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Jackel cited for tax violation

Appraiser: Commission chair maintaining dual homestead exemptions

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Franklin County Commission Chair Pinki Jackel has repaid the county nearly \$5,000 in back taxes

and penalties after being cited by the property appraiser's office for violating the Florida law against maintaining dual homestead exemptions.

Jackel repaid the money last week after Property Appraiser Doris Pendleton on June 20 sent her a certified letter that she had 30 days to either repay the nearly \$3,000 in back taxes plus a 50 percent penalty and 15 percent annual interest or face a lien on the St. George Island home she co-owns



PINKI JACKEL



DORIS PENDLETON

with her husband, Marietta, Ga., attorney Dana Jackel. In all, taxes and penalties due

to the county on the 301 W. Gorrie Drive property for 2009-11 totaled \$4,947. The home, purchased by the couple in 1998 for \$125,000, was appraised last year at \$330,846.

Along with her check, dated June 26, Pinki Jackel provided a letter from Tallahassee attorney Stephen Slepik, who wrote that neither of his clients "believes the homestead exemption was improperly allowed," but they were

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BOOM!

Franklin County celebrates Fourth of July

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From the moment Angelita Stephens' sweet voice rose to the crescendo of "the Star Spangled Banner" at Apalachicola's Riverfront Park on July 3 all the way to the grand finale of the fireworks over the Carrabelle River on July 4, Franklin County marked this year's Independence Day in especially fine fashion.

Apalachicola's traditional Red, White and Blue parade, led by Mayor Van Johnson in his newly outfitted ApalachOne vehicle, left Lafayette Park

with a long queue of gaily decorated golf carts, automobiles, bicycles and plenty of politicians waving to onlookers lining Avenue B.

Beneath a huge flag hanging overhead from the ladder of the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department truck, Riverfront Park came alive with a gathering crowd, enjoying an ice cream social as anticipation built for the pyrotechnics.

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Watching the Carrabelle fireworks are, at left, are Danger Painter, in the arms of Sylvia Keith, and Lily Keith, in the arms of her mom, Billie Jean Keith.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Deficit puts pre-K program in jeopardy

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Finance officials told the school board last week that because it faces going over budget this year and diminishing tax returns next year, the district ought to consider a cut to employee benefits and possibly getting out of the voluntary pre-kindergarten program.

"In the last two years, we've lost \$2 million and they (the state) have given us an additional \$400,000," said Roy Carroll, the school district's director of



MARTHA WEIMORTS
director of special programs

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County tax base slide continues

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Franklin County's overall tax base slid by 12.7 percent this year, worse than the falloff last year and the sixth consecutive year it has shrunk.

It is now less than half the size it was in 2006 and almost exactly what it was in 2003.

According to preliminary numbers Property Appraiser Doris Pendleton's office provided to the Florida Department of Revenue by the July 1 deadline, the county's combined taxable value will drop to \$1.65 billion from \$1.89 billion last year, a decline of 12.7 percent, or about a quarter-billion dollars.

This is more than the 10 percent Pendleton estimated last month might be the case.

"We knew it could go either way, and it happened to hit a little harder than we thought it would," she said.

Because school taxes do not in-

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County jobless rate holds steady at 6.1%

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Franklin County's jobless rate held steady in May, nearly two percentage points better than both Gulf and Bay counties.

According to preliminary numbers released June 15 by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), the county's unemployment rate stayed at 6.1 percent even as the workforce grew by

90 workers, from 5,624 to 5,716.

Five people were added to the unemployment rolls, boosting them from 341 to 346 people in search of work.

The county's labor force remains larger than one year ago when it comprised 5,581 workers and when the jobless rate was higher, at 7.6 percent.

Franklin County's jobless picture kept it at fourth best in the state. Monroe County had the state's lowest rate, at 4.9 percent, followed by

Walton at 5.3 and Okaloosa at 5.9.

Many of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates were those with relatively high proportions of government employment.

The county's unemployment numbers continue to outpace the two nearby counties, Bay and Gulf, which also are part of the Gulf Coast Workforce region. Bay stayed steady at 7.8 percent, while Gulf ticked upwards, from 7.9 to 8.0 percent.

The combined jobless rate in the region was 7.7 percent in May, unchanged from April but 1.6 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 9.3 percent and below the current state rate of 8.5 percent.

This is the region's best jobless picture since Nov. 2008. With an out of a labor force of 102,873, there were 7,930 unemployed Gulf Coast residents.

"We continue to hold steady. While the economy is still having fits and starts, we seem

to be heading in the right direction," Kim Bodine, executive director for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, said. "Our unemployment rate is considerably lower than last year, and our tourism season is in full swing."

According to data collected by the Conference Board, there were 2,005 job openings advertised online in May for the Gulf Coast region, an increase of 3.3 percent in job demand from one year ago.

Since the beginning of

the year, the workforce board has placed 2,199 individuals in jobs.

Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.6 percent in May, lowest since Dec. 2008 when it was 8.2 percent.

There were 794,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9.26 million.

The May rate was 2.0 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 10.6 percent.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 8.2 percent in May.

Tree committee frustrated at Progress' timing

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Apalachicola tree committee chairman Geoff Hewell said his group is working hard to preserve Apalachicola's environment.

The city Tree Ordinance 2011-01 was put into place in Feb. 2011. It provides protection for the city's trees in consideration of their value in "providing a healthier and more beautiful environment," and "enhancing the value and marketability of property."

In an interview July 5, Hewell said his committee members have put in more than 30 hours this year assessing proposed pruning and tree removal, and he has been in weekly contact with Wilber Bellew, the city staffer charged with liaising with the tree committee. Committee members include Hewell, Bruce Hall, Robin

Vroegop, Caroline Weiler, Beth Wright and Bob Horn.

Hewell said something went wrong late last Thursday afternoon when Burford's Tree Inc. of Anniston, Ala., descended on Avenue C with more than a dozen bucket trucks and set to work.

"I don't understand why they were trimming at 7 p.m. at night when the city employees were all gone," Hewell said, adding that he was under the impression Bellew would be present during the pruning of any protected tree or patriarch tree as defined in the ordinance.

Hewell agreed the alleys, which were trimmed earlier in the week, "were in terrible shape. We gave them the understanding that that's mostly where the power outages were."

He blamed the condition of the wires in the alleys on Progress' failure to prune on a regular basis.

He said Progress Energy wants to prune on a five-year cycle, but Apalachicola's ordinance calls for an 18-month pruning cycle, with four-to-six foot clearance of wires.

"Just because it's an emergency doesn't mean you go beyond the standards," said Hewell. "They trimmed six feet below even the TV cable in some cases."

He said that some trees lost more than 25 percent of their canopy, also prohibited under the ordinance.

Hewett said Progress had been scheduled to send in crews for regular trimming twice since the ordinance passed but cancelled both times.

"Why did they jump on Avenue C?" he asked. "The power had already been restored."

"The tree committee was awful disappointed in Progress Energy because they promised us so much," said Hewell.



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More than a dozen bucket trucks descended on Avenue C late last Thursday to trim trees after power had already been restored.

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2 killed, 1 injured in bridge collision

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A Highland View man and his mother were killed Thursday morning, July 5 when a pickup truck crossed the center line on the John Gorrie Bridge and struck the truck he was driving in the opposite lane.

According to a report completed by Florida Highway Patrol crash investigator Sgt. Aaron

Stephens and FHP homicide investigator Cpl. Scotty Lolley, the collision occurred at 11:40 a.m. on the bridge one mile west of Bay Shore Drive.

A 2003 Dodge Pickup, driven by Robert Creamer, 62, of Eastpoint, was headed east from Apalachicola when it crossed into the westbound lane and struck the left front of a 1988 Dodge Pickup, driven by John E. Parker, 65, of Highland View. After impact, the right rear of

Parker's truck struck the concrete barrier wall on the north shoulder.

Parker died in the collision. A passenger in Parker's truck, Agnes H. Parker, 97, of Port St. Joe, was critically injured and rushed to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, where she later died.

Creamer, in serious condition, was taken to Bay Medical Center.

All three individuals were wearing their seatbelts.

After shutting down the bridge as emergency crews from volunteer fire departments worked with Jaws of Life to free the victims, FHP reopened the bridge at about 2:30 p.m.

John E. Parker served as a staff sergeant in Vietnam with the U.S. Air Force, where he was awarded the Special Weapons Load Medal, Air Combat Award, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, Presidential Wing

Citation, and numerous other awards, totaling 14. He was active in the John C. Gainous Post 10069, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Parker earned a straight-A grade point average at South Georgia Technical College as a student in automotive. He also earned a degree from Georgia Southwestern College. He served as an automotive instructor at South Georgia Tech for

24 years, and was Advisor of the Year while teaching there.

Mr. Parker collected antique cars, loved antique car shows, fishing and was an avid outdoorsman.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 14 in Sunset Memory Gardens in Americus, Ga. Those who wish may make donations to Forgotten Coast Wounded Warriors, P. O. Box 1022, Port St. Joe, FL, 32457.

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) and Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO). All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

June 28

Patrick L. Johnston, 24, Clearwater, burglary of a dwelling, grand theft and tampering with physical device (FCSO)

Jeremiah D. Branton, 32, Tallahassee, burglary of structure causing damage, and grand theft (FCSO)

Elex D. Pugh, 34, Apalachicola, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (FCSO)

June 29

Richard M. Charron, 55, Eastpoint, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis (FCSO)

July 2

Mark Devin Creamer, 27, Panama City, violation of probation (FCSO)

July 3

Amber N. Vinson, 25, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)

July 4

Fonda D. Davis, Jr., 21, Apalachicola, Gulf County warrant for false imprisonment and sexual battery (FCSO)

July 5

Stephanie M. Ross, 25, Carrabelle, uttering (FCSO)

July 6

Marcus D. Kelley, 36, Bristol, corruption by threat against a public servant, and domestic battery (FCSO)

Michael L. Lee, 43, Carrabelle, violation of a domestic violence injunction (FCSO)

Nathan H. Montgomery, 56,

Apalachicola, failure to appear (FCSO)

July 7

Kristen R. Edgecomb, 30, Eastpoint, felony driving while license suspended or revoked (APD)

July 8

Paul J. Green, III, 46, Cairo, Ga., battery (FCSO)

Derrick E. Kennedy, 40, Carrabelle, domestic battery (FCSO)

July 9

Travis Dwayne Millender, 35, Carrabelle, felony battery — great bodily harm, two counts of battery and corruption by threats against a public servant (CPD)

Mark Devin Creamer, 27, Panama City, violation of probation (FCSO)

Christopher E. Everitt, 25, Apalachicola, burglary of an occupied dwelling and battery (APD)

Loreal L. Daniels, 31, Apalachicola, child abuse and battery (FCSO)

Changes to disabled parking permit renewal

Special to the Times

New requirements put in place by Florida lawmakers will soon affect drivers with a blue permanent disabled parking permit.

Effective Oct. 1, when the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) begins implementation of the new law, any person issued a permanent disabled parking permit must renew it every four years and, when doing so, provide a certificate of disability completed and signed by a certifying authority within the past 12 months.

That means every blue disabled parking permit holder will, at least every four years and within 12 months of the date of their renewal, fill out Form

HSMV 83039.

Permit holders will not have to pay a renewal fee. In addition, effective July 1, if your blue permanent disabled parking permit is lost or stolen, a replacement will only be issued if you submit the same documentation required for renewals.

