



Out to see

'Golf Gone Wild' tees off Saturday

Golf Gone Wild, a golf tourney hosted by Forgotten Coast TV and St. James Bay Golf Resort, will be Saturday, June 16, at the resort, 151 Laughing Gull Lane in St. James Bay east of Lanark Village. Teams are welcome the day of the tourney; registration is at 10 a.m. At 4 p.m., nature photographer John Spohrer will present a slide-show presentation "The Seasons of Apalachicola Bay," soon to be a published book.

The Fountain Room will offer a chance to view art offerings and more at the silent auction, with creations by several local artists. Weekends in Apalachicola and St. George Island also are on the auction block.

The evening concludes with an awards banquet featuring prime rib at the Crooked River Grill. The event benefits the Florida Wild Mammal Association, a 501(c)(3) wildlife rehabilitation center that cares for sick, injured and orphaned birds and wildlife from Wakulla and Franklin counties. For more info, visit www.wakullawildlife.org or call Lynne Cooper 697-9507.

King Buster Tourney June 23

The third annual King Buster Tournament continues June 23 at C-Quarters Marina, 501 St. James Ave. in Carrabelle. Entry fee is \$100 per boat, per tournament. Fishing hours are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., with three chances to win each tournament. A portion of registration fees go to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida. For more info, call 697-8400 or visit www.c-quartersmarina.com.

Don't miss fireworks July 3

The Historic Apalachicola Main Street Program will sponsor a July 3 Independence Day Celebration on Riverfront Park downtown. The day begins with a parade at 6:30 p.m. with an ice cream social after. At approximately 9 p.m. will be a professional fireworks display over the river.

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District FCAT scores diverge

ABC School shines, Franklin School falters

FRANKLIN FCAT

District percentage scoring 3 and above

Table with columns: Grade, Reading 2011, Reading 2012, Mathematics 2011, Mathematics 2012. Rows for grades 3 through 8.

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The Franklin School District got a burst of good news, and a dose of bad, when results of the 2012 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test were announced earlier this month.

Florida Department of Education officials had warned communities statewide that with the introduction this year of a new FCAT 2.0, based on more demanding content standards and more rigorous achievement standards, "scores may appear lower on the new scale than on the previous scale for certain grades

and subjects." Such was not the case with the Apalachicola Bay Charter School, whose students in grades 3-8 almost entirely bested the state average, with most grade levels showing improved scores in reading and mathematics over 2011.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE



GOING STRONG

Relay for Life attracts a spirited crowd

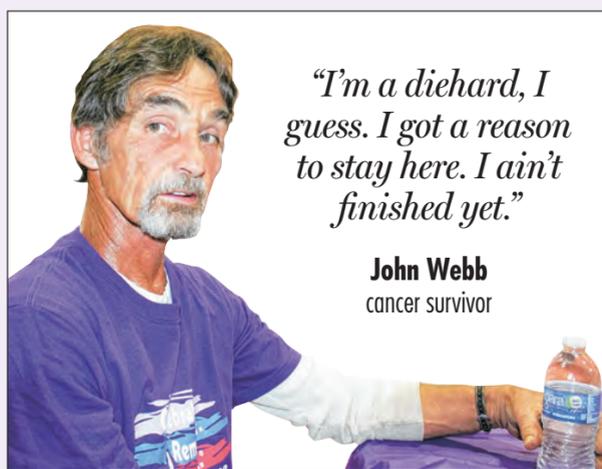
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John Webb isn't ready to trade in his oyster tongs for a halo in heaven.

The 56-year-old is back working the bay, after a successful battle with Stage 4 throat cancer.

Webb was all smiles Friday night at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Franklin County, held inside the gym of the former Apalachicola High School gymnasium after rain forced its exit from Pop Wagoner Stadium.

"I'm a diehard, I guess," Webb said. "I got a reason to stay here. I ain't finished yet."



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John Webb cancer survivor

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The luminarias at Franklin County's Relay for Life celebration spell out "hope." Below, Linda Thompson and Javein Winfield compete in the Road to Recovery race.

He said back in 2007, Apalachicola family practitioner Dr. Stephen Miniati noticed lumps in the side of his throat and first prescribed antibiotics.

"They'd go down and then they'd come back," Webb said. So Miniati ordered a CT scan, which was conducted at

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Sheriff race to highlight primaries

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The elections for five of the six countywide offices that are up this year were settled Friday, with only the sheriff's race to be contested.

The re-election of Superintendent of Schools Nina Marks, Clerk of Court Marcia Johnson, Tax Collector James Harris and Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott, each to another four-year term, was assured at the conclusion of last week's qualifying period, as no opponents stepped forward to challenge any of these four Democratic officeholders.

In addition, Rhonda Skipper, also a Democrat, will succeed Property Appraiser Doris Pendleton, who is retiring this year. No opponent stepped forward to



MIKE MOCK



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Proposal would bring barge shipping to Carrabelle

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At the June 7 meeting of Carrabelle's commission, the subject of staging barges from the city was revived.

Realtor Sandy Mitchem and Rob Cooke, spokesman for Hosford's Gulf Coast Aggregates, told commissioners GCA wants

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State says Hut site rubble can stay

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Large piles of debris that attracted the public's attention on the site of the former Hut Restaurant have been cleared up, but how exactly they got there remains unclear.

Transfield Services, the firm under contract to clean and maintain the state's right-of-way in Franklin County, removed some of the material June 7. Most of the debris remains on the property with the blessing of state officials.

Harry Arnold said he doesn't know the source of most of the debris that was dumped on the bayside lot on the outskirts of Apalachicola, which he co-owns with Bobby Kirvin.

The vacant lot at 315 US 98 west of Apalachicola was once the site of the Hut Restaurant, which was destroyed by Hurricane Dennis in 2005.

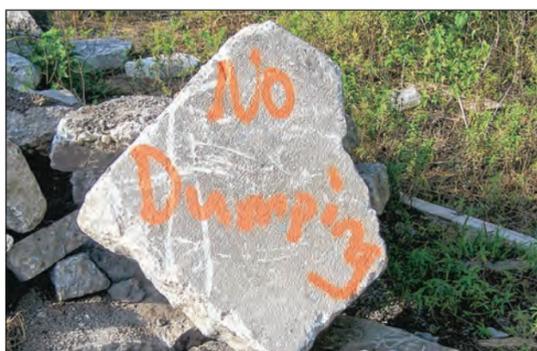
In 2009, Kirvin and Arnold agreed to allow debris from the downtown Apalachicola State Bank to be

placed on the property. The building was destroyed in Nov. 2008 by a fire caused when a truck was driven into the Avenue E outside. Arnold served as a member of the board of directors of Apalachicola State Bank, which was owned by Coastal Community Bank, whose assets were purchased by Centennial Bank in July 2010.

Bobby Kirvin's son, Ward, said he had been mowing and maintaining the property at 315 US 98 and that about six months ago he noticed some new piles of debris on the site.

Over time, several dozen various sizes piles containing assorted materials appeared. The material may have been deposited at night since trucks were not observed in the area by the owners of the property. A small amount of asphalt, brick pavers and what appear to be the remains of a gas station accumulated until last month, when the debris began to spill out on the state right-of-way.

Around that time, Ward Kirvin spray-painted "no



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dumping" on several piles of debris.

The growing amount of rubble drew complaints from nearby neighbors and resulted in a meeting May 28 with members of the Kirvin family, Arnold, representatives of the Florida Departments of Transportation (DOT) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Transfield.

In a telephone interview following the meeting, Ian Satter, public information director for the DOT, said the DEP determined most of the debris at the site to be stockpiled material, rather

than waste, and said it could be retained at the site as long as it was removed from the right-of-way.

He said Transfield volunteered to remove a small amount of material classified as waste, mostly asphalt, and to push the rest of the material, mostly concrete rubble, onto the property belonging to Kirvin and Arnold with their permission.

Satter said the material retained on site can be used as backfill, but not as rip rap. He said all parties were in agreement on the solution to the right-of-way encroachment.

County jobless rate fourth best in Florida

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Franklin County's jobless rate continued its steady decline in April, falling by 0.4 of a percentage point to 6.1 percent even as the workforce expanded.

According to preliminary numbers released May 18 by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), 18 people dropped off the county's jobless rolls in April, from 363 down to 345, while the labor force expanded, from 5,591 to 5,624.

The county's labor force remains even larger than it was one year ago, when it comprised 5,509 workers and when the jobless rate was higher at 7.5 percent.

Franklin County's jobless picture moved it to fourth best in the state. Monroe County had the state's lowest rate at 4.8 percent, followed by Walton at 5.2 and Okaloosa at 5.7. Many of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates were those with relatively high proportions of government employment.

The county's rosier jobless picture corresponded to improvement in nearby counties, both of which are struggling with worse unemployment than Franklin's.

The unemployment rate in the entire Gulf Coast Workforce region, which encompasses Bay, Franklin and Gulf counties, continued its decline, dropping to 7.7 percent in

April, the lowest since Nov. 2008. The April rate was 1.6 percentage points lower than the region's year-ago rate of 9.3 percent. Out of a labor force of 101,250, there were 7,756 unemployed Gulf Coast residents.

"This is the fifth consecutive month we've seen our unemployment drop," Kim Bodine, executive director for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, said. "The positive trend is a result of small but steady economic improvements in all three counties that make up our workforce region."

The April unemployment rate in Bay was 7.7 percent, down by half a percentage point from March, while Gulf saw its jobless rate fall to 7.9 percent, down from 8.6 percent in March.

According to data collected by the Conference Board, there were 2,326 job openings advertised online in April for the Gulf Coast region, an increase of 4.4 percent in job demand from March. Since the beginning of the year, the workforce board has placed 1,627 individuals in jobs.

Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.7 percent in April, lowest since January 2009 when it was also 8.7 percent. There were 804,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9.26 million. The April rate was 1.9 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 10.6 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate was 8.1 percent in April.

There's a New Veterinarian in Town!

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LEGAL NOTICE

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Economic and Property Damages Settlement

Providing Money to Individuals and Businesses

If you have economic loss or property damage because of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get money from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT?

