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Free movie in Carrabelle Friday

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office S.A.F.E. (Student and Family Events) program presents a film on Friday, July 8 in Carrabelle in Kendrick Field, after the last tournament game. The film will be shown for free on a brand-new 16' screen and begins at 8:30 p.m. Popcorn, hot dogs and drinks free to children.

King Buster fishing tournament Saturday

On Saturday, July 9, C-Quarters Marina, 501 St. James Ave. in Carrabelle will host day two of three days of King Buster tournaments, held over the course of three months, each with a guaranteed \$5,000 payout. Sponsored by Millard Collins, dockmaster of C-Quarters Marina, the tourney's net proceeds go to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida.

For more information, call 697-8400 or visit www.c-quartersmarina.com.

Last chance for Ocean Splendor

This weekend is the last chance to view "Ocean Splendor," a breathtaking display of underwater beauty in photographs taken by scuba diver Nancy S. Mueller. The exhibit runs through Saturday at the Apalachicola Museum of Art, 96 5th St., with hours daily from 1-4 p.m. For information, contact Marie Marshall at marieq@mchsi.com and 850-899-2614; contact Michaelin Watts at naturalcolordesign@sbcglobal.net and 650-464-7833; or visit apalachicolamuseumofart.org.

Bingo on the island

Every Tuesday evening until Labor Day, come and play Summer Bingo upstairs at the St. George Island fire station, 324 E. Pine Ave. beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is 25 cents per card. Sponsored by the St. George Island Civic Club. Everyone welcome.

Tell me a story

Fridays at the Franklin County Public Libraries in Eastpoint and Carrabelle, join the Summer Reading Program from 10 a.m. to noon for ages 5-11. For information, call 670-8151 or 697-2366.

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Weems hires new CEO



DAVIE LLOYD

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The board of directors of George E. Weems Memorial Hospital has turned to the former CEO of a Kentucky not-for-profit hospital to succeed Chuck Colvert

at Weems' helm.

Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH), which handled the executive search from among more than 60 applicants for the post, said last week Davie Lloyd had accepted the Weems' board offer and would begin her

new job July 25.

Lloyd, like her predecessor, will be answerable to the Weems board but will serve under an employment contract with TMH, which has an affiliation with the 25-bed Apalachicola hospital. TMH

officials declined to disclose the salary terms; Colvert earned in the \$150,000 per year range.

"The board of directors is pleased to have found an administrator who we

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Advertisement for 'BIRTHDAY BOOM' celebrating the Fourth of July. Includes text: 'COUNTY CELEBRATES THE FOURTH OF JULY BIRTHDAY BOOM'. Features a photo of a waterfront scene at night with people on a pier.

COUNTY CELEBRATES THE FOURTH OF JULY

BIRTHDAY BOOM

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

With a three-day weekend to work with, Franklin County celebrated the Fourth of July in fine fashion. The excitement got under way in earnest Saturday, with outdoor

picnics slated at both ends of the county. The Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department served up BBQ lunches and whole butt roasts all day at Riverfront Park, with a free concert, featuring the band Kornbread, closing out the evening.

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See more photos from Independence Day on Page A12 and at www.apalachtimes.com.

Photo by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times
Red, white and boom over Carrabelle.

School board seeks cuts

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Representatives from the administration brought with them a proposal for about \$1.5 million in budget cuts, as negotiations began last week between school employees and the Franklin County School District.

The proposed cuts, approved in principle by the school board at a special meeting June 23, include a call for teachers to accept a freeze on step increases for the upcoming fiscal year, six furlough days during the year and the elimination of dental coverage.

Following the opening of the negotiations June 27 and a subsequent session June 30, both sides agreed to review a series of legislative changes brought about by the Florida legislature's passage of Senate Bill 736, the Student Success Act.

"We have not addressed any specific cuts at this point," said Denise Roux, president of the Franklin County Teachers Association (FCTA). "We're very aware of the financial hardship the district faces, but at this point everything is still on the table."

Alongside Roux at the negotiating table are Elinor Mount Simmons, treasurer of the FCTA; Cathy Wood, former FCTA president, Josh Wright, Franklin County School athletic director and high school football coach; and Rik McNeill, union representative from the Florida Education Association.

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Apalachicola Bay Charter School earns a 'B'

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Hampered by a drop in performance on the writing portion of the FCATs, and a leveling off of learning gains in reading and math, the Apalachicola Bay Charter School stopped just short of earning its third consecutive 'A' grade when the state announced results last week.

Instead, the charter school's 511 total points means it will have to settle for a 'B,' 14 points shy of an 'A.' After struggling with a 'C' and a 'D' grade when it opened a decade ago, the school has posted four 'A's and two 'B's in the past seven years.

"I'm extremely proud that we are a 'B,'" said Principal Chimene Johnson. "We will continue to make improvements so

we can maintain an 'A' next year."

Because it is a consolidated kindergarten through 12th grade school, Franklin County School will not receive its grade until this fall. Unlike grades for elementary and middle schools, which are entirely based on results of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test and learning gains, half of a high school's grades

relies on non-FCAT based components, such as graduation rate, post-secondary readiness, accelerated coursework performance and other factors.

Superintendent Nina Marks said the consolidated school's grade appears likely to be a 'C' this year, a drop from last year's 'B,' with local educators studying data and determining what the weakest

competencies are before the return of students in the fall.

"I am not willing to settle for average when it comes to the education of Franklin's children," Marks said Monday. "Our district educators work diligently to impart core knowledge, and sometimes we have children that might need a little

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Environmental activists join Hands Across the Sand

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Once again, environmentalists met on Franklin County beaches to protest oil wells in the Gulf. It has been more than a year since the Deepwater Horizon began spilling oil into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, but for many, the memory is clear.

Dozens gathered on St. George Island and in Carrabelle on June 25 to show solidarity with Hands Across the Sand, a movement its website says is "made of people of all walks of life supporting the use of clean renewable energy and protesting the practice of offshore oil drilling."

At the protest, organizers also circulated a petition calling for a ban

on oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico. The protestors asked beachgoers to join the line, and though about a half dozen joined hands in Carrabelle, there was still disagreement about offshore drilling.

"They've got to drill somewhere," said one St. George Island visitor.

Florida surfer and restaurateur Dave Rauschkolb founded Hands Across the Sand in October 2009 in response to a bill passed in the Florida House of Representatives to lift the ban on near-shore drilling. With the support of sponsor organizations, he rallied more than 10,000 Floridians to join hands on Feb. 13, 2010, covering the state's coastlines, to show a united opposition to near-shore drilling.

This year's Hands Across the Sand protest was the third in Franklin County. About 200 people participated in the first gathering in February 2010; a second, in June 2010, protested the BP oil spill.

To sign the petition against offshore drilling, contact Ada Long at 927-3776.



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Traci and Chad Conklin, with Daniel Register, right, were visiting from Monticello and decided to join the line on Carrabelle Beach.



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About 25 people joined hands on St. George Island.

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Community works together to save osprey chicks

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Last week, a group of nature lovers banded together to help an island family overcome adversity.

On Monday night, June 27, a strong storm passed through the county slowing efforts to restore power to St. George Island, but Susan Pruitt was less concerned with electricity than with a nearby family she had befriended. For weeks, she had watched a pair of ospreys build their nest and hatch and care for a trio of chicks.

After the storm passed, Pruitt was horrified to see that the dead pine tree supporting the nest had fallen.

She put in a call to Eastpoint veterinarian Hobson Fulmer, who contacted the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR). Wildlife educator and avid birder Erik Lovestrاند sprang into action organizing a rescue mission for the ospreys.

ANERR employees Meagan Lamb and Jenna Wanat were dispatched to the island the next morning and waded through the swamp to retrieve the chicks from the remains of their home. Lovestrاند contacted Chris Beatty, director of the Florida Wild Mammal Association, who contacted the National Audubon Society.

Raptor experts told Beatty the best hope for the chicks was to get them back into a nest at the original site and allow the parents to take over.

That evening, Lovestrاند brought the chicks to Beatty for interim care. By this time, he had recruited volunteers to help reunite the osprey chicks with their parents.

"The best location for the nest is too far from the road, across a marsh, to reach with any lift truck, 40 yards at least," he wrote. "The nest is pretty much broken to smithereens. Other existing trees in the area are in bad condition."

Lovestrاند recommended that a box built by Ted Ruffner be mounted on the tallest timber nearby. Late Thursday afternoon, with help from Kenny Piotrowski, Lauren Levi, Barry Townsend, Ricky Hathcock and Matthew Anderson, the nest box was mounted, raised and braced with timbers. The crew then placed as much of the original nest as could be retrieved on the platform.

Lovestrاند picked up two of the chicks early the next morning and carried them back to Eastpoint. The third chick was smaller than its siblings and injured slightly, so it remains in Beatty's care, responsive and eating.

At 8 a.m. Friday, Lovestrاند carefully restored the other chicks to the nest. Before the rescuers finished loading equipment back into their truck, an adult osprey appeared carrying a fish and seemed to be studying the nest but did not stop.

Lovestrاند and crew watched nervously from a porch across the street. A half-hour later, an adult

osprey with a fish appeared, made about three banking turns around the platform and then landed, depositing the fish in the nest. It stayed with the chicks a while and then flew to a nearby tree and began calling.

By 9:30 a.m., a second adult appeared, and the happy parents resumed the normal tasks of chick rearing as if nothing had changed.

Anderson said the pair did rework the nest, apparently not satisfied with the rescuers' handiwork, adding sticks and soft material for the lining.

A number of folks were already watching the nest before it fell, so the family's situation will be well monitored.

Beatty had high praise for the volunteers, especially Lovestrاند, who she said organized the reunion with remarkable efficiency.

