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Apalachicola lowers tax millage a bit

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Apalachicola city commission has trimmed another quarter-mil off everyone's upcoming tax bill, resulting in a drop in the reserves slated to be left over in the general fund at year's end.

At a special meeting and budget workshop Aug. 25, city commissioners voted unanimously to ratchet down the millage from 7.56 to 7.31 mils. This will result in a \$43,689 drop in tax proceeds,

which will now be nearly \$1.28 million.

As a result, the budget at the end of the year is expected to result in only about \$75,000 in revenue over expenditures, as opposed to nearly \$116,000.

The reduction in millage was made possible after the city received news a few days earlier that Project Impact would again be funded by a 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant worth about a half-million dollars per year.

The summer and after-school educational enrichment and recreation program is overseen by the city, so those services provided by city employees can be paid for out of the grant. Most of the grant money is used to pay instructors and other staff to oversee the program, which will be held this year at the ABC School and city complex at the former Apalachicola High School.

The commission battled around some different options for cost savings, but in the end main-

tained the 2009-10 expenditures the same as they were in the original budget presented earlier last month.

Commissioner Frank Cook said he liked the idea of putting off purchasing new automobiles for the fleet of police cars, but questioned whether it would cost more in the long run.

Chief Bobby Varnes said he planned to use parts off the vehicle slated to be retired from active use to maintain the department's other vehicles. He said

he might be able to save about \$8,000 by buying a car with a V-6 engine, which also would save on fuel costs.

The commission also rejected a 3 percent one-time bonus for employees, with \$1,000 minimum. City Administrator Betty Taylor-Webb said she and City Clerk Lee Mathes had presented the proposal at the request of city employees, but stopped short of urging its approval. Webb said

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THE CITIES DECIDE

Apalachicola picks Cook; Carrabelle chooses Allen, Sands

Ash, Webb prepare for Sept. 22 runoff

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

A robust turnout in Franklin County's municipal elections Tuesday propelled two incumbents back into office, elected a new face and set the stage for a runoff in two weeks.

In Carrabelle's race for two city commission seats, Cal Allen, 71, a retired IRS employee making his first bid for public office, topped the field with 174 votes, or 31 percent. Also elected was incumbent Richard Sands, 49, with 153 votes, or 27 percent.

Denied in their bids were two political newcomers, social worker Cherry Rankin, 49, with 122 votes, and realtor Charlotte Russell Schneider, 47, with 121. Both received 21 percent of the votes.

In Apalachicola, retired Navy officer Frank Cook, 71, won his first full term on the city commission, besting businessman Jerry Hall, 62, 446 votes to 311, or 59 to 41 percent. Cook was appointed two years ago to commission seat No. 3 to fill the remainder of Commissioner Van Johnson's term after he was elected mayor.

The other city commission race, for seat No. 4, will be decided Sept. 22, when Brenda Ash and incumbent Valentina Webb face each other in a runoff.

Ash, 40, a mortgage lending officer, gathered 45 percent of the vote, with 366 votes on Tuesday, while Webb, 45, a corrections officer, was next with 32 percent, or 264 votes.

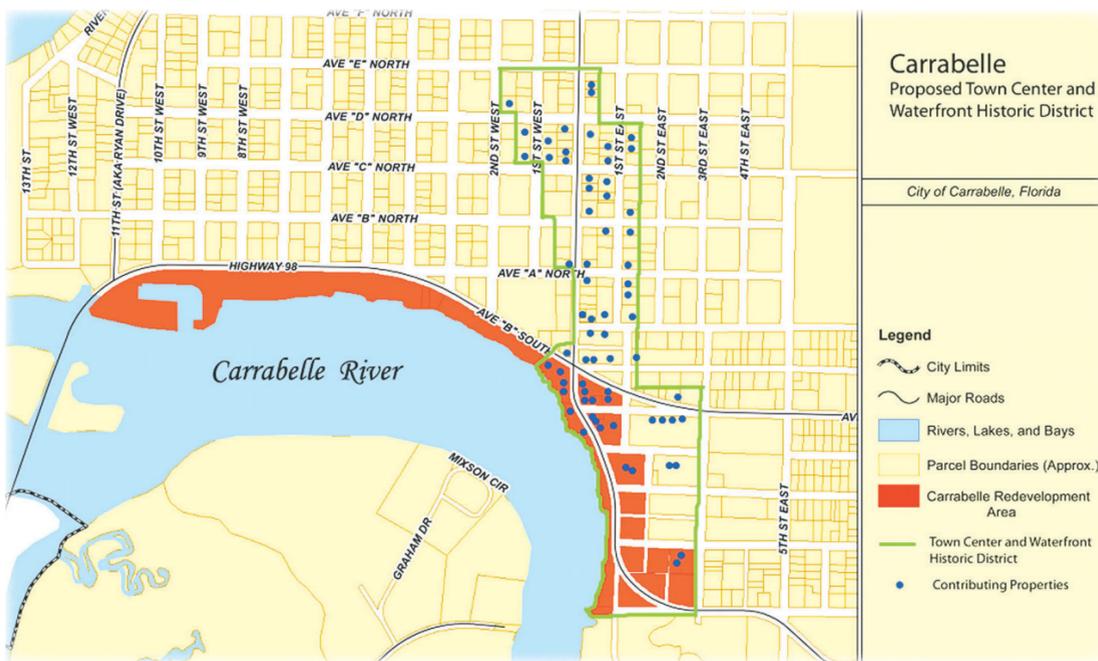
Failing to qualify for the runoff was former police chief Anderson Williams, 51, who drew 23 percent, or 187 votes.

"I can't believe it," said a delighted Allen. "I'm really impressed. I'm moved. I appreciate the support the people of Carrabelle have given me, and I hope to make a contribution to the city of Carrabelle."

Allen said he plans to get down to business at the budget hearing later this month. Because of a sharp drop-off in the city's tax base, Carrabelle is facing the choices of raising millage or cutting back the city budget.

Hall, who waged a vigorous campaign of being a budget watchdog and a backer of the

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Yearlong survey unearths Carrabelle's history

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

At the Carrabelle commission's Sept. 3 meeting, Beth LaCivita, of Historic Florida Consulting, summarized a survey she conducted over the past year of cultural and historic resources in the city.

The project sought to identify and evaluate archaeological sites, buildings and structures constructed before 1959. During the study, 121 buildings were systematically recorded, mapped and photographed based on survey methods and procedures established by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

LaCivita said the property appraiser's office provided her with a list of 248 buildings that met these criteria. Working from that list, she gathered oral history from some of Carrabelle's oldest residents.

The survey identified eight archaeological sites, including one 1,400-year-old prehistoric village. LaCivita said Carrabelle has been a seafood destination for more than 1,400 years.

She recommended three cemeteries — Evergreen, Isle of Rest and Third Street — for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Two historic districts — the Carrabelle town center and waterfront district (1880s to 1959) — and the World War II Pipeline-Three Rivers Cottages Historic District (1942-1959) were also recommended as being potentially eligible for registration. LaCivita said these areas document Carrabelle's railroad, lumber, naval stores, seafood, fishing and sponge industries and its military significance and post-war sports fishing era.

The Three Rivers site comprises



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ABOVE: Beth LaCivita. TOP: A map created by Beth LaCivita shows the locations of historic structures identified by the survey.

an oil pipeline that ran from Jacksonville to Camp Gordon Johnston during World War II. Eight of 13 prefabricated cottages constructed for pipeline workers still stand at the site. LaCivita said no evidence of the actual pipeline remains, but Mayor Curley Messer disagreed, claiming a section of 8-inch metal pipe from the pipeline stands on his property.

The survey recommended 12 buildings for possible listing on the National Register. These included the two-story brick building at 103 U.S. Highway 98, which is now the Bebo Folk Art Gallery, formerly the Carrabelle General Store; Harry's Bar; the Rex Theatre / Gulf State Bank, later used as the Camp Gordon Johnston Muse-

um; and the Crooked River Light.

The report contains a historic preservation plan for the city that discusses the economic impact, development and benefits of historic preservation, including funding opportunities for properties listed on the National Register. Additional recommendations made reference to land planning options and the potential for local, state and national historic districts and any special districts protecting and interpreting historically and culturally significant sites.

"Communities that have documented and registered historic resources can apply for grant money to preserve

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LIGHTED FOUNTAIN GRACES SANDS PARK

George L. Sands Memorial Park in Carrabelle has a stunning new addition, an illuminated fountain that graces the center of a pond that doubles as a stormwater management facility. The project combines serene grace with practicality. Jim Waddell, of Inovia Consulting Group, designers of the project, said the "Aqua Control Display Aerator" was purchased from Stone Innovation with funds provided by a Florida legislative appropriation. In addition to creating a soothing display, the unit aerates water in the holding pond. He said the park will eventually feature a walking path, sheltered gazebos and a children's play area.

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ABC School to serve fresh fruit and veggies

The Apalachicola Bay Charter School announces its participation in the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable program.

Children enrolled in ABC School will receive fresh fruits and vegetables as either a morning or afternoon snack three days per week as part of the program.

The intent of the program is to encourage healthy eating habits in children. Parents are encouraged to talk to their parents about the program and encourage their children to try a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.

sandwiches and mint juleps (beer, wine, and soft drinks will also be available) and entranced by the strains of Johann Strauss. Other special effects and photo opportunities will prevail.

County commission meets at night Tuesday

In accordance with their new policy, the Franklin County commissioners will hold their quarterly evening meeting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The final night meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 15. at 5 p.m.

Coordinating board to meet Wednesday

The Franklin County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex Courtroom, 33 Market Street, in Apalachicola.

For information, or if you require special accommodations because of a disability, 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.

Orman House to host Business After-Hours

On Thursday, Sept. 10, the Friends of the Franklin County State Parks will be hosting the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce's Business After-Hours from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This special event at the Orman House in Apalachicola will showcase the historic home as it appeared during its heyday in the mid-1800s. Partygoers can expect to be treated to finger

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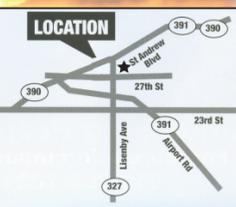
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Franklin County Schools
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Oystering family needs help finding home

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

April and Frankie Dalton have been left practically homeless and are seeking help in finding a new trailer.

The family, who live at 761 Ridge Road, Eastpoint, includes two teenage boys. After their marriage, Frankie adopted April's two children by her first husband: William, 13, and Marcus, 15.

Until May, the little family shared a pair of single-wide trailers that had been joined lengthwise.

April said the trailers leaked along the entire length of the seam. Mold began to grow inside and the boys developed respiratory problems. April was stricken with pneumonia three times in a single year.

