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Out to see

Panhandle Players host social tonight

Lovers of theatre, friends and members of the Panhandle Players are invited to attend a social hosted by the county's vibrant community theatre group on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Carriage House, adjacent to the Raney House. Info will be provided on the upcoming 2011-12 theatre season, with details on the Sept. 11 and 12 auditions for the opening show, "A Night of One-Act Plays" in November. For more information, call Margy Oehlert at 670-8874 or Melanie Inzetta at 734-0260.

Festival of Ice celebrates Saturday evening

The Water Street Festival of Ice concludes this weekend with a Gorrie Square celebration and tribute to Dr. John Gorrie on Saturday, Aug. 27, beginning at noon and complete with ice sculpture, tours of the Gorrie Museum, and live music on the square. For more information call 323-0176 or visit www.waterstreetfestivalofice.com.

Blues on the Dock concert

"Blues on the Dock, a benefit concert for the Franklin County Food Pantry, will be held Saturday, Sept. 3 starting at 7:30 p.m. on the waterfront in Apalachicola. Come hear the soulful sounds of Pepper Drive Blues Band. Hamburgers, hotdogs and cold beverages will be available by donation. Bring your chairs or reserve a table by making a donation to the Food Pantry, call 653-3930.

Eastpoint Pork-a-thon

On Saturday, Sept. 3, come to the Eastpoint Firehouse at 24 Sixth St. to a "Pork-a-thon" to benefit the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department. Pick up a cooked rack of ribs or butt between noon and 4 p.m. For information email Chief George Prueitt at Pru911@gcom.net.

Celebrate "We Love Eastpoint Day" Sept. 3

On Sept. 3, there will be a celebration of the Eastpoint Community at the Eastpoint Pavillion on Patton Drive. All residents and business owners are invited to attend. There will be free food and drinks and local talents including Ashley Carroll, Savannah Cook and Porter Winfree. Local seafood workers will demonstrate tonging, culling and net casting. An oyster eating contest is planned. Bring your specialty dish and plastic spoons for sampling. For information, call 370-6763.

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Numbers up as school begins

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

A larger crop of students, eager to be nurtured into educated adults, returned to class Monday at both Franklin County schools.

As of Tuesday, Franklin County School and its satellite Learning Center campus had welcomed 997 students, up about 15 from last year, including 98 kindergar-

teners, 24 to a classroom, which would have to be further divided up so as not to exceed the maximum 18 per class.

"The majority of the students returned with a very positive, can-do attitude for this school year and the teachers are ready to meet their challenge," said Franklin County Principal George Oehlert.

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Franklin County fourth grader Tommy Varner visits the front desk with his sister, third grader Makayla Varner.

DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

DEP Secretary dips into estuary science. Includes photo of Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. pouring water into a terrapin tank.

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff writer

Florida Department of Environmental Protection secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. got the grand tour Wednesday morning, Aug. 17, of the newly opened Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve's Nature Center in Eastpoint.

Built on 26 acres on the Apalachicola Bay off Cat Point, the new center replaces the reserve's facility near Scipio Creek in Apalachicola.

The 18,000-square-foot center directs the research and water monitoring work of the Apalachicola reserve (ANERR), which encompasses about 246,000 acres in Franklin, Gulf and Liberty counties and is one of a nationwide network of 28 research reserves overseen by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Highlighting the facility is a 5,000-square-foot visitor's center, which features five separate aquariums housing native plant life and creatures — two 1,500-gallon tanks devoted to the freshwater river and brackish bay systems and a 2,000-gallon unit focusing on the saltwater Gulf system.

Two smaller wall aquariums are incorporated into an award-winning 76 x 10 foot mural, created by biological and medical illustrator Barbara Harmon from Cape Cod,

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DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr., right, examines a whale skull with Erik Lovestrand, ANERR's education coordinator. Above, Vinyard gives a drink of fresh water to an ornate diamondback terrapin, one of the many creatures on display at the new ANERR nature center in Eastpoint.

Butler to tackle EDC

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The Carrabelle city commission has tapped David Butler to organize an Economic Development Council (EDC) for Carrabelle and its neighbors.

Butler said, he had been tasked with creating the structure of a city economic council, to include proposing who should sit on the council and what the group should do. Butler's impetus to create the organization is the large number of vacant buildings downtown. "Now that we've hit a bottom, what better time to look at what you want to do?" he said.

He said he has discussed the EDC and the problems to be solved with Sheila Hauser and Suzanne Zimmerman, of the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce.

Butler said there are several advantages to forming the EDC including a reduction in membership dues for some organizations. "If the city joins Opportunity Florida, their annual dues are \$1,000, but if we join as an EDC the annual dues is only \$100," he said.

Opportunity Florida is an eight-county regional economic development alliance focused on strengthening the existing businesses within Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington counties.

Butler said Opportunity Florida's spokesman Rick Markham to Carrabelle to discuss options. Markham expressed interest in the abandoned Greensteel building because it was close to the airport. The huge metal building erected in 2008, closed its doors last year after Hexaport Building Systems of Florida filed

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DAVID BUTLER

Apalach commission proposes millage raise, pay hike

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Apalachicola city commissioners moved closer Tuesday night to adopting the rollback rate for next year's property taxes, which will slightly raise the \$1.22 million in ad valorem revenue brought in during the current fiscal year.

Specific numbers won't be available until the next budget workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, but based on what commissioners asked of City Clerk Lee Mathes, property owners

will see taxes rise from the current 8.625 mills to somewhere between 9.5886 mills, which is the rollback rate that brings in the same revenue as this year, and 9.7809 mills, which is what was initially proposed and is the maximum allowed by law. This would be between 11 and 13 percent.

In addition, commissioners indicated, but did not give a final OK, to a budget that will grant city employees both a reimbursement of the 3 percent of their salaries they now must contribute towards their state retirement, as



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Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson, left, and challenger Tom Daly share a laugh at last week's HCOLA political forum.

well as a 2 percent pay raise.

Commissioner Brenda Ash indicated she had reservations about the pay hikes and promised

to meet with Mathes this week to "go in and dissect this budget. We need to sit down and break this down and have realistic figures. "I have mixed feelings

about that (3 percent reimbursement)," she said. "In the private sector, things are changing drastically. We're having to pay for our insurance and for our retirement.

"I have the utmost respect for city personnel," she said. "A lot of people in the community think they're overpaid. I have to disagree; they do above and beyond the call of duty when they are called.

"I know the feeling to have money to run your household," Ash said. "But on the other hand, we have

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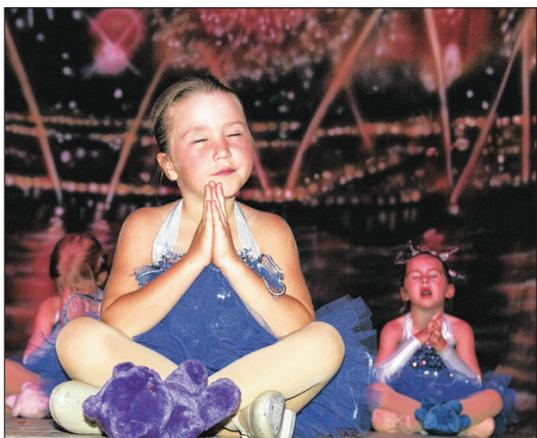
LEFT: Haley Creamer dances in "Ballerina Girl."

RIGHT: Ashley Zingarelli, and daughter Sophia, left, perform together with Jessica Bartley, and daughter Kaydence, in "You Know What" by the Mommy and Me Class.



For more photos, go to [www.apalachitimes.com](http://www.apalachitimes.com).

Registration for fall classes at Pam Nobles Studios, 86 Market Street, Apalachicola, will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug 25 and again on Thursday, Sept. 1. Classes start Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 6. For more information, call the studio at 653-8078.



LEFT: Josalyn Ward concentrates during the number "Me and My Teddy Bear."

RIGHT: Marissa Gilbert, left, and Isabella Price perform in "Born to be Wild."



# Life's a dance Nobles teaches as she goes

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Three decades after she introduced baton twirling lessons to Franklin County young ladies in the backyard of an Apalachicola home, dance instructor Pam Nobles is still going strong.

The former Florida State University majorette marked her 30th year as the county's premier instructor of dance with another spectacular annual recital, this time in the Chapman Auditorium.

With the surprise visit

of a lawman and a football star turned gospel singer, dancers from Pam Nobles Studios performed before a standing-room-only audience June 4, once again featuring spirited performances from those as young as pre-kindergartners, performing with their moms, to grandmothers strutting their stuff as part of the "Hot Flashes."

Appearing in a number devoted to the style of the Blues Brothers was Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen, together with, among others, Apalachicola policeman Anthony Croom

and St. George Island fire chief Jay Abbott,

As the many dancers changed outfits between their performances, former Florida State University All-American linebacker Terry Warren delighted the audience with songs from his growing career as a gospel music sensation.

Nobles began teaching baton in 1981 with the Horizon's Twirlers, a fundraising group formed by then-kindergarten teacher Denise Butler, Helen Spohrer, Rita Theis, Charlyn Luster, Faith Whiteside and Nobles, that helped to buy stage

curtains for Apalachicola High School and the Junior Miss pageant.

"Then it just grewed," said Nobles, still fit and active in her studio's dance performances. She went on to form Sunshine State Twirlers that taught scores of girls, ages 3 and up, in school yards and school grounds before she established her first studio 25 years ago at 75 Market Street, across the street from her current location.

Krista Miller and Kristy Branch were among the many girls who excelled at baton, while others spar-

kled at dance after it came into play in 1987, with competitions as far north as the Carolinas and Tennessee and south to Orlando, Lake City and Gainesville.

"I quit teaching baton because there wasn't no bands," Nobles said. "It kind of fizzled out."

Nobles has since then nurtured over 1,200 young dancers, many of whom showed off their skills in talent competition at the Florida Seafood Festival pageant, which Nobles choreographs annually.

Since 1985 her senior students have received

more than \$25,000 from the studio in scholarships to further their educations.

With the revitalization of the high school marching band, Nobles is in talks with band director Karl Lester to bring back baton as part of the flag corps, and to create a majorette program.

On the dancing front, she will welcome dancer, choreographer and educator Scott Benson, who has worked with such greats as Michael Jackson, Paula Abdul and Alice Cooper, to do guest teaching when the studio begins classes early next month.

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# New Tarpon exhibit stirs queen-sized memories

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff writer

The Carrabelle History Museum is planning an exhibit built around relics of the old Tarpon steamship that ran weekly from Mobile, Ala. to Carrabelle.

"The wreck of the SS Tarpon" exhibit will premier Thursday, Sept. 1 at the museum, 106 Avenue B, SE, and run through the end of November.

Several Carrabelle old-timers recently shared their memories of the ship.

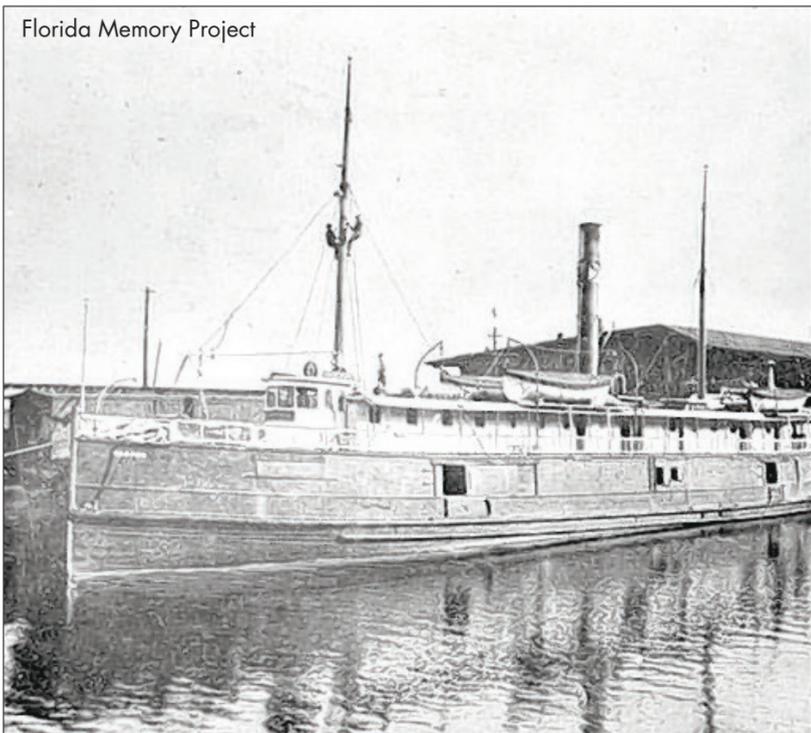
"I have very happy memories of the Tarpon," said Mary Westberg. "She was our Queen Mary, the biggest ship I'd ever seen at that time. When she'd dock, all the children would run to meet her. People called the first officer 'Captain' Ira Mattair.

"He always brought back a stalk of bananas. He'd hand them out to the children as he walked home and we'd run after him," she said. "By the time he got home, he didn't have many bananas left."

