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Senior center trivia

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County sets tentative tax rate

Millage would climb 21 percent, if left unchanged

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County commissioners last week approved a tentative tax rate of 6.0243 mills, about 21 percent more than the current rate of 4.9800 mills, but which would bring in about \$200,000 less revenue than this year due to a shrinking tax base.

The accent was on the word "tentative."

After difficulty securing a majority of support on an initial vote for the proposed \$37.87 million budget, commissioners unanimously approved the millage hike at the tail end of the budget hearing.

But in doing so, at least three of them stressed they intended to seek further cuts - and a lower millage rate - before signing off on a final budget Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 5:15 p.m.

After achieving about \$285,000 in cost savings during the nearly four-hour hearing, the commissioners' first vote on adopting

the 2012-13 budget went down to defeat 3-2, with Commissioners Pinki Jackel, Cheryl Sanders and Noah Lockley all voting no.

"Next time I'll bring a sleeping bag and a lunch," joked Commissioner Bevin Putnal who, together with Commissioner Smokey Parrish, voted yes on the first go-round.

After a lengthy pause, Jackel and Sanders then said they would switch their votes and support Putnal's second try at budget approval.

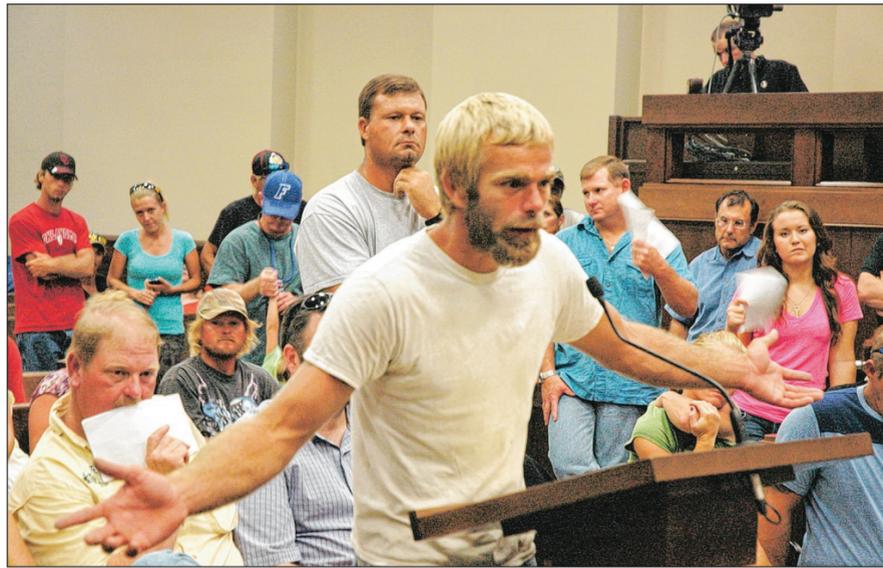
Sanders said she did so out of consideration of the lateness of the hour for her longtime colleague, who is leaving the com-

mission after five consecutive terms in office. "Out of respect for this commissioner, I'm going to second his motion," she said. "As long as it's an understanding that we're going to come back, that the millage rate is probably going to go lower."

Jackel said she too planned to suggest more cuts before the final ratification vote in two weeks. "It's been a difficult process and we have asked that the record reflect that this is not a vote for a final millage, but what we need to do for the process to go forward," she said.

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Oystermen's woes



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Dominic Rotella appeals for help for the seafood workers.

Apalachicola Bay seafood workers appeal for help

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Several hundred seafood workers and their families packed Franklin County's largest courtroom Sept. 6 to appeal for economic justice to help them cope with the declining productivity of Apalachicola Bay.

The special meeting called by the county commissioners came two days after oystermen pleaded for their help

Sept. 4, and Gov. Rick Scott wrote to federal officials asking them to declare a commercial fishery failure for the state's oyster harvesting areas.

