept. 22.

Webb, 45, a captain with the Florida Department of Corrections with 22 years of service, was elected to the seat in 2005 in her first bid for public office.

Both Ash, 40, a mortgage lending officer at Gulf State Community Bank for 15 years, and Williams, 51, a former Apalachicola chief of police, are making their first bid for public office.

The following are statements from each of the three candidates.

Brenda Ash

Hi, I'm Brenda Ash; I'm a candidate for the Apalachicola Board of City Commissioners Seat 4, and I truly care about the community in which we have all chosen to call home, where we work, play and raise our families.



ASH

This year's city election calls for greater scrutiny and transparency of the leadership that we place over the affairs of our city.

As a candidate, I bring with me honesty, integrity, transparency and stability.

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Valentina Webb

Valentina Webb is a third generation Apalachicola resident. She has a deep respect and abiding love to provide a sense of community and building stronger partnerships. She believes that each one must reach one, as well as teach one. She believes positive



WEBB

actions are necessary for city employees, for those who live, work and play here. There is such a rich tapestry of history, culture and heritage that our great city has.

Webb is a 1982 graduate of Apala-

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Anderson Williams

My name is Anderson M. Williams, better known as "Andy Williams." I am the youngest son of Clarence and Evelyn Williams. Born and raised in Apalachicola, I graduated from Apalachicola High School in 1976, served in the Army for three years at Ft. Knox,



WILLIAMS

Ky., in the military police.

Afterwards, I returned back to Apalachicola and continued my career in law enforcement for 30 years. I also served in the Florida National Guard for 10 years.

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Vandals lather up fountain at Riverside Park

On Sunday afternoon, pranksters poured soap into the new fountain at Riverside Park in Apalachicola and, on Monday morning, suds were pouring over the edges of the basin and blowing across the park and the street.

Chief Bobby Varnes of the Apalachicola Police said, "My officer called

me yesterday evening when he saw the bubbles."

Apalachicola employee Cindy Giametta said, "This is vandalism. We have to pump the fountain out every time this happens and add extra chemicals. It costs city money. If it keeps happening we may have to

shut it down and that would be a shame."

Varnes asked that anyone who saw suspicious activity around the fountain on Sunday, Aug. 30 or sees suspicious activity in the future, to please call 653-9755 to report the problem. If you call after hours, you can leave a message.

TDC officials optimistic about tourism revenues

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

While tourism revenues in the county have not been immune to the effects of the current recession, indications are the fall-off this fiscal year will be less than 7 percent, with an even smaller drop expected in 2009-10.

At last month's county budget workshop, Helen Spohrer, who chairs the Tourist Development Council, unveiled a budget for 2009-10 that carried with it an optimistic forecast of \$750,000 in bed tax revenues for the upcoming fiscal year, unchanged from what TDC officials expect will be collected in the current fiscal year.

After putting away 5 percent in reserves as per state statute, the budget forecast indicates about \$718,000 in new monies will be counted on to come in throughout 2009-10.

Together with \$425,300 carried forward from the current 2008-09 fiscal year, this means the TDC will have about \$1.14 million to work with next year.

To be on the safe side in the event there's a steeper drop in TDC collections than forecast, the TDC plans to set aside \$300,000 in contingency reserves next year, \$50,000 more than was parked there this year.

In all, the TDC plans to have \$843,500 in working capital for 2009-10.

"Our tourism business is holding its own," said Spohrer, noting that it was one bright spot amidst the bleak economic conditions.

TDC collections from the state lag a few months, so numbers are currently available up through May.

What they show is that between Oct. 2008 and May 2009, TDC revenues were running about 6.3 percent behind the year before.

A nearly 15 percent decline was seen in May, a drop of more than \$18,000



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Helen Spohrer, chair of the Tourist Development Council, reviews the proposed 2009-10 budget with county commissioners at last month's budget workshop.

from the May 2008 total of about \$123,000. March collections sagged as well, falling from about \$61,000 in March 2008 to about \$50,000 this year, or by about 18.5 percent.

But April was a strong month, with about 12 percent more money coming in, or about \$7,770 more than the April 2008 total of roughly \$66,000.

During the 2007-08 fiscal year, the 2-cent bed tax brought in a tad more than \$774,000, so a drop of 7 percent this year will mean about \$720,000 will come in.

The TDC is relying on preliminary indications that June and July were good months for tourism traffic, and are confident the county will see a reversal of the 7 percent drop-off that is running year-to-date.

However, the state forecasts a less rosy scenario

for taxable sales as reported by transient rental facilities, which is the basis upon which the 2-cent bed tax is imposed.

According to calculations released by the Florida Department of Revenue's Office of Tax Research, the county will see a 10 percent drop-off in these sales during the current fiscal year, from about \$39 million last year to \$35 million this year.

Next year, the state forecasts a 5 percent decline in these sales, down to about \$32 million.

If these forecasts come to pass, they will be the first consecutive years of declines following three straight years of increases, when these transient rental sales rose from \$33.5 million in year 2005-06 (the first full year of the bed tax), to nearly \$39 million in 2007-08, or a jump of about 16 percent.

Shumaker to erect new Apalachicola airport hangar

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Shumaker Construction has been chosen to erect the new commercial hangar for the Apalachicola Regional Airport.

At the county commission's Aug. 4 meeting, County Planner Alan Pierce opened eight bids for the contract to construct a new 11,000 square foot commercial hangar for the Apalachicola Regional Airport at a cost of \$814,400.

At the Aug. 18 meeting, Lee Lewis, of AVCON, consulting engineers for the airport, said AVCON recommended the contract be awarded to Shumaker Construction, Inc. of Panama City.

"They have done this kind of work before," said Lewis. "Last year, they constructed a large hangar in Panama City."

Pierce said 14 companies attended an explanatory meeting at the airport prior to bidding on the project. He said that no Franklin County companies attended the meeting or bid on the project.

He said that Shumaker will construct only the shell of the hangar. Specifics of the layout of the interior remain undecided.

The hangar may be used as an aircraft painting facility. Bill Ruic, of Apalachicola, and Buddy MacDonald, of Valdosta, GA, both expressed an interest in operating a commercial painting operation at the airport and the county is negotiating with them. The estimated cost of outfitting the hangar for a commercial painting operation is \$329,000.

If it is not outfitted as a paint station, the interior will be fitted with offices to generate rental revenue. It will cost an estimated \$84,000 to construct offices.

When the decision on how to outfit the interior of the hangar is made, Shumaker will complete the project.

The county received a grant of \$1.2 million to fund the project from the Florida Department of Transportation with no matching funds required

Tax letter not an issue for Garlick

At Tuesday's county commission meeting, Commissioner Pinki Jackel moved that the commission rescind the offer of a tax letter to Dan Garlick. The letter would



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Lee Lewis

indicate that Garlick had sold the property below fair market value and thus was entitled to deduct the difference from his taxes.

The county had offered to write the letter as part of its agreement to purchase 50 acres of buffer land at the end of Runway 13-31 at the Apalachicola Regional Airport.

On Tuesday, Jackel said the letter should not be given because a new appraisal of the land, ordered by Ted Mosteller, set the land's value at \$9,000 per acre, which was the purchase price to be paid by the county.

"It is not our responsibility to give a gift letter to everyone who sells the county land," said Jackel.

The motion passed 3-2 with Smokey Parrish and Noah Lockley opposed.

"Will this finally finish this matter?" asked Lockley.

"It's not important," said Garlick in a telephone interview Tuesday afternoon. "I didn't expect the letter. The county offered it to me but I have plenty of other tax deductions."

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Since moving here over ten years ago my family and I have come to love this area and its people. **Getting involved with the community has blessed us in so many ways.** Over the years, we have attended nearly every city commission meeting and have participated in many community events.

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- To carefully **study** the issues in order to make **independent and informed decisions** that will benefit our community and its people.
- To take a **common sense approach** to the application of the rules and to apply them evenly.
- To **enhance, protect and preserve** the unique character of our waterfront and community.
- To **value and encourage participation** in government decision-making and to listen to the people of Carrabelle.
- To **treat fellow commissioners and city workers with respect** even when we disagree.
- To **remain involved** in community events.
- To continue to **support the waterfront** and its industries, both **commercial and recreational**.

Please mark your calendars and remind your friends and neighbors to vote on **September the 8th** for their city commissioners. **I would be honored to have your vote.**

Cal Allen

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Valentina Webb

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- Redevelopment of Battery Park Marina & Launching Ramps
- Enhancement of Lafayette Park & Marks Memorial
- New Skate Park at 14th & Avenue I
- Florida Community Trust Waterfront Property Purchases
- Citywide Stormwater Management Project
- Implemented Drug Policy for City Employees
- Imposed Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Lawsuit
- Apalachicola Community Garden (of which a convergence of the youth, young adult middle aged and elderly from all ethnicities and sectors of our fine city).
- Commissioner for the Apalachicola Municipal Library
- Commissioner for the Water and Sewer Department
- Commissioner for Recreation/Project Impact - Currently the city has been granted \$490,000 each year for the next five years which will create jobs, boosting the economy throughout the city.
- Commissioner for the History Culture and Arts Committee

Projects currently in progress:

- Holy Family rehabilitation and addition-Creation of a Senior Center (7th street in the "Heart of the Hill" and the African American Heritage Museum-Received 1.5 mil plus \$50,000 from the Tourism Development Council (Engineers are hard at work)
- History, Cultural and Arts Committee-Creation of the Apalachicola School of Art as well as enhancement and recognition of our local museums.
- Police and Fire Station renovation and addition(promotion for new ladder fire truck in the amount of \$600,000).
- Scipio Creek Mooring Basin Rehabilitation and Expansion Project-to promote continuation of the Seafood Industry and sustain seafood related jobs.

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- Dedicated** (work record)
- Ready to Serve** (will maintain a professional presence at all times)
- Gained valuable insight and experience** by working as a team with your Mayor and fellow commissioners

Valentina Webb is seeking to be re-elected to Apalachicola City Commission. She is a third generation of Apalachicola resident with 4 years of PROVEN leadership experience.

The Commission Seat 4 is a very important job. While many see it as only a position, I have found all aspects of our city to be equally important. I have the experience, knowledge and commitment to make sure that all aspects of the city continue to operate effectively. Please allow me the opportunity to continue my service to you by re-electing me as your commissioner for seat 4.