The Economic and Property Damages ("E&PD") Settlement Class includes people, businesses, and other entities in the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, and certain counties in Texas and Florida, that were harmed by the oil spill. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in the E&PD Settlement. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail questions@DeepwaterHorizonEconomicSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The E&PD Settlement makes payments for the following types of claims: (1) Seafood Compensation, (2) Economic Damage, (3) Loss of Subsistence, (4) Vessel Physical Damage, (5) Vessels of Opportunity Charter Payment, (6) Coastal Real Property Damage, (7) Wetlands Real Property Damage, and (8) Real Property Sales Damage. There is no limit on the total dollar amount of the E&PD Settlement; all qualified claims will be paid.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request a payment. You can get a copy of the various Claim Forms by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted online or by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline to submit most E&PD claims will be April 22, 2014 or six months after the E&PD Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved), whichever is later. There will be an earlier deadline to submit E&PD Seafood Compensation claims. The earlier deadline to submit Seafood Compensation claims will be 30 days after final approval of the Settlement by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (regardless of appeals). Actual claim filing deadlines will be posted on the website as they become available. Valid claims will be paid as they are approved, beginning shortly after the Court-Supervised Settlement Program commences. It is highly recommended that E&PD Settlement Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Medical Benefits Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for benefits from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the E&PD Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain economic and property damage claims. If you stay in the E&PD Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the E&PD Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. The Court will also consider Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses including an interim payment of \$75 million and additional awards equal to 6% of class claims and benefits paid. Class Counsel fees, costs and expenses under the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement and the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

Medical Benefits Settlement

Providing Benefits to Clean-Up Workers and Certain Gulf Coast Residents

If you have a medical claim related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get benefits from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT?

The Medical Class includes (1) clean-up workers and (2) certain people who resided in specific geographic areas in coastal and wetlands areas along the Gulf Coast during specific periods in 2010. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in one of these zones. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The benefits of the Medical Benefits Settlement include: (1) payments to qualifying people for certain acute (short-term) and chronic (ongoing) medical conditions occurring after exposure to oil or chemical dispersants; (2) provision of periodic medical examinations to qualifying people; and (3) creation of a Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, consisting of projects to strengthen the healthcare system. Benefits (1) and (2) will be provided only after the Court grants final approval and any appeals are resolved.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request benefits. You can get a copy of the Claim Form by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted by mail. If you have

questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline for filing a Claim Form is one year after the Medical Benefits Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved). The exact date of the claim filing deadline will be posted on the website. It is highly recommended that Medical Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Economic and Property Damages Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for a payment from that settlement.

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If you do not want to be legally bound by the Medical Benefits Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain medical claims. If you stay in the Medical Benefits Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the Medical Benefits Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. Class Counsel will ask the Court to consider an award of fees, costs, and expenses of 6% of the value of the benefits actually provided under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement and the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

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Opinion

Oyster reef restoration would jumpstart economy

Special to the Times

After a comprehensive investigation into the hiring potential of 130 nationwide firms involved in the oyster reef restoration industry, the Duke University Center on Globalization, Governance and Competiveness on June 7 released a report "restoring Gulf Oyster Reefs: Opportunities for Innovation," finding that oyster reef restoration projects could provide quadruple economic returns for the Gulf Coast states.

The study comes as Congress is in the final stages of considering passage of the RESTORE the Gulf Coast States Act. The legislation would ensure billions of dollars in penalties for the 2010 Gulf oil disaster would be returned to the region and dedicated to gulf restoration. This legislation, along with billions of dollars from the ongoing Natural Resource Damage Assessment for the disaster, could be used to repair the badly-damaged gulf ecosystem and jumpstart the gulf economy.

"America's oyster reefs are hidden jewels

that provide quadruple economic returns," said Shawn D. Stokes, research analyst for the Duke University center. "They maximize the return on investment in coastal restoration by boosting industries vital to the U.S. economy, supporting the nation's largest fishing industries, stabilizing and protecting the valuable Gulf Coast, and filtering water to provide clean, safe, beautiful areas for recreation and tourism industries – in addition to creating jobs in a new emerging industry for oyster reef restoration."

Among its key findings, the study identified 130 firms directly (e.g. oyster harvesting) and indirectly (e.g. materials and construction) involved with oyster reef industry and concluded that incorporating innovative oyster reef designs into the Gulf Coast states' oil spill restoration efforts would provide new job opportunities in the Gulf and 17 other states. More than 80 percent of the identified employment locations are based in the five Gulf states, and 68 percent of the firms qualify

as small businesses by sales, according to Small Business Administration guidelines. Many of these firms are small, innovative startup companies striving to be at the forefront of the emerging oyster reef industry. Healthy oyster reefs, as nurseries for fish, are vital to the 200,000 jobs in the region's \$2.4 billion fishing industry.

"Investments in oyster reefs help small businesses like ours create jobs, build innovative products and support our local economy," said Stephen Addington, co-owner of Gulf Coast Aggregates near Carrabelle. "Restoration is not only good for small businesses, it is vital for the economy here in the panhandle – now and in the future."

Stephanie Victory, president and CEO, HESCO Bastion USA, Inc., said the company's products "can immediately be put to work in restoring the wetlands of Louisiana and in building oyster reefs that help our local economy thrive. With final passage of the RESTORE Act and the new projects it would fund, we can create needed jobs and help ensure a healthy

future for our oysters."

Specifically, the Duke study notes that:

- Increasing oyster production will generate revenue for the commercial oyster industry and create thousands of jobs in seafood processing. Oyster shuckers and seafood processors hold 30 to 50 percent of seafood industry-related jobs across the Gulf.

- One acre of oyster reef increases fisheries' catch values by \$4,200 a year by providing nooks and crannies of habitat for dozens of marine resident species.

- Each individual oyster filters up to 1.5 gallons of water per hour, removing excess nitrogen that contributes to marine dead zones, providing a service that avoids the need for expensive wastewater treatment plants to provide the same service.

- Each acre of oyster reef provides \$6,500 in de-nitrification services annually.

- Oyster reefs stabilize bottom sediments, reduce wave energy, prevent erosion and fortify wetlands to serve as horizontal levees that provide \$23 billion worth of storm

protection annually to Gulf Coast businesses and communities as well as the oil and gas pipeline infrastructure offshore, which ensures economic and energy security for the United States.

The study also serves as a follow-up to an earlier Duke University study released in December, which determined Clean Water Act penalties from the 2010 oil disaster could create jobs that would benefit at least 140 businesses with nearly 400 employee locations in 37 states, including more than 260 in the Gulf Coast and 60 in Florida. Two-thirds of these companies also qualify as small businesses, and all would benefit from the dedication of gulf oil spill fines to gulf restoration funding, as through the RESTORE Act.

State-specific initiatives already underway include:

- In Alabama, a broad coalition of organizations has initiated the "100-1000 Restore Coastal Alabama" plan that sets out to build 100 linear miles of oyster reefs.

- In Louisiana, the Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and

Restoration Act agency is experimenting with a variety of oyster reef restoration designs as part of their regular coastal restoration demonstration projects to fortify against erosion from hurricane and storm waves.

- In Florida, most of the restoration projects are funded by the Department of Environmental Protection and are sub-tidal oyster cultch reefs designed to improve biodiversity, increase fishery production and provide shoreline protection.

- In Mississippi, The Nature Conservancy recently received two grant awards to build 35 acres of new oyster reef in a large area north of the east/west CSX rail line that prohibits commercial harvest of shellfish, which makes it an ideal location to expand restoration efforts.

- In Texas, the Parks and Wildlife Department has worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to install sub-tidal cultch reefs in order to boost marine fisheries production.

The study was made possible by support from the Walton Family Foundation.

Afterschool and summer programs boost student achievement

Special to the Times

A new report from the Florida Department of Education has been released that highlights the positive effects of Afterschool and Summer Camp programs provided through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

Based on research and on-the-ground experiences, the report outlines the key

program elements state education and afterschool leaders promote in



the hundreds of 21st Century Community Learning Centers across the state. Franklin County has two 21st CCLC program, The Nest in Eastpoint and Carrabelle, and Project Impact in Apalachicola.

Entitled "Inspired Programming Driving Student Success: A Look

at Florida's 21st Century Community Learning Centers," the report was released by the Expanded Learning and Afterschool Project.

The key to the success of Florida's 21st CCLCs is inspired programming, note the report's authors, with a major emphasis on providing students with fun, hands-on, engaged learning experiences that are tied to the regular school day. The effectiveness of Florida's programs depends on these four simple elements:

- Fun – Students should find the experience interesting and enjoyable.

- Hands-on – Students should physically participate in activities

- Engaged learning - Students should be mentally involved in activities

- Tie-In – Connecting afterschool activities to regular school lessons makes activities relevant and more memorable

"These programs have made an incredible difference for students in Florida, and that was not by accident," said Joe Davis, former bureau chief in the Florida Department of Education and the current chief operating officer of the Florida Afterschool

Network. "The outcomes we have seen for our students are impressive, and the time we utilized after the school day was the key to our success."

Data from the study indicated students who participate in the afterschool and summer programs demonstrated improvement in three areas: attendance, behavior and course work. Among students statewide who regularly participate in 21st CCLC, 78 percent either maintained or showed growth in math, and 79 percent maintained or showed growth in reading,

as determined by report card grades.

The report showed 75 percent of students demonstrated improvement in submitting homework on time, a crucial skill needed for academic success in the regular school day, and 80 percent demonstrated an increase in class participation. Overall, students who participated regularly in afterschool and summer programs were more likely to come to school, more likely to behave better, and more likely to do better on their course work.

TaxWatch: Amendment 4 would spur state economy

Special to the Times

A proposed constitutional amendment on the Nov. 2012 ballot would create Florida jobs, grow Florida's Gross Domestic Product, and increase the personal income of Floridians, if passed, according to an independent economic and fiscal analysis by Florida TaxWatch, a nonpartisan, nonprofit public policy

research institute and government watchdog.

Amendment 4, a legislatively proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that would make changes to the property tax system, was analyzed by a new Florida TaxWatch report "Fiscal and Economic Impact of Amendment 4."

Dominic M. Calabro, president and CEO of Florida TaxWatch, said

Florida TaxWatch has been conducting analyses of the likely impacts of proposed constitutional amendments for more than three decades, and I know that this independent analysis will help Floridians judge the potential benefits of this Amendment."

Amendment 4 would take effect on Jan. 1, 2013, and proposes:

- a additional homestead exemption for first-time Florida homebuyers, equal to 50 percent of the Just Value of a property up to the median Just Value of a homestead property in that county, which phases out over five years by reducing by 20 percent each year;

- a reduction in the non-homestead maximum annual Assessed Value increase cap from the current 10 percent (on non-school levies) to a new level of 5 percent and an

extension of non-homestead Assessed Value caps through the 2022 tax year (which also does not apply to school levies) and;

- providing legislative authority to eliminate the Save Our Homes "Recapture Rule."