Commissioner Chairman Pinki Jackel opened last week's packed meeting, relocated from the smaller courthouse annex because of the overflow crowd, by reading aloud a letter from the governor to Rebecca Blank, acting secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

In it, Scott asked that a fish-

ery resource disaster be declared for the bay, pursuant to section 312 (a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management and Conservation Act. The governor's request was based on a report he received Monday from Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, which included a grim oyster resource assessment completed last month by regulators from the state's Division of Aquaculture.

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ABC School opens talk of charter high school

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At a Monday night parent meeting at the Apalachicola Bay Charter School, called to review options for a possible charter high school, Franklin County School District officials and ABC School leaders sat alongside one other to answer questions about the county's high school options.

The meeting, facilitated by Judi Stokowski, a fundraiser for the ABC School, was a calm and detailed back-and-forth, in contrast to the tensions of a decade ago that often flared between the start-up charter school and the mainstream school district.

Beginning with Superintendent Nina Marks, and followed by the Franklin County School's assistant principal Eric Bidwell, guidance counselor Roderick Robinson and reading coach Kris Bray, the educators reviewed details of the high school's many offerings, from its partnership with Gulf Coast State College to its certified staff to its range of extracurricular activities.

The Franklin County educators outlined the school's implementation of a turnaround project promoting support from parents and the community, and its work in courses such as Advanced Placement designed to bolster

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What is the future of the work camps?

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Uncertainty over the future of the county's two work camps - one in place for two decades in Apalachicola and another soon-to-be completed one in Carrabelle - has led county officials to seek answers from the Florida Department of Corrections.

At the tail end of the Aug. 14 county commission meeting, Commissioner Noah Lockley raised the question of rumors circulating that the DOC planned to close the Bay City Work Camp outside Apalachicola and transfer the prisoners to a new work camp about to be completed adjacent to the Franklin Correctional Institution outside Carrabelle.

Commissioner Smokey Parrish expressed concern that such



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The new work camp at FCI in Carrabelle is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 31, but is not yet funded.

a move would increase the travel costs of bringing inmate crews to Eastpoint and Apalachicola.

"I don't understand it, it's a nice, pretty new facility," said Parrish. "This could cost us jobs and im-

pact residents and the county."

Apalachicola city officials have long been concerned about the effect such a closure would have on the city, not only with water and sewer revenue but with a drying up of money injected into the local economy.

By a unanimous vote, county commissioners directed Director of Administrative Services Alan Pierce to draft a letter seeking answers from Russell Hosford, warden of FCI, which oversees the Bay City camp, which as of Aug. 2012 had a population of 280 inmates.

"The Board (of county commissioners) is aware the Department of Corrections has closed some facilities in the past year, and the Board is concerned that Bay City may be involved in a

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options available for serving gifted and honors students.

Clearly, the educators had one eye on addressing underlying concerns among some ABC School parents that gave rise to the ABC school board calling the meeting - that the high school's educational climate, as seen in its school grade, is not as productive as that found in the ABC School's kindergarten through eighth grades, which have been rated an A for four of the last five years.

Bray stressed the Franklin County Middle School is implementing springboard classes, as is the ABC School, to give students a head start on high school advanced placement courses.

"We're focusing on building that rigor so when they get to that high school, they will have success," said Bray.

Bidwell stressed the school was "actively involved with professional development" and that this month's school opening was widely seen by teachers, parents and students alike "as the best start of school they've had in years."

"Everybody knew when it (consolidation) would happen, it was going to take time," said Bidwell. "These things are coming together."

Bidwell addressed the loss of the high school's Spanish teacher, noting that cost savings, as well as the fact the teacher had failed to achieve the required certification, had contributed to the board's decision. "We all know that it's not the best situation by any means," he said, noting that a certified Spanish teacher may be on hand soon to assist with lab work for the students now enrolled in Florida Virtual School.

Karen Ward, an Apalachicola parent who has taught at both the ABC School and high school, said parents need to understand the challenges all area high schools face, before deciding on a costly plan to create a second high school.

"It's not just our school," she said. "We often see it as an isolated thing. We've got to make those gains. I want them to go into a school that's ready for them."