Earnest Gay said that, in those days, there were two big events in Carrabelle.

Everyday, the train

Florida Memory Project



arrived from Tallahassee down near where Wicked Willie's bar now stands, which was the post office, and Mr. Clowers, the engineer, blew the whistle there at 5 p.m.

"Everybody stopped work and ran to listen as he read the names on the mail, all of which came to Carrabelle general delivery," said Gay.

There were 15 fish houses in Carrabelle

then.

"It would stink so bad, you couldn't breathe," remembered Gay. "At the train depot, down where Ben Watkins' office is today, they would load on barrels of all kinds of seafood; shrimp, fish and oysters. They'd load it into wooden barrels and put some ice on it and a piece of burlap on top. The ice would be melting before the train left."

The other big event each week was the arrival of the old paddlewheel steamer, the Tarpon.

"Everybody lined up to welcome her too. I don't know why," said Gay. "Captain Billy Russel,

master of the Tarpon, and Ira Mattair both had a crush on Myrt Booth, the manager of one of the warehouses. She was beautiful. The banana man brought her bananas too."

Joe Barber, who now lives in Carrabelle, used to meet the Tarpon with his father in Apalachicola.

"The stevedores would unload hundred-pound bags of feed and they'd yodel all the time," he said. "(The Tarpon) stopped first at Marks brokerage where the Rainbow Inn is now and again further down at the old steamboat dock (near Up the Creek Raw Bar)."

Barber said the Tarpon's whistle would sound as she entered Apalachicola. "She had a real pretty stern whistle that she'd blow for the bridge at noon," he said. "Captain Billy was very prompt. You could almost set your watch by him. He used to say, 'God makes the weather and I make the trips.'"

"My dad ran a turpentine still up at Howard's Creek. The

Tarpon took out Dad's spirits of turpentine and resin," Barber said. "Dad kept a commissary where the workers bought on credit. A lot of his stuff for the commissary came in on the Tarpon.

All kind of things came in wooden barrels; lard, salt meat and candy.

"Daddy would always go see the captain of the Tarpon. They knew each other good. That was Captain Billy Russell, who was the mate lost in the wreck," he said.

"I remember the day of the wreck. A bunch of guys came running down the road (in Howard's Creek) and the Panama City paper had put out a special edition on the Tarpon," Barber said.

Gay remembered the commissaries at the Carrabelle fish houses, where the currency used was "jubilee money," made of aluminum, and with no value other than at the company store.

The Carrabelle History Museum is open on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 697-2141.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Polling Place for the City of Carrabelle's Municipal Election has been moved from 201 NW Ave F (Senior Citizen Center) to 1001 Gray Ave. (Carrabelle Municipal Complex).  
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# Opinion

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Humane Society can't absorb every unwanted pet

We appreciate the letter to this paper from Jackie Gay suggesting that the Franklin County Humane Society reiterate our policy on accepting animals into the Adoption Center.

The policy is as follows: The Franklin County Humane Society Adoption Center will accept domestic animals brought to the center with the exception of animals that are vicious, feral, sick, injured or have conditions that are contagious to humans.

Pit Bulls are not accepted nor can we accept animals when the Adoption Center is at capacity.

In some cases, the animals brought to the Adoption Center may be transferred to animal control.

Those cases include aggression, psychological distress due to shelter environment or unsocial behavior.

It is important to understand the role of the Humane Society.

We are here to responsibly care for those in our facility and house all animals humanely.

We do not warehouse animals.

The Humane Society cannot absorb every unwanted pet that comes to us and no one has entitlement to our services.

We accept as many as we can and work diligently to find homes for them. We strive to treat all citizens equally and with honesty.

It was reported in this newspaper that Commissioner Sanders had some kittens brought into the shelter that were admitted by the Adoption Center and then transferred to Animal Control to be euthanized.

In fact they were turned away due to lack of space. The kittens were never brought into the facility.

We are constrained by both fiscal and physical limitations. Approximately eight years ago the Center was touted to be a "no kill" facility. This was a fallacy.

We consider ourselves a "low kill" facility due to reasons stated above.

We invite all citizens concerned with the welfare of the pets in this county to get involved with the Humane Society.

Volunteer, foster, educate, adopt and donate.

We also encourage you to come to the shelter, see what we are doing, ask questions and get involved.

Susan Kearney, President  
Franklin County Humane Society

### Daly would make a meaningful difference

I had the privilege of meeting Tom Daly a couple of years ago.

We talked about Apalachicola, mostly about a town with a past at an important time in its history, and of things shaping what it can be.

A few weeks ago in July, I found Tom again and my love for Apalachicola's rich history was refreshed. The difference this summer was I learned Tom was running for Mayor.

Tom is engaging in conversation and has a sense of the importance in the delicate balance of yesterday and tomorrow in today. That to me is something rare anymore in those seeking to lead their communities.

Now the people of this wonderful town have the opportunity to elect someone I feel to be right with a moment.

Tom is prepared to be at the crossroads with you and take the road to tomorrow best suited for the needs of his hometown. I think that is nice. I urge all to give Tom the opportunity to serve the people of Apalachicola and his support.

This summer I learned Tom Daly was running for Mayor.

Tom will make a meaningful difference in your town.

Tony Stallard  
Lexington, Ky.

## Reading after 'The Great War'

Sometimes a time period can really draw you in, even if it is only dealt with through fiction. Such is the time period after the First World War for me, especially in England. I'm not interested in reading about the Great War; but the stories of the changes in society and the prolonged suffering of the surviving generations is very compelling. I have to admit some of the allure may be the old estates, the family silver and the servants, but this fiction knits together that world with the modern world of today.

I am just finishing, "An Incomplete Revenge," my first Maisie Dobbs book by Jacqueline Winspear, the fifth in her series about the enigmatic character



THE LIBRARY  
Cathy Greene

the author has so perfectly created. The year is 1931, but the effects of the war are still very present for Dobbs and the world she inhabits. Families still

remember the loss of those who never returned. Towns still commemorate their fallen and tend to the wounds, both physical and emotional, of the survivors. Publisher's Weekly says: "Winspear vividly evokes England between the wars, when the old order crumbled and new horizons beckoned working women like her appealing heroine."

I think I first discovered this era and its painful panorama when I read "Fallen Skies" by Philippa Gregory. I was intrigued by the cover of the donated paperback with a flapper on it, knowing Gregory was

best known for historical fiction of a much earlier period. "For some the First World War never ended: for the wives and sweethearts of the men who didn't return; and, especially, the men who did return, damaged beyond repair," said The Kirkus Review.

"The House at Riverton" by young Australian author Kate Morton covers the same time at the crumbling estate of the Ashbury family's English country estate, in the years surrounding World War I. It describes an age when Edwardian civility, shaken by war, unravels into the roaring Twenties.

While I am told I cannot write about this era in fiction without including the work of Charles Todd (actually an American mother and son writing team), his Inspector Ian

Rutledge series covers plots filled with murders to be solved, which don't draw my interest. I am going to go with the first of their new Bess Crawford series, a nurse returning from the war delivering a message from a deceased officer she nursed until his death. "A Duty to the Dead" covers the familiar ground of Kent, England, where I have just been with Maisie Dobbs.

One book I found which is of interest but probably will never be owned by this library is: "Dictionary of Literary Biography: American Prose Writers of WWI: A Documentary Volume" by Steven Trout (2005) I have requested it through Interlibrary Loan.

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

## Intriguing history with a weird angle

By Nancy White  
Special to the Times

Historical novels satisfy by combining known places and events with human drama, interpreting things through the eyes of different characters. Even more intriguing is the viewpoint of a type of character about whom far less

is known, such as a slave in the early 19th-century South. Few slaves were literate; their stories might be told by biased outsiders. But "The Eden Hunter" sticks an unexpected, foreign man into northwest Florida, giving a strikingly different flavor to what might have been a more familiar tale.

Kau ("leopard") is a pygmy in central Africa's Ituri forest whose happy hunter-gatherer life changes when his people are attacked and he is captured and traded to Spanish slavers in 1810. He survives the brutal Atlantic passage and ends up owned by an innkeeper in Pensacola for five years, living a demeaning life but learning English and Indian languages and befriending the young son.

Then he escapes amid tragedy, outruns slavecatchers, and flees eastward, using his jungle skills in the near-jungle of the Panhandle wilderness. While often thinking of the family he loved back on a far-distant continent, Kau encounters gleaming caves, a vanishing river, shooting, noisy outlaws and thieves on horseback, and quieter runaways on foot. He reads signs on the ground, tracks people and animals, and moves deep into what was "Spanish territory in name but he saw that more than anything it was everyman's land," searching for freedom and peace.

Reaching the Apalachicola River, Kau crosses to the east bank bluffs, and heads downstream to the Negro Fort, a real historic place that was the largest maroon community in North America. Maroons were escaped slaves who crafted their own settlements, combining African, Native American, Caribbean, and Euro-American lifeways. The British built Negro Fort in 1814, near river mile 20. With Seminoles, Redstick Creeks (a faction siding with the British), Choctaws, and especially escaped slaves and free

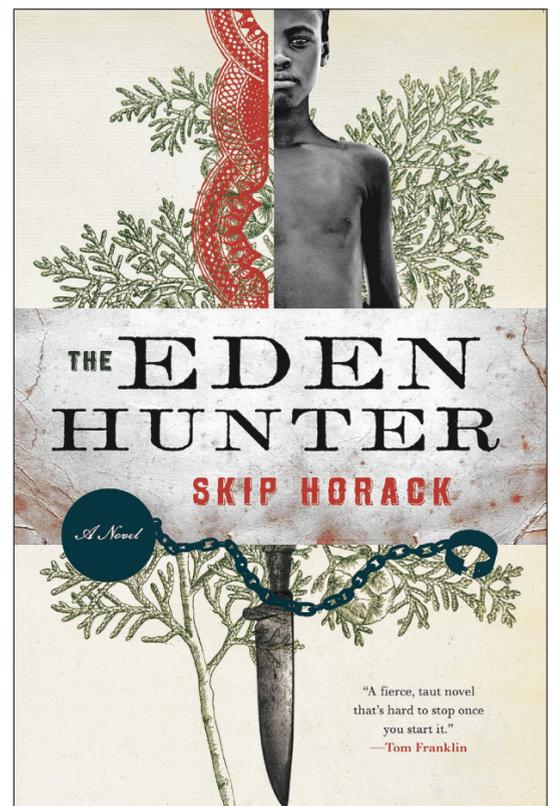
blacks who joined them during the War of 1812, they established defenses and farm fields. Defeated in 1815 by Andrew Jackson in the Battle of New

Orleans, the British then abandoned this fortification on the Apalachicola to their black and Indian recruits. A multiethnic, multilingual, and thriving, though ultimately desperate community, the

Negro Fort was a threat to slave-owners as it offered freedom to any who could arrive and help. When Jackson ordered an invasion, American troops and their Creek Indian allies attacked it in April 1816. A hot cannonball from an American gunboat hit the fort's ammunition stores, causing a huge explosion that killed or wounded hundreds of men, women, and children. Indian leaders soon retaliated against the Americans, beginning the First Seminole War.

During Kau's wanderings he is imprisoned by a black Spanish family in their stinky chickenhouse, then rescued by General Garçon, a Negro Fort commander. Kau then experiences the full impact of this famous conflict, portrayed with well-imagined details. Many real figures appear, from the fascinating Garçon to William McIntosh, a Creek chief helping the Americans, to American commander Colonel Clinch. Archaeological evidence of the Negro Fort remains today just south of Sumatra at Fort Gadsden State Park, with visible earthworks, despite the larger, later American structure.

This is the first novel by Louisiana native and lawyer Skip Horack, a celebrated writer who attended Florida State University. His well-crafted, spare prose relates stark drama and elegant violence refreshingly free of long literary passages that delay the action, yet with an existential, sometimes heartbreaking focus on Kau's individual choices, and sufferings. Horack's details are good: smoking mullet, sulfur-tasting water, going downriver on the falling tide. His descriptions are wonderfully evocative: "... at dawn he heard the screams of wood ducks leaving cypress roosts for hidden backwaters and sloughs. These were local birds, ducks somehow



SKIP HORACK

born without the instinct to migrate north in the spring. They darted across the chalk sky in twisting, drake-hen pairs."

The juxtaposition of scenes from central Africa and the old South is odd but works, and there are magical vignettes of natural beauty and human manipulation of it: wild cattle, forest buffalo, parakeets, and ivorybills (all now gone). Kau's encounter with a leopard and driver ants swarming a corpse, his slow tracking of a feral honeybee and stealing honey from the hive, capturing alligators and curing the meat, watching messenger pigeons sent from the coast with spy notes to the fort. I was glad to see the steaming Florida forest depicted as beautiful as it really is, and as many still appreciate, despite our modern, air-conditioned lives.