"You've seen mushrooms like the kind that grow on trees?" she asked. "Those were growing inside my house."

After watching a television documentary, April began to fear the illnesses were brought on by exposure to mold spores.

The Daltons went to Moulder and Sons in Panama City and were approved for a loan on a pre-owned, doublewide trailer. They were sure they could manage the \$400 a month note.

Frankie is a hardworking oysterman, but life on the bay has been difficult for him lately, like the rest of the county's seafood workers. But with April's income they were getting by.

At the time, April worked as a paraprofessional by the Franklin County Schools, assisting for over two years with the needs of handicapped children. She was trying hard to improve her professional skills and had completed the requirements for a Success Award, an honor received



Photos by APRIL DALTON | Special to The Times

The Dalton family, April and Frankie, and their sons, William and Marcus. At top, the trailer that will soon house a family of four in Eastpoint.

in June.

To make way for their newly-acquired doublewide, the couple set to work removing their old home. They camped out in a travel trailer while they dismantled it.

"I wanted to tear it down to give us incentive to get a new home," she said.

Then disaster struck. April, along with several other employees, was laid off from work in May due to

budget cuts, a month before the school system presented her with her award.

"They told me it was because of seniority," she said. "You need three years for tenure and I had two-and-a-half."

The Daltons lost their insurance when April lost her job. They were financially devastated. There was no way they could afford the new trailer.

"One day last week, Frankie worked 'till 4 p.m. and he only got six bags of oysters," April said.

April has found work again. She has a temporary position working in the consolidated school's cafeteria, a position with no benefits and little job security. She also works 15 hours a week as a custodian for the Boys and Girls Club.

Frankie and April are still living in the 20-foot travel trailer they used during demolition of their old home. Marcus and William are living in a borrowed travel trailer, which April said must be returned at the start of hunting season.

Their possessions are in a storage shed that costs \$55 a month to rent.

"I just want my family back in one building. It's hard not being able to sit at the table and have dinner," she said tearfully.

Andy Buchleitner, program coordinator for Aging with Dignity of Tallahassee, is trying to help. He said he has located a trailer in Medart.

"It would cost \$3,000 to buy the trailer and at least that much to move it," Buchleitner said. "But

there's another problem. We'll need a variance to bring it into the county. The storm rating on the unit is 2A and the county now requires a 3A rating for new trailers. It would be nice to get one in the county."

Buchleitner is working on the project through Franklin's Promise and that the Apalachicola Riverkeeper is trying to help.

April said she and her husband have not asked anyone other than Bucheitner for help, but as winter draws near, they are becoming more and more worried. She said she doesn't know what they will do when the entire family has to share one 20-foot travel trailer.

If you can help, call Andy Buchleitner at 559-0525 or the Times at 653-8688.

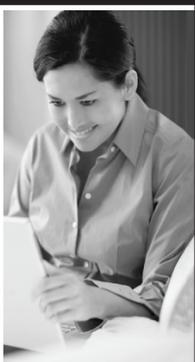
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A week or so ago, I went to the beach. I wore long pants. I had implemented my makeup lite regimen, and I had even used the curling iron on my hair. How ridiculous is that?

A younger me would have ditched the face paint and worn a bathing suit, anticipating hours of floating on the sea water

interspersed with time baking my skin in the sun. Back in the day, we didn't understand SPF numbers and generally lathered our bodies with baby oil and iodine or pure cocoa butter. If we wanted a tan, we got it the honest way, no lying under lights in a machine at the nail salon.

Now, people get a tan before they go to the beach.

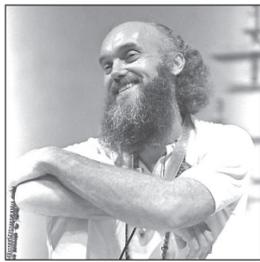
OK, I was self-conscious. There would be teens present, and I wasn't about to expose my 56-year-old thighs. I could just hear it, "OMG, did you see Ms. Roux's legs?"

The event was a cook-out for the school Brain Bowl team and sponsors. Barbara Sanders has been the coach for the past few years, and she was passing the torch to Priscilla Tucker, a new science and math teacher. Barbara and her husband, W.K., organized a wiener roast on St. George Island complete with a real fire, sharpened palmetto sticks for the dogs, multiple toppings, chips, soda and the makings for S'mores.

Attending were past, present and potential team members. Priscilla brought her daughter, and science teacher Heidi Montgomery brought her two young girls. Barbara's daughter, Claire, was there with her little guy, Dalton. The under-10 set were the only ones who ventured into the water. They knew the beach ritual of water, sand and good food.

Not so for the teens and grownups. There was not a single bathing suit in evidence. Everyone huddled under the beach tent shelters. Many didn't even take off their shoes. (I, at least, rolled up my pants and waded in the surf). One adolescent even had adorned herself with false eyelashes.

We had great fun, and there was lively conversation, some of the time. Every single student, except one, had a phone



Baba Ram Dass, who was born Richard Alpert, in 1972.

within arm's reach. Some dangled from the wrist, others were in a pocket, and many sat on the thigh ready for instant recognition and response. The grown-ups were less guilty. Their phones were tucked away, within audible distance if the distinctive ring tone came through.

At one point, I noticed that five people were texting or talking on their phones.

After the cook-out, I started thinking about Baba Ram Dass and his 1971 book, "Be Here Now." Of course, it represents an era of New Age spirituality and the psychobabble so present during that time. He did LSD in the sixties with Timothy Leary and studied with the Maharishi in India. Now he lives in Maui and still conducts seminars. Ram Das even has a Facebook page. Before my research, I didn't know he was still alive. Amazingly, the book is still in print. The ideas might be relevant for boomers, but today's kids are far beyond the concept of living in the moment.

Perhaps their moment is something different from ours. Maybe they need multiple stimuli constantly or they get bored. I know that if a group of kids is having a meal together, it is not considered rude to take calls or text at the table. They do allow that it is bad manners to talk on the phone and text another friend simultaneously.

I am fascinated by their plugged-in world, and I feel a little sad at the same time. What does it take to get their total, undivided attention? Just how serious does a situation have to be so that the phones are turned off? Could it be a wedding, a funeral, a quiet dinner or an intimate encounter?

How do we teach them when it is appropriate and even necessary to tune in, turn the outside world off and live in the moment?

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Tate's Hell, once a primordial swamp, held vast amounts of water in storage, as if it were a giant sponge. This water was destined to work its way into our bay slowly. It was almost a never-ending flow of nutrients destined to feed shrimp, crabs, oysters and many species of fish.

Then came Buckeye Cellulose, promising jobs and prosperity for all concerned. To do this they needed permission from Franklin County to drain Tate's Hell. Meetings were held to determine if this would be beneficial to the economic development of Franklin County. They painted a bright picture of jobs promised.

To get the county to go along with its proposal to drain Tate's Hell, certain experts were consulted by the county. These experts were to be paid by the county and state to advise them as to any adverse effect of the draining of Tate's Hell. The county had no way of knowing that the experts were also being paid by the Buckeye Cellulose Company. These PhDs saw no noticeable harm to the bay environment. And any small amount of damage would be offset by all the jobs brought to Franklin County.

The county held public hearings. Seafood workers attended, but many had already been seduced into believing the company line, along with the expert PhDs testifying in



LARRY HALE
Special to the Times

favor of draining the swamp. Some of the meetings got quite heated, as for and against aired their opinions. George Kirvin was opposed to any alteration to Tate's Hell. After he spoke, some wanted to throw him out the courthouse window. Especially if it stood in the way of progress.

Based on what seemed like overwhelming public opinion in favor of much-needed promised jobs, and based on expert opinions from certain environmental experts, the decision was to allow the draining of the swamp.

The ditches were dug and the swamp drained. A chip mill was built in Carrabelle. Pine trees were planted by the thousands. Herbicides were sprayed to kill any unwanted vegetation. Tons of fertilizers would be distributed by helicopters. Beavers had to be poisoned in order to stop their desperate attempts to save their habitat by plugging up the drainage ditches. Slowly the heart was ripped from Tate's Hell.

Today there is no chip mill or vast number of promised jobs. But the damage endures, a legacy of environmental destruction of Tate's Hell. Pine trees did not grow like the company had predicted. The land would be sold to the state of Florida. However, the land was left in a state of destruction.

Today, Tate's Hell is for the most

part left dry. When it rains, it is like flushing a commode. All the water is rushed into the bay at once, little water is left for the dry months. The Thousand Yard Bay, once a habitat for large flocks of geese and ducks, is dry. The freshwater spring that flowed into the bay near Porter's Bar dried up.

As a consequence, oyster beds near this flow of freshwater were lost. This eventually led to the Highway 98 shoreline starting to erode. The New River, once a deep river all the way up to Gully Branch, is now choked with mud. In addition, we have seen a continual decline in the productivity of Apalachicola Bay.

Today we are engaged in a struggle with Atlanta over water coming down river from Lake Lanier. Atlanta has a population of 6 million people and growing. Do we really think we will ever win this water war? The answer is, eventually, no. However, we can control Tate's Hell's water by restoring it as close as possible to what Mother Nature created. Allowing Tate's Hell to function the way it was intended to. Holding water back and slowly letting it trickle and flow into the bay.

Florida should be just as diligent in restoring Tate's Hell as they are in restoring the Everglades. It is time to take a stand to save our bay.

A retired Marine and present-day environmentalist, Larry Hale is scoutmaster of Troop 22 on St. George Island.

Letters to the EDITOR

New building a beneficial addition to island

I have applied for a site plan approval with the county for a new building to be located between the St. George Inn and the St. George Island Trading Company. Some people are opposing it.

The purpose of this letter is to diffuse some misinformation spread by a small group of vocal individuals with a clear agenda:

1. The St. George Inn is not going to be moved, bulldozed or otherwise relocated. Jan and Richard Grant, the Innkeepers, and I take personal pride in improving it daily, and offering a sampling of Southern hospitality to all visitors.

2. A new grocery store has been needed on St. George Island for a long time: it will bring to residents and visitors the convenience of more choices and better prices. The only people who would deny this fact are the owners of the only grocery store on the island. They have been pushing a petition aimed at stopping their only competition! It's a little tacky, but would remain just that if, in order to push uninformed people to sign, they had not been trumpeting: "Who wants a monstrosity in place of the St. George Inn, which will be removed?" (I would be the first person to sign their petition if their facts were correct!). This is misleading and blatantly untrue.

3. We live in America, where property rights should mean something. Unlike some of my detractors, who are far from meeting existing codes concerning parking, stormwater management and other important issues, my project will be in full compliance. Consequently, it is simply my right to build on my property what meets all codes and ordinances.