Missy Miller, a member of the ABC School board, outlined the success she is having home-schooling her daughter with Florida Virtual School, providing details of the program. "The communication is really there," she said. "It's been a good experience so far."

ABC School Principal Chime Johnson and Assistant Principal Elizabeth Kirvin provided an overview of what it would take for the ABC School to embark on a charter high school. Also on hand to answer questions was Michael Kooi, who directs the Florida Department of Education's office for independent education and parental choice. In the back sat Franklin County School Board Member George Thompson and newly-elected Pam Shiver, although neither of them addressed the meeting.

Kirvin said a change to state rules made it easier for the ABC School to boost its enrollment by up to 15 percent, without needing approval from the school district. She said the school could add up to one grade per year, but that if it were to compete for up to about \$400,000 in start-up funds, it would have to secure a new charter for a high school.

She and Johnson reviewed the many requirements required of a



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ABC School board member Missy Miller, left, listens as Franklin County educators, from left, Kris Bray, Eric Bidwell and Roderick Robinson, address the meeting.

new high school, including having teachers each certified in a specific content area, providing remediation for lower performing students, finding a suitable physical facility, hiring Advanced Placement, business and vocational teachers, and spending on a large number of expenses, such as textbooks, computers and instructional supplies.

Kooi noted competition is steep for start-up grants, with 144 applications currently for 45 slots. He also said that while having a charter school increases flexibility with some school rules, it does not eliminate the possibility teachers could seek a union contract.

"They may value that union protection," he said. "Any group of teachers could form a union."

In the discussion that followed, ABC parents appeared to be of different minds, with some arguing it was essential to preserve county unity and morale, while others sought answers on how they could be assured their

child would be prepared for admission to, and success at, a top college.

"This is their lives, my child can't be an 'experiment,'" said Davie Lloyd. "I have to be assured and comfortable."

Gina Taranto, an ABC School educator, said parents need to be careful not to base their view of the high school on comments alone they hear from others. "There's plenty of rigor going on there," she said. "Don't base your opinion on parents and students; you're going to get 'bad mouth.'"

Tracey Moses, an ABC School teacher who graduated from Apalachicola High School, said she was prepared for college, in part because of parents who encouraged her while she was growing up.

"I'm a Seahawk, period. I am pro-Franklin County," she said. "We have to have the community support. We can't be negative anymore."

Ward sought answers from ABC School parents, asking what

they were most concerned about. "What is it going to take to make your fears go away, and make you feel comfortable?" she asked.

Mike Cates said his biggest fear was that his daughter "would not get what she needed."

ABC School parent Mark Friedman cautioned that a leap to a new high school could drain resources from the current elementary and middle school. "It will suck energy and talent out of the elementary and maybe make them less prepared for going into high school," he said.

Kooi told the gathering he was impressed by what he was witnessing. "I've been to a lot of districts where this kind of discussion does not happen," he said. "Whatever you are going to decide to do, in a community like this, it's going to be so important you support whatever happens."

Following the meeting, Miller reinforced Kooi's comments. "Our board said this needs to be a community solution, a county solution," she said.

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future round of closings," wrote Chairman Pinki Jackel, in the Aug. 22 letter. "Any information regarding the future of the work camp would be appreciated. Bay City has been

providing inmate labor to the community for approximately 20 years and it has become a valuable asset to the county."

Asked by The Times about the possibility of clo-

sure, Ann V. Howard, communications director for the DOC, responded that the Bay City Work Camp "is fully funded." She said 70 staff worked there, including 64 security personnel,

three in food service, two in classification and one in medical.

Howard said the newly constructed work camp at FCI is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 31, 2012. "The

work camp is not funded at this time," she wrote.

Howard said Bay City provides about 111,000 hours annually from inmate work squads working in the community, for a total cost

savings of \$1.96 million annually to the taxpayers of Franklin County.

"At this time there are no plans to impact the citizens of Franklin County," she wrote.

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Apalachicola plans millage drop, pay hikes

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Apalachicola plans to lower its millage rate during the upcoming fiscal year and grant employees up to a 3 percent pay hike.