The weirdest thing about this adventure tale is the protagonist. Congo pygmies were indeed enslaved by other Africans, and Europeans did take slaves from the region, but most slaves in the South came from West Africa and were desired for large, strong bodies, supposedly enabling them to work

harder than Indian slaves. But Horack wanted an alien angle, and he has done good anthropological research, describing Kau's teeth filed into points, his height at barely 4'8", and the molimo, his traditional sacred wooden trumpet.

Readers will see familiar places in the story: St. Vincent Island with its bountiful resources and proximity to the mainland, or the Apalachicola's Moccasin Slough, where "the river would bend and double back and twist like a confused snake, and their raft would stray off course." (I wish a map had been included to show the layout and logistics of history.)

The violent, destructive climax is followed by a dreamy, satisfying epilogue. We can identify with this exotic character who seeks a quiet, happy life among the exquisite landscapes of sandy barrier islands, lush oak hammocks, pine forests, and sparkling waters—something many of us really want!

Archaeologist Nancy White is professor of anthropology at the University of South Florida in Tampa. To reach her, email to nmw@usf.edu.



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a situation with taxes where we don't have the money coming in. I cannot justify having the residents to bear that burden."

Ash said she was concerned the city had not explored "other revenue options we visited last year. Those are things we're going to have to tap into to get revenues flowing in, so we can give our employees the financial tools they need in this day."

"They did very well in keeping the overtime down last year and I applaud them," she said, while at the same time reminding the audience that she, like others in the private sector, must pay a portion of their health insurance premiums, unlike city employees.

"It's something we're going to have to do as individuals, make sacrifices. Collectively as a government and individually as a staff," she said. "I cannot see burdening the people with what's going on here."

Audience member Judy Luten spoke in favor of requiring greater employee contribution towards health coverage.

"I've worked lots of jobs in my life and I've never been anyplace where they've paid all my insurance before," she said. "I don't have health insurance now; I can't afford it. I'm just hanging on by my toenails. I don't understand how you can justify that the employees don't contribute."

Mathes said the city's health insurance premiums will rise about 9 per-

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## Commissioner Brenda Ash

cent next year, costing the city about \$6,545 per employee each year. Last year, to secure a better rate for their health care coverage, the city opted for a Blue Cross-Blue Shield plan that raised the annual deductible to \$1,500 and increased co-payments.

City commissioners spent a considerable portion of the workshop discussing whether health insurance should be extended to librarian Katy Greene. Central to the discussion is whether Greene, who works 30 hours a week, is a city employee under City Administrator Betty Taylor Webb, or employed by the library board and answerable to them.

"It's like the library is neither fish nor fowl to the city," said board member Susan Clementson, who outlined the history of Greene's employment and how money from the Margaret Key bequest has been used to offset some library costs.

The commissioners agreed to look into the possibility of partnering with the county, perhaps through a memorandum of agreement, that would affiliate the city library with

the county system.

Tuesday's budget discussions come amidst the backdrop of a city election, where incumbent Mayor Van Johnson is facing a challenge from Tom Daly. The two squared off twice last week in public forums, first at the HCOLA forum Aug. 18 at the Sixth Street Recreation Center, and Monday at Café Con Leche.

Johnson has defended a millage increase, contending that "we either raise taxes a little bit, or cut services," and arguing that most people's taxes will rise only slightly as a result of the millage increase.

"You can't have it both ways," he said Tuesday. "We either lower taxes and affect everybody or raise taxes."

Daly has said he would exhaust all options before raising the millage and has called for greater scrutiny of the budget's line items. He has also argued that the city has not done enough to increase revenues.

"There are ways to find revenue and expense reductions that we have not been looking for," he said last week. "Revenue allocation is the real issue."

# SCHOOL from page A1

"We had some minor things we have to address, some transportation challenges and capacity of the cafeteria, but by next week we ought to have those kinks worked out."

Chimene Johnson, principal of the Apalachicola Bay Charter School (ABC), said they also welcomed a large group of 336, just shy of the capacity 340 students.

"We had an excellent turnout, with 98 percent attending orientation," she said Monday. "This morning, we had a great turnout; it ran very smoothly. We had a lot of new little faces."

Johnson said the school still faces a waiting list of about 27 students for grades kindergarten through third. "We are maxxed at 18 per classroom," she said.

New ABC classroom teachers include pre-kindergarten instructor Dana Hicks, formerly a long-term substitute; new middle school math and science teacher Karen Ward, who is returning to ABC after a stint at the consolidated school; and middle school math teacher Anna Keel, who moved here from Austin, Texas after six years of teaching experience, including two years with gifted and ESE students.

New teachers at the Franklin County School include Sally Wheeler, teaching business education; Michael Sweatt, teaching physical education; middle school science teacher Sta-



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Franklin County sophomore Jeremy Hunt escorts his little sister, kindergartner Caitlin King.

cy Debaughn; middle school math teacher Paul Marxsen; high school science teacher Beth Roop; high school ESE teacher Charlie Wilkinson, who returns after a brief retirement; Missy Cumbie, who will now teach second grade; and Hilary Stanton, who is now the full-time middle school social studies teacher.

Returning after a medical leave is Stephanie Howze, teaching high school social studies, and new full-time guidance counselor, Roderick Robinson.

Retired this year are kindergarten teacher Ida Margaret Meyer; dean of curriculum Deborah Huckleba; guidance counselor Diane McGrath; and first grade teacher Eva White.

The new school year starts against the backdrop of ongoing negotiations between the district and the teachers union.

The school board has decided not to keep long-time negotiator Jerry Copeland on a retainer and will instead be represented by district administrator Nick O'Grady and finance director Roy Carroll.

"I agree with the board's decision not to rehire Jerry Copeland's consulting firm," said Denise Roux, head of the local teachers union. "It has to be said Mr. Copeland was very knowledgeable about labor law and I learned a great deal from him. I expect negotiations will have a different tenor now and they certainly might be slowed down."

Roux said the union presented a plan providing for early retiree buyouts, which could see retirees opting for a one-time buyout of 25 percent of their teacher's salary and health care for 14 months.

"In exchange, a career teacher thinking about retirement might have an incentive to take this package," Roux said. "There's a time-certain element, so teachers would have to make decisions quickly."

Negotiations resume Sept. 1, Roux said, with no agreement yet on whether teachers are willing to accept six furlough days or a freeze on step increases, as the school district is seeking.

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## PUBLIC MEETING OF CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FL

### CANVASSING BOARD AND CANVASSING OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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Any absentee ballots received after 4:30 p.m. September 6, 2011 will be available for public inspection until opened. Those wishing to inspect absentee ballots received on September 6, 2011 must be present throughout the time referenced. Shortly after receipt, those ballots will be opened and processed; however, not tabulated.

Pursuant to Section 101.68 (2) © 2, Florida Statutes, if any elector or candidate present believes that an absentee ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

The City of Apalachicola Canvassing Board will reconvene if necessary on Wednesday September 7, 2011 at 10 a.m. to complete the canvass of precinct returns and canvass provisional ballots.

The City of Apalachicola Canvassing Board will convene on September 8, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections Office, 47 Ave. F, Apalachicola, FL. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a manual audit of the voting systems used in a randomly selected race.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, all canvassing Board meetings are open to the public. Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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bankruptcy, blaming a soft housing market.

The city leased the 22 acres where the building stands to Hexaport for \$10 a year.

Hexaport promised to assemble 400 houses a year and employ scores of local workers.

Markham told Butler South American merchants are clamoring to locate deepwater ports for trade, which could present an opportunity for Carrabelle.

Markham said Opportunity Florida is currently installing broadband in the eight-county area they serve and is seeking towers, which might be another business opportunity for Carrabelle. "We might be able to rent them space on the water towers or build a tower," Butler said.

Butler is seeking ways to market Carrabelle's available business locations outside of the county. He hopes that, once the EDC is formed, the group can have a dialogue with landowners and discuss what they would like to do with their vacant buildings.

He said he has found that existing forums like Florida's Great Northwest are not a good fit for most commercial properties in the city.

Butler believes the city should be proactive

in setting regulations for downtown development.

"There are three elements that need to be addressed, height restrictions, clean development and environmentally sound businesses," he said. "We have to get multiple people together and determine what we want the business district to look like. The problem is we never get a consensus from the businesses and the city."

He envisions the EDC identifying development projects and preparing proposals that will be shovel-ready should funding opportunities become available.

He said the council would report to the city commission monthly. "We would take our direction from the commission," he said.

Butler can find no statute dealing with municipal EDCs but has studied guidelines for county councils.

"This is people meeting," he said. "It doesn't need an administrator. It is something we are trying to bring into existence. We've got to decide what is our sense of place and what might happen that we would lose it. I don't know how to make it happen, but enough people who are smarter than us will show up to help us."

## DIPS from page A1

that covers four habitats and 180 species.

"When you're here, it's easy to see how getting the water right is important," Vinyard said, describing Apalachicola Bay as the "oyster belt" of Florida.

Vinyard, an attorney and former shipping executive with a background in environmental law, heads the DEP, which costs about \$1.47 billion and encompasses 3,434 employees.

Vinyard did not directly address the current "water war" woes, which were complicated in June when the 11th Circuit Court overturned a decision by the U.S. Circuit Court in Jacksonville, ruling that providing drinking water to Atlanta is an authorized use of Lake Lanier. This means the Georgia city can continue to withdraw large amounts of water from the lake during droughts, affecting supply all the way south to the estuary.

Former DEP Secretary Mike Soles was a vocal advocate for affected Florida counties in the water wars debate, while Gov. Rick Scott's administration has kept a lower profile, with a stated preference to avoid litigation.

The day began with a ribbon cutting, attended by about three dozen Franklin County officials, journalists and environmental



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ANERR researcher Jenna Wanat, left, gives an overview of research projects to, from left, ANERR Director Lee Edmiston, ANERR researcher Danielle Jones, DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. and County Commissioner Pinki Jackel.

activists, to officially launch the facility, which first opened in March. Research scientist Lee Edmiston, who had directed the DEP's Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, is the newly appointed ANERR director, replacing Seth Blitch, who oversaw creation of the \$9.3 million center.

"The design and the exhibits in the new facility are meant to give visitors an orientation to where they are in Florida and in this important watershed," said Edmiston in his welcome. "The exhibits demonstrate the connectivity among the river, bay and Gulf habitats."

County Commissioner

Pinki Jackel, whose district includes Eastpoint, told the gathering she felt privileged to protect the ecosystem of the estuary, but warned that "protecting the inflow of fresh water and taking of water is a major challenge," in Florida.

In her remarks, Anita Grove, director of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, urged cooperation among Apalachicola Bay stakeholders. "It all works very well together," she said. "Tourism and the seafood industry help to protect the area."

Vinyard thanked the community for its dedication to protecting and supporting the reserve. "You are the glue that holds

this together day to day," he said.

The secretary then began his guided tour of the ANERR building by feeding the fish and turtles in several of the observation tanks. He provided an ornate diamondback terrapin a drink of fresh water from an oyster bucket, since these turtles, which live in brackish water, need to drink fresh water, usually in the form of rain, to survive.

Before the visit was over, he had seen the research labs, a coastline restoration project and even the recycling bins. The new facility includes 825-square-foot of research laboratory space, a 900-square-foot meeting room and a 450-square-foot theater where a nine-minute feature film orients visitors to the area. In addition to water quality monitoring and research into commercial fisheries management, the new facility has a sophisticated geographic information systems database used to educate coastal managers and visiting researchers about the area and its ecology.

The morning ended with a low country boil provided by the Friends of the Reserve.

Vinyard promised to return to the county soon, and that next time, he plans to take a boat trip up the river.

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ORDINANCE NO. 449

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CARRABELLE ZONING CODE; AMENDING THE CITY OF CARRABELLE ZONING MAP; DESIGNATING AND ESTABLISHING THE AVONDALE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; ADOPTING CERTAIN REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AVONDALE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPLEMENT REQUIREMENTS IN THE CARRABELLE ZONING CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed Ordinance may be inspected during regular hours at Carrabelle City Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, FL Monday through Friday, or call 850-697-2727. The proposed Ordinance will be considered for enactment during a public hearing to be held 6:00p.m., Thursday September 1, 2011 at the Carrabelle City Hall located at 1001 Gray Ave, Carrabelle, FL. Interested parties may appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting, (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Keisha Smith at the above address or phone number.

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## Engagement

### Melissa Varnes, Lincoln Dawson to wed

Larry and Barbara Varnes of Cairo, Ga. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Ann, to Lincoln Wayne Dawson of Moultrie, Ga.

Lincoln is the son of Janice and Robert Spradley of Ellenton, Ga., and Wayne and Brenda Dawson of Baconton, Ga.

Melissa is the granddaughter of Ella Johnson of Cairo, the late Carroll W. Johnson and



the late Cecil and Delores Varnes of Apalachicola.

She is a graduate of Thomas County Central High School, Bainbridge College and Brenau

University, Gainesville, Ga. She has a master's degree in occupational therapy and is employed by Archbold Memorial Hospital, Thomasville,

Ga. Lincoln is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Malone Dawson of Lakeland and the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leon Waters of Hartsfield, Ga. He is a graduate of Colquitt County High School, served in the United States Army with tours in South Korea and Iraq and is currently employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Pelham, Ga.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Oct. 1, at Cairo Church of God, and all family and friends are invited to attend.