4. Next, the design of the new building will be far nicer than most buildings in the commercial district of St. George Island. The only people who call it a monstrosity are either the ones who have not seen the renderings, or the ones who will have a business in competition with it. The

new building will complete the facade on the city block fronting Franklin Boulevard, for its utter improvement.

5. Thirty new permanent jobs! It might not mean much to some of the project detractors, but it means a lot to me. In an environment where people lose their jobs faster than they can find new ones, and in an environment where paying the next power bill can represent an insurmountable obstacle, 30 new jobs in a new grocery store are a tremendous asset to the county.

6. Construction jobs. This fall and winter do not look exactly exciting for business and activity on the island and in the county. Yet, my new project will employ construction workers, who otherwise would very likely have remained idle.

7. Increased property tax base. Everyone who owns real property in Franklin County received in the last weeks a notice of proposed taxes. An increased tax base is the only way to lower taxes, all other factors remaining equal...And the only way to increase the tax base is to build.

In short, the only scary thing about the new building is the amount of misrepresentations its detractors invented. The new project has nothing but positive consequences, including healthy competition.

Sincerely,
Olivier Monod
Property Owner

Seafood workers' expenditures need accountability

No one questions Johnny Richard's love for this Bay, and that the leadership of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association has had some legitimate expenses in recent years.

But serious questions have been raised by the treasurer and other officers of the FCSWA over how tens of thousands of dollars in funds have been spent. There are thousands of dollars of payments for such items as computer repair, and the FCSWA president and secretary simply have not provided answers that satisfy other officers.

The point: these questionable checks and expenses were written

without the formal knowledge or approval of a majority of the FCSWA board of directors or members at large. Two members wrote tens of thousands of dollars in checks (sometimes to each other) with no independent oversight.

Adding to the concerns, one independent treasurer was forced out of the Seafood Workers for asking tough questions; and just last week Linda Raffield, secretary to the organization, took the checkbook away from the current treasurer — for the second time.

The time has come for specific answers to these questions. There is general agreement on an independent audit of FCSWA books, but that is only part of the answer.

The Seafood Workers have called for a public meeting this Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Eastpoint Firehouse. The core question is whether two individuals are accountable to their membership, or if they can simply run the organization and spend money as they please, while other FCSWA volunteers get nothing for their time.

Kevin Begos
Apalachicola

Money well-spent for seafood workers' leaders

In the August 27 issue of the Apalachicola Times, there was a letter to the editor criticizing the leadership of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association Inc (FCSWA). At the risk of quoting myself, I have to say again what I first wrote in a letter to the Times earlier this year:

As a member of the Riverkeepers staff, I have worked directly and indirectly with the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association Inc. (FCSWA) for the past five years. I am very proud and appreciative of their efforts and dedication. Their oyster harvesters are — as I have said repeatedly — the "frontline soldiers in our Water Wars." In particular, I have worked with the elected officers of the organization as we struggled to counter the significant threats to the Apalachicola Bay. The most

significant, and ongoing, threat to the health and productivity of our Bay has been the reduced freshwater flows. Atlanta is still taking our waters without Congressional approval. John Richards, as president FCSWA, and Linda Raffield, secretary, have had a critical role in "telling the story" of the reduced flows threat and its impact on the most productive estuary in America, Apalachicola Bay.

Time and again, they have taken various regional, state and national media out onto the Bay to see for themselves — "hands-on/eyes-on" — the predation that occurs on oyster beds in the low flow condition imposed by the Corps' Revised Interim Operations Plan (or RIOP). "See for yourselves. Here's what's happening to our oysters." These "visitors" have included national TV cameras, as well as decision-makers, such as the Commanders of the South Atlantic Region and the Mobile district of the Corps of Engineers. When there was a threat that the oyster re-lay money would be reduced, John and Linda went to Tallahassee and lobbied successfully against that budget cut. They believe passionately in their oystermen and the health and productivity of our Bay. They take their jobs very seriously. And I and Riverkeepers — and the community — should be most thankful that they do.

Riverkeeper successfully applied for two small grants to support FCSWA in organizational development and began working with the elected officers of the organization to do just that. Part of those grant monies have been used to compensate Linda and John for their expenses in going to Tallahassee to lobby for relay monies and in the execution of other specified tasks in the work plan for those grants, such as on-water briefings to media representatives. As you should note from the above, that money was well-spent in behalf of the Apalachicola Bay and the oyster harvesters that depend on it for their livelihood.

Based on the ongoing contract between their organization, FCSWA, and

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Who flooded Carrabelle?

Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Richard Sands said Carrabelle is not responsible for recent flooding.

At the Sept. 3 city commission meeting, Carrabelle Commissioner Richard Sands held up a copy of the Times containing a recent article about flooding along U.S. Highway 98 in downtown Carrabelle.

"This was the work of the state," he said. "Some of us plain folks, like Keith Mock, tried to tell them you can't block off water like that and leave it with no place to go."

Sands said state officials were aware that there was a problem with drainage at the site of the flood.

Commissioner Jim Brown said state officials would meet on Sept. 8 to discuss the matter. He said they have two possible solutions to the drainage problems and are weighing the merits of each.

LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

The end of Avenue A in Carrabelle is now completely blocked by a sidewalk. The barricade was intended as a traffic calming device.



News BRIEFS

New work camp to be completed mid-2011

In response to a question posed during his Aug. 18 appearance before the county commission, State Rep. Leonard Bemby sent a time frame for the construction of the new Franklin County Work Camp to County Planner Alan Pierce.

The project is in the design phase, and construction is

scheduled to begin in April or May 2010, with an anticipated completion date of August 2011.

History museum to receive computer

At their Sept. 1 meeting, county commissioners voted unanimously to allow Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson to donate an obsolete Dell computer to Tamara Allen, of Carrabelle, for

use at the Carrabelle History Museum.

Johnson said the computer is an older model but has been updated to accommodate new software requirements.

DOT announces guidelines for sidewalk construction

On Sept. 1, County Planner Alan Pierce told the county commission that each of the

two new sidewalk projects funded with federal stimulus has extensive guidelines that must be followed by the contractor.

Pierce said the Florida Department of Transportation, which awarded the funds, has agreed to the following schedule for the projects. On Sept. 15 the commission will open bids. Bids must be awarded by Sept. 30 and the contractors will have 90 days to complete construction.

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the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the officers of the FCSWA organized and executed the oyster relay program to transplant oysters to the public bars for the next season, much as a farmer prepares his fields for the next harvest. This activity, administered by the FCSWA, provided needed compensation, according to

the state contract, to participating oyster harvesters. And the productivity of the oyster bars of the bay will have been measurably improved to combat the lasting effects of reduced flows during the recent drought.

John Richards and Linda Raffield take justified pride in these accomplishments and should be

thanked by the community, including members of the Seafood Task Force. Riverkeeper will continue to help the leadership of FCSWA as the organization grows and becomes stronger.

David McLain
senior policy advisor
Apalachicola Riverkeeper



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

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Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for the **"BLUFF ROAD 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.

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them," LaCivita said, noting that she hoped the survey "will be the first step in a thoughtful, comprehensive effort to preserve the historic riches of Carrabelle."

LaCivita offered special thanks to Mary Westberg, Lilian F. Smith, Anne Witherspoon

Lindsey, Jenny Justiss Sanborn, Savannah Lowery Tyler, Charles Millender and Buz and Genevieve Putnal for their contributions to the research. She also thanked the Franklin County 911 coordinator, the property appraiser's office and the Carrabelle branch

of the county library.

The Historical Preservation Team of the Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership and the Carrabelle Historical Society collaborated with the LaCivita during the survey.

The project was funded by a

\$50,000 grant from the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, assisted by the Florida Historical Commission. The grant was awarded in partnership with the Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership and the Carrabelle Historical Society.

The survey is on file at the Carrabelle History Museum in Old City Hall. The Historical Society has plans to publish the document as a CD that will be available for the public at the museum. For more information, call 697-2141.

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city's business community, was gracious in defeat. "The city always wins in every situation," he said. "Everyone who ran had the city's best interests at heart."

On Election Day, Hall said he served up about 400 free lunches of hamburgers and hot dogs from a tent across from the Armory, where the balloting was held. He vowed to press on his push for fiscal responsibility by the city.

"I'm going to continue this for a long time," he said. "I think nobody on the city commission cares how we spend our money."

Cook was grateful to voters for the victory. "I ap-

preciate the support, and I'm looking forward to four years of continued service," he said. "It's going to be challenging because of the economy and the budget."

He said the city needed to look at controlling its budget and at bringing more jobs into the city.

Ash and Webb promised a vigorous campaign over the next two weeks.

"I'm 100 votes behind. I'm sure I'll catch up," Webb said. "I'm in it to win it. I'll get out there and work."

Ash, who had a large following of supporters assembled outside the elections office, said she expected a runoff.

"More or less, this is

what I thought would happen," she said. "This is it, and we have to get out there and hopefully pull those Andy Williams supporters. We'll see. I don't take anything for granted. I'm confident I can win it."

Supervisor of Elections Ida Cooper Elliott said there will be no early voting in advance of the Sept. 22 runoff. Absentee ballots should be available by the week's end or Monday and can be picked up during regular weekday office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Elliott said absentee ballots must arrive back in the elections office no later than 7 p.m. on Sept. 22, so mailing them out and getting

them back, while possible, must be done promptly.

She said balloting went smoothly all day, with five poll workers in Apalachicola at the Armory and five in Carrabelle at the Senior Citizens Center.

While Elliott's office counted the ballots and advised in the process, the cities conducted the elections and staffed the polls, with results in Apalachicola coming in a little slower than what is typically the case.

"They went step-by-step," Elliott said. "They're new. They wanted everything done right."

For more information, call the Supervisor of Elections office at 653-9520.

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she much preferred not laying off any employees than granting pay hikes.

"I know how important it is to get raises and bonuses," said Mayor Van Johnson. "But we don't want to send mixed signals. We don't know what next year is going to be like. I don't want to build up any hopes."

The audience members were not supportive of the idea of pay hikes.

"I just attended the Progress Energy workshop and not a single person got up there and wanted any increase on Progress Energy and I think that it would send a really bad message to hand out bonuses based on that alone and the fact with the economy," said Dieter Ambos.

At Tuesday night's regular meeting, the city commission awarded a contract for construct the long-awaited wastewater re-use project.

The \$7.57 million project was awarded to Royal American, out of Panama City, contingent on a series of approvals from the State Revolving Loan Fund, the Florida Communities Trust and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The city had budgeted \$8 million for the project, originally to be financed with a low-interest government loan that required repayment of \$750,000 per year. The project will now be paid entirely out of federal stimulus monies.

Richard Delp, project manager for Baskerville-Donovan Inc., said Royal American has assured him he will use local labor "if he has a trade he can utilize." Johnson and other city commissioners urged Royal American to use as much as local labor as possible.