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Energy challenge calls for atomic bomb brainstorm

Just when I was starting to feel a tad bit overwhelmed by technology, I recently found myself mildly irritated at the lack of it. As my mate put it so succinctly the other night, "What we could use right now is a really good battery."



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Denise Roux

Why, at least in the consumer world, haven't we found one that keeps a large charge for a long time?

It seems to me that we have become very good at producing energy. We're just not too adept at keeping it around for a while. Wouldn't it be nice if a lightning bolt at the power station meant only a brief flicker instead of hours without Facebook and QVC? The huge coal, petroleum, nuclear fission, solar, and wind plants are just bang-up at keeping a steady stream of kilowatts flowing. Some of them have a bit of a storage situation. The only thing is: they need that space for waste, not energy. And, of course, there's always the possibility of the promised-for-almost-50-years-now, but still unavailable, fusion plants.

I've got a feeling that scientists and engineers are pooh-poohing this naive train of thought. Hey, let's start talking about this, because I'm ready for a Manhattan Project approach to everything from automatically recharging batteries to entire energy grids with stored electrical power.

People of the nuclear generation generally have at least a passing knowledge of the United States' fast-track project to develop the bombs eventually dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A warning from Albert Einstein to the President had been taken very seriously. The best and most creative scientists from around the world were convened at numerous locations—all on the government's dime. The Manhattan Project had a single mission and a tight deadline.



This photo of the mushroom cloud over Nagasaki, caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb "Fat Man" to end World War II, is signed by Charles Sweeney, pilot of the bomber Bock's Car.

Books have been written and at least one movie has been made. The stories are endless. These were people charged with

saving the world. They had to use science and creativity. I am certainly no World War II scholar. I freely confess

that my interest about history comes from fiction. When I find something that I want to know more about, I do the research.

That is just what happened here.

Quite some time ago I enjoyed "Stallion Gate" by Martin Cruz Smith. I've read all of his stuff, and I particularly like the Detective Arkady mysteries that began with "Gorky Park." Stallion Gate was the name of an area near Los Alamos, New Mexico. The scientists there had the responsibility of actually assembling the A-bombs named Fat Man and Little Boy. Of course, Cruz's novel is highly fictionalized; however, that book did get me thinking of the American approach to problem solving.

We really need a Manhattan Project for energy research. Does it seem to you that we always wait until the last minute?

The environment has been going south for decades, and we are just now launching successful mainstream movements with a global and personal perspective.

Think about the moon race, the drive for civil rights, and women's issues. The good news is that once we get started in the right direction, a mighty wind is blowing.

Wouldn't this make just a great way to spend government stimulus money? Instead of reading about bailed-out CEOs receiving million dollar bonuses, we could rest a little easier knowing that lots of really smart people were working for us.

With apologies to the true capitalists, I honestly believe there are some things government does better than private industry with its built-in profit motive.

I just wish I felt little better about the way the Feds spend my dollar.

Maybe for an energy breakthrough, what we really need is some brainstorming and barnstorming, off-the-wall creativity, combined with hard science, and a tight deadline.

It worked with the A-bomb. Denise Roux is a regular columnist for the Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times. To reach her, email her at rouxwhit@mchsi.com

Letters to the EDITOR

Black children need to learn from own kind

The ABC School never responded to my question. It's OK. The ABC School cut a black teacher from Apalachicola last school year. Another black teacher from Apalachicola applied for a position this summer, but a white teacher that lived out of the state was hired.

I have seen all this before, I been there. Don't let anyone one take us back to those days. A black child needs to be able to

see, and talk with their own kind. Just like a white child. Do you see what's going on?

Granville Croom

Lafayette Park no place for dog doo

I was walking my dog in the park on Friday morning and encountered a young man with two large labs. Both dogs were pooping.

When the dogs had finished their business, the young man started to leave, and I asked if he was

going to pick up the poop, and I offered him a plastic bag. He shrugged his shoulders.

I said, "OK, I'll pick it up if you won't," and he said "you go right ahead."

I have noticed that the park has a lot of poops, in spite of signs asking dog owners to pick up. Not only is this area very close to the swings where children play, but in the long run this feces makes its way into the bay further contaminating the waters.

Lafayette Park is such a treasure and we all need to keep it clean and beautiful.

June Dosik

leave a message with your contact information.

Caty Greene
Former treasurer
FCSWA

No place for casting stones

For the most part when there is a letter to the editor written in bad taste about me personally, I don't even care to respond. For those that know me, know what I do and why I do it, there is no question that they will know better. I have tried hard to represent the FCSWA with the best of my ability during the past few years.

As of late, once again I find myself being personally attacked, and that I can deal with, but I'll just be damned if I allow the FCSWA to be brought down in the fallout.

For the past several days, there has been an ongoing battle about an additional relay, which would have been extremely beneficial, considering the state of the economy and the justifiable needs, especially due to the concerns of even commissioners about the skyrocketing light bills and financial hardship.

However, the Task Force stopped that relay, and rather than to have the focus turned on that subject, it is easier to shift the focus, and far easier to tear down someone or something rather than to give credit where credit is due.

• For years, the FCSWA has made an avid campaign to downplay

the old stereotype of the drunken oysterman with the carefree attitude. It was accomplished; the seafood workers are now looked upon as people of experience, knowledge and insight that no books could ever teach anyone.

• Folks are listening, the ones in Tallahassee that matter; the ones who have forged friendships and working relationships with the FCSWA administration, and for the first time in years there has been a working relationship between the departments of state and the FCSWA.

• The oyster relay not only has continued but also has increased in pay to the seafood workers themselves. The FCSWA is finally asked where they feel the relays should be held, and an opinion as to what are the best and worst parts to plant. They have also joined in grant proposals with NOAA to get funds to have shelling programs with DACS. The contract for oyster relay is between the FCSWA and DACS and has nothing whatsoever to do with the Task Force.

• Public relations and the relationship between tourism and the seafood industry has increased during the past few years, with eco-tours, festivals and involvement in community affairs. Due to the interaction, education and entertainment venues, the FCSWA has made an effort to be seen and heard and has managed to build a bridge between tourism, trade and seafood, which

has never been there before.

• Participation in meetings, having a say in matters that concern the seafood industry, uncontrolled development, the ACF and Water Wars, waterfront issues and other issues of concern has given them an opportunity to be heard, seen and considered as a strong voice.

• Interaction of media events, the news, local and abroad as far as the UK, France, and throughout the states, has been constant. Taking important people out on the bay, such as the Corps of Engineers, or a mere college student trying to understand the intricate works of the seafood worker, has increased a knowledge base and interaction of communication and network, getting the word out that there are the major concerns of the seafood industry, and these issues are true and founded.

• Hours and hours of research travel, working drafts, final proposals, reports, articles, photographs and even going so far as to lobby for the Department of Agriculture funds not to be cut because the Division of Aquaculture funding would be in jeopardy to being cut as would the relay program, explaining how important the Shellfish Center and Department of Aquaculture is to the FCSWA and the seafood industry.

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Last round for Putt-N-Fuss Fun Park

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The county's only amusement park will close its doors for the last time.

After eight years, Carol Robinson said she and husband Bill are retiring from the business of fun. The couple will close the doors to the Putt N' Fuss Fun Park in Eastpoint on Monday, Sept. 7.

Robinson said the park will offer last-chance specials for miniature golf, ice cream and other attractions through closing.

"We are retiring," she said. "We want to travel a little bit and take some time to do some of the things you're supposed to do when you retire. I decided on this when I realized all I had to do to retire was shut the doors."

The Robinsons arrived in the county in 1989 on the way home from visiting Bill Robinson's mother in South Florida. They were unfamiliar with the Panhandle and immediately fell in love. At that time, Bill was a contractor in western New York state and Carol sold real estate.

They decided to start over in Franklin County and returned.



PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA

Monday, Sept. 7 is the last day to visit Putt-N-Fuss.

Bill opened Billy Rob's Signs and Carol went to work for Resort Realty on the island. The sign company was a success and Carol went on to manage the Market

Street Emporium. But, as Carol counted the tourists visiting her shop, she began to dream of her own theme park. "I just felt something like this

was needed," she said. The little amusement center has supported the community faithfully over the years by advertising in local venues and donat-

ing to the schools. "One of the main things we did was we sent the teachers gift certificates to give to the children on the honor roll. Each quarter they got a free ice cream and a free game of golf," she said.

Robinson said she and her husband have enjoyed thinking of creative new attractions and planning promotions and parties, but now are ready to move on.

She said the park will be sold as a commercial property. The parcel is a little over an acre, 300 feet deep, located on US 98 and visible from Island Drive. The main building is metal and suitable for any commercial operation.

She said most of the games inside the café are leased on a monthly basis. The pool and golf course, which the Robinsons constructed themselves, will be removed.

"Maybe some of the children will miss us," she said wistfully. "But it's time to try something new."

For more information about the property or last chance specials call 670-1211.

New sidewalks blamed for flooding in Carrabelle

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Carrabelle received a heavy soaking rain last week that did damage to several businesses.

Rod Gasche, of Carrabelle, said that during the recent unnamed storms, his rain gauge recorded over eight inches of rain over a 24-hour period between the mornings of Aug. 27 and 28.

The National Weather Service reported two-and-

one-half inches of rain fell on Aug. 27 and 28 in Apalachicola.

A number of Carrabelle businesses located along US 98 and County Road 67 flooded.

Mary Giles, of Trader's Antiques on the south side of US 98, said she experienced a small amount of flooding, which is not unusual, but some nearby businesses said the event was unprecedented.

Both SeaCrest Realty and Sandy Beach Properties, on the north side

of US 98, said they had several inches of water throughout their entire office space. They blame the high water on a new arrangement of sidewalks which blocks the end of Avenue A. The change was intended as a traffic calming device to prevent traffic from entering US 98 at a busy intersection.

"We got everything cleaned up using shop vacs. We had two to three inches of water," said Donna Maloy of SeaCrest. "Our office has never

flooded until this work on the sidewalk. Now the water has nowhere to go. The city and the state both came out to look at the flood. The drains were completely plugged with debris which only made matters worse."

Paula Caruthers, of Sandy Beach, said she was not so lucky when her office flooded.

"I think we were able to save the carpet," she said. "But the kitchen cabinet around the sink collapsed and there was a laptop on the floor. The problem is the drainage. It's never flooded like this in the two years we've been here. When they were changing the sidewalk, I knew it wasn't going to work. You

drain water away from a building, not towards it. It's just poor design. Do you know where I can get some help repairing the damage?"