At a Sept 6 budget workshop, City Administrator Betty Webb unveiled the revised budget, which would set the tax rate at 9.0090 mills, a tad below this year's 9.1735 millage rate and a full half-mill below the rollback rate of 9.5090 mills. The rollback rate would keep ad valorem tax revenues at \$1.15 million, roughly equivalent to this year's tax revenue.

The proposed millage rate will bring in \$1.09 million, mainly because the decline in Apalachicola's tax base, which has been in double digits the past two years, is mild this year, a slide of just \$3.4 million, or 2.6 percent, from \$130.9 million to \$127.5 million.

"How can you go wrong in giving tax breaks?" said Mayor Van Johnson, echoing the positive response of the commission.

Because of the city is carrying forward about \$400,000 in the general fund, Apalachicola expects to have a budget cushion during the 2012-13 fiscal year, which they expect will be about \$388,000 by Sept. 2013.

Highlights of the new budget include the hiring of librarian Katy Greene as a full-time employee with benefits at her current pay rate and the hiring of two Workforce employees into regular full-time employees in city administration.

"I like what you've done," Commissioner Brenda Ash said. "Cathy does a fantastic job, she really goes beyond the call of duty."

Ash asked that the proposed 3 percent across-the-board pay hikes feature a mechanism that would base some of the raise on supervi-



Betty Webb reviews the budget with the city commission

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sor evaluations.

"I would like to see supervisors in each department evaluate each employee and come up with a percentage for the raise," she said. "Not everybody produces the same. There are some who are more willing and eager and some that will do

just what they need to get by. Those who have performed accordingly will get that 3 percent."

"I agree with that wholeheartedly. I want to reiterate that supervisors have a duty and obligation to be fair on that," Commissioner Jimmy Elliott said

Webb said she would come back to the commissioners during the budget process as to a formula that would ensure a baseline across-the-board raise and a scale for the merit pay adjustment.

"As long as they're getting something, I'm fine with that," said Johnson. "I want the cost-of-living adjustment to be the same for everybody. The cost of a loaf of bread is going to cost the chief the same as it's going to cost me."

Commissioner Frank Cook backed the pay hikes but suggested it might be done as bonuses and not permanent pay increases.

"I think one of the reasons we have ended up where we are is employees have worked very hard," he said. "Bonuses don't obligate you in the next year to remain at that point. We got to realize that it's much harder to reduce pay than it is to just not give bonuses."

Highlighting the budget is an estimated \$112,000 increase in water and sewer revenues, from \$1.68 million to \$1.8 million, as well as \$4,000 more to be spent on book acquisition and automation, due to the fact that the interest rate return from the Margaret Key estate bequest has dropped. Another \$25,000 in local option gas tax expenditures next year is due to the payments on a new loader bought last year by the city. Also, the city will be spending about \$5,000 more in loan payments on its new fire truck because of a drop in donations received from the fire department auxiliary.

Webb said Police Chief Bobby Varnes was able to spend \$28,000 that was set aside this past year for vehicles to finish renovations of the combined police and fire station.

The next public hearing on the budget is this Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.

Carrabelle plans 'tax neutral' millage increase

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By cutting corners, Carrabelle city commissioners plan to increase the millage rate by a half-mill, from 8.27 to 8.77 mills, and expect some homeowners may actually see a decrease in their tax bills.

City Clerk Keisha Smith said the change is not considered a tax increase since the rollback rate, which would keep overall revenues constant, is 10.42 mills. This year, the city's combined valuation dropped \$28 million, from \$130.9 million to \$102.9 million, or by just over 25 percent.

"Use my house as an example," she said. "At 9.27 mills (the original proposed millage), it would only raise

my taxes \$10. At 8.77 mills, it should be tax neutral. I may even see a decrease because property values have dropped so much."

Ad valorem revenue for the city during the upcoming fiscal year will be \$902,000, down \$188,000 from the \$1.09 million collected during the 2011-12 fiscal year.