Delp said the re-use project includes building a \$1.5 million storage tank and pump station as well as installing a series of pipelines and irrigation technology that will enable the city to spread sanitary, reused wastewater effluent across 700 acres of private and public land.

Delp said he expected work on the project to start within 60 days, and that it would be completed by May 2011.

Origins of the project date back to 2002, and have included hundreds of acres bought by the city using Florida Communities Trust monies.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT GED TESTING AND REGISTRATION

The Franklin County GED Test will be held on September 14th and 15th at the Franklin County School in the Media Center.

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Seahawks fall 37-6 in newly named complex

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Franklin County Seahawks put on a solid first-half showing Friday night in their season opener, capped off with a stirring tribute to retired educator Mikel Clark, in whose honor the sports complex was named during halftime.

After that, though, they plummeted down to earth.

The Seahawk that flew east got the better of the one that didn't leave its nest as South Walton swooped past Franklin County 37-6 in Eastpoint.

Vexing Coach Josh Wright's defenses with a trap play that chewed up rushing yards, South Walton opened a 14-6 halftime lead and then added 23 unanswered in the second half to win their season opener.

"That little trap play, they didn't have an answer to," said South Walton Coach David Barron.

In a game marked by several fumbles for both Seahawk squads, South Walton got on the board first with a 7-yard rush up the middle by senior Jay Gatto, a transfer from Crestwood, Ky.

Sophomore kicker Jonathan O'Hara, a walk-on from Georgia, then hit the first of four extra points on the night, topped off with a 32-yard field goal with 8:38 left in the game.

Franklin County senior fullback D.J. Lane gave his team their only score of the night, with 3:24 left in the first quarter, when he rumbled in from 18 yards out.

South Walton scored twice more in the second quarter, when senior running back Bryant Adams ran in from 13 yards out midway in the stanza, and Gatto scored his second touchdown of the night with a 6-yard burst with two minutes left in the half.

South Walton opened the second half with a 14-yard scoring strike from senior quarterback Dennis Smith to junior wide receiver Andrew Priest.

The Seahawks put a period on their victory with three minutes left in the game, when sophomore quarterback Damon Asbury ran it in from a yard out, after Franklin County tried unsuccessfully on a fourth down from just in front of their own goal line.

"You got to go down swinging," Wright said. "I'm disappointed in the result but not disappointed in the effort. We'll be back full strength next week. It'll turn."

Wright and his staff thanked the community for a tremendous turnout.

"Though the squad stumbled out of the gate against South Walton, falling to the 24th-ranked team in 1A, they look to rebound with a proud showing against the visiting Hornets of Cottondale Friday night," he said.

"We got to be better tacklers and be able to adjust to what we're getting out there. The miscues



Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

ABOVE: Senior fullback DJ Lane, left, celebrates by scoring a touchdown in the first quarter.

BELOW: Mikel Clark thanks the crowd for the honor as Seahawks DJ Lane, Dalin Modican and Chase Richards hold up the sign signifying the naming of the new sports complex.



hurt us," he said. "But these guys are fine, and they're ready to go. We'll look at the film and analyze it and get better."

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Mikel Clark Sports Complex, with tickets to go on sale beginning at 6 p.m.

Clark grateful for honor

Flanked by members of the school board, Superintendent Nina Marks narrated the naming ceremony at halftime, as a giant sign stood behind her, wrapped in plastic. Clark arrived via golf car, driven by Athletic Director Mike Todd.

"Mike Clark came to Franklin County in the summer of 1968 to teach and coach at Carrabelle High School. During the next 40-plus years, his career here included being teacher, coach, class and club sponsor, assistant principal, principal, district administrator, and for the last several years as assistant superintendent/director of schools," she said.

Holder of both bachelor's and master's degrees, Clark was known for his love of teaching and

involving students in learning activities and was once selected as Star Teacher of the Year.

"Clark had a love for coaching and working with student athletes. He emphasized fundamentals, hard work, perseverance, teamwork and good sportsmanship. He had fun and encouraged athletes to give their best to reach their fullest potential," Marks said, noting Clark won two conference championships in baseball, and a district championship and participation in the state playoffs in football.

Beginning his administrative career as assistant principal in Carrabelle, Clark chaired the self-study committee that led to the school's first accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. During his tenure as principal, the school hosted educators from other districts to observe the school's cooperative environment, a compliment to the faculty, staff and students. While principal, Clark served a term as president of the Apalachicola Valley Conference.

Clark began as a district admin-

istrator in the mid-'80s and went on to help provide leadership for acquiring numerous competitive grant awards. The school system earned District Accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools with Clark's help. He worked closely with finance directors to assist in developing a system for formulating staffing plans, organizational charts, and job descriptions to help with financial management, a critical aspect of educational administration.

During the last several years in the district office, Clark served in a leadership role in the district's consolidation and construction of new school facilities, including the athletic complex.

"Throughout his career, he emphasized commitment and teamwork for the good. He pursued the best for the school district and worked to maintain good relations with colleagues, students, parents and the community," Marks said. "He worked to encourage others and promoted the district motto he often repeated: 'Together we are building a brighter future, one student at a time.'"

Following his retirement last year, Clark remains active in the First Baptist Church of Carrabelle, where he serves as a deacon. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Othelia, their daughters, all the grandchildren and friends.

Fighting back tears, Clark thanked his wife and family for all their support and said he was grateful for the honor bestowed him.

"Throughout my career, it was my privilege to work with dedicated superintendents and school board members in the pursuit of improving the school system," he said. "I have great respect for my

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Tackles	Chase Richards - 12 solos, 2 assts Chris Granger - 11 solos, 1 asst CJ Barnes - 4 solos, 5 assts Tayler Hires - 6 solos, 3 assts Gary Larsen - 3 solos, 4 asst, 1 covered fumble, 1 fumble recovery Cole Lee - 6 solos, 1 asst A. Prince - 2 solos, 1 asst, 2 pass breakups D. Modican - 3 solos, 1 asst Tydron Wynn - 1 solo, 2 assts Kruiz Dickerson - 1 solo, 1 asst D. Butler - 1 solo, 1 asst, 1 fumble recovery A. Arnold - 2 solos, 1 hurry, 1 fumble recovery Ladarius Rhodes - 1 solo

former education colleagues that continue to work in the school system and those with whom I worked that are now retired. I have many fond memories of former students it was my privilege to teach and serve. It is a rich blessing to me to have been given the opportunity to work and live in Franklin County, and I am grateful to God for it.

"I am deeply appreciative of the honor that has been given to me with the naming of the Franklin County School Sports Complex," he said, thanking the current and past school boards, superintendent and principals and those who served on the facilities naming committee.

Krissi Flatt tourney approved for beer, wine

At the Sept. 3 meeting, the Carrabelle commission voted 3-2 to issue a temporary wine and beer license to the second annual Krissi Flatt Fishing Tournament.

Commissioners Ray Tyre and Richard Sands opposed the motion.

The tournament will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24. Last year's tournament was attended by 250 people, with 16 boats competing.

"We have high hopes for this year's event," said organizer Jane Munroe. "Last year, my sister and husband dropped the first fish during the weigh-in. They dropped it twice, but, other than that, everything went well."

Proceeds go to the Krissi Flatt Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to save lives through public awareness and education about potential adverse reactions to prescription drugs. Ad-

verse drug reactions are among the top 10 leading causes of death in the United States.

Munroe said the foundation has two projects this year. It hopes to bring seniors together with pharmacists to discuss drug interaction. The foundation also plans a program to train high school students as ambassadors to raise awareness about over-the-counter medications among their classmates.



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Last year's winners at the first Krissi Flatt Fishing Tournament.

— By Lois Swoboda

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Weems Arts in Medicine hosts Bedside Arts workshop

As part of Weems Arts in Medicine, the Bedside Arts program will host a workshop Thursday and Friday, Sept. 17 and 18.

According to the program's coordinator Liz Sisung, Bedside Arts reaches out to a variety of ages throughout the county at many sites. Weems, private homes, senior centers, assisted care rehabilitation facilities, schools and libraries are but a few of the facilities to be visited.

Bedside Artists are those who like to work with people, listen to their stories, read them a story, play some music, create visual arts or do just about anything that will help to improve the lives and health of those in the county.

Playback Theatre, a part of Bedside Arts, comprises a troupe of actors trained in the art of listening, relating and playing back stories they hear from a storyteller. Success is achieved when the teller shows by a smile or a tear that the actors have accurately reflected what the teller felt when he or she told the story.

A person does not have

to have acting experience to be a Playback actor; just a desire to share a ray of sunshine. Paula Paterson, artist-in-residence from the Shands Arts in Medicine program, will conduct the Playback training at the Eastpoint Fire House, on Sixth Street in Eastpoint. Thursday's training will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday's will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Barbara Esrig, also a Shands artist-in-residence, will conduct two sessions in oral history on Thursday, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., at the Cotton Exchange on the corner of Avenue E and Water Street in Apalachicola.

These two-hour classes will introduce what oral histories are and why they are important and include a step-by-step guide on how to do oral histories in a family, community or hospital setting.

Participating in the oral history workshop will benefit anyone interested in enriching their Bedside Arts skills.

If you are interested in taking part, then please



ROYCE ROLSTAD | Special to The Times

Panhandle Players' actor Margy Oehlert conducted an improvisation workshop Sept. 1 at the Eastpoint firehouse. Many of the skills taught will be helpful with the Bedside Arts program.

contact Sisung at 670-8261. For more information on the workshop, join us on facebook.com; search "Weems Arts in Medicine" and become a fan.



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Apalachicola Neighborhood Watch Group will be conducting a very important meeting on Monday, September 14th at 6:00pm at the 6th Street Recreation Center. Not everyone can afford a subscription-based home security system that provides 24-hour monitoring. Local policing efforts are often stretched too thin for routine patrols, and must rely on the active participation of community residents for crime prevention. You are the extra set of "eyes and ears" needed when a police presence is not always immediately available.

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We need your help and support to prevent crime in your neighborhood. We intend to take back our neighborhoods. We are tired of the burglaries, drug deals, fighting, and loud vulgar music. Please come out and let us hear from you. Neighborhood Watch groups are a smart way to help yourself and the safety of your community.

In honor of service

SIMMONS SALUTED ON RETIREMENT AS APALACHICOLA'S FIRE CHIEF

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

After a little more than a decade as Apalachicola's fire chief, and 24 years on the force, Bert Simmons was treated Aug. 31 to a retirement dinner at City Hall in Battery Park.

"My message to you is number one, safety first as always," he told the gathering. "Then take care of the job at hand. You are a very caring bunch; it takes up a lot of your time.

