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Full moon lighthouse climb Friday

The St. George Island Lighthouse will be open for a full moon climb on Friday, July 15 from approximately 8 to 9 p.m. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a spectacular view. Cost is \$15 for the public and \$10 for members. Reservations recommended. For information, call 927-7744.

Learn about island's visitors Wednesday

On Wednesday July 20, at 2 p.m., come to a presentation about sea turtles, Franklin County's oldest visitors, sponsored by the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve and St. George Island Volunteer Turtles at the reserve office, 1008 Island Drive, Eastpoint. For more information, call 670-7700 or visit www.SeaTurtlesAtRisk.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 a card. Sponsored by the St. George Island Civic Club. Everyone is welcome.

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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.

Youth fishing tournament July 23

On Saturday, July 23, kids age 16 and younger are invited to attend the seventh annual Youth Fishing Tournament, based at C-Quarters Marina, 501 U.S. 98, Carrabelle. Registration is required on-site at C-Quarters, beginning July 16. On Friday evening, prior to Saturday, July 23's fishing day, all entrants must attend a fishing clinic taught by the Dock Master Millard Collins, where they are instructed how to tie knots, tie on hooks, and overall safety while fishing. Upon completion of the clinic, each child will receive a rod and reel, a T-shirt, hat and bait. For more information, call 697-8400 or visit www.c-quartersmarina.

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Tax base erosion slows, continues

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Franklin County's tax base for the upcoming fiscal year will continue the steady decline it has endured since 2006, although the drop will be considerably slower than the double-digit drops of the past three years.

Deputy Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper said her office's certified preliminary property taxable values for the 2011 tax year would be \$1.844 billion, a drop of about \$170 million, or 9.2 percent, over the \$2.01 billion valuation this past year.

The last time the county's tax base was this small

was in 2003, when it stood at \$1.62 billion.

The expected drop, part of a steady decline since 2006 when the tax base was at around \$4 billion, has slowed since the double-digit declines in 2008. Last year, property values fell by nearly 27 percent county-wide, the largest single-year falloff in at least three

decades.

Skipper said the school district, whose tax base does not include the same extensive list of exemptions as the county, will total about \$1.901 billion, a decline in valuation of 8.5 percent below last year's \$2.07 billion.

Apalachicola is likely to see the steepest drop in its

tax base, a drop of 11.9 percent, to \$125.9 million, \$17 million below last year's valuation of \$142.9 million. Still, this drop is less than the 18 percent drop the city endured in 2010.

The city of Carrabelle is expected to see a drop in its tax base from \$138.6 million

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Section titled 'Honoring fallen heroes' with sub-headline 'Carrabelle vet represents Navy at World War II Memorial'. Includes photos of Walter J. Mallett and Admiral Michael Mullen, and text by David Adlerstein.



District breaks ground on new elementary building

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

State Senator Bill Montford was the guest of honor July 6 when school district officials broke ground on a new multi-purpose building that will serve as gym space for the elementary students.

The 11,000-square-foot building will feature a gymnasium, but without the court lines painted on the floor, surrounded by classroom spaces, stor-

age rooms, bathrooms and a coach's office. The building, to be located behind the kindergarten, will have a similar exterior look compared to the existing school buildings.

The school board moved forward July 7 on deciding on a plan of action to enhance the \$1.74 million base bid.

Aaron Boyette, an executive with the PSBI general contractor handling the project, and David Vincent, with JRA

Architects, outlined a series of alternatives that the school board could choose from, such as rubber flooring and court striping to steel fencing and gates.

The largest additional expense will be \$87,000 for rubber flooring and striping, which Vincent said could be used for basketball and volleyball, would last 20 years and is completely recyclable.

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LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Wielding shovels to break ground on the Franklin County School's new multi-purpose building, are, from left, School Board Members Carl Whaley and Teresa Ann Martin, Superintendent Nina Marks, State Senator Bill Montford, Principal George Oehlert, Finance Director Roy Carroll and Mike Malone, on-site representative for the school board.

Section titled 'Messer faces challenge for Carrabelle mayor' with sub-headline 'Qualifying for municipal elections held all next week'. Includes text by David Adlerstein.

Mayoral races in both Apalachicola and Carrabelle highlight the upcoming municipal elections, with qualifying for all offices set to be held next week. A challenge to incumbent Wilburn "Curley" Messer has already emerged in the race to be Carrabelle mayor for the next four years. Courtney Dempsey, Carrabelle's city administrator, said Shawn Oxendine has filed paperwork, as has Messer, in the mayor's race.

Also up for grabs are three city commissioner races, all non-partisan and at-large seats. The seats held by incumbents Frank Mathes and Jim Brown are both on the line, with the winner earning a seat on the commission for the next four years.

Incumbent Charlotte Schneider, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of a seat held by Richard Sands after he stepped down, is also up for reelection, with the winner in that race earning election for the next two years. The county's Supervisor of Elections office said that as of Tuesday, Carrabelle had 894 registered voters. City Clerk Keisha Smith is responsible for candidate qualifying in the municipal elections, which begins at noon on Monday, July 18 and runs through noon on Friday, July 22.

Qualifying, which requires

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Main Street outlines plans at business breakfast

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

On June 29, Mayor Van Johnson hosted a business breakfast to debut the plans for revamping Apalachicola's downtown to apply for designation as a Florida Main Street Community.

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 mandates that every State Historic Preservation Office provide technical assistance to local governments, organizations and individuals. The Main Street Program is one way to meet this requirement.

Nearly a year ago, on Aug. 11, 2010, Apalachicola city commissioners unanimously voted to endorse a newly established non-profit corporation, Historic Apalachicola Inc., in its application for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street program.

According to the Florida Main Street webpage, the program focuses on historic preservation and restoration of business districts and seeks to prevent urban sprawl by maintaining a vital downtown shopping district.

Jaime Atchison chairs the board of Historic Apalachicola, which is made up of business and property owners as well as concerned citizens. Other board members are Harry Arnold, Leon Bloodworth, George Coon, Joe Taylor, George and Pam Mahr, Shir-

ley Pace, Jim Bachrach, Lynn Wilson-Spohrer and Frank Cook.

The founding board of Historic Apalachicola, created April 6, 2010, has committed that no membership fee will be charged and, while the program will focus on a specific area, the entire community will benefit. At the March 2011 board meeting, Bachrach, Taylor and Daphne Davis were invited to join the board.

This year's deadline to file for Main Street status is July 29 and Taylor said Apalachicola's application is nearly complete. Applications are evaluated by an ad hoc advisory committee formed by the Florida Secretary of State, which selects local programs for participation in Main Street. In a public meeting, the advisory committee reviews and ranks applications.

Taylor said Apalachicola's committee will go before to the Main Street selection committee August 25. Paulette Moss will begin work Aug. 1 as a part-time, paid program manager for Main Street, Taylor said.

Historic Apalachicola, Inc. has formed five committees to help win the Main Street designation. Each committee made a brief presentation of its proposed scope of work to the June 29 breakfast.

The organization committee, chaired by Atchison, has written a mission statement and is estab-



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lishing a legal and financial accounting structure for the program.

The promotions committee, co-chaired by Taylor and Amanda Kollar, has created a website with a calendar of special events and information about Apalachicola and its history. The newly introduced "Second Saturdays" promotion, the brainchild of this committee, encourages downtown businesses to stay open late that Saturday, and features wine tasting, music and golf cart tours. The committee will also support the proposed Apalachicola School of Art and plans to help the city host events at Riverfront Park and the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and the Arts, formerly known as the Cotton Exchange. The center is administered as an arm of the city, under a separately empowered committee.

Taylor said Apalachicola's Main Street effort plans to target the Tallahassee market through a joint campaign with Tallahassee Magazine.

The economic restructuring committee,

headed by Anna Marie Cannatella, will inventory downtown buildings, determine if they are occupied and analyze market data by type of business. The work plan for the committee also includes creating support programs to encourage business development including financial incentives and scheduling educational seminars.

The design committee, chaired by Bachrach and Shirley Pace, spearheads downtown cleaning and repairs and offers peer assistance for business owners. They also plan to assist in maintaining downtown public restrooms, to be built by the city with funding from a Community Development Block Grant.

The committee plans a photo inventory of downtown buildings. Their work plan said committee members will visit existing Main Street communities of similar size to become familiar with other projects.

Taylor said there will be future workshops to allow the community to discuss Main Street and downtown improvements.

City Administrator Betty Taylor Webb told the breakfast that about \$5 million in improvements to downtown, funded by state grants, are in the works, including new sidewalks and relocation of wires underground. The work will be funded through state grants.

She reminded the audience of the planned improvements at the former Holy Family School, which will soon house a community center, and to Scipio Creek Marina, and invited everyone to view plans for the projects at the city office.

After the presentation by Historic Apalachicola committee, Johnson said the Main Street project could become "an economic engine to revitalize Apalachicola's economy."

As part of an open forum to discuss problems in the business district, several property owners expressed concern over trash at curbside and in the alleys creating an eyesore.

Tom Daly asked about the possibility of changes to the downtown parking pattern, and negotiations to stop Progress Energy from installing large power transmission poles in the historic district.

Johnson said he was happy to have input about problems with the downtown area. "I can't fix problems if I don't know they exist," he said.

Main Street requires downtown manager

The proposed Main Street program does not come without a price tag.

"Main Street cities, with a population of less than 5,000, hire a paid part-time downtown manager who is the coordinator or facilitator for downtown revitalization. He or she works with the Main Street Board and with other public and private sector leaders to implement the Main Street program," reads the website, "The community is responsible for raising the funding necessary to staff

and administer the local program."

Programs seeking designation must demonstrate they have, at minimum, dedicated public and private funding and in-kind resources for a one-year operating budget, and preferably a three-year commitment. Funds cover the cost of the program manager's salary and fringe benefits, rent and general office expenses, travel for participation in Florida Main Street quarterly meetings and annual conference, professional development and activities and programs conducted by local program committees.

In return, cities with a Main Street designation receive \$30,000 to \$40,000 in technical advice over a three year period, said Florida Main Street Program Coordinator Joan Jefferson in a telephone interview.

Main Street cities receive four free consultations with Main Street certified consultants, a one-time three-day visit from four professionals and a chance to apply for a one-time \$10,000 grant. Additional consultation is available for a fee.

Program managers attend a two to three day multi-track conference focused on preservation and revitalization issues annually. Each year, there are also four two day quarterly meetings that rotate between Main Street communities where managers attend workshops.

