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The 2011 Wild and Scenic Film Festival moves to the Dixie Theater in Apalachicola on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2-3. The reception begins at 6 p.m., and the film festival at 7 p.m. each night. Admission is free. On Friday, Merrill Livingston, daughter of Apalachicola's C.J. Weyrich and Mel Livingston, will screen her local film, "A Different Way of Doing Business," about creating a sustainable community grocery in Red Bay. She will be on hand with Charles Morgan, Red Bay Grocery founder and entrepreneur, to talk about the film. The festival is sponsored by the Apalachicola Bay and Riverkeeper. For more details, call 653-8936.

Blues on the Dock

Blues on the Dock, a benefit concert for the Franklin County Food Pantry, will be held Saturday, Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m. on the waterfront in Apalachicola. Come hear the soulful sounds of the Pepper Drive Blues Band. Hamburgers, hot dogs 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 Pruet at Pru911@gtcom.net.

Panhandle Players to hold auditions

Panhandle Players will hold auditions for their fall production, "Work, Play, Love - An Evening of One-Acts," on Sunday, Sept. 11, and Monday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Eastpoint Firehouse. There are roles for nine females and two or three males in the three plays, "The Temp," directed by Tom Loughridge; "At Half Time," co-directed by Ed Tiley and Caroline Ilardi; and "Diaries of Adam and Eve," directed by Dan Wheeler. For more information, call Margy Oehlert at 670-8874.

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APALACHICOLA WORKSHOP

City wrangles over budget

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

At a third budget workshop that at times grew testy, Apalachicola city commissioners and vocal citizens Tuesday night hashed out everything from the fairness of giving pay raises to the wisdom of owning property. And most everything in between.

The nearly two-hour workshop soon became the most contentious of the budget process, which concludes Sept. 27, when the 2011-12 budget must be

adopted. The budget will next be discussed at the city commission's Sept. 6 meeting, and then at a final public hearing Sept. 13.

Brenda Ash, who at earlier workshops was the most outspoken of the commissioners, set the stage for the evening with a call for greater input from her colleagues.

In front of each of them was a newly produced set of figures for four budget options, produced by City Clerk Lee Mathes. The most recent set of figures calls for city employees



"We all pay into our own retirement fund; we pay our own insurance. Why do we as taxpayers have to pay taxes to reimburse someone for 3 percent?"

— Dieter Ambos

to be reimbursed for the 3 percent of their salaries that the state Legislature mandated earlier this year they pay into their state retirement accounts.

In addition, this budget includes a 2 percent salary increase for city workers and would raise about \$1.217 million in ad valor-

em tax revenue, identical to what was generated this year. To do so, the millage rate would rise from 8.625 to 9.6735 mills, about a 12 percent increase.

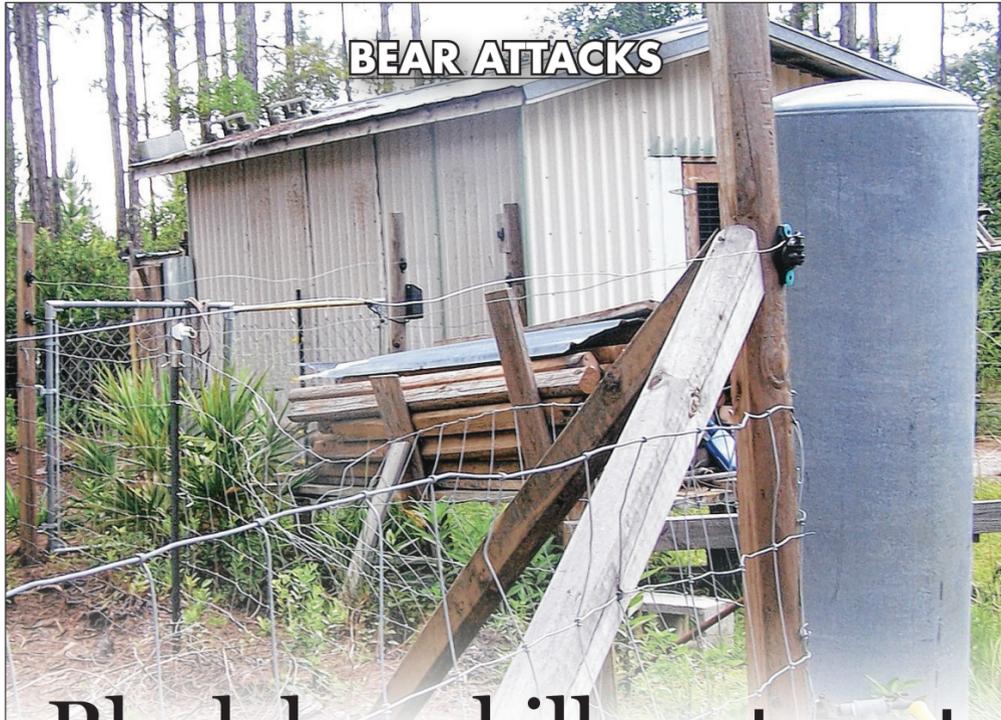
"I think we're going in the right direction, but I'm not sure we're there yet," Commissioner Frank Cook said, noting that nearly all

the feedback he has received from constituents has been opposed to pay hikes for city workers.

He said the city's proposal to reimburse staffers for their 3 percent contribution toward state retirement "is an indication

See BUDGET A7

BEAR ATTACKS



Black bear kills pet goat

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

An encounter with bears in Carrabelle led to the death of a family pet.

Jim and Juanita Brown brought home Coco, a pet goat, from Mississippi a little over two years ago, along with her kid Oreo. The two goats lived as family pets in a wire enclosure behind the Brown home on County Road 67 near the Franklin Correctional Institution.

On Tuesday night, Aug. 23, a bear entered the small wooden shed Coco and Oreo use as a barn and killed Coco.

The death was the culmination of a series of encounters the Browns had with two bears over the previous week.

Beginning Sunday, Aug. 21, Juanita Brown's 14-year-old Chihuahua, Little Bit, flushed a small bear from cover and chased it down an alley beside the Browns' home.

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PHOTOS BY LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

TOP: A bear entered the Browns' goat pen over the fence here and killed pet goat Coco in the shed. ABOVE: Juanita Brown with Coco's kid Oreo. The Browns are looking for a new home for Oreo.

Apalachicola designated Main Street community

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Today, organizers of an effort to further transform Apalachicola's commercial area with the help of three years of intensive training and technical assistance are celebrating the state's announcement the city has been designated the newest Florida Main Street community.

A luncheon will be held at Veranda's Bistro at noon today, followed by a community celebration at Riverfront Park at 6:30 p.m. The community celebration will feature food and music and will last until 8:30 p.m.

Florida Secretary of State Kurt Browning on Friday announced the designation of Apalachicola as part of the statewide Florida Main Street program, following an Aug. 25 recommendation of the ad hoc Florida Main Street Advisory Committee.

Organizations represented on the committee included Haines City Main Street, Florida Department of Community Affairs, Florida Division of Historical Resources, Florida League of Cities Florida Redevelopment Association, National Trust Main Street Center and the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation.

In a press release, Browning welcomed Apalachicola to the Main Street program, which he said "successfully encourages economic development in historic locations like Apalachicola and emphasizes the traditional assets of downtown —

See MAIN STREET A16

Cities to elect mayors Tuesday

By David Adlerstein
Times Staff Writer

Voters in Apalachicola and Carrabelle will go to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 6, to decide who will lead them the next four years.

In Carrabelle, incumbent Wilburn "Curley" Messer, 87, of 1399 NW Third St., faces two challengers for mayor: Shawn Oxendine,

52, of 403 W. 11th St., and Christopher "Massey" Rose II, 29, of 301 Baywood Drive.

Ida Elliott, the county's supervisor of elections, said that as of Tuesday, Carrabelle had 905 registered voters, with 648 Democrats, 153 Republicans and 104 of other

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APALACHICOLA



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WILBURN 'CURLEY' MESSER

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INSIDE: Commission candidates vie for votes, A7

# Weeks excited about new Habitat home



PHOTOS BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Jessica and Adam Weeks

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Adam and Jessica Weeks don't have much credit established yet, because they've chosen only to buy what they can afford.

So the young couple, and their three children, would probably have been hard-pressed to finance a new home.

"Even if we could afford a lot, we couldn't have afforded to build a house," said Jessica Saturday morning at Taylor's Building Supply, while behind her volunteers

from Superior Bank served up barbecue dinners to help raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

Jessica and her husband, a cook at the Hut Restaurant, were all smiles as they embarked on what is likely to be at least a yearlong journey to become the first family to join in the building of their new Habitat home in Eastpoint.

The Weeks family will put in at least 400 hours, and likely more, of "sweat equity" on the proposed four-bedroom home on Ridgecrest Parkway in Blue Heron Village. And in return they'll be able to afford the no-interest mortgage on a brand-new house.

The new home will mark a couple of firsts for the county's Habitat for Humanity chapter, in that it will be both the first lot to be donated by a bank, in this case Superior Bank, and the first two-story house to be built.

Habitat board member Skip Frink said Marvin Heymann, an architect who lives in Alligator Point, has



Builder and Habitat ReStore manager Rob Peterson, far left, with staffers from Superior Bank, from left, David Carlton, Melanie Williams and Nicole Shiver, who supplied their skills for the barbecue.

volunteered to make any architectural changes to accommodate the needs of the Weeks, and their three children, Kiana, 5, Avery, 3, and Leah, 20 months.

Mom, the former Jessica Tindell and a 2005 Carabelle High School grad, earned a licensed practical nurse degree in 2007 from Gulf-Franklin Center, but right now she's a stay-at-

home mom.

"We're pretty excited," she said about their new house, eager to finish up renting in Eastpoint, where the road is so close she can't let her children out to play beyond the driveway.

Board member Ella Bond said the project will "start as soon as possible," beginning with land clearing by volunteers.

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A rendering of the Weeks' proposed Habitat for Humanity home.

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# Could an earthquake happen here?

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

My family lives just 25 miles outside the nation's capital, and about 100 miles from the epicenter in Mineral, Va., so they were at ground zero Aug. 23 when Washington, D.C., experienced the strongest East Coast earthquake in living memory.

None of them had experienced a major earthquake before, and none thought it was an earthquake when it started. My brother David thought the washing machine was unbalanced, until a picture flew off the wall beside him.

My youngest brother, Paul, was on his back porch when the family dog came running up the steps panting heavily and whining, and a wind chime began to tinkle, before he felt the tremor. He initially thought it was a train passing, although there was no noise. Then he thought the porch was about to collapse.

Both brothers said the quake built in strength over about 15 seconds.

My sister Mary, 15 miles away at her office, thought a construction project across the street was causing the shaking until she saw a parked 26-ton truck moving in the feed from a security camera. Surprisingly, none of the security alarms in the building were set off by the quake.

My mother was shopping with friends in Occoquan, which sits on an outcropping of rock. She felt much less shaking than the rest of the family. When the tremor began, the shopkeeper told her there was blasting nearby, but when the shaking continued, everyone in the shop rushed into the street and found themselves surrounded by other lunchtime shoppers, most speaking into cell-phones.

Nobody in my family was injured, although everyone except my mother admitted to being very frightened. The glass in a framed picture of my nephew broke, and my sister's office building suffered several large but superficial cracks.

There is no fault line where the East Coast earthquake erupted. It is an unusual event but not unprecedented.

The Pilgrims experienced an earthquake in 1638, and an even stronger earthquake rocked the Northeast on Nov. 18, 1755. The Cape Anne earthquake, with an estimated magnitude of 6.0, caused widespread damage along coastal New England, and

in particular around the epicenter in Massachusetts. In Boston, 1,200 to 1,500 chimneys collapsed, and fallen bricks blocked the streets. The crew of a vessel sailing 120 miles offshore thought they had hit a rock.

Still, we don't think of the East Coast as a place where earthquakes happen. Earthquakes don't happen in Florida either, right?

## Florida earthquakes, Wakulla volcano

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, "on November 18, 1952, a slight tremor occurred in Quincy. Windows and doors rattled, but no serious effects were noted although the shock interfered with writing of a parking ticket." No explanation was given of how it interfered with the ticket.

St. Augustine, Jacksonville and Key West have all experienced earthquakes.

