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Out to see

Humane Society annual meeting Saturday

Franklin County Humane Society's annual membership meeting will be 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the adoption center, followed by an open house for the public. A new play yard will be dedicated at 11 a.m., followed by activities for the whole family including four-legged family members. For more info, call 670-8417.

Oysters and Elvis at the Dixie

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, Todd Alan Herendeen will return to the Dixie Theatre as Elvis Presley, along with the Follow That Dream band, at 8 p.m. nightly. Apalachicola Bay oysters will be served. For information, call 653-3200.

Apalachicola Bay Chamber golf tourney

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, St. James Golf Course will host the eighth annual Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce golf tournament, a flighted four-man scramble. Cost per team is \$400, \$100 per player. Proceeds go toward the chamber's building fund. For info call 653-9419 or email info@apalachicolabay.org.

We Love Eastpoint and oyster festival

The Franklin County Oyster Festival will be Oct. 7-9 in Eastpoint and on St. George Island, highlighting the county's seafood heritage. Enjoy a 5K run; children's fun; a fishing tournament; seafood; and concerts. Included in the fun is We Love Eastpoint Day at the Patton Street pavilion, complete with oysters, a shucking tournament, treasure pit and more. For information, call 927-7744, or Charolette Bacher at 927-5039.

Woodstork benefits mammal association

The third annual Woodstork Festival will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 8 at 3Y Farm, 195 Harvey Young Farm in Crawfordville. Admission is \$5. All proceeds go for care and feeding of injured and orphaned wildlife. For more information visit www.woodstorkfestival.com.

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County debates health care

Concerns raised about Carrabelle's urgent care clinic

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

September turned into an uncertain month for Franklin County health care, as county commissioners gave mixed reviews to a new collaborative arrangement between Weems Memorial Hospital and the health department.

After hearing details of the collaboration from new Weems CEO Davie Lloyd and health department interim administrator Dr.

Karen Chapman, the two commissioners who represent the eastern of the county, Cheryl Sanders and Bevin Putnal, both indicated at the commission's Sept. 6 meeting they would oppose any attempt to scale back primary care services at the Carrabelle health department annex.

Two weeks later, Commissioners Noah Lockley, Pinki Jackel and Smokey Parrish added a series of fresh concerns regarding hospital operations. The board unanimously approved a request to meet with Lloyd, the Weems hospital board and representatives of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital at the Oct. 18 meeting (See story, A6).

The month began with the Sept. 6 appearance before commission-

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TMH, Weems deal under scrutiny, **A6**

ers by Lloyd and Chapman, both of whom assumed their jobs in late July, and Marcia Lindeman, administrator from the Gulf County Health Department, which works in concert with St. Joseph Care Inc., a federally qualified health center in Port St. Joe.

As an FQHC, St. Joseph Care is similar to the North Florida Medical Center in Eastpoint, in that both receive hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in federal funds to serve poor, uninsured populations.

Lindeman said the Port St. Joe FQHC is intended to serve patients as far east as the Apalachicola River and has seen a steady increase in Franklin County patients since 2003. The numbers topped out in 2010, when 508 medical patients and 313 dental patients made 1,305 medical visits and 841 dental visits, comprising 10 percent of the center's volume.

"You all doing more than the one in Eastpoint," Lockley said, although he did not provide specific numbers to bolster his assertion. "I wish you all would take over that one in Eastpoint."

Chapman told commissioners no one from the Eastpoint FQHC

See **HEALTH CARE A5**

RARE HUMMINGBIRD IN EASTPOINT



FRED DEITRICH | Special to the Times

This broad-billed hummingbird, rarely seen in Florida, was banded in Eastpoint on Saturday.

'QUITE AN HONOR'

Rare hummingbird spotted, banded in Eastpoint

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

A rare broad-billed hummingbird was spotted in Eastpoint on Saturday.

The broad-bill, properly called Cynanthus latirostris, is only the fourth to be spotted in Florida and the third to be banded. Broad-bills normally are found only in Sonoma, Mexico, and southern Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Sheila Klink had just cleaned and filled her

hummingbird feeders for the season at the request of her granddaughter. She heard a strange noise and went outside to investigate. What she found was a bird she couldn't identify.

Last year, Fred Bassett of Asheville, N.C., had banded another rare hummer in Klink's yard, so she took some pictures of the bird at dusk and emailed them to Bassett.

He received the pictures at 1 a.m., and after calling his birding colleague, Fred Dietrich in Tallahassee, he jumped in his car and headed to Franklin County.

In a telephone interview, Dietrich said the sighting is the talk of the birding community right now. He said 20 years ago, birding guides

See **HUMMINGBIRD A7**

Commission stares down threat of lawsuit

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Franklin County commissioners have refused to back down in the face of The St. Joe Company's threat to sue over a zoning dispute.

At their Sept. 20 meeting, commissioners voted 4-1 to stand pat on their December 2009 decision to rescind a 2005 land-use change that could have enabled St. Joe to build thousands of new homes on St. James Island.

Commissioner Smokey Parrish voted no, in keeping with his original opposition to rescinding the future land-use maps. At that time, he advocated a different path toward undoing the land-use changes, saying he feared the county's liability could be too great.

In 2005, when the company proposed to develop four land parcels on St. James Island to build as many as 7,400 new housing units, the commissioners redesignated parcels of St. Joe land in the eastern part of the county from agricultural to mixed-use residential.

This preliminary change to a comprehensive plan is called a FLUM (future land-use map) and is pronounced "floom." In return for the change, St. Joe promised to include low-cost housing in the developments, allow for continued public access to the coastline and donate several parcels of land for public use.

When the housing market failed, development of the parcels stalled, and St. Joe took no

See **LAWSUIT A7**

Sexual predator, left in woods, flees Eastpoint

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor



NORMAN BILL WILLIAMS

A high-risk sexual predator, left Saturday by state officials to live in the woods near Eastpoint, fled within hours and is being sought by law enforcement officials in Franklin and surrounding counties.

Jo Ellyn Rackleff, a spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Corrections, said Nor-

man Bill Williams, 56, was released Saturday near Bear Creek Road in Eastpoint, after telling authorities he intended to live in the woods, with no physical address.

Williams had completed 85 percent of a seven-year sentence, begun Oct. 10, 2006, for sexual battery on a victim under age 12, a crime that occurred Jan. 1, 1994.

"Legally, we couldn't hold him beyond that," said Rackleff.

"When the release date is hit, we have to release."

Because of his prison record, spent mostly at Century Correction Institution, Williams was considered a flight risk and was required to wear an ankle bracelet as a condition of his supervised release. Also as part of the terms of his probation, Williams was under a curfew from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

"In prior experience with this offender, he had been put on a bus and got off early and fled, so we knew he was a risk," Rackleff

said.

Wanting to be near his hometown, Williams was transferred on Sept. 21 from the Northwest Florida Reception Center in Washington County to Franklin Correctional Institution in Carrabelle.

On Saturday, two probation officers charged an ankle bracelet, complete with GPS transponder, at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office on State Road 65 and

See **PREDATOR A7**

Work begins on transmission line over river

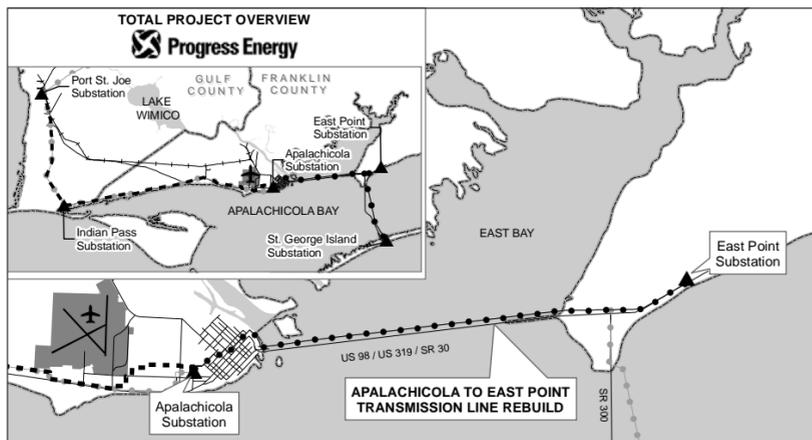
By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Progress Energy has begun installing a new 69-kilovolt (kV) line from the Apalachicola substation, across the river through to the Eastpoint substation. A final segment will also connect to St. George Island.

Construction for this \$10.6 million segment of a larger project began in mid-September and is expected to be completed by June 2012.

Company officials said this transmission project is needed to better address the threat of severe weather and continue to meet acceptable levels of year-round reliability for the entire area.

Progress Energy spokesman Rob Sumner said that once this work is completed, the company will move forward on erecting new transmission lines through the Apalachicola downtown,



to hook up to the line that runs from Port St. Joe to the city limits. These downtown lines have drawn controversy because the large poles are considered an eyesore that will mar the look of Apalachicola as a historic community and tourist destination.

“As it stands right now the line will travel the exist-

ing route,” said Sumner. “We respect the historical nature of that area but Progress Energy’s main goal is to provide reliable electricity to all of our customers.”

Sumner estimated that placing the lines underground would cost at least \$3 million, with additional costs and permitting issues also likely.

The portion of the line constructed on land will be single concrete or steel poles, 60 feet to 90 feet above ground. Poles may be taller when crossing roadways, waterways, or other electrical equipment.

Where the line crosses the Apalachicola River and Apalachicola Bay, structures will be either single,

self-supporting steel poles or H-frames. Most poles will be replaced at or near their current locations and the majority of the existing foundations within Apalachicola Bay will be reused.

Installing transmission structures and lines is similar to a typical construction project, with numerous crews, trucks and other equipment. There may be lulls between the phases of activity, but in general, homeowners can expect these stages of construction:

- Clearing and grading. Probably the most noticeable portion of construction is clearing and grading, which is the earliest step. The right of way must be clear during the construction process.

- Foundations and installing poles. Property owners can expect large trucks with drilling equipment or a concrete mixer in the right of way. The concrete is poured

at the bottom of a deep hole to form the foundation. The poles arrive in sections and may be assembled on the ground before being installed.

- Stringing lines. Trucks carrying large reels of wire are typically used, with a winch to pull the wire through. Linemen attach the wires to the structures. Later, crews install “ground rods” to the structures. Property owner’s power is not affected when the line is energized.

- Helicopters. Due to the unique aspects of construction activities within the bay, helicopters will be utilized for installation of the structures in the water.