## Achievements

### Rocha graduates Air Force basic training

Air Force Airman Brien A. Rocha has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare

principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Rocha is the son of Jeanne Coogan, of Metuchen, N.J., and Mark Rocha, of Lighthouse Road in Carrabelle.

Rocha graduated in 2010 from Metuchen High School.



### Buzier graduates from Rutherford

Laura Buzier graduated from Rutherford High School in ceremonies held May 19 at Tommy Oliver Stadium in Panama City.

She was one of 277 students to graduate with the Class of 2011.

She is the daughter of Penni and David A. Buzier of Panama City.

Her grandparents are

Betty and Cubie Hicks of Panama City; Adolph Buzier Sr. of Apalachicola; and Dora and Eddie Curti and Audrey Moses and Myrtle Raffield Danley, all of Bay County.

Laura has many relatives and friends in Apalachicola, including the Buzier and Moses families and others.

She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Esther and Costa Buzier Sr. of Apalachicola.



## Junior Cotillions league aims for county

Special to The Times

The National League of Junior Cotillions (NLJC), a program of etiquette, character education and social dance training for middle and junior high school students, has announced plans to establish its national program in Franklin County.

"We will be selecting a director for a local chapter who will receive complete training and an exclusive territory for expansion," said Elizabeth Anne Winters, NLJC national director.

The organization has directors operating hundreds of chapters in 34 states, including Florida.

"This program is making a positive impact on students across the nation, and we are delighted to know that more young people in this area will have the opportunity for this vital training," Winters said.

The purpose of NLJC is to give students instruction and practice in the courtesies that make life more pleasant for them and those around them. Students actively learn courtesies through a creative method employing role playing,

skits and games. Standard ballroom and line dancing is taught using nationally approved top 40 music.

In addition to the usual courtesies connected with dancing and etiquette, character instruction is also provided regarding the following: honor, respect, ethics, sportsmanship, acknowledgments of gifts, behavior at cultural and civic events, correspondence, interaction in groups, introductions, paying and receiving compliments, receiving lines, table manners, instructional dinners, electronic etiquette, cell phone courtesy and many other areas of social conduct.

The program, with headquarters in Charlotte, N.C., was established in 1979 and has licensed local cotillions nationwide. The cotillion includes monthly classes plus a Holly Ball and Spring Ball, and instructional three-, five- and seven-course dinners.

"The program has met with equal success in metropolitan areas including Atlanta, Orlando, Minneapolis, Houston and in small communities across the country," Winters said.

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Any absentee ballots received after 5:00 p.m. September 6, 2011 will be available for public inspection until opened. Those wishing to inspect absentee ballots received on September 6, 2011 must be present throughout the time referenced. Shortly after receipt, those ballots will be opened and processed; however, not tabulated.

Pursuant to Section 101.68 (2) © 2, Florida Statutes, if any elector or candidate present believes that an absentee ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

The City of Carrabelle Canvassing Board will reconvene if necessary on Wednesday September 7, 2011 at 10 a.m. to complete the canvass of precinct returns and canvass provisional ballots.

The City of Carrabelle Canvassing Board will convene on September 8, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections Office, at 47 Ave F, Apalachicola, FL. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a manual audit of the voting systems used in a randomly selected race.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, all canvassing Board meetings are open to the public. Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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#### September 6, 2011

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<p><b>SAMPLE BALLOT</b> CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FL SEPTEMBER 6, 2011</p> <p><b>POLLING LOCATION</b> NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY 66-4<sup>TH</sup> ST, APALACHICOLA, FL</p> <p><b>POLLS OPEN:</b> 7am - 7pm</p> <p><b>ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.</b></p> <p><b>PHOTO AND SIGNATURE IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED, IF YOU HAVE NO ID YOU MUST VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT</b></p> <p><b>EARLY VOTING:</b> August 29<sup>th</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Supervisor of Elections Office 47 Ave. F, Apalachicola, FL</p>		
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# Happy BIRTHDAY

## Friends, family throw birthday blitz for Mary Britz

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Mary Britz of Lanark Village celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this month with a surprise party at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82.

The party, the brainchild of daughters Cheryl and Gail, drew more than 100 people. Cheryl lives with Miss Mary in Lanark Village, and Gail drove down from her home in Hurricane, W.Va., bringing along three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Miss Mary said she had no idea a party was planned.

"I was home making spaghetti sauce for supper, and I wondered why nobody was around to help me," she said. "I hadn't even seen Gail yet, but I knew she had arrived. The kids said 'Let's go up to the Legion.' I thought we were going to have a

beer or drink.

"While they parked, I opened the back door by myself, and the room was full of people standing up waiting for me," Britz said. "Nobody ever gave me such a party. There were two 92-year old Army nurses at the party, and they said they didn't get a party like that."

The festivities featured a beautiful cake and two dozen roses, a dozen each of white and purple. There was lots of food, too, along with cards and presents, and the children were given a special playroom.

"I want to thank everybody who came," she said. "Some of them were people I didn't even know."

She said her family ate the spaghetti the next night.

Miss Mary was born Aug. 3, 1921, in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated high school in 1939 and enrolled in nursing school.



World War II broke out while she was training. She and two other nurses from her class joined the Navy Nurse Corps immediately after graduation. "It was such an exciting thing,

and I was so happy to be able to do something for my country," said Miss Mary.

She entered the service as a commissioned officer and after indoctrination in Great Lakes, Ill., was transferred to Balboa Park in San Diego.

This was her first big trip and first visit to the West Coast. She said the young recruits had lots of fun on the troop trains. "From one end of the train to the other, we just ambled around and talked," she said.

At Balboa, she had her baptism of fire. "We admitted and cared for huge drafts of wounded boys from Iwo Jima and Okinawa," she said. "When they could travel, they were sent to the hospital nearest their home."

She remained in San Diego during 1944 and 1945.

"Carrabelle's been good to me," she said. "I've enjoyed it. My husband and I retired here

in 1981, and we stayed in Sea Breeze Campground for seven years. During the summer, we went to Port Clinton, Ohio, where we had a mobile home on the water at Parcel Post Park."

The Britzes bought Miss Mary's current home in Lanark Village in 1991. Eight years later, Miss Mary lost her husband in a tragic collision caused by a drunk driver.

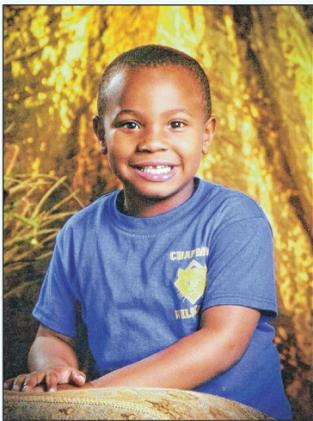
She chose to remain in Carrabelle. "Everybody's been so wonderful; this is my home now," she said.

Miss Mary is still in recovery from major surgery in October, but she still volunteers one day a week at the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum, sharing her memories of the war.

She and daughter Cheryl are planning a trip to visit Gail in Hurricane this fall. Miss Mary said she is also considering writing a memoir.

### Happy 10th birthday, Donate

Donate I. Pittman celebrated his 10th birthday on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011. He is the son of Aja Vandendandel and has one sister, Kyera. Grandson to Sharon Rochelle, he has an Aunt Ali and great-great aunt Jessie Mae. His Godmother is Ms. Stephnia Turrell, and great-grandparents are Jimmie and Mary Rochelle. His Godfather is the late Willie Weaver, Jr., and his girlfriend is Lt. Pam. Lewis, his "Top Cop" since kindergarten.



Love always,  
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### Happy Birthday, Betty

Time flies, when you are having fun! Still looking good girl. We love you!

Your Ya-Ya's



FLORIDA PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION | Special to the Times  
Helen Hicks won first place for oyster shucking at the Florida Seafood Festival in the 1960s.

### Celebrating an extraordinary life

Helen Hicks celebrated her 80th birthday Aug. 4. She was delighted to find and friends gathered at the Eastpoint Firehouse for a surprise party in her honor. They traveled from as far away as North Carolina and South Florida.

Helen, known to those who love her most

as "Meme," is the wife of the late Harvey Hicks. She has three children, nine grand-children, 16

great-grand-children and four great-great-grand-children. She was blessed with many gifts for this occasion, but none could be as great as the love

she has given us. Meme, we love you to the moon and back!



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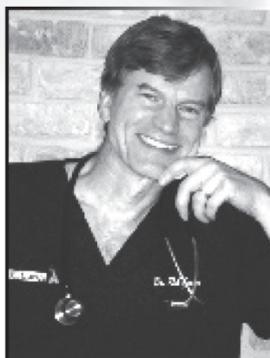
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# Make your home a sanctuary

By Pamela Shiver  
Special to the Times

There is nothing sweeter than a child who is innocent and naive to the evils of the world. She believes people are essentially good and is unaware of the meanness that some possess. She does not have to hear fighting, foul language or live in a cloud of smoke. She does not have to witness drug use, nudity or illicit behavior live or on TV. The atmosphere at home should be a haven from the elements that corrupt virtue. A home should be a sanctuary, free from fear, corruption and chaos.

Unfortunately, we cannot keep our children in a bubble. One day they have to venture out. Then your child will be enlightened to the things that their friends are exposed to at home. The parents of their friends might not see the need to monitor the things that you feel should be taboo. To further exasperate the parent who has set a standard of not allowing their child to watch anything that is above a PG rating, the movie industry decides to lower its standard. I recently watched a PG-rated cartoon that contained at least five profane words and characters that smoked. I find it very disturbing that a child's movie contains adult situations, profanity and innuendos that are intended for adults. Some say that the situations and cuss words that are in nearly every movie are essential for conveying a realistic message. I think I can get the point without it.

If you intend on keeping your child's ears pure, I suggest that you do not turn the radio to anything but Christian and oldies stations. Country music used to be the lesser of the evils, but you might hear a

song that promotes killing someone by poisoning their peas or loving, leaving and cheating. Some secular rock contains lyrics that suggest killing yourself, rebellion and drug use. Heavy metal rock might suggest that your child should kill those that "oppress" him or promote sinister thoughts. Rap music stations do not

touch the bottom of the family-friendly scale of suitable listening lyrics. Male rappers convey themselves as pimps and cheapen girls with demeaning lyrics. What better way to create a low self-image and taint the personal integrity of a child? There is something disturbing about a small child "dropping it to the floor" or "backing that thing up," like a club dancer, but that is just my opinion.

An adult can choose his environment; however, a child cannot. As a child, I was oblivious to the corruption in my surroundings until I reached the age of accountability. I never heard my dad say a cuss word in my life. As a teenager, I mockingly labeled him Father Jim because of his pristine manner. As a parent, I desired the same wholesomeness for my children. We only have one chance to get it right, folks. Your child is the most precious gift that God has given you. The Bible refers

to children as a blessing, a crown and our glory and gives us specific instructions on how we should raise them.

It also warns us in Luke 17:2, "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin." A parent is labeled negligent if they allow their child to do something dangerous that result in injury. Allowing the corruption of a child should also be criminal. A child does not have the capability to protect herself from the things she is receiving through the eyes and ears under the direction of someone that they trust. Their minds are not capable of discerning good and bad unless someone teaches them. Without that teaching, they grow up having a distorted view of what is right and wrong, oblivious to the consequences.

There are far worse things to fear other than your child being a "nerd." You might not be able to keep your children untainted by the world, but you can give them a safe haven in their own home that will establish principles and morals within them that might protect them at the appropriate time. If they ask you why they cannot listen to the songs, watch the movies or play the games that their friends do, just let them know that "some may, but you may not."

*We welcome all suggestions and hope you enjoy this weekly article. Please send all emails to Scott and Pamela Shiver at [frontline247@mac.com](mailto:frontline247@mac.com).*



**YOUTH MATTERS**  
Pamela Shiver

# A good guy who fought the brave fight

By Mel Kelly  
Special to the Times

Another of the good ol' guys is gone. Our world in Carrabelle will be less full without his grin, his good cheer, his wonderful heartfelt hugs and kisses. He cared about all of us. And he left way too soon for all of us who cared about him.

Mr. Freddy fought a strong, brave fight against the demon cancer. At first he won the battles, but then finally the killer overpowered his strength and resolve and claimed victory in their war. Cancer took him from his family and friends, leaving behind his beloved wife Cathy, their son David and cherished grandchildren. It robbed the town and his fishing buddies of a good companion and a valued citizen.

After retirement from his "real" job with General Motors, Cathy and Freddy made a new home and life for themselves in Carrabelle. They quickly became active in their church, ministering to others in their own very personal ways and hand in hand, making a never-to-be-forgotten good impression on all who knew them. Although they moved here less than 10 years ago, some who met them never guessed the Pucketts had not been longtime residents, even

"locals."