In a later interview, Taylor said the organization of Historic Apalachicola, Inc. has been a seven year project for him. "We are applying for the designation, but it doesn't matter," he said. "If we don't get it we will continue with the improvements."



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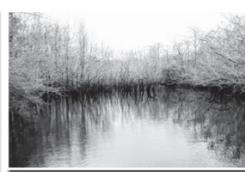
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Please help save a cat

The Humane Society is experiencing a huge increase in owner surrendered and stray cats and kittens. There is no way to house and care for the numbers being left in the drop-off pen and left in boxes on the front door step.

They are asking this community to consider adopting one or two of these beautiful animals. They have Siamese, Calicos, Russian Blues, short hair, long hair, medium hair of every color.

The cost of adoption is usually \$90 but until these cats and kittens are adopted, the cost is only \$45 for one and \$75 for two. All are feline leukemia negative, spayed or neutered and up to date on vaccinations.

The Humane Society needs your help. Please rescue a cat if you can.

Carrabelle Commission to meet at 6 p.m.

Beginning on August 4, the Carrabelle commission will meet at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month.

The meeting time had been changed to 7 p.m. in

hopes of encouraging more community participation.

Commissioner Jim Brown said the later time did not have the desired effect and at the July 7 meeting he moved to begin meeting at 6 p.m. The motion passed, with Cal Allen opposed.

Sacred Heart to offer Life Transition Planning

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf will host a free seminar on "Life Transition Planning" on Tuesday, July 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the hospital's conference room.

This topic is sponsored by the hospital's SeniorSpirit program. Led by Jeff Ryan, chaplain, and Ruthie Rhodes, nurse educator, the seminar will highlight living wills, advance directives, and other documents used to give advance directions about medical treatment.

Advance directives are legal documents that protect a patient's right to accept or refuse medical care if they should ever become incapacitated or unable to communicate their wishes due to injury or illness. Advance directives enable patients to make their feelings

known in writing about complex issues such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation for patients at the end of life, intravenous therapy for patients who can no longer eat or drink, "Do Not Resuscitate" orders, organ donation, and feeding tubes and respirators. The directives also can outline a patient's feelings about when they would want these treatments used or discontinued if they were in a coma, terminally ill, or had permanent brain damage.

Sacred Heart Hospital encourages all adults to consider a living will or legal documents that name a person to make health care decisions for them if they become unable to do so.

For more information, visit online at www.sacredheartontheGulf.org, find us on Facebook or call (850) 229-5600.

Recommendation for Chuck Tear

At their July 5 meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to provide Chuck Tear with a letter of recommendation for his work during the BP oil spill.

Working for Calvin, Giordano and Associates, an engineering firm, Tear

coordinated the county's response to the BP oil spill last summer.

Fisherman's Wife to serve wine and beer

On July 7, the Carrabelle commission unanimously approved a request for a liquor license made by Pam Lycette.

Lycette requested the license for her restaurant, the Fisherman's Wife, recently relocated from the waterfront to 201 NW 8th St. in Carrabelle.

AHS Class of '76 seeks missing classmates

The Apalachicola Class of 1976 is planning its 35th class reunion, and in preparing for this by obtaining names and addresses, eight graduates cannot be located.

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 to 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.

Listed below are the names: Ricky Abercrombie, Ellen Booth, Violet Buzier, Ruby Cambell, Pam Collins, Mary Estes, Christina Hines, Mike Howard, Jerry Huckeba, Sharon Jenkins, Connie Kaczmarek, Billy Glass, Bill Lunsford, George Needer, Donna Orr, Cheryl Richards, Stan Siprell, Willie Smith, Gloria Spatch, Joe Thompson, Vashtyre Thomas, Donna Watkins, Rita Wilkerson and Fred Thompson.

Any information on these classmates, please email to Rowell or 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 on 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.

This month the sun will set at 8:42 p.m. and the moon will rise at 9 p.m. on the evening of the Full Moon Climb. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon. Cost is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for SGLA members.

Space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations contact the St. George Island Visitor Center at 927-7744 or toll free at 888-927-7744.

Mobile home exemption granted in Carrabelle

At their July 7 meeting, Carrabelle commissioners granted Brenda Briscoe an exemption to place a mobile home in a commercially zoned parcel, 209 NW 3rd St., with Cal Allen opposed.

The new trailer will replace an older one currently occupied by Briscoe's mother and father-in-law.

City Clerk Keisha Smith said the change did not require approval from the planning and zoning board.

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Merging county offices makes little sense

By Marcia Johnson
Special to the Times

Q. I read an article recently about a county commissioner in Hernando County who was proposing the merger of the offices of the Clerk of the Court, Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser, and Tax Collector into one entity, which would eliminate the four constitutional offices now in place. What are your thoughts on this?

A. I read too that a proposal was put forth to a recently-formed consolidation committee in Hernando County. Apparently, a committee was formed to look at possible areas among that county's departments where duplicate services exist with the thought that elimination of redundant services among county entities could save taxpayers money. A county commissioner in Hernando County went a little further and said there exists too much duplication of services in Hernando's four constitutional offices, and he wanted the people there to vote on the idea during the 2012 presidential primary election. The proposal isn't going anywhere at this time.

I personally don't think this commissioner could have any real knowledge of the duties and services offered by the Clerk of the Court, Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser, or the Tax Collector; or such a proposal wouldn't have been made. In Franklin County, these offices certainly don't duplicate services. I don't believe our county departments duplicate services either. Each constitutional office has specific, required duties set by law.

Of course, there are areas where one office has to perform a duty that another office must rely on in order to complete other tasks

related to the subject matter. For example, the Tax Collector follows his lawful procedures when taxes aren't paid timely with the sale of tax certificates, while the Clerk later handles the tax deed sales. This isn't a duplication of service, but rather is a related service. I don't know how any county commissioner could say what services the constitutional officers provide in full because I work directly with these other three constitutional officers, and I couldn't truthfully say I know more than the basics of the duties and services they provide. We each concentrate on our own offices.

To say that elimination of these four constitutional offices and the merger into one office would save taxpayer money doesn't make sense to me. I can't imagine any one person being responsible for the operation of all four offices. I believe it would create inefficiencies and diminish the checks and balances now in place with the separation of duties. It would certainly give one single person too much authority. Our offices were created by the Florida Constitution, we are responsible to the voters, and we provide completely separate services to the public. Our budgets are presented for approval; my employees stay extremely busy, and I've always been honest and forthcoming when questioned. I wouldn't think any county commissioner in Franklin County would ever suggest a proposal like this one proposed in Hernando County.

If you have questions or comments about this column, please forward them to Marcia Johnson, Clerk of the Court, 33 Market Street, Ste. 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320, or by email to mmjohnson@franklinclerk.com. Visit the Clerk's website at www.franklinclerk.com.



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Spiritual renewal through a tourist state of mind

Lately I have been in a vacation state of mind serving as a tour guide for someone who had never seen the area. It has been absolutely fantastic. Locals know we live in the center of the universe, but experiencing it through the eyes and taste buds of a newcomer reminds me those light bulb moments in a classroom

Where to begin? We started in Eastpoint at Captain Snook's with a dozen raw oysters and broiled blue crab claws. Then it was on to St. George Island State Park. We drove to the last parking pavilion because we wanted the maximum long, undeveloped beach experience. Others obviously had the same idea because there were a good number of folks out on the sand. We probably would have done better to pull off the road onto one of several small parking areas and take the wooden crosswalk down to the shore. The waves were just gently rolling — no big breakers. The water temperature was a little cool, and the Gulf was about as clear as it gets around here.

Later we went to the Blue Parrot for a pina colada. I drink one of those about once every five years, but it suited the

mood and the ambiance. We sat under the palm frond thatched roof, watched the people and the waves, and enjoyed the breeze.

Eating oysters became a focal point. At Up the Creek we also tried conch patties topped with a mango coconut slaw flavored with key lime juice and tupelo honey. A cup of crab and lobster bisque rounded out the meal. We sat on the outside deck, chatted with the staff, and watched the boats go by.

We ate oysters at Toucan's after a necessary, real-world trip to Panama City. We sat on the upstairs covered porch and savored a shrimp and crab au gratin along with some sweet and spicy shrimp. We decided to swing into Indian Pass and enjoyed a quiet swim there until the cannonballs started showing up. We both got zapped and then starting looking around. They were everywhere. A continuous line stretched out for quite a ways. That was disappointing. I thought I remembered those guys appearing later in the summer.

Since we were there, we couldn't pass up Indian Pass Raw Bar. I

had never been, and I was expecting a quiet, kind of laidback experience. My senses got a jolt the minute we walked in the door. The place was buzzin' with sunburned families savoring simple food in an authentic setting. I only recognized one person, and that was T.J. Ward from 13-Mile Seafood behind the bar shucking oysters. The staff worked in a frenzied dance of maximum, efficient food production. The place looked full of happy tourists. We sat on stools to enjoy our baker's dozen, and I struck up a conversation with the lady next to me. She and her husband were from Marietta. She said they came often to stay at Cape San Blas. I enjoyed listening to her enthusiasm. It is truly wonderful when people just get it about our spot of paradise.

Speaking of the Cape, we took a drive down to the park entrance, but it wasn't really possible to see much of the water. The bay side was visible in spots, but the houses blocked any broad gulf view from the car.

We did a little cooking. One night there was broiled shrimp and a spinach salad that included dried cranberries, toasted almonds, kiwi, feta cheese and poppy seed

dressing. New recipe for me. We sliced up some homegrown tomatoes and doused them with vinegar and freshly ground black pepper. Another night I made crab cakes, and we paired them with fresh cucumbers and thinly sliced onion marinated in a boiled dressing of vinegar, sugar, water and cayenne. We sprinkled fresh dill on the top.

In the down time, I have been reading "The Gastronomical Me" by M.F.K. Fisher. Her descriptions and anecdotes of deriving maximum pleasure from traveling and dining experiences inspired this reflection.

The good news is that my guest and I only touched on a bit of what is possible. There are all the restaurants we missed this time still waiting, along with the shops, the galleries, the night life, and the outdoor possibilities of going up the river or offshore.

I'm glad I'm on vacation, but it is more than time off. It's a state of mind, and we only have to adopt the wide-eyed spirit of a tourist to feel renewed and appreciative

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RED WHITE AND ROUX
Denise Roux

Unfunded education costs can be reduced

By David Hinton
Special to the Times

The Franklin County School Board emphasized the wrong budget reduction items at the June 23 board meeting. Unfunded extracurricular activities seemed to be more important than the funded curriculum. And so, while the board remains a sound functioning body, well trained by the Master Board program and illustrated by numerous unanimous decisions, I was forced to vote against a majority of my colleagues when it came to possible budget reduction strategies for the next school year.