Caruthers said she is not covered by flood insurance, and that it was only through the efforts of her staff that damage was kept to a minimum.

Rush Gander, of Gander's Hardware, said his store flooded as well.

"This happens every four to five years, but this time it was worse," he said. "There was a lot of rain but, I think another problem was a drainage ditch located along one side of our property. It's completely blocked. I think if it had been clear

this wouldn't have been so bad.

Giles said an inspector from Transfield Services, the company holding the state contract for cleaning and maintenance along US 98, came and inspected the drains.

"I am investigating whether this area falls under our contract because it is a city street," said Howard Simmons, an engineer for Transfield, in a telephone interview.

Giles said she believed the flooding across the street was caused by the new sidewalk. "I have been concerned since they made these changes," she said. "I think this happened now because it was such a high intensity downpour."

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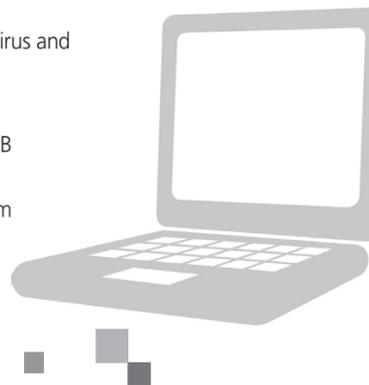
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• The FCSWA has supported many of its seafood workers in times of need, and if we were unable to help them, then we helped find someone who could.

As to the accusations and innuendos, while reports might have been filed late, they were filed. The accusations of misuse of funds are just that, accusations. Meetings have never been a strong point within the association since 1978, and most people know that the only time it is well attended is when there is a specific issue, the bay is closed or there is a relay. Elections have been brought up a number of times, and to put it mildly, few people are willing to step up to the plate, do the work and then get their head chopped off by someone who does not have a clue to start with. Minutes are taken, and if there is organizational discord, it is worked out within the association.

The success far exceeds the failures, and while you might not know everything, I am certain that you know something that the FCSWA has done in positive light for the community and the seafood industry.

So cast the stones if you like, we can use them to step up on to hold our heads high and know what we have accomplished and what we have helped the FCSWA accomplish. Just remember let he who is perfect cast the first stone.

Linda Raffield

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I retired in December 2007 as the Chief of Police. Presently, I am employed with Piggly Wiggly and am also co-owner of A&R Housing.

I am concerned for our city and our community. To do this, one must be in touch with the community. I have done that and am still doing this. Public safety is a real concern for me and our fire department. As your commissioner, I will not run from making decisions concerning our community or not show up when tough decisions have

to be made. We must contain what we already have and keep the services that we have for our residents and take care of the employees. I am still in favor of having trained employees, not to just place them in positions and tell them "you know what to do."

I am the most experienced of the candidates, and I know I can help make things happen. I will be a full-time commissioner. I will be there to help carry out the community wishes.

Thank you for your vote.

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ity with less confusion and 15 years of extensive financial experience in part as a mortgage loan officer and serving as treasurer on several boards and agencies.

If elected to represent you, I will study and research each issue before the commission and make the decision necessary for all citizens of Apalachicola.

I will work to improve communication between city government, its citizens and the business community.

I will utilize my 15 years of financial experience to assist the city in finding ways to bring in additional revenues to help stabilize the budget and to ensure that our tax dollars are

not wasted. Raising taxes should not be our only source of revenue, especially while our families and businesses are in the mist of a dire economic crisis. As a single parent raising two children, I know how to prioritize to make ends meet.

With my background as a mortgage loan officer, I can facilitate a dialogue into affordable housing to help those with a desire to own their own home.

I'm ready to serve my community, and I like to thank each of you in advance for being a part of the solution by voting for and electing me as the next Seat 4 commissioner on the Apalachicola Board of City Commissioners.

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chicola High School, after which she pursued a career in corrections/law enforcement after graduating from Gulf Coast Community College. She has 22 years as a public servant with leadership skills and experience. I know what it is to be a true public servant and work for the will of our people.

Webb is also involved as a servant in her community, church and civic groups, including Apalachicola City Commission, Water and Sewer Department, Apalachicola Municipal Library, Apalachicola Arts, Culture and City Recreation/Project Impact, Senior/Elderly Care Service, Tabernacle of Faith International Ministry and the Philaco Women's Club.

As a current member of the city commission, I understand the financials and the challenging economics we are facing today. Webb supports and will ensure the city operates effectively and responsibly within the balanced budget even if it means making tough, sound decisions. Webb also believes preventive maintenance is the way to go as far as replacing equipment and repairing city facilities.

She has seen great improvements up close within the municipal library with more books purchased; onsite outreach programs, including Project Impact, County Library, Health Department, as well as local businesses and non-profit organizations; better budget planning and tracking, policy and procedure devel-

opment, extended patron hours, expansion of public computer access, etc.

Webb is an advocate for the youth within this great city. She oversees a more suitable recreation program during the summer months for all the children within the city, as well as children who reside outside the city limits. She has strengthened the recreation department by unifying all summer programs into one with many variables; fun; education; community heritage awareness; and most of all a sense of pride for arts, culture and tapping into the children hidden talents.

In short, we use your dollars as taxpayers to unite a more positive change within our community. We did a lot with little because we sought all avenues. However, these things only serve to remind us that we live in a city where we have the privilege of being/doing good for all our children and that is true prosperity. (3 John 1:2)

In short, your concerns have been my concerns for the past four years because I work for the will of the people. This Election Day serves to remind us that we live in a country where we have the privilege to vote. I am proud that I am an American. I thank God for the freedom we have in this great land. However, freedom did not come without a cost. So I want to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to vote.

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THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SEAHAWKS

SEAHAWKS READY FOR HOME OPENER FRIDAY

By David Adlerstein.
Times City Editor

Franklin County fans will get their first taste of Seahawk varsity football Friday night, when the team plays host to South Walton for the season opener.

"We expect a big crowd and a strong performance," said Coach Josh Wright. "South Walton gets after it pretty good. We're going to clearly match that, and give fans something to get excited about."

Wright said the team learned a lot in its 26-15 pre-season loss last Friday in Monticello to Jefferson County.

"It was a good product out there," he said. "We had some miscues but it was a game we clearly could have won."

"They were fast. They were the kind of team you want to play," he said. "They're a team that will test your ability to handle

speedy defenses."

The Seahawks got on the board first, with junior quarterback Dalin Modican scoring on a one-year sneak after a long drive. Senior A.J. Arnold nailed the extra point.

The Tigers came back and scored when a pass over-the-middle was bobbled, and then snared, with the receiver sprinting away for a 60-yard touchdown. Jefferson County missed the extra point and the Seahawks went on to lead 7-6 at the half.

The Seahawks widened their lead to 15-6 in the third quarter, when sophomore fullback Chris Granger bolted 25 yards on a power cutback, and then went in from two yards out. After a roughing the kicker penalty, senior running back Arron Prince took the counter in for the two-point conversion.

The Tigers, led by highly touted running back



Dalin Modican

Devondrick Nealy, rallied late in the game, and reeled off 20 points to seal the win.

"We felt very comfortable in controlling



Chris Granger

their best running back. Our guys put their pads on him. They put him on the ground," said Wright. "It was a case of missed opportunities.

"The defensive line made some good plays, and the special teams should be a plus for us. We punted the ball well, and that should be an advantage for us," he said. "We're working out the kinks."

Wright singled out Tydron Wynn and C.J. Barnes for playing well on the defensive interior. Overall, he thought his squad profited from the experience.

"I felt they needed tonight to let them understand that football's a fast game, and coached at a fast pace," he said. "I was very impressed with our second-half effort. We were down 20-15 with six minutes to go and were one play away."

"We put ourself in position. I don't think they realized how close they actually were to winning. We couldn't throw it tonight, we couldn't get the time, but our kids played with tenacity and tempo in the second half," Wright said.

Sign-ups for Franklin County youth soccer to end Saturday

The 2009 Franklin County Youth Soccer sign-ups will close on Saturday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Armory in Apalachicola, 66 4th St. Games begin Saturday,

Oct. 3.

The Franklin County teams are welcoming players as young as 4 years old (by Aug. 1, 2009), all the way through age 14. Please bring a birth certifi-

cate and registration fee(s) to sign-ups. The cost is \$50 per child, with a \$5 discount for additional children.

Also, adult volunteers are needed. Youth Sports is not

possible without adult volunteers. Franklin County needs coaches, referees and sponsors for its teams.

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Shootout against leukemia in Carrabelle Sept. 26

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The Crowder Jackson Family said that the shootout has been able to donate over \$555,000 to the Leukemia Research Foundation.

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kingfish are first place \$10,000, second \$5,000, third \$2,500, fourth \$1,000, fifth \$900, sixth \$800, seventh \$700, eighth \$550, ninth \$450 and 10th \$350

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conservative sources that said, for example, illegal aliens would be covered under House Bill 3200, the baseline reform bill advocated by Democrats.

"I don't know who your source is, but you ought to check them because they have no credibility," Boyd told Roy Solomon, of Apalachicola.

After an introduction from Commission Chairman Smokey Parrish, in which he thanked the congressman for his support in the Water Wars, Boyd opened with an overview of the economy that argued for some sort of reform.

He recounted the beginnings of the ongoing recession and the drastic steps needed to address it. "Suddenly, our economy goes in a free fall," he said. "Most of us out in the street didn't know it was coming."

Boyd said the economy shrunk by a trillion dollars, more than 6 percent, with the market plummeting and unemployment rising. "A lot of bad things were happening," he said. "Trends are that we may have at least seen the bottom. Are we out of the woods? No. We have some serious challenges in this country."

Boyd said 17 percent of the nation's gross domestic product is spent on health care, with costs running 7 to 10 percent ahead of inflation every year.

"That is a bad trend," he said. "We can't fix long-term economic problems until we have responsible health care reform. We've got to deal with that problem somehow."

The congressman noted in his introduction the problem Franklin County has had in keeping afloat its only hospital, a problem stabilized with the passage of a penny sales tax two years ago to offset deficits.

"Is the Apalachicola hospital open this week?" he asked. "Who pays that bill?"

Boyd said higher taxes and insurance rates result from public and private dollars going to offset the health care costs of about 50 million uninsured Americans.

"Let's concede, ladies and gentlemen, that we can do it better," he said, while noting that he



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Jim Cobb, right, questioned Allen Boyd on farm subsidies his Monticello farm has received.

did not favor the public option.