It is true that many others of Carrabelle's residents today are transplants themselves, finding new life, new adventures, perhaps anonymity or new purpose in the town we call "home." But how does a small-statured man from Georgia make such a tall mark in his adopted town by simply casting out new oars and lines? I wonder if Freddy knew that he was living the thoughts of former President Herbert Hoover: "Fishing is a discipline in the equality of men, for all men are equal before fish."

Was it Freddy's love and skill with a fishing boat and tackle that helped him find new friendships and companions? Other Carrabelle fishermen, some transplants themselves, recognized his abilities and strengths on the water and enjoyed swapping stories and the extra fish that Freddie always brought home. Whether he provided filets for friends at home, church or an area restaurant, Freddy knew the waters and where to find the best catch, no matter what time of year or weather. He learned early and well the real meaning of the Fisherman's Song: "Of all the world's enjoyments/That

*ever valued were; There's none of our employments/With fishing can compare."*

*- Thomas D'Urfe*  
Freddy's weather-beaten smile and leprechaun look — that went everywhere with him — made him special to all of us who liked him immediately. When we first heard the news that doctors had found cancer, it was terrible. In his typical sportsman fashion, he fought that battle and seemed to win. Then came the final blow. He would have to fight again bravely again for his very life, against terrible odds.

Sadly, now, he has left his family and community behind on this shore to mourn the passing of this dear husband, father and friend.

*I am standing on the sea shore, A ship sails in the morning breeze and starts for the ocean.*

*She is an object of beauty and I stand watching her Till at last*

*she fades on the horizon and someone at my side says: "She is gone." Gone! Where? Gone from my sight - that is all. She is just as large in the masts, hull and spars as she was when I saw her and just as able to bear her load of living freight to its destination. The diminished size and total loss of sight is in me, not in her.*

*And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "She is gone," there are others who are watching her coming, and other voices take up a glad shout: "There she comes" - and that is dying. An horizon and just the limit of our sight. Lift us up, Oh Lord, that we may see further.*

*- Bishop Brent 1862 - 1926*  
Goodbye, dear Freddy - we'll be watching for your grin as we too cross over!

*Mel Kelly is a frequent contributor to the Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times.*



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## Obituaries

### David Scott Plumblee



**SCOTT PLUMBLEE**

After a courageous 2½-year battle with head and neck cancer, Scott Plumblee, 48, of Atlanta, Ga., passed away peacefully in the early morning of Monday, Aug. 22, 2011.

Scott was born and raised in Cobb County, graduating from South Cobb High School and Georgia State University. He was the senior vice president of Strategic Alliances at First Data, where he worked for 18 years, and a member of Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Scott was the husband of Heather Thomas Plumblee, who faithfully loved and supported him during their 22 years of marriage. His beloved daughters are Kate, 19, graduate of The Westminster Schools and sophomore at the University of Georgia; and Paige, 17, senior at Westminster.

He is also survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harry E. Plumblee of Kennesaw, Ga.; sister, Kim Plumblee Davis, of Richmond, Va.; brother, Greg Plumblee, of Studio City, Calif.; parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eugene Thomas, of Austell, Ga.; three brothers-in-law; two

sisters-in-law; three nieces; and six nephews.

His family and friends have been forever impacted and changed by Scott's Christian testimony, bravery and dignity while fighting this

disease. He loved family, friends and his co-workers immensely. "Amazing Grace" characterized his life.

Visitation to pay respects was at Patterson's Oglethorpe Hill, Tuesday evening, Aug. 23. Friends and family attended a celebration of his life on Wednesday morning, Aug. 24, at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga. A private burial was conducted for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Scott's honor to The Scott Plumblee Family Trust c/o Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, attn: Graham Roberts, 3280 Peachtree Road, N.E., Suite 1900, Atlanta, GA 30305; [ScottPlumblee.com](http://ScottPlumblee.com); Northside United Methodist Church, 2799 Northside Drive NW, Atlanta, GA; or Head and Neck Cancer Fund of Winship Cancer Institute, c/o Office of Gift Records, Emory University, 1762 Clifton Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30322.

### Tilden 'Tommy' Tucker



**TILDEN "TOMMY" TUCKER**

Funeral services for Mr. Tilden "Tommy" Tucker, 51, of Jackson, S.C., who entered into rest Friday, Aug. 19, 2011, were conducted Tuesday afternoon in the Posey Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Jerry Davis officiating.

Mr. Tucker was a native of Eastpoint, having made Jackson his home for the past 25 years. He was a construction superintendent.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Florence W. "Flo" Tucker; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jessica and Ryan Ferguson, Jackson, S.C., and Kristyn Tucker,

Spartanburg, S.C.; two brothers, Earl Tucker and Gilbert Tucker, both of Eastpoint; five sisters, Cathy Barber, Eastpoint, Betsy Wheelley, Quincy, Elizabeth Patton, Neeces, S.C., Ann Hunt, Aiken, S.C., and

Pam Green, Brandon, Wis.; and two grandchildren, Gavin Taylor Ferguson and Keegan Thomas Ferguson.

The family received friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta was in charge of arrangements. Visit the registry online at [www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com).

### Walter Frank Rush

The Lanark Village Association will host a memorial luncheon in Chillas Hall at noon Saturday, Aug. 27, in remembrance of Walter Frank Rush.

Rush, who resided at 2323 Enabob St. in Lanark

Village, passed away Aug. 7, 2011.

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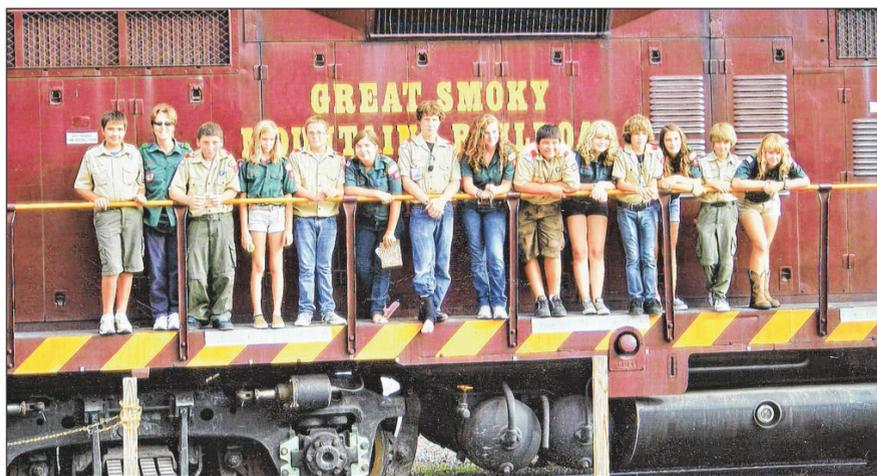
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Scouts enjoy a stop at the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad. Below, Scouts prepare to scale the walls of Looking Glass Mountain.

## How we spent our summer adventure

By Brook Pittman and Morgan Walker  
Special to the Times

This Boy Scout and Venture Crew trip to North Carolina was fun and eventful with the guidance of Scoutmaster Larry Hale at the wheel of our adventures, and always following behind were Ron Copley and Suzanne Creamer. We embarked at 7 a.m. on Sunday, July 31, all ready for a week with no sleep but plenty of adventure.

Our first excursion was to Chimney Rock, which proved to be long and exhausting with 720 steps. Those with pride and devotion finally crawled their way to the American flag at the peak of the quest. Unfortunately we had an ankle injury on this arduous hike. Poor Bryce Tobin strained a ligament, but he was a trooper and managed to join in most of the activities anyways.

The next day held our most trying challenge for all: a 1.5-mile hike uphill at breathtaking elevation to Looking Glass Mountain, where everyone bested their acrophobia and scaled the mountain walls. Of course this was only possible after an afternoon at the Climb Max Indoor Gym the previous day, where they learned all of the proper knots and safety procedures. The day was finally completed with a chilling plunge at Sliding Rock.

Despite the cold water, the scouts were right at home going down the Nantahala River. With Patricia Hale and Brook Pittman being the guides of their lives in the Class Three rapids, scouts were exposed to a new sort of water sport. Everyone aboard was drenched after the two separate rafts held open fire on one another, splashing ceaselessly with the treacherous oars. Fortunately, we had no whitewater swimmers and everyone reached land safely.

The next morning was spent at the home of



the gracious Carol Miley, a friend of Larry and Patricia's. She was a wonderful hostess; even the boys were delighted by her intricate tea cups and saucers. Later that day the scouts learned a little about geology while mining for gems near Bryson City.

The last day in the mountains we went to Bust-Your-Butt Falls, which is a traditional visit for Troop 22. Everyone was diving off a 20-foot ledge into ice cool water and sliding down the small waterfalls. After that everyone received a lesson in history while watching "Unto These Hills," a drama telling the story of the Cherokee and The Trail of Tears. This story was produced and preformed by the Cherokees themselves.

Bright and early the next day, Larry woke everyone to clean the cabin and pack the gear in order to disembark our journey and set sail for Franklin County. The scouts would like to thank Larry and Patricia Hale for organizing this trip and putting up with them for a whole week. They would also like to thank Mrs. Suzanne Creamer and Mr. Ron Copley, the other brave adult leaders, for risking their sanity and going the High Adventure trip with them.

Brook Pittman and Morgan Walker are students at Franklin County High School.



## Bugs N Buds: Roadside royalty

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

In the heat of summer, the plants in bloom are tougher than at any other time of year.

This week, let's look at three native plants, all of which are found in our gardens as well. All three blooms have a purple tinge and are showy at the roadside.

First let's look first at dainty kiss me quick, pictured **below**, also known as pink purslane and rose moss (*Portulaca pilosa*). This is a close relative of *Portulaca grandiflora*, the cultivated portulaca also called rose moss or moss rose, as well as time flower or ten o'clock flower. *P. grandiflora* originated in southern South America, and kiss me quick is native to the southern U.S.

Portulacas are succulents and grow well under harsh dry conditions. They tolerate almost any well-drained soil, are salt tolerant and do well in containers. They require little watering and no care but need full sun to bloom. They are excellent for use in rock gardens or between stones. If you want to encourage more blooms, pinch off the seed pods before they ripen.

Kiss me quick is a prolific bloomer over most of the year. It is a self-seeding annual, which means it does not carry over as root stock. *P. grandiflora* will also naturalize here as a self-seeding annual.

Unlike its cultivated cousin, kiss me quick occurs only in a rosy purple or, occasionally, white.

*P. grandiflora* blooms in a rainbow of colors. Until around 1985, it could only be purchased as a mix of colors. Now it available in single shades.

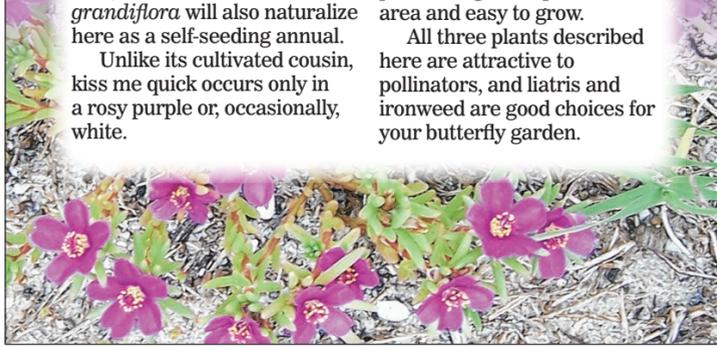
The other two purple beauties in bloom now are both members of the sunflower family *Asteraceae*, which are sometimes referred to as composites. Both plants want full sun or very light shade.

Blazing star (*Liatris tenuifolia*) is also known as gayfeather. Colonies of this plant with dozens of two-foot lavender flower heads on each stem are putting on a show right now. The bloom stalks are often quite dense in areas bordering pine forest.

Several species of liatris are available for cultivation. All are perennials. They like well-drained soil, but Florida blazing star tolerates wet feet as well. This is a good choice for a garden plant here and makes a splendid, long-lasting cut flower.

The second sunflower relative now in bloom is ironweed (*Vernonia angustifolia*), pictured **above**. In Georgia and Alabama, this gorgeous native can reach 8 feet in height but I have never seen it taller than 4 feet in Florida. It blooms midsummer to late fall. Like liatris, ironweed is an excellent perennial garden plant for this area and easy to grow.

All three plants described here are attractive to pollinators, and liatris and ironweed are good choices for your butterfly garden.



## Turtle nest numbers up this season on the island

It has been a hot, but busy summer on St. Vincent Island. The staff and volunteers have been busy monitoring wildlife — particularly sea turtles, birds and red wolves — and performing ongoing maintenance on the island. The turtle patrol has marked 61 turtle nests, including one green turtle nest, which is a first on the island. This season has more nests on the island than any other year in this decade. This increase in the number of turtle nests has also been noted in most other turtle egg laying areas in the state. So far, more than 1,000 hatchlings have been recorded on the island with a large number of nests still to hatch.