If you have questions about this project, please contact at (888) 272-8133 or email ApalachicolaProgress@pgnmail.com. We also encourage you to visit us online at www.progress-energy.com.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Alligator Point Water Resources District has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

Saturday, October 1, 2011

10:00 A.M

at

Alligator Point Water Resources District Office

1378 Alligator Drive

Alligator Point, Florida 32346

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BUDGET SUMMARY

ALLIGATOR POINT WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012

MILLAGE PER \$1,000

1.9439

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>CAPITAL FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>
CASH BALANCES			
BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 98,978	\$ 678,062	\$ 777,040
ESTIMATED REVENUE			
Ad Valorem Taxes			
1.9439 Millage per \$1000		\$ 265,002	\$ 265,002
Water Sales	\$ 165,000		\$ 165,000
Out of District Surcharge	\$ 38,000		\$ 38,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 17,500		\$ 17,500
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES			
	\$ 220,500	\$ 265,002	\$ 485,502
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES			
	\$ 319,478	\$ 943,064	\$ 1,262,542
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Water Operations and Expenses			
	\$ 381,050		\$ 381,050
Capital Improvements		\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000
Debt Service		\$ 132,000	\$ 132,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES			
	\$ 381,050	\$ 238,000	\$ 619,050
Reserves	(\$ 61,572)	\$ 705,064	\$ 643,492
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES			
	\$ 319,478	\$ 943,064	\$ 1,262,542

Franklin County
Oyster Festival

Columbus Day Weekend
St. George Island/Eastpoint
Oct. 7-9, 2011

Featuring
Fishing Tournament, Concerts,
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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.

Sept. 21

Justin E. McCalpin, 23, Eastpoint, failure to appear and domestic battery (FCSO)
Cliff O. Hunter, 37, Sneads, violation of probation (FCSO)

Sept. 22

Kami C. Orton, 25, Lanark Village, child abuse (CPD)
Byron B. Butler, 30, Wewahitchka, violation of probation (FCSO)
Darren L. Wallace, 43, Apalachicola, grand theft, introduction of contraband into a correctional facility and violation of probation (APD)

Sept. 23

Judith S. Colson, 52, Tallahassee, DUI (CPD)

Misty D. Barfield, 23, Bristol, aggravated battery on a pregnant victim and burglary of a dwelling - person assaulted (FCSO)

Dominic Rotella, 26, Eastpoint, grand theft (FCSO)

Eric Hathaway, 29, Apalachicola, grand theft (APD)

Sept. 24

Nolle E. King, 22, Tallahassee, failure to appear (FCSO)

Sept. 25

Gary A. Simmons, 21, Crawfordville, DUI (FHP)
Robbie D. Butler, 42, Apalachicola, DUI (FHP)
Willie E. Pelt, 29, Port St. Joe, violation of a domestic violence injunction (FCSO)

Community BRIEFS

Yowell benefit in Eastpoint Oct. 8

There will be a benefit for Tony Yowell, Sr., on Saturday, Oct. 8 at Taylor's Building Supply in Eastpoint.

The benefit is being held to raise money to help offset the medical expenses of Yowell, who is being treated for leukemia at the Moffett Cancer Center in Tampa. Seafood dinners will be available for \$6 each, including drinks. For more information, call 348-9926.

Seafood workers to meet Oct. 10

The Franklin County Seafood Workers will meet Monday, Oct. 10 at the Eastpoint firehouse, 24 Sixth Street in Eastpoint,

at 5 p.m. For more info, call Shannon Hartsfield at 615-2454.

Church to host yard sale Saturday

Trinity Episcopal Church will host its second annual yard sale this Saturday, Oct. 1 from 8 a.m. to noon. All proceeds will benefit the historic church campus buildings at the corner of U.S. 98 and Sixth Street, at 79 Sixth Street in Apalachicola.

The church is hosting the sale in partnership with Big Bend Hospice. Offered will be bicycles, clothes, collectables, furniture, books, lamps, bric-a-brac, washer and dryer, tools, ornaments, linens, speakers and dinnerware. Coffee and yummy treats for sale. For more info, call 653-9550 or

email trinitychurch@mchsi.com.

Forgotten Coast yard sale Saturday

Join us anywhere along U.S. 98 or in downtown Apalachicola for the Forgotten Coast Community Yard Sale this Saturday, Oct. 1. Merchants, businesses and individuals from Mexico Beach to Panacea are planning to participate in the area's biggest yard sale. Carrabelle location is the east side of the library, under the trees. Participants will be there at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. All items will be sold for donations only and with proceeds to benefit the Carrabelle Food Pantry. For info call 653-9419.

HUMANE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

The Franklin County Humane Society would like to invite the public to our annual, general meeting on Saturday, October 1, 2011. It will be held at the Adoption Center located at 244 Highway 65, Eastpoint, Florida. The meeting will take place from 10:00am to 11:00am, followed by an Open House from 11:00am to 2:00pm and there will be a dedication of the new play area for our doggie residents. Hotdogs, refreshments and dessert will be served and there will be tours of our newly refreshed Adoption Center. Bring the kids and enjoy the day with us and of course the event is pet friendly for friendly pets. The Humane Society is proud to serve the Franklin County community with the help of caring, concerned citizens like yourselves. It would not be possible to continue to help our less fortunate 4 legged citizens without you. Come join us for a fun day and show your support for the Franklin County Humane Society! Thank you!

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Apalachicola Bay Charter School
98 12th Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320
653-1222 (phone) 653-1857 (fax)

FRANKLIN COUNTY FAMILY OUTDOOR DAY WITH SPECIAL GUEST LEMUEL MILLER!

Saturday October 1, 2011

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For info. call (850) 323-1206

Christian Bowhunters Association
Tournament Shoot

Registration 8:00 - 9:00 am
Shoot 9:00 - 12:00 pm

Family Activities begin 12:00 noon

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Writers and writing in Apalachicola

Special to the Times

A while ago the Apalachicola Municipal Library began adding books to its collection on how to write fiction, inspired in part by the writer's group that is meeting here at the library on Monday nights. They toyed with the idea of calling themselves "The Bay Scribblers," but I don't know if that caught on.

One book we bought was "Write Away: One Novelist's Approach to Fiction and the Writing Life" by Elizabeth George. George is a prolific fiction writer. The library owns all of her Inspector Lynley series except a few of the very early ones. A book by a successful writer seemed like a good place to start and the writer's group members have had it checked out constantly.

Earlier this month, Michael Lister, instructor in writing at Gulf Coast State College, and a notable invitee to the "Authors in Apalach" event coming up on Saturday, Oct. 8, had his annual Gulf Coast Writer's Conference. His keynote speaker was John Dufresne, who teaches in the master's of fine arts creative writing program at Florida International University.

He was a great speaker, outlining creative fiction writing in 13 questions, posed by a would-be writer. He used catchy phrases like "make a life, not a living." He talked about criticism, saying "don't write a complaint, write another story."

One area he covered, which was new to me, was the writers who write on their smart phones. It turns out there are a number of young Japanese writers who use only their phones, have published electronically, and become financially successful. All this is an era where eBooks are not yet available in the municipal or county libraries in Franklin County.

Dufresne has two books the library is going to purchase: "The Lie That Tells a Truth: A Guide to Writing Fiction" and "Is Life Like This? A Guide to Writing Your First Novel in Six Months."

Selecting appropriate books on this topic is quite daunting. The State of Florida's "FirstSearch", an access point to electronic library catalogs around the world, produces a list of 1596 books in the Dewey Decimal number 808.3, where creative writing books are found.

I checked the county library's online catalog, and they have two books in 808.3. "What's your story? A young person's guide to writing fiction" by Marion Dane Bauer, is geared to young aspiring authors. I think this is another area to explore. "FirstSearch" again offers 83 books covering juvenile fiction writing.

It's a big world of books out there, but the Apalachicola Municipal Library wants to bring some of them into our collection to inspire future writers, young and old. Maybe they can be part of our "Authors in Apalach" event in years to come.

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

Don't let polluters write water rules

Special to the Times

At the end of August, a large, disgusting algae outbreak slimed Old Tampa Bay. Two months earlier, an algae outbreak in the Caloosahatchee River near Fort Myers turned the river bright green, smelled like raw sewage, and made thousands of fish go belly up.

Water with algae outbreaks like this is so toxic that health authorities say you shouldn't touch it, much less drink it or swim in it. It can give you rashes, respiratory problems, and even kill you.

U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Oklahoma, found that out the hard way. He swam in the same type of toxic algae outbreak in Grand Lake, Oklahoma, in June and said he became "deathly sick" that night with an upper respiratory illness.

"There is no question," Inhofe told the Tulsa World, that his illness came from the toxic algae in the lake. Oklahoma health officials had warned people not to touch the water, swim in the popular lake, or eat fish from it. Like Florida's outbreaks, the one in Grand Lake was fueled by the so-called "nutrients," nitrogen and phosphorus, which come from inadequately treated sewage, fertilizer, and manure.

After years of seeing nauseating algae outbreaks on popular Florida tourist beaches like Sanibel Island



DAVID GUEST
Guest column

We can combat it at its source — by upgrading old sewer plants, using modern manure management on agricultural operations and being smarter about applying fertilizer.

and at fishing meccas like the St. Johns River, we citizens finally got the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to start setting limits on the sewage, fertilizer and manure pollution that's threatening our drinking water and our health.

This type of pollution is preventable. We can combat it at its source — by upgrading old sewer plants, using modern manure management on agricultural operations and being smarter about applying fertilizer.

Cleaning up our waters is a good thing, but you wouldn't know it by reading the distortions and inflated cost estimates that highly paid polluter-lobbyists are peddling to scare people.

They will spend whatever it takes to make sure they can keep using our public waters as their private sewers.

The truth is that meeting Florida's new limits for these contaminants is likely to cost a few dollars extra per person per month phased in over

many years. In Chesapeake Bay, for example, advanced wastewater treatment cut pollution at a cost of only \$2.50 per household per month. Not a bad price for clean water.

The Florida DEP is in the process of setting new statewide standards for phosphorus and nitrogen pollution.

Unfortunately, the rules that state regulators have proposed so far are inadequate to protect public health and clean up the waters.

It is critical that the state's polluters, now emboldened by the current anything-goes mentality in Tallahassee, don't end up writing the DEP's water-pollution rules.

It is critical that our state regulators protect the public, not the polluters.

Tourism, fishing, and boating are our economic lifeblood in Florida. When visitors come here and see dead fish and "No Swimming" signs, they won't come back, and that affects our state budget and our jobs.

David Guest is an attorney in the Tallahassee office of Earthjustice, a public-interest law firm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State parks offer perfect family setting

Sept. 23 marks the first day of autumn. As the weather cools this time of year, warm thoughts come to mind. Many of my fondest family memories center on the traditions of the fall — especially time spent around the campfire. A recent advertisement for family camping equipment noted that campsites were the "original social-networking site." I couldn't agree more.

Whether you're interested in making some great family memories, longing for a trip to get the kids all back together or simply looking to take a break from your busy lives, Florida's state parks offer the perfect setting for your autumn endeavors. Regardless of your interests — if you're fond of fall,

you'll love Florida State Parks.

Among Florida's 160 state parks, more than 3,200 family campsites, 230 tent campsites, 60 youth campsites, 67 group camp areas and 95 equestrian camp sites await. Many state parks with family campgrounds often host evening campfire programs. If you join one of these, you might learn about the history of the park or hear a tall tale of a character that once inhabited the surrounding land. Florida Park Service rangers are a wealth of information, and the campfire circle is a great place to catch them at their best.