"Prognosis looks good right now," Lovestrاند wrote in a July 1 email.



CHRIS BEATTY | Special to The Times

This osprey chick remained at the Florida Wild Mammal Association because it was slightly injured.

"Thanks again for everybody's help and concern. All of the locals are extremely grateful for the efforts and love their local ospreys."



SUSAN PRUITT | Special to The Times

At left is the original osprey nest shortly before Monday's storm. At right, workers erecting a platform with a reconstructed nest for the osprey chicks.

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When Greek families ruled the church picnic

I arrived home from the beach on Saturday to find a small box nestled next to the philodendron by the front door. Nothing had been ordered, so my sense of expectation was heightened.



RED WHITE AND ROUX
Denise Roux

The sender? Photis Nichols, M.D., now retired in Jacksonville, but also a respected career physician from Apalachicola. I would venture that every native of a certain age has been seen by him professionally at some point in their lives.

It was a delightful surprise. He had previously unexpectedly called me before my knee surgery last year. He offered advice and calming words. I quite appreciated the interest.

This time it was four cans

of corned beef with a cordial letter. It seems that after my mention of a severe shortage of the product, he and his wife, Frosso, noted a similar situation in their groceries. By lucky happenstance, they finally encountered a well-stocked shelf and loaded up. He wrote, "With hurricane season at hand, we are taking the liberty of sending you a few cans because we do not want you to be without at that critical time."

He offered up the homely combination of scrambled eggs and corned beef, noting that it was delicious despite the cholesterol implications. We had it for breakfast this morning. He was right.

Dr. Nichols is a very good writer, with an erudite style not often seen these days. I enjoyed the short letter as much as the corned beef. I also took real pleasure locating my stationery

and good pen to write a proper thank-you letter.

I started thinking about the Nicholises and all of the other Greek families in this town. Since we lack a Greek Orthodox church, many of them attended my church, Trinity Episcopal. Believe me, you did not want to miss a picnic or a covered-dish supper. Can you just imagine what riches Isabel, Frosso and Olga Nichols brought to the table? When I was young, I didn't know the names of the dishes. I just knew I loved the seasoning for the beefy casseroles. Later on, I came to understand that cinnamon and maybe a bit of clove came into play. Back then, I just knew it was a taste imported here from Greece. My recipe for pastichio is a constant work in progress because I have a taste memory I am trying to create. I think I've got the baklava down pat, thanks to Miss Isabel's

advice to use only real butter, Tupelo honey and homegrown pecans.

My thoughts then drifted to medical care back in the '50s and '60s. Along with Dr. Nichols, there was Dr. Mabrey in Apalach and Dr. Sand in Carrabelle. Back then, we didn't rush off to Panama City, Tallahassee, Dothan or Mayo Clinic. I can only imagine a typical day in a medical practice back in the day. I suspect there are many stories there. Even though we made many office visits for earaches, impetigo, ringworm and the like, I also distinctly remember Dr. Nichols paying a house call checking on me at bedside in my own room. I am not going to say it. You supply the comment about caring physicians today.

All things change, and I don't bemoan this swift world we now live in; however, like many of my generation, I do like to look back,

wallow around in some nostalgia and then try to trace patterns that help us understand the path we seem to be on today. Honestly, I am befuddled a good bit of the time, but I keep trying.

Life lessons considered here, well, there is the enormous appreciation for the influences the Greek community has had on our town. There is the sure knowledge that many of us value the well-considered kind gesture. There is reassurance that witty discourse is still alive and well in snail mail. There is the realization that writing a real letter brings real pleasure.

And there is the great reassuring knowledge that my cupboard is replete with corned beef in time for the next big blow.

Denise Roux is a regular columnist for the Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times. Email her at rouxwhit@mchsi.com.

Florida State professor to evaluate Bright Futures

By Kate Campbell
Special to The Times

Since 1997, the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has provided academic scholarships to thousands of the state's highest-achieving high school seniors. Now a Florida State University professor has received a major grant that will enable him to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Shouping Hu, a professor of higher education in FSU's College of Education, received a \$780,000 three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences. With it, he will lead a research study titled "State Merit Aid Program and Student College Choice and Success: Evaluating the Efficacy of Florida's Bright Futures Program."

"The grant cannot come at a better time," Hu said. "As a scholar who has longstanding interest in college access and student success in higher education, this grant will allow me to continue to do cutting-edge research in that direction and examine whether and how a high-profile state program can make a difference in student postsecondary educational opportunities."

Bright Futures scholarships are awarded to Florida high school seniors who have demonstrated



SHOUPING HU

"academic merit" and who plan to attend a public college or university within the state. Hu said he is excited to begin evaluating the scholarship program and plans to hire several research assistants over the course of the grant.

"My project collaborator and I have laid out a concrete plan for the execution of the project and expected project outputs," he said. "We are confident that we will be able to generate most rigorous empirical evidence on the efficacy of the Bright Futures program on educational outcomes in individual students, the state and the country as a whole."

The Institute of Education Sciences works to improve education in the U.S. by funding top educational researchers nationwide who seek answers on what works for students. It also conducts evaluations of large-scale federal education programs and educational projects.

Honesty in government tarnishes before our eyes

What kind of behavior standards do we expect from our politicians here in the U.S.? And how do we want — and expect — our state and local leaders to behave in matters of ethics and morality?



THOUGHTS FOR THE TIMES
Mel Kelly

Should we start with the generally accepted precepts outlined in the Ten Commandments and insist there be no killing, no dishonoring, no coveting or adultery, no lying or stealing? How about adding the "no false idols" part? And should we expect our elected leaders to follow the same rules that we, the electorate, must heed?

What makes elected officials different from those who elected them? Is it only the power of office or is the absolute arrogance of power itself that sets double standards for so many in lead roles today?

For example, a recent story told of monetary fines imposed by the Florida Ethics Commission but allowed to expire unpaid after more than 10 years for some. In a state that cries "deficit" and cuts back service programs to many of the most needy, more than \$200,000 in ethics fines went uncollected. That money, legitimately owed by politicians or office seekers, was never added to the state treasury after all. Those who owed the fines for failing to file accurate election reports or for filing incomplete reports or no reports at all kept their money, and the state lost

legitimate revenue.

How do you suppose it happened that public figures were allowed to ignore or personally dismiss their legitimate debts? In this state and country, we have procedures in place to withhold wages awarded in child support cases. We can withhold taxes for Social Security and Medicare payments as well as the right number of dollars to accommodate the number of dependants claimed by wage earners. We can subtract pre-arranged contributions made from wages to charities or retirement accounts or union memberships. We can have utility or TV service or credit card payments withdrawn automatically from our bank accounts. We are expected to pay our bills and meet our obligations.

But politicians and wannabes have failed to properly file constitutionally mandated financial disclosure forms. Appropriate fines were then levied, but no one seems to be able to collect the money owed! More than \$191,000 in debts have now been ruled "uncollectible" and have been written off as such by the Florida Ethics Commission. Although \$191,000 may be just a drop in the deficit pot of the state, why is it uncollectible? Didn't the commission know where these people worked if they were elected to office, or where they lived if they weren't? Why was the money that was legitimately owed to the state by public figures not collected by the state?

It is now well-known a grand jury recently ranked Florida as No. 1 in the nation. Sadly, we are in

first place because of our statewide corruption. What a distinction! Florida judges are accused of undue influence in the "Taj Mahal" courthouse case; Justice Clarence Thomas ignores conflict of interest concerns. Yet another former Illinois governor crashes and burns over ethical questions about "even though I may have said what you thought you heard, I really meant ..."

State leaders close down parks — as well as the government — over the Fourth of July holiday weekend in Minnesota. Party leaders at the national level act like spoiled children. Politicians publicly preach family values while privately enjoying extramarital affairs. Built-in cost escalators that are excessive and inexcusable are hidden in hastily approved government contracts awarded to private firms. And such ugly examples go on and on and on.

It would seem that those Ten Commandments have been forgotten or ignored by too many who have become our leaders. The practice of honesty, integrity, ethics and morals in local, state and national government continues to tarnish before our eyes. Perhaps our only hope can be found in the warning of writer John Gardner: "The citizen can bring our political and governmental institutions back to life, make them responsive and accountable and keep them honest. **No one else can.**"

Carrabelle resident Mel Kelly is a frequent contributor to The Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times.

Letter to the EDITOR

Chapman School should benefit all people

I am writing with reference to your recent article referencing the leasing of the old Chapman High School building for private use as a physician's office by the county commission.

Mentioning Chapman High School brings a lot of nostalgia to me. This old historical building is dear to my heart for many reasons. I was in elementary school at the old Chapman School when the new classroom addition and auditorium were under construction in the early 1930s under the WPA (Works Progress Administration)

government program. During what we called a "recess" in the school day that was set aside for play and exercise, we were asked to dig holes on the playground to bury the debris from the new building construction.

In 1941, I was a member of the graduating class of 21 seniors, including the late Cleve Randolph and Elmo Maxwell. Colin English, the state superintendent of public education, gave the commencement address, warning us of the impending entry of the U.S. in World War II. The graduation ceremony was held in the new auditorium. Our class was one of the first to hold this affair in

the new building.

In light of the above, it is my studied opinion that this edifice remains a public building for the benefit of all the people.

It was my privilege to practice medicine in Apalachicola for over 50 years. I started out renting space in the old A & P building on Market Street across from Buzzett's Pharmacy and later built my own 4,000-square-foot office. I did not receive any help from the city or the county, and they both benefitted from the taxes I paid them over the years.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Photis Nichols, M.D.
Jacksonville

Too many fiscal plans to track? Not anymore

Special to The Times

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget launched a Deficit Reduction Plan Comparison Tool (<http://crfb.org/compare>), providing side-by-side comparisons of the many deficit reduction plans that have been developed.