Using the best available data and an advanced econometric analysis, Florida TaxWatch estimates passage of Amendment 4 would result in the creation of 19,483 private, non-farm jobs over the 10-year period of the analysis (2013-2022), that Florida GDP would increase by approximately \$1.1 billion, and personal income would increase by more than \$5.3 billion.

The study's author, Jerry D. Parrish, Ph.D., Florida TaxWatch chief economist and executive director of the Center for Competitive Florida, said "The increased economic activity estimated by the dynamic econometric

model used in this analysis is the result of the savings from Amendment 4 being distributed throughout the economy. From an economist's standpoint, these findings are not surprising because the proposed Amendment 4 would reduce uncertainty

for both personal and business investment, and when individuals and businesses can better estimate their future costs, including property taxes, they are more likely to invest. Basically, reducing the uncertainty of potentially large property tax increases will increase investment in both non-homestead residential and commercial property in Florida, and the econometric model bears that out."

The Florida TaxWatch analysis also estimates that between 319,861 and 383,810 additional home

sales would occur due to the effects of Amendment 4 during the 10-year period following its passage and implementation.

According to the report, "the additional home sales attributable to Amendment 4, over and above those estimated to have occurred in the absence of Amendment 4, are due to the effect of the additional homestead exemption, the additional income for Floridians, and the population growth predicted by this analysis. Additionally, there are effects from both the non-homestead exemption on additional residential sales and the number of homes that are purchased by persons who have sold their homes and moved up in size or downsized."

The full report can be found on the new Florida TaxWatch website at www.FloridaTaxWatch.org



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Young people in audience please general

Editor note: the following is a letter written to Jimmy Mosconis from the general, who was keynote speaker at the May 28 Memorial Day ceremony at Apalachicola's Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Just a short note to pass along my observations about the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Plaza. The event was well attended by a good cross-section of Apalachicola residents and visitors. I was especially pleased to see the number of teenagers in the audience. I think it's crucial that parents who

have the proper respect for the country and those who have defended it pass those values along to their children. The second group that captured my attention were the veterans. The oldest former soldier in attendance was 101. I'm sure you know him. Though he was in a wheelchair, mentally he was sharp as a tack. His mere presence was an inspiration to all who were there.

You were keenly missed, but your name was repeatedly mentioned. We were all aware that you were representing Apalachicola and our

Vietnam veterans at special events designed to confer on those who fought in that war the honor and recognition that has been too long denied. All of us who served in Southeast Asia thank you for representing us. We could not have asked for a better representative and spokesman. In your absence, Ella did a great job as your representative. Kinney Taylor and Lamar Moody came down with me. We deeply appreciated Ella's hospitality and the superb dinner you provided for us.

I hope to come down in the fall for a return bout

with the specs and reds. I'm sure I'll see you then. For now, I just want to thank you again for the hard work and persistence that brought about the Veterans Memorial Plaza. As I mentioned in my comments, the veterans' memorials in most other cities a hundred times the size of Apalachicola cannot begin to compare with yours. That says volumes about your town, its people and their values.

**Semper Fi,
Marine Corps Gen.
Charles E. Wilhelm
(Retired)
Villa Rica, Georgia**

GULF COAST GRADUATES CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS



COLETTE LACASSE | Special to the Times

Correctional Officer Basic Standards Class 215 recently graduated from the Gulf/Franklin Campus of Gulf Coast State College. Each student completed 420 classroom hours of training to prepare them to become correctional officers in any state, county or private correctional facility in Florida. Pictured, from left, front row, are John Paul Helms, Port St. Joe; Rita Massey, Carrabelle; Nita Massey, Carrabelle; Tomilee Babb, Carrabelle; and Danielle Davis, Apalachicola. Back row, from left, are instructor Donald Swanson; C. J. Massey, Bloxham; Tristan Davis, Port St. Joe; Jackie Rowland, Apalachicola; Joyce Thomas, Apalachicola; and Corrections Coordinator Clarke Joyner. The next class is scheduled for July at the Gulf/Franklin Campus; anyone interested can call Brenda Burkett at 227-9670 ext. 5507 for more information.

FWC REPORT

During the Memorial Day holiday, 31 officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Division, and the Franklin County Sheriff's Department conducted an operational detail for the 2012 "White Trash Bash." The detail, designed to protect Florida's boating public through enhanced boating safety patrol, in-

crease voluntary compliance of boating under the influence (BUI) laws, provide highly visible law enforcement presence, and increase multi-agency working relationships, focused patrol around Dog Island and Alligator Point. During the detail, officers boarded 145 vessels and checked 516 users. Seventeen boating safety warnings were issued, one uniform boating citation was issued for boating safety,

two arrests were made for BUI, and one transport to an ambulance occurred for a sick individual. In another incident regarding the patrol vessel "Gulf Sentry," Officer Matt Gore completed one arrest for BUI in Franklin County. Gore also issued citations in Bay County for possession of over the bag limit of red snapper and possession of gag grouper during closed season. Officer Ruel Raker arrested one

subject for BUI in Franklin County and issued citations in Bay County for possession of gag grouper during closed season and possession of undersized gray triggerfish.

Arrest REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests in this report were made by officers from the Apalachicola Police Department (APD), Carrabelle Police Department (CPD), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) and Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO). All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

fraud (FCSO)
Joseph S. Haynes, 24, Apalachicola, burglary of a structure (FCSO)
Donald D. Page, 38, Carrabelle, driving while license suspended or revoked (FCSO)
George R. Needer, 54, Eastpoint, petit theft and violation of probation (FCSO)

June 7

Fred C. Massey, 47, Carrabelle, domestic battery and violation of probation (CPD)
Kendall W. Shiver, 51, Eastpoint, criminal mischief (FCSO)

June 8

Michael L. Lee, 43, Carrabelle, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and possession of paraphernalia (CPD)

June 9

Crystal M. Segree, 32, Eastpoint, battery (FCSO)
William B. Baker, 33, Decatur, Ga., grand theft of a motor vehicle and failure to appear (FCSO)

June 10

Bobby J. Duncan, Jr., 38, Apalachicola, grand theft (FCSO)
Reginald D. Giddens, 33, Apalachicola, violation of pretrial release and resisting officer without violence (FCSO)
Willie G. Dasher, Jr., 33, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)
John D. James, 41, Apalachicola, reckless driving (FCSO)

June 2

Matthew E. Stuckey, 31, Whigham, Ga., DUI (FCSO)

June 3

Billy D. Dalton, 37, Eastpoint, grand theft of a motor vehicle and driving while license suspended or revoked (FCSO)

June 4

Heather M. Mahon, 37, Apalachicola, petit theft (APD)
Jason M. Rudd, 31, Carrabelle, domestic battery (FCSO)
Glenda Jean Martina, 20, Apalachicola, fleeing or eluding law enforcement officer (FCSO)

June 5

Rex M. Humphries, 50, Apalachicola, DUI and refusal to submit to breath test (FCSO)
Glenn A. Richards, Jr., 22, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)
Amanda F. Graybill, 28, Roanoke, Va., obtaining food or lodging with intent to de-

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The same, however, could not be said of the test results at the Franklin County School, where the percentage of students scoring at grade level or better in reading and math dropped throughout the elementary school. The scores climbed a bit in seventh- and eighth-grade reading and in eighth-grade math, but for the most part were starkly at odds with the steady progress the district has made over the past decade.

"I'm disappointed in it," said Superintendent Nina Marks. "We do not always get the results we hope for. When this happens, we have to study the results to determine why we have not performed to our level of expectation."

Marks offered praise for the work of the ABC School, with which school officials have a more amicable and supportive relationship than at any time since the charter school came into being a decade ago.

"They did the job," she said.

ABC School Principal Chimene Johnson said she was "extremely proud" of her school's results, attributing it to the dedication of both faculty and students.

"I attribute our scores to good teamwork, hard work and effort among our teachers," she said. "They planned their year, they looked at every strand and every benchmark, and they worked together as a team. There were so many things that we put into place."

The ABC School rebounded from a lackluster performance in 2011, when the number of students scoring at grade level or better was on the low end of the school's test results dating back to 2003.

Johnson attributed this year's success to "full implementation of reading and math intervention throughout the school day" as well as supplemental educational services through Title 1 funding for after-school tutoring and FCAT camps two days a week after school.

She said one of the state's newest options for students who are below grade level is that they can be exempted from the physical education requirement, with that time used for special interventions.

"Our students participated in that," Johnson said. "The students were taught bell-to-bell. Our teachers did an awesome job of keeping our kids engaged and motivated."

Marks said she favors implementing a new approach at the Franklin County School to bounce back from the loss of momentum after steady improvement.

"Our teachers work very hard and need our support, but an aggressive plan for change will be considered," she said. "Some faculty members have requested more time with students. Additional time on task leads to a critical budgetary consideration. We must manage the time we have and hope for a loosening of a very tight budget in the near future. An additional 30 minutes for teachers to work with students can be directly tied to the previous two years of success."

28 third-graders head to summer school

The ABC School's proficiency could be seen across the board, beginning with the third grade, where three-quarters of students were at

grade level or better in reading, a jump of 20 percentage points from the year before. In math, the jump was more modest, up nine percentage points to 61 percent, and on the low end of the school's third-grade scores dating back to 2003.

The situation at the consolidated school for third-graders was more problematic, with only one of seven students scoring at grade level or better in math, and fewer than one in three students performing at grade level or better in reading.

Marks said 25 third graders from the Franklin County School and three from the ABC School — all of whom scored at Level 1 of the five levels — are required to attend summer school at the consolidated school if they are to be promoted to the fourth grade, according to the terms of the Pupil Progression Plan.

"Summer school is in full force on that campus," she said.

Among ABC School fourth-graders, the results showed that two-thirds were at grade level or better in reading, and nearly three-quarters in math, in both cases up by about 20 percentage points from the year before.

At the consolidated school, a little more than half the fourth-graders were at grade level or better in both reading and math, similar to last year in reading and an eight-percentage-point improvement in math. The fifth grade, though, showed a decline, with a 20-percentage-point drop, to just 38 percent performing at grade level or better in reading, and a nine-percentage-point drop, to 51 percent, at or above grade level in math.

Among ABC School fifth-graders, the numbers dropped slightly in reading and improved slightly in math, both subjects showing that roughly two out of three students were at grade level or better.

Marks said a dozen fourth-graders and 22 fifth graders have been invited to participate in summer reading camps and credit recovery, hoping to redo a class and move to the next grade level.

Middle school shows gains, losses

The numbers for the middle schools, typically a time when students show a dropoff in proficiency that can plague them into high school, showed some variations in subject matter. Johnson said for the ABC School, it was a question of teachers' ability to tailor the curriculum to the tests' content.