Last November I asked the superintendent to form a budget reduction committee which would make recommendations to the board. The committee met several times and formulated several suggestions, with some, but not all, presented to the board for approval at the June 23 special meeting. I was disappointed that all were not presented and recommended.

One item discussed early on was transportation costs, where it was shown our transportation costs were approximately \$700,000 per year, with the state only providing about \$350,000 in funding. The difference is paid out of the general fund. This meant that

we were greatly exceeding costs in the area of transportation that the state expects of us. The committee decided that cuts in that area were mandatory, and recommended

all unfunded use of buses should be eliminated. This included things such as field trips, the voluntary pre-Kindergarten bus and the after-school activity bus.

The committee recognized that since approximately 80 percent of the general fund budget is due to personnel costs, this area had to be a major part of the reduction. Since the board had worked diligently the past several years to maximize salaries, it was decided to minimize salary cuts. It was shown that a change in teacher strategies and changing from a seven-period to a

six-period day could reduce staffing, and result in a major cost reduction.

The loss of personnel would be covered by attrition, resulting in no layoffs. The downside of this would be a 17 percent reduction in course options available in the curriculum. Other areas of personnel cost reductions included elimination or reduction in step increase, travel, professional development, dental coverage, unpaid furloughs, supplements and medical benefits.

Another area we discussed was the reduction in extracurricular activities, since in most cases these were funded indirectly from the general fund. It was suggested that the number of athletic games should be reduced. Playing games during daylight hours and reducing the distance traveled for away games were also recommended.

At the June 23 meeting most of the recommended cuts that had a direct influence on personnel and the curriculum were presented to the board and were approved. However, none of the extracurricular cuts were recommended

or approved by the board. This I felt was wrong. By the reduction of income and benefits of our employees, they would be paying for those unfunded extracurricular costs.

An area of major concern to me was the activity bus, an unfunded "extra" that no other district provides that I am aware of. If the activity bus is deemed important by the users, they should pay for the expenses, the same as is done by those using buses for curricular activities such as field trips. I was told by one individual that if the activity bus was omitted, we would lose athletes to Port St. Joe. I didn't know Port St. Joe was providing an activity bus to Franklin County.

Bottom line, all unfunded costs should be eliminated or reduced. Otherwise, the school district employees will pay for them from their salaries. Seventeen percent of the curriculum was cut; it is only reasonable to cut a portion of the extracurricular activities.

David Hinton is a member of the Franklin County School Board.



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RON COPELAND | Project Impact

Working via an Internet hookup with author Adrian Fogelin, pictured on the monitor, are, from left, Ethan Moses, Jamarie Jones, Kaylin Weiler, Grace Weiler, Beyla Walker, who portrays Jemie, and Kasey Howard, who appears as Cass in "Crossing Jordan." **Below**, The novel "Crossing Jordan" can be found in the Junior Fiction section of the Apalachicola library.

Project Impact to premiere 'Crossing Jordan' musical

Project Impact and the Apalachicola Municipal Library are again working on the Summer Reading Program. Children are getting books read to them on-site at the City Complex and the ABC School. This is the third year the library has sponsored this program

and the second that the program goes to the kids at these federally funded 21st Century Community Learning Center sites.

I was delighted when Faye Johnson, Project Impact's director, told me they were going to produce a musical adaptation of "Crossing Jordan," by Tallahassee author Adrian Fogelin. This book was recently donated to the library and is in the Junior Fiction section. Many people in town are reading it in preparation for the show; I read it over the weekend.

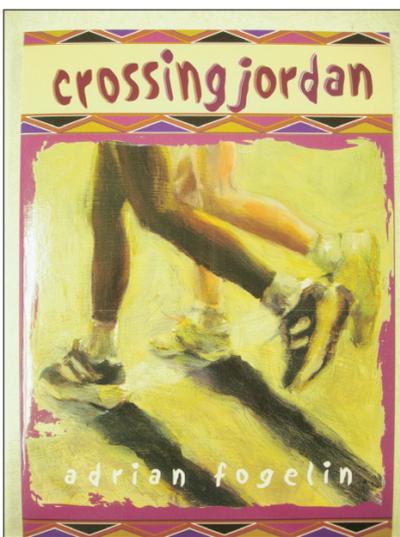
The award-winning children's novel, a sensitive portrayal of racial conflict in a Tallahassee neighborhood, is being produced as a musical play that will premiere to the general public on Friday, July 22, in the historic Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola.

"I was inspired to write this book when the 9-year-old girl next door told me her family was moving away because there were getting to be too many black people in the neighborhood," the author said.

Fogelin adapted the book for Project Impact students and will direct the stage production along with her theatrical collaborator, Tallahassee educator Kary Kublin, with assistance from Liz Sisung of the Franklin County Take-two Players and musician Mario Pugh. The performance features Fogelin as herself, with songs by Craig Reeder and Kublin, and Franklin County students portraying the major dramatic and musical roles.

The plot is classic in the sense that it covers the unfortunately ongoing difficulty of some people of different races to live harmoniously in the same world. Fogelin brings to life some of those issues and sees them resolved through the conscientious and brave behavior of two young girls.

While a fence divides their worlds, as neighbors in the beginning, their mutual love of running bonds them, and eventually their families as well. As a librarian, I am especially touched by the fact they read Charlotte Bronte's 1847 novel, "Jane Eyre," aloud to each other through a knothole in the fence. They share magazines that one mom has brought home, something people do with the donated



magazines here at the library. My other favorite in the book is the concept "chocolate milk," the term the two girls create for their team of two.

I understand that "Crossing Jordan" is on the Just Read, Florida! 2011 Summer Recommended Reading List for fourth- and fifth-graders. The Just Read list is extensive, and the library over time will look at picking up more of these books if we don't have them already.

"Crossing Jordan has a very special message, and the play brings it to life in the faces of our students," Johnson said. "The musical score couldn't be beat on Broadway! We are thrilled to be a part of presenting this for the very first time and know that the audience will have a wonderfully inspiring and entertaining experience."

One of the things older kids find when they come to this library, if they have not been here in a while, is a huge collection of contemporary Junior and Young Adult Fiction, an outstanding collection thanks to the donations in recent years by Carrie Kienzle. The sad thing is that many of these books have yet to be checked out for the first time. I know I used to fight against being told to read in the summer, but when I sat down

and got into the story, I was transported to new worlds and far-off places.

The Summer Reading Program theme this year is "One World, Many Stories." Cass and Jemie, in "Crossing Jordan," manage

to make their two different stories into one. A great read.

The first performance of "Crossing Jordan, the Play" will be on Thursday, July 21, at 3 p.m. at the City Municipal Complex. The world premiere will be performed on Friday, July 22, at 7 p.m. in the Chapman Auditorium,

155 Ave. E, Apalachicola. Admission is free.

For more information, call 850-370-0145 or check it out online at www.crossingjordanonstage.wordpress.com.

Caty Greene is librarian for the Apalachicola Municipal Library. To reach her, call 653-8436.

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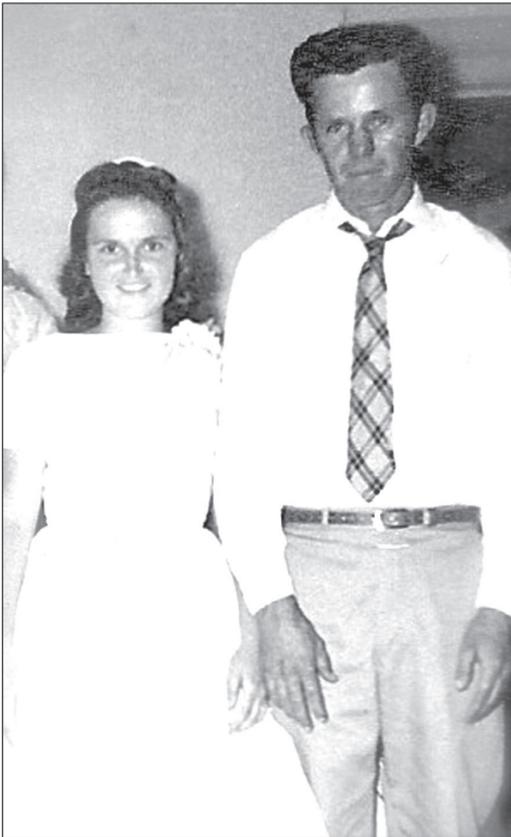
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Anniversary

Thomas and Clara Bell Sapp to mark golden anniversary



Thomas and Clara Bell Sapp will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Saturday, July 23, at 4 p.m. at the Living Waters Fellowship Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Sapp were married on June 1, 1961, in Apalachicola by the Rev. O.B. Harris at the First Assembly of God Church.

They have three daughters, Sybil (Jim) Kemper, of Apalachicola, Kathy (Chris) Jones, of Eastpoint, and Loretta (Timmy) Davis, of Eastpoint; and six grandchildren, Wesley and Mallorie Jones, Lindsey and Heather Kemper, and Brandon and Hunter Davis, all of Apalachicola.

When we asked what kept them together these past 50 years, our Mother said "Love."

The daughters would like to invite all friends and family to help celebrate this wonderful occasion. It is a blessing to have wonderful parents who love each other so much. Hope you to see you there.

Birthdays



Zariah Harvey turns 4

Zariah Elise Harvey celebrated her fourth birthday on Sunday, July 10, 2011. She is the daughter of LeAndra Critton, of Apalachicola, and Alex Harvey, of Tallahassee; and Robert Edwards, of Augusta, Ga.

Maternal grandparents are Annette Critton and the late Lewis Critton, of Apalachicola. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Allen and Dorothy Davis, of Apalachicola.

Paternal grandmother is Ernestine Holmes, of Tallahassee.

Zariah celebrated her fourth birthday along with her brother Micah, who turned 3.

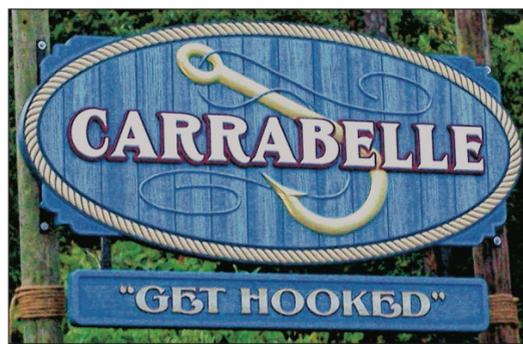
Micah Edwards turns 3

Micah Jelani Edwards celebrated his third birthday on Saturday, July 9, 2011. He is the son of LeAndra Critton, of Apalachicola, and Robert Edwards, of Augusta, Ga.