Sitting together watching the flame of the campfire dance in the moonlight is a special experience that brings people

closer together. Not only does it provide a comfortable atmosphere for recounting fond memories and a fun place to create new ones, it also provides a space to plan the following day in the park. Camping, hiking, paddling, bike riding, museum hopping, Christmas shopping — we've got it all. As the director of the Florida Park Service, I'm honored to remind all of Florida's citizens and visitors of the jewel in your own backyard. I encourage you to spend time around a campfire this autumn and get back in touch with each other and Florida State Parks.

Sincerely,
Donald V. Forgiore
Director, Florida Park Service

Key money should go for larger library

Good morning!
I am writing in reference to an article concerning the late Margaret Key's endowment to the Apalachicola library in your Sept. 15 issue.

I had the privilege of knowing Margaret Key over the years that I practiced medicine in Apalachicola and I unequivocally recall her love of the local library.

Her endowment of about \$400,000 for the library seems to have been to fulfill her desire to build a new library to serve the people. It is my understanding that the present library, built in 1959,

has outgrown the needs of the community.

I do not know if a large library can be built for \$400,000, but I bet it will have to be larger than the present one. If pinch came to squeeze, the money could be used to enlarge the present facility or to buy a larger facility and renovate it to accommodate a larger library. There must be other options. Perhaps the city can purchase the old Chapman Schools building on Avenue E and 12th Street and spend some money for renovation. It is a historic building and would fit the needs, it seems. There

must be other options, but I do not believe spending the money to balance the city's budget ever crossed Margaret Key's mind.

I think it is prudent for the city to reconsider this matter before the fund is squandered for other uses. It is of the utmost urgency that this matter be revisited and the citizens of Apalachicola who use this facility need to speak up and make their voices heard, loud and clear.

Respectfully,
Photis Nichols, M.D.
Jacksonville

Consider National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Special to the Times

It seems there's an online data breach or scam in the headlines almost daily. Meanwhile, cyber threats continue to grow in sophistication.

National Cyber Security Awareness Month aims to bring light to cyber threats and help people safeguard themselves online.

The Department of Homeland Security offers tips to help people stay safe online. They're not much different from the words of wisdom your parents imparted:

- Don't trust candy from strangers: You're not going to get a free computer just for filling out a survey; the IRS didn't email to tell you that you're entitled to a refund; you're not going to turn \$47 into \$300,000 just by forwarding a link; and a foreign dignitary isn't looking to split his fortune with you if you help him get his millions out of his country.

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Enough said.

- Don't advertise that you're away from home. Announcing to your 700 Facebook friends that you're on vacation for a week is just an open invitation for thieves to strike. And be careful with how you word your email autoresponders.

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took part in a recent meeting among the three women to discuss details of a rural health collaboration.

"We know you have not had maybe the best of experiences with prior health department or hospital leadership," she said. "Before you stand three women who bring to you a great deal of experience, a great deal of passion for health care and a great deal of passion for improving the health care system here in Franklin County."

"We really felt quite fortunate that both of us (Chapman and Lloyd) are new pretty much at the exact same time," Chapman said. "It's also a new day, and one of the things we came to discover is that our predecessors really hadn't worked closely together, and we felt it was just natural that there should be a partnership to leverage the resources that we have."

"If we're not working together we might be redundant and duplicative, and that would not be in the best interest of the community," she said.

Chapman said she secured \$25,000 from the state to make repairs to the health department's Carrabelle annex. In addition, the department is looking to buy smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles to replace those that have broken down or exceed mileage or safety standards, and which will be "surplused to the county," she said.

Jason Flowers, who oversaw the department's environmental health component, resigned in August, Chapman said, and has been replaced by Sean May, from the Okaloosa County Health Department, where Chapman is the full-time director.

"He worked here six years ago, so he is familiar with the septic tank issues,"

she said. "I also hold him in great regard, and he's working hard to realign our environmental health office here in Franklin County."

Health department wants focus on reproductive health

Though the new collaboration outlined short- and long-term plans to improve community access to providers and eliminate gaps in services, what drew the greatest attention were plans to transition patients over the next six months from the Carrabelle health department annex to the Weems East urgent care clinic next door.

"Are you all trying to get the people to quit using the health department and start using the hospital?" Sanders asked.

Chapman said that with about 1,300 adult and 500 child primary care patients, she is "under direction from Tallahassee to reduce our primary care footprint as county health departments and work with other providers and FQHCs to collaboratively serve the community."

"We have two clinics side by side," she said. "Neither one can be successful if both are doing exactly the same thing."

Chapman said Weems plans to implement a sliding fee scale, will see both uninsured and insured patients and will extend its hours within the next six months. Lloyd said Weems is in the process of being able to accept Medipass patients.

Sanders made it clear that keeping the existing nurse practitioner, Dana Whaley, should be a top concern. "The reason why you have the large majority of that (patient base) in Carrabelle area, it's all because of the nurse practitioner

that you've got," she said. "If Weems does not have that nurse practitioner, they're not going to go to Weems."

"This is a community of families we go to who we think can take good care of us," Sanders said. "If Weems has a doctor from wherever coming in there and they don't feel comfortable, and yet they feel comfortable with the nurse practitioner at the health department, (they'll see her). Unless you all are sharing the same nurse practitioner or doctor, you're going to always have this problem."

Chapman said the hope is that over time, "we can build a cadre of health professionals the community respects and trusts. We can't have dual systems competing with each other in the community, or we're not going to be effective and we're going to waste our scarce resources."

She said it remains a top health department goal to focus on the county's alarming rates of sexually transmitted diseases and teen pregnancies. "From most indicators, we fall in the bottom 25 percent as far as rates of disease," she said. "These diseases are very devastating to young women in causing future reproductive health problems and difficulties with conception in the future when you have multiple and repeated STD infections."

Sanders acknowledged the importance of that focus but continued to urge preserving the annex's status quo. "People with heart problems or respiratory problems or people with diabetes are just as important as that," she said. "That's what my other problem with the other administrator was. I'm looking at you in the eye and telling you, every time you turned around, he was wanting to close the primary care in Carrabelle, and

I'm telling you, you're going to have this room so packed out with people it's going to be pitiful."

Chapman said the health department and hospital intend to remain flexible. "We have to handle this carefully; you don't want to disrupt a patient-provider relationship. Over time, I will definitely take that into consideration. None of us like to leave our providers," she said.

"My phone will ring," Sanders said. "These people get particularly upset if the health care provider they have (is gone). I'm forewarning you a little bit because it's going to happen."

Chapman said with the reopening of the health department building in Apalachicola, Whaley is back to her previous schedule of working three days in Carrabelle and two in Apalachicola, while Dr. Ivan Backerman works two days a week in Apalachicola and one day in Carrabelle. A registered nurse in on hand five days a week at both locations, she said.

"They're still seeing her (Whaley)," said Chapman. "It's just at a different location."

Putnal reminded the three women that because uninsured seafood workers have limited funds, "they'll be almost dead before they go to doctor. Whoever is the closest, that's where they're going to."

Because of the recession, "it will get worse this year. I don't know what we're going to do about it," he said. "Indigent care is vitally important to Franklin County, more so than other counties because there's so many of them that can't afford insurance. You can't turn them down because they're not going to be able to make it if you do."

"I appreciate you all coming together to work out

solutions because we have major problems with health care in this county," Putnal said. "You all are on the right track. Be careful about shifting people around; we got to be careful how we do it."

Lloyd vows longer hours, new de-staffing policy

Lloyd told commissioners her goal is to begin keeping Weems East open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, and "probably four hours on Saturday."

"The access to care is very disturbing in many ways," she said. "Our goal is to provide the right services to the right people at the right time and in the right location. We want to make sure we are each providing the resources that we should be providing, but we certainly don't want to be in competition with each other because that's at a great cost to the citizens of Franklin County."

She said a major thrust of the new collaboration is to focus on linking patients with health care providers. "We don't have the agencies in Franklin County that can really help residents access resources that are available to them," Lloyd said. "What happens now is a patient will come to the hospital emergency room and they'll get a follow-up letter from the Medicaid office, but that follow-up never happens because there's nobody here in Franklin County to assist those individuals."

She said the collaboration's "lofty goal" is to have people on either end of the county who can help access charity care and Medicaid. "We have identified some grants for getting that program up and going," Lloyd said.

She said health care leaders will work to ensure

that an upcoming needs assessment, funded by a National Association of Counties grant, receives input from throughout the entire county. In addition, the collaboration has discussed the amount of lab services provided by Quest and plans to transition as much of that work as possible to the Weems lab and create multiple draw sites and extended hours, Lloyd said.

Parrish asked that Weems try to have a physician visit the bedridden elderly at an assisted living facility in Carrabelle, perhaps twice weekly for a couple of hours.

"We just need to enter into an agreement with the facility to comply with state and federal regulations," Lloyd said.

Commissioners also voiced displeasure regarding North Florida Medical Center in Eastpoint, with Lockley asking whether Weems could take over that FQHC designation. "I've been trying to get rid of them ever since they got here," he said.

"Only the federal government can make changes to that," Lloyd said. "You could talk to the congressman to intervene on our behalf. There is nothing more that we can do as far as establishing another one."

Putnal said he felt "our local physicians should have been given that money. They (North Florida) are not doing what they should be doing because that money should be coming to this county. They're not using near \$600,000; that money's being used in some other county."

Parrish said he thought that given the large number of patients being seen in Gulf County, "we've been provided some ammunition here. That should not be happening; they should be seen by their local FQHC."

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TMH, Weems deal under scrutiny by county

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

County commissioners were not happy last week about being the last to know what's going on at Weems Memorial Hospital, and they plan to talk to hospital officials about it.

On Sept. 20, all five commissioners — Noah Lockley, Cheryl Sanders, Smokey Parrish, Pinki Jackel, and Bevin Putnal — voiced fresh concerns regarding hospital operations, prompting them to unanimously approve a request to meet with Weems CEO Davie Lloyd, the Weems hospital board and representatives of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital at the commission's Oct. 18 meeting.

The request came two weeks after a pointed but amicable exchange of views from Lloyd and interim health department director Dr. Karen Chapman.

After reviewing changes in primary care delivery emerging from a new rural health collaboration (see story, A1), the commissioners heard Lloyd outline a de-staffing policy that has cut into working hours of several hospital employees.

Lloyd said she is developing a new policy to better address what is required when the hospital census is anywhere from zero to 15 patients.

"That really makes an easy matrix for the staff to follow," Lloyd said.

"The policy wasn't being followed consistently, and it wasn't being followed by all departments. There were some departments who it seemed as though the same staff members were being sent home every day. The new policy will spell out who works if X number of patients are hospitalized."

Lloyd said current rules call for full-time employees with benefits to have priority over part-time employees who work on an "as-needed" basis. She said she plans assure de-staffing affects day and night staff equally. "What triggers this is the number of patients in the hospital," she said.

Lloyd said forecasted financial data compiled by BKD, the auditing firm helping to prepare the application for a federal loan to build a new hospital in Apalachicola, also affect the situation.

She said data for full-time

employees per adjusted occupied beds, a common productivity measure, shows that in 2006, there were 6.9 FTEs; in 2007 6.3; in 2008 5.7; in 2009 4.9; and in 2010 5.7.