In the sixth grade, for example, the reading scores rose from 56 percent showing proficiency or better last year to 73 percent in 2012, a rise of 17 percentage points. But nearly an identical dropoff could be seen with the math numbers, where only 58 percent of ABC sixth-graders were at grade level or better, 16 percentage points worse than last year.

In the seventh grade, reading scores were steady at 63 percent showing proficiency or better, while math showed an impressive 16-percentage-point rise, to the point where better than three of four ABC School seventh-graders are at grade level or better.

Eighth-grade math at the ABC School "was the only area where we didn't hit state average," Johnson

said, although 55 percent of these students were at grade level or better, still a jump of 21 percentage points over a down performance last year.

The ABC principal said 11 of 29 students took a high school-level Algebra 1 course, which covered different material than was on the test. "They weren't exposed to eighth-grade FCAT standards," she said.

At the Franklin County School, sixth-grade scores declined, from 57 percent at proficiency or better in reading down to 49 percent, and from 42 percent at proficiency in math last year down to 31 percent.

The reading scores among seventh-graders showed a solid improvement, from 41 percent at proficiency or better a year ago to 54 percent this year. But math scores dipped slightly, from 36 percent to 34 percent.

At the eighth-grade level at the consolidated school, improvements could be seen in both subjects, a rise of 10 percentage points in reading, from 33 percent in proficiency or better to 43 percent, and a rise of nine percentage points in math, from 25 to 34 percent at grade level or better.

Marks said 11 sixth-graders, 14 seventh-graders and 16 eighth-graders have been invited to participate in summer school, to ensure they will be able to move to the next grade level.

School board member David Hinton, who opposed the creation of the charter school and has frequently been a critic, said the differences in scores can be attributed to the ABC School having taken "the cream of the crop" of students who otherwise would be attending the consolidated school.

But, he noted, this is not because the schools have differing populations in terms of race or socioeconomic factors, because the demographics between the two are very similar.

"Parents chose to put them there, they're more concerned and they expect more of them," he said. "They are the most motivated parents."

"Teachers and staff (at the consolidated school) continue to do the best they can with what they have to operate with," Hinton said, noting that reading and math specialists continue to use available grants to reach those students who struggle with testing.

Marks said she plans to scrutinize how well teachers are adhering to the curriculum, and how much they are varying from it, a factor she believes can be important in determining how well students perform on proficiency tests.

"During the summer months, teachers will learn a new approach in the utilization of state-approved instructional materials," she said. "The district will also provide updated professional development, which will make a difference for our teachers and their students."

"Routinely studying the data gathered weekly, monthly or from the yearly FCAT affords teachers the ability to make informed decisions, leading to a better understanding of our strengths and weaknesses," Marks said. "Aggressively attacking weaknesses and reinforcing strengths will lead this district to a stronger foundation and a strengthened grade-by-grade result."

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to ship fossil shell out of Carrabelle by barge.

The plan is to truck tractor trailer loads of mined fossil shell down County Road 67 and along Lake Morality Road to U.S. 98, and transport the stone to Timber Island for shipping.

GCA has tried unsuccessfully to set up a commercial shipping venue in a project partnering with Crowder Excavations. Last month, Odie Lazlo, spokesman for Crowder, proposed to remove 35 of 41 boat slips at Crowder's C-Quarters Marina to allow large commercial vessels, including barges, to dock there. He sought the commissioners' support for Crowder securing state and federal permits for the project. Under that original plan, containers of shell also would have been stored on the waterfront.

Commissioners voted 3-2 to back the plan, with Cal Allen and Brenda LaPaz opposed. But Crowder scuttled his project after learning that storing and shipping shell from the downtown waterfront would require a change in the city's comprehensive development plan.

Last week, Cooke and Mitchem told commissioners GCA has scrapped the idea of storing shell, which is classified as heavy industry and would require a comp plan change even on Timber Island, where light industry is allowed. Cooke said the company now hopes to bring truckloads loads of shell to a conveyor constructed on a 30-acre parcel of vacant land owned by The St. Joe Company, where they will be immediately loaded on a barge for shipping. Shipping mined material is classified as light industry.

To allay fears about road damage, Cooke told commissioners GCA has reviewed reports on Tillie Miller Bridge and is "investigating what would be needed to reinforce it."

Nancy Burke, who lives in Harbor Bayou Estates off Timber Island Road, expressed concern about the proposal. "How many trucks do you anticipate a day?" she asked, adding that the road is already busy with traffic going to and from the RV park and the island's county boat ramp.

LaPaz supported GCA's proposal, noting that Carrabelle is in need of industry, and "Timber Island is the place for it."

Cooke said the barges using the commercial dock would be about 140 feet by 30 feet. In a later telephone interview, he said the shipping vessels would be towed in by tugs one at a time and would not accumulate at the dock. He said the barges would be loaded during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

Cooke said the project could bring as many as 20 jobs to Carrabelle, including mine labor, truck drivers and laborers to load the barges. GCA is in negotiation with a Louisiana firm to supply barges and tug boats, he said.

Cooke said boat crews would purchase food and rent housing in Carrabelle, with fuel for the tugs also purchased locally.

At the meeting, Cooke told commissioners he was "not real sure when we will start" because both the Army Corps of Engineers and Florida Department of Environmental Protection have to issue permits.

He told commissioners County Attorney Dan Hartman advised him to come and discuss his new plans with the commission, to make sure there was no impediment to the project before he invested more money.

"We didn't expect problems with the first proposal," Cooke said. "We put a lot of money into it, and it didn't happen. We didn't want to do that again."

GCA's project seems especially apropos in light of a study recently released by Duke University titled, "Restoring Gulf Oyster Reefs: Opportunities for Innovation," which found that reef restoration projects had the potential for quadruple return on money invested.

Cooke said he is aware of funding for reef restoration projects available from penalty money for the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Cooke said his firm already is shipping truckloads of fossil oysters west for reef restoration in Louisiana and for coastline repair in Pensacola and he is in competition with companies that ship fill down the Mississippi by barge.

"Shipping by barge is cheaper than shipping by land," he said. "Being able to ship by barge will make (GCA) more competitive with other companies."



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Bay Medical Center in Panama City and which led to the cancer diagnosis.

Surgery solved part of the problem, followed by radiation and chemotherapy to tackle the remaining cancer, Webb said.

"So far I'm cancer-free right now," he said. "At first I lost all the taste in my mouth, but I've got a little back now. I lost my teeth, too. The only thing I didn't lose is my hair."

His neck might be scarred from the treatments, but the main thing Webb didn't lose was his life, and for that he was a grateful man Friday night.

"It's a miracle," he said. Sitting next to Webb at the survivors table, after joining in the opening lap, were several other cancer survivors, including Michael James Sexton, who is recovering from a malignant eye lesion; Dolores Buzzett, who overcame a 2005 bout of breast cancer; and Linda Thompson, who triumphed over cervical cancer several years ago and melanoma more recently. In all, 20 survivors were on hand for the relay and were treated to a survivor/caregiver dinner of paella prepared by Tamara's Café.

Chala Parish, this year's local chairperson of the event, said 14 of this year's 18 teams were at Friday night's relay.

"Our event was dedicated to all survivors and remembering those who have lost their battle," Parish said. "But one in particular who was a committee member, Amanda Segree, was named honorary chair during



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Contestants get ready for the Road to Recovery race.

her courageous battle. And in her memory we will continue to fight. She gave us all hope to continue fighting for a cure. Amanda lost her battle this year, but we remembered her during relay."

Also serving on the relay committee was Parish, Nasya Wagner, Cheryl Fritsch-Middleton, Tirah Chitty, Selena Noblit, Paula Applebee, Jessica Ard and Shannon Segree. Stephanie Bird assisted as the cancer society staff.

This year's sponsors included the Apalachicola Housing Authority, Kelley Funeral Home, Weems Memorial Hospital,

Marks Insurance, Progress Energy and Ace Hardware. Among the in-kind donors were Ace Hardware, Ah La Carte, Angel Stephens, Apalachicola Times, Ashley Carroll, Bay City Work Camp, Buccaneer Inn, Butler Agency, Cadence Bank, City of Apalachicola, Florida Seafood Festival, George Pruet, Gulf Coast DJ LLC, Gulfside IGA, John Solomon, Mayor Van Johnson, Righteous Kind, St Joe Music Company, St. Joe Rent-All, Tamara's Café and Water Street Seafood.

Among the performers who lit up the night and early morning

event were the Righteous Kind Band out of Gainesville, the Pruet family, Ashley Carroll, Angel Stephens (who sang the national anthem) and Gulf Coast DJ, with the St. Joe Music Company providing sound and lighting.

"We had a great year," said Parish, noting \$17,000 has been raised so far, with more coming in ahead of the wrap-up party in July. "Rain held back some attendance, but it was a great turnout and we are excited to have the support to get Relay going strong again in Franklin County."

RELAY TEAMS AND CAPTAINS

- High Hopes, Terri Creamer
- Pirates of the Cure-Being, Terry Tipton
- Franklin Correctional Institution, Jessica Chisholm
- Shooting Down Cancer, Javeion Winfield
- Soaring over Cancer, Jaime Duhart
- Team ABC, Tanya Joanos
- Team Ruth, Selena Noblit
- Team Snook's, Renee Griffin
- Weems Angels, Paula Applebee
- Team Rainbow, Chala Parish
- Debra's Darling - ABC School, Alexis O'Neal
- Black & Blues Crews, Larry Applebee
- Pacing for a Cure, Sandy Harris
- Centennial Bank, Jera Horton
- Cadence Bank, Stephnia Turrell
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office, John Solomon
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challenge Skipper, Pendleton's chief deputy.

The one countywide office that will be contested will be the sheriff's race, with three candidates qualifying, all of them Democrats, to succeed incumbent Skip Shiver, who decided not to stand for re-election. Mike Mock, 45, of Carrabelle; Cliff Carroll, 49, of Eastpoint; and Jeff Vonier, 69, of Eastpoint will square off in the Aug. 14 primary, with the winner then unopposed in the Nov. 6 general election.

Because only Democrats have filed for the sheriff's race, Republicans and those without party affiliation will be able to vote in the primary, known as a universal race.

According to the supervisor of elections website, as of June 12, the county had 4,980 registered Democrats, 1,663 Republicans and 666 individuals registered with other parties or with no party affiliation, for a total of 7,309 registered voters.

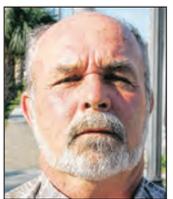
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July 16 to register to vote in the primary and until Oct. 9 to register to vote in the general election.