The famous Charleston, S.C., earthquake in August 1886 was felt throughout northern Florida and rang church bells in St. Augustine.

An interesting footnote is that the Charleston earthquake apparently put an end to the mysterious phenomenon known as the Wakulla volcano, a large column of smoke, sometimes accompanied by a fiery glow, visible from 20 miles away. The smoke originated deep in the Wacissa swamp. During the 19th century, sea captains reportedly navigated their vessels toward the entrance to the St. Marks River using a dark plume of smoke as a bearing. According to tradition, the volcano was somewhere in Jefferson County.

Numerous accounts of the phenomenon appeared in newspapers in the late 1800s.

In 1880, the Tallahassee Patriot described the glow as "looking more like a large fire shooting its flaming tongue high up into the upper realms, frequently reflected back by passing clouds."

On Nov. 9, 1883, the New Orleans Daily Picayune wrote that the smoke originated from a newly constructed mill and cotton gin.

On June 20, 1880, The New York Times wrote, "It is much brighter some nights than others, sometimes having the appearance of the moon rising, but generally much brighter, and looking more like a large fire shooting its flam-



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Tremors from the 1886 earthquake that struck Charleston, S.C., above, were felt strongly in Jacksonville.

ing tongue high up into the upper realms, frequently reflected back by passing clouds. We were told last Tuesday by a gentleman living in Wakulla County, near this noted swamp, that the light had created much excitement in his neighborhood, as a loud, rumbling noise was frequently heard in the direction of it during the week. The noise was said to be so loud Thursday, about midnight, as to arouse the sleeping family of Mr. Frank Duggle, and

cause them to get up and run out doors, thinking another earthquake was on hand."

The Seminole Indians knew about the volcano. "Wakulla" is an Indian word meaning "smoky or misty," and some speculate that county got its name from the volcano.

Several teams of investigators attempted to visit the volcano in the second half of the 19th century, but it is unclear whether any one succeeded.

The New York Herald Tribune formed an expedition, consisting of a journalist and three guides, to search for the source of the smoke. They spent three days battling sawgrass, mud, mosquitoes and cottonmouth moccasins but returned to Tallahassee after one of the guides fell out of a tree and the reporter died of swamp fever.

Later in the 20th century, a road crew reportedly found a site that matched early explorers' descrip-

tions of the volcano adjacent to the Aucilla Sinks. Large limestone boulders littered the area covered in black lichen, creating the illusion they were charred. An employee of the St. Joe Company was also rumored to have visited the site.

Geologists are adamant that no real volcano could exist in the Wakulla Swamp.

The most widely held theory today of the origin of the smoke is a long-burning peat fire.

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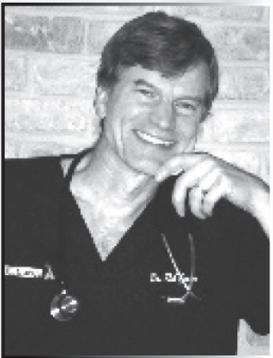
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## Time to closely examine the county budget

By Allan Feifer  
Special to The Times

Raise your hand if you want to pay higher taxes. Exactly. Nobody wants to fork over more of their hard-earned dollars to the government. But we expect the streetlights to work, the potholes to get fixed and our local laws to be enforced. That costs money, and we're happy to pay our fair share.



ALLAN FEIFER

The Franklin County Commission is proposing a 12 percent increase in the tax rate and an additional \$750,000 in new spending as part of a \$41 million proposed budget. If approved, this would mark the county's third consecutive year of raising tax rates and a 50 percent increase since 2008-09.

Property values have plummeted during the real estate crash and recession, and this smaller tax base means less money for local government, but the solution isn't higher taxes. Times are tough for everyone in this economy. We all have had to tighten our belts and watch how we spend our household budgets. We want county commissioners to do the same.

I'm calling attention to this because I love Franklin County, just like you do. I have lived and worked here with my wife, Nancy, for more than a decade. I began visiting this area in the 1970s, attracted by its natural beauty and unique charm. I don't want us to lose any of that. In 2006, I became president of Concerned Citizens of Franklin County Inc., a government watchdog group, to help keep elected officials accountable and to get more citizens involved.

I attend county meetings regularly. Too

often, our local officials make a last-ditch effort for budget cuts like a student cramming for a test minutes before the exam. The results usually aren't pretty. Let's have a thoughtful review of county expenditures and see how we stack up against other comparable counties. Let's borrow the best ideas from others who are facing the same budget constraints.

We also can't cling stubbornly to the status quo. Questions and new ideas can't be treated with contempt. "We've always done it this way" is not a sufficient answer. Every line item in the budget needs to be up for debate and justified. We applaud commissioners for recently exploring the idea of privatizing solid-waste operations to see whether the private sector can deliver the same or better service at an affordable price.

Another area to examine is the Sheriff's Office budget, which is one of the county's biggest expenses. A comparison of Franklin County to other neighboring counties suggests we can do better. Franklin County spends \$404 per person to fund the Sheriff's Office and jail. Gulf County, which also runs a jail, spends \$228 per person, or 44 percent less. Other small counties also spend less than Franklin on a per-capita basis.

We aren't experts in law enforcement, but these numbers beg a serious explanation. Franklin County commissioners have discussed bringing in an outside auditor to analyze spending at no upfront cost. This firm would get paid only if it finds savings. We encourage commissioners

to pursue that idea!

One common complaint we hear is that this drive for more efficient government may cost someone his or her county job. We don't wish that on anyone, and we don't blame the employees. But Franklin County government isn't a jobs program. Its purpose is to deliver essential services at the lowest cost possible so taxpayers can keep more of their paycheck.

We are likely to face lean budget times for years to come. The federal and state governments aren't in a position to help municipalities much because they have their own budget problems to sort through. Remember that whole debt ceiling debate? And the infusion of BP funds is coming to an end. Handouts aren't the answer.

Franklin County needs to chart its own course. The county can do more to grow the local tax base and attract more jobs. This can reduce the tax burden on individuals and provide much-needed opportunity for Franklin County's young people to stay here and raise their families. It's time to step up, commissioners. Hold the line on spending and taxes. That will help Franklin County families and businesses. And it's time for citizens to show up and get involved. Join us at the Franklin County budget hearings Sept. 6 and 19 at the courthouse annex at 5:15 p.m.

Allan J. Feifer is president of Concerned Citizens of Franklin County Inc., a nonprofit group that promotes good government and citizen participation. For more info, visit [www.abetterfranklin.com](http://www.abetterfranklin.com) or call 653-5571.

## Understanding a TRIM notice

By Marcia Johnson  
Special to The Times



YOUR PUBLIC TRUSTEE  
Marcia Johnson

**Q. Can you provide some information about the recent tax notice I received in the mail? It seems my tax notice is higher than what I thought was quoted in a recent "Times" article on the county's budget.**

A. The notice you received is called a TRIM notice, and it's not your tax bill, it's an informational notice. It provides you the 2010 and the 2011 market value, assessed value, exemptions, and taxable value of your property and states the amount of taxes you'll pay if the budgets for your taxing authorities are adopted without changes. You must understand that all taxpayers may not be taxed by each authority.

As an example, I live within the city limits of the City of Apalachicola; therefore I'll be paying taxes set by the board of county commissioners, the school board, the Northwest Florida Water Management District, and the city of Apalachicola. If I lived outside the city limits, I'd be paying taxes set by the board of county commissioners, the school board, and the Northwest Florida Water Management District, but no city taxes.

In the recent article I was quoted as citing a hypothetical homeowner with a

house valued at \$150,000 and the \$50,000 homestead exemption who would pay \$54 more in county property taxes if the millage was increased. You have to understand I was addressing my comments to the board of county commissioners at a public workshop, and these comments referred strictly to the county's taxes and didn't include taxes you will pay on the school board's millage, the city's millage, or the special water & sewer district millage. The board of county commissioners can take no action on the other taxes, so my comments were directed to the county tax millage rate alone and the figures stated were accurate.

Your TRIM notice will outline the amount of taxes you'll pay from each separate governmental entity. As proposed in the TRIM notices, here are the proposed millage rates:

- Board of County Commissioners — 4.9800
- School Board — 5.0490
- Northwest FL Water Management District — 0.0400
- Alligator Point Water Res. District

Inside City Limits		
2010 Taxes	2011 Proposed	Inc./Dec.:
<b>County</b>		
111.13	124.50	+ \$13.37
<b>School Board</b>		
156.99	154.95	- \$2.04
<b>NWFWMD</b>		
1.13	1.00	- \$0.13
<b>City</b>		
215.63	244.52	+\$28.89
<b>Total</b>		
484.88	524.97	+\$40.09

Outside City Limits		
2010 Taxes	2011 Proposed	Inc./Dec.:
<b>County</b>		
222.25	249.00	+ \$26.75
<b>School Board</b>		
262.83	252.45	- \$10.38
<b>NWFWMD</b>		
2.25	2.00	- \$0.25
<b>Total</b>		
487.33	503.45	+\$16.12

— 2.5000  
• City of Carrabelle — 8.2700  
• Dog Island Conservation District — 3.0000  
• Eastpoint Water & Sewer District — 2.0000  
• City of Apalachicola — 9.7809

**See the first chart above.**

My vacant property outside the city limits Note: my market value and assessed value remained the same. **See the second chart above.**

You can see that the county's tax increase isn't significant on my homesteaded property which I've owned since 1982, and the overall increase on my vacant property isn't too bad, especially considering that I owe more on this vacant property than it is assessed at. On these properties, I'll pay an additional \$56.21 in taxes for 2011.

If you have questions or comments about this column, please forward them to: Marcia Johnson, Clerk of the Court, 33 Market St, Ste. 203, Apalachicola, Florida, 32320, or by email to [mmjohnson@franklinclerk.com](mailto:mmjohnson@franklinclerk.com).

Since I own property within the city of Apalachicola as well as outside the city limits, I'll give my example to you comparing last year to this year at the rates proposed on the TRIM notice: My property within the City of Apalachicola with Homestead & Save Our Homes Exemption. Note: my market value went down slightly while my assessed value went up slightly. This is because the Save Our Homes (Amendment 10) law requires that until market and assessed values are equal, the assessed value shall increase 3 percent or the Consumer Price Index each year.

### CORRECTION

In last week's Aug. 25 issue, in a story headlined "New Tarpon exhibit stirs queen-sized memories," the Times wrote that Captain Billy Russell was the master of the Tarpon. Apalachicola's Gayle Smith stopped by last week to clarify that the Tarpon's captain was, in fact, Capt. Willis Green Barrow. So, the quotation, "God makes the weather and I make the trips," should be attributed to Barrow, and not to Russell.

According to Joe Barber, "Captain" Billy Russell was actually the first mate of the Tarpon, and perished when the boat sank in 1937 off the coast of Panama City.

## Delegation hearing set for Sept. 29

State Representative Leonard Bembry is pleased to announce the date for the Franklin County Legislative Delegation after hearing he is chairing.

The hearing will be in the Franklin County Commission Room in the courthouse annex building, 34 Forbes Street, in Apalachicola, on Thursday, Sept. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Because the 2012 session of the Florida Legislature will start early next year, beginning Jan. 10 and ending March 9, the hearing will be in September, earlier than usual. Committee meetings begin mid-

September through early December.

"I am convinced that delegation hearings present the general public and local government leadership with a tremendous opportunity to express their needs, and to allow an exchange of information," said Bembry. "We can do more as your legislator if we better understand the local problems and concerns."

House District 10 is the largest geographical district in the state, and spans from Franklin County, east to Columbia County, and down the coastline to Levy County.

If any member of the public would

like to address the delegation, please contact Teresa Watson in Bembry's office at 352-493-6848 or [teresa.watson@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:teresa.watson@myfloridahouse.gov), to be placed on the agenda. Appearance cards will also be available at the hearing for anyone who wishes to be heard.

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## Environmentalists urge support for RESTORE Act

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

In July, Florida's Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio were two of the nine Gulf Coast senators to co-sponsor the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunity and Revived Economies of the Gulf States Act of 2011 (RESTORE) in the U.S. Senate.

RESTORE would help rebuild and strengthen the environment and economy of regions affected by the 2010 BP oil spill by channeling the majority of the fines collected from BP to the area of the Gulf impacted by the spill.