This compares to a national benchmark of from 3.0 to 4.0. "We have been having been consistently overstaffing," she said. "When we are overstaffing, we are not being good stewards of the resources we have been entrusted."

Lockley said, "People making decisions to go home don't never go home."

"Some individuals by law and by job description are required to be at the hospital," Lloyd said. "Those decisions are based on job description. We don't make decisions on an individual basis."

She stressed that "we are not de-staffing to the point where it interferes in any way, shape or form with patient care."

Commission urges communication

As cordial as the Sept. 6 meeting had been, Sept. 20 was a different story.

Concerns began with Clerk of Court Marcia John-

son's report that showed Weems had \$54,270 in its operating account at the end of August. Back-up funds include certificates of deposit, money market funds of \$354,000, a grant account of \$93,380 and a capital account of \$495,717.

"I'm still concerned with the direction that we're going on this," Sanders said. "We really didn't want them to touch the CDs and money market for paying operational accounts and paychecks. I don't want a repeat of what's happened in the past."

Parrish voiced frustration as well, citing an apparent snub from Lloyd, who had declined to meet with him. "I'm very aggravated with it myself. When I call someone and ask for a meeting (and) they tell me they don't have time to meet with me, I have a problem."

County Planner Alan Pierce, hospital spokesman and commission liaison, said after the meeting that Lloyd had chosen not to meet with Parrish because the subject of discussion concerned a pending personnel matter.

Each commissioner voiced displeasure at being kept out of the loop on hospital operations.

During County Attorney Michael Shuler's report, Jackel was adamant the commission needed to be informed earlier on decisions being made by Lloyd and the hospital board.

"This is another one of these hospital items that to me is vague in informing the board what's going on," she said. "I have yet to see a copy of the application for the new hospital."

"I don't know how much money we're paying upfront in the loan application process. I'm very uncomfortable with this," she said. "I don't want my comments to be construed that we don't need a better hospital facility. I'd like to see us have a new hospital, but we need to be in the loop on all of this. ... When push comes to shove, the board's going to be asked to guarantee this loan. There's a lot of information that has to come down the pike before we can even touch that subject."

Later in the meeting, Sanders went even further.

"I think we need to seriously look at the delegation of authority we have given that hospital board," she said. "I'm real concerned with the new CEO going to football games in president's boxes and everything and here we have sacrificed and worked so hard to keep this hospital going. ... I thought going to be one thing and come to find out it's another thing, and TMH was all behind it. I'm concerned with them going in and hiring people and I've never seen the advertisement."

Pierce said afterward that Lloyd had attended a Florida State University football game as the guest of a friend.

Shuler has yet to respond to a request from the Times, made in July, for Lloyd's salary, citing an exemption in the Sunshine laws that applies to private companies that manage public hospitals.

Sanders voiced concern over TMH's overall role in the local hospital.

"They need to understand that the one driving that ship over here is the one that pays the bills and that's the people of Franklin County," she said. "They're putting out too much money on a lot of salaries, money that the hospital can not sustain. Somewhere down the line, they've got to get the message that when this hospital account reaches zero, they're going to run down here, they're not going to run to Tallahassee. And yet they want commissioners to have no input."

Lockley agreed. "I don't see where Tallahassee's doing that much myself, (but) they want to tell us who to hire and how to run it."

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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).

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apparent steps to fulfill any further conditions of the FLUMs. But, according to County Commissioner Bevin Putnal and environmental activist Don Ashley, who originally sued St. Joe, both say public access to Turkey Point, a popular spot for net fishing and launching small craft, was blocked shortly after the new FLUMs were created. In addition, titles to several parcels of land, said to be promised by St. Joe for various public uses, were not forthcoming.

County Planner Alan Pierce said these promises were part of a "gentlemen's agreement" and were not formalized in a legal agreement.

After commissioners squabbled with St. Joe over water access, alleged zoning violations and other issues, they voted on Dec. 15, 2009, to rescind two FLUMs granting St. Joe the right to build 1,600 residences in two developments on St. James Island: Marina Village and Carrabelle East Village. Commissioners earlier reversed their approval of two other St. Joe FLUMs, known as Rural Village, which encompassed 1,704 acres west of U.S. 98, and Conservation Residential, a 2,500-acre tract along the Ochlocknee Bay, where 1,000 additional homes would have been built.

In December 2010, St. Joe sent the county a letter stating that the change to the comprehensive plan eliminating Marina Village and Carrabelle East Village had "inordinately burdened" the company by interfering with its plans to develop the land. St. Joe threatened to sue the county for violating the Bert Harris Act, a 2004 state law that bars government entities from actions that prevent property owners from profiting from real property.

In a telephone interview, David Theriaque, a consulting attorney for the county who is handling the dispute with St. Joe, said the county was legally required to respond to the notice from St. Joe with a "determination of ripeness" and a settlement offer. The determination of ripeness is a statement of what St. Joe can do under the current comprehensive plan and ordinances.

Theriaque said the county had a number of options for the settlement offer, ranging from offering alternative development options to standing pat on their decision to rescind.

At their Sept. 20 meeting, he presented commissioners with a 10-page settlement offer and nine-page ripeness determination to consider, but they chose to stand by their original decision to rescind without further review.

On Sept. 21, Theriaque sent Bryan Duke, the attorney representing St. Joe, a letter that states the commission will make "No changes to the action of the government entity." St. Joe now has until March 2014 to bring a lawsuit against Franklin County.

Theriaque contends St. Joe has no recourse to the Bert Harris Act because the company never formally applied for development approvals from the county, and none of the property had been developed.

He said the land always has been zoned a Forestry Agricultural District, and this



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From left are David Theriaque, a consulting attorney for the county; Don Ashley, an environmental activist who originally sued St. Joe; and Ross Burnaman, an attorney representing the Ashleys.

zoning would not have allowed for "a large-scale, mixed-use development" of the type proposed by St. Joe. He said St. Joe bought the land as a tree farm, and they can continue to use it for that purpose.

When he was hired, Theriaque told commissioners St. Joe had no grounds to sue under the Bert Harris Act and described the company's threats as "saber rattling. They threaten and threaten but a lot of time they don't do anything about it."

"There is low to remote risk and low to remote financial responsibility," Theriaque said. "Nobody can say there's zero risk."

At the Sept. 20 hearing, he reiterated this belief. "It is still my opinion that St. Joe's claim has no merit," he said.

Ross Burnaman, an attorney representing the Ashleys, said he concurred with Theriaque. "I think St. Joe's claim is frivolous," he said. "They are a bad corporate actor in my opinion."

Burnaman pointed out that a Franklin County jury would hear the case if it came to trial. He urged commissioners to take no action and not to offer St. Joe a settlement of any kind.

Don Ashley also spoke in support of the no action position. "No action is a better option at this point," he said. "Community consensus has always been 'Let's maintain the rural fishing village lifestyle of Franklin County.' If the Florida Keys had done this in the 1950s, they wouldn't be struggling now."

He slammed St. Joe for breaking promises concerning water access, low income housing and land donations.

"How can the St. Joe Company give 25 acres to Gulf County for a hospital and put up the first two or three million dollars for operation and we're struggling to keep an urgent care center in Carrabelle today? It's not part of any discussion, is it? Yet we're talking 1,200 new units. To me it's not balanced," he said.

"I don't think we need to blow it this time," said Commissioner Cheryl Sanders, referring to the original decision to grant the FLUMs. "There is some things that needed to happen that has never happened. The water access and the low-income housing is a slap in the face of the people of Franklin County. This is a God-given opportunity to put it right."

She moved that the county stand pat on its decision to rescind the FLUMs and not offer St. Joe any further settlement.

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attached it to Williams.

"This offender had no place to go, he was homeless and he had conditions of where he could live," Rackleff said. "The first place he said he wanted to stay (fell through) because it was too close to places where children congregate. He said he could stay in the national forest, so officers accompanied him to a spot in the forest. He said he needed to walk and get a tent and a sleeping bag, and he went down the road to do that."

Probation officials received notice late in the afternoon that Williams' location could not be detected by the GPS unit, Rackleff said. The officers went at about 6:30 p.m. to the location where Williams was to be and found he had vanished. The officers immediately notified area departments to be on the lookout for Williams, who is 6 feet, 4 inches, weighs 245 pounds and has extensive tattoos.

"He was free to go before curfew, and that is when he got away from us," Rackleff said. "We had good cooperation from law enforcement and the prison. It was done the best we know how to do."

Franklin County Undersheriff Joel Norred said the ankle bracelet was found near Bear Creek Road. "That's when they determined that he had cut it," he said.

"We have information that he was taken to Bay County that night," Norred said. He said the department is seeking a warrant for Williams' arrest for failing to register as a sexual predator.

Rackleff said state officials are seeking a warrant for absconding.

Law enforcement officials also are pursuing leads that Williams might have left the state. Individuals should contact their local law enforcement agency if they believe they know his whereabouts.

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listed the more common ruby-throated hummingbird as the only species found east of the Rocky Mountains. Since then, 14 species have been spotted east of the Rockies.

Why the change?

Dietrich said the less common birds might always have been present, but fewer people were watching. Birding has become one of the fastest growing hobbies in the US, he said, and the number of bird feeders has increased, so foreign visitors like the broad-bill might have a higher survival rate.

Dietrich headed to Eastpoint first thing Saturday morning, and as he approached the Klink home, he spotted his friend Bassett in the rear-view mirror.

The men were able to capture and band the rare visitor. "He let me band it," Dietrich said. "It's the first time I've band-

ed that species. It was quite an honor."

Dietrich said the broad-bill is larger than the common ruby-throat and one of the most beautiful of the jewel-like hummingbirds.

He and Bassett observed the bird defending the bird feeder from ruby-throats, and it appeared to be vocalizing, but they couldn't hear its song. He said the high-pitched sound made by hummers is outside the range for most men but is audible to women.

Dietrich said long journeys are not out of the ordinary for hummingbirds. A bird he banded in Tallahassee turned up in Alaska five months later. "If you consider the size of the bird, that's the longest migration of any bird, he said."

More pictures and information about sighting are online at <http://digest.sialia.com/?rm=message;id=299028>.

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Engagement



Jamie Daniels, Brad Johnson to wed Oct. 15

Jamie Leigh Daniels and Randall Bradley Johnson will be joined in holy matrimony at the Riverfront Park in Apalachicola on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m.

Jamie is the daughter of Greg and Evie Daniels of Carrabelle. She is the granddaughter of Julia Thompson of Carrabelle and the late Vernon Thompson; and Bill and Pat Daniels of Perry.

Brad is the son of Robbie and Marcia Johnson of Apalachicola. He is the grandson of Bill and Burnell Martina of Apalachicola and the late Paul and Inez Johnson.

Please come join us in celebration of the beginning of their lives together.

Masons to offer child protection photos at festival

One of the attractions of the Fall Festival this year will be the child protection program. This program is being offered by the Masons from Curfew Lodge in Carrabelle. Free photos and fingerprints. These will be given to the parents for safekeeping. See you at the Franklin County Senior Center on Saturday, Nov. 12, right after the parade.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, family and friends gathered at the Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82, for the memorial service

for Gordie Meloche. Gordie passed away last Tuesday, Sept. 22. Pray for his eternal peace and comfort for the family.