The new law does not affect red temporary disabled parking permits, nor people who have disabled (wheelchair) license plates. Under current Florida law, blue disabled parking permit holders must renew their parking permits every four years, but they do not have to submit certificates of disability when renewing. Drivers in Franklin County can renew online, by mail or by visiting Tax Collector Jimmy Harris' office.

The legislation also directs DHSMV to collect calls reporting abuse of the permits. Calls should be placed to the DHSMV Customer Service Center at (850) 617-3803.

The blue disabled parking permit with a current sticker must be visible from the front and rear of a motor vehicle. One side of the permit must display the applicant's driver's license number or state identification card number, along with a warning the applicant must have such identification at all times while using the parking permit.

Illegally obtaining or using a permit can result in the loss of the parking permit and carries the potential for criminal penalties as outlined in Florida Statute 320-0848.



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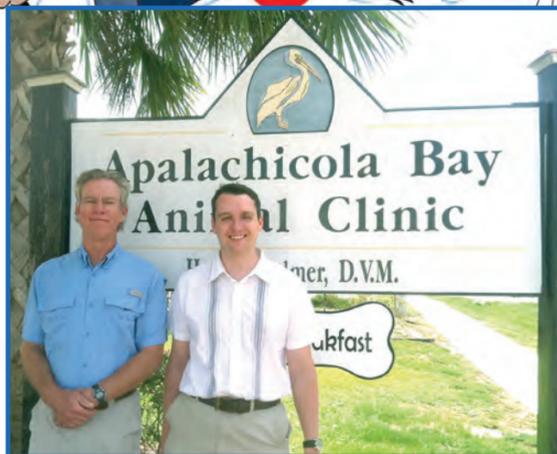
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Opinion

UF study: Drug abuse starts with alcohol

By Allison Vitt
Special to the Times

Alcohol — not marijuana — is the gateway drug that leads adolescents down the path toward more serious substances, a new University of Florida study shows.

The findings may not settle a decades-old debate over how drug abuse begins, but it could help educators and policymakers build more effective drug-prevention programs, said Adam Barry, an assistant professor and researcher in the College of Health and Human Performance.

“By recognizing the important predictive role of alcohol and delaying initiation of alcohol use, school officials and public health leaders can positively impact the progression of substance use,” he said. “I am confident in our findings and the clear implications they have for school-based prevention programs. By delaying and/or preventing the use of alcohol, these programs can indirectly reduce the rate of use of other substances.”

The study appears in the August issue of the *Journal of School Health*.

Barry used a nationally representative sample of high school seniors, evaluating data collected through the annual Monitoring the Future study. The study, conducted by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, uses questionnaires to examine the behaviors, attitudes and values of secondary school students, college students and young adults. Once collected, the data is made available for evaluation by other researchers and institutions.

Barry's study focused on data collected from 14,577 high school seniors from 120 public and private schools in the United States.

He evaluated whether the students had ever used any of 11 substances, including licit substances

such as alcohol and tobacco, as well as illicit substances like marijuana, cocaine, heroin, LSD, amphetamines, tranquilizers and other



ADAM BARRY

narcotics. The results indicated that alcohol, not marijuana or tobacco, was most often the first substance students tried, he said.

In the sample of students, alcohol also represented the most commonly used substance, with 72.2 percent of students reporting alcohol consumption at some point in their lifetime. Comparatively, 45 percent of students reported using tobacco, and 43.3 percent cited marijuana use.

In addition, the drug use documented found that substance use typically begins with the most socially acceptable drugs, such as alcohol and cigarettes, then proceeds to marijuana use and finally to other illegal, harder drugs. Moreover, the study showed that students who used alcohol exhibited a significantly greater likelihood - up to 16 times - of licit and illicit substance use.

“These findings add further credence to the literature identifying alcohol as the gateway drug to other substance use,” he said.

Barry also cited the important role of parents and their alcohol-related attitudes and policies in the home.

“Parents should know that a strict, zero-tolerance policy at home is best. Increasing alcohol-specific rules and decreasing availability will help prevent an adolescent's alcohol use,” he said. “The longer that alcohol initiation is delayed, the more likely that other drug or substance use will be delayed or prevented as well.”

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Riverkeeper responds to Supreme Court decision

Special to the Times

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper's executive director, Dan Tonsmeire, not only keeps a watchful eye over the river itself, but everything that affects it - including Supreme Court decisions.

Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to take up an appeal filed by Florida in the case involving the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river system. Both the Apalachicola Riverkeeper and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) warn that the decision not to hear Florida's request to review an 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling is likely to have a negative impact on the Apalachicola River and Bay.

The water dispute between Alabama, Florida, and Georgia has been taking place in federal court since 1990. Alabama and Georgia want water for industry and growing cities, while Florida needs water for fish and wildlife along the Apalachicola River and to support the seafood industry in Apalachicola Bay.

Lake Lanier, a federal reservoir on the Chattahoochee River near Atlanta, Georgia, has been the focus of the dispute because it provides 60 percent of the storage capacity among the reservoirs on the

river system. U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson in 2009 ruled that Congress must authorize Lake Lanier to provide water to Georgia cities. Without authorization, he ordered that water use be cut off in three years. But the 11th Circuit overturned the decision and instead directed the Corps of Engineers to analyze its authority related to the Lake Lanier. Florida and Alabama in February asked the Supreme Court to review the case.

“I'm disappointed by the decision,” Tonsmeire said. “But I'm also reminded how vital our work is. At least the Court's decision will bring some resolution to the legal issues surrounding use of Lake Lanier for water supply.”

“Now that we're out of the courtroom, we can focus on the next step — managing water to meet the needs of all users throughout the ACF (Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint) Basin because ultimately any lasting solution depends upon Georgia, Alabama, and Florida working together to reach a water sharing agreement,” he said.

The ACF Stakeholders group has suggested that instead of new rounds of litigation, that everyone involved sit down together, and using the best available science, achieve a sustainable plan for



DON TONSMEIRE

how the water can best be managed throughout the entire ACF basin.

“Our organization is redoubling its efforts to protect this national treasure,” Tonsmeire said of the Apalachicola Riverkeeper group. “We're working hand in hand with the other ACF stakeholders in order to protect the entire basin. It's too important not to. And we really need help to do it, donations and volunteers to help us fight the good fight for one of the most fragile and diverse ecosystems in our country.”

The Apalachicola

Riverkeeper is a member-supported, non-profit organization that monitors the Apalachicola from the upper reaches at the Florida/Georgia line downstream into the Apalachicola Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. One of its primary missions is to ensure that the Apalachicola is guaranteed its fair share of the waters of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint watershed in perpetuity.

For more information or to contribute or volunteer, call 653-8936 or go to www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Snyder case was Mock's 'mistake'

Even though I'm in a nursing home, I still vote in Franklin County. Though my health is poor my mind is not. Being in a nursing home has not stopped me from hearing and reading about the current series of elections and worrying about the outcome. I have many friends in Carrabelle that I talk to on my cell phone and some of them are saying that we should re elect Mike Mock. They are saying that when asked, Mock says he simply made a mistake because he trusted his men and did not know the facts when his people arrested Bill Snyder for battery almost five years ago.

I'm Bill Snyder's mother and I was present when my son was beaten up at the Lanark Village water and sewer meeting back in 2007. Yes it was a mistake to trust his men and allow them to arrest Bill but it was most certainly no accident. Myself and three other ladies from Lanark, accompanied by neighborhood watch volunteer Frank Rush, went to the sheriff's office

twice within two weeks before the beating inflicted upon my son in a public meeting. We went because my son Bill had received threats from a Lanark water commissioner's friends and a couple of her family members. They were following Bill everywhere he went and harassing him constantly. (Bill was in political opposition of the Lanark Water Board and was trying to get the board dissolved.)

We went to see Sheriff Mock hoping that he would protect my son. Both times he said that he could not do anything unless Bill either got hurt or killed. This is why it is so bizarre that Sheriff Mock allowed my son to be arrested without a real investigation. Soon after the arrest, word got back to me that Sheriff Mock was telling people that Bill was just a troublemaker and that they were going on the evidence. A few days after the trial that totally exonerated my son, I learned that Mock was telling everyone that he just made a mistake.

During my son's trial Lt.

Ronnie Segree admitted in court that he had turned the case in without including quite a few witness statements as well as the audio and video evidence that clearly proved that my son was attacked and not the other way around. I was one of those witnesses who made a statement and there were well over a dozen others who signed statements saying that my son was the one that was attacked. Sheriff Mock knew this because right after the arrest, dozens of people called him to protest what he had allowed to happen. Most of these people told him they were eyewitnesses. I was there that night and to my absolute horror, saw a very large man go charging behind a counter and begin beating and kicking my son so severely that I thought he was dead! Bill ended up leaving the meeting in an ambulance and he spent the night in the hospital, and yet he was the one who was arrested! My son has a rare muscular disease and could neither run nor fight back effectively. He had to stand

there and take what he saw coming.

Ask yourselves this; if you witnessed your disabled son being beaten by a very healthy, much younger man; would you be so forgiving as to say that Sheriff Mock had simply made a mistake a few years ago by not knowing what was going on? I don't think so! If it was a mistake, why didn't Sheriff Mock apologize to my son and open a real investigation? Why didn't Mock try to do anything at all to make it right? He did absolutely nothing!

How many other so-called mistakes did Mr. Mock make while he was sheriff? I think that this “Mistake” is one mistake too many and we should not put him back in office! We didn't re-elect him back then and we should not elect him now! Please think carefully before you vote. If it happened to my son, it could very well happen to you or yours.

Ruth Martin

Progress trimming raised questions, not protest

For the record my name is Deborah. My reaction to the front page article last week (“The Price of Progress”) was that it did not accurately represent what was going on. I do not think that it was fair or accurate to describe me or any of the members of the Tree Committee who were present, or people from the neighborhood or anyone else as “protesters.” The fact of the matter is there were about 12 trucks,

probably 20 to 25 workers, it was 6:15 p.m. City Hall closed, and Progress Energy slashing away cutting patriarch trees.

All I was attempting to do was find a foreman or Progress Energy person to find out what was going on and why they were doing something that I thought they were not authorized to do under the tree ordinance.

There was no emergency. The storm was

over, the power was on.

I was also upset that your article seemed to set up an adversarial conflict between the elderly couple who have heart conditions and the Tree Committee, all of whom were ignored or treated disrespectfully by Progress Energy and the police as I was. Progress Energy would have had less problems if they had trimmed in an orderly fashion and in accordance with the tree

ordinance in April when they were supposed to. You can cut down every tree in town and in a severe storm you will still lose electricity.

Most of their problems probably relate to the fact that they have not upgraded their system nor did they do the trimming that was requested in April.

Deborah Miller
Apalachicola

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Remembering the 'war to end all wars'

Last month, while renovating an apartment in Lanark Village, Bryan Taylor came across a roll of paper under the insulation in the attic. On unrolling it, he found the certificate pictured below.

This is a Columbia Certificate, which in 1919 were awarded to every American soldier who was killed or wounded in action in World War I. These certificates were commissioned by President Woodrow Wilson to honor these soldiers, with artwork by Edwin Blashfield.