The committee said it is thrilled with the many plans that have sprung up over the past several months and that its new website can track and compare all the comprehensive plans. The comparison tool joins the Stabilize the Debt budget simulator created by the Commit-

tee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB), <http://crfb.org/stabilize> the debt, an educational tool to encourage Congress and the public to get specific about how they would fix the budget.

The comparison tool allows users to view specifics of each plan and how they would affect each area of the budget — including domestic discretionary programs, defense, health care programs, Social Security and taxes. The grid features more than 30 plans and will be updated on a regular basis.

"Less than a year ago, it was nearly impossible to point to a com-

prehensive plan to deal with our massive deficits. Now we have plans covering all parts of the political spectrum. We have come a long way. Now it's time to move on to the hard work of compromising and enacting a plan into law. But as hard as that will be, we shouldn't lose sight of how far we've come," said Maya MacGuineas, president of CRFB. "This comparison tool gives the public the chance to see how there's no lack of solutions out there for our mounting debt, and that there's quite a lot of overlap between plans. The ideas are out there. Now it's time for action."

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Franklin County gets grant to study health care

Special to the Times

Franklin County is one of three rural American counties to participate in a year-long program to help assess and revitalize local health care delivery systems.

On June 8, the National Association of Counties (NACo) announced the technical assistance awards, which will also be received by Pacific County, Wash., and Refugio County, Texas.

The three counties, selected through a competitive and comprehensive review process, will work with NACo and consultants

from the National Center for Rural Health Works throughout 2011 to identify local health care needs and factors affecting the local delivery of health care. The program also seeks to assess the economic impact of the local health care sector and determine how the health care system can better meet community needs. The goal is to strengthen relationships with community partners to improve local health care delivery.

County Planner Alan Pierce said he applied for the grant after Commissioner Pinki Jackel brought the technical assistance

program to the attention of commissioners in April. At the June 7 commission meeting, Jackel was appointed to act as liaison to NACo consultants.

The plan includes two community meetings facilitated by the National Center for Rural Health Works consultants, as well as analysis of local health indicator data and community surveying. Jackel said the value of the analysis, which will be provided to the county for free, is \$30,000 to \$50,000.

The technical assistance being offered to the select counties is especially important in light of the

requirement in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Obama on March 23, that nonprofit hospitals conduct periodic community health needs assessments to demonstrate they are taking on uncompensated care.

"America's health care systems serving rural communities are facing enormous challenges to provide adequate care," said NACo President Glen Whitley, a county judge in Tarrant County, Texas. "Counties believe that access to quality health care is critical to the physical and mental

well being of their residents. The technical assistance will help these counties strengthen their health care systems.

"County involvement in community health needs assessments is very important to help ensure that the health care safety net burden is shared among local providers," Whitley said.

The technical assistance program is funded through the Office of Rural Health Policy of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For more on this program, visit www.naco.org/ruralhealth

The National Association

of Counties, the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States, was founded in 1935. NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties, including advancing issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improving the public's understanding of county government, assisting counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and providing value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

For more about NACo, visit www.naco.org.

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believe will successfully navigate our staff and community through the process of continuing to improve our services, our quality of care and guide us through the steps to bring a new hospital online in the near future," said Carrabelle accountant Paul Marxsen, chair of the Weems' board.

"During the interview process, we were impressed by not only her work in rural hospitals, but by her communication skills, especially as she discussed her vision for her family, her career and the positive influence she could have on Weems Hospital," said Mark O'Bryant, Tallahassee Memorial president and CEO.

Lloyd, 39, most recently served as CEO of Fleming County Hospital, a 52-bed not-for-profit county hospital in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, in the north-central portion of the state, not far from the Ohio border. At that time, Lloyd worked for Quorum Health Resources, a hospital management firm

headquartered in Brentwood, Tenn. that has a management contract with the Fleming County Hospital.

During her 18-month tenure at Fleming, according to the TMH release, Lloyd helped plan and develop an 8,000-square-foot medical office building and was active in recruiting new physicians, which in turn improved access to care for patients and increased revenue for the hospital.

In late March, Lloyd resigned her position; hospital officials at the time said only that she had left "to pursue other career interests."

With the construction of a multi-million dollar replacement hospital already on the drawing board for Weems, Lloyd will be relied upon to apply lessons learned from her experience in Flemingsburg. Before her arrival there, county officials replaced an almost 50-year-old debt-free county facility with a new 100,000-square-foot hospital opened in August 2008, at a cost of more than

\$32 million.

Following that, according to a report in the Ledger-Independent newspaper, the hospital experienced growing pains in the form of a \$1.4 million per year debt load in addition to normal operational expenses. During Lloyd's tenure at the hospital, a 5 percent cut in wages and hiring freeze was instituted in January 2011 for non-contract employees, officials told the Ledger Independent, with cuts sought in every area from overtime to cleaning supplies to ensure financial reserves were maintained.

A report issued by the hospital a month ago indicated low patient volume would result in between a \$1.7 million to \$3 million loss for the year.

Lloyd, who holds a bachelor's in business administration from Montana State University - Billings, and a master's in health administration from the University of Maryland, began her health care career with a three-year stint as the head

of the Billings Clinic, and in 2007 went to work for Quorum.

She takes over from Colvert, who stepped down in late May to return to his family in Alabama.

TMH officials said the gap between Colvert's departure and Lloyd's arrival is being filled by interim administrator Geri Forbes, who oversees regional development for Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare. Forbes, who is providing support and direction during this period, recently filled the same role as interim administrator at Doctor's Hospital in Perry.

"Chuck Colvert will be remembered for stepping into his role during a period of great uncertainty over the future of Weems Hospital," Marxsen said. "His ability to keep Weems Hospital moving forward, and open our new Weems East Urgent Care Clinic, is a testament to his skill as an administrator. The board sincerely appreciates his stewardship of Weems Hospital, and we wish Chuck

the best in the future."

On Tuesday morning, county commissioners heard a report from Alan Pierce, the county's director of administrative services, who said the hospital had received a \$24,000 grant from the Office of Rural Health for upgrades in the way pharmaceuticals are dispensed.

In addition, Pierce said, the Weems board amended its governing policies to include checks and balances that called for all contracts or agreements for the purchase of equipment, goods, or services be reviewed by the CEO, chief nursing officer or chief financial officer, the county attorney, and the board before final execution. In addition, any items paid for using sales tax funding must receive approval from both the Weems board and the county commissioners.

The board also secured the commissioners' blessing to spend \$34,680 for a dual die injector for the new CT scanner, and \$14,000 to replace the engine and

transmission in one of the ambulances. "I advised the hospital board of the high rate of consumption that was currently going on with the capital outlay portion of the sales tax," Pierce said. "The board understood the ramifications but believe both expenditures are warranted."

The commissioners unanimously agreed approved the spending but said they wanted to meet with the hospital board to review the situation.

"We only have so much money available," said Commissioner Cheryl Sanders. "If we keep nickle and diming the capital outlay funds, we are going to wind up with too little money to do what we told the people statutorily we would do."

The commissioners also accepted the resignation of Curt Blair from the Weems board and accepted the board's recommendation to appoint Jim Bachrach, who also resides in Commissioner Smokey Parrish's district.

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Arrest 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

Department of Corrections (FDOC), Florida Division of Insurance Fraud (DIF) and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FLDACS). All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

June 29

Derek Stulsky, 28, Carrabelle, possession of a controlled substance (CPD)
Donald D. Page, 37,

Carrabelle, withholding child support (FCSO)
Dustin S. Godwin, 17, Tallahassee, burglary of a structure and grand theft (FCSO)

June 30

Carol A. Finch, 48, Apalachicola, burglary of a dwelling and grand theft (FCSO)
David F. Daniels, 26, Carrabelle, driving while license revoked - habitual, grand theft, resisting

officer without violence and criminal mischief (CPD)
Jonathan G. Pace, 33, Eastpoint, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and violation of probation (FCSO)
Timothy C. Register, 19, Eastpoint, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)
Tracy S. Wilson, 35, Apalachicola, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell or dispense, possession of a controlled substance, maintaining

place where controlled substance is used, possession of paraphernalia and tampering with physical evidence (FCSO)

July 1

Billy D. Dalton, 36, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)
Benjamin G. O'Neal, 31, Hosford, Gadsden County warrant for failure to appear (FCSO)
Alan D. O'Neal, 49,

Tallahassee, two counts of sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

July 2

James M. Nelson, 43, Apalachicola, disorderly intoxication and resisting without violence (FCSO)
Robert L. Smith, 52, Apalachicola, resisting officer with violence, disorderly intoxication and battery on a law enforcement officer (APD)

News BRIEFS

AHS Class of '76 seeks missing classmates

The Apalachicola Class of 1976 is planning its 35th class reunion. While making preparations, no address or phone numbers could be found for eight graduates. The following are the names of these "missing" classmates: Jeffery Byrd, Darlene Churchill, Carol Edwards, Karen Fleeman, Cynthia Passalacqua, Kevin Randall, Anthony Sanders and Jimmy Themis. If anyone has any information on these people please email Cindy Rowell at crowell58@bellsouth.net or to Rachel Ward at 2wards@gtcom.net. In addition, there are several

former classmates that organizers would like to include in the reunion. Their names are: Ricky Abercrombie, Ellen Booth, Violet Buzier, Ruby Cambell, Pam Collins, Mary Estes, Christina Hines, Mike Howard, Jerry Hucklebea, Sharon Jenkins, Connie Kaczmarek, Billy Glass, Bill Lunsford, George Needer, Donna Orr, Cheryl Richards, Stan Siprell, Willie Smith, Gloria Spatch, Joe Thompson, Vashtyre Thomas, Virginia Varnes Thomas, Donna Watkins, Rita Wilkerson, Fred Thompson and Tammy Marshall. If you have any information on these classmates, please email to Cindy Rowell or Rachel Ward as well.