"It's not just ad valorem taxes," Smith said after the meeting. "Franchise fees and communications service tax went down too. We're not getting as much on anything."

Smith said she cut the budget by \$130,000 before presenting it to the commission. They then shaved an additional \$52,000 off the approved spending.

At the first budget hearing Sept. 6, commissioners

voted unanimously to cut an already bare bones budget and lower the proposed millage rate from 9.27 to 8.77 mills.

The biggest single cut was \$28,000 to hire a third employee for the streets and roads department, a position approved in last year's budget but never filled. Former city commissioner Gathana Parmenas pointed out that the city could hire a part-time person with no benefits if the need arose.

City staff said they had budgeted \$18,000 to cover increased water for the new landscaping along US 98. Parmenas said the plantings were over a year old and well established. The utility budget was reduced to \$10,000.

The community celebra-

tion budget was cut from \$12,000 to \$1,500, with the latter earmarked to pay for half of the fireworks at the annual Holiday on the Harbor celebration in December.

There is no funding for July 4 fireworks, and there will be no free food at the Christmas celebration. The free lunch traditionally served at the Camp Gordon Johnston Days parade also has been cut for the upcoming year.

Money budgeted to pay professional consulting fees, for instance fees charged by an engineer, was cut by 50 percent to \$4,000. "We'll just have to be

a little more choosy about our projects," Smith said.

The final major cut was \$1,000 from funds to train volunteer firemen and first responders. Smith said the funds for training will be drawn from MSBU fees this year.

Smith said there were no significant changes to the water and sewer budget. She said rates were adjusted earlier this year and no additional increase to the water rates should be necessary for at least three years.

Parmenas questioned a sharp reduction in salaries for administrative employees. Smith said half of the

salary for accounting has been transferred to the budget for water and sewer, because the staff spends significant time on water and sewer matters. She said the city paid the entire amount when water and sewer was short of funds, but now the department could afford to resume paying a portion of the salaries.

Commissioners voted unanimously to accept both the tentative millage and budget.

The second meeting to finalize the new budget will be held on Monday, Sept. 24, at 5:01 p.m. in the meeting room at the Carrabelle Municipal Complex.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Dog Island Conservation District
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Road Use Impact Fees	15,000
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Other income	0
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LCM Operations	7,000
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Island Stewardship	2,000
Garbage Compactor Maintenance	3,000
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A resource fair coordinated by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Eastpoint Fire House on Sixth Street in Eastpoint to provide assistance to those who have been negatively affected by poor conditions of the bay.

For more information, contact Maria Goodwin at 873-3581 or mgoodwin@gcwb.org.

Resource fair to help hard-hit seafood workers

Commercial oystermen, their families and other Franklin County residents hard-hit by the oyster harvesting crisis will get some much-needed help navigating government assistance programs, Sen. Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, announced Friday.

In an effort to connect those economically affected by the oyster harvest calamity with federal and state programs available to help bridge the economic crisis, Montford is broadening his Apalachicola district office hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and after hours if necessary.

"As we've seen with other disasters that have hit Florida, those impacted often need some assistance understanding or applying for the various federal and local programs that are there to help them in the recovery process," Montford said. "My goal is to get the government help to Franklin County residents and Franklin County residents to the government help as quickly

as possible."

With oyster levels at their lowest since Hurricane Elena in 1985, Gov. Rick Scott last week requested the federal government to declare a fishery disaster for Florida's oyster harvesting areas in the Gulf, opening the door to potential federal relief funds.



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Montford has been actively engaged with federal and state officials to deploy all possible help to the afflicted community. He is also working to plan a Franklin County Governmental Services Day to connect affected residents with state and local agencies such as the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Children and Families, which oversees food assistance programs, to help residents bridge the economic disaster.

Any Franklin County residents or businesses affected by the oyster harvesting disaster and needing assistance or with questions concerning relief efforts are encouraged to contact Montford's Apalachicola office at 653-2656.

CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 6 Times article "Auditors say Carrabelle must tighten the books," it was reported that a letter replying to the 2010-11 audit had been prepared by the city commission and city staff. The letter was prepared by City Administrator Courtney Millender.

The article said City Clerk Keisha Smith might be considered for additional training in accounting. Commissioner Brenda LaPaz said last week that commissioners had not discussed training anyone.

Also, the city's parks and recreation funds were not spent to purchase the Moore House in the 2010-11 fiscal year. That purchase took place during the 2011-12 fiscal year. An outlay for parks and recreation that was mentioned in the audit referred to the landscaping of U.S. 98 in downtown Carrabelle.

In the Sept. 6 Times article "Fugitive doctor still on the run," it should have been noted that Dr. Abdul Rasoul Salman owned a business called Gulf Coast Walk-In Clinic, 3228 E. 15th St. in Panama City, at the time of the alleged crimes. That building was sold in February 2011, and is now owned by Dr. Jigish Patel and Dr. Benita Amin and houses a primary care clinic and Coastal Allergy and Asthma.

Online courses can be beneficial alternative

I want to respond to the recent letters concerning making Spanish an online course. I want to praise Superintendent Marks for "thinking outside the box" and having students to take their Spanish class online.

Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature last session mandated that students take an online course before they can graduate. By offering Spanish online, this allows students to complete two requirements, first the foreign language requirement and second, the online course requirement. Trust me, I lived in Central Florida for seven years and did just fine not being able to speak Spanish. The students of today will be just fine in society not speaking a second language. I feel that students need to learn English first, then worry about a foreign language second. I also feel that students learning sign language as an alternative to foreign language is more beneficial.

Today is 2012, and technology is part of curriculum. I do understand that some individuals who haven't been in a classroom in over 10 years may wish to criticize this move, but I applauded the effort of Mrs. Marks and her administration in trying something new for education.

I have seen taking online courses as an alternative to classroom instruction be very beneficial to students. I taught at the Florida State University School, and we offered a course of physics as an online course. The 25 students met in the computer lab with a teacher's aide, and they worked online for 50 minutes a day on their online course, plus they can access their course from home via Florida Virtual School. All 25 students passed the physics online course with a C or higher grade, and all 25 students were level 3 or higher on both FCAT Math and FCAT Reading for their

10th grade. This alternative method of teaching both saves money and is beneficial to student learning.

I am presently completing my Ph.D. in education leadership, all online, all through a Southern Association Accreditation School. What it takes to be successful in an online learning environment is responsibility, dedication and devotion to complete a course. Parents need to be more proactive in making sure their child is doing the requirements. For a student to be successful in school, they need to have a team consisting of the teachers, parents and community working together, not working against new ideas and policies.

Parents should be checking their FOCUS portal on a daily basis to monitor their child's progress, because education begins in the home. FOCUS is the online grading system most school districts in North Florida are now using. Parents should have no excuse for not knowing their child's grades and progress in school.

Change sometimes seems difficult, but with the FCAT test scores coming out of Franklin County, change is what is needed.

Best wishes to Franklin County Schools in 2012-13.

Dennis Martina

We must join together

This letter is written in the desperation of the situation Franklin County is facing with our bay. We need to join and stand together as one entity and work to find a solution to this problem. Our bay is suffering from unknown causes, and everything in it is depleted to dire levels. We face the possibility of a complete wipeout of our economy and the area that we call home.

A lot of opinions linger as to why this is happening. Is it because of the oil spill, dispersant, not enough freshwater, too much freshwater,

poor management? I don't have that answer, but what I do know is that if we do nothing, then it won't matter. The Franklin County Seafood Workers Association attended the county commissioners' meeting on Tuesday morning, Sept. 4, and the emergency meeting on Thursday, Sept. 6, from 5 until after 8 p.m. We were so proud to see all of the people of this community who came. It breaks my heart to see good, decent, hardworking, God-fearing people in such a state, as well as my own household and family. This is a cry for unity.