Jay Liles, a policy consultant for the Florida Wildlife Federation, and Apalachicola Riverkeeper Dan Tonsmeire both urged support for the bill last week.

Anywhere from \$5 billion to \$20 billion will be collected in fines from BP for violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Under current law, BP penalties for the oil spill will be deposited into the federal treasury. Rubio and Nelson want 80 percent of these fines to be channeled to the Gulf Coast.

RESTORE establishes a Gulf

Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council consisting of eight federal and five state officials. Under RESTORE, 60 percent of the CWA fines would be allocated to the council. Of that money, half would be used to implement the council's comprehensive environmental plan.

The other half would be distributed to the Gulf states, based on the extent of the oil spill's impact, to be used in keeping with each individual state's plan for environmental and economic restoration.

Thirty-five percent of the funds earmarked for Gulf states would be available to the Gulf Coast to be used by the states, within the impacted region, for environmental and economic restoration.

"It's important that people understand that economic restoration is a major focus of this bill," said Liles.

He said rebuilding stormwater retention systems and other infrastructure would create jobs immediately and resource management would provide long-term employment within the region.

The final 5 percent of the money allocated to the Gulf Coast under RESTORE would become an endowment to fund scientific research

and fisheries management. Tonsmeire said interest from the endowment would help fund management of the bay in perpetuity and could be used for shelling and oyster relays.

The bill has been endorsed by a wide spectrum of groups, including the American Sportfishing Association, the Ocean Conservancy, the Environmental Defense, Oxfam America, the Audubon Society, the National Wildlife Federation, the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and the Nature Conservancy.

A bipartisan survey conducted by Lake Research Partners found that 90 percent of Democrats, 84 percent of independents and 76 percent of Republicans support RESTORE.

"These are not new taxes," Liles said. "We're not asking for new revenue. These are fines levied against BP for wrongdoing."

Tonsmeire and Liles said that while RESTORE is expected to come before the Senate in September, there is not yet an equivalent bill before the House of Representatives. The men asked that people contact Congressman Steve Southerland and request that he sponsor a similar bill.



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## Arrest REPORT

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

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

**Aug. 22**  
Donnie W. Anderson, 42, Panama City, resisting

officer without violence (FWC)  
Connie F. Massey, 48, Carrabelle, DUI, refusal to submit to breath test, introduction of contraband to correctional facility and violation of probation (FHP)

**Aug. 23**  
Howard L. Nabors, 25, Apalachicola, petit theft (FCSO)

Henry E. Cooper, 46, Apalachicola, domestic battery (APD)

**Aug. 24**  
Jessica H. Montgomery, 26, Apalachicola, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver (FCSO)

Erica N. Tiller, 30, Apalachicola, possession with intent to sell or deliver, and violation of probation (FCSO)

Glen L. Suddeth, 33,

Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

**Aug. 25**  
Jeremy J. Mixon, 24, Apalachicola, aggravated battery (FCSO)

**Aug. 27**  
Charles R. Moore, 34, Greensboro, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

**Aug. 28**  
Andrew W. Jones, 24, Crawfordville, disorderly intoxication and resisting without violence (FCSO)

**Aug. 29**  
Sam F. Revell, 38, Apalachicola, two counts of grand theft (FCSO)

Alvin R. Peterson, 59, Quincy, interference with custody (FCSO)

Mary L. Nowling, 23, Eastpoint, warrant from U.S. Marshal's Service (FCSO)

## News BRIEFS

### Carrabelle Senior Center hosts dance Saturday

The Carrabelle Senior Center will host a dance on Saturday evening, Sept. 3, at the Carrabelle Senior Center, starting at 7 p.m.

Admission is free, with music will be provided by local disc jockey Ron Vice, serving up a lively mix of Big Band dance tunes and mellow pop hits.

Come down to the Senior Center, at 201 NW Avenue F, on the corner of 1st Street and NW Avenue F in downtown Carrabelle, this Saturday night to dance or just to listen to the music! For more information on the dance and other activities, visit [www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com](http://www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com).

### Celebrate 'We Love Eastpoint Day' Saturday

On Saturday, 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. There will be a cooking contest. Entries must arrive by 3 p.m.

For information call 370-6763.

### ANERR seeks exhibitors for Green Living Day

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve is hosting its first Green Living Day, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The day will feature exhibits on green products from local suppliers, energy conservation, solid waste reduction and recycling, eco-friendly and green home practices, sustainable landscaping and more. This event is for residents to learn about practical ways they can "green" their lifestyles and homes.

This event is free and open to the public. To sign up, contact Matthew Anderson at [Matthew.r.anderson@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Matthew.r.anderson@dep.state.fl.us) or 670-7702.



# A Comparison of Candidates in the Race for Mayor of Apalachicola

## Mayor Van Johnson Vs. Tom Daly

A solid record of accomplishments and experience vs. "I can do better"

### Mayor Van Johnson

**Personal: Lifetime Commitment:** Lifetime resident and father who has raised his family here and served the Apalachicola community for more than 43 years; Married 30 years to the former Gail Simmons

**Employment:** County Department Head managing more than 30 employees

**Cost of Living Adjustments:** Supports a cost of living adjustment for all city employees

**Taxes:** Supports minor increase - approx. \$2 avg per person city increase to maintain necessary services

**Zoning Laws:** Supports strong zoning, Tree Ordinance and stopped RV park at Battery Park

**Trash Clean-up:** Increase pickups, work with community groups

**Power Poles:** Negotiated compromise in Power Pole issue

**Children:** Initiated Project Impact, an afterschool and summer enrichment program and created Youth Center at old AHS gym

**New Revenue:** Obtained more than \$20 million in grant funds for major improvements in the City; has formed several partnerships with community organizations to increase services at little or no cost to the City

**Economic Development:** Created 85 new jobs in the City, supported Mainstreet program, made downtown park and street improvements, initiated improvements to Mill Pond Marina for Seafood Industry

**Fire Protection:** Elevated maintenance program for all fire hydrants, new fire station and fire engine along with accessories and training for volunteers

### Tom Daly

... recently returned to Apalachicola after being away for 24 years; Single

... waiter at local restaurant

... opposes adjustments for city employees except a political supporter

... favors taxpayer fee increases (docking fees, building permit fees)

... advocated modifying 35 ft. height restriction and advocated on Facebook locating RV park in City

... put liens on resident properties

... opposes compromise. No concrete plan.

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# 4 vie to be Apalach airport's FBO

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Three companies have submitted proposals to rent a commercial hangar at Apalachicola Regional Airport.

In June, the airport's governing board advertised locally and through national outlets for proposals to rent a newly completed 11,000 square foot commercial hangar. The also sought proposals to fulfill the duties of the airport's fixed base operator, which provides aeronautical services that can include fueling, hangaring, tie-down and parking, aircraft rental, aircraft maintenance and flight instruction.

The current lease, held by the Apalachicola International Training Center (AIRC) expires Feb. 4, 2012. Bill Ruic, AIRC president, who has been the FBO for 20 years, has indicated he is not interested in renting the new hangar because he already occupies one at the airport. He proposed to continue services together with his son, Michael.

The three other candidates to be FBO indicated they are interested in renting the hangar.

Grace Industries LLC, of Waynesboro, Tenn. proposed to rent the hangar to house a non-aviation venture, which Ted Mosteller, director of the airport board, said would focus on manufacturing shipping cartons and trailers. Mosteller said Grace CEO Randall Lawrence might bring as many as 70 jobs to the county with his operation, but will need additional space if he chooses to move the manufacturing arm of his business here.

County Planner Alan

Pierce said he believed the initial plan was to move Grace's sales offices into the hangar, and that it was unclear whether Lawrence planned to move his entire company to the area. Pierce said Grace is interested in the hangar with or without the FBO position.

Dan Garlick, of Apalachicola, and Randy Randolph, of Jacksonville, jointly submitted a proposal as SkyDance LLC to rent the hangar and become FBO.

In a telephone interview, Garlick said their plan would also create new jobs but on a more modest scale, noting that the business plan calls for creating 10 jobs over three years.

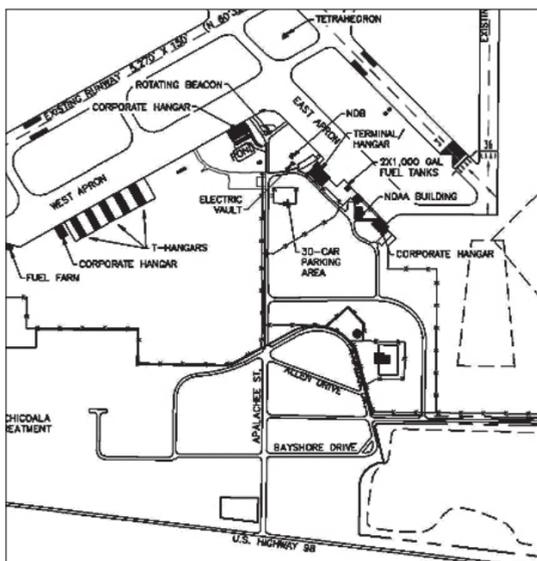
Island Air Express LLC (IAE), of Panama City, also submitted proposals both to rent the hangar and fill the FBO position. The company, headed by CEO Morris Jorman, offers flight training programs.

Mosteller said that as of last week, no decision had been made on the proposals, although they have been discussed at three airport board meetings.

Pierce said he believes the FBO and the tenant for the hangar will be chosen at the Sept. 12 meeting of the airport board. He said that whoever takes possession of the hangar will be offered a 20-year lease, with 5 percent paid annually, and then own the building at the end of that time.

Mosteller said none of the bidders on the hangar were interested in using it as a paint hangar, one of the originally proposed uses for the building.

"The one interested in paint hangar came and looked at it and did not bid," he said. "This would have been his third loca-



tion. He has a nationwide operation." Mosteller said the fact the building was completed roughly a year behind schedule, mainly due to weather problems, may have contributed to that company's loss of interest.

### Changes in the Earth's magnetic field

Mosteller said the airport recently passed its annual licensing inspection, with some provisions dealing mainly with trees that need to be removed. He said the county hopes to sell the lumber and is soliciting bids to do the tree removal.

Bids must be on the desk of Michael Moron, secretary to the county commission, by Friday, Sept. 2 and will be opened at the Sept. 6 commission meeting.

Mosteller said the numerical designation of the primary runway will be changed from 13/32 to 14/32 because of the normal flux in the Earth's magnetic

field. The designations are based on the real magnetic field and rounded up or down.

"Because of sophisticated GPS (Global Positioning System) receivers we have now, it's got to be right on the money," he said. "With a GPS approach it's very critical that the designation be right."

He said the numbers painted on the runway and the flashing electric signs will need to be changed. The striping on this runway will also be redone because it is faded, especially on the western end.

Mosteller said the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) mandated the upgrade and will provide most of the funding for it in the form of grants. The airport will receive over \$200,000, which will also pay to reseal the expansion joints on the runway, reducing herbicide use.

Mosteller said the Florida Department of Transportation will fund work on the other two runways.

# County jobless picture unchanged in July

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Franklin County's jobless rate remained stuck at 7.8 percent in July, nearly identical to what it was both in June and one year ago.

According to preliminary numbers released Friday by the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI), the ranks of the county's unemployed remained at 433 in July, as just four people joined the labor force of 5,548.

One year ago, the county's labor force was just slightly smaller, at 5,414, and the unemployment rate was about the same, at 7.9 percent.

Franklin County's unemployment rate placed it fifth best in the state, well below both the national average of 9.1 percent, and state average of 10.7 percent. Monroe County has the state's lowest unemployment rate at 6.6 percent, followed by Walton 6.9, Liberty at 7.2 and Okaloosa County at 7.4 percent.

Most of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates are those with relatively high proportions of government employment. Others had seasonal increases in tourism-related employment.

The unemployment rate in the Gulf Coast Workforce region (Bay, Franklin, and Gulf counties) was 9.4 percent in July, 0.1 percentage point higher than the region's year ago rate of 9.3 per-

cent. Out of a labor force of 105,128, there were 8,892 unemployed Gulf Coast residents.

"Our unemployment rate has held steady the last couple of months which is what we typically see for our region during June and July," said Kim Bodine, executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "Of course we would love to see a lower unemployment rate. There are many people are out of work and we are having increased traffic in the Workforce Center as folks comply with the new unemployment requirements."