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

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

Micah celebrated his third birthday along with his sister, Zariah, who turned 4.



Left, handsomely crafted signs have been placed at the city limits on U.S. Highway 98 and County Road 67 to greet visitors. Below, trees, shrubbery and flowers are being installed in the downtown shopping area to brighten Carrabelle's streets.

Photos by LOIS SWOBODA
The Times

Carrabelle spruces up to hook tourist dollars

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Downtown Carrabelle is getting a makeover, and the changes are easy on the eyes.

New signs at the city limits and the installation of trees, shrubbery and flowering perennials are just some of the improvements that will enhance Carrabelle's business district and encourage travelers to take a second look and spend some time in the bustling harbor town.

At the July 7 meeting of the Carrabelle City Commission, Mayor Curley Messer said he was delighted with Carrabelle's facelift.

On Friday, work began on a landscaping makeover for the business district, just in time to greet participants in the Dixie Youth State Softball Tournament at Carrabelle's Kendrick Park over the weekend.

"It's my project, and I'm very proud of it," Messer said.

City Clerk Keisha Smith said Messer had long had an interest in beautification, and when funds became available, Messer took charge.

A cluster of six royal palms was installed at the foot of Tilly Miller Bridge. Palms have also been added along U.S. Highway 98 aligned with an existing planting in front of the Moorings, and three were installed in front of the Carrabelle Marina.

Landscapers from Adam Fielder and Associates, of Tallahassee, also installed an irrigation system for the new landscape and ornamental grasses and crape myrtles along U.S. 98.

City Administrator Courtney Millender said the new landscaping cost around \$140,000. City Attorney Dan Hartman said the improvements were paid for with tax increment financing (TIF) for a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) established in 1992 that extended from the foot of Tilly Miller Bridge to Marine Street.



Tax increment financing is a long-established tool used for redevelopment and community improvement projects throughout the U.S.

A CRA is created by the adoption of a plan for redevelopment and a TIF plan. The assessed value of the property within the CRA is determined according to the last tax roll and represents the "original" (pre-redevelopment) assessed value of the district.

The taxable property value between the base year and year two is called "the increment."

Over time, up to 95 percent of the tax increment is collected annually for the CRA to defray the cost of planned improvements. Since all the money used in financing CRA activities is locally generated, CRAs are not overseen by the state, but redevelopment plans must be consistent with local government comprehensive plans.

Hartman said the city is in the process of reworking its CRA.

In the near future, Tallahassee Street (County Road 67) will be seeing some changes, too. On July 22, the city commission will open bids for improvements that include a public parking area next to the fire station, and the addi-

tion of palms and landscape plants that will coordinate with what was just installed on U.S. 98.

Those improvements will be paid for by a state Community Development Block Grant.

Carrabelle has a new slogan, too: "Get Hooked!" The phrase is displayed with a giant fishhook as the logo on signs positioned to greet travelers at the city limits on U.S. 98 and County 67.

The signs were created by Bob Saul's Signs of Tallahassee. Smith said the signs and logo were invented by a beautification committee and paid for with funding from the county's Tourist Development Council.

City Commissioner Charlotte Schnieder said in an interview last week that in the near future, a workshop will be held at the Carrabelle library "to report on exactly what is going on in Carrabelle with grants and promotions. This is working in coordination with the Tourist Development Council campaign, and to me, it's all coming together. Tamara Allen was phenomenal in getting grants for the new signs. Our hits on the chamber website have improved so much with the advertising the city paid for. Businesses in Carrabelle are good, and we've got people in them."

PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society



Meet Emerson, Emmitt and Elwood!

Emerson, Emmitt and Elwood are 6-month-old Russian Blue kittens. They are almost identical in appearance. All three are gorgeous cats with

silver blue coats that are thick and wonderful to stroke. The "boys" are all very social and playful and are as beautiful on the inside as the outside. We have so many cats at the adoption center that only one of them can be yours for only \$45. You can adopt two for only \$75. 65 in Eastpoint. You may log onto the website at www.forgottenpets.org to see more of our adoptable pets. VOLUNTEERS are desperately needed to socialize Emerson and all of the other dogs and cats. We are always looking for people willing to bring one of our animals into their home to be fostered for various needs. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Call Karen at 670-8417 for more details or visit the Franklin County Humane Society at 244 State Road 65 in Eastpoint. You may log onto the website at www.forgottenpets.org to see more of our adoptable pets.

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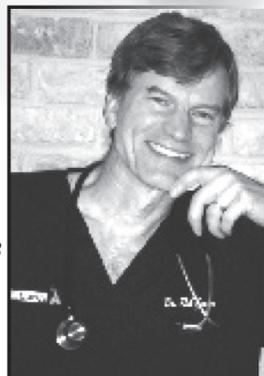
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Obstacles to blended families can be overcome

The Census Bureau's Current Population Survey reported that about 50 percent of married persons who are 25 to 35 years old would end their first marriage in divorce. The Children's Defense Fund reports that one in three American children is born to unmarried parents. Therefore, dysfunction has become the new function.

People do not usually plan to bring a child into a broken relationship but it takes two to make it work and when all efforts have failed, they bury the relationship. More than ever before, responsibility has taken the backseat to self-indulgence while some parents seek their own consolation. The hurt that the child is coping with becomes insignificant as they abandon their sense of

obligation to them.

As a product of a split home, my heart goes out to the children who are affected. I remember the feelings of uncertainty I felt as a child. My mother did her best to give me comfort but all familiarity was gone. All of our children were also a product of divorce and my heart goes out to the parent who tried everything to make it work only for their relationship to end in failure. Of course, we should have listened to mom and paid special attention to her values and morals while listening to the inner voice, but we thought we could change them. In life after marriage, treating each date as



PAMELA SHIVER
Youth Matters

an interview is advisable because that person has the potential to be your child's stepparent.

My father, Jim Cooper, came into my life when I was eight years old. He entered into the marriage as my father, not as just my mother's husband. I attended all of their dates and I was even included in the honeymoon where we visited Niagara Falls. At the time, I had no appreciation of his passions, geography, history and useless facts, which he shared in great detail with me as a child. He gave me responsibility beyond my years and with that, I raised my expectations to meet his.

As the disciplinarian, he was firmly set in his

decisions, and although he never spanked me, I would beg him to just to shorten my sentence. When I was 13, I entered rebellion and saw every decision as a plot for my demise because I was the stepchild, although he never addressed me in that way. Every answer to my "why?" was "because I said so." I always said I would never say those words to my child and I would always explain my decisions to them. In doing so, I realized that in their limited view of things they would argue with reason and still did not agree with my decision. Finally, in exasperation I would say, "Because I said so." How did he obtain such wisdom? I thank God that my mother did not choose a man for herself only, but also had my best interest

in mind.

The obstacles of blended families are unlimited. Combined debts, adversity from ex-spouses and/or family members, lack of cooperation from the child or stepparent, and combined principles strain the relationship affecting everyone associated. Studies show divorce is associated with juvenile emotional disorders, crime, suicide, promiscuity and later marital break-up. Choosing someone who will collaborate with you in raising your child will give them a better chance at overcoming these problems, even if the child is defiant.

In my experience as a stepparent, I realized having a supportive cast plays a huge role in how the children accept you.

Anyone that plays a role in raising a child has to have a certain level of empowerment or they will feel like a stranger (or victim) in their own home. If authority is undermined, the child will manipulate and use that knowledge to their advantage. Therefore, if there is a disagreement, discussions are best kept in private. Kids have no place in adult conversations.

Hats off to the many families that have overcome great obstacles in an effort to make their blended family as normal as possible, giving their children a peaceful and stable environment.

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

Carroll, Kembro awarded Philaco scholarships

Tiffany Carroll, left, and Emily Kembro were recipients this spring of a \$1,000 scholarships from the Philaco Woman's Club of Apalachicola. Nine applications were submitted for the award. Applicants write an essay as part of the application process.

Carroll attended Franklin County High School. Kembro from the First Baptist Christian School is the daughter of former Philaco Scholarship winner, Carline Kembro, and is Ann Sizemore and June Medley's granddaughter.

This year, Philaco also made a \$100 donation to the local Daisy and Girl Scout troop, now numbering 32 young ladies, \$250 to the Apalachicola Municipal Library; \$250 to the Franklin County Public Library, and \$100 to the Franklin County Food Pantry. Donations were also presented to the America Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Franklin County Humane Society, the Florida Wildlife Mam-



mal Association., the Hugh O'Brian on Wheels over the course of the Leadership Scholarship and Meals year.

Don's miss monthly breakfast, lunch events

If you have something to say about the way I do or don't do in my personal affairs, which is none of your @#%& business to begin with, please come talk to me. Don't send word by someone else. Remember the old Hank Williams song: "Why don't you mind your own business, 'Cause if you mind your business, then you won't be mindin' mine."



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

Hope to see you at the Lanark Village Boat Club on Saturday, July 16 to get our monthly sugar fix. Hot cakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee will be ready at 9 a.m. Still only \$5. All that good food and fellowship with your friends, neighbors and visitors.

Our monthly covered dish lunch will be held at Chillas Hall on Sunday, July 17. Bring your own favorite dish to share, and a donation. Serving begins at 1 p.m. See ya there!

Did you get to Carrabelle and catch some of the softball games? What a crowd!

Be kind to one another, check on the sick and housebound, and keep Mary Henderson in your prayers. Hope she gets well soon! Got Jesus?

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

Faith BRIEFS

Covenant Word to share Eastpoint outreach July 21

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 to 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.

Obituary

William 'Willie' Creamer

William "Willie" Creamer, 88, of Eastpoint, passed away Thursday, July 7, 2011 at his home.

Willie was born in Southport and moved to Franklin County in 1953. He worked as a commercial fisherman for 70 years. Willie enjoyed family outings. He was a member of Eastpoint Church of God.

Survivors include sons, Earl Creamer (Patty), of Apalachicola, Chester Creamer (Sonja), Dennis Creamer (Kathy), and Eddie Creamer (Becky), all of Eastpoint; daughters, Linda Crosby (the late Bing) and Bonnie Varnes (Dennis), of Eastpoint, and Angela Creamer, of Eastpoint; brother, Burdette



WILLIAM CREAMER

Creamer, of Southport; sister, Eloise Johns, of Southport; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Ethel Marie Creamer, four brothers and one

sister. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, July 10 at Eastpoint Church of God, with Rev. Scotty Lolley officiating. Interment will follow at Eastpoint Cemetery. The family received friends on Saturday evening, July 9 at Eastpoint Church of God. Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted at www.kentforest-lawn.com. Arrangements by Kent Forest Lawn, Panama City.