"Now I can see how much time it took. It's hard to adjust to not getting up and running, but I'm coming along fine," he said. "I drive by the station sometimes and see the trucks gone. My first thought is where are they? And then realize it isn't my place now to know where they are, but to just hope everybody is safe and maybe it's just a brush fire."

Simmons, who moved here as a teenager before graduating from Chapman High School in 1965, became chief in Jan. 1998, after the death of Newman Marshall. George Watkins was selected to succeed Simmons, when he announced his retirement a few months ago.

Watkins expressed his gratitude for Simmons' leadership in his introduction. "It's been a real good ride," he said. "You helped us come out of the cave and brought it to a modern department."

Simmons also received a plaque from Mayor Van Johnson, who noted that "it's not long enough to put on it the things you have meant to the city. I remember him as a go-getter; making sure you guys have protective gear."

A veteran of the Navy, Simmons handled aviation maintenance and flight scheduling during a stint in Naples, Italy with the VS-31 Squadron, attached at the time with the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Wasp.

After being stationed at Quonset Point, RI, Simmons left the Navy in 1970, and worked briefly at the paper mill in Port St. Joe before opening the Gulf service station at U.S. 98th and Fourth Street, which he operated for four years.

In 1976, he married the former Vicky Patterson. After a more than 30-year marriage, she passed away in Sept. 2007.

In the 1970s and early 80s, Simmons worked as a heavy equipment operator for Collins Construction on St. George Island, and then as a truck driver for Leavins Seafood. Since 1983 he has



Bert Simmons poses in front of the retirement party cake with members of the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department.

been employed by J.V. Gander Distributors, Inc.

Simmons joined the department in 1986, prompted by an invite, if he recalled correctly, from Joe Zingarelli. "I lived so close and worked so close," he said. "It was three-and-one-half blocks from my house to the fire station."

Simmons recounted his experiences as chief in his remarks to the dinner, beginning by thanking the rank-and-file. "Everything that has been done to make the fire department a better organization can be directly attributed to you," he said. "I might have been the quarterback, but without the team, you, nothing would have gotten done.

"We got the training going, we have almost everybody equipped with suits as needed," he said. "We received new SC-BAs (self contained breathing apparatus) and lightweight bottles and bought a top-of-the-line compressor to fill them.

"We worked very hard to get the Jaws and have used them successfully when needed," he said, recalling the many private fundraisers that helped raise the nearly \$11,000 needed to buy the Jaws of Life extricating equipment.

"Our response time is as you know is one of the quickest in the state for a volunteer fire department," he said, noting the department had been tied at one time with Jasper.

Simmons also pointed out that firefighters now carry half of their original 35 pounds of equipment.



PHOTOS BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN

Ginger Creamer and Bert Simmons crack up after Creamer presented the retiring fire chief with a toy fire station.

"I love each and every one of you guys and gals, you put forth effort when most would run," he said. "When you were asked to do something you did it, never a bad word. You helped me through a very difficult time in my life, of which I will never forget your friendship and your generosity.

"You are like family. We have had a lot of laughs, a few tears, and fought back emotions at different times," he said, then turning to the woman in his life, Cheryl Gainer, of Southport, before adding that "I am truly enjoying life thanks



Bert Simmons and his new sweetheart, Cheryl Gainer, show off his retirement plaque.

to this beautiful lady right here. "Thank you all for everything all these years," Simmons said in closing, before adding "Oh yeah. And Ginger I know you have something add, what is it?"

As it happened Ginger Creamer did have something to add. She noted that since everyone on the department knew how much Simmons wanted the city to have a new fire station for the city, she would give him one, and then pulled out from behind her back a plastic toy fire station.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT HELPS HONOR ROTARIANS

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The Apalachicola chapter of the Rotary held a special meeting Sept. 1 to honor two of its members and welcome Rotary District Governor John Kuykendall to the county.

Kuykendall was on hand to declare Donnie Gay and Don Hungerford Paul Harris Fellows, members honored in memory of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, as a way to show appreciation for contributions to the Foundation's charitable and educational program.

A Rotarian who contributes, or in whose name is contributed, a gift of \$1,000 or more to Rotary International's annual programs fund may become a Paul Harris Fellow. Hungerford and Gay were presented with plaques, medals and lapel pins proclaiming their status.

Over a luncheon at the Apalachicola Seafood Grill, Kuykendall brought a message of encouragement to county Rotarians.

"The future of Rotary is in your hands," he said, "If it doesn't happen at the club



ABC School Principal Don Hungerford, left and Donnie Gay, vice president of Apalachicola State Bank were honored as Paul Harris Fellows by the Rotary Club.

level, it doesn't happen."

He said Rotary is a "bottom up" organization devoted to offering aid to developing countries in areas like dental care, clean water, hunger and disease control.

Since 1985, Rotary's special humanitarian initiative has been the PolioPlus, a campaign to eradicate polio in partnership with the World Health Organization. This year, software mogul Bill Gates donated \$355 million to PolioPlus.

Kuykendall said the dread-

ed disease is now found only in Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria.

After the luncheon, Chapter President John Sink, of Eastpoint, and the Rotary Duckie (a role ably performed by Past President Jim Miller) presented Kuykendall with \$1,200 raised by the July 4 Rubber Duckie Race for PolioPlus.

Kuykendall told the club that, compared to developing countries, "poor in the U.S. is rich."

He urged Rotarians to



PHOTOS BY LOIS SWOBODA

John Sink, left, and the Rotary Duckie present Rotary District Governor John Kuykendall, center, with a check for \$1,200 in support of the PolioPlus campaign.

reach out to club members struggling in the weak economy and make sure Rotary is affordable for anybody who wants to join.

Kuykendall and Sink welcomed three new members to the club, Sheriff Skip Shiver, of Apalachicola, the Rev. Casey Smith, pastor of the Eastpoint Church of God and Apalachicola businessman Joe Taylor.

The Rotary is collecting old cell phones as a fundraiser this year. If you have

a disused cell phone, this is an environmentally friendly and generous way to dispose of it.

Rotary International is an organization of more than 3,200 service clubs worldwide. The stated purpose of the organization is to "bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

Birthdays



Taylor Pendleton turns 4

Taylor Pendleton celebrated her fourth birthday on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009.

She is the son of James and Trish Pendleton, of Apalachicola. Joining in the celebration was her brother Tyler Pendleton and sister Allie Zingarelli.

Maternal grandparents are Martha Strickland and Melton Strickland, of Apalachicola. Paternal grandparents are Jimmy and Sandra Pendleton, and Layvonne and Monroe Register, all of Apalachicola.

Charlsey King, of Apalachicola, is Taylor's very special granny.



Jordan Barber turns 3

Jordan Barber will celebrate her third birthday on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009 at 3 p.m. at Tillie Miller Park in Carrabelle.

Preshia Crum turns 97

Family and friends would like to wish Preshia Crum Happy Birthday as she celebrates her 97th birthday.

There will be a party honoring Mrs. Crum on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 at noon at the Eastpoint Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Patton Drive.

Please stop by to help us celebrate this joyous occasion.

Anniversaries and WEDDINGS



Cooks to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Happy 60th wedding anniversary to Billy and Elizabeth Cook from your friends and extended family in Apalachicola and around the world.

The Cooks were wed Sept. 11, 1949 in Atlanta. Billy was born in Atlanta and served in World War II. Elizabeth was born in Heidelberg, Miss.

After retiring, they have made their home in Apalachicola for the past two decades.

May your days be filled with love and your cruises long and sunny.

Jackie, Sidney and Lois



Tanja Golden, Justin Wheeler to wed

Tanja Jewell Golden and Justin Thorne Wheeler would like to announce their upcoming marriage.

The ceremony will be held at Rock Landing State Park, on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 at 4 p.m.

The reception will follow immediately. All family and friends are invited.

IT'S A BOY

Can you believe it? The two people no one would have ever predicted are having a "Baby Boy," Padge Padgett and Jackii Hefner.

If you are a family member or friend, then you know they need all the help they can get.

Come and help us celebrate at the Eastpoint Fire Station, on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. The baby shower is hosted by Angela Law and Jamie Cooper Fox.

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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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Education Encore returns to Gulf/Franklin Center

By Despina Williams
Florida Freedom Newspapers

Education Encore returns to the Gulf Coast Community College Gulf/Franklin Center this fall with several new courses and a few old favorites.

A program of the college's Office of Lifelong Learning, Education Encore is designed for "active adults" desiring to learn new skills.

Classes meet on six consecutive Wednesdays from Sept. 23 to Oct. 28. A \$60 fee allows students to register for up to three classes.

"Our motto is, 'No tests, no grades, no stress, just fun,' and it's enjoyable ed-

ucation for active adults," said Gulf Coast's Coordinator of Education Programs and Partners Jim Barr.

Among the new additions to this year's lineup are Basic Home Repair; Photo Safari for Photography Enthusiasts, Acrylic Painting 1, Computer Graphics and Investing 101.

Landy Luther will helm the Basic Home Repair Course, which promises to make students handy around the house.

Students will learn to hang photos, replace electrical plugs, clear a jammed sink, fix a leaky toilet, clear a clogged drain, install weather stripping and generally give Bob Villa a

run for his money.

Those who enjoy tinkering with digital cameras will benefit from three courses offered by professional photographer Sue Bull.

Bull teaches Digital Camera - Beginning, Digital Image Editing with Photoshop Elements and Photo Safari for Photography Enthusiasts, which will allow students to capture scenes in a variety of interesting outdoor settings.

Panama City artist Jennifer Bonaventura, who has displayed her work at Port St. Joe's "A Taste of the Coast" festival, will be teaching two new courses in Acrylic Painting, as well as an Exploring Drawing class.

Adults desiring advice on investing their money can enroll in the Investing 101 course, taught by Brooke Baxley, a financial advisor and wealth management specialist with the firm Raymond James and Associates.

Course topics include common investor mistakes, downturns and recoveries and investing for retirement.

Though the college has previously offered an astronomy course, there's a new twist this fall.

Courses will be held at night at the Apalachicola

National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR), which is equipped with telescopes and NASA images.

The course, taught by ANERR education and training specialist Alan Knothe, promises to "unravel the mysteries of gravity and relativity and venture back in time to the beginning of our universe."

Computer illiterates need not give up hope. Veteran instructor Bill Barker returns to teach Computer Basics, Computer Graphics and Computer Internet and E-mail.

Barr noted Barker's outstanding classroom technique and long tenure with the college.

"I consider Bill a master teacher. He has taught the computer classes at the Gulf/Franklin Center since the program's inception (in 2001)," said Barr.

Though fall enrollment usually hovers between 50-75 students, Barr is anticipating a good season.

"I'm thinking these new classes should entice some new people to come in," said Barr, who described former Encore students as the program's greatest ambassadors.