There was no Purple Heart at the time, so they were presented to those soldiers whose heroism would receive this award today. Although the Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, was established in 1782 by George Washington, it was awarded to just three Revolutionary War soldiers, and then not awarded again until after World War I. Its use was reauthorized in 1932 when it became available to any soldier killed or wounded in action after April 5, 1917, the day before the US entered World War I.

The inscription at the top reads, "Columbia Gives To Her Son the Accolade of the New Chivalry of Humanity." The soldier's name, rank and unit were handwritten at the bottom, above a printed signature of President Wilson.

This certificate was awarded to Pvt. Frederick Van Ham, a member of the 1st Division of the 129th Infantry. The document was donated to the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum and will be on display as part of its growing collection of military artifacts.

— Lois Swoboda



PHYLIS SVRCEK | Special to the Times

Attending the 50th reunion are, back row, from left, Norma Clenny Mallon, Linda Rowland Pardue, Claudia Allen Coaker, Frances Howell Monroe, Neal Porter, Francis Ponder, Milton Ward and Gerald Kent. Front row, from left, are Margaret Richards Todd, Phyllis Stanley Svrcek, Deborah Mabrey Huckleba, Bootsey George, Patricia McDonald Fritz, Steve Scarabin and Ronnie Martina.

Sharks celebrate 50th reunion

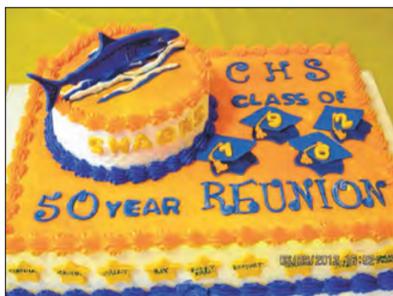
By PHYLIS SVRCEK
Special to the Times

The Chapman High School Class of 1962 held its 50th year reunion June 8-10.

The festivities began June 8 at the home of Susan Clementson with hamburgers and all the trimmings. The rain did not hinder the high spirits as the classmates greeted each other with hugs and laughter. The much loved and familiar music of 1962 was provided by John Clementson.

Neal Porter, vice president of the class distributed caps to the guys. The caps were monogrammed with Chapman High School 1962 and a shark which was the school mascot. Likewise visors were given to the ladies.

On Saturday night, June 9 all gathered at Trinity Episcopal Church's Benedict Hall for a delicious seafood dinner. Phyllis Stanley Svrcek, president of the class, welcomed everyone and homeroom procedures from 1962 began. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited, followed by Deborah Huckleba reading verses from the Bible. Then a rousing rendition was sung of the school's alma mater: "Dear Old Chapman, the school of our dreams."



A look at the impressive reunion cake

produced by Claudia Allen Coaker, were several "remember when" statements that were reminders of how life was in 1962. Gas was only 25-29 cents per gallon. Transportation to St. George Island was only by ferry. Many family-owned stores existed.

Tom Daly was guest speaker and spoke on the current preservation efforts to maintain the authenticity of Apalachicola.

A cake decorated with a shark, mortar board and a star representing each 1962 classmate was served for dessert. Neal Porter surprised everyone with "goodie bags" as a memento of the weekend. Door prizes were given; many which had been donated by local merchants.

John Clementson provided popular music from 1962. Dancing began, with 25 persons in attendance. Each classmate took a yellow rose as a remembrance of the time spent together, and everyone left in high spirits, making plans to reunite sooner than later. Some did meet for breakfast Sunday morning.

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Lions Club requests old eyeglasses

We missed you at lunch July 5. Our faithful volunteers prepared it, and the members of the Carrabelle Lions Club served it.

The Lions Club members hold their monthly meetings on the last Thursday of the month, at the Crooked River Grill, and the gavel falls at 7 p.m. Don't forget to drop your old eyeglasses in the boxes. They will be repaired, cleaned and distributed to those who need them.



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

This afternoon, Robert Hill will be at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center. Hill is a candidate for state representative for our district. Come and enjoy a good lunch, and meet Robert Hill.

I want to apologize for the misinformation on last Saturday's golf club breakfast. The members of the Lanark Village Golf Club will start up the monthly breakfast in October.

Mark your calendars for Saturday. H. Jeff Vonier will treat us to coffee and doughnuts from 8:30-11 a.m. at Chillas Hall. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Come meet and talk to Jeff. He is a candidate for sheriff of Franklin County. See you there.

Happy days are here again! We had our annual cookout at the Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82. This was for members and guests only. What a time we had — food, fellowship, and music, music, music. The band Greg K and Krew was on hand to provide the music and was joined by several local singers. Oh yes, the Songbird, Evelyn McAnally, and the lovely Ann Merritt were among the singers.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and homebound — and get a rope, tie a knot, hang on to Jesus!

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

Baby SHOWER

Sierra Messer baby shower Monday

There will be a baby shower for Sierra Messer at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Carrabelle Fish Camp restaurant, 275 Timber Island Road.

She is expecting a baby girl.

Wedding



Elizabeth Davis, Jacob Williams wed in Hot Springs

Elizabeth Catherine Davis of Hot Springs, Ark., and Jacob Williams of Apalachicola were united in marriage at 3 p.m. April 28, 2012, at First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs.

Father Tom Weller of Panama City performed the ceremony in the presence of numerous friends and relatives.

The bride is the daughter of Tom I. Davis and Suzan (Janaskie) Davis of Hot Springs. She is the granddaughter of the late Jessie J. and Helen (Isley) Davis, and Franklin and the late Mary (McFadden) Janaskie.

The bridegroom is the son of Jerry and Mary (George) Williams. He is the grandson of the late Nick D. and Theodora "Lula" (Vathis) George, and the late E. Belon and Vicie (Jackson) Williams.

Bridesmaids were Kaitlin L. Stubbs, first cousin of the bride, and Despina Williams, sister of the groom. Groomsmen were Scott E. Montgomery and Bruce E. Varnes Jr., both friends of the groom. A reception followed at the Hot Springs Embassy Suites.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in astrophysics, and Pennsylvania State University, where she earned a master's degree in aerospace engineering.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Florida, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering, and the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a master's degree in aerospace engineering.

Both are employed at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston.

The couple honeymooned in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, and reside in Houston.

Wedding

Keisha Smith, Justin Messer to wed Saturday

Kathy and Don Griswold, of Carrabelle, request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Keisha Kay, to Justin Eric Messer.

The wedding will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Carrabelle United Methodist Church, 102 N.E. Ave. B.

The bride is the granddaughter of

Cecil and the late Kay Millender, and the late Marjorie and Butch Jones.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Linda Messer, of Carrabelle. He is the grandson of Mayor Curley and the late Audrey Messer, and Walt and Dot Worthington, all of Carrabelle.

The bride-to-be, a 1999 graduate of Carrabelle High School, is

employed as Carrabelle's city clerk.

The future groom, a 1990 graduate of Carrabelle High School, works for Carrabelle's water and sewer department.

A reception will follow at the Carrabelle Boat Club, 1570 U.S. 98 W. All family and friends are cordially invited to share in this joyous occasion.

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Obituaries

Keith Hardy Jr.

Keith Hardy Jr., 34, died in a backcountry skiing accident on Friday, June 15, on Mt. Baker in northern Washington's Cascade Range. Keith was a father, physician and outdoorsman, experienced in hiking, kayaking, mountain biking, mountaineering and backcountry skiing.



KEITH HARDY JR.

Keith graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High in 1995. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Michigan. In keeping with the tradition of U of D High to be a "man for others," Keith spent time while a student at U of M in a remote area of Thailand near the Burmese border, mostly treating victims of landmines and malaria.

He completed his internship and residency at the University of Washington, where he studied physical medicine and rehabilitation. He completed his residency in 2007, became a clinical assistant professor at UW in 2008 and began practicing as a physiatrist in the Seattle area.

Keith was well-accomplished despite his short career. He was the team doctor for several professional, college and high school sports teams

and served as the U.S. medical director for the BC Ride to Conquer Cancer from 2009-12. His colleagues in the Spine and Musculoskeletal Program at Evergreen Hospital in Seattle described him as gifted in the use of high-definition ultrasound to diagnose and treat injuries. He was an emerging leader in this area of medicine and had lectured at national conferences on his techniques. Perhaps more importantly, his patients commented on his personal interest and the joy he took in helping them heal so they could get back to doing the things they loved.

Keith is survived by his wife, Jen, and son, Jasper; grandfather Ralph Hardy, Sr. of Carrabelle; grandmother Mila Yang of Tucson, Ariz.; father Keith Hardy (and wife, Uta) of Apalachicola; mother Tessa Yang-Hardy of Ventura, Calif.; brother Loren Hardy of Los Angeles, Calif.; and sister Meyin Schmidt (and husband, Greg) of Orange Park. He is also survived by aunts, uncles and cousins, including uncle Brian Hardy and family of Carrabelle and uncle Greg Hardy and family of Dunnellon.

B.L. Cosey

On Saturday, June 30 at 11:30 p.m., we lost another of the greatest generation. Bernard Lewis Cosey (B.L. to many) joined Opal, his beloved wife of over 50 years, leaving behind his daughter Carolyn (Taetle) and son Kendall; three grandchildren David and Adam Taetle, and Colleen Cosey; and five great-grandchildren Noah, Katie, Max, Jude, and Tess Taetle.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, July 8 at Kelley Funeral Home in Apalachicola, with the Rev. James D. Hughes, of Dalton, Ga. officiating. Interment followed at Magnolia Cemetery.

B. L. Cosey was born March 11, 1921, at home on the family farm in middle Georgia, the youngest of five children and the first to attend college at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. As with so many of this generation, his education was interrupted by World War II. At war's end, 2nd Lt. Cosey was honorably discharged, returning to his wife and two children.

With a winning smile, quick intelligence, and a sharp grasp of the new technologies, electricity and aviation, B.L. joined that team that would together move our country from a 19th century farm economy

through a 20th century manufacturing economy to the 21st century information/ computer services economy. He brought a work ethic that demanded working until even the most arduous tasks were completed or bird hunting season had opened. B.L. had a daring independence which, when coupled with understanding how real-world systems operated, compelled him to establish two successful contracting businesses, Cosey Electric and Marietta Construction.

His businesses prospered, as did Cobb County, Ga. during the second half of the 20th century.

After more than 50 years of 80-hour weeks, with frequent all-nighters preparing competitive bids for electrical and construction projects, this tough-minded dynamo retired to St. George Island to build his dream house and play friendly mixed doubles tennis.

B.L. Cosey was not a man of causes; rather a man who thoroughly appreciated the workings of business and nature. He strove to prosper in both with compassion and integrity. His knowing smile and wonderful stories will be long remembered and greatly missed.

Gaye Lass

Gaye Phipps Lass, 58, of Carrabelle passed away Saturday, June 23 in Tallahassee.

Born Jan. 1, 1954, in Barrington, R.I., she was a daughter of the late Edward Joseph and Phyllis Phipps Lass. She attended the University of South Maine while a single mother of two children, graduating with a bachelor of science.

She was a pharmaceutical drug representative, retiring from Abbott Laboratories after 25 years.

Gaye had resided in the Tallahassee area since 1995, coming from Auburn,



GAYE LASS

Maine. She was a volunteer with the American Red Cross, and enjoyed cooking, sailing and skiing.

Gaye was active in the Golf Club of the Lanark Village Association, the Carrabelle Senior Center and other Franklin County groups as an enthusiastic volunteer. She had lived in the Carrabelle area for the past five years.