Card of Thanks

My mother, Estelle Martin, passed away on June 27, 2011. My thanks go out to Kelley Funeral Home for the lovely services and encouraging words. David and Chala are the best! I would like to thank Jim, Cindy and BJ Tomlin for their love and support during this difficult time. Also, I would like to thank the employees of Weems Memorial Hospital, for the flowers and condolences. I will truly miss my mother.

—Glenda Wilson

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Outdoors BRIEFS

Warwick to speak on bears Thursday

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

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

In 1994, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission prohibited hunting of the Florida black bear, and since that time, bears have rebounded to more than 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 have allowed bears ample room to thrive, but the pressure of stepped-up development continues to exist.

The marine lab, in association with Second Harvest of the Big Bend, is collecting non-perishable food items at each monthly lecture. If you plan to attend a lecture, please bring an item or two and help solve the hunger crisis in our community.

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

Free vessel exams Saturday

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be at the Carrabelle Boat Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 16, to perform free vessel exams.

If you are interested in participating, call 227-8676 or email tdon@sealsadj.com. This event is open to the public.

For more info, visit <http://www.cgaux.org/> or call 697-5500.

St. Vincent Supporters seeks volunteers

The Supporters of St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge are seeking volunteers to help with fundraising and various other tasks, and two board members are needed to replace current volunteers who are rotating off.

The Supporters are also looking for someone knowledgeable about Facebook to maintain a page for the organization.

On Sept. 13, the supporters are planning a beach clean-up. Volunteers are welcome.

Are you a nature lover who likes to spend time outdoors? Consider becoming a "Turtle Patroller for a Day." You will become familiar with the methods and procedures of St. Vincent turtle patrol. This can be an interesting and worthwhile experience and will help you decide if you wish to become a full-blown turtler.

You can also help by adopting a turtle nest on St. Vincent Island for \$25. You will receive an adoption certificate, photo of the nest, activity reports and recognition in the St. Vincent Newsletter.

For more information about these volunteer opportunities, call 229-6735 or email supporterstvin@hotmail.com.

SKIMMING FOR A MEAL



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This photograph, taken at Carrabelle's Frog Pond, shows a black skimmer, the only one of the world's three skimmer species found in the Americas. Skimmers are the only birds whose lower beaks are longer than the upper, and they usually feed in large flocks, flying low over the water surface with the lower mandible skimming the water for small fish, insects and shellfish. Because they feed at night, they are most often observed at dusk and dawn. The black skimmer breeds in colonies on beaches and islands, often with terns and gulls. The nest is a simple scrape in the sand or shells; the three to five white or buff eggs are heavily spotted with brown and gray. They blend with the sand, seashells and beach debris and can be very difficult to see. They hatch in about three weeks. The young are brooded and fed by both parents on regurgitated fish and crustaceans dropped on the ground. Eventually they accept whole fish, but the lower mandible does not begin to elongate until they are nearly full size.

Black Bear Festival comes out of hibernation

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Allen Lloyd, a spokesman for the Defenders of Wildlife, told Carrabelle city commissioners at their regular July 7 meeting that his organization will sponsor the third annual Forgotten Coast Black Bear Festival this fall.

The festival will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 15 at Carrabelle's Sands Park on U.S. Highway 98, Lloyd said, with food, entertainment, educational exhibits and contests centering about black bears and their role in area culture and environment.

He presented each commissioner with a black bear doll and information about the Defenders, who are planning a statewide advertising campaign to tout the event.

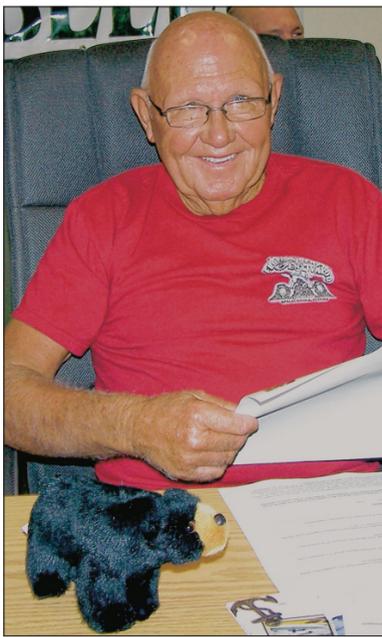
Lloyd told commissioners the Umatilla Black Bear Festival in Jackson County has been an annual one-day celebration for 12 years and drew a crowd of more than 10,000 this past March.

"This will have an economic impact for Carrabelle in addition to being good for the bears," Lloyd said.

He said that as part of the educational arm of the festival, the Defenders have begun outreach to local schools and have provided the children with cloth to make banners for display at the event. There also will be educational programs at local libraries between now and October, Lloyd said.

Commissioners thanked Lloyd for his presentation and were enthusiastic about reviving the festival, promising to cooperate with the Defenders to make it a reality.

The inaugural Black Bear Festival in Carrabelle on Oct. 30, 2008, was based in the newly built Kendrick Sports Complex and drew about 500 attendees, roughly half from outside of Franklin County. It was co-sponsored by Carrabelle Cares and the Defenders. Leslie Cox of Carrabelle was the driving force behind the educational event.



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Commissioner Frank Mathes poses with the black bear presented to him by the Defenders of Wildlife.

The second festival, held at the municipal complex in 2009, drew an even larger crowd, but in 2010, Cox decided not to organize a third Black Bear Festival because of insufficient volunteer help.

The first two festivals featured live entertainment, food and art from private vendors, and displays by wildlife experts from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), National Audubon Society, the Nature Conservancy and the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory, among others.

As part of the festival, the FWC bussed visitors to Womack Creek Campground in Tate's Hell State Forest to see a presentation about bears in their natural habitat.

Buds 'N' Bugs: The love vine

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Have you ever noticed a cluster of peculiar yellowish threads among plants at the side of the road?

What you are seeing is the peculiar parasite dodder (*Cuscuta sp.*), a member of the morning glory family.

Other names for this strange weed include love vine, for its habit of embracing its host, devil's guts, devil's hair, devil's ringlet, witch's shoelaces, goldthread, hailweed, hairweed, hellbine, pull-down, strangeweed, angel hair and witch's hair.

There are about 150 species of dodder worldwide. All appear to be leafless vines. The leaves are actually reduced to small scales. The plant is yellow, red, orange or rarely green.

From mid-summer to early autumn, the vines can produce small fruit the same color as the vine, and approximately the size of a common pea. Dodder contains little chlorophyll, the chemical that allows plants to use solar energy; some species can photosynthesize slightly, while others depend entirely on the host plants for nutrition.

"Dodder flowers range in color from white to pink to yellow to cream," according to Wikipedia. "Some flower in the early summer; others later, depending on the species. The seeds are minute and produced in large quantities. They have a hard coating, and can survive in the soil for 5-10 years or more."



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Dodder

Dodder seeds don't need a host to sprout but the parasite has to reach a green plant quickly. When the shoot finds a victim, it begins growing in a coil around the host plant, injecting needles into stems and leaves to suck out water and nutrients. If a plant is not reached within 5 to 10 days of germination, the dodder seedling will die.

Dodder grows toward the smell of nearby plants, and can distinguish between more and less preferred food plants. Scientists found that, given

a choice between wheat and tomatoes, the dodder attacked the tomatoes 80 percent of the time. Dodder was also able to tell real plants from fake plants sprayed with tomato scent.

Dodder is an agricultural pest and poses a problem for farmers because sprays that kill the weed also kill the crop host plant. Dodder ranks among the U.S. Department of Agriculture list of top 10 weeds.

Some information in this article was taken from Wikipedia.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Freshwater

Local rainfall has the waters on the rise. New water should improve bass, catfish and bream fishing this week. Good reports from Lake Wimico and the river system make up the bulk of fishing reports this week. Depot Creek has been flooded with saltwater, killing grass and running fish upstream.

Inshore

Scallop hunting is under way in St. Joe Bay. Early reports show sheel are still plentiful and the muscle is growing. As summer rolls on, scallops will move to deeper water. Trout and redfish are being landed on Town's Beach and along the Eagle Harbor area this week. Good reports of flounder behind Black's Island.

Offshore

Red snapper fishing will be over Monday, July 18. The season has been fantastic so far, and Mexico Beach MBARA sites are still holding some snapper. Kingfish are in close to shore right now and are very plentiful. Try trolling cigar minnow tipped with dusters, or troll big live baits, such as hardtails or menhaden.

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Softball tourney shines despite rain

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Last weekend's Florida Dixie All-Stars state softball tournament, which brought hundreds of ballplayers and their families to the county, didn't go as well as expected.



DANNY BROOKS

It went better. From the state director to local officials to visiting families to area businesses, the reviews are in, and they are overwhelmingly raves.

"It's going wonderfully," said Danny Brooks, state director of the tournament. "It's been a great success and a big turnout. The support that's come out of this local community is just incredible."

About 500 young ballplayers and their families packed motels as far west as Port St. Joe and as far east as Wakulla County throughout the weekend, which culminated in a rain-interrupted day of championship games Monday.

"It rained and washed the field out, and they got the fields playable, and as soon they got back out,

we had another gully washer," Brooks said. "The grounds crew had them back playable, and never once did they moan or groan. They just went out there and got the job done."

"They did a phenomenal job of getting the field back ready and playable," he said. "If not for them, this tourney could have gone on longer and been a bit rougher."

For the most part, the weekend stayed sunny, with Spring Hill emerging victorious in two of the divisions, as they stayed undefeated in the eldest 16- to 18-year-old Debs division, defeating Ponce de Leon, Hernando County and Pasco County twice for the championship. They'll now go on to the World Series in Alexandria, La., July 29.

Spring Hill also dominated the 10- to 12-year-old Ponytails, defeating Wahneta twice, Sneads twice and Belleview to secure the title, which earned them a berth in the World Series in Pineville, La.

Wesley Chapel was the team to beat in the 9- to 10-year-old Angels division, downing Wahneta, Belleview and Marianna twice for the win. They'll head to Smith Hill, Va., for their World Series.

Among the youngest girls, the 7- to 8-year-old Darlings, Holmes County downed Belleview and then Marianna before falling to West Pasco. They then beat Marianna and topped West Pasco twice Monday for the crown and a trip to the Pineville, La., World Series.