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

On Monday, Oct. 3, we will have our monthly meeting at the Lanark Village Association. Gavel falls at 7 p.m.

The snowbirds will start drifting in next week. Be good to see them.

Be kind to one another, check on the sick and housebound — Jesus is with you through it all!

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



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At left is the Lanark Village Coastal Cleanup crew. Below, Eugenia and David Butler were crowned hardest workers in Carrabelle.

Coastal Cleanup bags a ton of trash

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The Apalachicola Riverkeepers reported that workers at the 2011 Coastal Cleanup held Saturday bagged more than 2,500 pounds of trash.

This year, teams toiled from Bald Point to Apalachicola.

The Riverkeeper sends its thanks to all of the volunteers, but

especially to Ada Long of St. George Island for organizing a banner event. The biggest turnout of volunteers was 20 in Carrabelle.

Four of the cleanup sites — Lafayette Park, Abercrombie Landing, the Eastpoint Pavilion and St. George Island State Park — had no volunteers other than the site coordinator. A crew of kids from the Franklin County School cleaned up Marion Millender Park.

In the business district on the island, Tony Robinette was the youngest volunteer, and the hardest-working was Bob Pruitt. At Ten Foot Hole, the hardest worker was Fred Vogt and the youngest volunteer Cina Duggan Smith.

At Abercrombie Landing, Meg Nelson voted herself the hardest worker and gave her standard poodle Josee Nelson the prize for youngest volunteer.



PET OF THE WEEK

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warm the heart and bring a smile to the face of anyone that adopts her.

The Humane Society is scheduling volunteer work days for the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Many of you have asked how you can help and if you are handy, this is how. We continue to make improvements on the building. Come by between 10-4 on those days and you can be sure there will be plenty for you to do!

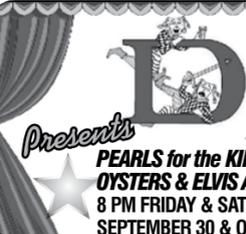
A big thank you to volunteers Fran Giknis and Marty Ray for the wonderful carpentry work they did at the adoption center. What an improvement! Volunteers are desperately needed to socialize Tootsie and the other dogs and cats. We are always looking for people willing to bring one of our animals into their home to be fostered. 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. Log on to www.forgottenpets.org to see more of our adoptable pets.



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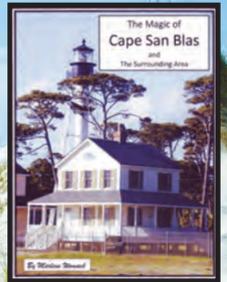
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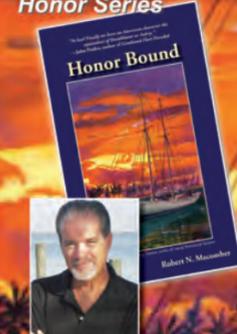
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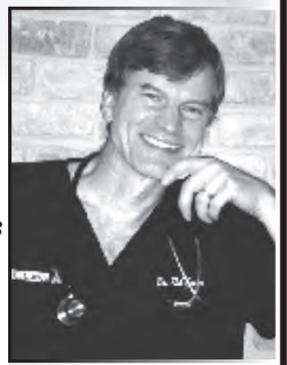
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Teach manners, morals to heal the nation

I remember the different lessons that we were required to master when I was in kindergarten. Almost every lesson centered around respect for others, including keeping your hands to yourself, raising your hand before speaking, taking turns, sharing, etc. The golden rule, "do unto others as you would want them to do unto you," from Matthew 7:1, was the center of all values we once lived by. The golden rule is found in nearly every religion and culture around the world, including Christianity, Confucianism, Buddhism, Judaism and Hinduism to name a few. Regardless of age, color or creed, treating others with respect is a part of the moral fiber of our nation, yet that teaching is futile if it is absent from



YOUTH MATTERS
Pamela Shiver

God's principles. A gentleman opens a door for a young lady and she walks past him without extending him the courtesy of eye contact. How often do you hear a child say, "may I have..." "please," or "thank you"? What I hear most frequently is "mine," "give me," "I wanted that one, not this one." There is obviously something amiss about how children are being taught in a society that reflects the absence of character. The solutions to how our children learn values are elusive, but ultimately the responsibility of the parent. One thing that was constant in my life as a child was the reinforcement of respect and integrity at home and at school. Anyone considered an elder was

addressed as ma'am and sir. Nothing was given unless you said the magic word "please," and respect was demanded, not earned. Politeness, appreciation and respect are common courtesies that separate us from the rest of the animal kingdom. Seldom does a child say, "excuse me," when cutting through a conversation, burps aloud or when requesting attention anymore. Appreciation is merited only by topping the last toy or event. Today's parent tends to equate buying things for their children with caring for them. We learn the art of appreciation by placing a high value on things so if everything in a child's life is viewed as disposable and replaceable they never learn how to take care of their own toys, furniture and clothing. How much

more will they appreciate the use of someone else's belongings? I frequently hear parents who say things like "I give her everything and she gives me no respect in return." Here is a tip: Appreciation goes hand-in-hand with earning. We tend to respect and care for the things we work hard for and appreciate the tangible and non-tangible things we regard highly. By today's standard, you would be scoffed at for preferring others over yourself since the name of the game is to be the one that winds up with the most toys in the end. Never mind the rules, just play to win. Doing things for the greater good is unheard of when getting the biggest piece of pie takes precedence. Teaching a child to share is an act of sacrifice. Being stingy is common for a toddler, but it is only through

consistent teaching and by the parent's example that the child learns to share. In the early 1950s, elementary school teachers from across the United States were asked to list the top five problems in their school. They replied: Talking out of turn, chewing gum, making noise, running in the hall and cutting in line. In the early 1990's, the same question was asked of teachers. Their replies were profoundly different: drug and alcohol abuse, guns and knives in school, pregnancy, suicide and rape, according to the 1998 Report Card on the Ethics of American Youth Survey Data on Youth Violence. Many things changed in those four decades. God was expelled from school, divorce rates increased, the American dream started to seem more like a nightmare, things that used

to be wrong are acceptable, and the responsibility of raising children is forced on everyone but the one who gave birth to them. Americans are making up their own moral codes. How ironic that secularism emerged in the public schools around the 1960's; anyone see a pattern? How to treat others, take care of things, and give more than we take are ethics we learn as children by observing our parents. Most importantly, we learn the art of treating others as we would like to be treated and not how we have been treated. If every parent taught those principles, I believe our entire country would be healed. We welcome all suggestions and hope you enjoy this weekly article. Please send all emails to Scott Shiver at frontline247@mac.com.

Celebration of life for Thom Lewis Saturday

In memory of Thom Lewis who lost his life in a plane crash on June 23, a celebration of his life will be held at the home of Lana and J.R. Heady, 849 E. Pine Street, St. George Island, on Saturday, Oct. 1. The gathering will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m., beginning with a gathering at the house and then walking a short distance to the bay where the Rev. Themo Patriotis will lead this celebration. Thom spent a lot of time in this spot, especially with the two hunting dogs that he loved so much, Teah and Chessie. All persons who would like to speak about Thom are cordially invited to do so. There will be refreshments served after returning from the bay. Please dress casual as we will be in the sand. As this is a celebration of



Thom's life and his many contributions to this beautiful place, bright colors and beach attire are very acceptable. All persons who knew and loved Thom and also love Jo are invited to attend. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on and insect spray. If you have difficulty walking from parking, please turn on your lights and someone will transport you to the Heady's house by golf cart. If there are any pictures or items of interest that anyone would like to share for display please call 927-3337.

Obituary

Justin Wesley Wilson

Justin Wesley Wilson, 37, of Apalachicola, passed away Friday, Sept. 23, 2011. Justin was a native and lifelong resident of Apalachicola. A commercial fisherman by trade, he enjoyed hunting and recreational fishing, and was an avid Florida Gator. He was a member of Apalachicola First Baptist Church and attended the First Pentecostal Holiness Church. Survivors include his mother, Brenda Crowson Wilson, of Apalachicola; his daughter, Kara Richards, of Apalachicola; his brother, Wesley Anderson Wilson, of Apalachicola; four sisters, Donna Crum, Stacie DeVaughn and Samantha Jones, all of Apalachicola, and Christy Ziemba, of Sante Fe,

N.M.; and his maternal grandmother, Madelyn Crowson of Sopchoppy. He was preceded in death in 2003 by his father, Donald Wesley Wilson. The funeral service was held Monday afternoon, Sept. 26, at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 379 Brownsville Road in Apalachicola. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Apalachicola. The family received friends at the church, one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Justin may be made to the Panama City Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 2359, Panama City, FL 32402. Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel of Crawfordville assisted the Wilson family.

Faith BRIEFS

Lemuel Miller to lead revival at Eastpoint of God

Lemuel Miller will be in Revival on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 3 through 5 at 7 p.m., at the Eastpoint Church of God, 379 Ave A, Eastpoint. Miller serves the body of Christ as evangelist, pastor and psalmist. A former Gaither vocal band member, he presently serves as pastor of China Hill Community Church, Jacksonville, Ga. Join us for the Word of God demonstrated in power and authority! For more information, call 850-323-1206 and 670-8704.

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Balloons take a toll on wildlife

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds event organizers and other Floridians about a law prohibiting the release of more than nine lighter-than-air balloons within a 24-hour period.

While releasing balloons is often a sign of groups wishing to honor an event or lost loved one, the FWC encourages the public to choose more environmentally responsible actions for their events.

Balloons released in Florida almost inevitably end up in the Gulf of Mexico or Atlantic Ocean. Wildlife, especially sea turtles, mistake balloons for food, and strings attached to balloons can entangle birds and other animals. The release into the atmosphere of large numbers of balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gases poses a danger and nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine animals. Violators



could incur \$250 in fines according to Florida law.

There are exceptions for scientific or meteorological balloons released by a government agency or under government contract, hot air balloons that are recovered after launching and balloons

released indoors. The law also allows for the release of balloons that are biodegradable or photodegradable under FWC rules. Since 1989, the FWC has received only one such balloon design for review, and that balloon was not approved.



FRANK SARGEANT | Special to The Times

Kayaks rigged for fishing usually have rod holders, padded seats with backrests, and dry storage boxes for gear. Paddle-power comes from the double-ended kayak paddle, though some anglers add electric motors for easier operation against wind and tide.

Kayaks find new home on the flats

By Frank Sargeant
franksargeant@bellsouth.net

Not long ago, kayaks were the province of the Inuit peoples beyond the Arctic Circle plus a few whacked-out whitewater enthusiasts with more nerve than sense.

But what a difference a few years can make. Today, paddle-powered boats are by far the fastest growing segment of an otherwise stagnant boating market, both because of the environment-first attitude of millions of young people and because they are simply very useful, cost-efficient little boats.