She is survived by a daughter, Shannon R. Wilson, of Las Vegas, Nev., and son, Shawn E. Wilson, of Waterbury, Conn.

No local services are being planned. Online condolences may be made at www.abbeyfh.com.

Charles F. McElhattan

Charles Fredrick "Whistling Charlie" McElhattan, 80, of Moberly, Mo., passed away Monday, June 11, at Moberly Regional Medical Heart Center. He had been in failing health for some time.

Charlie was born July 6, 1931, in Knox, Penn. He resided in Carrabelle before moving to Missouri in 2000. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister and brother.

He is survived by nieces, Marsha and Danny Bain, Bonnie Stephenson, all of Moberly, and Margie and Fred Harris, of Bradford,



CHARLES F. MCELHATTAN

Penn.; great-nephews, Kent and Kelly Butters and Scott and Erica Butters, all of North Carolina, and Jason and Heather Bain, and Kelly and Jared Bain, all of Moberly; great-great-nephews, Braden, Logan and Leyton Bain, Gregg Bain, Kalob Hesson and Tyler Butters; and great-great-nieces, Ashley Bain, Carly Hesson, Abby, Kayla and Callie Butters.

Memorials to the Moberly Senior Center would be appreciated.

Funeral services were held June 14 at the CATER Funeral Home Chapel.

Magdalene M. McGhin

Magdalene (Peggy) McGhin was born Sept. 24, 1929, and went to be with her Savior on July 6.

She was a former resident of St. George Island and recently relocated to Gainesville. She retired from the USDA, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) in 1990, after 41 years of service.

She was the precious wife of Harry D. McGhin.

Magdalene enjoyed a long and distinguished federal career, which she began as an employee of the Holmes County ASCS office. She also worked in the President Harry S. Truman White House. She returned to the Holmes County ASCS office serving the farmers of Holmes County. She was employed for a short period of time in the Leon County ASCS office. After that, she transferred to the Florida State ASCS office in which she held several positions including reviewer and finally as a program specialist.

Magdalene's most significant achievement was the legacy she leaves to her family. She is survived by a brother, Jack Leavins, and a sister, Virginia Money, as well as her husband, Harry and three children; Linda Gail Allen (Edwin Lynn),

Wayne McKinnon, and Peggy Bracewell (Mark).

She was "Mema" to seven grandchildren; Rachel Benson (Mark), Ben Allen, Stacy Tew (Brad), Alisha McKinnon, Kyle Bracewell (Stacy), and Kris Bracewell (Kayli). Magdalene was preceded in death by grandson Danny McKinnon. She had five great-grandchildren, Sarah Allen, Isabella Benson, Owen Benson, Paisyn Tew and Harper Bracewell.

Magdalene is also survived by three stepdaughters, Katrina Larkin (Frank), Susanne Katz (Larry), DeAnn Thompson (Michael) as well as grandchildren Hannah Mahfood (David) Barry Larkin, Rose Katz and Roni Katz.

Services for Magdalene will be held at New Hope Baptist Church, in Jennings, on Monday, July 16 at 2 p.m. Family will receive visitors at New Hope Baptist immediately preceding the service, beginning at noon. Interment will be at the New Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the St. George Island Christian Retreat Center; 501 Bayshore Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328.

William Shaw

William Areld "Billy" Shaw of Carrabelle passed away at his home Sunday, July 8, 2012, at the age of 41.

Billy was born in Homestead to Areld Shaw and Linda Shaw.

He is survived by his wife, Alicia Ordonia; children, Blake Lyon, Brent Ross, Ashton Shaw, Shianne Shaw and Trenton Shaw; siblings, Honie

Pickett, Ryan Shaw and Amanda Shaw; countless friends and other extended family.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 13, at 10 a.m. at the First Assembly of God with burial in Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be today, July 12, from 5-7 p.m. at the church.

Kelley Funeral Home handling all arrangements.

BENEFIT SATURDAY FOR GLASS FAMILY

A benefit will be held this Saturday, July 14 at Taylor's Building Supply in Eastpoint to help the family of Brandon Glass pay for the cost of his funeral expenses.

Glass, who battled cystic fibrosis throughout his life, died Tuesday, June 5 at age 22. He is the son of Vanessa (King) Perron and Luther Glass.

The benefit will feature shrimp, oysters and fish and start at 11 a.m. at Taylor's, 268 US 98.

All donations are greatly appreciated.



Faith BRIEFS

New Life to host praise extravaganza

New Life First Born Church will hosts its annual musical and praise extravaganza "Sing Praise unto the Lord" 6 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Special guests will be the Open House Church in Quincy and the Voices of Victory.

The church is at 219 16th Street in Apalachicola. For more info, call Mary "Duke" Brown at 653-2464.

Apalach history buffs to meet Saturday

The annual meeting of Apalachicola Area Historical Society Inc. will be at noon Saturday, July 14, t the Carriage House of the Raney House Museum. At this meeting, officers for the

upcoming 2012-13 year will be elected as well as two directors. The meal will be catered by A.J.'s, and everyone attending is asked to bring a dessert.

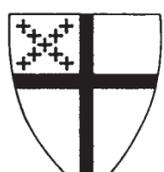
It is time once again to renew membership dues. The dues are \$10. Please make your check payable to AAHS, Inc.

Senior forum planned for July 19

A senior citizens forum is scheduled for Thursday, July 19 at the Carrabelle Senior Center to discuss Franklin County senior issues. The forum is from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to arrive at noon and have lunch at the Senior Center. For more info, call Bill Mahan at 247-9359.

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Elizabeth Roffey

On the Sunday that Debby hit, I was stranded in Apalach as the bridge to the island was closed. At the Piggly, buying something to eat, I was talking at the check-out about how I couldn't get home when a lady invited me to come to her home to eat and sleep.

I was so struck by

her kindness to a total stranger and, although in the end I didn't need her help, I would like to thank her for being so kind. I think she said that she lives on Sixth Street, and I was the lady with the English accent.

I hope that she gets this message that I thank her from the bottom of my heart.

Elizabeth Roffey

Ruth Millender family

To all the wonderful people of Franklin County, the family of Ruth Millender "Honey" would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for all of the wonderful things you all have done to help ease the pain of mama's

passing. The food, cards, flowers, money, and most of all the prayers, love and friendship that you have expressed to this family will stay in our hearts forever.

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500 fish the Saltwater Classic

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The weather was perfect, the fish were famished, and the 24th annual Big Bend Saltwater Classic came off without a hitch last weekend.

A few things were different, the biggest change the date of the tournament. In the past, it has been held on Father's Day but this year it took place July 6-8.

Chairman Justin Parramore said the decision to change the date was made in January when a change in the designated season closed federal waters to grouper fishing over Father's Day weekend. He said the change was fortunate since Father's Day was a wash out weather-wise this year.

Team Illustrious, headed by Michael Elchenko, took first in the Master's Division with 330 points, barely besting Team No Patients, captained by Spencer Stoetzel, with 328 points. Team Cari Lynd and Team Big Fish SGI tied for third place with 255 points.

Alex Kaden, 11, of Thomasville, Ga. set the only record in this year's competition. His 48-pound kingfish shattered the previous Junior's Division



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Keiara Williams and Mary Olorunsogo grapple with the winner of the "Big Ass Fish" competition, a 58-pound cobia caught by Joseph Tatum III of Addisburg, Miss. **Inset,** brothers Alex, 11, Nic, 9, and Will Kadel, 5, of Thomasville, all took home ribbons Sunday. Alex set a tournament record in the Juniors Division with his 48-pound first place king mackerel.



benchmark of 28 pounds, set in 2009 by Caleb Bickerstaff.

Justin Nishimoto, of Tallahassee, grand champion in the recreational division, was awarded a four-night stay at Lookout Lodge in Islamorada and two days fishing with two friends with Robbie's of Islamorada recreational guide service. Justin fished with his father, Howard, who also walked

away with several prizes.

Team R.E. Bass Construction won with the Recreational Team Challenge, weighing in with winning fish in the king mackerel, grouper, redfish, spotted trout and wahoo categories.

Michael Cragg won the \$5,000 Kingfish Jackpot for a 41.65 pound king.

Joseph Tatum III won the cobia category for recreational fishermen and the "Big Ass Fish"

contest with a 58-pound cobia. He too walked away with a \$5,000 check.

Richard Peckman II was the lucky winner of the drawing for a free year's membership in the Freedom Boat Club, which owns the Carrabelle Boat Club facility where the Classic has been headquartered since 2006.

In addition to division prizes in the recreational division; \$1,000 for first

place, \$400 for second and \$250 for third, quite a bit of jackpot money changed hands this year.

Lyle Floyd was a dark horse for the jackpot in the cobia category, coming in eighth in the competition, but walking away with \$714 for his wager on the jackpot. Justin Nishimoto won a \$480 jackpot for flounder. Algy Wade won \$1,449 for his first place 24.6 pound snapper.

Russell Miller scored \$1,344 for a 32.5 pound winning grouper. Brandon Stubbs and George Kilgore tied for first place in the redfish category

and split a jackpot of \$1,500.

Ben Munroe won \$168 for his first place seven-pound sheepshead. Second place winner Travis Vatter won a \$567 jackpot for his Spanish mackerel. Bill Daughdrill won \$1,050 and a gator hunt for his first-place spotted sea trout and third place wahoo winner Luke Oliver won \$714 for his 15-pound fish.

Parramore and

Sponsorship Chairman Matt Lambert both said the Classic could not happen without the help of volunteers. This year, Coach Thomas White brought 30 members of his wrestling teams from Florida A&M University, Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College to tote fish, drive golf carts and run errands; 15 stayed overnight in Carrabelle and 15 commuted.

White said the project was part of the wrestling club's "Beat the Streets" law enforcement community service.

Lambert said volunteers of all ages are invited to come join the fun. "Once you try it, you'll be hooked," he said

If you would like to volunteer, call Lambert at 491-7841.

The Big Bend Saltwater Classic is an annual fundraiser to benefit the Organization for Artificial Reefs, a 27-year old organization that serves the recreational saltwater fishing industry of the Big Bend Gulf Coast by promoting professional development of public artificial reefs. Since 1987, it has created or enhanced more than 30 named reefs in the Gulf.