The July 2011 unemployment rates in Bay County was 9.5 percent, and in Gulf County 10.1 percent, both nearly identical to the month prior.

Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in July was 10.7 percent, unchanged from June but 0.8 percentage point lower than the June 2010 rate of 11.5 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate is 9.1 percent in July.

"Mixed signals from economic indicators during recovery are common," said Agency for Workforce Innovation Director Cynthia R. Lorenzo. "Fluctuations in rates of unemployment and job growth are typical examples of starts and stops while the economy rebounds and unemployed workers who may have given up looking for work re-join the workforce."



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# Commission candidates vie for votes

By David Adlerstein  
Times Staff Writer

A battle to fill three city commission seats in Carrabelle and one in Apalachicola set the stage for a showdown at polls on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

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

Mathes, 76, of 702 Georgia Ave., will vie with Gene Spivey, 71, of 207 SE. 12th St., and Charlotte Schneider, 49, of 1622 Bayou Drive, for those two seats. The top two vote-getters will sit on the commission until 2015.

Brenda La Paz, 56, of 310 W. 11th St., and Brown, 87, of 1674 County Road 67, are both seeking to fill the third seat, which Schneider has filled by appoint-



ment after Commissioner Richard Sands stepped down last September. The winner in that race will serve for the next two years.

Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott urged voters, who cast ballots in Carrabelle at City Hall and in Apalachicola at the Fort Coombs Armory, to bring a picture ID with them to the polls to avoid

having to cast a provisional ballot.

In Apalachicola, the nonpartisan, at-large city commission seat now held by Mitchell Bartley also will be up for grabs. Jerry Hall, 64, of 52 Seventh St., is challenging Bartley, 64, of 100 Ave. D, for a four-year term in seat 1.

Incumbent Jimmy Elliott, 61, of 129 22nd St., is unopposed in his bid for an-

other four-year term in seat 2.

Early voting run through Friday, Sept. 2, at 4:30 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections' Apalachicola and Carrabelle offices. Absentee ballots can be picked up through election day provided they are returned no later than 7 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Supervisor of Elections office.

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of a pay increase that really isn't a pay increase. We've just changed responsibilities."

Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, who is running in Tuesday's election against Jerry Hall for the city commissioner post, said he opposed pay increases.

"A lot of people come to my house and they object highly to any kind of raise," he said. "We're in a hard recession, but we're on the borderline of a depression. (They say, 'Why should we accept the liability when we're having just as much trouble in life as the government is?')

Bartley said "it's not the right time for pay increases or paybacks with the burden we're carrying.

We need to just try to pay the minimum, accept the responsibility, get through another year, and maybe things can get better."

Mayor Van Johnson, who is running against challenger Tom Daly for the mayor's post, reminded his colleagues that "we're generating the same amount of money as we did last year."

First to speak from the audience was Dieter Ambos, who came with a copy of his TRIM notice, which outlines the various millages he will have to pay.

"I've been here nine years, and my property (value) personally, it went down a lot," he said. "The appraisal keeps going down, and my taxes keep going up. And the biggest

increase from the millage rate is from the city.

"I'm hoping the millage rate goes down instead of this 9.7 (mills)," he said, referring to the first option proposed by the city commission.

"Everybody I've known, we all pay into our own retirement fund; we pay our own insurance," Ambos said. "Why do we as taxpayers have to pay taxes to reimburse someone for 3 percent?"

Johnson then interjected, voicing his disdain for the Legislature's decision, led by Gov. Rick Scott, to mandate the 3 percent contribution.

"I thought it was an

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party affiliation or none.

In Apalachicola, incumbent Mayor Van Johnson, 51, 449 23rd Ave., is seeking re-election for another four-year term. He faces off against challenger Tom Daly, 59, of 107 17th St., chairman of Planning and Zoning.

Eligible to vote in the election are 1,670 registered voters who live within Apalachicola city limits, comprising 1,327 Democrats, 218 Republicans and 125 who are either affiliated with other political

parties or without party affiliation.

Both city elections are nonpartisan. Early voting has been slow so far and will wrap up Friday, Sept. 2, at 4:30 p.m. at both the Carrabelle annex, 1647 U.S. Highway 98 E., and the Supervisor of Elections office in Apalachicola, 47 Ave. F.

"It's a little slow, I'd wish it would pick up," Elliott said.

She said she was hoping for at least a 40 to 45 percent turnout for Tues-

day's elections, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. She also urged voters, who cast ballots in Carrabelle at City Hall and in Apalachicola at the armory, 66 Fourth St., to bring a picture ID with them to the polls to avoid having to cast a provisional ballot.

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### Notice to all Franklin County Veterans

**We will hold our annual Franklin County Veterans Dinner on Saturday, September 10, at Battery Park in Apalachicola. All Veterans are invited and encouraged to attend.**

**All food and drink will be provided, and will be served at 12 o'clock. Any person or merchant wishing to sponsor this event, please contact John Sack 670 8375, or Charles Wilson 653 6482. All sponsors will be recognized at the dinner, and also in the Apalachicola Times in the week following the dinner. Come as early as you like and enjoy the brotherhood, fellowship and remembrance.**

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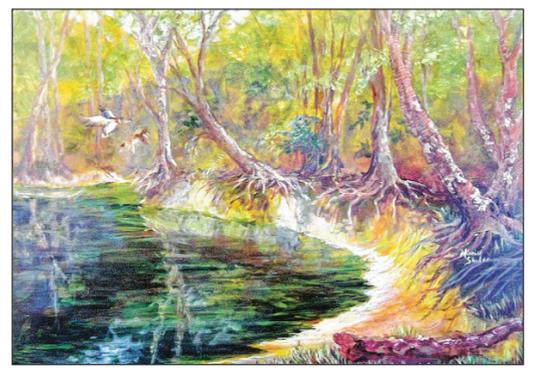
Apalachicola High School graduate Hilary Stanton, who served as a substitute for high school social studies during the second half of last year, is now the full-time social studies teacher at Franklin County Middle School. A recent graduate of Florida State University, Stanton plans to use the hamster she is holding as a teaching tool for her students, helping to instill traits of caring and compassion as classmates learn how to care for the little creature.

**Shelter Samaritans**  
Volunteers paint shelter, make repairs



**KAREN MARTIN** | Special to The Times

Thirty volunteers from Atlanta came to the Franklin County Humane Society Adoption Center on Aug. 23 to do some much-needed work on the building. They painted the shelter inside and out, made minor repairs and began landscaping. They requested that they remain anonymous because "it's just something we like to do." Thank you to all the volunteers who worked that day and to those who continue to make the Adoption Center a better place for homeless animals.



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

**RIVER STYX**

**Art Alive seeks artists**

Special to The Times

Plans are under way in Liberty County to present the ninth annual Art Alive show and sale exhibit at Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Bristol.

Sponsored by the Liberty County Arts Council, the show and sale will feature artists from Calhoun, Liberty and surrounding counties, including members from The Artists Guild of Northwest Florida, Tallahassee Water Color Society and Gadsden Arts Center. Various media, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, jewelry, pottery, photography, sculptures, stained glass,

woodworking and other original art will be showcased, such as "River Styx," by Minnie Shuler.

Applications have been sent to artists who participated in past shows. However, the Liberty County Arts Council welcomes new artists who have not participated in Art Alive. There is no entry fee for exhibiting nor commission charged for sale of art.

The exhibit will be open to the public Friday, Sept. 30, through Sunday, Oct. 9. For more information, call Babs Moran at 643-5491 or Gloria Keenan at 643-6646. Email: gkeenan@fairpoint.net or b Moran@fairpoint.net.

**What ever happened to the oil spill?**

Special to The Times

The Florida State University Coastal & Marine Conservation Lecture Series will feature Markus Huettel on Sept. 8 speaking on "What happened to the Deepwater Horizon oil that was washed onto Florida's beaches?"

Free and open to the public, the lecture is part

of the series that takes place the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the marine lab's auditorium.

Huettel, an FSU professor of oceanography since 2003, in the department of earth, ocean and atmospheric science, has been involved in research



**MARKUS HUETTEL**

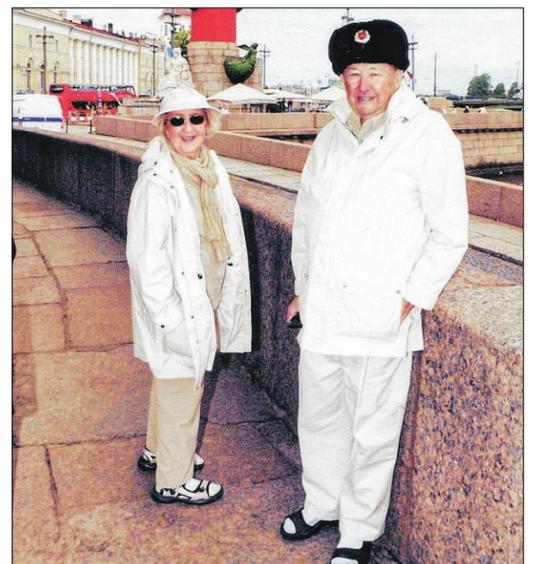
on the ecology of coastal and shelf environments with emphasis on processes in the sediments and at the sediment-water interface. In past years, he and his researchers have investigated sediment-water exchange processes in the northern Gulf

of Mexico and the consequences of these fluxes for the biological, chemical and physical processes in the deposits and the overlying water column.

Huettel's lecture will address the fate of the spilled oil and its impact on microbial communities in oiled beach sands. After the accident, tar balls and pancake oil were deposited on the beach surface, and because of the subsequent deposition of sand layers, congealed oil and tar were embedded as deep as 75 centimeters in Florida beach sands, Huettel reported. Oil-degrading microorganisms grew in the beach sands, and the community composition of the bacteria in Gulf beach sands changed.

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

**Anniversary**



**Cooks to celebrate 62nd wedding anniversary**

On Saturday, Sept. 10, Billy and Elizabeth Cook, of Apalachicola, will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary.

The Cooks, both 83, are still going strong,

as pictured here in St. Petersburg during a recent trip to Russia. The Cooks are planning a trip to Spain and Portugal next year. Congratulations, Billy and Emma!

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Franklin County Humane Society



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needed to socialize Candace and all of the other dogs and cats. We are always looking for people willing to bring one of our animals into their home to be fostered for various needs.

Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

Call Karen at 670-8417 for more details or visit the Franklin County Humane Society at 244 State Road 65 in Eastpoint. You may log onto the website at [www.forgottenpets.org](http://www.forgottenpets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets.

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# Big Bend Hospice welcomes new CEO

Bob Inzer, chairman of the Big Bend Hospice board of directors, has announced the selection of Cathy Adkison as new president and chief executive officer of Big Bend Hospice.



**CATHY ADKISON**

"We are excited that Cathy has come to Tallahassee to lead Big Bend Hospice. Her extensive experience in nursing and management, especially in the hospice and home nursing arena, is outstanding," Inzer said.

Adkison, who has been at the helm of Big Bend Hospice for several weeks, comes from Alabama, where she was senior vice president of operations for a large home health

and hospice provider serving more than 54 counties. A registered nurse, she holds a Bachelor of Science in nursing as well as certification in hospice and home care administration. Adkison has 30 years of nursing experience, 26 of them in administrative and management positions.

"Cathy brings to our organization a wealth of clinical and management expertise in the field of palliative care, and a great passion for the difficult yet immensely rewarding task of helping patients and their loved ones find comfort and peace during the most difficult of times," Inzer said.

Since opening in 1983, Big Bend Hospice has cared for thousands of area patients. Last year, it provided 128,404 total days of patient care

and drove more than 1 million miles to support patients in the eight-county Big Bend region. Care is delivered by more than 200 full- and part-time staff members, supported by more than 300 volunteers to patients in their homes and at the Hospice House. In addition, 2,800 hospice families and 600 community members received bereavement support through Big Bend Hospice bereavement support groups.

A local care team consisting of a hospice physician, experienced RN, family counselor, home health aide, board-certified music therapist, chaplain and trained volunteers are offered to every patient to help guide them through life's most challenging journey.

For more information on hospice services, call 850-878-5310.