These paddle-powered cockshells offer swift, silent access to water so shallow that powerboats can't even think of invading it. For the nature photographer and wildlife watcher, there's no watercraft that can compare; shore birds, marine mammals and fish simply ignore a 'yak as if it's a log floating past.

For fishing in shallow bay areas like those that abound throughout the Panhandle, there also are big benefits. Kayaks put the angler so low to the water that the fish can't see him or her, and the approach is dead silent. They cruise over water only inches deep, across mud bottoms too soft to wade, and they're light enough to launch anywhere, including off a seawall in the middle of town if that's where the fish happen to be. Intrepid anglers even take them off the beach and head out to sea to do battle with king mackerel and tarpon.

Plus, when the day ends, you can store your boat standing on end on the porch of your walk-up apartment. And there's no environmental "footprint" — paddle power is simple, clean muscle-power.

Kayaks are light enough for one angler, man or woman, to hoist to a rack on the top of a car or slide into the bed of a pickup, SUV or station wagon. They're typically 10 to 14 feet long, and weights for kayaks rigged for fishing are usually less than 60

pounds.

They're available in "sit-on-top" versions as well as the more traditional models where the legs go under a bow deck. Many anglers like the sit-on-top models because they're easier to get in and out of; a typical day in kayak country includes a good bit of wade-fishing as well as fishing from the boat, so the ease of entry can be important.

Most kayak makers designate various models for various duties; those who intend to use their boats for fishing probably will want a "recreational" or "general use" version, said Ian Joyce, spokesman for Wilderness Systems Kayaks, one of the leading fishing kayaks.

These are wider and more stable than some of the sport models, Joyce said. The trade-off is that the wider the beam, the harder the kayak is to paddle, and the slower it goes for a given amount of effort. Wider kayaks also are somewhat heavier, though not enough so that this should become a factor in getting the boats in and out of the water in most areas.

Most anglers set their kayaks up with back rests to ease the pressure on the spine over long hours in the boat. They also are likely to add small anchors, sometimes on a roller that allows dropping it without moving from the seat in the kayak; paddle keepers that prevent the double-ended paddle from drifting away should it fall overboard; slip-in tackle boxes that

fit premolded slots in the deck; ice chests; and of course waterproof bags for anything that doesn't like saltwater, including electronic car keys, cellphones and wallets — one of the facts of life in kayaking is that nearly everything gets wet.

And, of course, you need rod holders. Most opt for at least two, allowing them a quick choice of lures for varying depths.

By law and by common sense, it also is wise to carry and wear a personal flotation device any time you are in a kayak. Sooner or later, you probably will turn the boat over. Often, in the backcountry, the remedy is simply to stand up. But in deeper water, the boat might quickly drift away, and a life preserver can make all the difference. Many opt for the belt-pack or suspender-type inflatable, which offers more freedom of movement for paddling and casting than the vest type.

Many resorts throughout the Panhandle now offer kayaks for rent, giving a great opportunity to try before you buy.

And most boat dealers now have at least a few 'yaks somewhere in their inventory. Expect to spend about \$800 minimum for a kayak equipped to fish, about \$2,000 for a fully equipped rig. If you just want a sport-yak to play with, some are available for as little as \$450. Ocean, Hobie, Old Town, Wilderness Systems, Nu-Canoe and others offer a wide variety of models suitable for Panhandle 'yacking.

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Lakes and streams are very productive freshwater fishing right now in our area. Fall feeding patterns are starting to emerge and fishing will continue to improve. Lake Wimico is still a hot spot for all that swims. Good bass, nice sheephead, and nice bream catches are being reported daily.

Inshore

Trout and red fish have made their way into the I.C.W. canal here in St. Joe. Most anglers are using grubs and jigs here, but live bait will certainly find fish as well. Some flounder are caught here are on the large size, and with the right tide, you should do well with live bull minnows.

Offshore

Grouper fishing is red hot now since the re-opener of gag grouper. Most fish are being caught in the 60-150ft range and good reports from the M.B.A.R.A. sites off of Mexico Beach are producing fish. Hard bottom offshore wrecks will be holding bigger fish, and as always take some live pin fish or mullet for red hot fishing!

St. George Island sheriff's patrol planned

St. George Island Sheriff's Patrol is looking for residents who will volunteer to help keep our island safe.

Volunteers who qualify will be issued identification cards, caps and uniform shirts and take their turn patrolling the island in a marked Sheriff's Patrol car. Qualifications include a background check, two four-hour classroom sessions, and other designated training from the Franklin County Sheriff's office.

As a volunteer, you can schedule yourself to patrol when and as often as you like. You will not confront violators, but will add "presence" to law enforcement on the island by patrolling and radioing suspicious activity and infractions to the Sheriff's Office, who will promptly dispatch deputies to investigate and address problems. An additional marked Sheriff's car

patrolling the island will help discourage unlawful activities!

To participate, volunteers must fill out a Law Enforcement Auxiliary Application and Authority for Release of Information. The background investigation waiver must be notarized. These forms can be dropped off at Fickling and Company for the attention of Sandy Mitchem, who is coordinating the Sheriff's Patrol volunteer program with the Sheriff's Office. For your convenience, Sandy is a notary, as is Shelly at Fickling. Centennial Bank will also notarize the forms for you. Please drop the completed forms off at Fickling, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. as soon as you can, and no later than Friday, October 14, so they can be processed before training begins.

Mandatory training sessions will be in two parts, and participants

can choose either the morning or afternoons session, provided they attend both days. Day One is Thursday, Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. to noon or from 1-5 p.m. Day Two is Monday, Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. to noon or from 1-5 p.m.

Training will take place at the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, located at 270 State Road 65. At the end of the training hats, shirts and ID cards will be given out.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to sign up for an optional Sheriff Ride-Along, which, after classroom training, can be scheduled through the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's Patrol coverage will kick-off in November. Patrols will start with four days a week during the off-season, moving to seven days a week at peak times.

For more information, call Mitchem at 899-8300 or email her at sandy.mitchem@gmail.com.

No cost savings for county burials

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff writer

A call for proposals for burial of unclaimed human remains has produced no reduction in current costs to the county.

At a Sept. 20 public hearing on the county's policy on unclaimed human remains, county commissioners opened a single proposal package on transportation and burial cost of remains. The proposal, from Kelly Funeral Home in Apalachicola, offered an interment rate of \$850, the same as the rate under existing county policy.

This is not surprising since in 2008, when the current policy was approved, Kelly staffers collaborated on its crafting.

Kelly proposed a \$700 round-trip fee for transporting bodies to and from the State Medical Examiner's office in Tallahassee. Body bags would run \$125, an increase of \$20.

Commissioners requested the bids after Steven George Brown died at St.

James Bay Health and Rehabilitation Center earlier this year and Kelly declined to take custody of the body. Bevis Funeral Home of Wakulla County took possession of the remains.

County Attorney Michael Shuler said the county is "having problems" getting "free burial plots from the cities, which control the county's public cemeteries. "If we are required to start purchasing the burial site, and opening and closing the plot, it could double the cost." Shuler said he is negotiating with the cities and wants to rotate unclaimed burials so no cemetery is unduly burdened.

Clerk of Court Marcia Johnson said unclaimed bodies are rare and that the county had to handle only four since 2008.

Shuler told commissioners it was possible unclaimed remains might become more common since St. James Bay, which is larger than the existing Harbor Breeze retirement center, opened in Carrabelle. He said if costs

could not be kept low, commissioners might have to consider a policy of cremation.

"I am hesitant to do that in case somebody comes forward to claim the body in the future," he said.

Under Florida law, unclaimed bodies are "delivered to the anatomical board" at the University of Florida Health and Science Center for post-mortem examination. After that, the remains are returned to the county where the death occurred for burial at county expense. The law stipulates that "burials are arranged by the funeral home, no services take place, visitation or viewing at the funeral home is not available, and friends or relatives are not allowed to be present at the time of the burial."

Commissioners instructed Shuler, County Planner Alan Pierce and Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson to consider the proposal by Kelly and return with suggestions at their Oct. 4 meeting.

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2010-2011 Annual Franklin County School District Report

The promotion and retention policies in the new 2011-2012 *Student Progression Plan* for Franklin County School District remain the same as the previous year except for the following revisions: **Grades K-5** – must pass 4 core courses in math, reading, language arts, social studies and science to be promoted to the next grade level. Students will be retained if the final grade in two or more core subjects is 59 or below. **Grades 6-8** – Due to change from 7 to 6 periods in a school day, students are required to pass 4 out of 6 courses to be promoted to grades 7 and 8. **Grades 9-12** - Due to change from 7 to 6 periods in a school day, students must earn 5 or more credits including a credit in English, Math & two other required courses to be classified as a sophomore; a total of 12 credits including 2 credits in English and Math and one each in Social Studies & Science to be classified as a junior; and a total of 18 credits with a GPA of 2.0 including 3 credits in English to be classified as a senior. A complete copy of the 2011-12 Student Progression Plan can be found on the district website at franklincountyschools.org.

Grade	Total Number Tested	Number Scoring at Level 1	Percent Scoring at Level 1	Number Scoring at Level 2	Percent Scoring at Level 2	Number Scoring at Levels 1 and 2	Percent Scoring at Levels 1 and 2
3	98	22	22.45%	11	11.22%	33	33.67%
4	99	19	19.19%	12	12.12%	31	31.31%
5	100	16	16%	15	15%	31	31%
6	93	15	16.13%	17	18.28%	32	34.41%
7	114	22	19.3%	25	21.93%	47	41.23%
8	86	20	23.26%	31	36.05%	51	59.3%
9	88	25	28.41%	31	35.23%	56	63.64%
10	66	34	51.52%	18	27.27%	52	78.79%

Grade	Number Retained	Percentage
3	3	2.75%
4	3	2.78%
5	4	3.51%
6	2	1.96%
7	4	3.31%
8	5	4.55%
9	10	9.8%
10	8	9.76%

ELL/LEP Students with Less than 2 Years in ESOL	Students with Disabilities not Tested on FCAT per IEP	Students Passing Alternative Assessment	Students Demonstrating Proficiency through Portfolio	SWD Retained Once with 2+ Years of Remediation	Students Retained Twice with 2 or More Years of Remediation	Total Promoted with Cause
0	0	6	0	1	0	7

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Sep 29	88°	68°	30 %
Fri, Sep 30	87°	62°	0 %
Sat, Oct 1	82°	59°	0 %
Sun, Oct 2	79°	61°	0 %
Mon, Oct 3	80°	65°	0 %
Tues, Oct 4	82°	67°	0 %
Wed, Oct 5	83°	66°	0 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

Area	High	Low
Bald Point	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

APALACHICOLA

9/29 Thu	04:39AM	1.9	H	12:04PM	0.1	L
	07:03PM	1.8	H	11:53PM	1.3	L
9/30 Fri	05:07AM	2.0	H	12:57PM	0.1	L
	08:12PM	1.7	H			
10/1 Sat	12:20AM	1.4	L	05:41AM	2.0	H
	01:57PM	0.1	L	09:30PM	1.6	H
10/2 Sun	12:49AM	1.5	L	06:22AM	2.0	H
	03:08PM	0.2	L	11:02PM	1.5	H
10/3 Mon	01:27AM	1.4	L	07:12AM	1.9	H
	04:28PM	0.3	L			
10/4 Tue	12:32AM	1.5	H	02:49AM	1.4	L
	08:16AM	1.8	H	05:46PM	0.4	L
10/5 Wed	01:21AM	1.5	H	04:57AM	1.4	L
	09:44AM	1.7	H	06:52PM	0.4	L

CARRABELLE

9/29 Thu	03:14AM	3.0	H	09:51AM	0.2	L
	05:38PM	2.9	H	09:40PM	2.1	L
9/30 Fri	03:42AM	3.2	H	10:44AM	0.2	L
	06:47PM	2.7	H	10:07PM	2.2	L
10/1 Sat	04:16AM	3.2	H	11:44AM	0.2	L
	08:05PM	2.6	H	10:36PM	2.4	L
10/2 Sun	04:57AM	3.2	H	12:55PM	0.3	L
	09:37PM	2.4	H	11:14PM	2.2	L
10/3 Mon	05:47AM	3.0	H	02:15PM	0.5	L
	11:07PM	2.4	H			
10/4 Tue	12:36AM	2.2	L	06:51AM	2.9	H
	03:33PM	0.6	L	11:56PM	2.4	H
10/5 Wed	02:44AM	2.2	L	08:19AM	2.7	H
	04:39PM	0.6	L			

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News BRIEFS

County OKs street closure for Oyster Fest

At the Sept. 20 meeting, county commissioners voted unanimously to close Chili Boulevard on St. George Island for the Franklin County Oyster Festival on St. George Island, Oct. 7-9.