In the case of the three county commission races on the ballot this year, none will be decided at the Aug. 14 primary.

In District 5, which runs from the western portion of the Eastpoint area to the eastern portion of the Carrabelle area, incumbent Bevin Putnal, 70, of Carrabelle, is facing a challenge from William Massey, 52, also of Carrabelle, in the Democratic primary. In the general election, the winner will face Hank Garrett, 61, of Eastpoint, who is running without party affiliation.

In District 1, which

encompasses St. George Island and most of Eastpoint, Republican incumbent Pinki Jackel, 54, of St. George Island is facing a challenge from Democrat Tony Shiver, 52, also of St. George Island. Because neither candidate has an opponent in the primary, they will square off Nov. 6.

In District 3, which encompasses the Apalachicola neighborhood to the north and east of U.S. 98, incumbent Noah Lockley, 61, of Apalachicola, faces a challenge from Valentina Webb, 48, of Apalachicola. Because both are Democrats, they will square off in the Aug. 14 primary, with the winner going against Republican Wilmer Deason, 59, in the Nov. 6 gen-

eral election.

In the school board races for these three districts, both District 3 incumbent Teresa Ann Martin and District 1 incumbent George Thompson were re-elected to another four-year term after no opponents stepped forward to challenge them.

In District 5, incumbent Carl Whaley, 43, of Carrabelle, faces a challenge from Pamela Shiver, 41, of Eastpoint. Because this is a nonpartisan election, this contest will be decided at the Nov. 6 ballot box.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MALIAH AND ISAIAH



Maliah Lockley turned 9 on Tuesday, June 12 and her young brother, Isaiah Dorsey, turns 1 on Thursday, June 14.

Happy birthday, Maliah and Isaiah!
I love you both very much,

Mommy

'Local Hands' buzzing with talent

By LOIS SWOBODA
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On Saturday night, about 50 people attended a reception to celebrate the opening of the "Local Hands" art exhibit at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and the Arts on Water Street.

The soirée was sponsored by Historic Apalachicola Main Street as part of its Second Saturday program to encourage downtown nightlife.

The exhibit displayed the works of 25 artists.

Images created by Dana Allen shared space with jewelry by master craftsman Kristin Anderson and photography by Lizzie Butler.

Some of the work was familiar to art lovers. Neal Smith-Willow, who displayed a half dozen pieces on Saturday, recently ended a month-long 50-year retrospective at the Apalachicola Museum of Art.

A show by painter Susan Richardson is now on display at the Apalachicola art museum. She presents a handful of flowery oils in the "Local Hands" show.

Pastelist Lynn Wilson, whose work is included in "Local Hands," recently hung a one-woman show at the Plantation clubhouse on St. George Island.

Wilson is the daughter of painter and art teacher Alice Jean Gibbs, who has mentored a number of the artists displaying work in "Local Hands," including Ed Springer, who brought pastel drawings, and Ellen Stitt, whose light, uncluttered paintings were a high point of the exhibition.

Gibbs also has several pieces on display at the downtown center, popularly known by its original name, the Cotton Exchange.

Shirley Cox displayed a half-dozen oils focusing on local scenery and was on hand to answer questions about her work. Cox said she

paints from photographs, mixing and matching items within a scene.

Mother-daughter team Amy and Emily Friedman brought mixed media including photography, sculpture and one of Amy Friedman's striking acrylic paintings.

Frederic Kahler also presented a mixed media exhibit with ceramics and paintings.

Katie McFarland added three dimensions to the display, with ceramic wall hangings including a startling rendition of the "big bad wolf" of storybook fame.

There were oils by Jody Rosenbaum, Kathryn Beaty, Martha Linn and Josefa Benavides.

Seasoned artist Joan Matey brought a few pieces, fretting that she had trouble finding work to display that hadn't already been hung at the Cotton Exchange in earlier showings. As always, her comic flair was a showstopper.

Another stand-out was Paula Harmon, who paints using pigmented beeswax, an ancient technique known as encaustic art.

The work of husband-and-wife team Capt. Mark and Carol Goodwin reflected their day-to-day interests. Mark displayed carved fish with a twist, and Carol works in textiles, producing airy, knitted confections in silk, alpaca and other fibers.

Joe Kotzman's watercolors are a bright spot in the gallery, imaginative and fresh.

Popular local sculptor David Barclay brought painted wood carvings to the Cotton Exchange. A string of pink foxgloves seemed to twinkle with dew next to a giant brown-eyed Susan.

Mary Lou Athorn works in papier-mâché. She employs the medium in both three-dimensional sculptures and "paintings." Athorn said she started to work with paper when a downtown shop was seeking



Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Dolphins cruise by in this underwater scene by Shirley Cox.



Alice Jean Gibbs and Frederic Kahler discuss techniques at the Saturday night opening.



"Sisters, circa 1912" by Ellen Stitt.

three-dimensional pieces.

"I started making papier-mâché bowls," she said. "One thing is I have always been encouraged in everything I tried to do. My husband Michael is very supportive. I was never told no."

Athorn's bowls blossomed into animals, especially birds, but her latest work has taken a new twist. On display at the Cotton Ex-

change are a bust of Joan of Arc and a full-sized papier-mâché statue of St. Francis of Assisi.

"Local Hands," which opened June 7, will remain on display through Thursday, June 28. The center is open from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

For a gallery of the opening reception, visit www.ApalachTimes.com.

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Duncan elected president of Apalachicola Bay chamber

Special to The Times

On June 6, the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce held its annual election during a luncheon meeting at Caroline's on the River.

New to this year's board of directors are Jean Ulrich, a real estate agent with Jeff Galloway Real Estate and owner of Ulrich Construction, and Ouida Tartt, owner of the House of Tartts, a guest cottage in downtown Apalachicola.

Continuing for another term are Brenda Ash, with Centennial Bank and an Apalachicola city commissioner; Mike Koun, owner of the Gibson Inn; Bonnie

Gomes, owner of Oyster Radio 100.5FM and Hitz 106FM; Mark Friedman, with Friedman Financial Advisors; Bud Hayes, with the Franklin County Humane Society and the ABC School; Bev Hewitt, with the Apalachicola Seafood Grill and the Soda Fountain; Kristin Anderson, owner of LongDreamGallery.com; attorney Michael Shuler; Jerry Hall, with the Apalachicola Seafood Grill and The Soda Fountain; Ginny Griner with Weems Memorial Hospital; attorney Kristy Branch Banks; Kevin Ward with Blue Manta Tech-

nology Group and 13 Mile Seafood; and Donna Duncan, attorney with Sanders and Duncan.



DONNA DUNCAN

President for 2012-2013 is Duncan, with Hayes as vice president. Hall returns as treasurer, and Anderson remains secretary/historian. Candy Varnes, of Resort Vacation Rentals, retired from the board.

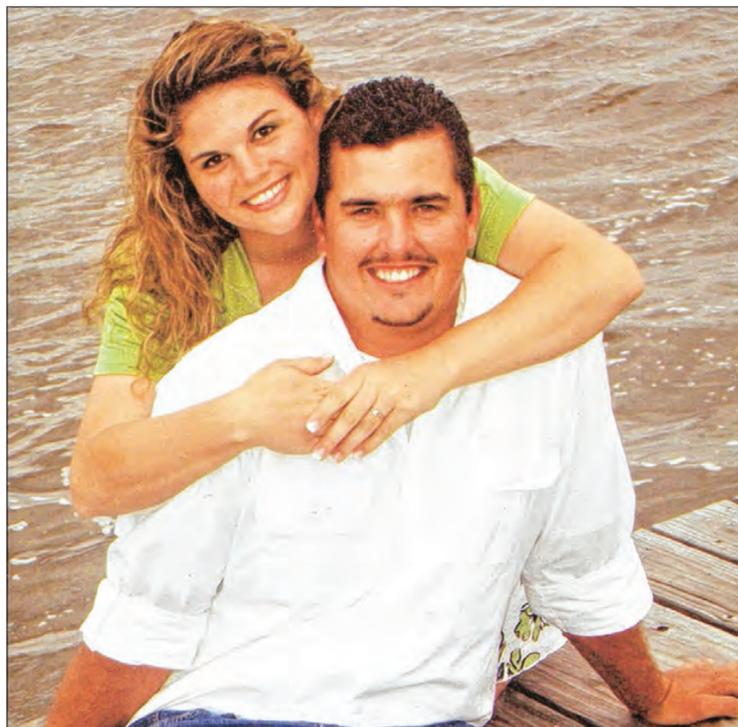
Friedman, who steps down as president at the end of June, received two going away presents at this month's meeting. Anita Grove, the chamber's executive director, presented him with a shadowbox containing the February swim-

suit edition of Sports Illustrated, with sections shot in Franklin County and a teeny bikini.

Friedman also received from the staff of Sports Illustrated a framed group shot of the photographers, models and support staff who visited Apalachicola for the photo shoot.

The chamber has 350 members. The Apalachicola Chamber was started in the 1830s. Among its many presidents were ice machine inventor John Gorrie and David Raney. In the 1980s, the chamber expanded its membership area to the shores of the Apalachicola Bay, including Eastpoint and St. George Island.

MIRANDA BANKS, SHAWN SHATTUCK TO WED JUNE 23



Mr. and Mrs. James Banks, of Eastpoint, request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Miranda Lynn, to Shawn Robert Shattuck.

The wedding will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Living Waters Assembly of God, 1580 Bluff Road, Apalachicola.

The groom is the son of Bob Shattuck, of Apalachicola, and Ann Kent, of St. George Island.

A reception will follow the ceremony in the fellowship hall.

All family and friends are cordially invited to share in this joyous occasion.

Camp Gordon Johnston expands exhibits

The Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum is expanding the exhibits to include World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Though still in the initial stages, anyone who wishes to donate articles or photos from these conflicts for scanning should contact Linda Minichiello or Bobbye Winchester at 697-8575. Please keep in mind that though photos will be scanned and the originals returned, because of special insurance requirements, all articles or items must be freely donated and will become the

property of the Camp Gordon Johnston Association. The museum has secured tracings from the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., for the following Franklin County residents killed during the war: Robert O'Neal Cato, James Henry Clay, Clifford G. Rhodes, Herbert Eugene Smith and Robert Millender. Anyone knowing of additional Franklin County residents who served and paid the ultimate price, please contact the museum to have their tracings added to the exhibit.



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Volunteers serve up lunch every Thursday at the Franklin County Senior Center.