For a gallery of photos and complete results, visit www.apalachtimes.com.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, July 12	88°	75°	40 %
Fri, July 13	87°	76°	50 %
Sat, July 14	85°	76°	60 %
Sun, July 15	85°	76°	40 %
Mon, July 16	86°	75°	60 %
Tues, July 17	86°	76°	60 %
Wed, July 18	87°	77°	60 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
12	Th	1225am 1.1	1009am 1.7	325am 1.0	702pm 0.2
13	Fr	1050am 1.7		800pm 0.1	
14	Sa	1136am 1.7		852pm 0.0	
15	Su	453am 1.4	1228pm 1.7	719am 1.3	937pm -0.1
16	Mo	519am 1.4	121pm 1.7	829am 1.3	1017pm -0.1
17	Tu	545am 1.5	213pm 1.8	923am 1.3	1051pm -0.1
18	We	607am 1.5	302pm 1.8	1008am 1.3	1122pm -0.1
19	Th	627am 1.5	349pm 1.8	1048am 1.2	1149pm -0.1
20	Fr	645am 1.5	437pm 1.7	1127am 1.1	
21	Sa	701am 1.5	527pm 1.7	1214am 0.0	1208pm 1.0
22	Su	719am 1.6	622pm 1.6	1239am 0.1	1253pm 0.9
23	Mo	739am 1.6	724pm 1.4	105am 0.3	145pm 0.7
24	Tu	802am 1.7	840pm 1.3	132am 0.5	247pm 0.6
25	We	830am 1.7	1018pm 1.2	200am 0.7	403pm 0.5

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
12	Th	844am 2.7		112am 1.6	449pm 0.3
13	Fr	925am 2.7		547pm 0.2	
14	Sa	1011am 2.7		639pm 0.0	
15	Su	328am 2.2	1103am 2.7	506am 2.1	724pm -0.2
16	Mo	354am 2.2	1156am 2.7	616am 2.1	804pm -0.2
17	Tu	420am 2.4	1248pm 2.9	710am 2.1	838pm -0.2
18	We	442am 2.4	137pm 2.9	755am 2.1	909pm -0.2
19	Th	502am 2.4	224pm 2.9	835am 1.9	936pm -0.2
20	Fr	520am 2.4	312pm 2.7	914am 1.8	1001pm 0.0
21	Sa	536am 2.4	402pm 2.7	955am 1.6	1026pm 0.2
22	Su	554am 2.6	457pm 2.6	1040am 1.4	1052pm 0.5
23	Mo	614am 2.6	559pm 2.2	1132am 1.1	1119pm 0.8
24	Tu	637am 2.7	715pm 2.1	1234pm 1.0	1147pm 1.1
25	We	705am 2.7	853pm 1.9	150pm 0.8	

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Experience the lure of lures in Carrabelle

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The Carrabelle History Museum is being visited by a remarkable collection of fishing memorabilia.

Frank Carter is sharing a small part of his huge collection of fishing lures, poles and more. His good friend Jack Fenwick also kicked in with a gorgeous vintage tackle box, wooden containing weights, hooks and antique lures still in the original packaging.

The display features 54 of Carters lures, from a collection he said contains thousands of pieces.

Among the artifacts on display is a copy of the 1852 patent for a trolling spoon designed by J.T. Buell of Whitehall, N.Y., the first lure patented in the U.S. Carter said the Buell Bob Spinner is still popular among fishermen in Alabama, Florida and Georgia and sought after at trading meets. Several schemes have been launched to recreate the prized decoy too.

Specimens of the spoon might be the oldest pieces in Carter's collection, but they are not his rarest, which he said is not on display in Carrabelle. Probably his most unusual piece is a Cox Tampa Bay Wooden Minnow with the original wooden box. Carter said the minnow is one of perhaps a half-dozen still in existence.

Cox was a high school coach and owned a hardware store when he was not devising deadly lures.

"Most old lures were designed to catch the fisherman, not the fish," said Carter, who spoke Saturday on his visit to the museum.

He said he got hooked on lures in 1988 during a battle with leukemia. He underwent bone marrow transplants and was forbidden to fish for a year. He became so despondent over the prohibition he was obsessed with his dry-docked boat and spent hours cleaning it.

"I used to sit in the boat and clean it for hours," he said. "It reached the point where I kept Q-tips in my tackle box."

During this period, he rediscovered some old lures he had acquired in various ways and investigated them on the internet. His new hobby grew and he became a detective, sniffing out tackle boxes and gear at yard sales and tracking down the sources of his find.

He said his first step is always to ask the current owner of the tackle if they know where it came from and often they do.

Carter has helped preserve the history of sport fishing in the south by recording bits of local history that might



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This torpedo shaped "Dillinger" lure was created by William Franklin Eger of Bartow.

have been lost if Carter wasn't curious about his collection.

With names like Water Turkey, Udon Dragonfly, Pop Stop and Uncle Hub's Doofer, the colorful collection is fascinating to artists, history buffs and other fishermen.

You can check out the torpedo-shaped "Dillinger" lure created by William Franklin Eger of Bartow. An early catalogue for his lures reads, "About the time Mr. Eger realized that he had designed a bait of amazing effectiveness, John Dillinger, most deadly

and infamous bandit of modern times was at the peak of his career. So it was only natural for the fisherman to apply the name 'Dillinger' to his new sensationally deadly to game fish."

Frank Carter's collection at the Carrabelle History Museum is well worth dipping into. Visit www.apalachtimes.com to see more lures.

The museum is at 106 S.E. Ave. B in Carrabelle, behind the BP station on U.S. 98. For more information, call Tamara Allen at 850-524-1153.

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Freshwater

Freshwater conditions have settled back to normal after two weeks of rain water run-off from tropical storm Debby. Many angler's reports good catfish catches in the "brothers and surrounding sloughs. Depot creek has had several good days of shellcraker and small bass on worms and crickets. Lake Wimico still the best bet for anglers this week in search of freshwater action.

Inshore / Offshore

Scallop fever is upon us once again in St. Joe Bay. Early reports from hunters are reporting low numbers so far this year. These scallops run in cycles, so this week we may find better ones, and certainly as the season goes on. Only a few days left in the 2012 red snapper season and times is running out. Most good reports from snapper this week are from the 140-200 ft range. This should continue though out the season. Gag grouper is back on the menu as well this month, so get them both while you can.

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Play ball! State softball tourney to light up Carrabelle

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Hundreds of young softball players, together with their passionate fans, urging them on to victory, will grace Carrabelle's Kendrick Park this weekend, as the county hosts for the second consecutive year the Florida Dixie Softball state tournament.

"It's going to be a much bigger event than we had last year," said Nikki Millender, who is coordinating the tourney from her post at the county's parks and recreation department.

"We've been working on this ever since December of last year. We want them to come and it be bigger and better and more funner than the previous year."

Millender helped secure the tourney again this year after presenting the county's bid in Lake City last winter.

Millender's co-worker Link Carroll, a former

softball player and coach, is working closely to make sure the 32 teams from six districts compete in an inspiring display of girls' athleticism and competitiveness.

"They're from all over Florida, it's the biggest state tournament we've ever had," Carroll said.

Four Franklin County teams will compete in the tourney, with all of them earning a right to compete at the state level by virtue of the county hosting the state tourney.

The Darlings, coached by Shawn Brannan, will compete in the 7- to 8-year-old category, while the Angels, coached by Brock Johnson, will be slugging it out among 9- to 10-year-olds.

The Belles, coached by Gary Martina, will battle in the highly competitive 13- to 15-year-old age group, which features seven squads. The Debs, with Kevin Newell at the helm, will face off among the 16- to 18-year-old young ladies.

Play begins Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. on the



LINDSEY PEPPERS

diamonds of Kendrick Park until the last game starts at 3 p.m. On Saturday, play begins at 8:30 a.m., with the last game starting at 7 p.m.

On Sunday games start at 1 p.m. with the last game commencing at 3 p.m. And on Monday, it's championship game day, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Highlighting tonight's banquet, at 6 p.m. at the Carrabelle Christian Center, will be guest speaker Lindsey Peppers from the Florida State University softball team.

Peppers, who captained the Maclay School softball

team for the last three of her four seasons, earned the Seminole Warrior Award as a freshman this past season for her excellence in strength and conditioning. She became known as a hard-working, energetic player who was willing to serve in any role, primarily as the team's bullpen catcher.

Millender said organizers have strived to make the banquet even better than last year, with a regular raffle of door prizes of everything from softball bats, hats, gloves and catching to 10 x 10 tents, and much more.

The key to the tourney's success, provided the weather cooperates, is the extensive volunteer network of more than 50 men and women from the Carrabelle, Eastpoint and Apalachicola youth leagues.

"They'll be running the gate and the concession stand and the money taken in will be split three ways," said Millender.

Volunteers will also be lighting up the scoreboards and announcing the games as well as serving as official scorekeepers. If there are any disputes with decisions made by tourney organizers or any of the 10 umpires, then it will be up to State Director Danny Brooks to sort it all out.

County workers from parks and recreation and the road department will be clean the grounds and restrooms, lining the fields and handling lots of other responsibilities.

"It's going to be hot," Millender said, so the county is providing water coolers and cups and plenty of ice and water.



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Top: Franklin County Angel Sara Gibbs slides into home against Paxton last year

Bottom: Angel Jordan Rosenberg throws fire for Wesley Chapel last year.

THE TOURNEY LINE-UP

Darlings age 7-8

Wesley Chapel, Okeechobee, Holmes County, Marianna, Belleview and Franklin County,

Angels ages 9-10

Belleview, Wahneta, Holmes County, Wewahitchka, and Franklin County

Angels X-play ages 9-10

Wesley Chapel, Okeechobee

Ponytails ages 11-12

Holmes County, Wahneta, Wewahitchka and Hernando

Ponytails X-play ages 11-12

Okeechobee, Spring Hill and Belleview

Belles ages 13-15

West Pasco, Mulberry, Okeechobee, Marianna, South Walton, Freeport, and Franklin County

Debs ages 16-18

Wahneta, Spring Hill, Hernando, West Pasco, and Franklin County

Weather forecasts call for a 50 percent chance of rain.

A shaved ice company, a popular attraction, will be on hand. "Plus we've got a company to take photos of the kids, and they'll be able to actually purchase and have them printed right there on site," Millender said. "There'll be a gentleman selling souvenirs, t-shirts and hats and sweat pants."

More than 35 sponsors, nearly all local companies, have enabled the tourney to stuff nice goodie bags for the kids. In addition, the Tourist Development

Council has infused \$15,000 into the event.

"Everything in Franklin County is completely booked," Millender said. "I even spoke to the Carrabelle RV Park, and they told me a month ago they only had a little bit of room left. I'm sure by now those two slots have been taken."

"We've actually made the event a lot nicer and a lot bigger," she said. "We learned a lot from last year. It's going to be a great event. There's not going to be anyone who walks away unhappy."

CITY OF CARRABELLE Special Meeting NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Carrabelle hereby gives notice of a "Public Hearing" scheduled for a July 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Commission Meeting Room, Carrabelle Municipal Complex, 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, FL 32322. The purpose of the "Public Hearing" is to enable public participation on the proposed amendments to the City of Carrabelle Water Facility Plan (WFP) originally adopted in October 2008. The WFP is being amended/supplemented for two specific purposes. The first is to supplement the WFP with planning documents addressing the legal, institutional, financial, technical and management elements of a potential Water Management Services, Inc. (WMSI) system purchase by the City. Second to supplement the WFP with the planning document entitled "Water and Sewer Evaluation for Summer Camp." This evaluation analyzes the technical, operational, financial, institutional and regulatory issues involved in a potential system purchase of the St. James Island Utility Company.

The WFP supplemental planning documents pertaining to the potential WMSI system purchase were developed to permit the City of Carrabelle to qualify for a low interest loan from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Any person may submit oral or written statements at the "Public Hearing." The supplemental planning documents described herein will be presented to the City of Carrabelle City Commission for adoption on July 26, 2012.

Identified in 2008 as the emerging Regional provider of water and sewer service in Franklin County the City continues to implement measures to ensure exceptional water quality at a reasonable cost to the residents of Franklin County both within and outside the City municipal limits.

Any interested person may contact the City Clerk at 850-697-2727 to arrange for an inspection of the WFP and all Supplemental Planning Documents during normal business hours 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Carrabelle Municipal Complex, 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, FL 32322.

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finance. "We really haven't done much to lessen our expenditures and the cost of running the school system."