Director of Administrative Services Alan Pierce said the parking lot adjacent to Lighthouse Park at the Island Center will also be closed so it can be used as a dance floor. He said the county will remove recently installed traffic bumpers from the lot.

Festival organizer Elaine Rosenthal said the bumpers would only be removed from the center of the lot. "I don't want anybody to trip while they are dancing," she said. "We're going to have a big stage and lots of bands all day long."

Anna Carmichael, organizer of "I Love Eastpoint Day" said celebration has been rescheduled for the same weekend as the Oyster Festival. She said the weigh-in for the Oyster Festival Fishing Tournament will take place at the Eastpoint Pavilion, also the site of children's activities and music.

"I Love Eastpoint Day" was originally planned for Sept. 3 but was cancelled after a severe squall blew through Eastpoint.

FEMA funds fight flooding in Franklin County

At the county meeting on Sept. 20, Emergency Management Director Pam Brownell said that her office

is using FEMA funds for two flood mitigation projects. She said emergency management obtained approximately \$40,000 to install culverts at McIntyre Road, Crooked River Road, Jeff Sanders Road, New River Road, and Mill Road.

The county will provide an in-kind match of \$13,000 by installing the culverts.

Brownell said emergency management is also preparing to install "citizen flood gauges" at Bloody Bluff, Abercrombie Ramp, and Rio Vista boat ramp, on Crooked River in the Hickory Hammock area.

Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Rundel said the poles will not be placed in the navigable waterway. The gauges, which cost approximately \$400 each, will consist of an aluminum scale affixed to a light pole.

Brownell said that she is waiting on light poles to be delivered by Progress Energy. She said the new gauges will allow her staff and any citizen to see how fast the water is rising and will help determine when evacuations are needed.

County workers get Pictometry training

On Aug. 11, representatives of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Emergency Management and the Property Appraiser's Office received training in Pictometry at the Emergency Operations Center.

Pictometry is a computer-based visual intelligence program designed and marketed by Pictometry International Corporation that can

be used in damage assessment. Images of landscapes and buildings are captured by low-flying airplanes and referenced using the Global Positioning System.

Because the areas are photographed in high definition from up to 12 angles, structures and geographic features can be magnified and examined from all sides.

After a disaster, the planes return and do another fly over, allowing public safety officials to initially assess the damage without visiting the scene, which might be dangerous or inaccessible.

Measurements can be made directly on Pictometry imagery including area, distance, height, elevation, pitch, and bearing.

Similar images were seen on the Internet and on television, following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, showing landscapes before and after the disaster.

Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Rundel said there was no cost for the Pictometry software or the original fly over of the county, which has already been completed. Director Pam Brownell said there would be a charge for the fly over following a disaster, the cost dependent on the area to be photographed.

According to the Pictometry website, most of the inhabited world has been photographed by Pictometry.

Veterans officer seeks new assistant

On Sept. 20, Director of Administrative

Services, Alan Pierce told commissioners that Charlie Galloway had submitted a letter of resignation as the Assistant Veteran Service Officer, effective Sept. 30.

Pierce said Galloway is willing to work beyond that date to ensure a smooth transition.

The board voted unanimously to allow Veteran's Service Officer William Scott to fill the position, which is budgeted as part-time with no benefits.

County gets landscape funding

Director of Administrative Services, Alan Pierce told county commissioners he has received an unexpected windfall.

At the Sept. 20 meeting, he said on behalf of Commissioner Pinki Jackel, he made a phone call requesting Florida Department of Transportation funding to landscape the junction of Franklin Blvd. and Gulf Beach Drive on St. George Island.

This month, he was surprised to learn the county had been awarded \$10,000 for the project, although no paperwork had been submitted. The board voted unanimously to accept the grant already awarded, and they instructed Pierce to pursue more money.

He said he has learned there might be funds available in 2013 for more beautification, since the county is on the list for an additional \$10,000. He said money from the landscaping grant must be used right of way.

Commissioner Smokey

Parrish said he believed the approach to the bridges might be eligible for landscape funding.

Reduction in flood insurance premium earned

County Planner Alan Pierce told commissioners on Sept. 20 that the county has passed its two-year Flood Mitigation Review.

He said every flood insurance policy holder is entitled to at least a 10 percent reduction of their premium.

He said Rachel Ward, of the Planning and Building office, is attempting to increase the county's score so that there could be a 15 percent reduction. Commissioner Smokey Parrish asked Pierce to thank Ward for her diligent efforts.

Septic tank variance denied

In spite of a recommendation by County Attorney Michael Shuler and County Planner Alan Pierce, the commission refused to allow a variance to the 2005 septic tank ordinance.

On Sept. 20, Shuler told commissioners a county inspector had determined the drainfield for a septic tank on Alligator Point had failed. "It is outside the critical habitat zone and may be replaced under your ordinance without requiring the landowner to purchase an aerobic system," said Shuler, noting that while the existing tank, installed in the 1950s, was still operational, it was too small under the county's current

ordinance.

"In my opinion, since your ordinance will allow the failed drainfield to be replaced, and as the present tank is operational, that the landowner can replace the septic tank with another (larger) septic tank. Mr. Pierce agrees with this interpretation," said the attorney.

Commissioners said they were hesitant to allow a variance to the existing code, and voted unanimously to require the owner to install an aerobic system.

A panel discussion on Econfina Creek

A panel discussion on Econfina Creek "Preserving Water Resource History: Civil War ruins of Adam's Mill" will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 30 at Pitt Spring and U.S. Highway 20, seven miles west of State Road 231)

The discussion will feature Archaeologist Greg Mikell, Florida State University history professor Andrew Frank, settler descendants Brian Chambless and Faye Gainer Matthews and Northwest Florida Water Management District Lands Director Bill Cleckley. There will be refreshments, unveiling of historic exhibits, tour of Pitt and Sylvan springs renovations, and an optional driving tour presented by the district.

Funding was provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council (FHC) with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more info, call Faith Eidse, 539-5999 ext. 275.

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35491T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD STEPHAN DACHTERA, Deceased

CASE NUMBER: 11000043 CP

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of EDWARD STEPHAN DACHTERA, deceased, Case Number 11000043 CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All persons having claims against this estate who are served with a copy of this notice are required to file with this court such claim within the later of three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or 30 days after the date of service of a copy of this notice on that person.

Persons having claims against the estate who are not known to the personal representative and whose names or addresses are not reasonably ascertainable must file all claims against the estate within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

ALL CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FORFEITED BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is September 22, 2011.



Personal Representative: TAMMIE KELLEY 151 17th Street PO. Box 401 Apalachicola, FL 32329 RACHEL CHESNUT Attorney for Personal Representative PO. Box 501 Apalachicola, FL 32329 (850) 653-4611 Florida Bar No. 0048331 September 22, 29, 2011

35511T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CADENCE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, VS.

STEVEN MACCHIARELLA a/k/a STEVE MACCHIARELLA; ST. GEORGE PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation Defendants.

CASE NO.: 2010 000046 CA

NOTICE OF SALE COUNTS I & II 32 EAST GORRIE DRIVE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in the above noted case that I will sell the following property in Franklin County, Florida, described as:

Lot 46, in Block 10 East, of ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES UNIT NO. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 7, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

At public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th day of October, 2011. The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to 5% of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Final payment must be made on or before 11:00 a.m., the next business day after the date of sale by cash or cashier's check.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, per-



sons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk Administration Office at Clerk of Court. If hearing impaired call (TDD) (800) 955-8771 or 800 955 877 (V) via Florida Relay Service.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

Dated: 25th day of August, 2011.

Clerk of Courts By: Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk September 22, 29, 2011

35512T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CADENCE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, VS.

STEVEN MACCHIARELLA a/k/a STEVE MACCHIARELLA; ST. GEORGE PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation Defendants.

CASE NO.: 2010 000046 CA

NOTICE OF SALE COUNTS III & IV 1600 GUAVA TRAIL & 1408 BAYBERRY LANE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in the above noted case that I will sell the following property in Franklin County, Florida, described as:

Lot 30, PEBBLE BEACH VILLAGE, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 34 and 35, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida, and Lot 3, SEA PALM VILLAGE, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 30 and 31, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST Plaintiff.

STEPHEN S. FOSTER a/k/a STEPHEN F. FOSTER a/k/a STEPHEN FOSTER; MARILYN TOLENTINO a/k/a MARILYN



At public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th day of October, 2011. The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to 5% of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Final payment must be made on or before 11:00 a.m., the next business day after the date of sale by cash or cashier's check.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk Administration Office at Clerk of Court. If hearing impaired call (TDD) (800) 955-8771 or 800 955 877 (V) via Florida Relay Service.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

Dated: 8th day of September, 2011.

Clerk of Courts By: Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk September 22, 29, 2011

35537T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2009CA000101CA

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST Plaintiff.

STEPHEN S. FOSTER a/k/a STEPHEN F. FOSTER a/k/a STEPHEN FOSTER; MARILYN TOLENTINO a/k/a MARILYN



TOLENTINO a/k/a MARILYN N. TOLENTINO a/k/a MARILYN J. TOLENTINO, et al.; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 23, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-CA-101, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida, U.S. BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff and STEPHEN S. FOSTER a/k/a STEPHEN F. FOSTER a/k/a STEPHEN FOSTER; MARILYN TOLENTINO a/k/a MARILYN M. TOLENTINO a/k/a MARILYN N. TOLENTINO a/k/a MARILYN J. TOLENTINO, HIS WIFE; ROBERT TOLENTINO and; _____ TOLENTINO, unknown spouse of ROBERT TOLENTINO, if married; JANE DOE; JOHN DOE; 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 am., on the 12th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8 OF SEA PALM VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE (S) 30, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A 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 with 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson As Clerk of the Court By: Michele Maxwell As 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 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

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35648T STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue an environmental resources permit. File No.: 19-0304982 -001-EI, to Florida Power Corporation d/b/a Progress Energy Florida, Inc. at Post Office Box 14042; PEF 903 St. Petersburg, Florida 33733.