Boat club treats dads to breakfast

Happy Father's Day all you dads! To start the weekend off right, you will be treated to a full breakfast at the Lanark Village Boat Club this Saturday, June 16. You may enjoy your breakfast from 9 a.m. until noon. A donation of \$5 will be collected from everyone else. Enjoy!



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

Our monthly covered dish lunch at Chillas Hall will be Sunday, June 17. Bring your favorite dish, a donation and your dad and join us. Serving will begin at 1 p.m. See ya

there! Don't forget - lunch will be ready at noon at the Franklin County Senior Center every Thursday. Our faithful volunteers will serve the lunch, and Dorothy will be at the desk to collect your donation. Be good to see you. While we are talking about volunteers, it's time to give all of our volunteers a big round of applause. You will find them at the food bank, the boat club, Chillas Hall, the fire department, just to name a

few. Thanks to all! After you enjoy lunch next Thursday, June 21, at the senior center, enjoy the Nostalgia Show, featuring the music of Bob Garber, from the '20s to the '50s. Don't forget - June 21 is the date! Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and house bound, and remember our little prayer for those serving the public - God grant me patience, And I Want It Right Now! Until next time, God Bless America, our troops, the poor, homeless and hungry.

CARD OF THANKS

Mail Carrier Food Drive

The Franklin County Food Pantry would like to thank both the Apalachicola and Eastpoint post offices for another successful U.S. Mail Carrier Food Drive, which took place May 12. Postmasters Lionel Bliss, Eastpoint, and Cynthia Davis, Apalachicola, and the hard-working mail carriers who loaded the food onto their trucks went the extra mile to help others in the community. We cannot thank them enough. Our appreciation goes out to all the residents of Franklin County who donated food. Without your support and

giving nature, we would not be able to continue our effort in feeding the most vulnerable citizens. The Franklin County Food Pantry is a 501(c)(3) organization and relies on donations of food and cash to continue its operations. We are distributing food twice each month to an average of 350 families, our neighbors in need. To make donations, you can mail a check to P.O. Box 276, Apalachicola, FL 32329 or contact Lori Switzer, food pantry coordinator, at 653-3930 to make a food donation or to help out as a volunteer.

Sincerely,
Franklin County Food Pantry staff



Obituary

Ervin 'Bud' Ammons

Ervin "Bud" Thomas Ammons, 78, passed away Saturday, June 9, 2012, in Panama City.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Doris Johnson Ammons of Carrabelle.

He was born Sept. 12, 1933, in Midland City, Ala., and had been in this area for 22 years after coming

from Georgia. He retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service. He retired as postmaster in Carrabelle.

He was a member of the Grovania Methodist Church. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big

Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, Crawfordville, which is in charge of arrangements.

He is also survived by two daughters, Brenda

Barfield (Gil) and Sherry Sensat (Don); grandchildren Brandon Atkinson (Sarah), Adam Barfield, Kiley Singleton (Eric), J.D. Sensat and Corey Sensat; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mavis Odom (Joe).

He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Allen Ammons.



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Covenant Word plans Father's Day weekend

Covenant Word Christian Center International, 158 12th Street in Apalachicola, will host a Father's Day Prophetic Weekend beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, June 15, with an Impartation Service at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 16.

Prophet Bill Johnson from Restoration Life Church in Tallahassee, who moves in a powerful anointing of God, will be our guest minister in the Prophetic. Come out in faith, believing you will receive a life-changing word and/or impartation

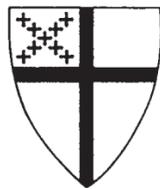
on these two power-packed days.

Panacea church to host Gaballi 'Taste Sampler'

The Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church, 2780 Surf Road in Panacea, will hold a Taste Sampler of Gaballi Foods from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 16. Gaballi is a faith-based, nondenominational organization that provides boxes of top-quality fruits and vegetables at a 30- to 70-percent savings from national retail prices. Visit www.obayumc.com or www.gaballi.com or call 984-0127 for more information.

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"Celebrate Recovery" Mondays 7-9 p.m.
Healing service first Tuesday each month-7 p.m.
102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672
Pastor: Aaron Batey

Eastpoint United Methodist Church

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Sunday Brunch 10 a.m.
Youth Group Tuesdays 6 p.m.
317 Patton Dr. (corner of David St.)
Pastor: Aaron Batey

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LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Ongoing timbering in Box R requires the use of heavy machinery.

Timber project boosts Box R

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A timbering project ongoing in the Box R Wildlife Management District has both economic and environmental benefits for Florida.

Right now F&W Forestry, a Marianna firm, is overseeing extensive logging in Box R, their efforts part of a multi-decade plan to restore the original ecosystems.

Jerry Pitts, Box R's wildlife biologist, said F&W has been a strong partner in the restoration planning process. "They handle the business end of the project," he said. "We told them our ecological goals and we took our time and got a really good plan."

He said he also worked with Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI), a research group out of the University of Florida, to determine what Box R was like before it became a pine plantation.

FNAI's stated goal is to "collect, interpret, and disseminate ecological information critical to the conservation of Florida's biological diversity."

Pitts said they used historical records, including aerial photographs to turn back the clock in Box R and glimpse the original lay of the land.

He said lumber is being harvested on a 400-acre area originally scheduled to be cut under the 2011 contract. An additional 700 acres will be harvested this year and 500 will be harvested in 2013. Several logging firms will work in Box R over the next two years under F&W's direction.

Pitts said the cutting for 2011 and 2012 should be completed by the end of June unless the weather interferes. "The loggers work fast," he said. "To them time is money and they don't waste any."

He said any damage to roads will be repaired before the state signs off on the logging contract.

The trees are not being clear cut, rather they are thinned and the undergrowth reduced to encourage nature to take control and return Box R to its original state. Tracts marked for thinning are scattered throughout, so no single area will be severely impacted.

Pitts said it's not possible to predict how much income will be generated from the sale of the wood because trees of different sizes sell for different prices and the price of wood changes with the market. Smaller timber will be used for pulp and larger trees will become lumber or fence posts. The 10-year plan now underway will provide a sustained revenue stream that could amount to as much as \$2 million, he said.

The main purpose of the logging is not to make money but to open up the forest so that long-leaf pine, the naturally

occurring conifer in this area, can be reintroduced.

When The St. Joe Company had a paper mill in Port St. Joe, acreage originally covered in long-leaf was clear cut and replanted with fast growing loblolly and slash pine for commercial harvest. When St. Joe stopped harvesting pine for pulp, the pine plantations they abandoned became choked with undergrowth, especially titi, which was once confined to dry ridges but now occurs throughout the forest.

Pitts said he believes timber harvest is a good use for tracts of undeveloped land because the areas remain greenspace; the downside is that biodiversity is greatly reduced in timber plantations because fast-growing non-native trees replace the local plants.

Pitts said plans for Box R include restoring the natural water levels in addition to thinning the trees. Controlled burns will also be used to suppress the undergrowth.

"Fire is an important component of the restoration program," he said. "All of these are fire-maintained communities. Fire is very important to the germination of wiregrass and long-leaf pine."

Currently, controlled burns must be carried out in the winter and spring when the danger of wildfire is reduced, but Pitts said after some of the most overgrown areas have been burned several times, the foresters can begin to burn during the growing season, which has less impact on wildlife in the area.

According to Pitts, the key to restoring native forest is to open up the tree canopy through timber removal and plant long-leaf pine in the corridors this creates. As the long-leaves, grow, more nonnative trees will be thinned out until, eventually, the long-leaf will become the upper story canopy tree again.

Pitts and other biologists like him hope that native understorey plants will return on their own once the long-leaf forest is established. He said the entire progress will take decades.

"I may work here for 20 or 30 years, but when I'm gone, somebody else will have to come along and pick up where I left off," he said.

Ultimately, some of the land forested now will be returned to non-forest ecosystems like damp meadows and Pitts expects that in 20, or even 10 years from now, the face of Box R will look very different.

He said the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which manages Box R, views the restoration project as a pilot program for similar efforts in the vast acreage they steward. He said FWC will use the knowledge it gains from the Box R pilot program to launch similar programs in the Apalachicola River and Aucilla wildlife management districts.



JERRY PITTS



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The shrimp plant or false hop, *Justicia brandegeeana*, is a popular flowering shrub outdoors that can also be grown as a window sill plant indoors.

Its white tongue-like flowers emerge from shrimp-colored, modified leaves called bracts atop clumps of weak, twiggy stems that grow to 3-to-5 feet tall by 3 feet wide, and may spread to form a large colony. The leaves are variegated and usually grow in clusters on the branches. If the plant receives more sun, the amount of creamy white on the speckled leaves will increase, and vice versa. There are cultivars with yellow, red and lime green flowers.

This plant is a native of Mexico, where indigenous people used it to

The shrimp plant, or false hop, is good for inside or outside.

treat a variety of wounds and ailments, including dysentery and other gastrointestinal disorders. In south Florida it has escaped and become invasive in some areas.

Shrimp plant is evergreen in mild climates and blooms almost continuously. In the Panhandle, it is ever-green some years and dies back to the ground when the winter is colder. Plants left outdoors in containers may be killed in cold weather.

Shrimp plant does well in full to part sun and likes a fertile, well-drained soil. It is drought tolerant, but water it generously in hot weather to maintain lush foliage. In our area, some shade is recommended since the bracts fade in full hot sun.

When the plant becomes leggy or if the foliage is damaged by cold or drought, cut it back to the base and it will grow out lush and green. You can start new plants from cuttings or by dividing clumps.

Shrimp plant is extremely attractive to hummingbirds, bees and butterflies so it adds interest and motion to the garden.

Coast Guard Auxiliary seeks new members

Have you ever thought about joining an organization that could use your talents, skills and experience in activities that save lives and the environment?

The U.S. Coast Guard is looking to reestablish an Auxiliary Unit in the Carrabelle, Eastpoint, St. George Island and Apalachicola area and needs volunteers 17 and older to serve in various capacities. These would include helping recreational boaters to improve their safety skills, and their appreciation for the area's environment, to be respected and responsible operators of their preferred watercrafts.

Becoming a member provides opportunities to train and devote as much time as you want in public education, recreation vessel examination, safety patrols on the water, recruiting, public information, event planning and coordination, environmental protection and marketing, as well as building support among local law enforcement and government agencies having a common interest in safe boating.

All the activities can be enhanced with the knowledge, talents, skills and experience you bring. Your diverse backgrounds and personal strengths are keys to the successful delivery of the programs.