"I suspect the public option is probably on its last legs," he said. "It seems to be off the table."

The Blue Dog Democrats are united behind four principles for any reforms: that patient choice be preserved, costs contained, access improved and the deficit not enlarged, Boyd said.

"We have to stop borrowing," he said. "If we're not willing to pay for it, let's not do it. There's very little cost containment in this bill."

Speakers debate pros and cons of the issue

Boyd heard from a long list of speakers, opening with retired nurse Betty Lou Douglas, Kristen Anderson, Jeff Iardi, Karen Cox-Dennis and Barbara Sanders, who heads the county's Democratic Executive Committee, all of whom urged support for President Obama's health care reforms.

"It's really lonely out there for

individuals" when it comes to getting insurance, said Anderson.

Susan Leach said her husband, a Vietnam vet, has developed cancer and now must pay \$16,000 a year in health premiums to keep up his coverage. "That's not an option for us," she said.

Others, such as Solomon, Charles Wilson, Frank Venable, Leslie Coon and Mike Horan were skeptical of government as the answer.

"I'm against government taking over health care. Anything the government runs is fouled up," said Solomon.

"That doesn't mean I want the federal government sticking their heads in my health care," said Horan.

"The future of this country relies on character, honesty and reliability," said Venable.

"We are a profit-driven country, and it's rightfully so," said Coon.

The discussion stuck mainly to health care reform, with two exceptions. Jim Cobb, of St. George

Island, pressed Boyd on \$1.3 million in federal agriculture subsidies his Monticello farm has received since 1996. Boyd disputed the accuracy of the News Herald report and said subsidies were an important part of ensuring a steady, low-cost supply of food for Americans.

A couple speakers rose to condemn Boyd's vote for the cap-and-trade legislation, and a host of speakers pressed for help with the Veterans Administration's health care network. "If we are to pattern the new health care program anything like the VA, I think we'd be in big trouble," said former Apalachicola Mayor Sandy Howze, who is recovering from cancer from what he said was Agent Orange exposure during Vietnam.

Pressed for specifics, Boyd said he favored cost containment steps that would curtail overutilization, enact tort reform and address fraud and abuse.

"I do not understand how people can say 'Just do this part, but

leave that part out of it,'" he said. "You can't just turn it over to the insurance companies and have them charge whatever they want to charge."

"It seems to me that medicine nowadays is maybe more about profit than it is about taking care of patients," he said. "We can do better."

In a brief interview following the forum, Boyd said he has seen bipartisan agreement on cost containment and predicted some reforms would be enacted by year's end.

"I would not be surprised at all if we would see some incremental things," he said. "Creating a new system with a 'Big Bang theory,' most people are very uncomfortable with totally reworking the system and starting over."

"I don't think there's a partisan bill that is written that can be passed. It has to be bipartisan," Boyd said. "I think the president understands that. I'm not sure the Congressional leadership understands that."

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Apalachicola City Commission

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MY POSITION

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- I am for maintaining a small community attitude where neighbors care about each other.
- I am for ensuring that City operations are effective and responsive within a balanced budget.

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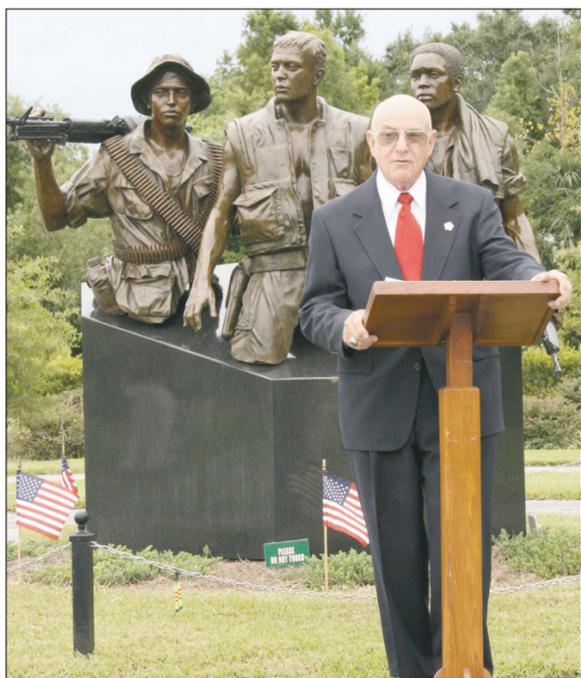


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At left, J.B. Hudson, who retired as administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Army after 42 years of service, presented the award on behalf of the Civilian Marksmanship Program. **At right**, Jimmy Mosconis, right, receives from Cong. Allen Boyd the M1 Garand that embodies the Patriot award from the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

MAKING A MARK

Mosconis presented historic rifle for patriotic service

Standing in front of the sculpture, Three Servicemen Statue South, that he led the charge to bring to Apalachicola; Jimmy Mosconis received on Aug. 26 a special "Patriot" presentation by the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

"Jimmy Mosconis has displayed a lifetime of service to his country — as a soldier in Vietnam, as a county commissioner for over 20 years, as an international philanthropist and as the driving force behind this memorial," said Congressman Allen Boyd, who presented Mosconis with the award, embodied in an actual M1 Garand, the rifle that, along with the G.I. and Rosie the Riveter, won World War II.

"I know firsthand the depth of sacrifice offered by our servicemen and women in Vietnam. Thanks to Jimmy Mosconis, that sacrifice will never be forgotten as future generations visit this memorial," Boyd said.

Former Tallahassee mayor and state Democratic chairman Scott Maddox opened the program by introducing the many dignitaries on hand, including J.B. Hudson, who retired as the administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Army after 42 years of service, is a director of governmental affairs with the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Hudson was the highest ranking career civilian in the Pentagon, and his administrative duties included working toward the safe and orderly running of the Pentagon following the attack of 9-11.

Other guests in attendance included former Department of Management Services Secretary Tom Lewis; V.F.W. Commander Mark Alvarez; Ken Swords, National Sergeant at Arms, Military Order of the Purple Heart; and former Delta Force Sgt. Major Rick Schuck.

Maddox also welcomed Col. Bo Bloodworth, from Defuniak Springs, who introduced retired Marine Corps' Lt. Gen. Lawrence Snowden.

Snowden, who lives in Tallahassee, enlisted in the Marines in 1942 and served as a company commander at Iwo Jima before embarking on a distinguished career that included several top-ranking spots in the United States and Japan.

"We can not memorial-

ize enough," he said, noting that he saw in the Three Servicemen Statue the faces of young soldiers from all wars. "These soldiers represent the thousands of young men and women who gave their lives and never asked for anything in return. I see this as a tribute to all of our veterans."

Snowden noted that the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are likely to continue for some time, and that the soldiers fighting there now need the nation's support and care when they return home. "You have a good chance of being a veteran too," he told the younger members of the audience.

In his remarks, Boyd took credit to his own experiences as young rifle platoon leader in the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam, noting that the only lapel pin he wears is that of the Combat Infantry Badge.

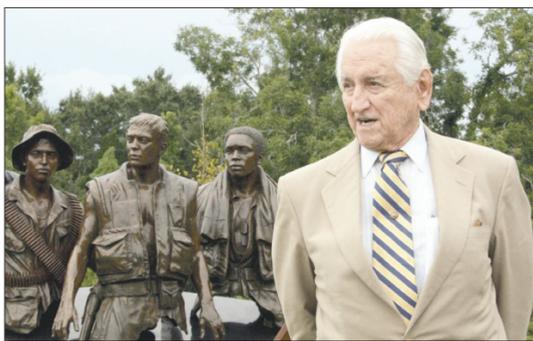
"I'm real humbled today," said Mosconis, after receiving the award from Boyd and Hudson. "This is the culmination of the work of a lot of people. I'm really grateful."

Mosconis, who owns and operates the Bay City Lodge, worked closely with Jan C. Scruggs, founder and president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to gain his assistance in creating the Apalachicola memorial. Scruggs was the key advocate behind the effort to build the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C.

Mosconis served as Scruggs' platoon sergeant in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade during the Vietnam War. He and Scruggs were wounded together during a May 28, 1969, battle in Xuan Loc, a hamlet approximately 60 miles northeast of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon).

Last year, Mosconis also joined New York Stock Exchange Chairman Marshall N. Carter to provide funds to build a cultural community center and preschool complex in Quang Tri-Province, Vietnam.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) is a national organization dedicated to training and educating U. S. citizens in responsible uses of firearms and air guns through gun safety training, marksmanship training and competitions. The CMP is a federally chartered 501(c)(3) corporation that places its highest priority on serving youth through gun safety



Retired Marine Corps' Lt. Gen. Lawrence Snowden addresses the awards ceremony.

and marksmanship activities that encourage personal growth and build life skills.