In early June, a lightning strike ignited a wildfire west of the cabin toward the center of the island. This fire, known as the C-4 Fire, burned 1,297 acres and was

the largest documented wildfire on the island in the last 20 years. The refuge was assisted by two three-man crews and Type 6 Engines from Bog Oaks National Wildlife Refuge

**BIRD'S-EYE VIEW**  
FROM ST. VINCENT ISLAND



in Indiana and from the Bureau of Land Management. This fire was one of many in the Southeast caused by an exceptionally hot and dry spring. St. Vincent Island was closed much of the month of June because of this large wildfire.

While many high school students have been relaxing on the beach or socializing with their friends, Sylvia Sheline, a senior at Port St. Joe High School, spent eight weeks of her summer on the island working with the refuge staff. Sylvia proved to be an excellent choice for this YCC (Youth Conservation Corp) position. She assisted with turtle surveys, helped remove exotic vegetation,

tracked red wolves, posted signs in closed eagle nesting areas, built protective turtle cages to protect eggs from predators and was involved in all sorts of island maintenance. Sylvia said she has lived close to the island all her life but didn't realize what was there. She didn't know you could volunteer to work on the island and had no idea how large the island was.

"I had no idea there was such depth to the island," Sylvia said. "You can't see anything but the edge of the island from C-30. There are dunes, oak trees and so much variety on the island."

Her favorite area is the far east end of the island, so different from the pine forest area on the west end across from the Indian Pass boat ramp. Sylvia said she enjoyed every aspect of the island, including working with the

refuge staff and volunteers hauling posts, tracking wolves, setting coon traps, catching mullet for bait for the traps, building hog pens and whatever else needed doing. After spending a summer on the island,

Sylvia is considering being a wildlife biologist, a career those who knew her this summer hope she will pursue.

With all the national budget cuts, the National Wildlife Refuge Association is

facing the possibility of some very severe funding cuts that could even result in the closing of St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge. Though we realize that budget cuts will be necessary, we hope Congress will recognize what a public treasure national wildlife refuges are. When Congress reconvenes, please let your congressmen know how much we care about these refuges, and ask them to

vote "no" on the proposed legislation, which is titled "HR 2584". You can read more about the proposed cuts and even generate a letter to your congressman at <http://refugenet.e-actionmax.com>. Click on "Protect Funding for Refuges."

Monthly tours will resume this Oct. 12. Our enhanced website will give you a lot of details about the tours plus a convenient place to sign up. Just click on "Island Tour Sign

Up." The tour is free, but participants must make a reservation at [www.stvincentfriends.com](http://www.stvincentfriends.com), and seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a small charge for boat transportation to and from the island. Bring everything you need, including drinking water — and leave only your footprints behind.

This column is provided by the Supporters of St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge.



SYLVIA SHELINE

## FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



As this month comes to an end, the fishing on the Forgotten Coast should improve. Water and air temps should start to decline and increase fish feeding and movement. St Joe Bay will be at a peak for scallop harvesting the next few weeks. This year's crop has been great, and many reported easy pickings and bigger meat. Redfish schools have been spotted on Town's Beach in St. Joe and at Eagle Harbor on the Cape side of the bay. These fish are on the spooky side, so light tackle and small baits should get their attention without scaring them away. Flounder gigging has been on the rise with good reports from Indian Pass and also in the bay.

### Freshwater

Howard Creek and well into the river system have had success with bream, bass and even sheepshead. Catfish are abundant in the rivers and lakes, with large numbers of channel cats. Fly fishing under limbs on downed trees in Depot Creek with Bea-Bea bugs will produce a limit of red breast bream with some patience and some bug spray.

### Offshore

All eyes are on the Mexico Beach kingfish tournament this weekend. Gag grouper comes back into season in just a few weeks, but after much debate, the powers that be decided not to open fall snapper fishing this year. Trigger fish and black sea bass are thick over the hard bottom out of Indian Pass, and this past weekend a few good kingfish were, too!

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# Seahawks to debut Friday at Bozeman

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The 2011 varsity football Seahawks will get a chance to display their promise Friday night in Panama City as they take on the Bozeman Bucks in the kick-off classic.

"Seahawk football is coming off a great summer program. Players participated in daily workouts, prospect camps and a team-building retreat," coach Josh Wright said.

He said the team's eight seniors "are finding great contributions in both ability and leadership from the underclassmen. Last Friday's controlled scrimmage provided a good look at where we are as a team. We were able to bring in area officials to give the younger players an idea of what to expect once the 'real whistle' blows. It was a great learning experience for everyone and gave the players greater perspective."

Wright said the four quarters tomorrow at Bozeman will serve as "another wonderful opportunity to measure exactly where we are at in the process of building a championship team. We hope to carry our summer successes and our preseason preparations on to the field this Friday night. We understand that the Bucks play a high caliber of football and that we will need to match that type of intensity to be successful during the regular season.

"Our players have worked hard as well as our coaches and are all very anxious to play against another school," he said. "Bozeman will be a team we may see down the road in the playoffs; we feel that Loren Tillman runs a



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Handling quarterback duties this year will be, from left, freshman Kelsey Jones, senior Zach Armistead, sophomore Dwayne Griggs and junior Skyler Hutchinson. At right is assistant coach Tim Wheeler. **Below**, Seahawks coach Josh Wright, left, with junior defensive end Ladarius Rhodes.

first-class program.

The Seahawks' starting backfield will feature junior quarterback Skyler Hutchinson, senior fullback Chris Granger, sophomore tailback Dwayne Griggs and senior flanker Brennan Walden.

Impact players on defense are expected to include junior linebacker Cole Lee, senior linebacker Bubba Fasbenner, junior defensive end Ladarius Rhodes and sophomore defensive end Dillon Grant.

Kickoff is set for 8 p.m., with Franklin County receiving a portion of ticket sales.



2011 SEAHAWKS		
#	Name	Grade
1	Griggs, Dwayne	Sophomore
2	Carr, Tre	Junior
3	Devaughn, Stephan	Sophomore
6	Jones, Kelsey	Freshman
7	Hutchinson, Skyler	Junior
8	Armistead, Zach	Senior
9	Walden, Brennan	Senior
10	Wynn, Mercury	Sophomore
14	Green, Leonard	Sophomore
15	Brannon, Gage	Junior
20	Barnes, Brandon	Junior
22	Rhodes, Ladarius	Junior
24	Granger, Chris	Senior
26	Lee, Cole	Junior
27	Foley, Holden	Sophomore
29	Grant, Dillon	Sophomore
50	Golden, Chase	Junior
51	Sheridan, Colton	Senior
52	Anderson, Paul	Senior
53	Hathcox, Kyle	Sophomore
56	Wilson, Jacob	Freshman
58	Davidson, Buddy	Senior
59	Fasbenner, Charles	Senior
71	Ray, Mason	Sophomore
73	Butler, David	Junior
74	Murray, Jeff	Junior
76	Sanford, Karl	Junior

## SEAHAWK SCHEDULE

All games are at 7:30 p.m. unless noted.  
**Friday, Aug. 26:** Kickoff Classic at Bozeman  
**Friday, Sept. 2:** Sneads  
**Friday, Sept. 9:** at Graceville (8 p.m.)  
**Friday, Sept. 16:** Cottondale  
**Friday, Sept. 23:** Liberty County  
**Friday, Sept. 30:** at Wewahitchka (8 p.m.)  
**Friday, Oct. 7:** at Port St. Joe  
**Friday, Oct. 14:** at R.F. Munroe  
**Friday, Oct. 21:** at West Gadsden  
**Friday, Oct. 28:** Blountstown  
**Friday, Nov. 4:** Bye Week  
**Friday, Nov. 11:** at South Walton

## ALL-STARS HONORED



Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

The many Franklin County All-Star teams were honored this month by the county commission, with each receiving medallions and commendation for their efforts. The teams pictured here include, from top, the Franklin County AAA All-Stars, the Franklin County Debs and the Franklin County AA All-Stars.



**Left**, Danny Brooks, state director of Dixie Youth League, far right, presents an award to Fonda Davis, assistant director of county parks and recreation, left; Link Carroll, Eastpoint director of softball, center, and Nikki Millender, parks and recreation coordinator, at the banquet that preceded the girls state softball tourney last month in Carrabelle.

## Sports BRIEF

### Sheriff fishing tourney Saturday

The third annual Franklin County Sheriff's inshore fishing tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 27. Adults, those over 12, are \$50 for boat/team entry, with all winners awarded with cash prizes and trophies. Grand prize is \$400 cash to team with highest point total.

The youth tourney is free for kids ages 3-12 and will award prizes and gear.

Entrants can begin fishing at daylight; tournament and youth weigh-ins run from 1-4 p.m. at Battery Park in Apalachicola. Targeted fish species for adults are redfish, trout, flounder and triple tail, and for youth, catfish, croaker, pinfish, redfish, trout and flounder. For tournament info, call Sgt. John Solomon at 370-6602 or Sgt. Ryan Sandoval at 370-6185.

— Special to The Times

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

### RUNWAY 14-32 IMPROVEMENTS

#### at APALACHICOLA REGIONAL AIRPORT FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids at the Franklin County Office of the Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 (office: 850-653-8861) until 4:00 PM local time on **Friday, September 2, 2011**, for the **RUNWAY 14-32 IMPROVEMENTS** project at Apalachicola Regional Airport. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED: RUNWAY 14-32 IMPROVEMENTS, Apalachicola Regional Airport." The project generally includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following tasks:

Remove existing runway markings, mildew, and vegetation from the surface of existing Runway 13-31; perform minor concrete repair; re-sealing the joints within the western half (approx.) of the concrete pavement with new silicone joint material; apply new runway markings to the pavement reflecting the new identifier, Runway 14-32; replace existing mandatory guidance sign panels from "13-31" to read "14-32"; replace select edge light fixtures; and provide certified surveys of runway end coordinates and of obstacle clearance for approaches on both runway ends.

Beginning on **Thursday, August 18, 2011**, bidding documents may be examined at the Franklin County Office of County Administrator, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 (office: 850-653-9783). Digital copies of the above documents may be obtained from the office of AVCON, INC., 320 Bayshore Drive, Suite A, Niceville, Florida 32578 (office: 850-678-0050) upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable to AVCON, INC. per bid set. Hard copies of the above documents may be provided at an additional cost. Questions relating to the Bid Documents shall be submitted to the Engineer.

Bid security in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid must be submitted with the bid. The bid security may be either a certified check or a proposal guaranty bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Bid security shall be made payable to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners. The successful bidder must be able to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Labor and Materials Payment Bond, and shall begin execution of this contract within five (5) calendar days following the date of the Notice to Proceed. Franklin County has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this project. The DBE participation goal for this project is 6.96% and compliance requirements are listed in the bidding documents.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be conducted at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 on **Thursday, August 25 at 4:00 pm local time (EDT)**. Questions related to the Bid Documents will be answered at that time. Attendance by prime contractors is encouraged but not required.

#### OWNER'S CONTACT:

Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services  
**Franklin County**  
 33 Market Street  
 Apalachicola, Florida 32320  
 Tel: 850-653-9783; Fax: 850-653-9799

#### ENGINEER'S CONTACT:

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**AVCON, INC.**  
 320 Bayshore Drive, Suite "A"  
 Niceville, Florida 32578  
 Tel: 850-678-0050; Fax: 850-678-0040

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

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## Your County LIBRARY

As a new school year approaches, remember that your Franklin County Public Library can make student and parent lives easier and help students succeed. How, you might think, can this be? The library provides electronic resources such as the Internet for research, word processing to type reports and assistance in using them. There is free Wi-Fi so you can bring your laptop with you. If you need assistance in finding a good book to read, we are here to help. Copies of the Sunshine State Reading list and other lists teachers use to guide students' reading development are available. If we don't have the title, we can try to get it for you through interlibrary loan with other libraries.

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After school bring your children, ages 0-11, to our weekly story time in Carrabelle and Eastpoint. Along with a fun story read by library staff, there are crafts, music and snacks. Call each library for day and time. The libraries are here for you.



# Wewa author gears for busy year

By Tim Croft  
Florida Freedom Newspapers

Wewahitchka author Michael Lister acknowledged he's got plenty of plates spinning in the air.

He also smiles and notes that it's plenty of fun.

With a movie screen adaptation of his book, "Double Exposure," to finish co-writing, a new novel and non-fiction book coming out in the fall, a book launch party in downtown Panama City in September and a play at Gulf Coast State College slated for February, the luggage beneath Lister's eyes are well-earned.

"I have so many projects going on right now, but it is exciting," Lister said last month.

Lister is co-writing the screenplay for "Double Exposure," which won a Florida Book Award last year. The production company, The Garden, and director Jason Hreno plan on moving directly into casting and pre-production once the script is in hand.

Lister figures the screenplay should be finished by the end of summer.

"We had several production companies interested in filming the book," Lister said of "Double Exposure," a mystery thriller and meditation on life set largely in the swamps along the Apalachicola River. "One company was very interested but wanted to film in Toronto. I said, this book is this area."

"The Garden loved the book. From the beginning they had a vision to honor the book, respect for the characters. They asked me to co-write the script and they made a commitment to film it here."