Among the 13- to 15-year-old Belles, Wahneta cruised to victory, downing West Pasco, Franklin County and Okeechobee for a berth in the South Hill, Va., World Series. Presented with the sportsmanship award at the closing ceremonies, Wahneta then turned around and insisted that the trophy go to Franklin County.

"They said they had been treated on and off the field with such kindness and generosity," said Nikki Millender, the county's parks and recreation coordinator. "Danny Brooks said in his 18-year career that he had never seen any team stand up and do something like that."

Okeechobee won the Louise Jordan Sportsmanship Award among the Darlings, while Marianna showed the best sportsmanship among the Angels, and Franklin County among the Ponytails. Hernando County won the Rick Hartley Sportsmanship Award for the Debs.

The tourney opened with a huge banquet at the Carrabelle Christian Center on Thursday night, complete with a buffet-style "candy" bar, lollipop centerpiece



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The Franklin Ponytails, for ages 11-12, are, from left, front row, Kimmy Boone, Brooke Martina and Sierra McAnally; second row, Adrianna Butler, Ann Reeder, Miranda McLeod, Lacey Hutchins and Allie Kirvin; third row, Kaleigh Hardy, Scout Segree, Savannah Alday and Anna Riley; and back row, coaches Teresa Segree, Brian Hardy and Joseph Ferrell. For more photos of the tournament, visit www.apalachtimes.com.

es on the tables and a premiere of the county's new "Salty to the Bone" song as the girls clapped along in glee.

Florida State University softball star Tiffany Brown offered the keynote speech, describing how she first "started playing in Georgia when I was very young, and I sucked" and then went on work with a college coach who inspired her.



TIFFANY BROWN

"You must develop mental toughness," she told the girls. "Commitment and conditioning create mind over matter. Education and doing well in school are very important because there are lots of kids with athletic ability, but a college wants to know you are going to have the grades to stay in the program for the long term. Challenge yourself to make good grades if nobody challenges you."

Play began Friday morning at the Will S. Kendrick Sports Complex in Carrabelle, and the complex, with its easily accessible "pinwheel" design, drew raves from the visiting teams.

"They just fell in love with Franklin County. They're ready to come back and play some more ball here" said Millender, who worked closely with fellow staffers Fonda Davis, Link Carroll, Albert Floyd and others in organizing the event.

"We couldn't have done this without the help of the Tourist Development Council, the county commissioners, parks and recreation, and employees of the landfill, animal control, solid waste and even the road department, who helped prepare the complex,"

she said. "When we held districts last year, it was a learning experience. This year we knew what we were doing. We had our stuff together."

One example of that was a huge cooler on hand, donated by Barber's Seafood, that kept drinks chilled the moment they were restocked. In addition was a nearby ice truck, with hundreds of bags of ice, and a series of rented misting fans around the complex to beat the 90-plus-degree heat.

"It just went extremely well, more well than expected, and everybody came together," Millender said. "Everybody showed great hospitality to our visitors, all the way from businesses to locals."

Jeff Faircloth, the tournament's district director, said Franklin County people "showed what hospitality is all about, from the banquet to the last trophy that was handed out."

Other than one girl beamed in the noggin with a softball, and another girl who was overheated, there were no medical incidents during the tourney.

Scores of volunteer parents helped out in running the concession stands, announcing the games and keeping the scoreboard. The shaved ice concession, handled by a private company and sporting a long line busy most every second of every day, netted the youth league a cut of almost \$1,000 from the proceeds.

"Overall, this tourney was a great and wonderful success, and we accomplished what we wanted to do out of it," Millender said. "Thanks to the youth league and all the local businesses that helped contribute to make this a success."



Top left, Angel Jordan Rosenberg throws fire for Wesley Chapel. Bottom left, Franklin County Angel Sara Gibbs slides into home against Paxton. Below, Franklin County Belle Vanessa Simmons holds her head high as Okeechobee celebrates a hard-fought win Sunday. Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times



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throughout the war.

The right arm of the strapping 6'4" Carrabelle man was now 4" shorter than his left, but he would make due and build a life for himself, his wife, Frances, and his four children.

"I haven't had my right hand in my pocket or my hand over my head in 66 years," he said.

But this past Memorial Day, his heart was in his hands and his head was in the clouds as he represented all the Navy veterans of his "Greatest Generation" in a wreath-laying ceremony to honor and remember the nation's "Fallen Heroes" at a special commemorative event at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Mallett, 88, stood alongside Admiral Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who would later give the keynote address. The Norwegian Chief of Defense, General Harald Sunde, spoke in recognition of the service of the Norwegian veterans who fought alongside 99th Infantry Battalion during World War II. Together with Norwegian World War II veterans, members of the 99th Infantry were recognized and honored during the commemoration.

Actors Joe Mantegna, Gary Sinise, Ron Masak and singer Nancy Sinatra took part in the remembrance ceremony as well.

"It was really nice, to tell you the truth," said Mallett, who has lived in Port Richey for the past 60 years. "It made you feel nice. People had their children out there trying to teach them a little history, and have their picture



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Walter J. Mallett, in wheelchair, is escorted by his son Walter, Jr. at the National World War II Memorial ceremony.

taken with you. It was an honor, really."

The origins of Mallett's trip has roots in a reunion of veterans of the USS Ticonderoga, which was first commissioned as an aircraft carrier in 1944, the fourth incarnation of a ship that began as a 17-gun schooner in the flotilla that helped win the War of 1812's Battle of Lake Champlain.

In that year, Mallett still carried the port pass he been issued two years earlier in his wallet, after concerned officials wanted to tighten scrutiny following the June 29,

1942 sinking of the British freighter, the Empire Mica, off the coast of Cape San Blas.

In fact, Mallett kept both his port pass and his draft registration in his wallet for six decades, until it was lost just three months ago.

"It was to prove you weren't a German spy and it said to keep it on your person at all times," he said. "So I still had mine. I'm a law-abiding citizen."

As an original crew member aboard the Ticonderoga when it was commissioned as an aircraft carrier, Mallett

was a "plank owner," one of the first 10 men who were part of the original reunion in New Port Richey.

But all are gone now, and the reunion has swelled into an enormous gathering held in Washington. Mallett wanted to be part of the 40th reunion, and to attend the Memorial Day concert that weekend.

But his youngest son, Robert, a journalist who is now an Orlando attorney, decided to go even further, and made arrangements with James Fisher, executive director of the

Friends of the National World War II Memorial, for his father to take part in the ceremony.

Accompanying Mallett and his youngest son on the trip were eldest son Walter Jr., now of Weeki Wachee. Walter Jr., who like daughter Susan Frances had been born in the former Apalachicola Hospital at the old Army-Air Force base, is a veteran of service in the Air Force's Minuteman missile program.

Also accompanying Walter Mallett on the Washington trip were middle son Victor Mallett and wife Janet, of Port Richey, both of whom work with the Pasco County school district.

Mallett's younger brother, Army veteran Lester Mallett, and wife Barbara Ann, of Port Richey, were also on hand.

As it turned out, with so much going on that weekend, Mallett missed out on much of the Ticonderoga reunion, although he does cherish the piece of the flight deck that was presented him as a member of the original crew.

"After I got so involved in this thing I didn't get to participate in a lot of the reunion," he said.

From his window at the hotel, across the street from the Pentagon, Mallett could see the stirring sights of the nation's capital. "We had a ball," Mallett said. "My son told his brothers that this was once in a lifetime."

Through a friend of a friend, a pilot for Delta Airlines, Robert Mallett arranged for a trip up the Potomac aboard a 40' yacht with twin diesel engines, followed by dining along the

waterfront.

The next day the family took in the sights of Washington, traveling in a rented limousine. At one point, the hundreds of motorcyclists that were part of "Rolling Thunder" treated the limo regally.

"Everybody was waving, and it looked like we had a motorcycle escort and the president or somebody was coming by," Mallett said. "We had a wonderful time."

On Sunday night, May 29, Mallett had front and center seats for the National Memorial Day Concert, co-hosted by Sinise and Mantegna, both of whom have dedicated themselves to veterans' causes and supporting troops in active service.

The 90-minute broadcast featured appearances and/or performances by General Colin L. Powell (Ret.), Kris Allen, Dianne Wiest, B.B. King, Hayley Westenra, Forest Whitaker, Jason Ritter, Daniel Rodriguez, Yolanda Adams and Maestro Jack Everly as well as numerous military bands and choruses.

"We sat right behind the politicians," Mallett said, with a laugh.

On Monday morning, accompanied by his sons, Mallett represented the thousands of Navy men and women, living and dead, who served this nation during World War II.

This time, old age has joined injury in preventing his good arm from being lifted above his head, but none of that mattered.

As the wreath was placed and Mallett lined up in solemn tribute, it must have felt like the entire Navy, and all who went before, had their arms snapped to their brow in a crisp salute.

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

July 5

William G. Luberto, Jr., 33, Eastpoint, aggravated battery with great bodily harm and tampering with a witness (FCSO)

Jason T. Wilson, 30, Tallahassee, disorderly intoxication and resisting officer with violence (FCSO)

Warren L. Aiken, Jr., 23, Carrabelle, driving while license suspended or revoked, and DUI with property damage (FHP)

July 6

William E. Stringer, 28, Carrabelle, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

Derick M. Ahrent, 21, Tallahassee, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, sale or possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia (FCSO)

Ricardo Rivera, 26, Crawfordville, possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, possession of paraphernalia and Wakulla County violation of probation (FCSO)

Ronald M. Rucker, 55, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Cierra N. Griffin, 24, Eastpoint, sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

July 8

Larry D. Hatfield, 38, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Kelly S. Creamer, Jr., 27, Apalachicola, burglary of a dwelling (FCSO)

Clozell A. Richardson, 36, Tampa, Hillsborough County warrant for withholding child support (FCSO)

Michael S. Kilgore, 39, Austell, Ga., sale of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, possession of paraphernalia and possession of a legend drug without a prescription (FCSO)

Melissa M. Kimmons, 41, Austell, Ga., introduction of contraband to a correctional facility, sale of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, possession of paraphernalia and possession of a legend drug without a prescription (FCSO)

July 9

Elizabeth C. Deason, 36, Crawfordville, disorderly intoxication and resisting officer without violence (FCSO)

Heather A. Scoggin, 35, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)

July 10

Julia L. Crosby, 25, Crawfordville, domestic battery (FCSO)

Naudia N. Delozier, 26, Crawfordville, principal in the first degree - burglary of a dwelling (FCSO)

Prosecutor forgoes arson charge

Burglary charges still in place in Love Center fire, robbery

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The 17-year-old Georgia youth arrested for burglarizing the Love and Holiness Center Church in Apalachicola on May 16 will be tried as an adult, but not on arson charges.