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

The July Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will take place Friday, July 15, The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 8 to 9:30 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for SGLA members.

The Cape St. George Lighthouse is located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island, where Island Drive (the road off the bridge) ends at Gulf Beach Drive. Parking is available. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the St. George Island visitor center at 927-7744 or toll free at 888-927-7744.

Searching for Mr. Laine

Alan Pierce, county director of administrative services, reported Tuesday morning that the supervisor of elections office has contacted the Planning and

Zoning office to say they have been unable to locate Bill Laine, a Planning and Zoning board member, who has been delinquent in filing his financial disclosure forms. Pierce said Laine called him several weeks ago to say he was in North Carolina, but did not provide any address or phone number. "Laine does not have a current valid Franklin County address as all our correspondence with him has been returned 'No forwarding address,'" Pierce said. The commissioners passed a motion unanimously to remove Laine from the post and to have Commissioner Noah Lockley, who originally appointed Laine, search for a replacement.

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Organizations jostle for offseason TDC money

By David Adlerstein and Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writers

A large number of local organizations have filed 40 applications, seeking \$143,250 in Tourist Development Council off-season grant funding, about double the \$72,000 that is available.

But Curt Blair, the TDC administrator, told county commissioners Tuesday morning that some of the requests may be eligible for funding from separate BP money. Even so, this would leave an estimated shortfall of more than \$40,000.

The TDC is expected to award grant funding Tuesday, July 12, at its 3 p.m. meeting.

A new request comes from the Apalachicola Area Historical Society, which is asking for \$7,000, \$2,000 for the Ghostwalk on Oct. 30, and \$5,000 for the Ilse Newell Concert Season, which runs from Dec. 4, 2011, to May 20, 2012.

The Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is also making a new request, seeking \$2,000 for the second annual Oyster Cook-Off, Jan. 13-14, 2012.

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper is asking for \$5,000, the same amount as was funded last year, for the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, Oct. 18-21, 2012.

The Apalachicola Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking \$10,000, the same as it received last year, for three events: \$2,000 for the Art Walk March 24, 2012; \$4,000 for the Boat Show, April 20 and 21, 2012; and \$4,000 for the Historic

Apalachicola Holiday Celebration, Nov. 25 to Dec. 3, 2011.

Camp Gordon Johnston Days is again seeking \$4,000 for the March 10-11, 2012, World War II training camp's commemoration event.

The Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking \$4,000, the same as last year, for the Holiday on the Harbor/Boat Parade of Lights, Dec. 9-10, 2011.

Carrabelle Cares is seeking \$4,000, \$1,000 less than was funded last year, for the 22nd annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival, April 28-29, 2012.

Carrabelle Lighthouse Association wants \$4,000, double what it received last year, for the Lantern Fest, expanded to two days, Oct. 28-29, 2011.

The City of Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art wants \$5,000, \$1,000 more than it received last year, for the Apalachicola School of Art 2011-12 Workshop Series, from Oct. 1, 2011, through Sept. 30, 2012. It also is seeking \$5,000, \$1,000 more than received last year, for the 2011-12 Exhibition Series, held throughout the year.

C-Quarters Marina's King Busters Tournament, to be May 12 to July 7, 2012, wants \$2,550, while the C-Quarters Marina Kingfish Shoot-out Tournament, Aug. 5-7, 2012, is seeking \$4,700. Last year, the marina received \$5,000 for a grouper-kingfish event, but organizers dropped the grouper this year and expanded the event.

The Defenders of Wildlife Inc. is seeking a new grant of \$2,000 for the For-

gotten Coast Black Bear Festival, Oct. 15 in Carrabelle.

The Dixie Theatre Foundation is seeking \$10,000, the same as it received last year, but is asking it be divided into four parts, \$3,000 each for the January, February and March professional seasons, and \$1,000 for "Pearls for the King," Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, 2011.

The Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Inc. has a new request in for \$4,000 for the 11th annual Eastpoint Rib Cook-Off, March 16-17, 2012.

The Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition again wants \$5,000 for the Plein Air - America's Great Paint Out, May 3-14, 2012.

Franklin's Promise Coalition has two new requests, for \$5,000 for the Apalachicola Wine & Jazz Festival, May 24-27, 2012, and \$4,000 for the Blues, Jazz and BOOs concert, Oct. 29-30, 2011.

The Friends of Apalachicola Tour of Homes is asking for \$5,000, up from \$2,000 last year, for an expanded 20th annual Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour May 3-5, 2012.

Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County Inc. is asking for a first-time grant of \$4,000 for the ninth annual Apalachicola Mardi Gras, Feb. 3-4, 2012.

The Hillside Coalition of Laborers for Apalachicola is once again seeking funds, this time \$5,000 for the eighth annual African-American History Festival, Feb. 17-19, 2012.

Historic Apalachicola Inc. has two grant requests, seeking \$5,000, up

from \$2,000 last year, for the Water Street Festival of Ice, August 2012, and a first-time grant of \$5,000 for the yearlong Second Saturdays program.

The Panhandle Players are seeking \$6,000, up from \$4,000 last year, broken down into three \$2,000 grants for the fall, winter and spring productions.

The Patrons of the Apalachicola Library Society have a new request in for \$2,000 for the Autumn - Authors in Apalachicola program on Oct. 8, 2011.

Rock By The Sea Inc.

has a new request in for \$2,000 for the Rock By The Sea concert in Lanark Village and St. George Island on Sept. 21-23, 2012.

The St. George Island Business Association is seeking \$5,000 for the Franklin County Oyster Festival, a revival of the former Oyster Spat Festival, on Oct. 7-8, 2011. The association is also asking for \$2,000, the same as last year, for the third annual St. George Island Snowbird Day on Feb. 7, 2012.

The 30th annual St. George Island Chili Cook

Off has a request in for \$5,000 for the March 1-3, 2012, event.

The St. George Island Lighthouse Association is seeking \$4,000 for a newly created Beach Home Tour of St. George Island slated for Feb. 3-4, 2012. The association also is seeking \$4,000 for the Florida Panhandle Lighthouse Challenge, April 21-22, 2012.

Supporters of St. Vincent is seeking \$2,000, the same as it received last year, for the St. Vincent Island Open House, March 30, 2012.

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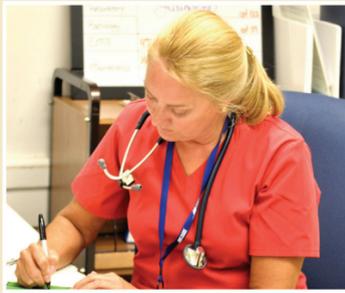
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Warwick to speak on bears at marine lab

Special to The Times

The Coastal & Marine Conservation Lecture Series, open to the public, features a lecture on "Bears of the Forgotten Coast" on Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Lab.

Speaking will be Adam Warwick, wildlife biologist with the Tate's Hill forestry office.

In 1994, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission prohibited hunting of the Florida black bear (*Ursus americanus floridanus*), and since then, bears have rebounded to more than 3,000 bears statewide and probably more than 1,000 in the Apalachicola population.

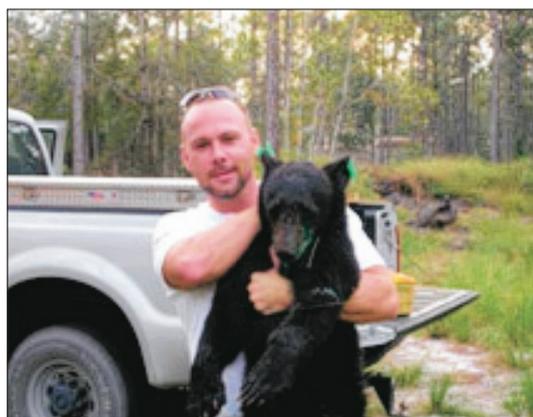
Florida's human population has concurrently grown from 5 million residents in 1960 to close to 18 million today and is projected to reach almost 36 million by 2060. Urban sprawl is encroaching on traditionally remote areas, bringing people into prime bear habitat. As a result, bears and people are encountering each other more than ever. More than 1 million acres of public land on the Forgotten Coast together has allowed bears ample room to thrive, but the potential for problems with stepped-up development exists.

"Florida's bear population deserves our best efforts in conserving and managing our wild lands," Warwick said. "The many interesting characteristics of bears includ-

ing their intellect have presented me with some unique interactions, and I will share some of these. I will discuss some characteristics and behaviors of the Forgotten Coast bears, where the most bears currently exist in this area, and the conservation challenges we will face in the future."

The marine lab, in association with Second Harvest of the Big Bend, part of The Nation's Food Bank Network, is collecting nonperishable food items at each monthly lecture. If you plan to attend a lecture, please bring an item or two and help solve hunger in our community.

The marine laboratory is at 3618 Coastal Highway 98 in St. Teresa. For more information, call 697-4120 Monday-Friday, or 591-0224 on weekends.



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Adam Warwick and a furry friend.

Birthday



Annah Harris turns 'Sweet 16'

Annah Olivia Harris turns "Sweet 16" on Wednesday, July 13.

She is the daughter of Connie M. and James A. Harris, Jr., of Apalachicola. She is the sister of Weston Griner Harris.

Paternal grandparents are James and Ann

Harris, of Apalachicola. Paternal great-grandparents are Alma Harris and the late Albert B. Harris.