CMP history goes back to late 19th century efforts

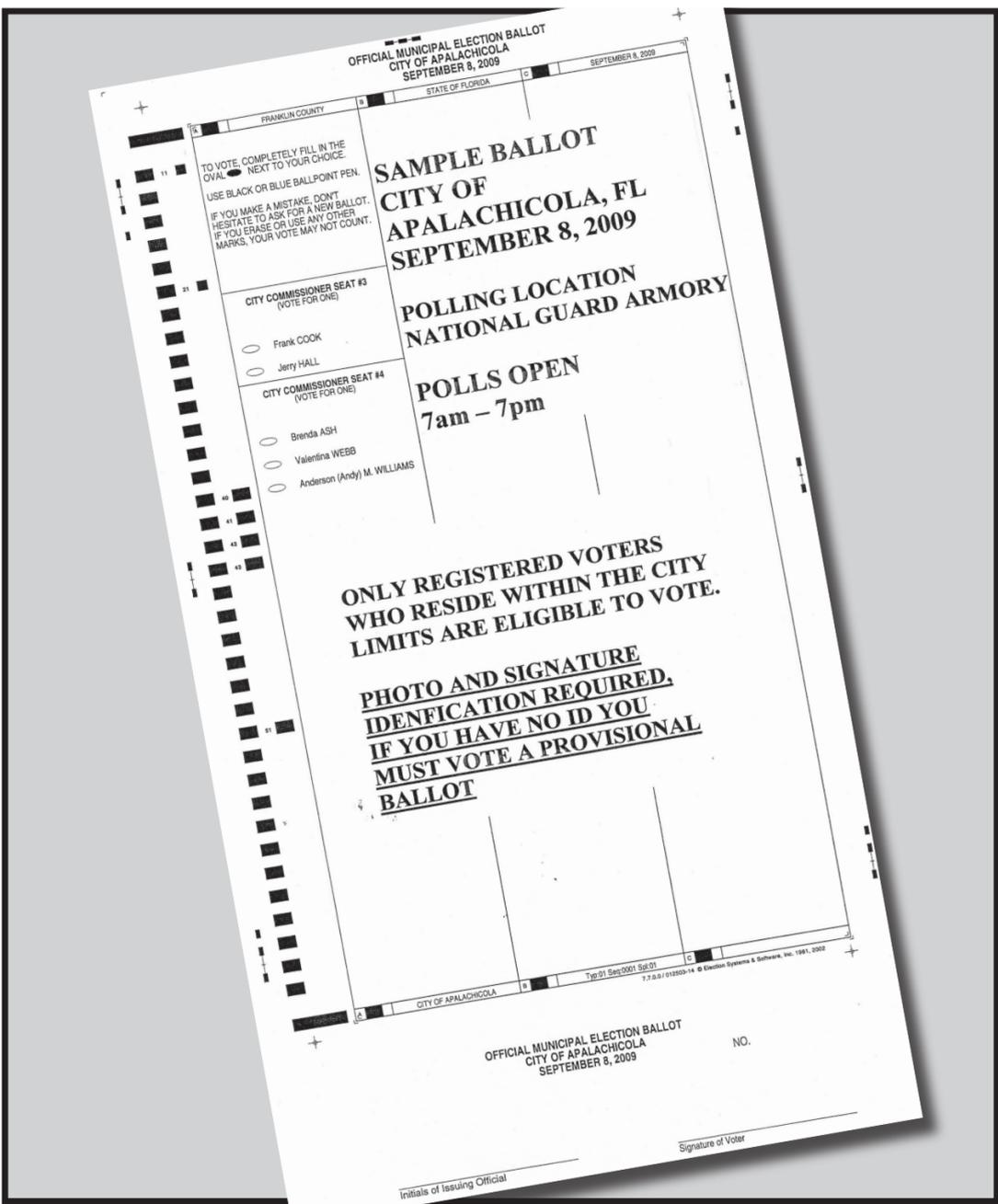
by U.S. military and political leaders to strengthen our country's national defense capabilities by improving the rifle marksmanship skills

of members of the Armed Forces. The CMP traces its direct lineage to 1903 when Congress and President Theodore Roosevelt established the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice (NBPRP) and the National Matches. From then until 1996, first the Department of War and later the Department of the Army managed the program that became known as the "civilian marksmanship program."

During this period, program objectives shifted from military marksmanship to training civilians who might serve in the military to developing youth through marksmanship training. In

1996, Congress acted again to establish the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety that now governs the CMP. The CMP actively assists the mission of our armed services. As such, the organization created the Patriots Program, where outstanding citizens are recognized for their contributions to our country.

"Jimmy Mosconis is a patriot, both for his past service and current efforts for our great nation. The CMP is proud to proclaim him as a 'CMP Patriot' and recognize his outstanding efforts" said Charlie Maddox, C.E.O. of the Civilian Marksmanship Program.



Birthday



Granger girls celebrate birthdays Saturday

Summer and Tina Granger will celebrate their birthdays with a Hawaiian luau theme party on Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Tillie Miller Park in Carrabelle.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate with us!

Summer will turn 8 on Friday, Sept. 4, and Tina will turn 7 on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Summer and Tina are the daughters of Tonia Chisholm Granger and the little sisters of Cody Massey, of Carrabelle.

Grandparents are Lena and Charles Ellis, of Carrabelle, and the late Martin Chisholm, of Carrabelle.

Great-grandparents are the late Braxton (Bum) and Lena Millender, of Carrabelle.



Brayden Brannen turns 1

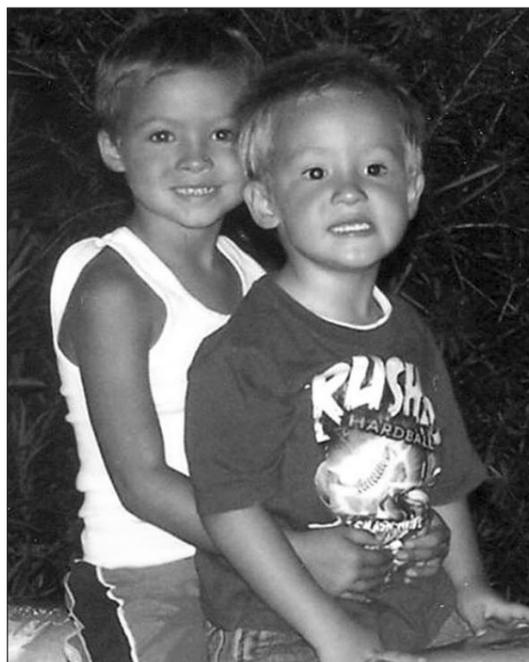
Brayden Brannen will celebrate his first birthday on Sunday, Sept. 6.

He is the son of Desiree Desrosier and Cody Brannen, of Eastpoint.

Maternal grandparents are Wendy and Joey Desrosier, of Apalachicola. Paternal grandparents

are Charles and Arnetta Brannen, of Eastpoint.

Maternal great-grandparents are Joann Branch and the late Edward Branch, of Apalachicola. Paternal great-grandparents are Hazel and John Gill, of Panama City.



Cody and Wyatt Abercrombie celebrate birthdays

Wyatt Abercrombie celebrated his fifth birthday on Monday, Aug. 24, and Cody Abercrombie celebrated his third birthday on Thursday, June 4.

They are the sons of Ricky and Melissa Abercrombie and the grandsons of Debbie and Ricky Abercrombie, Sr., all of Apalachicola.

Business

Backerman joins county health department staff

The Franklin County Health Department is proud to announce the expansion of services with the addition of Dr. Ivan Backerman to the staff.

Backerman is a graduate of Emory University School of Medicine and has multiple professional affiliations and honors. Since retiring after 33 years in private practice as an obstetrician/



IVAN BACKERMAN

gynecologist in Atlanta to Dog Island, he has been donating his services to the county health department and surrounding counties as a volunteer.

Dr. Backerman will be seeing patients at both clinic sites. For more information and/or an appointment, please call either clinic at 653-2111 or 697-4121.

Darden Restaurants promotes Kristy Brashear

Kristy Brashear has been promoted by Darden Restaurants Inc. from employee relations manager to restaurant relations support center human resource business partner. She will provide human resources' strategic consulting and operational support to employees, managers and executives of the restaurant support center functions.

A resident of Orlando, she is the daughter of Betty Webb and the late Dennis Taylor. She graduated from Apalachicola High School in 1991 and earned a Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary social sciences from Florida State University and a



KRISTY BRASHEAR

master's in human resources from Rollins College in 2006.

In her new position, Brashear will provide human resources support for areas that include the performance management process and development of strategies to improve organizational capability. She will work toward implementing key culture-building initiatives, employee engagement processes and employee recognition programs.

Additionally, she will assist in building unit effectiveness through talent reviews and career pathing, lead initiatives such as Brilliance Awards and a revised handbook and participate in new campus-related teams.

Brashear joined Darden in 1993 as a certified trainer and server with Red Lobster. She developed staffing and training plans used by directors of operations as models for the region and progressed from service professional through various restaurant management positions.

Brashear was promoted in 1998 to restaurant manager with Red Lobster, and in 2001 transferred to the restaurant support center and served as senior guest relations representative through 2005.

Most recently, she was division employee relations manager, where she successfully represented Red Lobster in employment mediations and provided primary employee relations

support for Chicago and Canada divisions and partnership support to the Big East and Dallas divisions.

Darden Restaurants Inc. (NYSE: DRI), headquartered in Orlando, is the world's largest company-owned and operated full-service restaurant company with over \$7.2 billion in annual sales and approximately 180,000 employees. Darden's restaurant brands include Red Lobster, Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Bahama Breeze and Seasons 52.

Congratulations, Kristy. We are so very proud of your accomplishments!

Mom, Audy, Bobbie, Chala, Quest and Emmy, "J" and Javana, and Alexis and Caden

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PET OF THE WEEK



Teddy bear thief apprehended

Eyewitnesses reported a black and white female canine leaving the scene of a teddy bear theft at the Dollar Store in Apalachicola. When the suspect was found with the evidence in her mouth, she was taken into custody by Animal Control.

She was released to the Franklin County Humane Society on good behavior and for being so darned cute. Robin is now ready for a loving home. (Although her new owner will be required to buy her a teddy bear.)

Call Kam at 670-8417 for more details or visit the humane society at 244 State Route 65 in Eastpoint. You may log onto the website www.forgottenpets.org to see more of our adoptable pets.

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

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Wedding



Richie White, Cheryl Harrison wed

Richie White and Cheryl Harrison were married in a small family ceremony in Tallahassee on Saturday, Aug. 15, with the Rev. Bill Plazarin officiating.

There will be a reception/shower for the couple on Saturday, Sept. 5, from 3-5 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 46 Ninth St., in Apalachicola.

All friends and family are invited.

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Island BBQ fundraiser planned for Eastpoint library

On Saturday, Sept. 5, The Friends of the Franklin County Public Library will hold a barbecue to raise money to help finish the new 5,000-square-foot public library in Eastpoint.

Dinner will be served beginning at 4 p.m. at the Sometimes It's Hotter Seasoning Company at 37 E. Pine Ave. on St. George Island. The barbecue is \$5 per plate, and there

will be wine, beer and soft drinks for sale.

The celebration includes a book sale, music and sand arts for kids. Donations of books are welcome and may be dropped off at Sometimes It's Hotter or at Sea Oats Gallery, 128 E. Pine Ave.

The Franklin County Public Library serves 6,000 registered users in

a county of 11,000 people with books, free computers, free workshops and literacy classes, and award-winning youth programs. The current Eastpoint Library operates in 1,800 square feet of rented space. Help us expand — and expand minds!

For more information, call Joyce Estes at 899-0866 or Charlotte Bachter at 927-5039.

Obituary

Whittier B. Brown

Whittier B. "Ben" Brown, 87, of Loveland, Colo., passed away Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, at McKee Medical Center.