Dustin S. Godwin, 17, of Jakin, Ga., and Tallahassee, was booked into the Franklin County jail June 29, charged with burglary of a structure and grand theft. Bond later was set at \$15,000 on the burglary charge and \$5,000 on the theft charge, and as of press time, Godwin remained in jail.

Following a June 1 interview with Eric Bryant, an investigator with the State Fire Marshal's Office, Godwin admitted to making phone calls from inside the Love Center on the morning of the fire and taking both money and a flat-screen television from inside the church.

Bryant wrote in his report that he

was "unable to determine an exact point of origin due to the extensive fire damage and fire suppression activities."

Bryant said he examined the electrical receptacles, wiring and electrical components in the pastor's office study, thought to be where the fire began, and they "showed no signs of malfunction. All accidental fire causes were eliminated, and the cause of the fire is incendiary."

Bryant went on to write that "physical evidence, witness statements and the perpetrator's own admission places (Godwin) inside the church at or near the time of the fire. (He) also admitted to stealing a TV and money from inside the church. It is believed the fire was intentionally set in order to hide the crime of the burglary."

Robin Myers, the assistant state attorney in Franklin County, said his office did not have sufficient evidence to make an arson charge stick.

"I don't have anything to link this guy and the arson together," he said. "I can prove he was in the area at the



DUSTIN S. GODWIN

start of the fire. I don't have a clue what caused the fire. I don't know what anyone knows who caused the fire."

Myers said there was evidence Godwin tried to burn the TV he had taken, to destroy the evidence, but that this fact, even if proved, would not have been enough to find someone guilty of arson, typically a difficult charge to prove.

"There was no evidence of possessing an incendiary device," said Myers. "If further evidence comes out, we can modify the charges."

In Bryant's report, Godwin's biological mother, Thelma Renae Lamb, of Tallahassee, reported picking up her son at 3:30 a.m. the morning of the fire.

Quinnaland Rhodes told investigators he was jogging on 10th Street and Avenue J at about 4:05 a.m. when he smelled smoke and realized the Love Center was on fire. He called 911 at 4:20 a.m.

Godwin was first arrested as a juvenile and transported to the Leon County Juvenile Detention Center, before Myers decided to charge him as an adult.

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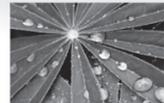


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Date	High	Low	% Precip	
Thu, July 14	89°	78°	60 %	
Fri, July 15	89°	77°	50 %	
Sat, July 16	89°	76°	50 %	
Sun, July 17	88°	74°	60 %	
Mon, July 18	88°	76°	60 %	
Tues, July 19	88°	76°	40 %	
Wed, July 20	89°	76°	60 %	

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
To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from those given for CARRABELLE:				
		HIGH		LOW
Bald Point		Minus 9:16		Minus 0:03

APALACHICOLA						
Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
7/14 Thu	06:25AM	1.5	H 09:35AM	1.4	L 02:34PM	1.8
	02:34PM	1.8	H 11:22PM	-0.2	L 06:42AM	1.5
7/15 Fri	06:42AM	1.5	H 10:27AM	1.3	L 03:29PM	1.8
	03:29PM	1.8	H 11:56PM	-0.1	L 06:58AM	1.4
7/16 Sat	06:58AM	1.4	H 11:13AM	1.2	L 04:20PM	1.7
	04:20PM	1.7	H 07:11AM	1.4	L 12:25AM	0.0
7/17 Sun	12:25AM	0.0	L 05:09PM	1.7	H 11:58AM	1.0
	05:09PM	1.7	L 07:23AM	1.5	H 12:44PM	0.9
7/18 Mon	12:44PM	0.9	L 05:59PM	1.6	H 01:09AM	0.3
	01:09AM	0.3	L 07:37AM	1.5	H 01:32PM	0.8
7/19 Tue	01:32PM	0.8	L 06:53PM	1.4	H 01:27AM	0.4
	01:27AM	0.4	L 07:54AM	1.6	H 02:25PM	0.7
7/20 Wed	02:25PM	0.7	L 07:53PM	1.3		

CARRABELLE						
Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
7/14 Thu	05:00AM	2.4	H 07:22AM	2.2	L 01:09PM	2.9
	01:09PM	2.9	H 09:09PM	-0.3	L 05:17AM	2.4
7/15 Fri	05:17AM	2.4	H 08:14AM	2.1	L 02:04PM	2.9
	02:04PM	2.9	H 09:43PM	-0.2	L 05:33AM	2.2
7/16 Sat	05:33AM	2.2	H 09:00AM	1.9	L 02:55PM	2.7
	02:55PM	2.7	H 10:12PM	0.0	L 05:46AM	2.2
7/17 Sun	05:46AM	2.2	H 09:45AM	1.6	L 03:44PM	2.7
	03:44PM	2.7	H 10:36PM	0.2	L 05:58AM	2.4
7/18 Mon	05:58AM	2.4	H 10:31AM	1.4	L 04:34PM	2.6
	04:34PM	2.6	H 10:56PM	0.5	L 06:12AM	2.4
7/19 Tue	06:12AM	2.4	H 11:19AM	1.3	L 05:28PM	2.2
	05:28PM	2.2	H 11:14PM	0.6	L 06:29AM	2.6
7/20 Wed	06:29AM	2.6	H 12:12PM	1.1	L 06:28PM	2.1
	06:28PM	2.1	H 11:33PM	1.0		

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Delta Kappa commemorates founding

Special to The Times

The Delta Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International had a dinner meeting at the Owl Café in Apalachicola on Monday, May 9, to commemorate the founding of the Society on May, 11, 1929, in Austin, Texas, by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and 11 other women educators.

The program was a very special event because the Delta Kappa Gamma Society Florida State President, Ruth Pridgen, from Jacksonville, was able to attend. Babs Bailey, who portrayed Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, presented a history of the founding of the Society. She mentioned that Blanton was the first woman elected to public office in the state of Texas. Blanton also was a successful candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1918, after having served as the first woman president of the Texas State Teachers Association.



BABS BAILEY



RUTH PRIDGEN

Bailey, in the guise of Dr. Blanton, also encouraged Delta Kappa members to know the history of their organization and continue to be active supporters of desirable legislation that affects educators. Missy Cumbie and Karen Ward reviewed the meaning of the symbols on the Society Coat of Arms. Pridgen, the special guest, encouraged members to apply for scholarships and other types of aid available to Delta Kappa Gamma Society members to further their education and to support special educational projects. Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. It has approximately 100,000 members in the U.S.A. and 17 foreign countries.

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candidates pay a fee that is a percentage of the seat's annual compensation, will take place at Carrabelle's City Hall, where all candidate reports are filed. For more information, call 697-2727 or 697-3618.

In Apalachicola, where there are 1,669 registered voters, City Clerk Lee Mathes is handling candidate qualifying next week. All qualifying also takes place at City Hall, where

Mathes can be reached at 653-9319.

Incumbent Mayor Van Johnson has said he plans to seek reelection for another four-year term. He is expected to be challenged by Tom Daly, the chair of Planning and Zoning, although neither man has yet to officially file for the seat.

Also on the ballot this year are the two non-partisan, at-large city com-

mission seats now held by Jimmy Elliott and Mitchell Bartley, each of which would be for the next four years.

Mathes said the fee for filing for mayor is \$270, and for commissioner \$226.80.

If they have not already done so, voters have until Aug. 8 to register for the municipal elections, which are held in both cities on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

If there are more than two candidates in an Apalachicola race, and no candidate had received over 50 percent of the votes, then a run-off election will be held Tuesday, Sept. 20. Voter registration for that run-off would close by Aug. 22.

Early voting will be held from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, at the Supervisor of Elections' Apalachicola office and Carrabelle annex.

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The board also approved spending a little more than \$57,000 for a security system complete with closed security TV cameras, as well as about \$42,000 for the cost of installing basketball goals and backboards, and volleyball equipment.

The board also intends to spend close to \$17,000 for bleachers, \$15,000 for

wiring the building for a speaker systems, \$12,750 for a heating and air conditioning system for the communication room, \$9,000 for am lighting control module, \$9,000 for a sidewalk addition, nearly \$11,000 for new steel fencing and gates, and \$25,000 for programmable lockets and door hardware.

The board decided

against spending \$13,000 for a curtain divider, \$12,000 for a sound system, \$6,000 for large amplifier and eight additional speakers, \$1,300 for wireless microphones and about \$11,500 for crash pads and acoustic panels.

The entire cost of the new building, which is nearing \$2 million, will be paid for out of capital im-

provement funds, and not operating revenue. The district earlier had signaled an interest in possibly delaying the construction, and using the savings to offset the large shortfall that is expected in general operating revenues, but state law prohibits using capital outlay funds for anything other than so-called "bricks and mortar" uses.

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to \$127.9 million, a decline of 7.7 percent in its tax base, only about one-fifth of the whopping 36 percent drop it sustained last year.

The Eastpoint Water and sewer district is expected to see a 5.8 percent drop in its tax base, from \$76.3 million to \$71.9 million, less than a third of the 18 percent decline it saw last year.

The tax base of the Dog Island Conservation District largely stay flat, to \$38.6 million from \$38.5 million last year. This tiny increase follows a steep 36.8 percent drop sustained last year.

The Alligator Point area's tax base also faces a small 2.4 percent decrease, to \$142.9 million from \$146.4 million last year, a far cry from the nearly 21 percent drop-off endured last year.

The Northwest Florida Water Management District, which also taxes countywide but offers no senior exemption or an additional \$25,000 worth of homestead exemption, will see its tax base fall to \$1.85 billion, about 7.9 below what it was last year.

While St. George Island does not comprise a single taxing entity, and thus preliminary property tax

values are not submitted to the Florida Department of Revenue as with the others, the data indicates that the island's valuation was not as hard-hit as the county as a whole.

Island properties, which together comprise about 45 percent of the county's entire tax base, fell from a combined valuation of \$909.4 million last year to \$849.6 million. This represents only a 6.6 percent decline, about 2.5 percentage points below the county's total.

Skipper said TRIM (Truth in Millage) notices will be sent to property owners the third week of

August and will include the taxing districts' preliminary values, any exemptions the property owner has, each taxing district's proposed millage rate, what the homeowner paid last year and what they will pay this year, and the dates, times and places for each of the taxing entities' public hearings.

It will also indicate whether the taxing authority applied the rollback rate, which keeps the total revenue at the same volume as last year. Because property values declined, applying the rollback rate would require an increase in millage.