On the eve of budget deliberations, Superintendent Nina Marks, Director of Special Programs Martha Weimorts, Director of Curriculum Nick O'Grady and Carroll combined to produce a proposal for addressing a projected funding deficit for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Carroll and Weimorts narrated the proposal at the July 5 meeting, which began with a comparison showing that in 2010-11, the district's \$12.2 million in expenditures outpaced revenue by about \$1.3 million. And last year, the \$11.5 million in spending ran about \$335,000 ahead of revenues.

"We made improvement in decreasing expenditures, but what the district needs to maintain is just too much, based on the revenues we are receiving," Carroll said. "We need to make some major decisions on cutting programs, personnel and/or benefits."

He said "nobody in the district was any more disappointed than I that it (the deficit) mushroomed in the last month," noting that a burst of end-of-the-year costs contributed to the budget imbalance.

"We must make some very difficult decisions, and it's not going to be painless. The revenue is not coming in from local tax revenue, and the DOE (Department of Education) is not giving us the difference."

Roy Carroll
school district finance director



that they're not interested in financing things at that school," Hinton said. He was referring to the defeat by voters two years ago of a 0.25-mill critical operating levy.

Gander countered that county voters had approved in March a four-year extension of the half-mill operating levy.

"They voted it, and we got it," he said. "We shouldn't say that the public didn't (support the schools). The public did vote for this and support it."

At the end of the meeting, Hinton said "we need to look at some other sources" of revenue for the district.

"One of the things the legislature allows is a sales tax. Many districts have a sales tax to supplement their income for the schools," he said. "I want us to at least research it, to discuss it and cuss it, and consider the pros and cons of offering a sales tax in Franklin County, like a 1 cent sales tax."

Hinton stressed that whatever the amount raised by a half-cent or more sales tax, he backed an equivalent reduction in capital improvement millage, similar to what was done with the half-mill levy, which marked a shift of property taxes for capital improvement to operating revenue.

"I would propose the same thing, (to address what) has been a problem of people, complaining over and over about high property taxes," he said.

A 1-cent sales tax, similar to the one now in place for county health care needs, yielded last year about \$1.2 million.

Gander, in his closing remarks, said the district should consider how much it is paying the agent responsible for the health insurance plan. He also asked to see specific numbers of costs of running the Learning Center, which includes students in both the credit recovery program and the second chance program, for those with disciplinary problems.

"If we've got to make cuts, I think we have to look at abolishing non-classroom positions," he said. "I think we need to lock our teachers in there."

Gander voiced some optimism that the situation might not be as dire as the report outlined.

"In my 18 years, I've never seen a pretty picture of the budget that came out on July 5," he said. "For the last 18 years this has always been the worst-case scenario, and it looks a little better as time goes on."

"Several things came together to produce this," Carroll said. "It was a hopeful budget that we put together last year but not really realistic. We're trying to cut a budget that's about as low as it can go. It's obvious in the last two years we've had this situation."

He said though several cost-cutting proposals were put forth a year ago, "we didn't adopt any of those."

Carroll suggested the school board tackle the shortfall by addressing benefits, either by asking employees to pay more or by dropping some of what is provided.

"Franklin County is the only district in the state

of Florida that pays all our employees' health insurance premium and all their deductibles," he said. "This is a matter of what you can afford."

Benefits this year will cost the school district about \$2.15 million, roughly 20 percent of the budget. This comprises about \$1.24 million in health insurance premiums borne by the district, \$421,000 for Social Security payroll taxes, \$275,000 towards employees' retirement, \$123,000 for workers compensation, \$62,000 for dental insurance and \$37,000 for life insurance.

This year, the district went to a health plan with a higher deductible in order to realize some cost savings. But to offset the effect on employees, the district instituted Health Reimbursement Accounts, which meant it would cover the higher \$1,250 deductible in the event an employee had to meet it. The county's third party health insurance administrator, Lockard & Williams, had said the HRA could mean some eventual cost savings for the district.

But Carroll said last week the district's 167 employees and 15 retirees ended up using 92 percent, or about \$209,000, of this \$227,500 in HRA money, so there would be little cost savings in this regard at the end of the year.

He said were the district to reduce its HRA contribution to \$750, it could save \$94,000, and if it were to drop the HRA contribution altogether, it would save \$235,000. Dropping dental insurance would save the district about \$67,000, Carroll said.

"We must make some very difficult decisions, and it's not going to be painless," he said. "The revenue is not coming in from local tax revenue, and the DOE (Department of Education) is not giving us the difference."

RIF process would cost teaching jobs

When the school board meets again at 6 p.m. today for a special meeting to discuss the situation, sure to attract attention is a proposal outlined by Weimorts that could have much impact on the voluntary pre-kindergarten program, either by cutting it back or adding costs to these children's parents.

Weimorts, who last year succeeded Brenda Wilson as director of special programs, provided data showing the pre-K program, with four teachers, five paraprofessionals and a secretary, cost about \$492,000 to run this year for about 80 students, who learned throughout an entire school day.

But, she said, the Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida only reimbursed the district for the required three hours per day, which came to about \$156,000. Combined with other federal grants, the district recouped only about \$252,000 for the pre-K program, which is housed at the former Brown Elementary School in Eastpoint.

"It's a wonderful thing, and we're glad we have it, but we lost \$240,000 on that program that had to come out of the general fund," Weimorts said. She said this loss does not include the cost of summer school for third-graders or the summer pre-K program.

She said the district ought to consider the pros and cons of turning the program over to ELC. "I'm not saying it's something you should do, but it's something that's draining your budget. We're paying a pile of money for our staff," Weimorts said.

She said the district is obligated only to serve special needs pre-kindergartners and would have to cover those costs although they would be partially off-

set by state funding.

"We can set a cap, but whatever we decided to do, they're only going to be funded at half of what they cost us," Weimorts said. She said the district could revert to a policy similar to the one it had in the past and which is now in place at the ABC School, in which parents cover additional costs. "In most districts, if they want to stay all day, the parents pay money out of their pockets," Weimorts said.

Regarding personnel, Weimorts said pre-K teachers and staff would shift back to the Franklin County Schools campus, where they would displace annual contract teachers and paraprofessionals with fewer years of experience. The terms of this Reduction in Force are addressed in the teachers' contract.

"You're going to lose three or four teaching positions and three or four paraprofessionals," she said, noting that those staffers absorbed by the ELC likely would see a cut in salary and benefits, with the program relying more on nonteaching personnel to handle classroom activities.

"They're not going to make the kind of money they make in your school district," Weimorts said.

Board Chair Jimmy Gander said he wanted to look closer at the proposal.

"We're still going to have some costs associated with this. I'm the kind of person that wants to know what those are," he said. "I don't think we have any choice but to look into this but we need some exact numbers when we do. There are decisions that have to be made, and hard decisions."

Gander and Board Member David Hinton differed as to the mood of the public regarding school funding.

"We had a referendum last November, and the public told us in that vote

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paying the back taxes "out of an abundance of caution."

In an interview last weekend, Pinki Jackel said she and her husband have not yet decided whether to challenge Pendleton's finding, which was accompanied by a 12-page review of the case provided by Tallahassee attorney Larry Levy, the property appraiser's attorney.

"We have not had the time to really settle down and meet with our attorney (Slepin), to make a final determination as to whether we'll go forward with any further action," Jackel said. "The main thing is that a lot of times in life you have to look at the big picture, and the big picture is that the people that I represent know me, they know my integrity and I have proven to them I will do the right thing and I will stand up to them."

"I wrote the check gladly because I do not want to be beholden to anyone that would prevent me from asking the hard questions, and to be silenced, or feel that I can't vote my conscience or that I owe someone a political favor," she said. "I want to remain objective on every issue that I face, and if I have a legal matter hanging over my head during the campaign, then that's a distraction."

"I'm not going to be silenced by my critics," Jackel said. "I will speak out when I need to, when I believe it's the right thing to do."

Jackel, who became in 2008 the first Republican elected to county office in modern memory, faces a challenge from Democrat Tony Shiver in the Nov. 6 general election.

The case against the Jackels stems from Dana Jackel's 2009 request for and receipt of a homestead tax exemption on a residence valued at \$638,000 in Kennesaw, Ga. According to Levy's report, Pinki Jackel had executed a quit-claim deed to her husband in March of that year, which put the home they had jointly owned since 2001 in his name alone.

The Jackels had received Georgia's homestead tax exemption from the time they purchased the home until the Jackels dropped the Georgia homestead tax exemption in 2007 and 2008, according to Levy.

A homestead exemption for the St. George Island residence, which the couple has owned jointly since 1998, has been in place since the couple applied for it in February 2005. Levy noted that Pinki Jackel signed for the exemption, that the application indicated the prior year's homestead exemption had been in Cobb County and that she had

lived in the St. George Island house since October 2004, after becoming a permanent resident of Florida that year.

Because of the apparent overlap in Georgia and Florida exemptions in the years 2005 and 2006, Levy had concluded that Pendleton's office also should seek back assessments for those two years, in addition to 2009-11. But Pendleton said a more thorough examination by her office of Cobb County records indicated there was no documentation of a Georgia homestead exemption in those years for the Jackels, so her office chose to pursue only the three most recent years.

'Totally blind-sided'

Pinki Jackel said she was "totally blind-sided" by the dual homestead issue, both by her husband and by the property appraiser's office.

"I knew nothing about this," she said. "I didn't know my husband had a homestead in Georgia. He applied for it, and he did not discuss it with me."

"I'm not entitled to a homestead in Georgia, because of this simple fact I do not own any property in the state of Georgia," she stressed. "I don't own real estate there. I have not applied for two homesteads anywhere."

In his analysis, Levy noted that Pinki Jackel's ownership of the Georgia property had been deeded to Dana Jackel in 2009. But, he contended, that does not mean that a married couple, who appear to share other joint finances, then can claim two homestead exemptions.

"Removing the wife's name from the Kennesaw, Ga., property is somewhat indicative of a step taken to seek validation for the additional homestead tax exemption. However, as the cases cited herein indicate, this action would be insufficient to create two separate family units," Levy wrote.

In his analysis, he cited several examples of Florida case law, including a 2005 decision by Circuit Court Judge N. Sanders Sauls that appears to back Levy's conclusion that having separate, permanent residences but an otherwise "congenial and intact marriage" still does not allow for dual homestead exemptions.

Jackel said she and her husband have maintained separate residences since 2004. The extent of their joint finances, if it were limited enough, could argue for their right to have dual homesteads, but Pendleton said that hurdle is a high one to cross.

"You can't have any property

"I can't help what happens, I follow the law and if the law tells me to do this, that's what I have to do. I had no intention of 'Let's go after her, she's running for reelection and I don't like her.' There was no intent for that."

Doris Pendleton
property appraiser

in both names, and you cannot have any bank accounts in both names or credit cards," Pendleton said. "You can't file tax returns together. You can't even have a cemetery plot together."

A survey of corporate records with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State show that Dana Jackel served as registered agent for both Seaside Title Services Inc. a title company owned by Pinki Jackel between 2004 and 2010, and for Seaside Construction/Development Corporation, a company for which Pinki Jackel served as president between 2006 and 2010.

'This does not pass the smell test'

In her remarks, Pinki Jackel took aim at Pendleton's manner of handling the dual homestead exemption issue, calling it politically motivated and a breach of confidentiality.