# Faithful volunteers step up for Thursday lunches

What a nice memorial lunch! Billy Snyder put together slides of Frank Rush and family, mostly grandchildren and Frank. His son Walter Rush, his wife, Tracey, and nephew James Gates came down to join us.



**LANARK NEWS**  
Jim Welsh

Hope you have a safe and fun Labor Day. Last official cookout of the summer season.

September is the height of the hurricane season. Get your kit together, have a plan, and stay on guard. It's a long time until Nov. 30.

At our Thursday lunch, Aug. 25, George Jackson thanked everybody for supporting the lunches and

hoped we would continue to do so. George headed up the kitchen for some time, but his family needs his full-time attention. We responded with two standing ovations. Guess you'll be at lunch Thursday, and each Thursday thereafter. Two of our faithful volunteers have offered to take over the kitchen, planning meals, etc.

Be kind to one another, check on the sick and housebound, and remember, contrary to popular opinion, God's last name is not Damn.

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

# Help your child connect with positive peers

Summer has ended, and the classrooms are alive again with young minds eager to learn. Unfortunately, it will rekindle the fear of starting over again for some students as they transition into middle and high school. The butterflies they felt in the pit of their stomachs years ago when they walked into kindergarten for the first time have returned.



**YOUTH MATTERS**  
Scott Shiver

It should be a positive moment for adolescents entering middle and high school because they will have more choices and make new friends. However, many students will feel like minnows thrown into a school of piranha, and your child could head down the wrong road fast if you are not familiar with the sudden changes that can occur. In an adolescent's strong desire to fit in, he or she might compromise grades or integrity. Concerns about being teased by older students, having challenging assignments, self-image and getting lost in a larger, unfamiliar world are major issues at this age. They may view themselves in a more negative way because of the changes their bodies experience chemically and physically.

For middle school students, especially those who have been labeled "gifted" or "high-achieving," the transition into high school can be an unpleasant experience, and you might notice your child trying to "dumb down" to avoid being viewed as different. As young adolescents

make the transition into middle school, some might show a decline in grades and attendance. Although many of these behaviors are phases, disregarding the symptoms could be detrimental to your child's future; as many as 6 percent of students drop out of school by the end of 10th grade.

It is important that your child makes a smooth and positive transition. Your school might have programs designed to help make the change positive through the guidance department. Research has found that middle school students who get involved in sports programs and other positive social activities, such as student government, Beta and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, are less likely to drop out, with fewer of these students retained in the transition grades. Being involved in constructive extracurricular activities is a way for your child to connect with positive students who have ambitions in life. You should encourage your children to get involved in one or more of these activities and support them even if it costs time and money.

Your sons and daughters might not be as close to you as they were a few short years ago. They have begun to morph into young adults, and with all the peer pressure of high school, they could find themselves swimming with the wrong school of fish. I remember a cute little movie I watched with my kids years ago titled "Finding Nemo." Nemo was a little fish being raised by a very protective dad. He was given instructions of all the dangers of the undersea world, but Nemo shrugged his dad off and joined newfound friends. Nemo and

his friends wanted to get a closer look at a diver, and as a result, he was captured by the diver and taken to an even stranger world than the new one he had just discovered. This happened because he did not listen to his dad's advice.

I was introduced to drugs for the first time in ninth grade. My dad never saw the signs because he trusted me to the fullest. Immediately my grades began to drop. I began to skip class or sleep my way through the ones I attended. I played sports all the way through elementary years but never played any sports throughout high school, and I finally dropped out in the 10th grade. It was much later in life when I finally received a diploma that I feel poor choices cost me many years before.

I encourage you not to assume that the transition from middle to high school is to blame if your child begins to show signs of neglect with schoolwork. I realize some teachers do not give homework anymore; however, it is hard to believe all of them have stopped. Your child's teacher can tell you things about your child that might shock you if you will let down the wall of defense and just listen. Follow up on bad interim reports, tardiness and absences, because these are signs of lost interest. Stay informed of your child's school performance and behavior. Being a proactive parent can be the best way to help your child achieve instead of wane in school.

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

# Benefit festival Friday for Andrew Kaboli

Special to The Times

A benefit festival will be held at Apalachicola's Riverfront Park on Friday, Sept. 2, from noon to 8 p.m. to raise funds to assist the family of Andrew Kaboli to cover his increasing medical costs.

Kaboli, 30, was seriously injured in a car crash April 27 when he was ejected from his vehicle on the east bridge about a mile east of Apalachicola. After suf-

fering severe injuries with multiple broken bones, bruised lungs and severe brain trauma, Kaboli has made a slow and steady recovery with the help of medical professionals at Bay Medical Center and the love and support of family and friends.

The festival will feature a day filled with jamming with the band 12 Gage and The Deep Blues Band. Enjoy lunch, dinner, raffles and more.

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"Walking in Christ"

# Card of THANKS

## Habitat for Humanity

We would like to say thank you to the many wonderful people of Eastpoint and Franklin County who helped make our first barbecue fundraiser a success! Although it was only a break-even event, the Weeks family and the Habitat board of directors got to meet and greet many old and new friends. The Weekses also got to show everyone the proposed plans of their new home, the first of two being planned in Eastpoint.

We would especially like to say "Thank You!" to Mr. Henry Brown, our "Chef"; Ken and Kim Fish and the staff at Taylor's Building Supply for the tent and serving area; and the staff of Superior Bank, who helped serve our guests. Again, thank you all for your continued support of Habitat for Humanity and our mission to bring decent and affordable housing to those in need here in Franklin County.

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# Reunion BRIEFS

## AHS Class of '81 plans 30-year reunion

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

They have created a Facebook page called the Apalachicola class of 1981 reunion. Classmates are asked to join the page to stay on top of developments.

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

The committee needs monetary donations as well as help with 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 reunion.

## Noma Community Reunion Sept. 3

The annual Noma Community Reunion will be held in the Noma Town Hall building on Saturday, Sept. 3. The town hall will open at 10 a.m. CT. Lunch will be served at noon.

All past and present residents and their friends are invited. Attendees 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 strengthens the bonds of friendship and lets us relive memories, renew our ties with the land that once nourished us and walk among the graves of our dear departed kinsmen.

For more information, call Ludine Riddle at 850-974-8438.

# Obituaries

## The Rev. David A. Day

The Rev. David A. Day, age 71, passed away on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

He was born and raised in Miami. He served as a pastor for 36 years in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Jean, have resided at Westminster Oaks for the past four and one-half years.

David is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jean, two daughters and their husbands, Cheryl and Allen Platt, and Karen and Bryce Ward, and his grandchildren Jordan, Megan and Bradley Platt, Zach Ward and wife Katie, and Seth Ward.

He is also survived by

a brother, Larry Day, and a sister, Elinor Troup.

A service of celebration of David's life was held in the Maguire Center at Westminster Oaks on Saturday morning, August 27. In celebration of David's life, attendees wore colorful clothes.

Memorials can be directed to the Fellowship Hall Renovation Fund at Tallahassee Heights United Methodist Church, 3004 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

David's ashes will be interred in the Memorial Garden at the First United Methodist Church of Apalachicola.

## Willard B. 'JR' Creamer

Willard B. "JR" Creamer was born Dec. 30, 1936, in Southport to the now-late Polly and Walter B. Creamer.

He passed away Monday, August 29, 2011, at the age of 74, surrounded by his family at Weems Memorial Hospital.

JR was a commercial fisherman and a longtime member of Living Waters Assembly of God.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Shirley Creamer; children, Chris Creamer (Suzanne), Debbie Harris (Ronnie), Joey Creamer, Hope Davis, Daniel Creamer (Tonya), and Matthew Creamer (LayMae); sisters, Meryll Odum, Kathy Bentley, and Maida

Gilbert; brothers, Tommy Creamer, Quention Creamer, and Mark Creamer; 19 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Christopher Nelson Creamer and Ricky Eugene Creamer; brothers, Donnie Creamer and Charles Creamer; and his parents.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, August 31, at Living Waters Assembly of God with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday evening, August 30, at Kelley Funeral Home.



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Pastor: Aaron Batey

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10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour  
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Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis

## Reeling for the law

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The third annual Franklin County Sheriff's inshore fishing tournament Saturday might not have drawn an enormous crowd, but at least one little fisher brought in one enormous fish.

Fishing with her dad off Big St. Marks, Skylar Layne reeled in an 8.25-pound redfish, about 1½ pounds larger than the winner in the adult category.

John Layne said he woke his daughter up about 5 a.m., still pitch black outside.

"Daddy, it's not daylight yet," Skylar said.

But by 9:15 a.m., she had used some finger mullets to catch the hefty redfish and show up the adults. And a couple hours later, father and daughter were back on shore, preparing for the weigh-in at Battery Park.

"Fish ain't biting when the heat gets up," said John Layne.

In the adult category, Team Jolly Roger (Nathan Donahoe, Chad Zingarelli and Roger Mathes) edged out Journeys of St. George Island (Lee Chapin and Jeremy Willoughby), 280 to 240 points. Jolly Roger, with two firsts and a second, edged out Journeys, which got a first, a second and a third.

The tournament, organized by Sgts.



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Winning the grand prize was Team Jolly Roger, featuring, from left, Nathan Donahoe, Chad Zingarelli and Roger Mathes.

Below, Skylar Layne holds up her winning redfish, the largest caught all day, including among the adults.

John Solomon and Ryan Sandoval, awarded the adult winner a \$400 grand prize, with everyone winning trophies for their efforts. The youth, under age 12, were awarded prizes and fishing gear.

Targeted fish species for adults were redfish, trout, flounder and triple tail, and for youth catfish, croaker, pinfish, redfish, trout and flounder.

All monies raised went to support the sheriff's youth program.



JOHN LAYNE | Special to the Times

### WINNERS

#### Adults

<b>Redfish</b>		
1. Jolly Roger	6.65	
2. Roy and Earl Solomon	3.6	
3. Journeys of St. George Island	2.7	

<b>Trout</b>		
1. IGA	6.45	
2. Jolly Roger	5.95	

<b>Flounder</b>		
1. Team Jolly Roger	5.85	
2. of St. George Island	4.7	
3. Roy and Earl Solomon	3.15	

<b>Tripletail</b>		
1. Journeys of St. George Island	12.4	
2. Dazed and Confused	5.3	

#### Youth

<b>Catfish</b>		
1. Rebecca Shiver	4.0	
2. Brooke Martina	3.65	
3. Christian Wilson	2.75	

<b>Croaker</b>		
1. Shaylee Crews and Kevin Sullivan	0.5	
2. Kristianna Wilson		
3. Braden McCall		

<b>Pinfish</b>		
1. Alyssa Martina	0.35	
2. Mark Willis	0.2	
3. Levi Rowland	0.1	

<b>Redfish</b>		
1. Skylar Layne	8.25	

<b>Trout</b>		
1. Skylar Layne		
2. Kristianna Wilson		
3. Duncan Whaley		
4. Christian Wilson		
5. Rebecca Shiver		

<b>Flounder</b>		
1. Duncan Whaley	0.75	



SCARLET MILKWEED

### BUDS 'N' BUGS

## Blazing orange beauties

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Orange is a rare color among wild flowers.

Two plants with bright orange blooms are visible now on our roadsides. Scarlet milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) is an introduction from the tropics. The showy flower clusters, the size of a quarter, are so brilliantly colored they stand out from surrounding roadside foliage. Other names include Mexican butterfly weed, blood-flower or tropical milkweed.

Scarlet milkweed is the only annual *Asclepias* found in our area, meaning it grows annually from seed. It should not be confused with the native butterfly weed, which is a perennial.

Butterfly weed has larger clusters of flowers varying from yellow to deep orange. The entire flower is a single color. Scarlet milkweed flowers are similar in shape, but the outer row of petals is deep orange and contrasts with the central hood, which is lighter.

Both flowers are attractive to butterflies and are a wonderful addition to any garden.

Though scarlet milkweed is not native, it is not invasive. It thrives in full sun and is drought-tolerant but can survive with wet feet.

Milkweeds contain alkaloids and latex, and many are poisonous to birds and mammals. But they are the preferred food of many caterpillars, including monarch butterflies. The alkaloids in milkweed make butterflies distasteful to birds.

Our second orange beauty is trumpet vine (*Campsis radicans*), also called trumpet creeper, cow itch vine and hummingbird vine.