Maternal grandparents are Vernon and Julia Griner, of Panama City. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Clifford and Tiny Griner.

Women educators attend state convention

By Arlene Oehler
Special to The Times

Babs Bailey, Missy Cumbie, Beverly Kelley, Arlene Oehler and Myra Ponder, representing Delta Kappa Chapter, attended the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Florida State Convention from April 29 to May 1 at the Marriott Orlando Airport.

The conference theme was "Moving Forward with Spirit and Vision." Several workshops were available, including Strategic Planning for Chapters, Eat by

Color for Better Health, and an exhibition of arts and crafts.

Cumbie was one of the pages for the Saturday business meeting. State Committee 2009-11 assignments

were held by Kelley, who was a member of the Awards Committee, and Bailey, who served on the Finance Committee. Martha Plant, a 50-plus-year member of Delta

Kappa Gamma, was recognized with a certificate for her years of service to the organization. She maintains her membership in the Delta Kappa Chapter.

The Saturday banquet included an introduction of chapter presidents, who included Oehler; the 2010-12 Delta Kappa president. Ponder, state treasurer, was approved for another two-year term.

Other state officers elected for the 2011-13 biennium were President Carrie Frye; First Vice President Merle Jones; Second Vice

President Gerry Hacker; Recording Secretary Peg Dunn-Snow; and Corresponding Secretary Nancy Henning.

The concluding activity on Sunday was a Ceremony of Remembrance for members who died during the biennium. Kelley sang in the state chorus for the ceremony and Saturday's banquet.

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Rotary District Gov. Sylvia White presents Jim Miller with a lapel pin as part of the June 14 awards ceremony.

LOIS SWOBODA
The Times

Rotary International honors Jim Miller

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

On June 14, Jim Miller of Apalachicola was honored by Rotary International.

Sylvia W. White, Rotary district governor for 2010-11 for the Panhandle, was on hand to see Miller receive a lapel pin and crystal recognition piece honoring him as a major donor, one who has contributed \$10,000 to Rotary.

John Sink, president of the local chapter, presented the crystal piece to Miller. "You make our club proud," he said.

White congratulated Sink and the entire club for their outstanding achievements over the past year.

She said 68 percent of Ro-

tary Clubs received a presidential citation last year, but the Franklin County chapter was one of only 12 percent that went beyond that and received a governor's citation.

White, who is leaving office June 30, said, "This has been an amazing year, I promise you."

Chimene Johnson, principal of the Apalachicola Bay Charter School, was also on hand to thank Rotary for funding the eighth-grade class trip to North Carolina. The students visited Asheville's Biltmore Estate and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and went white-water rafting.

"Thank you for making the trip possible," she said. "You have helped provide these kids with so many experiences."

PET OF THE WEEK

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Parents can be no match for teenage hormones

Nothing could have prepared me for the challenges that lay ahead when I entered my second marriage with two kids and merged my life with a man who also had two kids. Financial stress, crowded living arrangements and adversity surrounded us on all sides but we were determined we could overcome anything together.



PAMELA SHIVER
Youth Matters

A product of my father, I have always been a stickler for rules and order. Order was exchanged for chaos and not everyone in the house saw the necessity for rules or the necessity to abide by them. The mutiny was soon overthrown when mom declared Martial Law. We managed to organize our lives around Little League games, school projects and any other activity our children

volunteered us for. Scott and I worked like a team through homework, supertime, baths and bedtime, which was all on a schedule according to age. After bedtime prayers were said and the kids were in bed, we would spend the rest of the evening picking up after them and catching up on the never-ending mountain of laundry.

The task of mothering this clan was grueling yet I loved every minute of it. Our oldest loved to do hair. She would work on my hair for hours braiding and twisting it into different styles, as the tears would stream from my squinted eyes as she pulled it ever so tightly. She loved to surprise me by doing special things like extra cleaning or organizing a skit with her siblings for our entertainment.

Our second oldest, the only boy, was very tender-hearted and had a talent for drawing and sports. Once he drew a family portrait of stick people that was the conversation piece of our fridge for months. It had everyone from daddy to the dog in detail down to the m-shaped arches on daddy's head (anyone who knew Scott then was familiar with his 1980's style "wings").

Our third child was very skilled in the art of communication, although she sometimes had difficulty in controlling her skills during school. She was very thoughtful and would frequently stop on the side of the road on her way home from the bus stop and pick a handful of wildflowers for me. She still picks flowers for me to this day. Our youngest child was gifted with the ability to articulate her words through poem and stories. She also had a

very beautiful singing voice that she entertained us with incessantly.

We would enjoy family outings to the park or the beach. Sometimes we would go berry picking and ditch fishing or take a ride to the ice cream shop. We did not have a lot of money to blow so we kept it simple. We coached their Little League teams and went on almost all of their field trips. Sunday, we attended church as a family. Of course, there was always bickering as siblings do and plenty of interference from the outside to disrupt the harmony of our home but overall, we were a happy family and we enjoyed our children.

Then one day, Bam! Our precious children turned into teenagers one by one. They became aliens and we became the archenemy. Suddenly we did not understand how they felt and our IQ level dropped 50 points,

therefore we became incapable of having an intelligent conversation with them without an eye roll or impatient sigh, signaling that we had infringed on their time. How we brought them up to this point I will never know. Their rooms became their sanctuary from their obnoxious family. Their friends were the relationship gurus with all of their years of wisdom and experience.

The things that once were effective in reaching our kids no longer worked. If we were too permissive, an inch would lead to a mile setting the precedents for the younger siblings. If we pushed too hard, then rebellion was the price to pay. If we showed disapproval for the crowd that they were migrating to, then we were being judgmental and they wanted to be around them even more. As parents we felt like we were in uncharted territory. We

were no match to the hormones that provoked impulsive emotion like Texas tumbleweed bursting into spontaneous combustion on a hot August day. One teenager was a challenge, but four was playing on our sanity. To up the ante, we picked up one more teenager to raise for three years.

We are survivors and through trial and error, we learned some very valuable things during these trying years. 1) Unconditional love, 2) This too shall pass, 3) Anger management, 4) That hoo-doo that mom put on me about "when you have kids..." came to pass, 5) They will grow up and out of it, just as I did and 6) Prayer is key to survival and the best stress reliever.

We welcome all suggestions and hope you enjoy this weekly article. Please send all emails to Scott Shiver at frontline247@mac.com.

A great weekend of healthy celebrations

Wow, what a great weekend!

Went to Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 on Saturday, July 2. Lots of food, fellowship and fun. The bright spot of the afternoon was when our beloved Mary Britz came into the room. The sound of applause filled the room. Mary looked great after what she went through health-wise. We're glad she is back and feeling better. Had a nice crowd at the Lanark Village Boat Club on Monday,



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

July 4. More food and fellowship. Don't know about you, but my stomach thinks I'm mad at it. Thanks to all who supported and worked hard to put both celebrations together. Things will be quiet for a while now, so hang in there and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Be kind to one another, check on the sick and housebound, and remember - ASAP stands for Always Say a Prayer.

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

Eastpoint's First Baptist holds Bible school

Come join us for Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Eastpoint from Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15, 5:30 to 8 p.m. nightly.

The school will have classes for all ages, from newborns to adults. Bring your family and come for some good nights of fun, crafts and learning. Snacks will be provided.

There will be a special kickoff on Sunday night, July 10, 6 p.m. at the church, 447 Avenue A in Eastpoint.

For more information, call 670-8469.

Covenant Word shares Eastpoint outreach

The Filling Station, the outreach ministry of Covenant Word church in Apalachicola, will reach out to the Eastpoint community on Thursday,

July 21, to fill spirits, souls and bodies.

Please come out and join us, next to the Big Top Supermarket at 375 U.S. 98, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a hot, tasty dinner of baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and bread, fellowship and prayer.

All are welcome and everything is free. The outreach will also be giving away clothing and shoes.

Jehovah's Witnesses host convention in Gainesville

Jehovah's Witnesses are inviting all in the area to attend a program focusing on a government that millions, perhaps billions, pray for: God's Kingdom government, requested in the world-famous model prayer taught by Jesus Christ, will be the focus of the 2011 "Let God's Kingdom Come!" district convention at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center, in Gainesville.

The three-day event begins Friday, July 29

at 9:20 a.m. The daily themes are based on passages of Scripture including Matthew 4:17, Matthew 6:33, and 2 Peter 1:11. Strengthening one's faith in the reality of that Kingdom will be the focus of the program. There is no admission fee; conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are supported entirely by voluntary donations.

Starting this weekend, and continuing for the next three weeks, Jehovah's Witnesses will put forth extra effort to extend a personal invitation to everyone from the area to attend the convention with them.

Locally, the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Apalachicola will be supporting the activity of distributing printed invitations to the

convention. An estimated 6,500 will come to Gainesville for the Bible-based programs.

Jehovah's Witnesses believe the request for God's Kingdom in the model prayer, recorded in the Bible at Matthew 6:10 (also known as the Lord's Prayer or the Our Father), has profound meaning.

They also believe the answer to that prayer will bring significant changes to the earth and mankind. The Witnesses' convention program promises intriguing details from the Bible's explanation of such developments.

Throughout United States, there will be 381 conventions in 98 cities. Worldwide, there are over 7.5 million Witnesses in more than 107,000 congregations.

Faith BRIEFS

Obituaries

Debra Elliott



DEBRA ELLIOTT

Debra Gortman Elliott was born Jan. 1, 1956 in Wewahitchka. She passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2011 in Little Rock, Ark. after a brave battle with cancer.