Lister is hopeful that actors who helped stage a play of "Double Exposure" last year at Gulf Coast State College might be in line for parts in the movie. The play, he added, was a minimalist production that adroitly explored the themes of the complex book.

"It was the closest thing to reading a book on stage," Lister said. "It's exciting and the movie is in a good situation."

Lister is co-writing from a distance, using Skype and email to exchange ideas with his co-writer.

"There were many meetings before we got to writing," he said. "It is a bit easier because we have the book to work from. Once we agreed on the process we broke the book into sections."

"I'm enjoying this. It is revisiting the book in a way that is good because it is a different medium."

The fall will bring the release of Lister's latest novel, "The Big Goodbye," the title homage to Raymond Chandler who wrote "The Big Sleep" and

"The Long Goodbye," both set in the 1940s, the period Lister submerged himself in researching the book.

Lister describes "The Big Goodbye" as a romance mystery thriller set in 1940s Panama City. The book, he said, was also very romantic and stylized, but for the most part "dark."

He has worked on and off on the book for five years and was written originally as a contemporary novel. Lister said by the fourth draft he had rewritten the book to fit the genre and period of a 1940s hard-boiler.

The book, in some ways, is a tribute to some of the influences that have informed Lister's writing over the years, Chandler, Robert B. Parker and Graham Greene to name the most prominent.

"It is a genre I have always loved, the hard-boiled private investigator and film noir and this is a combination of those," Lister said. "I always loved the art of film noir. These were mostly B-movies slapped together, but the result was real art."

"I wanted to bring something new to the genre, though I have all the usual elements. What I am doing largely is having fun with the conventions."

He set the book in Panama City and Gulf County.

"It was so much fun to do all the research," Lister said. "(Local historian and author) Marlene Womack, her books and articles, they are the Bible for this area. I owe her a debt of gratitude."

The book is scheduled to be released in September by Pulpwood Press.

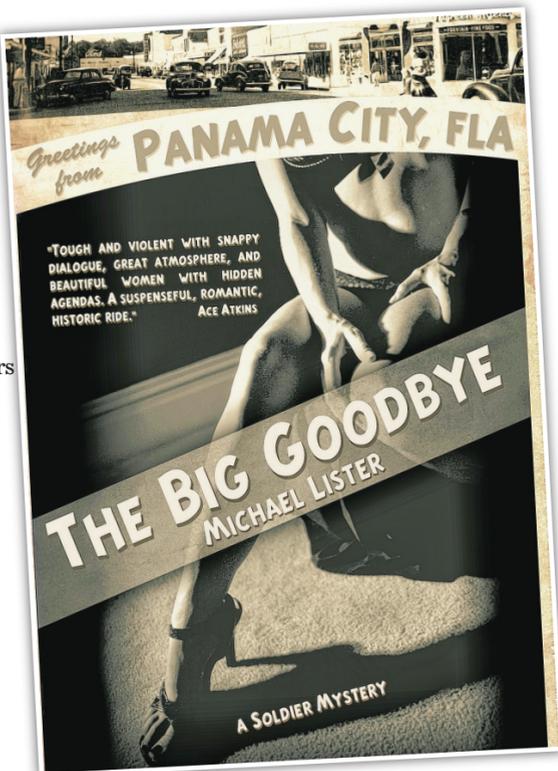
Mystery author Ace Atkins, who has been hired by Putnam Books to continue the Spenser detective series made famous by Parker, wrote of "The Big Goodbye," "1940s Panama City, Florida... tough and violent with snappy dialogue and great atmosphere, beautiful women with hidden agendas, and a long lost world that we mostly know through ancient postcards and faded photographs. Get ready for a suspenseful, romantic and historic ride."

Last month at the Marina Civic Center, Lister was part of the Backstage Pass series, joining The Steve Wiggins Band, mentioned in "Double Exposure," to read from his new book at the event.

In addition, Panama City musician-songwriter Todd Sparks has written a song specifically based on "The Big Goodbye."

The official launch party, which will be cast in a 1940s theme, will be Sept. 2 at the Panama City downtown Art Co-Op.

Further, Gulf Coast State College will hold a dramatic reading from the book



Photos SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Wewahitchka author Michael Lister's latest novel, "The Big Goodbye," is set for release in September, one of several projects the author is balancing. **Below**, Lister signs copies of his Florida Book Award-winning novel "Double Exposure" at the Rosemary Beach Writers Conference earlier this year. Lister is co-writing the screenplay for a movie based on the book.



this fall followed by a play produced in February.

Lister still has more words pouring from his computer.

The latest in his John Jordan mystery series, about a prison chaplain – which Lister once was – who solves mysteries, "Blood Sacrifice," is in the final editing stages with a proposed release of next fall.

"I'm real excited about this because for the first time John Jordan is completely out of the prison environment for the whole book," Lister said of the sixth installment of the series which finds Jordan questioning much in his life, seeking out a retreat – in the Mexico Beach/Port St. Joe area – for rejuvenation only to be enmeshed in a murder mystery.

Lastly, Lister will publish his first non-fiction work next month.

Entitled "Finding the Way Again: Rediscovering Radical Love and Freedom in the Lost Teachings of Jesus," Lister said the book examines the message and teachings of Jesus apart from the Christianity movement.

"I challenged myself to keep it to 100 pages," Lister said of the "slim" volume he has been working on for years. "This is something I have studied. I feel it is accessible and easy to understand."

"I really think it will resonate for people hungry for spirituality and reason but can't find that in organized religion. I'm really proud of the book and hope it will help people who don't care about dogma, who want to follow the life of Jesus and his teachings about love, compassion and justice."

If all this wasn't enough to stay busy, Lister will also be signing "The Big Goodbye" at Downtown Books in Apalachicola, on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 1 p.m.

Plus he will hold his 12th annual Gulf Coast Writers Conference Sept. 16 and 17 at Gulf Coast State College. "It's amazing to me it has been around 12 years and it really is one of the best conferences around," Lister said.

And he will be a featured speaker at the third annual Rosemary Beach Fall Writers Conference on Sept. 25.

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

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

**Aug. 13**  
Jeri C. Pool, 33, St. George Island, resisting officer without violence and battery on a law enforcement officer (FCSO)

**Aug. 16**  
Bobby C. Martin, Jr., 32, Apalachicola, trespass on property after warning (APD)

**Aug. 17**  
Donald D. Page, 37, Carrabelle, failure to appear (FCSO)

Joey R. Granger, 32, Blountstown, possession of a controlled substance (FCSO)

George Ward, Sr., 58, Eastpoint, possession of a controlled substance (FCSO)

Frankie J. Crosby, 26, Eastpoint, possession of a controlled substance (FCSO)

**Aug. 19**  
Johnny C. Jones, 37, Apalachicola, fraudulent use of a credit card (APD)  
Arron L. Prince, 19, Apalachicola, aggravated battery (APD)

Amber E. Adkinson, 19, Apalachicola, aggravated battery (APD)  
Martin R. Raulerson, 51, Lanark Village, domestic battery (FCSO)  
Aguilar R. Arcos, 30, Tallahassee, driving while license suspended or revoked (APD)

**Aug. 20**  
Jordan K. Richards, 21, Eastpoint, DUI and violation of probation (FHP)

**Aug. 21**  
Daniel G. Simmons, 19, Crawfordville, failure to appear (FCSO)

### Eleven would opt out of county insurance

At the Aug. 16 county commission meeting, Alan Pierce, director of administrative Services said a recent survey indicated 11 county employees indicated a preference for receiving a cash waiver in lieu of county health insurance.

But, he said, only five of those 11 currently have another medical insurance policy in place. He said that, if those five employees opted out of the county's health insurance program, it would save the county approximately \$17,000 a year. If all 11 workers were to find alternate health insurance, the county could save well

over \$30,000 a year.

Pierce said he would provide more detailed information on how the opt-out policy could be implemented at the Sept. 6 meeting.

### County seeks new P and Z members

County commissioners are looking for residents to serve on the planning

and zoning board, after the board has failed to achieve a quorum at its last two meetings.

At least five members of the nine-member board are required to form a quorum and alternates are needed.

If you would like to be considered to serve on the P and Z, contact your county commissioner or the county P and Z office at 653-9783.

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# Dinners canceled during Legion Hall repairs

Bummer! Hamburger Night, Sunday Pizza and Thanksgiving in August have been canceled for now. We need to do a repair update on the kitchen at The Legion. Things will be back on track soon. Sorry about that.

Had a good crowd for breakfast last Saturday, Aug. 20, for pancake brunch at the Lanark Village Boat Club. Thanks to all who supported the boat club, and thanks to the volunteers who

prepared the breakfast. Hope to see you in September.



LANARK NEWS  
Jim Welsh

Friends of the late Walter Frank Rush will gather at Chillas Hall for a memorial luncheon on Saturday, Aug. 27. Serving begins at noon. There is a sign-up sheet at Chillas Hall for those planning to be there, and what dish you are bringing. See you Saturday.

We still need a kitchen manager/meal planner at the Senior Center for the Thursday

lunches. Visit the center at 201 Avenue F in Carrabelle, or call 697-3760 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Missed you at Covered Dish last Sunday. Good grub as usual. Thanks for the covered dishes, and our faithful kitchen crew. Look forward to seeing you in September.

Be kind to one another, check on the sick and housebound, and get a grip, tie a knot, hang on to Jesus!

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

## Reunion BRIEFS

### Familia reunion

Heads of the Chiarenza, Mirabella and Polaronis Familia will meet this Saturday, Aug. 27, at 12:30 p.m. at the Mirabella cottage at 980 West Gulf Beach Drive on St. George Island.

The main event will be a mullet fry with a covered dish dinner Greek and Italian style.

RSVP to Dimples Polaronis 653-8387 or Olympia Pridgeon 878-1302.

### AHS Class of '81

The Apalachicola High School class of 1981 is planning its 30-year reunion for the end of 2011.

They have created a site on Facebook called the Apalachicola class of 1981 reunion. Classmates are asked to log on and become

a member of the site so they can stay on top of developments in the reunion plans.

Reunion planners are looking for classmates and friends. People who would have graduated with this group are invited to attend.

The reunion committee is in need of monetary donations as soon as possible, as well as help with the planning. If you have no computer access, please leave a message with your name and address at 653-5850. If you are in contact with classmates who have moved away, please let them know about the planned reunion.

### Noma community reunion

The annual Noma Community Reunion will be in the Noma Town Hall building Sept. 3. The town hall

will open at 10 a.m. CT, and lunch will be served at noon.

All past and present residents and their friends are cordially invited to attend. People planning to attend are asked to bring a well-filled basket of their favorite dishes. Also, please bring tea, if that is the beverage you prefer. Soft drinks, ice, cups, plates and eating utensils will be furnished.

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

Anyone desiring additional information is urged to contact Ludine Riddle at 974-8438.

# Habitat to host Saturday barbecue in Eastpoint

Special to The Times

The public is invited to join the Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County Board of Directors this Saturday, Aug. 27, at Taylor's Building Supply, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., to meet the Weeks family, Habitat's newest partner family.

The Habitat board and the family selection committee chose the Adam and Jessica Weeks family after a three-month search. The home will

be the first of two that will be built in Eastpoint, with construction to begin next month.

As a fundraiser, there will be a barbecue chicken and rib dinner, with all the proceeds going toward Habitat's building fund. Visitors can view the plans the Weeks have chosen, and the sheriff's office will be on hand with its award-winning DARE program car, plus information to help keep your children safe this school year.

Habitat is grateful to Superior Bank, which donated the lot in the Magnolia Ridge Estates area of Eastpoint. The bank has also put together a team of volunteers to help in the construction of the house and has committed to help Habitat with its ongoing family financial and homeownership education.

Board members will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, call 653-3113.

# Riverkeeper expands Wild & Scenic Film Festival

Special to The Times

more crucial.

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper will host the Wild & Scenic Film Festival for the fourth consecutive year, starting Friday and Saturday, Aug. 26 and 27, in Carrabelle at the St. James Bay Golf Resort, 151 Laughing Gull Lane. The festival will continue Sept. 2-3 in Apalachicola at the Dixie Theater, 21 Avenue E, and the following weekend in Marianna.

The reception begins at 6 p.m., and the film festival begins at 7 p.m. each evening. Admission is free.

Considered the largest environmental film festival, this year's films include a combination of local interest films and films that take you to exotic places. Merrill Livingston, daughter of Apalachicola's C.J. Weyrich and Mel Livingston, will be screening her local film "A Different Way of Doing Business," about creating a sustainable community grocery in Red Bay. Sept. 2, Merrill will be on hand in Apalachicola with Charles Morgan, Red Bay Grocery founder and entrepreneur, to talk about creating the film.

On Sept. 3 in Apalachicola, Jonathan Wickham will be the featured speaker. Wickham is producer of Saturday's feature film, "Chattahoochee, Water Wars to Water Vision" with Rhett Turner of Red Sky Productions. As the latest news on allocations of water in the Apalachicola River have been the subject of recent judicial decisions, the message of the film "Chattahoochee" becomes even

Additional films include "Eagle Among the Swam," a visit to the 20,000 eagles that populate Boundary Bay, British Columbia; and "Eastern Rises," fly fisherman in the last wild place on earth, Kamchatka, Russia.