She said she first learned of Pendleton's decision to cite her for dual homesteads on June 25 from Tax Collector Jimmy Harris. "I had come over to inspect storm damage in the courthouse, and Jimmy Harris asked to talk to me, and that was my first knowledge of any of this," Jackel said, noting that she then picked up the certified letter on June 26.

"I learned from Jimmy Harris that everyone from the courthouse knew. I was the last to know. I have an issue how widespread this was known about in the courthouse," she said. "I would have believed it would have been a confidential manner and handled as a confidential matter, but it clearly was not."

"They knew about it prior to the 20th. Doris could have spoken to me by phone. There was no reason they couldn't have talked to me and said 'Come over here, we want to discuss our findings with you and get information from you as well,'" Jackel said. "I was not offered that opportunity."

Jackel said it was "pretty much common knowledge around the courthouse" that the commissioners had left the afternoon of June 19 to attend the Florida Association of Counties annual meeting in Orlando that week. She said after she returned to Franklin County June 22, she became busy with addressing the problems of Tropical Storm Debby and that "getting my mail was not a priority as chairman. I was all over the place and making sure everyone was taken care of."

Pendleton said she sent Harris a copy of the certified letter on June 20 so he would be aware of the matter if Jackel were to pay the back taxes in his office. She said the matter was "kept silent in this office" before that, as staffers worked to check up on a tip that came into the office about two months ago. The property appraiser's office, which now can rely on the services of a sophisticated nationwide system to check on dual homesteads, traditionally has relied on anonymous tipsters to check in on invalid dual homesteads.

Pendleton also said the certified letter went out immediately after Levy issued his legal opinion and she was not aware of the commissioners' travel schedule.

"Nobody in this county keeps up with those county commissioners' agenda," she said, adding that she first became aware of Jackel's absence from the county when Channel 7 came to do an interview. Pendleton said she suggested the reporter talk to Jackel and then learned the commission chairman was in Orlando.

Pendleton said she treated Jackel's case just as she has the dozen or so other dual homestead cases that have come before her office and that it would have been an ethical breach to discuss the case before a legal finding and a show of favoritism to confer with the property owner ahead of that.

Jackel went further than accuse Pendleton of a breach of confidentiality and alleged it was part of a concerted political attack.

"The timing of this is very obvious," she said. "It's after qualifying, it's after June 8 and dur-

ing my campaign. This does not pass the smell test. It appears that homestead only becomes an issue only during political campaigns. There's a pattern of Doris doing this."

"Am I the only person that they have investigated in the past four years that might have a homestead issue? Is this how they spend their time and resources, investigating one elected official in Franklin County? It's like homestead becomes an issue every four years."

"This is complicated to say the least, and the property appraiser had to have an attorney sort it out for them," Jackel said. "There's a difference of opinion but beyond that, I believe this is the price you pay for not being a rubber stamp to everything the property appraiser wants to see come about."

"And this is the season to roll something out that should have been addressed in 2009?" she said. "If she believes I had a problem in 2009, why wasn't this brought up in 2010, or 2011? Why now?"

Pendleton agreed that politics might have played a part, but only in the sense that the tipster surfaced about two months ago.

"It's usually around election time, I will grant that," she said. "We don't know who they are, we don't ask who they are. When they call in, we have to follow up."

"Since this was a situation mixed up with county government, I sent all the information I had to the property appraiser's attorney. I asked him if he would look it over because I was not going to do anything with it unless I was sure there was wrongdoing," Pendleton said. "I was making sure I had my ducks in a row before I did anything."

"I can't help what happens, I follow the law and if the law tells me to do this, that's what I have to do," she said. "I had no intention of 'Let's go after her, she's running for reelection and I don't like her.' There was no intent for that."

The property appraiser said she forwarded the information on to the state attorney's office, just as she has in the other cases over the last several years. An individual who "knowingly and willfully gives false information for the purpose of claiming homestead exemption" can be found guilty of a first-degree misdemeanor and punished by up to a year in jail and/or a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

"We've always taken them to the state attorney's office, but they normally don't pursue it," she said.

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Lions Club donates to Refuge House

Special to the Times

On Thursday evening, June 28, at the Carrabelle Lions Club's monthly meeting, the members presented Aimee Sapp, coordinator of the county's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), a check for \$500.

The donation will be used to purchase new clothing for domestic violence and rape victims in Franklin County when they leave the hospital. Lions Club members also agreed to donate new clothing, and Peggy Kight, Lions Club vice president, also agreed to make new "totes" for the victims for any other items they will need to carry when leaving the hospital.

Anyone wishing to donate new clothing (all sizes are needed) may bring them to the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum in Carrabelle. The museum is partnering in this matter and will forward the new clothing to Mrs.



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Aimee Sapp, Franklin County SART coordinator, at right, is presented a \$500 check from Lions Club Secretary Patti Lee.

Sapp.

On another note, the Lions Club will be gathering items to send to Tony Sapp's unit which

is currently serving in Afghanistan. If you are considering what to donate, we suggest items such as sunscreen, flavored powders for drinking water, Chap stick, toothpaste, and other personal items you may think of. Oftentimes at forward bases there is no PX for soldiers to buy these types of items. You may also bring these donated items to the CGJ Museum, which is assisting the Lions Club in this effort.

On Thursday, July 5 the Carrabelle Lions Club sponsored a luncheon at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Club members were there to act as servers. At the lunch the club announced a fundraiser they will hold on Saturday, August 11. This fundraiser will be held to raise money to purchase a new commercial stove for the senior center.

Being active in our community, the Lion's Club motto is "We Serve."

News BRIEFS

Oyster harvesting licensing period ends Friday

The two-week extension of the licensing period for the Apalachicola Bay Oyster Harvesting License will end at the close of business Friday, July 13.

The 45-day licensing period for the harvesting license, required to commercially harvest oysters from the Apalachicola Bay system, was extended due to extreme conditions caused by Tropical Storm Debby.

Under normal circumstances, the licensing period ends June 30. With the extension, applicants will not be subject to the \$500 late fee until after July 13.

For more information about the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, visit www.FreshFromFlorida.com.

Relay for Life committee to meet Monday

The Franklin County Relay for Life will hold a wrap-up and committee rally on Tuesday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the newly-opened Tamara's Tapas Bar, hosted by Danna and Marisa Itzkovitz. "Come enjoy a night of Relay, turn in any monies and register your team for next year," said Chala Parish, who chairs the county's annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. "Find out exciting details for Relay 2013, and it you're new to Relay, here's your chance to ask questions. The mission is so important to the fight to find a cure, so spread the word."

Parish said everyone is welcome. For more info, call her at 370-0832.

FRWA assists Eastpoint after tropical storm

Tropical Storm Debby pounded the Florida panhandle

from Sunday, June 24 through Tuesday, June 26, 2012 with an intense complex of thunderstorms, torrential rains, and gusts up to 65 miles per hour. Many coastal areas received rainfall in excess of 15 inches, resulting in widespread flash flooding and power outages. Eastpoint was hit hard by the rains and winds, several areas are still without power, and the power company is struggling to restore power.

At the same time Florida Governor Rick Scott was declaring a state of emergency mid-Monday June 25, the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) was delivering a 60 kW generator to the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District.

Gary Williams, executive director of the FRWA, acted first thing Monday at the request of George Allen, administrator of the Eastpoint water district, to get resources into the impacted area. The 60 kW generator, weighing 4,000 pounds, was delivered to the district by Sterling Carroll, FRWA engineer, during the middle of the storm.

Conditions to connect the generator were not ideal. Eastpoint personnel had to stand in the sheeting rain and wind gusts during the operation and wiring. The generator was safely connected by Clay Moore, supervisor and chief wastewater treatment plant operator, and Eastpoint personnel Derek Henry, Brian Taylor, and Levi Odom. Also assisting was Charlie Painter, contract operator.

This incident is an example of how FRWA rapidly responds and assists water and wastewater systems during emergencies. FRWA is part of the FlaWARN and the State Emergency Response Team, whose focus is to assist water and wastewater systems in the event of emergencies and during normal operations.

FEMA office opens for Debby claims

A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) opened Wednesday morning for residents affected by Tropical Storm Debby.

The DRC, at the community service center at 192 14th St., is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The county's emergency operations center said this location was chosen because it met Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements to provide 2,000 square feet of space, at least six phone lines and a data line with a DSL modem.

It is important to register with FEMA if you have sustained loss or damage to your home. If your business sustained damage you should also apply. If possible, register by telephone or online before going to a disaster recovery center.

There are three ways to apply: Call 800-621-FEMA (3362). Lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven

days a week. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585 or register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or register using a tablet or Smartphone by using the FEMA app or m.fema.gov.

Federal disaster assistance for individuals and families can include money for rental assistance, essential home repairs, personal property loss and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance.

Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration are also available to help with residential and business losses not covered by insurance.

Survivors and businesses may obtain information on SBA disaster loan applications by calling 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for people who are deaf or hard of hearing) or online at www.SBA.gov. They may

also apply for disaster loans electronically from SBA's website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Owners of short term rental properties, i.e. beach houses, are eligible for these loans.

Tyson said people seeking help at the DRC will need to bring a telephone number where they can be reached; their address at the time of the disaster and their current address; Social Security number; a general description of damage to property and other losses; the name of their insurance company and policy number or agent; and bank account routing information.

The Florida Dept of Economic Opportunity is encouraging business owners who have incurred business losses due to Debby to complete a Business Damage Assessment Survey Form accessible at http://fmyb.com/datacol_tsdebby.cfm.