This robust woody vine can become invasive if not kept trimmed. But the huge orange blooms brighten any garden wall and are attractive to hummingbirds. In fact, trumpet vine is pollinated by hummingbirds.

This plant can produce blooms for six months of the year and requires little care beyond pruning to control growth. A yellow form is available from nurseries.

This was one of the first plants transported back to England as an ornamental in the 17th century.



TRUMPET VINE

## Florida black bear: a conservation success story

This is my first column as chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). I am honored and, frankly, humbled by the support of my fellow commissioners, our stakeholders and the Floridians this commission works with every day. I thought it appropriate to start my conversation with you by sharing our success story of the FWC's threatened species rule for Florida black bears.

In the early 1970s, Florida black bears dropped to their lowest numbers on record; estimates were as few as 300 bears statewide. Our predecessor agency, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, stepped in and selected the Florida black bear as one of the first listed threatened species in 1974, adding more protection to bears and their habitat.

But adding bears to a list alone does not recover a species. The FWC and its partners identify important wildlife habitats and work with private landowners to keep those lands in conservation, whether through easements and agreements through our Landowner Assistance Program, or purchases through programs like Florida Forever. Statewide educational efforts teach

thousands of people each year about bears and how to avoid conflicts. Formal education programs like The Florida Black Bear Curriculum Guide bring bear issues directly into the schools, and informal efforts

occur through FWC staff time spent engaging the public at festivals and community events. The FWC passed a rule that made feeding bears illegal, allowing us to focus on the core cause of human-bear conflicts. All of those efforts have allowed us to bring the bear back to about 3,000 animals today.

In fall 2010, the FWC led a team of experts to review all the data available on Florida black bears to see if bears met the criteria to be considered at high risk of extinction. The team found that the bear no longer met those criteria, and five additional external species experts reviewed the report and agreed with the team's recommendation to remove it from the threatened species list.

This June, I was proud to preside for the first time as chairman of the Commission when FWC staff presented their recommendations on the bear and 60 other threatened species. As my colleague and former Chairman Rodney Barreto said, it was "a time to celebrate our

success." We have more bears in Florida now than we have had in the past seven decades, and the bear is well on its way to being removed from the threatened species list.

Our work to manage Florida's black bear is a continuing process. A team of FWC staff has been working diligently with stakeholder groups to create a management plan for bears. We will be seeking public feedback on the plan this fall, and a revised plan is expected to be brought to the February 2012 Commission meeting. I look forward to reviewing the plan.

The bear's success is an example of what our threatened species rule is designed to do: identify species that need our attention, act to conserve the species, and bring them back so that they will never be at risk of extinction again.

The FWC is known for seeking input from all points of view, and I hope my series of monthly columns provides the spark to begin or continue conversations concerning events and issues facing Florida conservationists. If you aren't doing it now, please consider following us on Twitter (@MyFWC and @MyFWClife) and "liking" us on Facebook at Facebook.com/MyFWC.

Kathy Barco is chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.



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#### Freshwater

Lake Wimico is on fire. Reports of great sheepshead catches, flounder, bass and bream. At Howard Creek, many are reporting good catfish and bream catches as well.

#### Inshore

Less boat traffic means more trout catches. The grass flats at the head of the bay have been a great place to spot redfish, and at low tide, many can be seen tailing. Fly fishing and wade fishing will be quieter and more stealthy if the fish are spooky. Scallop season goes through Sept. 27. Find them in 6 to 8 feet of water with shells almost as big as they will get in season.

#### Offshore

King fishing remains the best bet. Most inshore spots out of Mexico Beach are still producing good fish, and Indian pass has seen bigger fish lately. Most bottom fishing is slow other than b-liners and grey trigger fish in 60 to 100 feet of water. Gag grouper season is back Sept. 16.



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Seahawk defensive players take down Bozeman runners in Friday's kickoff classic.

# Bozeman tops Seahawks; Griggs out for now

By Brad Milner and David Adlerstein  
Florida Freedom

Bozeman has high expectations entering the new rural division. Coach Loren Tillman hopes Friday showed the rest of the classification what the Bucks are capable of on the field.

Bozeman scored on six of seven first-half possessions en route to a 32-6 victory over visiting Franklin County in a kickoff classic.

"We played four running backs in the starting rotation and have a quarterback who can run, too," Tillman said. "They all ran well. The offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage."

Bozeman rushed for 269 yards, 240 of which came in the first half. The majority of the carries in the second half came from reserves. "We said got some youngsters in there," Tillman said. "Everybody played hard."

Seahawk coach Josh Wright said his team got off to a good start, with a three-and-out stop and an opening play that took the ball down inside the 10. But on second down, the first of three mishandled snaps on the night led to a turnover.

The Bucks took the next play down to the 5-yard line following a series of missed tackles. "It looked like everyone on the team had a chance to tackle the hard running back from Bozeman, and we really though

it was going to be about a five-yard gain," said Wright. "That score took a bit of wind out of the Seahawks' sail."

The Seahawks took possession and completed a nice middle pass to tight end LaDarius Rhodes on second and long. Rhodes coughed it up on a second and third effort play.

"He was just doing what every good ball carrier does and finishing his run," Wright said. "Unfortunately, due to lack of experience, it gave the defenders a chance to put an extra hat on the football and the football squirted out."

Bozeman's Kris Kenney then scored from 13 yards for a 12-0 lead.

The Seahawks got on the board on the following possession with a 58-yard quarterback sprint by Skyler Hutchinson. Brennan Walden set the play up with a great out-the-back counter that raced down the visiting sideline. The missed point after made it 12-6 with 4:51 to play in the half.

The Bucks struck back with a blown coverage touchdown to a running back out of the backfield and then added another two scores to build a 32-6 halftime lead. Bozeman only gathered 29 yards of offense in the second half, and the Seahawks knocked on the door on three occasions but were unable to gather any scores.

Wright said the game was marred by a collection of foul plays by the Bucks

and blindside cheap shots that went unnoticed.

"We started to lose our cool a little and play down to their dirty style of play, but were able to regain our composure and play with class," he said. "As a whole, Bozeman plays a great tempo and intense style of play. They did, however, have a handful of players out for the cheap shot and blindside hits well removed from the play."

"It is a shame that a few players bring a program down with that type of unsportsmanlike effort, but it is what it is," Wright said. "If we are fortunate enough to play them down the road, we will know what to expect."

Franklin County's Dwayne Griggs had three carries for 53 yards before leaving the game with an injury in the second quarter. Wright said Griggs took an awkward hit to the lower back, as a result of a sideline helmet spear tackle, and was transferred to a local medical facility for precautionary reasons.

"He was the key to our offense, definitely, but he was getting dog tired from kickoff returns, too," Wright said. "Our thoughts go out to our running back; he's special."

The Seahawks will be without Griggs this Friday night for the season home opener.

"In the NFL, that type of tackle that involves leading with the helmet would result in a high-dollar fine.

Unfortunately, it is just another play at our level," Wright said. "Dwayne will be out as a result of the injury for at least three weeks if not more. I have had former players suffer the same injury, and in fact a worse version, and return to play in the fourth week after the injury. He wants nothing more than to get back on the field and do what he loves doing. In the meantime, expect the Seahawks to rise up in his absence and play a highly motivated style of play. A setback like this can result in a catapult to improvement in other areas."

Hutchinson led Franklin County with 74 yards on

nine carries. Walden added 36 yards on four carries and Chris Granger five carries for 13 yards. Hutchinson was 2 of 3 passing for 28 yards, and Zach Armistead 3 of 6 for 38 yards.

In tackles, Dillon Grant led with six solos and two assists, with Bubba Fasbenner adding seven solos, Walden six solos, Cole Lee and Granger each five solos and Rhodes three solos.

Wright said Sneads, who fell to Liberty and Chipley, in a three-way jamboree Friday, showed its strength.

"Don Dowling is an excellent football coach and knows exactly what it takes to prepare his squad to play

winning football," he said. "They won both halves in the spring jambos and are quickly turning around a program that went 1-9 in the regular season last year. Their team is very similar to ours in terms of depth and impact players."

Wright said the Seahawks are excited to give the home fans something to cheer about. "We are planning on winning every game we tee it up for," he said.

Kickoff with the Sneads Pirates is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Mikel Clark Sports Complex. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children 6 and under.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES, APPEALS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

1. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING 23 FEET INTO THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE AND 12 FEET INTO THE FRONT SETBACK LINE, AND THE ENCROACHMENT OF 25 FEET INTO THE 75 FT SETBACK LINE FOR A PERFORMANCE BASED ON SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 841 WEST PINE STREET, LOT 18, BLOCK 74, UNIT 5, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GARLICK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, INC., AS AGENT FOR PHILLIP AND MARY JANE PULLAM, OWNERS.
2. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING 5 FEET INTO BOTH SIDE SETBACK LINES ON PROPERTY DESCRIBE AS LOT 12, BLOCK 9 WEST, UNIT 1, 215 WEST GORRIE DRIVE, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY PAUL MAURER,(BUYER), AS AGENT FOR JIM KINMAN, SELLER (OWNER).

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL ADDRESS THIS REQUEST AT THEIR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2011.

\*Persons wishing to comment may do so in person or in writing to the Franklin County Planning & Zoning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, FL 32320. Transactions of this hearing will not be recorded, persons wishing to record the proceedings must make the necessary arrangements for recording.

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# New cookbooks, a search for volunteers

The Apalachicola Municipal Library has a fabulous cookbook collection. Dewey 641 (cookbooks) is one of the great areas of the non-fiction collection, in both regular and oversize books.

A couple of weeks ago we added "Seasonal Florida: A Taste of Life in North Florida" by Jo McDonald



JO McDONALD MANNING

Manning, to be eaten with cornbread. It just plain makes me hungry to browse through it.

Other cookbooks have been donated and added to the collection including ones on garlic, sun-dried tomatoes, Paul Kirk's barbecue sauces, Bobby Flay's "Boy gets grill," an encyclopedia of pasta sauces, "The World of Cheese," an old one on Cajun cooking, Beach Restaurant recipes and "Cuisine Sante," which is an attempt to redo rich French recipes to conform to lighter contemporary

fare. Finally, "A History of the World in 6 Glasses," the "Hachette Guide to French Wines," and the Eyewitness Companion book on beer complete the topic, or should I say table.

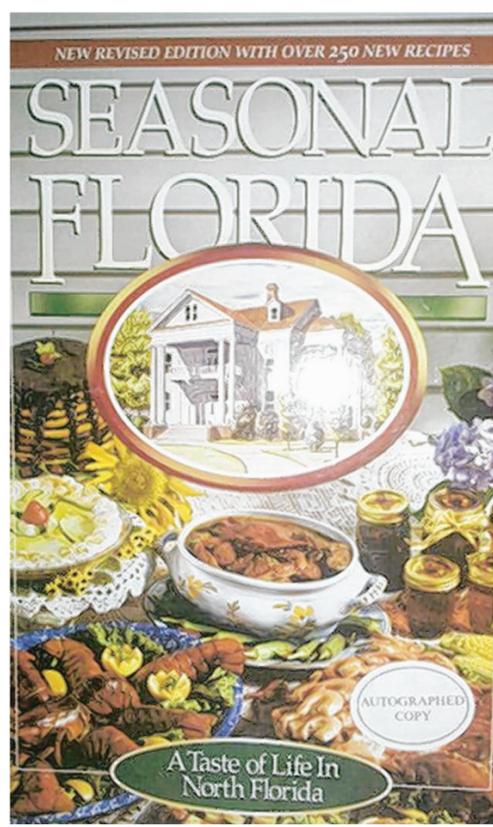
Now, a note: what has changed with the processing of these new books is that their information is going directly into the future electronic database of the library. Yes, automation has begun. The library chose to use a company called Biblionix, to move the collection from a paper card catalog, and paper check-out cards, to a system most library patrons are already familiar with - bar codes (for the book and for you). The rollout won't be immediate, but the process of capturing the existing collection is underway. Unique to Biblionix is their target market, which are small rural libraries. The "retrospective conversion," the term for capturing the existing collection, is designed to be done by volunteers, with a minimal

amount of training. We already have some volunteers, but we need more. If you could give a couple hours a week, maybe two days per week, it could significantly speed up the process.