Journey into wild caves with "Into Darkness" and explore the Pine Rocklands of Everglades National Park in "Pine Rockland Composition." The films aim to inform, inspire and ignite solution and possibilities to restore the earth and human communities while creating a positive future for the next generation. Apalachicola Riverkeeper will present these original films with grants from Patagonia and the Franklin County Tourist Development Council as well as other local sponsors.

For more information, contact the Riverkeeper 653-8936 or visit [www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org](http://www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org) or email [riverkeeper@apalachicolariverkeeper.org](mailto:riverkeeper@apalachicolariverkeeper.org).

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, provides stewardship and advocacy for the protection of the Apalachicola River and Bay, its tributaries and watersheds, to improve and maintain its environmental integrity, and to preserve its natural, scenic, recreational and commercial fishing character. Financial support comes from individual and business donors, private foundation and grants. The Riverkeeper was established in 1999 and licensed by the Waterkeeper Alliance as one of 196 waterkeeper organizations worldwide.

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Dated: July 26, 2011  
Ernest W. George  
CHAIRMAN - CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION

By: Cliff Chitwood, Division Representative  
August 4, 11 18, 25, 2011

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

DATED this 28th day of July, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson  
Clerk Circuit Court

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MARKET STREET, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320, 11:00 AM on the 21st day of Sept., 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Beginning at a point 60 rods South of the Northwest corner of Section 35, and from thence run East 40 rods, thence South 40 rods, thence West 40 rods, thence North along the West boundary lines of said Section, 40 rods, to the point of beginning; all of said land being in Section 35 Township 8 South, Range 8 west, in Franklin County, Florida. There is hereby expressly reserved from this conveyance a strip of land 15 feet wide, next to the west boundary line on which is located the public road leading to what is known as the Bay City Saw Mill. There is further expressly reserved from this conveyance a strip of land extending across the South side of the tract hereby conveyed containing 1 acre heretofore conveyed to Lloyd B. Smith

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AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated the 27th day of July, 2011.

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The information for Bidders, Forms of Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined, and copies provided at bidders expense of \$50, at Inovia Consulting Group, located at 930 Thomasville Road, Suite 200, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, phone 850-298-4213.

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AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

HATTAWAY, KEVIN L., et al.,  
Defendants.

CASE NO.:  
19-2009-CA-000529

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3386T  
STATE OF FLORIDA, CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION, Petitioner

vs.

CLIFF OLEN HUNTER, Case #29558  
Respondent

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35131T  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000527

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff,

vs.

FINN, WILLIAM, et al.,  
Defendants.

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35137T  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION:  
CASE NO.: 09-00463

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.  
Plaintiff,

vs.

HOWARD M. WEBB; SABRINA WEBB; UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

**LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100**

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale Dated the 27th day of July, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-00463, of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC., is the Plaintiff and HOWARD M. WEBB; SABRINA WEBB; UNKNOWN TENANT (S) N/A TIFANY CREAMER IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of the Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, FRONT STEPS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 33

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Less and except, however, the following:  
(e) Two parcels conveyed to Fredrick G. Kimbo and Anita A. Kimbo, his Wife, recorded in Franklin County, "Official Records" Volume 94 at page 294, and Volume 110, at page 505; and  
(f) A parcel conveyed to Jimmy C. Creamer and Carolyn T. Creamer, his Wife, recorded in Franklin County "Official Records" Volume 142, at page 534.

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35141T  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under Florida Statutes "Self Service Storage Facility" Act 83.801-83.809, Bluff Road Storage will sell for cash, to the highest bidder, the contents of the following storage units, on Friday, August 26, 2011. The public sale will be conducted at Bluff Road Storage, 1005 Bluff Road, Apalachicola, Florida at

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35149T  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under Florida Statutes "Self Service Storage Facility" Act 83.801-83.809, Bluff Road Storage will sell for cash, to the highest bidder, the contents of the following storage units, on Friday, August 26, 2011. The public sale will be conducted at Bluff Road Storage, 1005 Bluff Road, Apalachicola, Florida at

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 19-2009-CA-000529 of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, and, HATTAWAY, KEVIN L., et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, 33 MARKET STREET, FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, STE 203, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320, at the hour of 11:00 AM, on the 7th day of September, 2011, the following described property:

LOT 5, BLUE WATER BAY, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 31 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 26th day of July, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson  
Clerk Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk  
Aug 18, 25, 2011

**35178T**  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA:  
CASE NO.: 09-CA-0659

SUPERIOR BANK  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JAMES A. DURHAM  
and PATRICIA J. DURHAM,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 11, 2011, and Order Resetting Sale dated Aug 8, 2011, entered in Civil Action No. 09-000659 CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, where-in the parties were the Plaintiff, SUPERIOR BANK and the Defendants, JAMES A. DURHAM and PATRICIA J. DURHAM, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 21st day of September, 2011, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 3: Commence at a concrete monument marking the Northwest corner of Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, Franklin County, Florida, and thence run East 629.34 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 00 degrees 09 minutes 08 seconds East 1050.00 feet, thence run East 30.00 feet, thence run South 00 degrees 09 minutes 08 seconds East 660.39 feet to a concrete monument; thence run South 11 degrees 16 minutes 46 seconds West 90.58 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 41 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds East 120.00 feet, thence run North 52 degrees 24 minutes 47 seconds East 515.40 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 52 degrees 24 minutes 47 seconds East 515.40 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 52 degrees 24 minutes 47 seconds East 260.00 feet, thence run North 84 degrees 23 minutes 01 seconds East 170.95 feet to the West-erly edge of Mitchell Creek, thence run along said creek's edge as follows: South 01 degrees 17 minutes 27 seconds West 61.63 feet, thence South 77 degrees 38 minutes 31 seconds West 71.43 feet, thence South 11 degrees 51 minutes 48 seconds East 23.15 feet, thence leaving said creek's edge run South 52 degrees 26 minutes 30.95 feet; thence run North 29 degrees 41 minutes 36 seconds West 130.00 feet to the

POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO A 10.00 access easement over and across a portion of the Westerly part thereof;

AND ALSO LOT 4: Commence at a concrete monument marking the Northwest corner of Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, Franklin County, Florida, and thence run East 629.34 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 00 degrees 09 minutes 08 seconds

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East 1050.00 feet, thence run East 30.00 feet, thence run South 00 degrees 09 minutes 08 seconds East 660.39 feet to a concrete monument; thence run South 11 degrees 16 minutes 46 seconds West 90.58 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 41 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds East 120.00 feet, thence run North 52 degrees 24 minutes 47 seconds East 515.40 feet, thence run South 29 degrees 41 minutes 36 seconds East 130.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING thence run North 52 degrees 26 minutes 20 seconds East 309.52 feet to the Westerly edge of Mitchell Creek, thence run along said creek's edge as follows: South 11 degrees 51 minutes 48 seconds East 43.86 feet, thence South 24 degrees 36 minutes 48 seconds West 46.18 feet, thence South 17 degrees 36 minutes 28 seconds East 128.66 feet, thence South 61 degrees 22 minutes 24 seconds West 110.32 feet, thence South 42 degrees 51 minutes 46 seconds West 124.15 feet; thence leaving said creek's edge run North 29 degrees 41 minutes 36 seconds West 187.29 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED this 12th day of August, 2011.

HON. MARCIA JOHNSON  
Clerk of the Clerk  
Franklin County, Florida

By: Terry E. Creamer  
As Deputy Clerk  
Aug 18, 25, 2011

**35189T**  
**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of JR SUPPLIES located at 702 AVE C NW in the County of FRANKLIN, in the City of CARRABELLE, Florida, 32322, intends to register the said name with the Divisions of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

DATED at Carrabelle, Florida, this 18th day of August, 2011.

JACK RICKETTS,  
OWNER  
August 25, 2011

**35199T**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No. 10-000411-CA

REGIONS BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMSOUTH BANK, MORTGAGE, D/B/A REGIONS  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
O. LEE MULLIS;  
CHARLOTTE S. MULLIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLOTTE S. MULLIS; UNKNOWN TENANT; ST. GEORGE PLANTATION OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; and GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated June 24, 2011, entered in Case No.: 10-000411-CA of the Circuit Court in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein O. LEE MULLIS; CHARLOTTE S. MULLIS; ST. GEORGE PLANTATION OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; and GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Franklin County Clerk of the Circuit Court, 33 Market St., Apalachicola, Florida 32329, on September 21, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment:

Legal: LOT 4 OF PELICAN POINT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE (S) 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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Dated this August 10, 2011

As Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Terry E. Creamer  
As Deputy Clerk

**NOTICE**  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at Franklin County Court-house, 33 Market St., Apalachicola, Florida 32329, within two working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770. Aug 25, Sept 1, 2011

**35215T**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room at the Court-house Annex, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida, to consider terms and conditions for a potential settlement offer relating to a Notice of Claim filed by The St. Joe Company pursuant to the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Private Property Rights Protection Act, Section 70.001, Florida Statutes.

The St. Joe Company's Notice of Claim arises from the County's decision on December 15, 2009, to adopt Ordinances 2009-16 and 2009-17, thereby re-pealing the Marina Village Center and Carrabelle East Village future land use categories and re-designating approximately 1,191 acres owned by The St. Joe Company to the Agricultural future land use category. Copies of the Notice of Claim and this public notice may be inspected at the office of the Clerk to the Board, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida, during normal business hours.

All interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard with respect to the above-described matter. Persons may also submit comments in writing to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations in order to participate should contact Michael Moron, deputy clerk at (850) 653-8861, Ext.100, at least 48 hours in advance of the public hearing to request such accommodations.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, SUCH PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, SUCH PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, INCLUDING THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. Aug 25, Sept 1, 2011

**35218T**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

2nd REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/BIDS Airport Equipment and Rehab work at FRANKLIN COUNTY/ APALACHICOLA REGIONAL AIRPORT

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

- Item #1). Herbicide Spraying Equipment. (components/kits)
- A) Custom built herbicide spraying unit basically consisting of: Skid mount, 500 gal. tank unit, 8 hp electric start Honda engine, Hypro 1502 XL Pump.
- B) 40' folding, "break away" dry boom.
- C) 40 ea. TeeJet e-Chem Saver Electric Solenoid Shutoff Valve nozzle kits, EPDM hose, etc.
- D) 7' x 18' DOT equipment /utility 10,000 #

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GVWR tandem axle trailer.

E) Spare parts kit

Item #2). "Design Build" Rehab-piece work construction:

- A) FBO facility—Person safety door, roof, roof insulation, HVAC, hangar door.
- B) FBO emergency generator rehab/install, etc.
- C) County hangar— Finish work (drywall construction, etc.) of the restroom, 15' x 60' roughed in 2nd floor office area, etc. Add 20' x 60' lean-to storage area.
- D) Construct ADA restroom lean-to onto T-Hangar facility.

Item#3) Tree harvest-ing services.

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

Proposals/bids shall be sealed and delivered to the following address by 4:00 PM (EDT) Friday, September 2, 2011:

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

Please clearly identify on the exterior of the sealed envelope-the item number or part thereof for which bidding/ proposing—to be opened at the Commission meeting September 6, 2011

The County reserves the right to award the contract(s) to the qualified firm(s) or individual (s) submitting a responsive proposal(s) with a resulting negotiated agreement which it deems the most advantageous and in the best interest of FRANKLIN COUNTY and to waive any irregularity or technicality in proposals received. FRANKLIN COUNTY shall be the sole judge of the proposal and the resulting negotiated agreement that is in its best interest and its decision will be final. Aug 25, Sept 1, 2011

**35233T**  
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 09-CA-000323  
Division

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-J1  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SHAUN S. DONAHOE AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on July 26, 2011, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

ALL OF LOT 5, OF BLOCK 116, IN THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID CITY IN COMMON USE.

and commonly known as: 126 17TH ST., APALACHICOLA, FL 32320; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door steps of the Courthouse, at 33 Market St., in Apalachicola, Florida, on Sept. 21, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. EST.

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

Dated this 9th day of August, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell  
Aug 25, Sept 1, 2011

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITIONS**

**POSITIONS:** Non-Instructional:  
Lunchroom Assistant Manager (1)  
Lunchroom Worker (1)  
**LOCATION:** Franklin County School and/or Franklin County Learning Center  
**SALARY:** FCSB Salary Schedule  
**CONTRACT:** 2011-12 School Year  
**DEADLINE:** August 30, 2011, noon

Job description and application may be obtained from Franklin County School Board Finance Office. Applications must include (1) a high school diploma, (2) college transcripts if applicable, and (3) three letters of recommendation. Successful applicants must agree to a criminal history check (includes FDLE processing fee) and a drug screening at the Franklin County Public Health Unit. Please return applications to the attention of Morna Smith, personnel specialist. Franklin County School Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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