The Franklin County Seafood Workers Association wants to take this chance to remind the people of the seafood industry that we as a seafood association represent all the seafood across the board. We stand for and represent the crabbers, fishermen, shrimpers, mullet fishermen, cannon balers, etc. We believe in and love all of what makes this area and people what it is. As we go forward with this fight for our bay, we ask that all of you who make a living on the water come and partner with us in this fight. We are going to be fighting this with all we have! We will not give up this fight, but we need your help also.

We have meetings at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of every month at the Eastpoint Firehouse. Our next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 8, same time and same place. Please come and join our association and help us represent this community we all call home. We are available anytime you need us via phone, internet, Facebook and in person if need be, and we can be there.

For more information, call Jennifer Millender at 597-0787 or Shannon Hartsfield at 653-5190.

Jennifer Millender, FCSWA secretary
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Rickie Banks, vice president
Chris Millender, 2nd vice president
Devon Barber, treasurer

Harry P. Owens to be part of Authors in Apalach

The Apalachicola Municipal Library and PALS, our friends' group, are doing their second

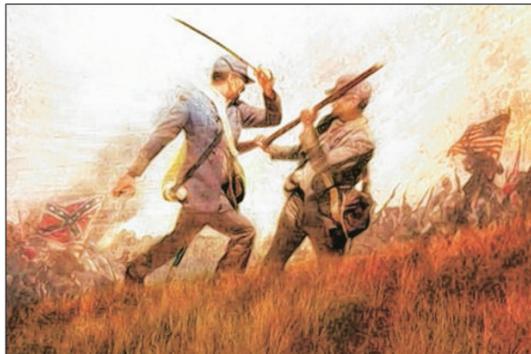


THE LIBRARY
Cathy Greene

year of Authors in Apalach on Sept. 28-29, and if it grows any more, we will be rivaling St. Augustine's Florida Heritage Books Festival in a few years. Well, maybe quite a few years.

The event begins that Friday at 7 p.m., at Trinity Church's Benedict Hall. This candlelight Civil War-themed dinner has been enhanced by the introduction of native Leon Bloodworth as our Wild Game Grill Master. He will be providing venison and wild duck from his own stock and will be grilling "duck poppers" and venison medallions. The menu also will include fresh local fish and shrimp and, of course, Apalachicola Bay oysters, God willing. Wines will be paired with the courses. Southern desserts will include charlotte and rice pudding. Period attire is optional.

Tickets are \$50, and the funds go to support the library. The seating is limited to 50, so call the library to make your



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

This is the cover illustration of Jeff Shaara's "A Blaze of Glory." Shaara will be the featured author at Authors in Apalach.

reservations at 653-8436 or p.a.l.s.apalach@gmail.com. We hope to sell them all by next week.

It is our special honor to have as a guest for the weekend Professor Emeritus Harry P. Owens coming from Oxford, Miss. Many historians of this wonderful town owe their knowledge of the antebellum period from his "Apalachicola Before 1861." This work was his PhD thesis at Florida State University in 1967. It has never been published as a book, although several university microfilm copies live in local libraries, including ours. Professor Owens is signing over the publication rights jointly

to the Apalachicola Area Historical Society and PALS, and we hope to have it out in 2013. He created the Civil War classes at Ole Miss that are still taught, and the library at the University's Center for Civil War Research is named after him.

Jeff Shaara, our featured author, is a New York Times bestselling author several times over; probably best known for his Civil War titles, "Gods and Generals" and "The Last Full Measure" are the prequel and sequel to his father's "Killer Angels." "Gods and Generals" was made into a film in 2003. Jeff lives just up the road in Tallahassee. His most recent book, "A Blaze of

Glory," about the battle of Shiloh, was released in May.

Jeff will be addressing the guests at the dinner and again on Saturday afternoon, from 1-5 p.m. at the Authors Forum at the Holy Family Senior Center.

At 8:30 a.m. Sept. 29, flags will be placed on the graves of Civil War veterans, Confederate and Union, in Chestnut Cemetery. Individuals and descendants of veterans will be at their gravesites. More than a dozen authors will then gather at the Raney House for a book signing from 9:30 to noon. Several new books will be available including "Apalachicola Diary," a collection of Mayor Jimmie Nichols' columns from the Apalachicola Times.