She was a librarian at the Apalachicola Bay Charter School. She was member of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Apalachicola City Commissioner Jimmy Elliott; daughters, Allison Castillo (Carlos), Celeste Elliott and Jarrett Elliott; mother, Dora Jean Gortman; sisters, Diane

Gortman and Pam Gortman; mother-in-law, Adrienne Elliott; grandchildren, Adriane Elliott, Jasmine Richards, Nathan Richards and Sadie Castillo; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 6 at Kelley Funeral Home from 6-7 p.m. with Rosary being said at 7 p.m. Funeral mass will be held Thursday, July 7, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church and burial in Magnolia Cemetery.

Kelley Funeral Home is handling all arrangements.

Debbie Ryan

Debbie Ryan, 50, of Apalachicola, originally from Norwalk, Ohio, passed away Monday, June 20, 2011 at her home.

She is survived by her longtime companion and friend, Jim Grimm; her son, Jerry Ryan; her daughter,

Elisha Ryan; and her brothers, Tim, Rusty, Jeff and Steve Ryan.

Debbie loved the gulf and solitude. She enjoyed fishing, boating and motor-cycling. Debbie will truly be missed by all of us she touched. We Love You.

Dale Lewis Bedell



DALE LEWIS BEDELL

Dale Lewis Bedell, 41, of Eastpoint, passed away Sunday afternoon, June 19, 2011, of a sudden unknown heart condition.

He was born in Orlando on May 4, 1970, and lived in Florida his entire life. He lived in the Eastpoint area for over five years and recently worked for Fisher Stucco of Eastpoint.

Dale was loved by his family and friends. He loved to do things for his family and friends and was always the life of the party. He always had a smile on his face and a laugh to share with those around him. Dale was a master craftsman in the world of stucco; it was said he and his friend John alone could do the work of an entire

stucco crew.

Dale will be missed greatly by his longtime friend, Betty Jo Allen, of Eastpoint, and her children. Dale is survived by his mother and step-father Dennis and Sharon Poston, of

Ocala; father Howard Bedell, of Valparaiso, Ind.; brothers Tim Bedell, Ocala, Jeff Bedell, Austin, Texas, and Greg Bedell, Houston, Texas; sisters Debby Graves, Indianapolis Ind., Sheryl Abrams, Chicago, and Michelle Grossnickle, Valparaiso Ind.; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial was held at the chapel in Kelley's Funeral Home in Apalachicola on Saturday afternoon, June 25. A memorial service is also planned for family and friends in Ocala sometime in July.

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BUDS 'N' BUGS

Ants vs. termites

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

On Saturday, a number of people were disturbed to find large numbers of flying insects clinging to the walls of their home or business. Many feared it was a swarm of termites.

That was a possibility, but this time, the swarmers were ants; fire ants to be specific.

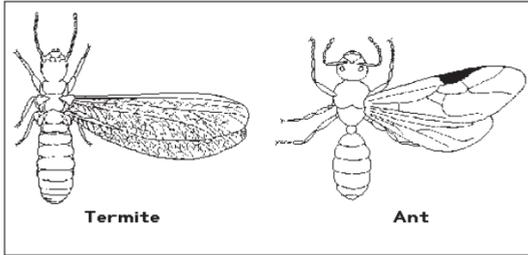
Ants and termites are not closely related and differ in many ways. Ants are near relatives of wasps and bees; termites are closely related

to cockroaches.

But ants and termites are both social insects, meaning that they live in an extended family group or colony.

Only a few members of the colony reproduce, and most are workers. Termite workers are mostly young insects that still have a possibility of developing into reproductives known as queens and kings. Ant workers are adults.

Most ants are sterile females, but the few female ants that can lay eggs are called queens. All male ants are capable of reproduction,



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but not of much else, including feeding themselves. Male ants are called drones, not kings.

Within a healthy ant or termite colony, immature reproductives develop at certain times of year depending on the species. They remain unmated for weeks or months waiting for a chance to leave the

nest and start a new colony. These young reproductives have wings, which they lose after mating.

Once they reach maturity, they wait for a rainy day to make the ground soft. Within 24 hours after the rain, the workers open up the nest and the reproductives emerge and fly away, looking for a mate.



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Male ants, also called drones.

All of the reproductives of a species in a given area will emerge on the same day, and around the same time, increasing the likelihood of them finding a mate from another nest.

It's relatively simple to tell the difference between winged ants and termites. Ants have a distinct waist, termite do not. Ants have elbowed antennae, while termites have antennae that look like a string of beads. And all four termite wings are the same size and shape, while ants have large forewings and small triangular rear wings.

The insects many people saw resting on walls across the county were male fire ants that had completed their flight and would soon die.

If you looked closely, the queens could be seen running around on the ground nearby, appearing to be very large ants.

Fire ant queens and drones cannot sting although a queen is probably capable of biting.

Male ants die after the "wedding flight" whether or not they succeed in mating. Queen ants store enough sperm to create a lifetime of offspring. In fire ant colonies, there are multiple

queens and older ones that cease to reproduce are removed.

Termite kings pair up with their queen and help her to raise the first litter of offspring, after which they remain a mated pair and never work again. Queen termites need a male on hand. They are among the most fertile insects known producing tens of millions of eggs in a lifetime. A top producer may lay an egg every 15 seconds for 10 to 12 years at the peak of her fertility.

Both termite and ant queens can live over 30 years.

The little Argentine ants or "pissants" so common in Apalachicola have a slightly different way of mating than most ants species. Unlike fire ants, Argentine ants mate within the nest. The queens then pop off their wings without taking a wedding flight and the workers push the males from the nest, after which the drone flies away and dies.

The young queen may remain within her home nest, Argentines have multiple queens in a colony, or she may rest a bit after mating and then leave home with an entourage of workers to care for her and seek a new site to raise her family.



SID RICE | Contributed photos

White marlin are one of the billfish present in offshore waters of the Panhandle. Blue water fishing is prime from May through October. Tuna up to 150 pounds show up in big schools offshore in the Gulf of Mexico throughout the summer.

Blue water dreams

Offshore big game action marks Panhandle summers

By Frank Sargeant
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In the dreams of every angler, there leaps a 1,000-pound blue marlin.

For most of us, that will remain a dream. But for those fortunate enough to finance an offshore trip in Florida's Panhandle waters anytime between May and October, it's always a possibility.

We know because Capt. Tom Browning and crew, fishing out of Destin, proved it few years back with a monster billfish that scaled 1,046 pounds. Though that blue remains the biggest ever for Florida, several fish in the 700-pound range have been caught since.

The offshore fish are what biologists call "pelagics," or ocean roamers. They ride the Gulf loop current out of the Caribbean in May, stay in the DeSoto Canyon and off the Mississippi Delta through the summer, and complete the loop in fall as water temperatures start to fall back into the 70s offshore.

In addition to the blue marlin, there are white marlin, sailfish, wahoo, yellowfin tuna and dolphin in the mix, as well as swordfish — mostly caught at night by specialists — all marking Panhandle waters as some of the best big game fishing territory in the nation.

The fishing begins about 50 miles offshore most of the time, around the 100-fathom (600-foot) curve. Basically, skippers run south until they hit the clear

blue of offshore water. The edge where it meets the green inshore water often is a great spot to start trolling for weedline species such as dolphin.

The fishing areas are well-known despite being so far from land; the Elbow, the Spur, the Nipple, the Steps and the Squiggles all are part of the lexicon of offshore skippers, each named for unique bottom characteristics.

Needless to say, this is not small boat country. Most experienced offshore anglers consider a 35-footer the minimum for safety. Twin engines are a must, as are satellite communications gear and a life raft.

Because very few of us can afford boats of that size and equipment, charters are the way to go for most. Fortunately, Panhandle ports have plenty of options, with Destin one of the most active bluewater towns in the nation.

It is not cheap to go blue water fishing. Because of the staggering costs of fuel, charter fees typically are \$1,200 to \$1,500 per day. On top of which you generally are expected to tip the crew 10 to 15 percent.

The cost of a day's charter can be split by up to six anglers on most boats. That cuts the tally back to a reasonable level for those who can stand to share "chair time," or hours spent actually sitting in the fighting chair and waiting for the strike.

Billfishing is a game of

patience, and more often than not, those who can spend only a single day chasing marlin or sails will be disappointed. However, if you can be satisfied with 100-pound yellowfin tuna, 50-pound wahoo and 40-pound dolphin — all highly edible creatures — you're likely to feel richly rewarded for the offshore adventure.

Getting far offshore is a treat in itself. You may see a school of hundreds of oceanic dolphin driving tuna, or sit on the bowsprit and watch these black-and-white mammals play in the bow wake just a few feet below.

You might see a whale shark lazing along at the surface, sucking in hundreds of gallons of plankton at each gulp. Flying fish sail away like transparent butterflies. And just looking into water so clear that you can see a 100 feet straight down is a treat for landlubbers.

If you do luck into a marlin, don't expect to tie it to the roof of the station wagon for the trip home. Billfish usually are released after a few photographs. They are scarce, mostly because of incidental commercial long-line kills and highly valued by the charter skippers who depend on them as the poster children of their advertising.

One of the best online sources for info on blue water fishing in the Panhandle is Capt. John Holley's site, www.catchbigmarlin.com. There are numerous other skippers at Panhandle fishing centers who offer blue water trips, as well.

TENTACLED SPECTACLE



LARRY APPLEBEE | Special to the Times

Fisherman Jeff Ilardi got a huge surprise over the Fourth of July weekend when he was out fishing about 20 miles southwest of Apalachicola. He pulled up his line only to find a sea bass in the embrace of an octopus. He released the octopus and kept the bass.

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Freshwater

Top water baits fished early in the morning or late in the evening are producing good trout. Redfish have starting to show up in the bay along town's beach. Scallop season is in full swing in St. Joe Bay. Early reports are that the shells are small, but the meat is good-sized and everywhere in the bay.