"The best publicity we have is our students telling other students about it," he said.

Gulf Coast Community College's Education Encore fall semester

Interested adults are invited to attend a special reception and registration event for Gulf Coast Community College's Education Encore fall semester on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Gulf/Franklin Center in Port St. Joe.

The event, which will be held in Room A-101, will allow prospective students an opportunity to meet instructors and ask questions about course offerings. Refreshments will be served.

Individuals may also register by completing the form inserted in this week's newspaper.

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Obituaries

Chester J. Rhodes

Chester J. Rhodes, 75, of Panama City and formerly of Marianna, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, Aug. 23 in the Sims State Veterans Nursing Center in Panama City following a brief illness.

Born Aug. 6, 1934 in Apalachicola, he was of the Methodist faith and a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Apalachicola. He graduated from Holy Family School, Quinn High School and Florida A & M University. He graduated with honors and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

His first assignment was at Fort Benning, Ga., where his group was assigned to defend the desegregation of Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. After being promoted to first lieutenant, he resigned his commission to return to the family business. After becoming a licensed funeral director, he joined the Rhodes & Son Funeral home staff as director.

For the next 25, Rhodes was also a fulltime teacher and coach at Quinn. He also enjoyed refereeing high school football and basketball games as a state certified official. During that time, he was also owner and manager of Rhodes Laundromats, one in Apalachicola and one in Panama City.



RHODES

For the third 25 years of his life, Rhodes was employed with the Florida State Employment Service as a veteran representative. He retired in 1999 from the State of Florida, Job Services in Marianna as an employment specialist.

Rhodes was a founding member of The Gent's Club, Inc., and member of Hiram Masonic Lodge No. 67; the NACCP, for whom he distributed "The Drum" newspaper; and Board of Professional Engineers.

Final rites were held Thursday morning, Aug. 27 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Panama City with Rev. Samuel McGlockton, Rev. Riley J. Henderson, Rev. Mary Myrick and Min. Carlos Jones officiating. Entombment followed in the Kent Forest Lawn Mausoleum with arrangements entrusted to Peoples Funeral Home of Marianna.

Mr. Rhodes leaves a lifetime of memories with his wife, Myrtle Jones Rhodes, of Panama City; one daughter, Tammi Ray-Hutchinson and husband Arthur, of Apalachicola; two brothers, Herbert Rhodes and wife Mary, of Panama City, and retired Col. Cephus S. Rhodes, and wife Rebecca of El Paso, Texas; one grandson, Tevin Hutchinson, of Apalachicola; one uncle, Chester Lane, of Pensacola; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mary Vathis

Mary Jacqueline (Jackie) Lee Vathis died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at the age of 58 at her home in Belleview, where she had lived for the past 25 years.

She was born July 9, 1951 in Panama City, and graduated from Chapman High School in Apalachicola in 1969.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Magdeline Enfinger Lee; her father, Jackson Edward Lee; and her husband, Nicholas Vathis.

She is survived by her sister Donna Lee Rives (Rodney) of Sardis, AL; nephews, Trent Williams, of Wetumpka, AL, and Zac (Rachael) Williams, of Prattville, AL; stepbrothers, Tommy and Robert Miles; of Florida; and stepsons, Nicky Vathis, of Panama City, and Ricky Vathis, of Vernon.

A memorial service will be held at Unity Baptist Church, River Road, in Vernon, on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. Cremains burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Roy David Daniels

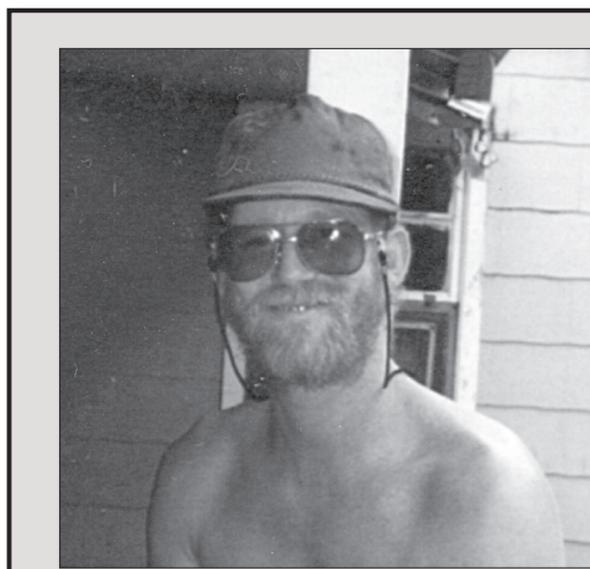


DANIELS

Roy David Daniels, of Eastpoint, passed away Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, in Tallahassee. Roy has been a long time resident of Eastpoint.

A celebration of life was conducted on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 8 at the Church of God in Eastpoint with the Rev. Casey Smith officiating. The family received friends at the church prior to the services. Interment followed at Eastpoint Cemetery.

Southerland Family Funeral Home in Port St. Joe is in charge of arrangements.



Robert Allen Crews

Sept. 5, 1952 — March 7, 2003

Happy 56th birthday,

Robert.

You'll be with me always.

Love,
Robin

IN LOVING MEMORY

Sept. 11

Lest we forget, let us preserve and honor the memory of this tragic day in our nation's history.

Nine-eleven burns in our memory eight years after terrorists attached without warning; and we mourn the loss of those brave, innocent victims who died that tragic morning.

Our nation was outraged and bodily scarred, but survived; and from that cruel act our spirit of patriotism and brotherly love revived.

When our country's freedom was threatened, we rallied to the cause; to rid the world of tyranny and preserve liberty for all.

We'll wage this war against terrorists' evil forces of hate; until the healing power of love brings peace to the whole human race.

We shall forever remember the brutal attack on our beloved land; and thank the Lord for our God-given blessing to be an American.

God bless America,
Mary Westberg
Carrabelle

Sept. 16 blood drive offers prizes galore

The Bay Medical/Southeastern Community bloodmobile will be at Trinity Episcopal Church on Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All donors will be entered into a drawing to win a 42-inch flat screen HDTV or one of five \$100 gift cards.

An appeal is being made by area residents to consider donate in the name of Wallace Hill, a longtime county resident who lives in Apalachicola. Hill, a retired vocational education teacher and active in the American Legion, has leukemia and is in need of blood transfusions every three to four weeks.

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

In addition there will be drawings from the fish-bowl for thank you gifts from local merchants: Ace Hardware, All that Jazz, Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, Apalachicola Fitness Center, Apalachicola Riverkeep-

er, Apalachicola State Bank, Artemis Gallery, Avenue E, Blue, Burger King, Buy Rite Pharmacy, Café Momi, CVS Pharmacy, Debbie Hooper Photography, Downtown Books, Forgotten Coast Outfitters, Frame Shop, Gardens, Inc., Grady Market, The Grill, Harry A's, Honey Hole Liquors, IGA, Island Adventures, Ivanova's Pizzeria, Lane and Company, Lifeline Screenings, Magnolia Grill, Natural Medicine Shoppe, Oasis, Persnickety, Piggly Wiggly, Richard Bickel Photography, Riverlily, Soothing Souls Massage Therapy, Stuffed Owl, Tamara's, That's a Moray, That Place in Apalach, Up The Creek Raw Bar, Windcatcher Charters and Dr. Zoe Segree

If you have any questions regarding medication, medical history or donating blood, please call The Bay Medical Blood Donor Center 850-747-6570 or go to www.sbcinfo.org

All donors must present picture ID at time of donation

Lanark NEWS

Boy, what a good time and great meal we had at The Legion on Labor Day! When I got there at 2:30 p.m., there was a good crowd and they just kept coming. Thanks for all your support and thank you for all who worked so hard to make it happen.

Hope you have planned to have breakfast, Saturday, Sept. 12. The members of The Lanark Golf Club will sponsor the second Saturday breakfast and continue through the season. I had put in last week's column that the Lanark Village Association would put it on. Nobody told me any different until they read my column. See you at Chillas Hall, doors open at 8 a.m. Your donation will benefit our golf club.

And speaking of breakfast, the volunteers at The Franklin County Senior Center would be glad to fix you a plate of eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, on Tuesday mornings. Serving begins at 8 a.m. also. Your donation will be for the center. Thanks!

Coffee Hour at Chillas Hall is Monday through Saturday, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Why not stop in while you are getting the mail, and enjoy a cup of coffee, or two? Sometimes there is coffee cake or something to go with it.

The Thrift Shop in the Lanark Plaza has gone back to seasonal hours of Mon through Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Drop in and look around and visit with Betty and Sharon.

Doesn't anyone pay attention to signs anymore? Took Jerry Hartnett to the VA last week. The woman sitting across from me went to the vending area and came back with a soda and chips. The sign above her chair read "No Food or Drinks in Waiting Area." On our way to dinner we were at a stop signal. A big sign on the post in the left hand turn lane indicated "No U Turn." The first two cars did just that! What's wrong with these pictures?

Be kind to one another and check in on the sick and housebound. Keep smiling; you may not feel any better but everyone else will wonder what you're up to!

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



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

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The United Methodist Churches of Franklin County Welcome You

First United Methodist Church of Apalachicola
Worship Service 11:00 a.m. every Sunday
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
75 5th St. Apalachicola - 653-9530 - fumcapalach@gtcom.net
Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis

Carrabelle United Methodist Church
Worship Services 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Healing service first Tuesday each month-7 p.m.
102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672
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Eastpoint United Methodist Church
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Prayer 9:15 a.m. Waffles & Wisdom 11:15 a.m.
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317 Patton Dr. (corner of David St.) - 670-8825
Pastor: Rev. Beth White

St. George Island United Methodist Church
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
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Sunday Morning Worship	10:45 am
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Monday, Youth Group	6:30 pm
Wednesday, Royal Rangers, G.A.P.	7:00 pm
Wednesday Worship & Word	7:30 pm

Nursery Provided during regular church services

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. 31

Gerald D. Glenn, 46, no address listed, violation of probation (FCSO)
Lance A. Flowers, 29, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Sept. 3

Dominick Rotella, 24, Eastpoint, failure to appear (FCSO)

Sept. 4

Michael S. Langley, 23, Eastpoint, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

Sept. 6

Zachary S. Chess, 22, Fort Lauderdale, boating under the influence (FWC)
Benjamin N. Bloechinger, 20, Fort Lauderdale, boating under the influence (FWC)
Daniel Jimenez Rodriguez, 31, Greensboro, no valid driver's license and attaching improper license plate (FCSO)
Jesse L. Pulham, 22, Alligator Point, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (FCSO)

Sept. 7

Mary F. Beaty, 46, Carrabelle, leaving the scene of a crash with damage (CPD)
Louis Davis, 57, St. George Island, battery (FCSO)
David S. Lee, Jr., 32, Destin, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)
Carlos E. Russell, Jr., 36, Eastpoint, violation of probation (CPD)

AARP to offer driver safety program

The AARP will offer a two-day driver safety program next month at the Senior Center in Port St. Joe, 120 Library Drive, across from the Gulf County complex.