WHITTIER B. "BEN" BROWN

Ben was born in Apalachicola in 1921 and lived with his parents, Whittier and Mamie Brown, and two sisters, Catherine and Jeanette, in Eastpoint until graduation from Carrabelle High School in 1939.

A descendant of the Brown family, which led the early settlement of Eastpoint, Whittier Brown surveyed territory on North and South Bayshore in Eastpoint.

Ben received his Bachelor of Arts at Guilford College, N.C., in 1943, enlisted in the Naval Reserve, and after Officer Candidate School was commissioned an ensign. He served on destroyers during World War II (in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific theaters) and the Korean War (in the Taiwan and Korean areas) and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant in 1952.

He remained in the Naval Reserve, served in an active unit in

Dallas for a number of years and as commanding officer of his unit for three years, retiring in 1968 with the rank of commander.

He was married in 1944, and by 1952 he and his wife had four children, Beverly, Beth, David and Brad. He remarried after the divorce from his first wife in 1963, adding three stepchildren, Mark, David and Gary Shields, to his family.

He began his civilian career, industrial purchasing, in Dallas in 1952, culminating in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1960 as purchasing manager for Acme Brick Co., later for Justine Industries, Inc., where he was retired in 1984. During this period he became active in the National Association of Purchasing Management, serving as local president, district vice president, and national vice president, as well as chairing a number of committees, local, district and national.

He also taught a course in industrial purchasing at North Texas State University for two years, in 1965 and 1966. He was presented the district Harold Cosgrove Outstanding Purchasing Agents Award in 1966 and the N.A.P.M. highest award, the Shipman Gold

Medal Award, in 1975.

Upon retirement in 1984, he and his wife, Betty, moved to Loveland, where they have been active as volunteers at McKee Medical Center and in bridge clubs, living their dream and enjoying visits from their children and other family members and friends.

Ben is survived by his wife, Betty, three children, David Arctur, Bradford Brown and wife, Tracey, Beth Loy and husband, Scott; three stepchildren, Mark Lee Shields, Robert David Shields and Gary E. Shields and wife, Vanessa; 11 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

His sister Catherine Brown Williams lives in Tallahassee, and his sister Jeannette Brown Taylor lives in Pensacola. Ben was preceded in death by his daughter, Beverly Brown, and his parents.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Galilee Baptist Church in Loveland. Interment followed at Resthaven Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice or McKee Medical Center in care of Allnutt Funeral Service.

Labor Day Chicken Roast coming up

Why not plan to have Labor Day with your friends and neighbors at our Legion Post 82, right here in our backyard?

We will have our second annual Chicken Roast. One-half roasted chicken, roasted corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, potato salad, rolls and dessert — yum, yum. Doors open at noon, orders are taken at 1 p.m., and serving starts at 2 p.m. Your donation of \$8 will be collected at the door.

Recent donations from Post 82 include two \$500 checks to local cancer victims from Tanya's Hope Cancer Fund, \$500 to the Franklin County Senior Center, and a check for \$600 to the Griswold Family Fire Fund. Thank you very much; your support at our fundraisers helped make these donations possible.



LANARK NEWS Jim Welsh

The second Saturday breakfast will be Sept. 12 at Chillas Hall. Members of the Lanark Village Association will prepare and serve up scrambled eggs, bacon/sausage, hash browns, biscuit, juice and coffee. Dot Bless will be on hand to take your \$5 donation. Hope you will join us. Doors open at 8 a.m. See ya there!

Members of The Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will be a part of The 98 Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 3, and along with sale items, they are planning to have doughnuts and coffee, and maybe biscuits and gravy. Oh, boy!

The fall/winter hours for the Thrift Shop will be Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. We need your support and resellable donated items. Thank you.

Card of THANKS

The Nichols Family

The family of Jimmie Nichols wishes to offer their heartfelt thanks for all the cards, food, flowers, memorials and prayers.

God Bless all of you.

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Church BRIEFS

Zero Gravity to host youth conference Sept. 12

Friends throughout Franklin, Gulf and surrounding counties are invited to come worship in dance, drama and music and enjoy some Holy Ghost-filled preaching Saturday night, Sept. 12, in Apalachicola at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 379 Brownsville Road.

The Ignite '09 youth conference will be held in Zero Gravity's Youth Building behind the main sanctuary. Come out and support the youth and what God is doing in them and through them.

Pre-service will be at 6 p.m., and main service at 6:30 p.m. This event will include various denominations and nondenominational churches worshipping in Spirit and in truth.

Guest speaker will be Pastor Michael Collins. Appearing will be

Oak Grove's Salt & Light Groups youth ministry; Reveille, from the Eastpoint Church of God; the drama team from the Fresh Fire Worship Center in Tallahassee; and The Reel, from First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

For more information, call 653-9372 or 9373.

Church of the Ascension hosts prayer study

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Carrabelle is extending an open invitation to the community to take part in a new series of Wednesday evening prayer study.

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 9, through Oct. 14, from 5-7 p.m., the church will be hosting an order of Evening Prayer. Bring a dish for a potluck supper, followed by a Bible study on the Beatitudes.

The church is located at 110 E. First St. in Car-

rabelle. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call 697-4555.

Sangaree recovering from hip surgery

Dan Sangaree has returned home from Health-South and is recovering well from his hip surgery.

If you wish to call him, he can be reached at his Apalachicola home at 653-9091.

Parent skills workshops set for Apalachicola

Guiding Good Choices, a five-week interactive workshop for parents, will be held at two locations in the county beginning this week.

The county library's youth development programs will begin the workshops Thursday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m. at the program site

at the former Apalachicola high school, now municipal complex.

The Carrabelle Boys and Girls Club played host at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1, and they continue the following four Tuesday evenings.

Participants will learn skills for setting clear family guidelines and strengthening bonds, helping children develop healthy behaviors, developing strategies to curtail drug use and adolescent problem behaviors, and increasing children's involvement in the family.

Kate Jensen, a clinical social worker, will serve as workshop facilitator. Families who complete the workshop will receive a certificate and are eligible for an incentive check from the FSU Center for Prevention Research.

For info on Apalachicola, call Carol Barfield at 653-2784. In Carrabelle, call Cherry Rankin at 519-5370 or Jensen at 566-5283.

Environmental film festival continues

Franklin County will host the nationally acclaimed Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival On Tour through Saturday, Sept. 5.

Organized by the Apalachicola Riverkeeper, the weeklong film festival will feature award-winning films and a children's program designed to raise awareness about environmental issues nationwide.

The films will be shown in the

Dixie Theatre in Apalachicola and the Florida State University's Coastal and Marine Laboratory in St. Teresa.

On Friday, Sept. 4, the laboratory, 3618 U.S. Highway 98, will hold a wine and cheese reception at 6 p.m., followed by a general audience program at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 5, the Dixie Theater will hold a children's pro-

gram at 3 p.m., followed by a different general audience program at 5 p.m. A wine and cheese reception is at 6:30 p.m., and a third and different general audience program is at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the children's programs are adults \$10 and children free, while tickets for the general audience programs are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. For information, call 653-8936.

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County Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 3

Carrabelle City Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. at 1005 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle. For more info call 697-3618.

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.

Friday, Sept. 4

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

Carrabelle History Museum, Old City Hall, 106 SE Avenue B in downtown Carrabelle, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Saturday. Free. For more information, contact Tamara Allen at 697-2141.

Monday, Sept. 7

Labor Day—Schools and government offices closed.

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

Al-Anon meets at 5:30

p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church's Benedict Hall, at Sixth Street and Ave. D. For more info, call (850) 222-2294.

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, Sept. 8

The Apalachicola City Commission will meet at 6 p.m. at the City Hall at Battery Park. For more info, call 653-9319.

The Carrabelle Historical Society will meet at 6 p.m. at the Carrabelle Library. Public is welcome. Come listen to your friends and neighbors share their stories about growing up in Carrabelle. For more info, call Tamara Allen at 697-2141.

The Apalachicola Community Gardens will meet at 5 p.m. at the Grill Restaurant. For more info call 653-9319.

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 wel-

come. Proceeds go to St. George Island Civic Club. Call 927-4654.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

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

Thursday, Sept. 10

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Franklin County State Parks will host a Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Orman House in Apalachicola. This special event will highlight the historic home as it appeared during its heyday in the mid-1800s. Party goers can expect to be treated to mint juleps (beer, wine, and soft drinks will also be available) and finger sandwiches and entranced by the strains of Johann Strauss. For more info, 653-9419.

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DENISE MASSEY | Special to The Times

FWC shows off new Carrabelle office

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission held an open house Aug. 21. to show off its newly constructed Carrabelle law enforcement office at 287 Graham Drive, the same location as the old office.

The 3,500-square-foot office has secure storage rooms for evidence and records, six administrative offices and a squad room. The former office was a 20-year-old, 1,100-square-foot, double-wide mobile home.

"The new office better serves the needs of our staff and the public,"

said FWC Capt. Craig Duval. "It's something everyone in the community can be proud of. Not only that, our agency received accreditation this year from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, and this new facility exceeds the expectations that come with that recognition."

The new office will serve as headquarters for FWC field officers and administrative staff in Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, Franklin, Wakulla and Jefferson counties.

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

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My name is Anderson M. Williams, better known as "Andy Williams". I am married to Rene Williams and are the parents of our two wonderful sons, Jeremy and Joel Williams.

Rene and I are both ordained Elders of Fellowship church of Praise and Worship. We serve under the pastorage of Dr. David and Vernetta Rosier.

1. To serve successfully, we must be in contact with the public. I have and now presently am doing this daily and willingly.
We must serve not just when we want a position but at all times, when we are needed.
My leadership speaks for itself. From patrolman to Chief of Police from April 13, 1999 to December 27, 2007. I served ten years in the Florida National Guard and for more than twenty years served as manager or assistant manager of the deli in our major grocery stores.
2. My fairness, honesty, integrity, and dependability have kept me in these positions even when trying times arose, I am steadfast.
I am for development that will help decrease our unemployed. I think we have a national need to train the prisoners to get a job and not just use them for free labor.
3. There are many other areas I'm concerned about, but I want to hear yours.
So come out to an old fashioned bar-b-que at Battery Park, September 5th from 2 to 3 P.M. and let us discuss our concerns.

I am the most experienced and best candidate and qualified for the job.

Thanks!

BUT IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Please VOTE!

"Andy Williams"

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News Briefs

County withholds support for PSJ port

At their Aug. 18 meeting, county commissioners chose not to send a letter of support to the Port Authority of Port St. Joe in response to a letter from the chairman of the authority. The port is seeking grant money to make Port St. Joe "a fully viable seaport."