Inshore

Red snapper and king fish are still red hot. Live bait is catching bigger fish. Red snapper have moved offshore because of the rising water temps. Try fishing the 80- to 200-foot range to maximize your limit. Good numbers of Spanish and king mackerel can be found along the buoy line out of Mexico Beach.

Offshore

Large shellcracker and bream are still being caught in the river systems and in Howard Creek. The new moon from last Friday has the bite heating up. Surface poppers and crickets are local baits of choice. Bass fishing is hit or miss right now, but we have had good reports from lake Wimico bass fishing at first light.



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Welcome, state softball tourney teams!

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Throughout the state, these 31 teams, 465 players and coaches, will compete for a chance to be the softball champion of Florida.

Five Franklin County softball teams, featuring girls from age 7 to 16, will play host to this weekend's Florida Dixie All-Stars state tournament, set to open tonight with a huge banquet and continue daily through Monday at the Will S. Kendrick Sports Complex, at 1601 Kenneth B. Cope Avenue, in Carrabelle.

They'll be coming from Belleview, Sneads, Wahneta, Okeechobee, Ponce De Leon, Spring Hill, Marianna, Wesley Chapel, Paxton, Holmes, Pasco and Hernando counties to compete, and it should be exciting.

Nikki Millender, the county's parks and recreation coordinator, was busy Tuesday with inmates from the Bay City Work Camp, stuffing goody bags with everything from sweat towels and water bottles to sunscreen and lip balm.

With hotels, motels and vacation cottages slam full for the weekend; it should be busy throughout the county. "I'm excited," Millender said. "I think it's going to be great."

Hog Wild is catering tonight's July 7 banquet at 6 p.m. at the Carrabelle Christian Family Life Center, 142 River Road, to start the ball rolling for the tournament's many players and coaches. Featured speaker will be Florida State softball standout Tiffany Brown, with remarks from Florida Dixie District Director Jeff Faircloth, State Director Danny Brookes, Dixie Softball President Obie Evans and County Commissioner Cheryl Sanders.

With help from the tourist development council and county recreation department, local businesses have pitched in to offer a slew of prizes and giveaways to the players, including weekend vacation packages and gift certificates.

The action starts Friday at 9:30 a.m. and runs until 5:30 p.m. On Saturday the games will go to dark, beginning at about 8:30 p.m.

A special Sunday morning service at the church is scheduled for tourney participants, with play starting at 1 p.m. and running to about 6 p.m. On Monday, the finals will start at 9:30 a.m., with times to be announced.

Gate prices are \$5 for a day pass, and \$15 for a four-day pass. Parents and players from the Dixie Youth League are helping staff the tournament, and will split the process from concessions and the gate.

"That's one reason we brought the tournament here," Millender said. "To boost the economy and to keep our players here and give them a fundraiser."

Any questions, call Millender at 653-8277.



The Belles, for ages 13-15, are, **back row**, from left, Coach Gary Martina, Summer Medley, Savannah Boone, Stephanie Marxsen, Coach Jim Mcwhinnie, Haleigh Ming, Macey Hunt, Maryln Lee and Coach Link Carroll. **Front row**, from left, are Krista Martina, Vanessa Simmons, Ashley Carroll, Krystal Butler and Madison Newell.

JAMIE MARTINA |
Special to the Times



CHRISTEY KIRVIN | Special to the Times

The Angels, for ages 9-10, include, **top row**, from left, coaches Ward Kirvin and Brock Johnson. **Middle row**, from left, are Sophia Kirvin, Camilla Shiver, Michaela Cassidy, Morgan Ray, Madison McAnally and Sara Gibbs. **Front row**, from left, are Casey Riley, Natalie Terhune, Rosie Davis, Madison Smith, Morgan Vaughn and Alexis Johnson.



KIM JOHNSON | Special to the Times

The Darlings, for ages 7-8, include **top row**, from left, coaches Chad Terhune, Kim Johnson and Eric Register. **Middle row**, from left, are Gillian Terhune, Aaliyah Moran, Scout McLemore, Allison Register, Eden Rash, Rebecca Willis and Leslie Escobar. **Front row**, from left, are Brooklyn O'Neal, Alyssa Martina, Gracie Smith, Kelsey Griffin and Abby Johnson.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, July 7	92°	75°	30 %
Fri, July 8	89°	75°	40 %
Sat, July 9	89°	75°	40 %
Sun, July 10	91°	75°	40 %
Mon, July 11	90°	76°	40 %
Tues, July 12	91°	72°	30 %
Wed, July 13	90°	76°	60 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

	HIGH	LOW
Cat Point	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27

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	HIGH	LOW
Bald Point	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

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	04:14PM	0.5	L 09:54PM 1.1 H
7/8 Fri	03:00AM	0.7	L 09:33AM 1.7 H
	05:38PM	0.3	L
7/9 Sat	12:07AM	1.1	H 03:21AM 1.0 L
	10:07AM	1.8	H 06:57PM 0.1 L
7/10 Sun	10:47AM	1.8	H 08:05PM -0.1 L
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Progress Electric replaces poles

After several steamy days, Progress Energy completely restored regular electrical service to St. George Island at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Suzanne Grant, a spokeswoman for Progress, said work on the damaged power poles in the bay, in photo at left, was completed on Saturday afternoon.

But work crews waited until early morning to make

the final switchover so that the brief accompanying power outage would affect visitors less.

The island lost power after a water spout damaged two power poles at around 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 26. Eight generators were deployed around the island and power was restored in stages, and to all residents by 10 p.m. on Thursday.

At the Tuesday morning county commission

meeting, Commissioner Pinki Jackel expressed concern that other power poles crossing the bay had been damaged. The commission voted unanimously to send Progress a letter asking for a timeline on the upcoming replacement of the old poles. In spite of the inconvenience of living without electricity, rental companies said few visitors had opted to leave the island during the outage.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION CONTINUES



Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

A float protesting budget cuts to public broadcasting highlighted the St. George island parade. **Right**, Abby Wagoner, granddaughter of former Apalachicola football coach Pop Wagoner, prepares for a water fight at the St. George Island parade.

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A fish fry and covered dish dinner was the order of the day at American Legion Post 82 in Lanark Village. The Camp Gordon Johnston World War II museum benefitted from a fish fry at the Carrabelle Palms RV Park, where Merle Brannan's huge coconut creme pie, so big it took two people to lift, was auctioned off, with Rhonda Skipper taking home the delicacy.

On Sunday, the Red, White and Blue Parade, a newly created event that has swelled into a popular tradition, featured decorated bicycles, golf carts, scooters and pedestrians all parading from Apalachicola's Lafayette Park down Avenue B to Riverfront Park. It was there that a social distributed free cups of chocolate and vanilla ice cream to young and old alike, followed by a performance by Kenny Turner and Mexico Joe that kept the music alive well into the evening.

On Monday, July 4, a parade sponsored by the St. George Island Business Association wound through the island, led by Grand Marshal John Ficklen, an aviation enthusiast and renowned model builder.

Amidst the water fights and the gaily decorated bicycles and cars, a float with a giant sign "Don't kill Sesame Street" and featuring Big Bird and his friends protested the budget cuts to public broadcasting that have been levied by Florida Governor Rick Scott's veto pen. The parade was led by Boy Scout Troop 22 / Venture Crew, and the Marine Corp Color Guard from Pensacola.

In the evening, a brilliant fireworks display lit up the night sky over Carrabelle, with smaller private displays along the beach in St. George Island, in Eastpoint and in Apalachicola.



Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Left column, from top, Apalachicola's Alice Jean Gibbs celebrates the America she has known for 94 years. Andrew Holstein, 2, in the hands of his mom Steffanie Holstein, from Georgia, gets into the spirit of the holiday. Cynthia Rhodes, with her cocker spaniel "Precious" enjoys the parade. **Right column, from top**, Lilly Willis, 2, right, blows her horn while Javana Pearson, 1, watches at the fountain at Apalachicola's Riverfront Park. Ed and Candace Springer capture the American spirit. Robby Johnson has a special guest on the back of his motorcycle. Susan Buzzett Clementson has a red, white and blue bonnet for the ice cream social. **Left**, red, white and boom over Carrabelle.



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2845T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES A. DURHAM and PATRICIA DURHAM, Defendants.

CASE NO. 10-000502-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 27, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 10-000502 CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, JAMES A. DURHAM and PATRICIA DURHAM, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 17th day of August, 2011, 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:

Parcel 1: Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, Block 225, Greater Apalachicola, in the City of Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida, now in common use; and

Parcel 2: Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 2 West, Wakulla County, Florida, and thence run South 00 degrees 11 minutes 16 seconds West 643.89 feet, thence run North 72 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East along the South boundary of Lot 90 of the Hartsfield Survey of Lands in Wakulla County, Florida, a distance of 1773.08 feet to the southeasterly right-of-way boundary of U.S. Highway No. 98, thence run North 30 degrees 14 minutes 21 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary 717.12 feet to the Point of Beginning; From said Point of Beginning thence run North 30 degrees 10 minutes 46 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary 396.04 feet, thence run South 73 degrees 42 minutes 16 seconds East 1212.94 feet, thence run South 16 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds East 88.21 feet, thence run South 72 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West 38.91 feet, thence run North 86 degrees 01 minutes 41 seconds West 1354.84 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

DATED this 27th day of June, 2011.