Automation had its detractors. Gone will be the card in the back where you can browse who has read the book, but while you maybe bemoan that, keep in mind the state of Florida expects every library patron to have a right to privacy in regard to what they read, and it is set in law. The management of the collection will also be better and you will be able to look up books in the collection online.

So, if you ever wanted to try one of those barcode scanners they use in the grocery, this is your chance. Help the library break through into the 21st century and we will thank you for your help.

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



THE LIBRARY  
Caty Greene

It's not a new book, it was published in 1994, but it must be making a resurgence, as it is for sale at Downtown Books. It is chock full of seasonal recipes which are distinctly Southern and Floridian too. I noticed there was a glossary, and found "Pot Liquor," a term for the flavorful liquid left over from cooking greens, traditionally

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So you want to read the latest book in the series Janet Evanovich books, "Smokin' Seventeen?" Both of the Franklin County Public libraries in Carrabelle and in Eastpoint consistently bring in

many of the top 15 choices from the New York Times bestsellers list. If your personal computer isn't working right now, consider using your library card to use the many public access computers that are free to the public. If you have a laptop, there is free Wi-Fi capability inside and outside both branches of the library with no fees or access codes.

If you are looking for employment, or interested in improving your computer skills, the library can help with that too. Library staff are trained to assist those with the Florida Workforce Innovation sites and e-government sites for those seeking food stamps or unemployment compensation. There is no charge for assistance,

and there are free basic computer classes available for those who wish to develop personal computer skills.

The best possible price of all is the zero cost for county residents who wish to avail themselves of their own personal library card. September is Library Card Sign-Up month and libraries across the country celebrate the value

of the library card. Bring in valid identification with your permanent address and we will be happy to make you and your family members a library card also. Special library key chains are our way of saying "Thank you for loving your library." For details call the Eastpoint Branch at 670-8151 or the Carrabelle Branch at 697-2366.



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assault on public workers," he said. "The employees didn't cause the economic crisis for the whole country; we shouldn't be pointing fingers at employees."

Ambos replied that "if I was a public employee working for Apalachicola, I wouldn't be happy with 3 percent, but I'd be damn happy I was employed and had a job. To have a paid job, a guaranteed job, is a lot better than having to be out there looking for a job."

He then pressed for specifics on what services would be cut if the city were to keep the millage rate at 8.625 mills, which Mathes said would mean a loss of nearly \$139,999 in city revenue.

"We would have to prioritize," Johnson said. "Public safety is the most important, and everything else would probably be up on the chopping block."

Ambos asked whether taxes could be decreased by increasing fees on other services, such as rentals for transient boat slips.

"If I don't need the service, I don't have to pay the fees. You increase the fees I have a choice; I have a choice over how much electric or water I use," he said.

"It's an increase on somebody," Johnson said. "We can just arbitrarily raise the rental fees, but it's not going to help the ad valorem taxes."

George Mahr, holding a copy of the city charter, told commissioners it was time to rethink what services are provided by the city and make changes.

"I'm paying more money

now for the city budget than I am for the whole county," he said. "What services do we need to provide?"

Mahr said the city should look further into whether to turn over law enforcement duties to the county sheriff, but he stopped short of urging the change.

"I know it's a politically sensitive issue, but I think it's time we at least consider it," he said.

Mahr noted that in his reading of the city charter, it appeared that City Administrator Betty Taylor Webb was fulfilling the duties of a city manager.

"She should be our city manager, after reading these things," he said. "Our city manager has effectively been Betty for years."

Leslie Wallace Coon said she and her husband have seen a sharp drop in their wages and benefits, and must pay for their own insurance, unlike city workers.

"We've got to all take some cuts," she said. "If you're going to get that raise plus 100 percent of your insurance, it's still something the vast majority of us don't have."

She said she did not object to merit raises but was against anything that was across the board.

"Just because they work for the city doesn't mean they're doing the best job they can be doing," Wallace Coon said. "A lot of people don't deserve a 3 percent raise, just like with any company."

Johnson told the audience that "last year we balanced the budget on the backs of the employees and

laid off 2½ employees and actually lowered taxes."

His comments drew remarks from Daly, who said he disagreed that last year's budget was balanced on employees' backs. He said staffing changes were made because the organizational structure was ineffectual.

Daly also pressed for steps to be taken to generate other sources of revenue to help keep down any tax increase.

Mark Friedman rose to ask about the amount of property the city owns, which he estimated had once been valued at \$9.5 million, and now is worth a little more than half that.

He said that this decline has meant a drop of about \$50,000 in tax revenue to the city. Plus he estimated there's been the ongoing annual cost of about \$215,000 in liability insurance for all city properties.

"During the real estate boom, we bought the property to preserve the working waterfront from overdevelopment," Johnson said. "This government did the most responsible thing it could do to protect our greatest resource."

Friedman said insurance on the former Apalachicola High School, which now houses about a dozen non-profit groups who each pay \$250 per quarter, probably runs about \$50,000 per year. Webb said Wednesday that Friedman's estimates are higher than actual costs.

"We are all funding the decrease in revenue to the city," Friedman said. "The point is by taking all

those (buildings) off (the tax rolls), we have a swing of \$250,000; by doing that, we're decreasing revenues and increasing expenses."

Friedman's remarks drew a sharp back-and-forth with Clarice Powell, chair of Franklin's Promise, who argued that the collection of social service groups, all housed at one place, keeps valuable services locally that otherwise would be out of town.

"I don't want to hurt those organizations, but that high school property is costing over \$100,000 a year to Apalachicola citizens," Friedman said. "You're subsidizing those organizations by the rest of us paying."

Daly stressed in his comments that "as a city, you have to know what everything costs you. If you have a piece of property, you have to know that upfront, and if the argument is for a compelling use, that's fine. That should be true of every public building. We have to recognize there is a cost associated with that."

In concluding the meeting, Johnson asked Webb to see if she could find any further cuts, but to spare employees.

"Look at the budgets. If there's anything we can cut to lower the millage rate, I don't care what it is, I want those figures," he said. "But do not mess with the employee raises. Any budget that's passed that doesn't look out for the employees, I'm going to vote against. I would love to give the taxpayers a further break, but I don't want to do it by taking away the raises."



MARK FRIEDMAN



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# Phillips top retired educator volunteer

Special to The Times

Ruth Phillips, a member of the Franklin/Gulf Retired Educator Association Local Unit, is the 2011 Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA) District II Community Service Volunteer of the Year Award.

The award was presented to her at the FREA Assembly & Convention Annual Meeting held June 1-3 at the Hilton Hotel at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando. District II comprises Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla counties.

Ruth, a Port St. Joe teacher who retired with 34 years of service, reported 868 hours of community volunteer service for 2010-11. Her work at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Port St. Joe includes duties as treasurer, usher and choir member. She enjoys mission work and has conducted etiquette workshops for teenagers.

She also visits the sick and prepares programs for Black History Month.

Ruth is a member of the Gulf Coast Work Force Development Board and the Washington Informative Group Board. Her contributions include assisting with grant writing and solving student problems.

Other F/GREA members in attendance were Christine White, F/GREA president, and her husband, Carl; Beverly Kelley, FREA District II trustee; and Arlene M. Oehler, FREA District II literacy chairman.

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vs.  
 SUSAN GEORGETTE COLSON; LARRY JOE COLSON; JIMMY C. CREAMER; CAROLYN T. CREAMER; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FINANSURE HOME LOANS, LLC; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 6, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-000342-CA, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida.

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B is Plaintiff and SUSAN GEORGETTE COLSON; LARRY JOE COLSON; JIMMY C. CREAMER; CAROLYN T. CREAMER; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FINANSURE HOME LOANS, LLC; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, AT 33 MARKET STREET, APALACHICOLA IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 26th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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Dated this 28th day of July, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson  
 Clerk of Court  
 As Clerk of said Court

By: Terry E. Creamer  
 Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2,065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320, Phone No. (904) 653-8861. Extension 106 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

Submitted by:  
 Kahane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000 Plantation, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380 09-16447 OWB Sept 1, 8, 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.

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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.

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 Courthouse, 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 Courthouse 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 repealing 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 Moran, 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

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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 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—Piece 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 # GVVW tandem axel 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 harvesting 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 Moran, Board Secretary  
 33 Market St, Suite 203  
 Apalachicola, FL 32320

Please clearly identify on the exterior of the sealed envelope-the

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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

**35228T**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLICITS BIDS FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN LANARK VILLAGE

Franklin County desires to sell a parcel of real property and hereby solicits bids for the sale of real property located in Lanark Village, Florida, whose address is 160 Arizona Street, Lanark Village, Florida. The parcel identification number is 14-07S-04W-3131-0000-0050 and is described as Unit 1, Block D, Lot 5, Lanark Beach.

Subject to the bid minimum of \$50,000.00, the property will be sold to the highest and best bidder in its "AS IS" condition by quit claim deed. Closing to occur within 60 days of bid award. The buyer shall, in addition to the bid, pay all costs of closing, including all past due assessments and taxes. The successful bidder shall enter into the standard Florida Bar "AS IS" contract for the purchase and sale of real estate. The minimum bid shall be \$50,000.00.

All bids shall be delivered to the Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida in a sealed envelope marked "Lanark Village Property Bid" and must be received by the Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. (ET) September 16, 2011. Seven copies of your bid must be contained within the envelope.

The bids shall be opened on September 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Franklin County Commission Meeting Room located at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

Franklin County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sept 1, 8, 2011

**35229T**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLICITS BIDS FOR THE PROVISION OF FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED DEAD BODIES PURSUANT TO Part II, CH. 406, FLORIDA STATUTES, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION OF BODIES WHICH ARE UNCLAIMED OR AT THE REQUEST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OR THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

Notice is hereby given that Franklin County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, requests bids for funeral services for the disposition of unclaimed dead

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bodies pursuant to Ch. 406, Florida Statutes, including, but not necessarily limited to, burial and transportation. Bidders are required to bid on all services required by Part II, Ch. 406, Florida Statutes and shall bid on all transportation costs. The bids shall at a minimum set forth an itemization of all of the costs for disposition, transportation of unclaimed dead bodies or transportation at the request of law enforcement and/or the medical examiner, interment of the body, body bags and all associated costs for such services. There shall be no additional fees or expenses paid except such as are specifically set forth in the bid.

All bids shall be delivered to the Clerk of Court no later than September 16, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. (ET), at the Franklin County Clerk's Office, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. All bidders are required to submit seven copies of their bid in a sealed envelope marked "Funeral Services." All bidders shall also submit a statement that they have reviewed all the requirements of Part 11, Ch. 406, Florida Statute, and that the bid submitted contains all expenses for funeral services, interment and all transportation services.

All bids shall be opened on September 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. (ET). at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida in the County Commission Meeting Room.

Franklin County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sept 1, 8, 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 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 SHAWN 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 case 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

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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

**35269T**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 19-2008-CA-000590

BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE SAMI 2005-AR4, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 GARY C PANGUS, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Aug 8, 2011, and entered in Case No. 19-2008-CA-000590 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida in which Bank of New York as Successor In Interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee SAMI 2005-AR4, is the Plaintiff and Gary C. Pangus, Jane Doe, n/k/a Angela Garmley, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on, Franklin County, Florida at on the 27th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOTS 1 AND 2, IN BLOCK 208 OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF NOW IN COMMON USE.  
 A/K/A 316 12TH STREET APALACHICOLA FL

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 in Franklin County, Florida this 23rd day of Aug, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Franklin County, Florida

As to Count I:  
 Lot 8, Block 65, as per the Official Map of the City of Apalachicola, as recorded in Deed Book M, Page 438, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

As to Count II:  
 Lot 10, Block 65, as per the Official Map of the City of Apalachicola, as recorded in Deed Book M, Page 438, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida

The sale will be held on October 19, 2011, at 11:00 A.M. (Eastern

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By: Terry E. Creamer  
 Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Courts, Marcia M. Johnson, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320; telephone number (850) 653-8861, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call (850) 577-4400. To file response please contact Franklin County Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320. Tel: (850) 653-8861; Fax: (850) 653-9339. Sept 1, 8, 2011

MARCIA M. JOHNSON  
 Clerk of Court

By: Michele Maxwell  
 Sept 1, 8, 2011

**35290T**  
**IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 10-000564-CA  
 CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 BEACH BUILDERS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, INC., DALE ANDERSON, and ANDERSON & SONS CONSTRUCTION, INC., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Aug 22, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 10-564 CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, BEACH BUILDERS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, INC., DALE ANDERSON, and ANDERSON & SONS CONSTRUCTION, INC., I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 5th day of October, 2011, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment of Foreclosure:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Ordering Sale entered on August 23, 2011, in Case Number 2010-000607-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit for Franklin County, Florida, in which CENTENNIAL BANK is Plaintiff, and RUSSELL S. DOSTER, DIANE T. DOSTER and MATTHEW E. DOSTER are Defendants, I, Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Circuit Court, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

As to Count I:  
 Lot 8, Block 65, as per the Official Map of the City of Apalachicola, as recorded in Deed Book M, Page 438, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

As to Count II:  
 Lot 10, Block 65, as per the Official Map of the City of Apalachicola, as recorded in Deed Book M, Page 438, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida

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

DATED this 22nd day of August, 2011.