If any of the above activities touch upon your interests, I strongly urge you to attend the Open Invitation for Membership in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary on Saturday, July 7 from 10 am until noon, at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint. For additional information, contact Dave Rabon, Flotilla 1-2, at 850-274-4689.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, June 14	86°	73°	40 %
Fri, June 15	85°	72°	40 %
Sat, June 16	86°	71°	40 %
Sun, June 17	85°	73°	20 %
Mon, June 18	86°	73°	0 %
Tues, June 19	87°	74°	0 %
Wed, June 20	88°	75°	40 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

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19	Tu	520am 2.4	140pm 2.7	809am 2.1	930pm -0.3
20	We	545am 2.4	223pm 2.7	849am 2.1	958pm -0.3
21	Th	609am 2.4	308pm 2.7	929am 1.9	1024pm -0.3
22	Fr	631am 2.4	356pm 2.6	1013am 1.9	1051pm -0.2
23	Sa	654am 2.4	448pm 2.4	1102am 1.8	1121pm -0.0
24	Su	717am 2.4	547pm 2.2	1158am 1.4	1153pm 0.3
25	Mo	742am 2.4	700pm 1.9	105pm 1.3	
26	Tu	808am 2.6	832pm 1.8	1227am 0.6	221pm 1.0
27	We	838am 2.6	1032pm 1.6	104am 1.0	340pm 0.6

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Offshore

Red snapper season is well under way. Hi winds and rough seas have kept many anglers at the docks hoping for better weather. Good sized red snapper are still close to shore, some as close as 6 miles out. Try using live bait first to catch the bigger ones up off the bottom, but cut bait, such as cigar minnows and squid will work fine.

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Bartley wins Mullet Toss with personal best

Edges out Wilhoit by 6 feet in thrilling toss-off

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN
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For the fourth straight year, Eastpoint's Hunter Bartley took home the top prize in the annual Mullet Toss on St. George Island.

But runner-up and former champion Robert Wilhoit, of Carrabelle, didn't make it easy for him.

Before a large audience gathered for the 21st annual spectacle on the beach in front of the Blue Parrot restaurant, Bartley let loose with a 188 foot, 3-inch throw, a personal best, during the regular competition, easily making it into the three-man toss-off that would determine the winner.

More than 30 feet behind Bartley was Wilhoit, with a hurl of 156 feet that was still good enough to ensure he, too, would make the toss-off.

Rounding out the trio was Apalachicola's Brett Johnson, who slung the fish 152 feet to make it to the finals, narrowly edging out Apalachicola's Dillon Grant, son of the event's record holder, Stan Grant. Dillon Grant threw for 150 feet, two feet further than Liberty County's Justin Mercer, for the honor of fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Missing out on a berth in the finals was former champion Chip Sanders, who had the distance, but hooked both of his throws out of bounds to the right.

The toss-off was a dramatic one, as Johnson threw first, arcing the mullet 141 feet, 8 inches. Wilhoit followed, his first throw landing 166 feet past the starting line, and his second, 180 feet, to put the heat on Bartley to come up with a mammoth hurl.

Bartley's first throw spun in a circle and landed at the 179-foot, 5-inch mark, forcing him to make good on his final shot for the title.

And that he did, winding up and rearing back to throw 186 feet, 4 inches to win the \$200 top prize for the sixth time.

For his second place finish, Wilhoit took home a mountain bike donated by Tri-Eagle sales. "I had to work out. Gotta eat my Wheaties," Wilhoit said afterwards.

"They was flying today," said Bartley, 29. "The wind was kind of a side wind. Last year, it was right in our face."

He thanked Kelsey Smith and Will Prescott for their work in shagging mullet for him all week as he practiced up for the event. He also heaped praise on his rivals.

"They stepped it up in the finals," Bartley said. "That's what I like, when they push you. It's worthwhile. It gives the crowd a show."

Bartley's win was not without a touch of disappointment, since the Mullet Toss forced him to miss his daughter Kaydence's performance in the afternoon's Pam Nobles Studios dance recital at the Dixie Theatre.

"I haven't lost since my daughter's been born," he said. "Now I can bring momma some money for missing that recital."

From the moment the event got underway under sunny skies in the morning, plenty of young boys and girls were on hand to try their hand at tossing a fish, many for the first time.



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Hunter Bartley
 Mullet Toss winner

SEE MORE

For lots more Mullet Toss photos, visit www.apalachtimes.com.

With the Blue Parrot's Paul Joanos overseeing the event, and Oyster Radio deejay Brian Bowen emceeing with the help of fellow staffer Katie Galloway, the Mullet Toss went smoothly from the start, managing to avoid the heavy rains that swept in at about 3 p.m.

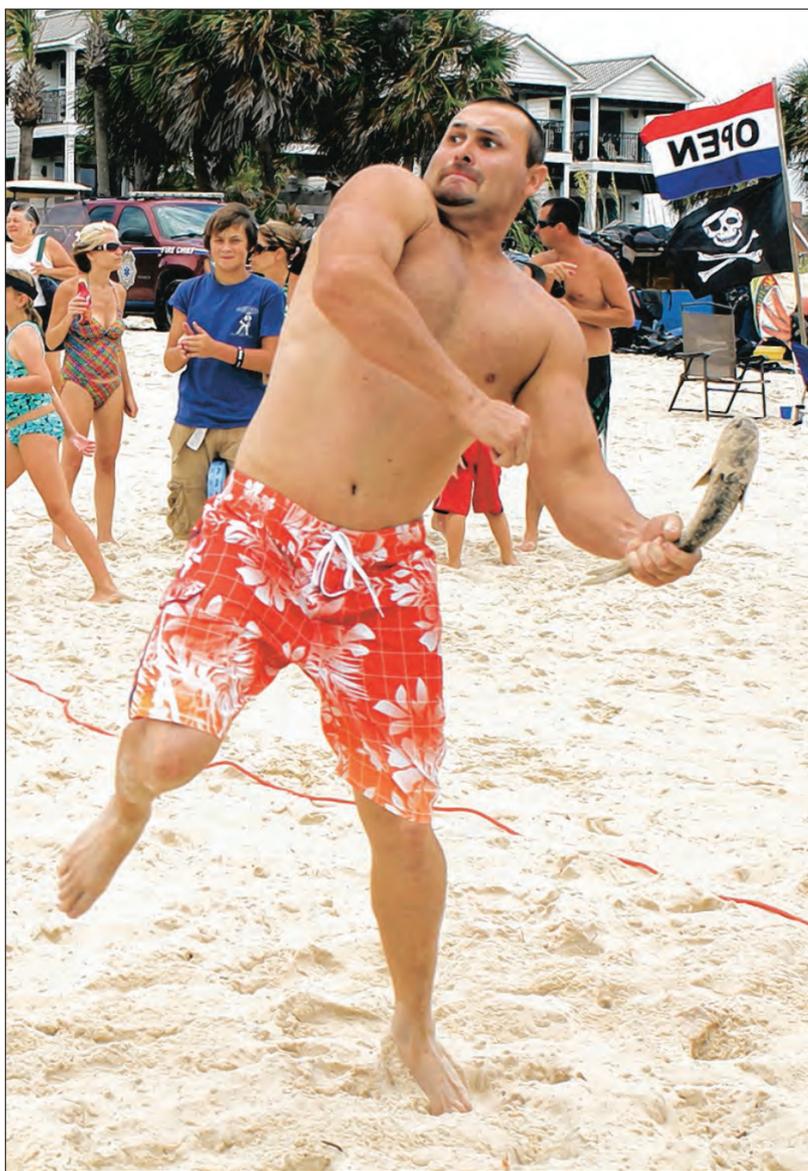
Easily capturing the age 11-and-under category was Eastpoint's Jan Lowe, who threw 91 feet, 2 inches to win a fishing pole and tackle box. Finishing as runner-up was Nick Keenan, a sixth grader from Buford, Ga., who posted a 77 feet, 1 inch pitch, narrowly edging out third-place tosser Will Prescott, from Eastpoint, who threw for 76 feet, 8 inches.

In the age 12-16 category, Eastpoint's Cash Creamer edged out Apalachicola's Trenton Lee to win a bicycle. Creamer threw the fish 131 feet, 2 inches, about two feet farther than Trenton Lee, who hurled it 129 feet. In third place was Ryder Jowers, from Columbus, Ga., who threw for 101 feet, 7 inches.

In the women's category, it was a matter of a single inch that determined the winner.

Paige Martin, of Leesburg, Ga., who played shortstop for Columbus State in Columbus, Ga., threw the mullet 95 feet, 5 inches, one inch better than Tallahassee's Laura Davis. In third place, Carrie

Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times
 Stepping up to the Mullet Toss are: **Right**, Hunter Bartley, **top**, Carrie Johnson and, **below**, Maya Itzkovitz.



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Johnson, Brett's wife, became the second member of the Johnson family to earn a winning spot, taking home third place with a throw of 86 feet, 3 inches.

In the freestyle category, a three-man team used a "Georgia and Louisiana State University Fish Propulsion System" to shoot mullets maybe 20 or 30 feet. With Rick Daigle rearing back on the slingshot designed by his wife Mary, and David Findley and Hutch Hutchinson anchoring the poles, the fish was well short of the 533-foot record, probably by about 500 feet.

An impressive performance was put in by Hunter Bartley and Carl Ard with the "5150 Team" as they used compressed air from an Ard's service truck to shoot mullet several hundred feet, but still shy of the record. They won \$100 for their efforts, and posed afterwards for a picture with former state senator Al Lawson, who is making a bid for the Democratic nomination for the congressional seat that includes Franklin County.

All monies raised by the event go to the Apalachicola Bay Charter School.

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By: Michele Maxwell
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June 7, 14, 2012

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

CASE NO.: 19-2010-CA-000292 DIVISION:

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

vs. ANGELA SHARP et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated May 14, 2012, and entered in Case No. 19-2010-CA-000292 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is the Plaintiff and ANGELA SHARP, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANGELA SHARP N/K/A GUS PRESTON; are the Defendants.

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

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of this Court on May 18, 2012.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: RONALD R. WOLFE & ASSOCIATES, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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87488T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY,

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.

This Notice dated this 27th day of April, 2012.

FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 2012-000011-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF ERRIS VANVLEET VENTRY Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ERRIS VANVLEET VENTRY, deceased, File Number 2012-000011-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Franklin County Court-house, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida 32320. The estate is testate. The date of the will is May 16, 1986. There are no codicils. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's Attorney are set forth below. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 14, 2012.