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 July 7, 14, 2011

2967T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THORNBERG MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2006-6, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN D. DANIELS, A/K/A DENNIS DANIELS, et al, Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000426 DIVISION:

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 29th, 2011, and entered in Case No. 19-2009-CA-000426 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, in which U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Thornburg Mortgage Securities Trust 2006-6, is the Plaintiff, and John D. Daniels, a/k/a Dennis Daniels, Morgan Stanley Credit Corporation f/k/a Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Credit Corporation, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market St., Apalachicola, FL 32320 at 11:00 a.m. on July 13, 2011, the following described property:

Item #1) Herbicide Spraying Equipment. (components/kits)

A) Custom built herbicide spraying unit. Skid mount 500 gal. tank unit. 8 hp electric start Honda engine Hypro 1502 XL Pump

B) 26' folding, "break away" dry boom.

C) 36 TeuJet e-Chem nozzle kits, EPDM hose, etc.

D) 7' x 20' DOT equipment/utility 5,000 # tandem axle trailer.

E) Spare parts kit

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LOT 2, IN BLOCK 71, OF ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 16, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 873 WEST BAY SHORE DRIVE, SAINT GEORGE ISLAND, FL 32328

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

Dated June 17, 2011.

Marcia Johnson Clerk of Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 June 30, July 7, 2011

2973T REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/BIDS

Airport Equipment and Rehab work at FRANKLIN COUNTY/ APALACHICOLA REGIONAL AIRPORT

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is requesting proposals/bids from qualified firms interested in supplying the following off-the-shelf or custom built equipment and "Design Build" Rehab—Piece Work Construction for FRANKLIN COUNTY/ APALACHICOLA REGIONAL AIRPORT.

Item #1). Herbicide Spraying Equipment. (components/kits)

A) Custom built herbicide spraying unit. Skid mount 500 gal. tank unit. 8 hp electric start Honda engine Hypro 1502 XL Pump

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D) 7' x 20' DOT equipment/utility 5,000 # tandem axle trailer.

E) Spare parts kit

Item #2). Heavy Duty 20" "Flex Wing/Bat Wing" Rotary Cutter.

Item #3). "Design Build" Rehab-piece work construction:

A) FBO facility—Person safety door, roof rehab, roof insulation, HVAC (pending), hangar door repair.

LOT 2, BLOCK 71, OF ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO

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B) FBO emergency generator rehab/install, etc.

C) County hangar—Finish work (drywall construction, etc.) of the restroom, 15' x 60' roughed in 2nd floor office area, etc. Add 20' x 60' lean-to storage area.

D) Construct ADA restroom lean-to onto T-Hangar facility

Additional information and specifications are available at the Franklin County Planning Office, 34 Forbes St. Apalachicola, FL, or contact Mr. Alan C. Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, at 850-653-9783, ext. 161 or contact the Airport Manager-Ted Mosteller at 850-653-5115.

Proposals bids shall be sealed and delivered to the following address by 4:00 PM (EDT) Monday, July 18, 2011:

Franklin County Clerk of Court Attn: Michael Moron, Board Secretary 33 Market St, Suite 203 Apalachicola, FL 32320

Please clearly identify on the exterior of the sealed envelope the item number or part thereof for which bidding/proposing—to be opened at the Commission meeting July, 19, 2011

The County reserves the right to award the contract(s) to the qualified firm(s) or individual(s) submitting a responsive proposal(s) with a resulting negotiated agreement which it deems the most advantageous and in the best interest of FRANKLIN COUNTY and to waive any irregularity or technicality in proposals received. FRANKLIN COUNTY shall be the sole judge of the proposal and the resulting negotiated agreement that is in its best interest and its decision will be final. June 30, July 7, 2011

2986T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000426

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THORNBERG MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2006-6, Plaintiff,

vs. JOHN D. DANIELS, A/K/A DENNIS DANIELS, et al, Defendants.

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Dated: June 17, 2011.

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Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813)221-4743 June 30, July 7, 2011

3032T LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV, that Seminole Safe N Secure Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid on: July 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at 162 US 98, Eastpoint, Florida 32328 of the contents of mini-warehouse(s) containing personal property of:

COASTAL BUILDING SUPPLY ANDREW BUTLER CANDACE WEBB ALICE JOSEPH BABARA SINGER

Before the sale date of July 30, 2011, the property may be redeemed by payment in cash or money order of the outstanding balance and cost by mailing it to Post Office Box 1054, Eastpoint, Florida 32328, or by paying in person. July 7, 14, 2011

3033T LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV, that Franklin Mini Storage will hold a sale on: August 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at 1627 US 98, Carrabelle, Florida 32322 of the contents of mini-warehouse(s) containing personal property of:

MARTIN RAULERSON COURTNEY GILMORE TERRY PROCTOR

Before the sale date of August 6, 2011, the property may be redeemed by payment in cash or money order of the outstanding balance and cost by mailing it to Post Office Box 139, Carrabelle, Florida 32322, or by paying in person. July 7, 14, 2011

3081T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-000502-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES A. DURHAM and PATRICIA DURHAM, Defendants.

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Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida

By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk July 7, 14, 2011

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Representing the school district are lead negotiator Jerry Copeland, an outside consultant hired by the district, and Roy Carroll, the district's finance director. "Primarily at this stage we are addressing the implications of the Student Success Act and incorporating language that addresses the changes that that law made," said Roux, noting that the new law bases half of a teacher's evaluation on student performance.



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several high-profile retirements, are likely to draw little or no controversy. But others, such as freezing the step increases that teachers receive each year due to longevity and thereby saving about \$130,000, or requiring six furlough days and saving almost \$200,000, are likely to become more contentious.

In reviewing Carroll's proposed reductions, the school board voted not to recommend, at the outset of the talks, a \$30,000 reduction in supplemental contracts, a \$50 per month per employee reduction in the district's subsidy for health insurance which would save about \$100,000, or a 2 percent across-the-board salary cut, which would save about \$136,000.

Nor did the school board want to call for a cutting off of the activity bus, a savings of \$40,000, or a reduction in middle school athletics, at a savings of \$25,000.

But Hinton did not agree with his colleagues.

"During the budget committee (discussions), we continually talked about reducing everything," he said. "Athletics seems to be a holy cow in this system, don't touch athletics. But our school system isn't here for athletics; it's here for educating our students

in reading, writing and arithmetic. "I would like to see the activity bus reduced," he said. "That's a frill that's not necessary to the education of a child. I'm not saying I'm against athletics, but we can reduce the number of games we're participating in. I'm saying to reduce them, not eliminate them. I think we need to get our priority to education."

In addition to supporting reductions in the activity bus, middle school athletics and coaching supplements, Hinton voiced support for not harming teachers' pay. "Three year ago we had a referendum that was OK'd 2-1, to provide funds to increase salaries for employees," he said. "This year we had another vote, (and we received) almost the same

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• But others, such as freezing the step increases that teachers receive each year due to longevity and thereby saving about \$130,000, or requiring six furlough days and saving almost \$200,000, are likely to become more contentious.

"We're very concerned about the necessity for an appeals process following teacher evaluation," she said.

After defeating a cost-saving measure to shorten the school year and lengthen the school day, keeping it at 180 days, the school board last month approved a list of possible "deficit reductions" that it hopes will stave off an anticipated \$1.4 million shortfall next year.

By a 4-1 vote, with Board Member David Hinton voting no, the board provided Carroll with what Superintendent Nina Marks called "a starting point" for negotiations.

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former Brown Elementary School and the consolidated school campus.

By hiring five fewer paraprofessionals than last year, the board has already taken a step toward saving close to \$134,000.

One additional expense that the board did authorize, unanimously, at last month's meeting was a plan to hire Sam Carnley, Carroll's predecessor as district financial officer, to serve as a consultant in preparing the 2011-12 budget.

Carroll said he made the request to Marks due to his "relative inexperience" in budget preparation. "There's been a significant transition in the finance office this year with new employees, and it's best for us to have a seasoned

person to guide us through the process," he said.

Carnley Consulting will be paid \$50 per hour and will work an unspecified number of hours between now and Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year. Carroll said Carnley would assist in preparing the district budget and long-range work plans, responding to questions asked during the audit, and other tasks that might be needed.

"Whatever it takes to make sure it's done right and the district is represented well," Carroll said. "He'd be a guiding person in this process but not the hands-on person doing all the work. Last year he was doing it and I was watching, and this year I'll be doing it and he'll be watching."

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more time to master the standards set."

The superintendent said the district added the fifth and eighth grades to the required state mandate for third grade passage of the FCAT. Third graders scoring less than a

passing grade are required to attend a Summer Reading Camp in preparation for a test that may allow them to move on to the next grade. Marks said this summer, fifth and eighth graders are also participating in remedial classes, with credit

recovery classes provided for grades nine through 12.

"The hope is that an achievement gap will shrink and the passing of the FCAT will produce more diplomas," Marks said.

Johnson said she and her staff are reviewing in detailing the new FCAT 2.0 test that the students took this past year and seeing which areas performed strongly and which need more work.

One area that stands out is a drop of 14 percentage points of students who met high standards in writing, from 81 percent to 67 percent. In reading and math, students posted among their strongest performances in a decade, with 76 percent of students meeting high standards in math, 1 percentage point better than last year. In reading, the percentage of high performance was 71 percent, only a 4 percentage point

drop from last year.

Writing is tested in the fourth and eighth grades, and the decline was seen among fourth graders especially.

"We're asking second through eighth grade writing teachers to come in over summer," said Johnson, noting that the school is planning a workshop led by Franklin County fourth grade teacher Laura King.

"We're planning to make

sure our writing starts in the first and second grade levels," she said. "The more they write and are comfortable in writing, I think we'll see improvements in our scores."

Johnson said the ABC School plans to focus on ensuring students make sufficient learning gains, by working with students in smaller groups, both those in the lowest quarter as well as the highest performing students.

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