**Labor Day Holiday**  
 (Monday, September 5)  
**Classified Line Ad Deadlines**

**The Port St. Joe Star & The Apalachicola/Carabelle Times**

**To Run:** Thursday, September 8 **Due By:** Friday, September 2, 5 p.m. (CST)

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

By: Terry E. Creamer As Deputy Clerk Sept 1, 8, 2011

**35291T** IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2010-455-CA

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

vs.

FISERV TRUST COMPANY, as trustee for the benefit of JANET L. GOOD IRA, DAVID L. GOOD, individually, and JANET L. GOOD, individually, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 22, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 2010-455 CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, FISERV TRUST COMPANY, as trustee for the benefit of JANET L. GOOD IRA, DAVID L. GOOD, individually, and JANET L. GOOD, individually, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 5th day of October, 2011, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 4, Block 52, St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Unit 5, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 17, located in the public records of Franklin County, Florida.

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state docu-

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mentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2011.

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

By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk Sept 1, 8, 2011

**35293T** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2009-212 CA

CITIZENS BANK-WAKULLA, Plaintiff,

vs.

SIDNEY E. GRAY, JIMMY W. MEEKS, SR., MARINERS LANDING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PHASE 1, LLC, WAKULLA BANK, a Florida Banking Company, and FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DECATUR COUNTY, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Amended Stipulated Final Summary Judgment for Re-establishment and Foreclosure of Note and Mortgage entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 1, OF CARRABELLE RIVER SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 21 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and

LOT 4, MARINERS LANDING, PHASE I, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 38 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, except as set forth herein after, at public sale on Septem-

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ber 27, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time), or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 7, at the front of the courthouse steps at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Notice to Persons With Disabilities: 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 the Court Administrator's office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk Sept 1, 8, 2011

**35302T** IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-593-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

HELEN TOWNSEND SPOHRER, Defendant.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 22, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 10-593 CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, and the Defendant, HELEN TOWNSEND SPOHRER, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 27th day of September, 2011, at

Plaintiff,

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the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 20, Block E-2 (corner of Market Street and Avenue D) in the City of Apalachicola, Florida, and run Easterly along the boundary line of said Lot, 72 feet to a point, then turn left 90 degrees and run 37 feet to a point, then turn right 90 degrees and run 13.5 feet to a point, then turn left 90 degrees and run 80 feet, more or less, through a party wall to a point on the boundary line of Lot 19 in said Block E2 (facing Market Street); then turn left 90 degrees and run 50.5 feet, more or less, along boundary of Lots 19 and 20 to the Point of Beginning; being a parcel 50.5 feet on Market Street and 72 feet on Avenue D, in Lots 19 and 20 in Block E-2, and 8 feet by 13.5 feet additional Lot 19; together with all improvements thereon; and subject to a party wall agreement recorded in Franklin County Deed Book "R" on page 203; and subject to other party walls and party wall agreement, if any, which are not reimposed hereby.

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

DATED this 22nd day of August, 2011.

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

By: Terry E. Creamer As Deputy Clerk Sept 1, 8, 2011

**35303T** IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 11-137-CA

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

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vs. BEACH BUILDERS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, INC., and DALE ANDERSON, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 22, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 2011-137-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, BEACH BUILDERS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, INC., and DALE ANDERSON, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 5th day of October, 2011, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 13, Block B, MAGNOLIA RIDGE, PHASE I, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, at Page 26, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 22nd day of August, 2011.

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

By: Terry E. Creamer As Deputy Clerk Sept 1, 8, 2011

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This was Little Bit's second encounter with a bear. Last year, the 5-pound dog treed a bear the Browns called Homer that had a habit of walking through their yard each evening at 8 p.m.

The Browns recently saw two bears in the yard, the small one chased by their dog, and a much larger male.

Juanita said she believes that the bear that killed Coco was the smaller one because it tore down the door and dragged the goat out through a 2-by-2-foot door and then 100 feet across the pen but was unable to get it over the fence.

Juanita found Coco dead in the goat yard. The next morning, she called the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and spoke to wildlife biologist Adam Warwick, a bear specialist, who told her he would come by.

While waiting for Warwick at the table in her backyard, Juanita witnessed the



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Little Bit has a history of chasing bears.

larger bear eating Coco's remains.

"I had a clear shot to the bear," she said. "But I was afraid to shoot it because I didn't want them to put me in jail."

The Browns have a history of encounters with bears. The FWC reported that in Oct. 2006, Juanita shot and killed with a .22-caliber rifle a bear that had entered her back porch. Earlier this year, Larry Covell, an FWC bear response agent, was badly bitten by a bear he had trapped at the Browns' home.

Jim and Juanita Brown say they see signs of bears on their property daily and encounter them on a regular basis.

Juanita said she sought out the press after this last encounter because she's "trying to get a bear season opened up down here. There's too many bears. Maybe just a month. Or at least give homeowners the right to protect their livestock and property."

"If it was a person, I could shoot him, but you can't shoot a bear," she said.

Her husband expressed concern for children waiting at bus stops in the morning.

In a telephone interview, Warwick said he and Ron Copely, an FWC wildlife technician, had trapped two bears on the Browns' property the night after Coco's death. One was an immature male weighing around 140 pounds, the other a 9-year-old male weighing in at 380 pounds.

Warwick said he, too, believed the small bear, attracted to the pen by open containers of food for the goats, had killed the goat. When the bear broke into the goat shed, it was probably more interested in the goat's corn than the goats and struck and killed Coco when she became frightened and agitated, he said.

Warwick said the large male was probably attracted by the scent of the dead

goat while foraging. The two bears will be released in the national forest.

"Neither of these bears has done anything to warrant euthanizing it," he said. "They were just being bears."

He said the fence, which is 4-foot welded wire mesh with a single strand of electrified wire running above it, was inadequate to exclude a bear. The night before the attack, the bear had pushed down the mesh and ducked under the electrified wire in two places. Jim said the fence has been damaged by bears six or seven times in the past.

Copely and Warwick installed a temporary four-strand electric fence around the goat shed to protect Oreo. The Browns said constantly repairing the fence has become a problem, and they do not believe the Oreo is safe from future harassment by bears.

The Browns praised Warwick and Copely, saying they responded quickly and were helpful.

Juanita said she is looking for a new home for Oreo. "We need somebody to give her a safe home," she said. "We want to find somebody who will keep her as a pet."

For more information about adopting Oreo, call Lois Swoboda at The Times, at 653-1819.

# MAIN STREET from page A1

local ownership, personal service and a sense of community."

Browning's announcement follows a yearlong effort by Historic Apalachicola Inc. to secure the designation. Earlier this year, city commissioners gave their blessing to the application, which was the only one received by the Florida Main Street program this year.

Joan Jefferson, director of the Florida Main Street program, said the state had the option to designate up to three cities, but could have rejected Apalachicola's application if it had not been up to the program's standards for community involvement.

Regular updates on the organizational efforts of Historic Apalachicola Inc. were provided to city commissioners by Joe Taylor, registered agent for the not-for-profit organization, or by Jamie Atkinson, who chairs the organization's board of directors.

Also serving on the volunteer board are Harry Arnold, Leon Bloodworth, Daphne Davis, Frank Cook, Lynn Wilson Spohrer, Pam and George Mahr, George Coon, Jim Bachrach and Shirley Pace.

The only paid member of the fledgling group is Paulette Moss, who was recently named as a part-time program manager, a requirement for any cities with a population of less

than 5,000. Larger cities are required to hire a full-time downtown manager to meet Main Street requirements.

Organizers are working out details on where Moss and the Main Street office will be located, but currently she works both out of her home as well as the Sponge Exchange on Water Street, renamed the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art. The center is staffed for 20 hours a week by Historic Apalachicola Inc. under an arrangement with the city.

Jefferson said Main Street will provide training and technical assistance for at least three years to Apalachicola, beginning with a "reconnaissance visit" in late September or early October, some time after Main Street's upcoming state conference in Deland.

"At that visit, we'll simply try to establish three goals for each of the four committees," she said. "This is kind of a starting place."

Once goals have been hammered out for the design, organization, promotion and economic restructuring committees, the state program will bring four consultants to Apalachicola in January, each certified by the national Main Street Center as proficient in each of the areas, to spend a half-day educating volunteers.

Jefferson said guidelines will enable the city to draw one consultant service the first year, two the next and another the third year.

At the end of the first year, there will be a three-day resource visit, with four experts who will spend three days in the community to assess positive changes and ongoing challenges.

"We're not there to tell them (a city) what to do," Jefferson said. "We find out what they want to do and bring the tools for that to happen. Hopefully they know what they'd like to do."

"This is not a cookie-cutter process," she said. "We sincerely try to understand the community and help them do what they want to do."

Jefferson also noted that "this is not a merchants association; this is a community organization. We encourage people to have a broad selection of people on the board."

"They have to decide collectively, with each organization responsible for cooperating," she said. "If they are at odds with each other, they're hindering that possible success."

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The following variance request items will be discussed and considered:

- A 20-ft wide, one-story section of a proposed new structure to be constructed 7.5-ft from the westerly property line, no closer than 25-ft to the nearest edge of the service alley driveway and 35-ft from the line of the cemetery boundary fence.
- A 28-ft wide, one-story section of a proposed new structure to be constructed 17-ft from the westerly property line and no closer than 34.6-ft from the nearest edge of the service alley driveway and 44.5-ft from the line of the cemetery boundary fence.
- The construction of a 9.5-ft by 28-ft covered garden entry area to the west of item "B" above, constructed 7.5-ft from the westerly property line aligned with item "A" above.
- Site coverage to be 40.53%.

The Apalachicola Land Development Code allows for variance when special circumstances, conditions and/or undue hardships are determined. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and be heard with respect to this request. For further information, contact the Apalachicola Administrative and Community Development Office, 1 Avenue E, Apalachicola, Florida 850-653-9319.

**WEEKLY ALMANAC**

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Sep 1	91°	75°	40 %
Fri, Sep 2	87°	76°	40 %
Sat, Sep 3	86°	76°	40 %
Sun, Sep 4	87°	76°	40 %
Mon, Sep 5	86°	74°	40 %
Tues, Sep 6	86°	73°	40 %
Wed, Sep 7	88°	72°	40 %

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

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

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

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

**APALACHICOLA**

Date	Time	Height	Type
9/1	Thu 12:26AM	0.9	L
	01:09PM	0.4	L
9/2	Fri 12:51AM	1.1	L
	02:12PM	0.3	L
9/3	Sat 01:13AM	1.3	L
	03:28PM	0.3	L
9/4	Sun 01:27AM	1.3	L
	04:58PM	0.3	L
9/5	Mon 08:39AM	1.9	H
9/6	Tue 09:51AM	1.8	H
9/7	Wed 03:25AM	1.5	H
	11:24AM	1.8	H

**CARRABELLE**

Date	Time	Height	Type
9/1	Thu 04:40AM	2.9	H
	06:22PM	2.6	H
9/2	Fri 05:06AM	3.0	H
	07:43PM	2.4	H
9/3	Sat 05:39AM	3.2	H
	09:33PM	2.2	H
9/4	Sun 06:20AM	3.2	H
9/5	Mon 07:14AM	3.0	H
9/6	Tue 08:26AM	2.9	H
9/7	Wed 02:00AM	2.4	H
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