Personal Representative: WILLIAM DAVID VENTRY Post Office Box 3984 Tallahassee, Florida 32315

Attorney for Personal Representative: J. GORDON SHULER of, P. GORDON SHULER, J.A. SHULER, P.A. Post Office Drawer 850

Apalachicola, Florida 32329 (850) 653-9226 Florida Bar Number: 0700959 June 14, 21, 2012

87532T
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV, that Seminole Safe N Secure Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid on:

June 30, 2012 at: 10:00 a.m. at 162 US 98, Eastpoint, Florida 32328 of the contents of mini-warehouse(s) containing personal property of:

Gomesia Cohens
Tonita Turner
Paul Craft
Lanny Hardman
Michael Hicks
Jerry Gleaton

Before the sale date of June 30, 2012, the property may be redeemed by payment in cash or money order of the outstanding balance and cost by mailing it to Post Office Box 1054, Eastpoint, Florida 32328, or by paying in person.

July 7th, 2012 at: 10:00 a.m. at 162 US 98, Eastpoint, Florida 32328 of the contents of mini-warehouse(s) containing personal property of:

Andrew Butler
Vessel#11582126
FL651QJS

Before the sale date of July 7, 2012, the property may be redeemed by payment in cash or money order of the outstanding balance and cost by mailing it to Post Office Box 1054, Eastpoint, Florida 32328, or by paying in person.

June 14, 21, 28, 2012

87709T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 10-00002-CA

Wann Van Robinson and Mary D. Robinson, individually and as Co-Trustees of the Wann Van Robinson Revocable Trust, Plaintiffs,

vs

Ronnie V. Worley individually and as the sole surviving Trustee of the Worley Revocable Family Trust; Jason Clint Worley individually and as Trustee of the Jason C. Worley Revocable Trust, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Public Sale entered in this cause, the Franklin County Clerk will, in accordance with Florida Statutes §64.061(4), sell the properties identified as the Alligator Point Property and the Dog Island Property, legally described below, separately, to the highest bidder, upon the further terms as set forth in the Order of Public Sale. The sale will take place on June 27, 2012, at public auctions held at the front door (or such other location within the Courthouse as is commonly used) of the Franklin County Court-house, located at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, beginning at 11:00 AM.

Prospective bidders are notified that the properties are subject to mortgage. The approximate Alligator Point Property Mortgage payoff is \$473,725.00. The approximate Dog Island Property Mortgage payoff is \$333,484.00. IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT BID, THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO SATISFY THE RESPECTIVE MORTGAGE AT CLOSING. FOLLOWING THE SALE, FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ORDER OF PUBLIC SALE.

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PROPERTIES

ALLIGATOR POINT PROPERTY:

LOT 8, BLOCK "L" OF PENINSULAR POINT, UNIT NO. 2 AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGES 21-23, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ALSO: THE WEST 25 FEET OF THE LAND LYING BETWEEN LOT 1, BLOCK "I" AND LOT 8, BLOCK "H" OF PENINSULAR POINT, UNIT NO. 2 AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 21-23 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

DOG ISLAND PROPERTY:

LOT 28 (UNRECORDED)

COMMENCE AT A POINT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST BOUNDARY OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, DOG ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA WITH THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF GULF SHORE DRIVE AND RUN SOUTH 67 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 1096.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 60 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 2400.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919) MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 299.76 FEET TO THE APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO, THENCE RUN SOUTH 59 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID MEAN HIGH WATER LINE 99.62 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID MEAN HIGH WATER LINE RUN NORTH 26 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST 303.49 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #4261) LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF GULF SHORE DRIVE,

THENCE RUN NORTH 61 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 99.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Marcia Johnson
Franklin County Clerk of Court

By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

Attorneys for Plaintiffs: Susan K. Spurgeon, Esq., Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, PA. 2701 N. Rocky Point Dr Suite 900 Tampa, FL 33607 (813) 639-9599 (813) 639-1488 June 14, 21, 2012

87733T
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Purpose and Effect: The Franklin County School Board proposes to update and adopt policies, as provided in the Administrative Procedures Act for the purpose of maintaining compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules.

Summary: The following is a brief description of the proposed changes:

School Board Policy Manual
Student Code of Conduct
Student Progression Plan
Learning/Alternative Center Handbook
Franklin County Academy Plan

Statutory Authority: Section 1001.41, Florida Statutes

These proposed rules will be considered by the Franklin County School Board at a meeting publicly advertised and held in the Willie Speed School Board Room at 85 School Road, Eastpoint, Florida no earlier than 28 days after the original date of this notice.

Policies may be reviewed during the period of June 5, 2012 through July 2, 2012 at the Franklin County School Board Administrative Offices, 85 School Road, Eastpoint, Florida during the hours of 8:00 AM

until 5:30 PM, Monday - Thursday. June 14, 21, 28 July 5, 2012

87749T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 11000505CA

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB Plaintiff,

vs.

NORBERT JOSEPH KAMINSKI A/K/A NORBERT J. KAMINSKI A/K/A NORBERT KAMINSKI; NANCY ANNE KAMINSKI A/K/A NANCY A. KAMINSKI A/K/A NANCY KAMINSKI; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, ET AL, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION-CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: NORBERT JOSEPH KAMINSKI A/K/A NORBERT J. KAMINSKI A/K/A NORBERT KAMINSKI; NANCY ANNE KAMINSKI A/K/A NANCY A. KAMINSKI A/K/A NANCY KAMINSKI; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, ET AL, Defendant(s).

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF HARBORVIEW TRUST FUND Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES P. KOURKOUKIS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated May 29, 2012, and entered in Case No. 192009CA 000646XXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF HARBORVIEW TRUST FUND is Plaintiff and JAMES P. KOURKOUKIS; REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO AMSOUTH BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR

of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 3010 North Military Trail, Suite 300, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 30 days from the date of first publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 1st day of June, 2012.

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Terry E. Creamer
Deputy Clerk
June 14, 21, 2012

87781T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 192009CA000646 XXXXXX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF HARBORVIEW TRUST FUND Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES P. KOURKOUKIS, et al., Defendants.

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HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 97, CITY OF APALACHICOLA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Franklin County Courthouse. (850) 653-8861 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida on May 30, 2012.

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of Court

By: Terry E. Creamer
As Deputy Clerk

Attorneys for Plaintiff SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, PA. P.O. BOX 11438 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438 (954) 564-0071 June 14, 21, 2012

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Individuals and businesses that do not fall within the Settlement's class definition or that timely opt out of the Settlement may file claims under OPA with BP. This includes claims for interim, short-term damages representing less than the full amount to which the claimant may ultimately be entitled.

Access to forms

Effective June 4, 2012, claim forms for the BP Claims Program are available at www.bp.com/claims or may be requested by calling 1-855-687-2631.

All claim forms for the BP Claims Program must be submitted in one of the following ways:

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- Cold call and prospect new territory opportunities.
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- Have strong work ethic
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News BRIEFS

HCOLA to host political forum tonight

Hillside Coalition of Laborers for Apalachicola will host a political forum at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 14 at the Holy Family Community Center, 203 Dr. Frederick Humphries St. in Apalachicola.

For more information, please call 323-0544 or 653-7515.

'Train the trainer' classes postponed

The Community Emergency Response Team's "Train-The-Trainer" classes, originally announced for June 18-20 at the Emergency Operations Center, have been cancelled. Emergency Management Director Pam Brownell said regional classes will probably be scheduled for some time in August at an unspecified location. For more information, call 653-6748.

Bridge inspection Monday in Eastpoint

Intermittent lane closures will occur Monday, June 18 on U.S. 98 at the Porters Bar Bridge

(approximately two miles west of State Road 65) in Eastpoint. Transfield Services bridge inspectors will replace a bridge joint on the structure. Motorists can expect intermittent lane restrictions in the eastbound lanes between 8:30 a.m. and noon and in the westbound lanes from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Motorists are reminded to pay attention and use caution; traffic flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone.

Apalach to cut ribbon on reuse system Friday

The City of Apalachicola has placed their land application and reclaimed water system in service. This system provides for 100 percent beneficial reuse of the wastewater treatment plant's effluent and will eliminate surface water discharge to wetlands.

The city and Baskerville-Donovan, Inc. are hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Apalachicola Reuse Water and Land Application System this Friday, June 15. The ceremony will be at Riverfront Park at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be provided.

We would like to extend an invitation to each of you and hope that you will join us next Friday at the Park!

Voluntary Pre-K registration June 21

Mr. Hardee from Early Learning Coalition will be at the Learning Center, 85 School Road, Eastpoint - Room 1 on Thursday, June 21 to register children for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten 2012-13. He will also complete forms for summer VPK certificates. Please remember students who attend summer VPK must have a VPK certificate. Pre-K Child Find Screenings will be on July 18-19; please call for an appointment 1-866-277-6616. The screening will be for children age 3 and 4, with special needs such as vision, hearing and speech.

2012 hurricane guides

At the June 5 meeting of the county commission, Emergency Management Director Pam Brownell announced that the 2012 Hurricane Survival Guides are ready for mass mailing. Every resident in the county should receive one within the next month

SGI Plantation photo contest

The St. George Plantation 2012 photo contest will be held from June 1 through Aug. 28.

Entrants may submit photographs of St. George Island, Apalachicola or Franklin County, accompanied by a written release form granting St. George Plantation Owners' Association permission to publish your photo. Any person identifiable in the photograph must also sign the release. A parent must sign the release for any minor pictured.

Include the following information on a label affixed to the back of the photograph: Your name, address and phone number; and title of photo or brief description. Entries must be on disk and professionally printed or in PDF or JPG format of less than 5 MBs.

Entry must be mailed or emailed (photocontest10@sgpoa.com) by Aug. 28, to Plantation Photo Contest, 1712 Magnolia Road, St. George Island, FL 32328.

Two entries per photographer. Entry fee is \$5 per entry, with check made payable to SGPOA at the above address. First place wins \$150, second place \$100, third

place \$50 and People's Choice \$50. Winners will be notified Sept. 14.

Name your own sea turtle!

Sea turtle nesting season is here! Refuge staff and volunteers began surveys for sea turtle nests at St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) on May 1. You can support this important monitoring work for a donation of \$25, by joining our "Adopt-a-Nest" program.

As in past years, participants receive an adoption certificate, photo of adopted nest, activity/hatchling report and recognition in Supporters' newsletter.

But we're offering a new twist for 2012. "Adopt-a-Nest" participants will be able to name the turtle whose nest they adopt.

Nest adoption proceeds help offset refuge costs for the monitoring program, including fuel for survey vehicles and materials for cages to protect nests from predators. We're hoping for more adoptions this year given rising fuel costs. Gift adoptions are available.

To adopt a nest or learn more, e-mail supportstvin@hotmail.com or leave a message at 229-6735.

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.

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