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<p>1100-1170 ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>standing balance and cost by mailing it to Post Office Box 1054, Eastpoint, Florida 32328, or by paying in person.</p> <p>July 7, 14, 2011</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>Transportation Corridor Authority will hold a meeting on July 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. CST in Panama City, FL. The meeting will be held at City Hall, Commission Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 9 Harrison Avenue. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Corridor Authority at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Amy Paulk at (850) 415-1040 or by email apaulk@gc-inc.com.</p> <p>July 14, 2011</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>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:</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>vey 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.</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>FRANK A. BAKER, ATTORNEY AT LAW 4431 Lafayette Street Marianna, FL 32446 July 7, 14, 2011</p> <p>3081T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-000502-CA</p> <p>CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>JAMES A. DURHAM and PATRICIA DURHAM, Defendants.</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.</p> <p>DATED this 27th day of June, 2011.</p> <p>Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk July 7, 14, 2011</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE SAMI 2005-AR4, Plaintiff,</p> <p>GARY C PANGUS, et al, Defendant(s).</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 21, 2011, and entered in Case No. 19-2008-CA-000590 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida in which Bank of New York as Successor In Interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee SAMI 2005-AR4, is the Plaintiff and Gary C. Pangus, Jane Doe, n/k/a Angela Garmley, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on, Franklin County, Florida at on the 10th day of August, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:</p> <p>LOTS 1 AND 2, IN BLOCK 208 OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THERE-</p>
<p>1100 - Legal Advertising 1110 - Classified Notices 1120 - Public Notices/Announcements 1125 - Carpools & Rideshare 1130 - Adoptions 1140 - Happy Ads 1150 - Personals 1160 - Lost 1170 - Found</p> <p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p>	<p>3032T LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>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:</p> <p>MARTIN RAULERSON COURTNEY GILMORE TERRY PROCTOR</p> <p>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.</p> <p>July 7, 14, 2011</p>	<p>3076T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>JAMES A. DURHAM and PATRICIA DURHAM, Defendants.</p> <p>CASE NO. 10-000502-CA</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 27, 2011, and entered in</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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 Sur-</p>	<p>The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.</p> <p>DATED this 27th day of June, 2011.</p> <p>Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk</p>	<p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>3120T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 19-2008-CA-000590</p> <p>BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO</p>	<p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 21, 2011, and entered in Case No. 19-2008-CA-000590 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida in which Bank of New York as Successor In Interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee SAMI 2005-AR4, is the Plaintiff and Gary C. Pangus, Jane Doe, n/k/a Angela Garmley, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on, Franklin County, Florida at on the 10th day of August, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:</p>
<p>COASTAL BUILDING SUPPLY ANDREW BUTLER CANDACE WEBB ALICE JOSEPH BABARA SINGER</p> <p>Before the sale date of July 30, 2011, the property may be redeemed by payment in cash or money order of the out-</p>	<p>3061T NWFTCA Meeting Notification - Notice is hereby given The Northwest Florida</p>	<p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 27, 2011, and entered in</p>	<p>vey 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.</p>	<p>The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.</p> <p>DATED this 27th day of June, 2011.</p> <p>Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk</p>	<p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>3120T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 19-2008-CA-000590</p> <p>BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO</p>	<p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 21, 2011, and entered in Case No. 19-2008-CA-000590 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida in which Bank of New York as Successor In Interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee SAMI 2005-AR4, is the Plaintiff and Gary C. Pangus, Jane Doe, n/k/a Angela Garmley, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on, Franklin County, Florida at on the 10th day of August, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:</p>

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Dated in Franklin County, Florida this 27th day of June, 2011.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Courts, Marcia M. Johnson, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320; telephone number (850) 653-8861, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call (850) 577-4400. To file response please contact Franklin County Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320. Tel: (850) 653-8861; Fax: (850) 653-9339. July 14, 21, 2011

3132T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File # 2011-000034-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARIE KELLEY ALLEN Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARIE KELLEY ALLEN, deceased, File number 2011-000034-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida 32320. The estate is testate, and the date of the will is February 5, 2004. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

Any interested person on whom a copy of this notice of administration is served must file on or before the date that is 3 months after the date of service of a copy of the notice of administration on that person any objection that challenges the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative or jurisdiction of this Court.

Persons who may be entitled to exempt property under Section 732.402 Florida Statutes will be deemed to have waived their rights to claim that property as exempt property unless a petition for determination of exempt property is filed by such persons or on their behalf on or before the later of the date that is 4 months after the date of service of a copy of this notice of administration on such persons or the date that is 40 days after the date of termination of any proceeding involving the construction, admission to probate, or validity of the will or involving any other matter affecting any part of the exempt property.

An election to take an elective share must be filed on or before the earlier of the date that is 6 months after the date of service of a copy of the notice of administration on the surviving spouse or an attorney in fact or a guardian of the property of the surviving spouse, or the date that is 2 years after the date of the decedent's death.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file claims against the estate with the Court during the time periods set forth in Section 733.702 Florida Statutes, or be forever barred.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 14, 2011.

Personal Representative: RONALD WILLIAM THOMAS, SR. 1920 Alban Avenue Tallahassee, FL 32301

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3158T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 11-00097-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, successor in interest to Coastal Community Bank, Plaintiff,

vs. Mary Lou Patmore, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 29, 2011, in the above-styled cause, 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 August 10, 2011 the following described property:

Lot 42, Block 6, Lanark Village Unit No. 1, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 14-14a, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

Dated: July 5, 2011

Marcia Johnson Clerk of Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk July 14, 21, 2011

3159T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 11-000103-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, successor in interest to Apalachicola State Bank, a division of Coastal Community Bank, Plaintiff,

vs. WILLIAM J. LUBERTO, JR., Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 29, 2011 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Franklin County Courthouse, 13 Market St., Apalachicola, FL 32320 at 11:00 a.m. on August 10, 2011, the following described property:

Commence at a 6 inch by 6 inch concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida; thence run South 00 degrees 45 minutes 08 seconds West 659.56 feet to an iron pipe lying on the Southerly right of way boundary of Twin Lakes Road; thence run North 89 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds West along said right of way boundary 655.94 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 89 degrees 33 minutes 06 seconds West 660.66 feet to an iron pipe marking the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning, run North 89 degrees 30 minutes 19 seconds West along said right of way boundary 329.22 feet to a re-rod (marked #6475); thence leaving said right of way boundary run South 00 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds West 990.42 feet to an iron pipe; thence run South 89 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds East 329.57 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 00 degrees 25 minutes 13 seconds East 989.90 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Dated: July 5, 2011

Marcia Johnson Clerk of Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

3163T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY Case No 11-000073-CA

VISION BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. GULF BLACK GOLD, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation, and LARRY R. WITT, Defendants.

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signed Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, pursuant to a Final Judgment entered in this cause, will on the 10th day of August 2011, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, 32320, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property located in Franklin County, Florida: 2576 Hwy. 98 West Carabelle, FL 32322

Documents may be reviewed at the Franklin County School Board District Office, at 85 School Road, Suite One, Eastpoint, Florida during the hours of 7:30 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday - Thursday, July 14, 21, 28, Aug 4, 2011

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FRANKLIN DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

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

Franklin County School District
*Student Progression Plan
*Code of Conduct
*Policy Manual
*Learning Center Handbook

Statutory Authority: Section 230.22(2), Florida Statutes

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Radford reappointed to planning council

Special to The Times

After a nearly six-month wait, Gov. Rick Scott last month reappointed Dawn D. Radford of Eastpoint to a term on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, Region Two.



DAWN D. RADFORD

term, beginning Nov. 6, 2006, and running through Oct. 1, 2009.

She was reappointed by Gov. Charlie Crist to a term beginning April 9, 2010, and that term would have run through Oct. 1, 2012. But when Scott became governor, he put a hold on all of Crist's appointments, and the nomination had been in limbo since.

The nomination now requires the approval of the Florida Senate.

In February, Scott reappointed George Roberts of Panama City to the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

Roberts, 47, vice president of C.W. Roberts Contracting Inc., was reappointed for a term beginning Feb. 4, 2011, and ending March 1, 2014.

Radford, a writer with Gulf Coast State College, was reappointed for a term beginning June 21, 2011, and ending Oct. 1, 2012.

Also named to the planning council was Franklin H. Hatcher, 60, of Monticello, owner of North Florida Nurseries. He is reappointed for a term beginning June 21, 2011, and ending Oct. 1, 2011.

Radford has served on the planning council for two full terms, first by Gov. Jeb Bush, to a term beginning Dec. 1, 2004. Bush then reappointed her to a second



Your County LIBRARY

Special to The Times

The Franklin County Public Library continues its Summer Reading Program "One World Many Stories" at both the Carrabelle and Eastpoint branches with stories and fun from Paris and Hawaii.

The Take Two Players made a special guest appearance in Eastpoint with mime fun from Donnie Denig, in photo above, and Liz Sisung. Children donned their French berets and learned the basics of art technique from Jan Neshat. Suzanne Creamer and Neshat created a virtual art studio with easels, paint palettes and

still-life models of the Eiffel Tower. Stories about Vincent Van Gogh's life were featured, as the children tasted fondue treats and listened to French music.

In Carrabelle, the children were learning about Hawaii and some of the great activities of the island and the creatures of the sea. Stories and activities including dolphin ring toss and limbo were just a sample of the fun the participants had during this two-hour weekly program that runs until July 29. There is absolutely no cost to the participants, and all that is needed is a signed registration form, available at either library branch.

The summer reading program is considered an enrichment tool for children ages 5 to 11, to continue to learn during their vacation from school studies. Learning locations of cities and countries becomes a fun game for even the youngest child, with the air-filled globe game. The goal for this year's program is to learn about different world regions by traveling through the world of books available through your public library. Every week offers new and creative ways to see the world.

For questions and information, contact the libraries in Carrabelle at 697-2366 or Eastpoint at 670-8151.

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LIFEBOAT ACCIDENT

At about 3:30 p.m. July 6, a U.S. Coast Guard boat on a trailer being towed by a semi-truck hit a Progress Energy pole on U.S. 98, west of Carrabelle in the Yent's Bayou area. According to Progress Energy spokesman Tim Lejjadahl, the boat came into contact with a cable television line suspended from the power poles, which brought the lines and the pole down. "It broke the pole, and our crew went out and replaced the pole and had repairs completed by 9:30 p.m.," he said. "No Progress Energy customers were affected by this." According to the Coast Guard in Panama City, the vessel was a 47-foot search-and-rescue lifeboat being transported from Mayport.

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FREE HEALTH SEMINAR - July 26

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