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The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.</p> <p>All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p>	<p>All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.</p> <p>THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: July 12, 2010</p> <p>Personal Representative: Robert W. Wohlert 208 Mark Street Carrabelle, FL 32322</p> <p>Attorney for Personal Representative Charles A. Curran, FL Bar No. 274380 P.O. Box 549 Carrabelle, FL 32322 (850) 697-5333 Fax: (850) 697-5558 July 12, 19, 2012</p> <p>87640T IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE DIVISION CASE NO. 4:12-cv-00086-WS-CAS</p> <p>CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>DOUGLAS BROWN a/k/a DOUGLAS W. BROWN; and BETINA BROWN, Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of the Final Judgment of Foreclo-</p>	<p>sure rendered in the above-styled case on April 26, 2012, in the United States District Court For The Northern District Of Florida, in favor of the Plaintiff, the undersigned, appointed in that certain Order Appointing Special Master rendered May 25, 2012, will on the 24th day of July, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time, in the Second Floor Lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, in the city of Apalachicola, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, the following described property, situated, lying and being in Franklin County, Florida:</p> <p>Commence at the Northwest corner of the East half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 6 South, Range 8 West, Franklin County, Florida; thence run South 89 degrees 49 minutes 01 seconds East 826.60 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 127.72 feet to a rod and cap for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence from said POB continue South 142.73 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 79 degrees 05 minutes 17 seconds West 1083.60 feet to the approximate water's edge of the Apalachicola River; thence run along said approximate water's edge North 17 degrees 09 minutes 25 seconds West 112.81 feet; thence North 19 degrees 02 minutes 07 seconds West 142.88 feet; thence leaving said approximate water's edge run North 84 degrees 43 minutes 35 seconds East 1148.55 feet to the POB, containing 5.01 acres more or less.</p> <p>Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all</p>	<p>existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property").</p> <p>For additional information concerning the above property contact: STEPHEN A. PITRE, ESQUIRE, Post Office Box 13010, Pensacola, Florida 32591-3010 or (850) 434-9200.</p> <p>All sales are subject to confirmation of the court. Method of payment is by postal money order or certified check made payable to Jeffrey P. Whitton, Esquire, Escrow Account. Ten (10) Percent of High/Acceptable bid in certified check or cashier's check will be accepted with the balance due within 48 hours. No cash will be accepted.</p> <p>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 with the Clerk of the Court within 60 days after the sale.</p> <p>In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Jeffrey P. Whitton, Esquire, Post Office Box 1956, Panama City, FL 32402 or (850) 769-7040 not later than seven days prior to the sale to ensure that reasonable accommodations are available.</p> <p>DATED this 14th day of June, 2012.</p> <p>SPECIAL MASTER: JEFFREY P. WHITTON, Esquire Florida Bar No. 329509 565 Harrison Ave. Post Office Box 1956 Panama City, FL 32402 Phone: 850-769-7040</p>	<p>Fax: 850-769-3014 June 21, 28, 2012 July 5, 12, 2012</p> <p>87738T NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Tiffin Furniture located at 117 Highway 98, in the County of Franklin, in the City of Eastpoint, Florida 32328 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.</p> <p>Dated at Eastpoint, Florida, this 27th day of June, 2012.</p> <p>SOUTHERN FURNITURE LIQUIDATORS, INC. July 5, 2012</p> <p>87870T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION</p> <p>File # 12-42-CP</p> <p>IN RE: ESTATE OF HORACE MALOY Deceased.</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS Summary Administration</p> <p>TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of HORACE MALOY, deceased, File Number 12-42-CP, by the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, that the total cash value of the estate is \$40,000.00, more or less, and that the</p>	<p>names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such Order are:</p> <p>Michael J Maloy, P.O. Box 511, Carrabelle, FL 32322</p> <p>James S. Maloy, 1230 Sablewood Dr, Apopka FL 32715</p> <p>All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p> <p>All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 12, 2012.</p> <p>Person Giving Notice: Michael J. Maloy</p> <p>Attorney for Person Giving Notice: The Law Office of Thomas M. Shuler, P.A. 40-4th Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 (850)653-1757 Florida Bar No 0947891 July 12, 19, 2012</p>	<p>88151T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2011 CA 182</p> <p>HANCOCK BANK, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>JAMES K. HICKS, PATTI L. HICKS, PATTI L. HICKS AS TRUSTEE OF PATTI L. HICKS LIVING TRUST UTD 09/30/03 and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AGAINST, THE HEREIN NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID OWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45</p> <p>NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment dated May 29, 2012, in the above-styled cause, Marcia Johnson, Clerk of Courts for Franklin County, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the courthouse in Franklin County in Apalachicola, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, at 11:00 A.M., on July 17, 2012, the following described property:</p> <p>Lot 1 of Sea Palm Village, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 30 & 31, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida. Lot 4, Block 22, East, according to the plat known as St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Unit 1, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 7, of the Public</p>	<p>Records of Franklin County, Florida.</p> <p>ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IT ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.</p> <p>DATED: June 27, 2012</p> <p>MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of the Court</p> <p>By: Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk July 5, 12, 2012</p> <p>88175T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2012-0025-CP Division: PROBATE</p> <p>IN RE: ESTATE OF DONNA JEAN WARD Deceased.</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>The administration of the estate of Donna Jean Ward, deceased, whose date of death was February 24, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.</p> <p>All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p>	<p>All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.</p> <p>The date of first publication of this notice is July 12, 2012.</p> <p>Personal Representative: Carol W. Clayton 285 Betty Rae Drive Wewahitchka, FL 32465</p> <p>Attorneys for Personal Representative SANDERS AND DUNCAN, P.A. FL Bar No. 63869 80 MARKET STREET APALACHICOLA, FL 32320 (850) 653-8976 E-Mail Address: ddduncan@fairpoint.net July 12, 19, 2012</p> <p>88187T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000407 DIVISION: UCN: 192011CA 000407XXCICI</p> <p>WALTER MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>EVELYN WILLIAMS A/K/A EVELYN LAVERNE WILLIAMS; FREDDIE WILLIAMS A/K/A FREDDIE EUGENE WILLIAMS;</p>

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Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE, I WILL SELL THE PROPERTY SITUATED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS:

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DATED: May 1, 2012

Don W. Howard Clerk of the Court

Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk July 12, 19, 2012

882177 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 11-89PR Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF JERNYL HARPER LINTON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jernyl Harper Linton, deceased, whose date of death was August 30, 2010, and file number 11-89PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 N. 2nd Street, Wewahatchka, Florida, 32465. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 12, 2012.

Personal Representative: Michael Harper 7627 N. Deer Haven Rd Panama City, FL 32409

Attorney for Personal Representative: A. Renee Preston FL Bar No. 639801 Evers & Preston, PL 17 E. Main Street, Suite 201 Pensacola, FL 32502 (850) 444-9500 Fax: (850) 916-1566 July 12, 19, 2012

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Bob and Susan Pruitt were the grand champions of the golf cart competition.



At center, Chance White soars at the Apalachicola parade. At right, Melissa and Bill Sanders' dog Otis proves that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. For lots more photos of the county's Independence Day celebrations, visit www.apalachtimes.com and the Times' Facebook page.



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Harry Arnold, who together with Jim Bachrach spearheaded the newly introduced downtown fireworks display on behalf of Historic Apalachicola Main Street, introduced the event. He expressed gratitude to all the veterans in the crowd, especially the young ones, and said he hoped all our soldiers would be home for next year's big event.

After music by Platinum, a Tallahassee-based show band, the fireworks were spectacular, fired from a barge provided by Tommy Ward and assembled by a crew led by Mike Cates from Cates Electric.

"We couldn't have pulled it off without help from that group of people," said George Mahr, who helped raise about \$15,000

in private donations for the event.

With some help from the city with portable toilets, police protection and printing expenses, the event likely will break even, Mahr said, with an even bigger shindig next year.

"I think it was an excellent event," he said. "To me it was the largest civic event, other than the Seafood Festival, Apalachicola's had in the last 10 years. It was an event that everyone could participate in throughout the city, people of all ages. I think that's what was so wonderful about it."

The following morning, the St. George Island Independence Day parade came off without a hitch, and a passing shower only made it better.

The trucks, bikes, convertibles, boats and golf carts lined up as usual, on the hot dusty morning with scattered clouds. As the 11 a.m. start drew near, some people were worried their water bombs would be tepid by the time the flotilla got under way.

Dozens of people milled on the side streets, and a crowd gathered at island center armed to the teeth with squirt guns of every description.

People whooped when the lights of the fire truck carrying Grand Marshall Steve Kearney, a retired Air Force general, began to flash. Just as the first floats reached Lighthouse Park, huge raindrops began to plop down on the crowd.

There was no thunder or lightning, and with ev-

eryone so consumed by the ongoing exchange of water balloons and water cannon blasts, the rain was not an issue. Nobody ran for cover.

Participants in the parade hailed from as far away as San Francisco, Dallas and New York. Amid the patriotic splendor, one golf cart stood alone in its magnificence, that of Bob and Susan Pruitt, whose vision combined patriotism with pirate flags to win the island's title of grand champion.

The water fight ratcheted up a notch this year with an escalation in artillery. Ricky Martin of Smarr, Ga., said he got wet last year and wanted retribution, so he came armed with a hundred-gallon tank and double water cannons pow-

ered by an electric pump mounted on a trailer pulled behind his pickup. The cannons were operated by his son and daughter.

Also new to the spectacle was a pair of skateboarding warriors who whizzed back and forth between the floats brandishing plastic swords.

One possible glitch in this year's event was that the road was not closed during the procession. With children running to catch beads and candy and exchanging water pistol fire, traffic moved in both directions along Gorrie Drive. Happily, there were no mishaps as a result.

The two-day festivities continued in Carrabelle that afternoon and evening. Even the Carrabelle beach RV Park got into the action

with its third annual July 4 parade.

The grandly decorated red, white and blue residence of Bill and Melissa Sanders took first prize, winning the couple a two-day stay at the park.

But what Bill was most proud of was how the couple's pair of little dogs, Chihuahua mixes, stayed put in the wagon as they were wheeled around in the annual parade. "They didn't once jump out," he boasted proudly to his neighbors.

Carrabelle's annual fireworks display, traditionally an impressive show that brings scores of people to the city's waterfront, closed out the county's fireworks in fine fashion.

For more photos of the county's celebration, visit www.ApalachTimes.com.

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clude a recently enacted additional \$25,000 in homestead exemption, the impact of this year's tax base decline will be less drastic on the school district. Pendleton said the district's combined property tax valuation will drop from \$1.95 billion to \$1.83 billion, or about 6.2 percent.

The Northwest Florida Water Management District will see a 12.7 percent drop, similar to county government.

Last year, the county levied 4.98 mills in property taxes, but with the upcoming July 19-20 budget workshops, county commissioners will have to weigh whether to increase the millage, cut spending or a combination of both.

The effect of the property tax base decline will be seen most sharply in the eastern end of the county.

Carrabelle's combined valuation will go from \$130.9 million to \$102.9 million, a drop of \$28 million, or about 25.8 percent. The city levies 8.27 mills in taxes but is capped by Florida law at levying no more than 10 mills.

The Alligator Point Water and Sewer District will experience a drop in its tax base from \$142.4 million to \$122.9 million, a decline of \$19.5 million, or about 13.7 percent.

The tax base of the Dog Island Conservation District went from \$38.6 million to \$32.8 million, a 15

percent drop of about \$5.8 million.

The Eastpoint Water and Sewer District is expected to see a 5.8 percent drop in its tax base, a loss of \$4.2 million, from \$72.8 million to \$68.6 million.

The decline in Apalachicola's tax base, which has been in double digits the past two years, is softer than the rest of the county. It will see a drop from \$130.9 million to \$127.5 million, only about \$3.4 million, or 2.6 percent. But with a millage rate of 9.173 mills, it is nearing the 10-mill cap.

Pendleton said this year's appraisal work was made more challenging because of the large number of foreclosures and short sales, which the state does not allow in the property tax valuation calculation.

"We strictly work off of the sales; that's about the only thing we can go by," she said. "They don't like us using the short sales or the banks sales, so we're kind of in a dilemma of using what we can find."

She also noted that during times of escalating values, the homestead exemption works in a property owner's favor, because there is a cap on property valuation of 3 percent, or the consumer price index, whichever is lower.

But during times of declining values, the assessed value of a property still rises whenever it is below the just, or actual, value until it meets

that value. And with many homes in the county with several years of assessed values being capped by a homestead exemption, their assessments have a lot of room to rise even when their actual values have declined.

"It's hurting the homestead people," Pendleton said. "That's where the legislature messed up. They didn't think about declining values, they thought about escalating values."

Although it would not affect the 2012-13 fiscal year taxes, voters in November will have a chance to vote on Amendment 4, which would prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead property if the fair market value of the property decreases.

It would also cap at 3 percent annual assessment increases to non-homestead or commercial property. The property tax rate also would be lowered to 10 percent for rental and 5 percent for commercial properties.

Additionally, the measure would implement an additional homestead exemption for first-time buyers equal to 50 percent of the median home price in the county. The additional exemption, however, would be gradually reduced until it expires within five years. The proposed measure requires 60 percent voter approval for adoption.

Real Estate Picks

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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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