The Florida Department of Transportation lists Port St. Joe as one of the state's 14 deepwater seaports. Others are the ports of Canaveral, Port Everglades, Fernandina, Fort Pierce, Jacksonville, Key West, Manatee, Miami, Palm Beach, Panama City, Pensacola, St. Petersburg and Tampa.

"We have two deepwater ports in Franklin County," said Commissioner Cheryl Sanders. "If we sign on supporting them for TIGER grants (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) we tie our own hands if we want to ask for grants later on."

The U.S. Department of Transportation made \$1.5 billion in TIGER discretionary grants for surface transportation projects available in June through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

"With offshore drilling coming up, I want Franklin County to get some of that business," said Commissioner Bevin Putnal. "Carrabelle is the last deepwater port before Tampa."

— By Lois Swoboda

Weems to reschedule clinic groundbreaking

Weems Memorial Hospital officials were forced to cancel the August 27 groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Weems Urgent Care Clinic in Carrabelle due to inclement weather.

Officials say the event will be rescheduled, but a new date has not been set.

Students receive free lunch, breakfast

All students enrolled in Franklin County Schools (i.e., Franklin County School, the Learning Center, and the Apalachicola Bay Charter School) are offered a breakfast and a lunch at no charge.

The district has been approved to participate in Provision 2, an alternative meal counting and claiming procedure allowed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

There is no need to complete a Free and Reduced Price Meal application in order to qualify for these benefits.

If you have any questions, you may contact Food & Nutrition Services at 670-2826 or 670-2800 ext. 1703.

Get ready for community yard sale

Gather up your treasures

to sell and join us anywhere along US 98, the Big Bend Scenic Byway on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From Mexico Beach to downtown Apalachicola to Panacea, this event promises to be the best yard sale in the Panhandle.

Non profits, individuals and businesses are welcome to setup. If you would like to be listed on the map, contact the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce office for more information at 653-9419 or email us at info@apalachicolabay.org. This email address is being protected from spambots, you need Javascript enabled to view it.

Two firms awarded sidewalk contracts

At their Aug. 18 meeting, county commissioners compared qualifications of firms competing for the engineering and inspection work on sidewalks to be built on St. George Island and in Apalachicola.

The commission decided to divide the work between two firms: Preble-Rish, Inc. of Port St. Joe, which will engineer the Apalachicola sidewalks, and Bailey, Bishop and Lane, Inc. of Tallahassee, which was tapped for the island project. The work will be funded with federal stimulus money.

"Preble Rish did a lot of work free of charge to help us get stimulus money and

I would like to see them get it," said Commissioner Noah Lockley. "I think Bailey Bishop and Lane ought to start doing some of that free work."

Commissioner Pinki Jackel moved that the work be divided and the motion passed 4-1, with Lockley dissenting.

— By Lois Swoboda

Eden Springs preferred by CHP

Eden Springs Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center in Crawfordville is pleased to announce Capital Health Plan has designated it as one of their preferred rehabilitation centers in the Big Bend.

Eden Springs is the only rehab center outside of Tallahassee to be contracted with Capital Health Plan. Eden Springs has recently begun implementing state of the art physical, occupational, and speech therapy techniques.

Neighbors in Franklin and Wakulla counties are

cordially invited to come in and tour the new and improved Eden Springs. Call 926-7181 for a tour.

Emergency response team meets Sept. 8

The next meeting of the Franklin County Emergency Response Team (CERT) is Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center.

The team will continue to review the county Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). "In order to build on this plan, we need all invited to participate," said Mike Rundel, the county's emergency management coordinator.

Call Rundel at 653-8977 or email him at em2frank@gtcom.net

Transportation board to meet Sept. 16

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

The Franklin County

Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m. at the courthouse annex courtroom, 33 Market Street, in Apalachicola.

If you require special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment, contact Vanita Anderson at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 20776 Central Avenue East, Suite 1, Blountstown, FL 32424 at least three working days prior to the meeting date.

Learn all about H1N1 flu on Sept. 22

The Franklin County Health Department, and Franklin County Schools Wellness Committee, invite the community to take part in a presentation on "H1N1 (Swine Flu) Highlights" to be held Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Franklin County School's cafeteria.

This presentation is open to the community.

FRANKLIN BOULEVARD SIDEWALK PROJECT #7.086

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in designing and constructing:

FRANKLIN BOULEVARD SIDEWALK

This is a design/build project located in Franklin County, Florida and consists of approximately 1,376 linear feet of concrete sidewalk design and construction.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) package can be obtained at the Franklin County Planning and Zoning Office, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, (850) 653-9783. Cost for the RFP package will be \$25.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to Franklin County Board of County Commissioners. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Completion date for this project will be 90 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$200.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for the "**FRANKLIN BOULEVARD SIDEWALK PROJECT**".

Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. (EDT), on September 14, 2009, at the Franklin County Clerk's Office, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320-2317, and will be opened and read aloud on September 15, 2009 at the County Commission meeting at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, FL.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; provided however, the Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to award the contract to a bidder who is not the lowest responsive and responsible bidder if the County determines in its reasonable discretion that another bid offers the County a better value based upon the reliability, quality of service, or product of such other bidder. All bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening.

All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the State of Florida.

If you have any questions, please call Alan Pierce at (850) 653-9783.

BLUFF ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT #7.087

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in designing and constructing:

BLUFF ROAD SIDEWALK

This is a design/build project located in Franklin County, Florida and consists of approximately 2,477 linear feet of concrete sidewalk design and construction.

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ST. GEORGE ISLAND SIDEWALK PROJECT #7.085

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in designing and constructing:

ST. GEORGE ISLAND SIDEWALK

This is a design/build project located in Franklin County, Florida and consists of approximately 2,990 linear feet of concrete sidewalk design and construction.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ORDINANCE 96-14 REGULATING PEDDLING

Notice is hereby given that on September 15, 2009 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. (ET), at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public meeting to consider amending the Franklin County Peddler's Ordinance 96-14. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

The title of the proposed ordinance is:

AN ORDINANCE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGULATING PEDDLING; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR LICENSING; PROVIDING A LICENSE FEE; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file with the Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida and the public may inspect it there during regular business hours.

If a person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to this proposed ordinance, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

Any person requiring special accommodations to attend the meeting shall call the Clerk of Court at 850-653-8861 at least three business days in advance of the meeting to make such arrangements.

ONE CENTURY AGO



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Many Apalachicolans will recognize the place where this picture was snapped in 1910. Do you know the names of the two people pictured here? Photo courtesy of the St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge. Call 653-8868 with your answer or respond to timesnews@starfl.com.

FWC DEER DATA

North Florida deer hunters are encouraged to attend a public meeting from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at the Antique Car Museum, 6800 Mahan Drive in Tallahassee, to share thoughts about possible changes to the state's deer hunting zones and seasons.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is considering changes to the deer hunting zones and seasons as part of its deer management strategic plan and in response to discussions earlier this summer with deer hunters. The meeting is an opportunity for the public to learn about possible changes and share their views with agency staff.

The meeting will feature a presentation on the latest agency pro-

posal, followed by a question-and-answer session. The FWC is using deer chronology breeding data, along with hunter and stakeholder input to draft anticipated changes to hunting zones and seasons. The FWC has deer-breeding information from most North Florida counties and several wildlife management areas, but there are gaps in the data. Hunter input on the rut may help close the gaps.

Commission staff recognizes the value of local knowledge and is asking hunters who know when the rut occurs in their area to fill out an online survey. The information will be used to compare hunters' perceptions of the rut with scientifically known conception data.

During rutting periods, bucks are more active

during the daylight and less cautious, improving hunters' chances of seeing them in the field.

"Deer hunters want to hunt during the rut, and we want to be able to share comprehensive information with hunters about when the rut occurs," said Cory Morea, FWC biologist and deer team coordinator. "We realize a lot of hunters know when the rut happens in their area, and we want to take this information and compare it with our conception data, to see if they are similar."

To see the latest updates on proposed deer zones and season dates, and to comment on the potential changes, go to www.MyFWC.com/Deer and fill out the rut survey.

To reach Morea, call 850-410-0656, ext. 17256.

Marine lab founder, author to present lecture

Special to The Times

The Coastal & Marine Conservation Lecture Series will present a lecture by Jack Rudloe, founder of Panacea's Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory, on Thursday, Sept. 10.

The lecture, from 7-9 p.m., is free and open to the public in the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Lab auditorium, at 3618 Coastal Highway 98, in St. Teresa.

Rudloe is the author of seven well-known books on Florida natural history and marine life. He achieved the first live exhibit of the world's largest isopod, the deep-sea giant sea roach, and was instrumental in the New York Aquarium's exhibit of the giant Surinam toadfish, also a first.

Rudloe traveled to Malaysia and The People's Republic of China as a representative of the U.S. International Trade Commission to develop fisheries cooperative agreements.

He will read from his and wife Anne's upcoming book, "Shrimp, the Endless Quest for Pink Gold" at the lecture.

"It's a story about shrimp, the shrimp fishermen who roam the seas dragging for them,



Jack and Anne Rudloe

the farmers who grow them in ponds and the people who love to eat them," he said. "Farmers have provided a stable worldwide supply of pond-grown shrimp, which has made shrimp more widely available than ever before. Shrimp fishermen complain that cheap farmed shrimp is putting them out of business. It's a conflict as old as humanity itself, that of hunter-gather-

ers versus agriculture, or in this case 'aquaculture.'

"To this cast of characters, add environmentalists saying 'A plague on both your houses!' to farmers and fishermen, since trawlers kill sea turtles and thousands of tons of fish each year as part of the discarded by-catch and farmers destroy coastal mangrove forests to build their ponds," Rudloe said.

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.