Instructor Richard Schafer will teach the two-day, eight-hour course, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Participants must attend both days.

Cost is \$12 for AARP members, and \$14 for non-members. Upon completion certificates will be issued and they can be used for auto insurance discounts.

For more info, or to register, call Schafer at 227-8719.

Veterans to hold cookout Saturday

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.

Youth Hunting Field Day to be held Saturday

New hunters looking for help and those with experience wanting to sharpen their skills, listen up. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will offer a Youth Hunting Field Day

on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy, north of Tallahassee.

The FWC will partner with Tall Timbers and the Big Bend Youth Outdoor Foundation to put on this free, half-day event for kids of all ages and their parents who are interested in attending. Advance preregistration is not necessary.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., expert instructors will teach the fundamentals of hunting deer, turkey, waterfowl and small game, and participants will learn about using dogs for hunting. Attendees will get to target-shoot with bows, shotguns, rifles and muzzleloading guns and learn about wildlife identification. The event also features a seminar with 13-year-old hunting sensation Zac Cooper.

Other activities include getting an up-close look inside an FWC helicopter and seeing

a K-9 demonstration by FWC law enforcement officers and their dogs. Participants also are eligible for door prizes and the chance of winning a youth hunt or rifle.

Sponsors and volunteers include the Future of Hunting in Florida, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Kevin's Guns and Sporting Goods, Talquin Portable Restrooms, Plantation Security Inc., Ducks Unlimited, Jefferson Long Rifles, Seminole Archery Supply, Tallahassee Bowhunters Association, Horse Creek Traditional Archery Club, Quality Deer Management Association, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Safari Club International and the Florida Division of Forestry.

For more information on the Youth Hunting Field Day, call Renee Hays at 850-413-0084. For directions to Tall Timbers Research Station, visit www.talltimbers.org.

Boat passenger dies on weekend trip

By Andrew Gant
Florida Freedom Newspapers

A man on a weekend fishing trip with his family died after a set of waves rolled their boat, wildlife officials said Sunday.

James Pullen, 82, of Titus, Ala., was pronounced dead Saturday at George E. Weems Memorial Hospital in Apalachicola, said Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokesman Stan Kirkland.

Pullen and his wife, Emmer Pullen, were about 300 yards offshore near Indian Pass in their son-in-law Charles Cummings' boat, Kirkland said. Also in the boat were Cummings' wife, 49-year-old Ada Cummings, and family friend Sarah Paris, 50.

The others were treated for minor injuries after the incident.

It began about 2 p.m. Saturday,

when the 57-year-old Charles Cummings, seated in the 18-foot boat's front pedestal seat, saw the boat was about to take on three waves.

"He tried to crank the boat, couldn't get it cranked," Kirkland said. "And the boat rolled."

Everyone went in the water, and none were wearing life jackets, he said. The Pullens apparently couldn't swim. They clung to the overturned boat instead.

But James Pullen had a history of heart trouble and a Pacemaker, Kirkland said. He started having problems almost immediately.

Charles and Ada Cummings grabbed him and swam, pulling him toward shore. They made it there, but Pullen already was limp, Kirkland said.

Others on the beach called 911. Two nurses, who were visiting the area

from Georgia, started CPR. It wasn't enough, as Pullen was pronounced dead at the hospital a short time later.

There was no indication any alcohol was involved, and Kirkland said no charges were expected.

He said the Pullens' youngest son was killed about two weeks ago in a hit-and-run crash in Alabama. This trip, a visit to the family's retreat in Gulf County, "was kind of a getaway for them, after everything that had happened," Kirkland said.

Pullen's death came a day after three others were killed in an area boating accident. On Friday, a husband and wife in their 70s and another family member in her 60s, all from Daphne, Ala., were killed in a glancing collision in Choctawhatchee Bay off Okaloosa Island.

They weren't wearing life jackets, either, FWC officials said.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners requests proposals from qualified, licensed professionals for constructing restrooms and a handicapped ramp, and reroofing an existing building at the Franklin County Seafood Landing Park (Lombardi's) located at 628 Highway 98, Apalachicola. Contractor must be licensed in Franklin County as a General or a Building Contractor. The re-roofing will require a licensed Roofing Contractor.

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

Bids must be received in the office of the Franklin County Clerk of the Court 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 by **4:30 P.M., EST, on Monday, October 5, 2009**. Bids must be clearly labeled for each separate bid. The sealed bids will be publicly open and read aloud at **10:00 A.M. EST, on Tuesday, October 6, 2009**, in the County Commission Meeting Room located in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. Further information can be obtained by contacting Nikki Millender, Community Program Coordinator, at (850) 653-8277 or fax (850) 653-8279.

An original and one copy of each bid shall be furnished in a sealed envelope or container, plainly marked "Seafood Landing Park Project."

The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

ATTENTION BIDDERS: Franklin County is an equal opportunity employer and encourages participation with certified minority enterprises and women's business enterprises.

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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:

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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.

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 "**ST. GEORGE ISLAND 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.

County CALENDAR

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. Partygoers 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.

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. 11

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. 14

The Franklin Cultural Arts Council will meet at 6 p.m. at the Carrabelle City Hall Complex, 1001 Gray

Ave. Come join in forming the council to enhance the county's cultural environment and economy through developing and promoting arts and cultural tourism.

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. 15

The Apalachicola City Commission will hold a public hearing on the 2009-10 city budget at 6 p.m. at City Hall in Battery Park. On the agenda is a vote to tentatively adopt the budget. For info, call 653-9319.

The Apalachicola CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) will meet at 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Battery Park. For 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 welcome. Proceeds go to St. George Island Civic Club. Call 927-4654.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

The Sea Oats Garden

Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the home of one of its members, Lesley Cox. For more info, call 697-9790.

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Library HAPPENINGS

The Franklin County Public Library is the first library within the Wilderness Coast Public Libraries System to have a UPS (Uninterrupted Power Service) for all public access computers in the Eastpoint and Carrabelle branches. Patrons can now work through power brownouts and not lose access to their public computer.

Story Adventures resumes on Fridays at 3:30 p.m. at the Eastpoint Library. Children ages 5 to 10 are invited to take part in weekly adventures centered around popular children's literature. September's theme is Food and Fun; each story features food as a special part of the adventure and the story.

Calling all young pirate mates (kids aged 5 to 10) to participate in

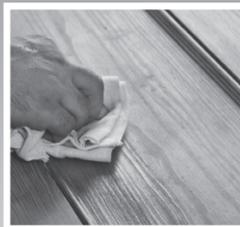
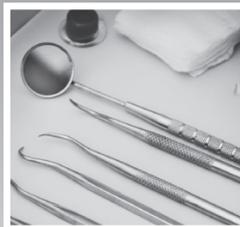
the pirate fun at the St. George Island State Park on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the park pavilions. The Franklin County Public Library and the Florida State Parks have teamed up during literacy month to bring games, activities, stories and other types of fun to the state park. Try walking the plank, digging for gold, tossing the cannon ball, and listening to pirate stories. Your library card, or a gently used book donated to the park, gets you into the park free.

The library advisory board will meet Thursday, Sept. 17, at 5:30 p.m. at the Eastpoint library. The public is invited to attend.

For more information about the library or its programs, call 697-2366 in Carrabelle, or 670-8151 in Eastpoint.

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	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Sep 10	89°	73°	20%
Fri, Sep 11	86°	73°	30%
Sat, Sep 12	84°	75°	40%
Sun, Sep 13	84°	75°	40%
Mon, Sep 14	86°	74°	40%
Tue, Sep 15	85°	73°	40%
Wed, Sep 16	84°	69°	60%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

Date	Time	Height	Type	Time	Height	Type
09/10 Thu	06:08AM	1.4	H	11:03AM	0.9	L
	04:05PM	1.6	H	11:53PM	-0.2	L
09/11 Fri	06:59AM	1.4	H	11:24AM	1.0	L
	04:26PM	1.6	H			
09/12 Sat	12:29AM	-0.2	L	07:49AM	1.3	H
	11:47AM	1.1	L	04:54PM	1.6	H
09/13 Sun	01:06AM	-0.2	L	08:41AM	1.3	H
	12:15PM	1.2	L	05:28PM	1.6	H
09/14 Mon	01:49AM	-0.1	L	09:37AM	1.3	H
	12:53PM	1.2	L	06:08PM	1.6	H
09/15 Tue	02:40AM	0.0	L	10:37AM	1.3	H
	01:47PM	1.2	L	06:55PM	1.5	H
09/16 Wed	03:42AM	0.1	L	11:35AM	1.3	H
	03:08PM	1.2	L	07:54PM	1.4	H

CARRABELLE

Date	Time	Height	Type	Time	Height	Type
09/10 Thu	05:17AM	3.2	H	12:34PM	0.5	L
09/11 Fri	05:56AM	3.2	H	02:09PM	0.5	L
09/12 Sat	06:47AM	3.2	H	03:51PM	0.3	L
09/13 Sun	08:01AM	3.0	H	05:08PM	0.3	L
09/14 Mon	02:27AM	2.6	H	03:55AM	2.4	L
	09:39AM	3.0	H	06:09PM	0.2	L
09/15 Tue	02:26AM	2.6	H	05:29AM	2.2	L
	11:20AM	3.0	H	06:59PM	0.3	L
09/16 Wed	02:37AM	2.6	H	06:29AM	1.9	L
	12:46PM	3.0	H	07:41PM	0.5	L

SOLUNAR

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

Date	Day	AM	PM	Rise/Set	Moon
09/10 Thu	m	10:00	m 10:35	5:42AM	☾
	M	3:50	M 4:20	6:12PM	☾
09/11 Fri	m	11:05	m 11:40	5:42AM	☾
	M	4:50	M 5:20	6:10PM	☾
09/12 Sat	m	11:55	m -	5:43AM	☾
	M	5:45	M 6:10	6:09PM	☾
09/13 Sun	m	12:25	m 12:45	5:43AM	☾
	M	6:35	M 7:00	6:08PM	☾
09/14 Mon	m	1:15	m 1:30	5:44AM	☾
	M	7:20	M 7:45	6:07PM	☾
09/15 Tue	m	2:00	m 2:15	5:45AM	☾
	M	8:05	M 8:30	6:06PM	☾
09/16 Wed	m	2:45	m 3:00	5:45AM	☾
	M	8:50	M 9:15	6:04PM	☾

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

Case #: 2008-CA-000489
Division #: UNC.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order resccheduling foreclosure sale dated August 24, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-000489 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff and Jong Cho and Seong Cho, His Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., October 1, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 7 AND 8, IN BLOCK "B", RANGE 5 (75) OF PICKETT'S ADDITION TO CARRABELLE, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida, this 25th day of August, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP
10004 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Suite 112
Tampa, FL 33618
(813) 880-8888
08-112029
September 10, 17, 2009

3850T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBBIE M. MOON A/K/A DEBBIE MOON A/K/A DEBRA MOON, et al,
Defendants.