The purpose of the permit is to authorize the rebuild and partially relocate an existing dilapidated 7.5 miles long power transmission line by installing 60 new steel and concrete poles, new conductor wire, the removal of the existing pole and wire, installing and removing temporary air bridge matting, installing and removing a temporary trestle to access the two guardrail/dolphin pile structures.

This project is located in the surface waters and wetlands of the St. George Sound, Class II, Approved for Shellfish Harvesting. Outstanding Florida Waters between the tap in at Power Drive and Norvell Street in Eastpoint and the existing St. George Island Substation at 3rd Street and East Pine Avenue on St. George Island, Sections 6, 29, and 31, Township 9 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County.



Based on all the above, and with the application of general and limiting specific conditions of the permit, the Department has reasonable assurance the project, as proposed, fully meets the environmental requirements of Chapter 62-346, Florida Administrative Code, and will not harm the environment.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statute. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to re-determine final agency action on the application, the filing of a petition for an administrative hearing may result in a modification of the permit, or even a denial of the application. Accordingly, the applicant will not commence construction or other activities under this permit until the deadlines below for filing a petition for an administrative hearing, or request for an extension of time, have expired.

Under Section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statute, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. Under subsection 62-110.106(4) of the Florida Administrative Code, a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. If a request is filed late, the Department may still grant it upon a motion by the



requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect.

In the event that a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code.

In accordance with subsection 28-106.111(2) and subparagraph 62-110.106(3)(a).4, Florida Administrative Code, petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice.

Under Section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statute, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of those rights.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall



be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d) of the Florida Statute, a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition is filed in accordance with the above. Upon the timely filing of petition this order will not be effective until further order of the Department.

This permit, when issued, constitutes an order of the Department. The applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under Section 120.68 of the Florida Statute, by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of

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Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of the appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

The application is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, Northwest District Branch Office, 3800 Commonwealth Boulevard, Suite 115, Tallahassee, Florida, September 29, 2011

35663T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

The Bank of New York, as Trustee for TBW Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-2 Plaintiff,

-vs.-
Anthony L. Gelch; Defendant(s)

Case #: 2010-CA-000230
Division #:

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 15, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000230 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein The Bank of New York, as Trustee for TBW Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-2, Plaintiff and Anthony L. Gelch are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., October 19, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

BEGIN AT A POINT 646 FEET EAST AND 125 FEET SOUTH FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, RUN THENCE SOUTH 36 DEGREES EAST 200 FEET TO THE 100 FOOT U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 319, THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID HIGHWAY, A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 36 DEGREES WEST 200 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 54 DEGREES WEST 50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THUS FORMING A TRACT PARTLY IN THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 32 AND PARTLY IN THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 29, FRONTING 50 FEET ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF HIGHWAY AND RUNNING BACK 240 FEET.

ALSO KNOWN AS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN EAST 846.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 12.50 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261) LYING ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF 2ND STREET SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 36 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 200.42 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #7160), LYING ON THE INTERSECTION OF SAID 2ND STREET WITH THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 98, THENCE RUN NORTH 54 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 98 A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #7160), THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN NORTH 35 DEGREES 59 MINUTES WEST 200.76 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #7160), THENCE RUN SOUTH 54 DEGREES 05 MINUTES WEST 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BE-

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GINNING CONTAINING 0.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida, this 15th day of September, 2011.

Michele Maxwell CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Franklin County, Florida

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd. Suite 100 Tampa, FL 33614 (813) 880-8888 10-171359 FCO1 September 29, October 6, 2011

35675T
STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a Formal Determination of the Landward Extent of Waters of the State (File No. FD-19-0219279-001) to The City of Carrabelle, c/o Ted Murray, URS Corporation Southern, for an 88-acre tract located in Section 24, 25, and 26 Township 7S, Range 5N, Franklin County, located at the end of Airport Road in Carrabelle. The Department's file on this matter is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, Wetlands Evaluation and Delineation Section, Mail Station 2500, Room 530, Bob Martinez Center, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400.

Persons whose substantial interests are affected by the above proposed agency action have a right pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, to petition for an administrative determination (hearing) on the proposed action. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, within 21 days of publication of this notice. A copy of the petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the formal determination petitioner at the address indicated. Failure to file a petition within the 21 days constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to an administrative determination (hearing) pursuant to Section 120.57, FS.

The petition shall contain the following information: (a) The name and address, and telephone number of each petitioner; (b) The petitioner's name and address; (c) The Department's File Number and the county in which the project is proposed; (d) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the Department's action or proposed action; (e) A statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department's action or proposed action; (f) A statement of which rules or statutes petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wants the Department to take with respect to the Department's action or proposed action.

If a petition is filed, the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate agency action. Accordingly, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any decision of the Department with regard to the formal determination have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding. The petition must conform to the requirements specified above and be filed (received) within 21

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days of publication of this Notice in the Office of General Counsel at the above address of the Department.

Failure to petition within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to request a hearing under Section 120.57, F.S., and to participate as a party to this proceeding. Any subsequent intervention will only be at the approval of the presiding officer upon motion filed pursuant to Rule 28-5.207, F.A.C. September 29, 2011

35602T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,

v.

DEBORAH RUSSELL A/K/A DEBORAH Y. RUSSELL; DOUG RUSSELL A/K/A DOUGLAS W. RUSSELL; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS. Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000714 SEC.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated August 31, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. 19-2009-CA-000714 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 12th day of October, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. on the Front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 1 AND 2 AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY 1/2 OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 15, IN LANARK VILLAGE, UNIT NO. 3, A SUBDIVISION IN FRACTIONAL SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 19 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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 Administrator Phone: (850) 577-4401. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call Florida Relay Service, hearing 800-955-8771, voice 800-955-8770.

DATED AT APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, THIS 12th DAY OF September, 2011.

MARCIA JOHNSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk September 29, October 6, 2011

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FRANKLIN COUNTY LANDFILL WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY LANDFILL WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION WILL BE FROM OCTOBER 1, 2011-MARCH 31, 2011, WILL BE 9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE LANDFILL AT 850-670-8167. September 29, 2011

35693T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MARM 2007-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER W. BATES; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTOPHER W. BATES; KRISTEN SHOESMITH; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KRISTEN SHOESMITH; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000714 SEC.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Franklin County, Florida, described as:

LOT 4, BLOCK C, PENINSULAR POINT, UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1267 ALLIGATOR DRIVE ALLIGATOR POINT, FL 32346

at public sale, at Front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 at 11:00 AM, on the 2nd day of November, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service.

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328 September 29, October 6, 2011

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Franklin County Health Department is accepting applications for the following Career Service position:

Accountant III
Reference Requisition #64080005-51262181-2 0110919160029

Salary: \$29,344.38 Applications will be accepted through 10/21/11

Minimum qualifications: a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in accounting and two years of professional accounting experience; or two years of professional accounting experience with the State of Florida. A master's degree from an accredited college or university in accounting or possession of a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certificate and one year of professional accounting experience.

Professional or non-professional accounting experience or any combination of this experience and up to 60 semester or 90 quarter hours of college education provided such education includes two courses in accounting can substitute on a year-for-year basis for the required bachelor's degree. Experience with Medicaid/Medicare and 3rd party insurance billing is preferred. Apply online at https://jobs.myflorida.com or contact People First at 1-877-562-7287. ONLY online applications submitted through the People First website will be accepted for this position. Background check including fingerprinting required.

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Applications may be obtained from and submitted to the Board Secretary, Michael Moron in the Clerk's Office, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. (850) 653-8861, Ext. 100. Applications must be submitted by Thursday, October 13, 2011 by 4:00 p.m.

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Franklin County Health Department is accepting applications for the following Career Service position in our Apalachicola location:

Environmental Specialist I
Reference Requisition # 64002982-51349050-20110923104505

Salary: \$30,988.62 - \$35,788.32 Applications will be accepted through 10/2/2011

Applicant must have graduated from an accredited 4-year college or university with 30 semester or 40 quarter hours in public health, environmental health, environmental science, or a physical or biological science. Apply online at https://jobs.myflorida.com or contact People First at 1-877-562-7287. ONLY online applications submitted through the People First website will be accepted for this position. Background check including fingerprinting required.

The successful candidate will be required to complete the Form I-9 and that information will be verified using the E-Verify system. E-Verify is operated by the Department of Homeland Security in partnership with the Social Security Administration to verify employment eligibility. Applicant must have a valid Florida driver's license and access to transportation. Minorities strongly encouraged to apply. EEO/AA/VP Employer

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Mother Nature provided a spectacular finale for an afternoon at the bay.

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Estuary Day comes to Eastpoint

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

On Friday, Sept. 23, the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) celebrated Estuaries Day at their new Eastpoint headquarters for the first time.

Organizer Lisa Bailey said about 800 people attended. In addition to the ANERR exhibits, there were those sponsored by the Audubon Society, Florida State University's Saturday by the Sea and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

There were also about 10 nature-oriented activities for children of all ages, covering everything from snakes and birds to net making and a hands-on reptile experience. Visitors were also treated to tours of the new \$9 million research and education center.

Bailey said about 60 volunteers and ANERR staff members planned and manned the event.



TOP LEFT, Camille Williams and Maxwell Davis, of Apalachicola, volunteered to help with children's activities. **TOP RIGHT**, Patrick Millender, of Eastpoint, teaches Donna McKenzie of Panama the fine art of net casting. Millender, a former employee of the estuary, said, "This park was named after my daddy." **LEFT**, Amantaye Austin, left, Jhamere Rhodes, center, and Elliot Taylor, all of Apalachicola, learned to look at the world from a bug's point of view.

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Real Estate Picks

Best Values on the Forgotten Coast

Our local real estate experts have identified what they feel are the best values around and are offering them to you in Real Estate Picks! (In this section), Discover the best real estate values in Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe, Apalachicola, Cape San Blas, St. George Island, Carrabelle and surrounding areas.

MLS#239231	\$349,900	St. George Island	MLS#242223	\$299,000	St. George Island
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BAY FRONT BARGAIN
Attractive home with 2 spacious BRs & 1 BA, cedar paneled ceiling & some walls in kitchen & DR, laundry room, fireplace, vinyl siding, most windows & doors are new, DOCK, one acre in the East End of the island, furnished, Short Sale

FIRST TIER DUPLEX
First tier Gulf view location! Upstairs 2 BR, 2 BA with fire place; Downstairs 1 BR, 1 BA, kitchens on both floors, stairway connects both units, garage/work shop, storage building, outside shower & sink, covered screen porch. East Gorrie Drive

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