Aug. 25

Earl C. Tucker, 48, Eastpoint, contempt of court for withholding child support (FCSO)

Preston W. Smith, 29, Carrabelle, contempt of court for withholding child support (FCSO)

Aug. 26

Kimberly A. Parker, 35, Apalachicola, withholding child support (FCSO)

Aug. 27

Willard F. Clary, Jr., 48, Clover, SC, held on warrant from Montana (FCSO)

Aug. 28

Herbert A. Crosby, 34, Carrabelle, DUI with property damage and two counts of violating restrictions on driver's license (FHP) and grand theft of a motor vehicle (CPD)

Eugene J. Cooper, 58, Pace, passing worthless bank checks (FCSO)

Mickey M. Laing, 32, Crawfordville, violation of probation (FCSO)

Stacia S. Nowling, 18, Eastpoint, disorderly conduct and battery (FCSO)

James C. Yon, 43, Eastpoint, trespassing after warning (FCSO)

Aug. 29

June M. Davis, 26, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Brittney C. Herndon, 24, Eastpoint, battery (FCSO)

Law BRIEFS

Troopers to conduct vehicle inspections

Members in Troop H, Quincy district, of the Florida Highway Patrol plan to conduct driver license/vehicle inspection checkpoints next month during daylight hours at the following locations in Franklin County:

Thursday, Sept. 3, through Wednesday, Sept. 30: State

Route 30, SR 30A, SR 65, SR 384, SR 67, SR 377, SR 385, County Road 370, CR 157, CR 59, CR 374, CR 30A and SR 300 (St. George Island Causeway).

All personnel participating in the checkpoints will be responsible for following the procedures outlined in Chapter 17.12 of the Florida Highway Patrol Policy Manual regarding driver's license and vehi-

cle inspection checkpoints, Lt. Mark Brown said.

Veterans to hold cookout Sept. 12

The All-Veterans cookout lunch will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Battery Park in Apalachicola.

Hosted by the Franklin County Vietnam Veterans, founded by Charles Wilson and

the late Frank Page, the annual event is open to all military veterans and their families. The lunch will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with lunch at noon.

William Scott, the county's veterans service officer, encouraged all veterans and their families throughout the county to attend.

For more information, call Scott at 653-8096.

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	Monthly Rates	One-Time Charges
Single Party Residential Service	\$10.08	\$30.25**
Single Party Business Service	\$26.49	\$46.25**
Single Party Universal LifeLine Service (ULTS)*	\$3.08	\$15.12

**For Carrabelle exchange, Dog Island customers ONLY, Residential \$69.00 and Business \$85.00

In addition to the above monthly rates, a \$6.50 Federal Subscriber Line Charge applies to business and residential single party lines and \$9.20 for a business with more than one line. This \$6.50 charge is paid entirely by the federal lifeline program for qualifying customers

The above rates include the following:

- Local calling and the ability to receive unlimited incoming calls;
- Touch tone capability;
- Access to operator services, directory assistance, and long distance service providers;
- Voice grade access to the public switched network;
- Free access to emergency 9-1-1 and 800 or 800-like toll free services;
- One free directory listing;
- One free white page telephone directory;
- Free toll blocking for qualifying low-income customers;
- Free access to the telephone relay service; and
- Free access to the business office.

*This is a state and federally funded program, which provides discounted service to low-income residential customers who meet the eligibility rules that have been established. Includes discounted basic service rates, discounted one-time installation charges or change charges, and free toll blocking. All this is made available to those who qualify for Universal LifeLine Telephone Service.



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Single Party Residential Service	\$6.95	\$30.25
Single Party Business Service	\$19.02	\$46.25
Single Party Universal LifeLine Service (ULTS)*	\$0.00	\$15.12

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Retired educators prepare for district meeting

The Franklin/Gulf Retired Educators Association planning meeting was held Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Plans were made to attend the Florida Retired Educators Association District 2 meeting in Graceville on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

The next F/GREA meeting will be held in Port St. Joe on Monday, Sept. 14.

Along with other educational activities that highlight students' accomplishments, the organization's main goal is to raise funds for scholarships. Be on the

lookout for some of our endeavors and help us support the future leaders of this community.

F/GREA membership is open to any person who has retired from the education field under the Florida Retirement System with five years or more of service or any person who has retired from the educational system of any other state or from any privately funded or parochial school with five or more years of service.

For information, call Margarita at 697-4200.

Lanark Village lights continue to glow

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer



DOT BLESS

On Tuesday morning, the county commission voted to reimburse the Lanark Village Association for payments made to Progress Energy to light Lanark's walking path.

On Aug. 18, Dot Bless, treasurer of the Lanark Village Association, requested the county reimburse the association for \$6,271 spent on electricity to keep the streetlights in Lanark lit from Jan. 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009.

At that time the commission tabled the issue and asked Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson to consult with the auditor on the validity of Lanark's claim.

On Tuesday, Johnson reported that Carr, Riggs and Ingram, the county's con-

sulting auditors, said the county was not obligated to pay Lanark for the expense because there was no contract agreeing to do so.

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders moved that the association be reimbursed and the commission voted unanimously in favor of reimbursement. The money will come out of the county's 2009 reserve funds.

The confusion about money came about after the commission voted to pay Progress directly for the cost of lighting the Lanark exercise path beginning in April 2009. Before then, the Lanark Village Association used its funds to pay the bill

and was reimbursed by the county out of Parks and Recreation funds. Lanark received the funds because the walking path, which doubles as a sidewalk, was the only recreation amenity available to the Lanark community.

Bless said the county began by reimbursing the association after the fact because the association's fiscal year runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 and the county's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

"When the county began funding the lights, they budgeted \$3,687 annually for the expense. When I took over as treasurer in 2005, there was a shortfall of \$1,500 because the cost of electricity had gone up," she said. "I came before the commission and asked them for additional money. They told me I had to present them with an annual bill to show the change. I had

to go back a year to get the records so we could be reimbursed."

"We need the reimbursement to pay the bills for Chillas Hall," she said in a telephone interview last week. "There is a \$300 electric bill this month and a water bill. It costs about \$1,000 a month to run the hall. We can't do fundraisers until the snowbirds come in October, and they leave again in March. We have to make our money last. Most of the residents of the Village are below poverty level. The commission gave us this money because it was a struggle for the seniors to pay, and it still is."

Chillas Hall is the social center for Lanark Village, a community largely composed of retirees. The hall provides a meeting place for clubs, study groups and fundraisers.

Noma to host annual community reunion

The annual Noma Community Reunion will be held in the Noma Town Hall building on Saturday, Sept. 5. The town hall will open at 10 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon CST.

All past and present residents and their friends are cordially invited to attend. People planning to attend are asked to bring a well-filled basket of their favorite dishes. Also, please bring tea if that is the bev-

erage you refer. Soft drinks, ice, cups, plates and eating utensils will be furnished.

This gathering, held on the Saturday before Labor Day, strengthens the bonds of friendship and lets us relive memories of the past, renew our ties with the land that once nourished us and walk among the graves of our dear departed kinsmen.

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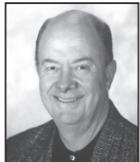
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Artists may submit 10 images of current, available work, which has been done within the last five years. Please submit on compact disc or in slide form, together with a short biography.

Submission should be made no later than Monday, Sept. 21, to the Historic Apalachicola Foundation Inc., PO Box 41, Apalachicola, FL 32320, the nonprofit organization responsible for the museum. Please include identifying information for each image as well as artist information, including an e-mail address.

The fall show will also honor Alice Jean Gibbs, a revered local art teacher.

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WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	Temperature		
	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Sep 03	86°	67°	30%
Fri, Sep 04	86°	69°	30%
Sat, Sep 05	86°	71°	40%
Sun, Sep 06	86°	71°	40%
Mon, Sep 07	85°	72°	40%
Tue, Sep 08	85°	72°	30%
Wed, Sep 09	86°	72°	20%

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

09/03 Thu	04:44AM 1.6 H	10:04AM 1.0 L
	03:35PM 1.8 H	10:48PM 0.5 L
09/04 Fri	04:54AM 1.6 H	10:39AM 0.9 L
	04:21PM 1.8 H	11:07PM 0.6 L
09/05 Sat	05:03AM 1.7 H	11:11AM 0.8 L
	05:08PM 1.7 H	11:24PM 0.7 L
09/06 Sun	05:14AM 1.7 H	11:43AM 0.6 L
	05:57PM 1.7 H	11:41PM 0.9 L
09/07 Mon	05:28AM 1.8 H	12:16PM 0.5 L
	06:52PM 1.6 H	
09/08 Tue	12:00AM 1.0 L	05:47AM 1.9 H
	12:54PM 0.4 L	07:55PM 1.6 H
09/09 Wed	12:21AM 1.2 L	06:11AM 2.0 H
	01:41PM 0.3 L	09:16PM 1.5 H

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09/03 Thu	12:43AM 2.9 H	08:45AM -1.1 L
	05:42PM 2.2 H	07:44PM 2.1 L
09/04 Fri	01:34AM 2.9 H	09:33AM -1.0 L
	06:22PM 2.1 H	08:33PM 1.9 L
09/05 Sat	02:30AM 2.7 H	10:22AM -0.8 L
	06:55PM 2.1 H	09:33PM 1.8 L
09/06 Sun	03:31AM 2.6 H	11:11AM -0.6 L
	07:23PM 1.9 H	10:50PM 1.6 L
09/07 Mon	04:40AM 2.2 H	11:58AM -0.2 L
	07:47PM 1.9 H	
09/08 Tue	12:19AM 1.3 L	06:02AM 1.9 H
	12:44PM 0.2 L	08:09PM 1.9 H
09/09 Wed	01:50AM 0.8 L	07:49AM 1.6 H
	01:28PM 0.6 L	08:32PM 2.1 H

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

Date	Day	AM	PM	Rise/Set	Moon
09/03	Thu	m 3:35 M 9:40	m 3:50 M 10:00	5:34AM 6:28PM	☉
09/04	Fri	m 4:15 M 10:15	m 4:25 M 10:35	5:35AM 6:27PM	☉
09/05	Sat	m 4:50 M 11:00	m 5:10 M 11:25	5:35AM 6:26PM	☉
09/06	Sun	m 5:40 M 11:50	m 6:00 M -	5:36AM 6:25PM	☉
09/07	Mon	m 6:25 M 12:15	m 6:50 M 12:35	5:37AM 6:24PM	☉
09/08	Tue	m 7:15 M 1:05	m 7:40 M 1:25	5:37AM 6:23PM	☉
09/09	Wed	m 8:05 M 1:55	m 8:35 M 2:20	5:38AM 6:21PM	☉

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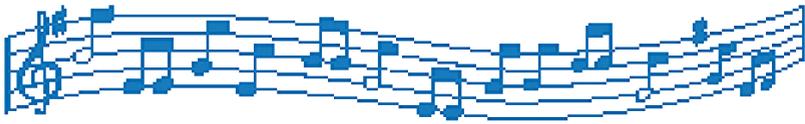
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