CASE NO.:
19-2008-CA-000511

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:
JESSE E. MOON, III
Last Known Address: 800 W Pine Avenue, Saint George Island, FL 32328
Also Attempted: 859 Atlantic View Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034; 10 S Ivy Ridge Rd. SE, Rome, GA 30161;
514 Woods Rd. NW, #A, Rome, GA 30165; 3172 S Fletcher Ave., Apt. 26, Fernandina, FL 32034 and 72 Hamilton Ave. NW, Apt. 2170, Rome, GA 30165
Current Residence Unknown

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JESSE E. MOON, III
Last Known Address: 800 W Pine Avenue, Saint George Island, FL 32328
Also Attempted: 859 Atlantic View Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034; 10 S Ivy Ridge Rd. SE, Rome, GA 30161;
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Current Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the follow-

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ing described property:
LOT 11, BLOCK 75 OF ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES, UNIT NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, AT PAGES 16 AND 17 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the THE APALACHICOLA TIMES and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities, need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 or Telhpoen Voice/TDD (904) 653-8861 prior to such proceeding.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 26th day of August, 2009.

Marcia Johnson
As Clerk of the Court
By Terry E Creamer
As Deputy Clerk
September 10, 17, 2009

3876T
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

SEASIDE COTTAGES, INC., et al.,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 09-174-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 31, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 09-174-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, SEASIDE COTTAGES, INC., a Florida corporation, et al., I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 14th day of October, 2009, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lots 1-3, 8-9, 11-20, 22-24, 26, 28-29, 32-38, and 40, SEASIDE COTTAGES, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 25, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 1st day of September, 2009.

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

FRANK A. BAKER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
4431 Lafayette Street
Marianna, FL 32446
September 10, 17, 2009

**3879T
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board announces the availability of a Request for Proposal (RFP) titled "Provide Staffing Services in Response to Hurricanes and Other Disasters". The purpose of the RFP is to seek proposals from qualified vendors to provide staffing services including recruitment, payroll, and job placement of tempo-

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rary workers for manual clean-up, human social services, and data-entry necessitated by a natural or other disaster. To obtain an RFP or for further information, contact:
Gulf Coast Workforce Board
5230 West US Highway 98
Panama City, FL 32401
850-913-3285
1-800-311-3685 ext. 3285
850-913-3269 Fax

Minority businesses are encouraged to apply. The Workforce Investment Act is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Program and auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
September 10, 2009

3186T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF HELEN GAYNELLE TUCKER
Deceased.

File No. 09-29CP
Division Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Helen Gaynelle Tucker, deceased, whose date of death was March 6, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for FRANKLIN County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is September 10, 2009.

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
Kristi Branch Banks
Attorney for Jeff Tucker
Florida Bar No. 517143
PO Box 176
Apalachicola, Florida 32329
Telephone: (850) 670-1255
Fax: (850) 670-1256
Personal Representatives:
Jeff Tucker
1814 Wesleyan Lane
Loganville, Georgia 30052
Mary Helen Chapman
9507 Oak Stream Ct.
Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039
September 10, 17, 2009

3781T
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice if hereby given that, Jerry Chatham, the holders of the following certificate have filed said certificate for tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 635
Year of issuance: 2002

Description of property:
Lots 16-17 Block 238, Greater Apalachicola as described in Tax Deed

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recorded in OR Book 200, Page 438.

PARCEL NO:
01-09S-08W-8330-0238-01
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Name is which assessed:
Tonia L. Harris

All of said property being in the State of Florida, Franklin County.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on the first Monday in the month of October 2009, which is the 5th day of October 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 28th day of August 2009.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
CLERK OF COURTS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Cassie B Sapp,
Deputy Clerk
September 3, 10, 17, 24,
2009



- 3100 - Antiques
- 3110 - Appliances
- 3120 - Arts & Crafts
- 3130 - Auctions
- 3140 - Baby Items
- 3150 - Building Supplies
- 3160 - Business Equipment
- 3170 - Collectibles
- 3180 - Computers
- 3190 - Electronics
- 3200 - Fireweed
- 3210 - Free Pass It On
- 3220 - Furniture
- 3230 - Garage/Yard Sales
- 3240 - Guns
- 3250 - Good Things to Eat
- 3260 - Health & Fitness
- 3270 - Jewelry/Clothing
- 3280 - Machinery/Equipment
- 3290 - Medical Equipment
- 3300 - Miscellaneous
- 3310 - Musical Instruments
- 3320 - Plants & Shrubs/Supplies
- 3330 - Restaurant/Hotel
- 3340 - Sporting Goods
- 3350 - Tickets (Buy & Sell)

APPLIANCES
3110

Used Washers \$150.00
Used Dryers \$100.00
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AUCTIONS
3130

Auction
Saturday Sept. 12th 3:20 Hwy 386 Mexico Bch, Florida 6:30pm Central. 7:30 Eastern. Follow signs, Antiques, collectibles, lots of misc. Consignments welcome. 722-9483 850-819-0773 or 850-227-8631 10% BP Bay County Auction Service AB 964, AU#1384

Estate Auction

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4130

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Resumes to : 2618 E. 22nd Ct. Panama City, FL 32405
Attn: Human Resources or call (850) 769-9212 or fax resume to 850-769-0439

Dental Assistant

The Gulf County Health Dept, an EO/AA/VP Employer, has one opening for a full-time, Career Service Dental Assistant. Annual Starting Salary: \$19,902.48. Drug Screen, Fingerprinting and Emergency Duties Required. Dental Assistant Certification or Expanded Duties Required. For more info, contact Lesia Hathaway at (850) 227-1276, ext. 149. Electronic applications only for this position; refer to Requisition Number 64084744. Closing date 09/20/09.

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State of Florida-Franklin County Health Department Job Announcement

Fiscal Assistant I
Position number: 64080005
Position Type: Full-Time/Career Service
Annual Salary Range: \$20,734.74 - \$31,925.14
Closing Date: 09/11/09

The State of Florida is an AA/EEO employer. Emergency Duties, Background screening This is a professional position under the direct supervision of the Business Manager. This is professional accounting work involving the application of accounting techniques to a variety of fiscal transactions. This work requires the ability to plan independently to produce the desired objectives, as well as to set priorities.

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• A high school diploma or its equivalent and two years of bookkeeping or clerical accounting experience.
• College education from an accredited institution can substitute at the rate of 30 semester or 45 quarter hours for each year of the required experience provided such education includes two courses in bookkeeping or accounting.
• Vocational/technical training in bookkeeping or accounting can substitute at the rate of 720 classroom hours for each year of the required experience.

Please, choose one of the following for submitting your application:
1. Online at https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com/logon.htm
2. Fax your application to: (904) 636-2627 Address the fax cover letter to: People First Staffing - Attn: Data Entry. Write the following in the comments section of the fax cover letter: For position #64080005. Please, post to People First Web site. If you should have problems with the online system, please call People First at: (877) 562-7287.
3. Mail your application to People First Staffing Administration, PO Box 44058 Jacksonville, FL 32231.



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Florida Wild Mammal Association plans fundraisers

Special to The Times

A local animal welfare group is seeking public help.

The Florida Wild Mammal Association (FWMA)

is planning two fundraisers for this fall.

They will hold their annual yard sale on Sept. 17 to 19 at Townsend's Nads Mini Storage, 59 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville. All

donations for the sale will be greatly appreciated. If you live in Gulf or Franklin counties and have items you want transported to the sale, call Lois at 653-5857.

The second annual WoodStork Music Festival is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 10 and FWMA needs silent auction items.

"The silent auction was one of our best fundraisers last year, but it's only successful if we can provide great prizes for our bidders," said Chris Beatty, director and guardian angel of FWMA. "If you are a business, or know of a business, willing to donate a gift certificate, goods or a service to this great event, please contact Judy at 984-9980 or fwildmammal@yahoo.com.

Space will be available for vendors to set up and sell their wares at WoodStork, but you must register in advance. If interested, please contact Chris at 363-2351 or choppaotta@aol.com. There are several levels of sponsorships available for this great event. For more info, contact Rob Barrett at 212-3639 or fwmaeducator@yahoo.com.

FWMA was established as a not-for-profit in 1994 to rescue, rehabilitate, and re-



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Chris Beatty, director of the Florida Wild Mammal Association with several of her orphaned charges.

lease the sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in the Big Bend area. FWMA has rescued over 7,000 mammals, birds and reptiles, supported entirely by donations and grants FWMA offers ongoing educational demonstrations for local schools.

In addition to cash donations, FWMA always needs of bleach, paper towels, fruit cocktail, birdseed,

nuts, pelican fish (pinfish, finger mullet, thread hering, butterfish), fresh fruit and vegetables, Pedigree wet and dry dog food, Friskies wet and dry cat food, Dawn dish liquid and gift cards from local grocers to give it flexibility in purchasing.

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.wakullawildlife.org/>

BUDGET SUMMARY

Dog Island Conservation District - Fiscal Year 2010

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE DOG ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT ARE 38% LESS THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	100,000
INCOME	
Tax Income Millage per \$1,000 = 3.00	176,216
Franklin County Income	10,000
Franklin Co Garbage Tipping	5,000
Interest Income-Checking	2,000
Interest Income-SBA	2,000
Airport Fees	2,000
Road Use Impact Fees	20,000
Class 3 Trash Removal Fees	3,000
Other income	0
TOTAL INCOME	220,216
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	320,216
EXPENSE	
Airport	5,000
Administrative	25,000
Dock	10,000
Election	1,000
Fire Department	5,500
Truck and Tractor	15,000
Non-Allocated Services	5,000
Legal	5,000
LCM Maintenance	20,000
LCM Operations	10,000
Roads	55,000
Island Stewardship	5,000
Garbage Compactor Maintenance	8,000
Class 3 Trash Removal	5,000
Household Garbage Removal	4,000
Shop Expense	4,000
Submerged Land Lease	2,500
Transportation (Ferry Service)	17,000
Capitol Outlay	60,000
Hurricane Response	20,000
Contingency Fund	38,216
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$320,216

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Dog Island Conservation District has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2010. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at 2976 Wellington Circle West, Tallahassee, Florida

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