As you can guess, we think this going to be an outstanding event. All Saturday activities are free, except for a requested donation at the evening reception, at 5:30 p.m. at the Orman House. Hope you can join us.

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



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Special to the Times

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board is slated to place 160 individuals into new jobs as the result of an On the Job Training Program.

Funded by a federal grant, the program is designed to help unemployed jobseekers gain skills in a new field while working, and the grant will help offset the costs of training new employees for local businesses.

"With this grant, we're able to retrain people for jobs that are available in today's job market while

they earn a livable wage," said Kim Bodine, GCWB executive director. "On the Job Training is a fast and efficient way to provide assistance to those that are unemployed while helping our local employers find and train good workers."

The program is open to individuals in Bay, Gulf or Franklin counties who are unemployed and receiving unemployment benefits or have exhausted those benefits. Local employers who have full-time, permanent jobs also may participate and receive financial assistance to offset the costs of training their new

employees.

The GCWB will recruit and prescreen eligible applicants based on the specific needs of the employer and refer those qualified. Once an eligible participant is hired, GCWB will reimburse the employer for 50 to 90 percent of the trainees' wages during the on-the-job training period, which averages 12 weeks.

The Workforce Center's OJT program is a limited time offer, and restrictions apply. For more information and to see if you meet the qualifications, call Holly Justice at 370-0726.

Election complaint dropped

Election commission won't pursue grievances against former school finance director

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The Florida Elections Commission has decided not to pursue a complaint filed by an Alligator Point resident against the school district regarding how it conducted promotion of the March 6 tax referendum.

At its Aug. 14 meeting in Tallahassee, the commissioners agreed with a staff recommendation that there was no probable cause to charge Roy Carroll, the district's former director of financial services, with violation of section 106 of the Florida Statutes, which requires that political advertisements be marked with a proper disclaimer.

According to a June 6 staff report prepared by Eric Lipman, the FEC's



ROY CARROLL

general counsel, Allen Feifer lodged the complaint March 5 alleging that Carroll, as treasurer of Citizens for Franklin's Great Schools, failed to mark an ad with the proper disclaimer. Lipman's report said Citizens for Franklin's Great Schools was a political committee, properly filed with the Florida Division of Elections and Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott's office.

The ad in question, urging a yes vote on the four-year, half-mill tax levy, was circulated in the weeks before the election. The disclaimer read "Pd. For by Citizens for Franklin's Great Schools Contact Roy Carroll to join this group."

Lipman said Carroll told investigators "he did not personally see nor was aware of this flyer" until he was sent it as part of the FEC inquiry.

"As 'Citizens for Franklin's Great Schools' Treasurer, I did not approve the production or distribution of the flyer submitted by Mr. Feifer," Carroll

said. "No monies were expended from 'Citizens for Franklin's Great Schools' to pay for this flyer, nor any other flyer."

Lipman reported that in a May 18 affidavit, Rik McNeill, representative of the local teachers' union, testified that he prepared and paid for the flyer. McNeill told investigators that he had updated an older version of the advertisement that previously ran in the newspaper.

"The disclaimer on Mr. McNeill's political advertisement is incorrect," wrote Lipman in his report. "A proper political disclaimer would have been 'Pd. Pol. Adv. Paid for by Rik McNeill, 182 Packbrook Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.'"

"Because it appears that (Carroll) did not control, coordinate, or consult with Mr. McNeill in creating or paying for the advertisement, it does not appear that (Carroll) violated (the statute)," Lipman wrote. "The political disclaimer on Mr. McNeill's advertisement erroneously made it appear that (Carroll) was responsible for, or connected to, the advertisement in question when he was not."

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

controlled substance by fraud (FCSO)

Sept. 5

Joshua R. Furr, 30, Apalachicola, Bay County warrant for violation of probation (FCSO)

Sept. 6

David S. Smith, 32, Eastpoint, theft from a person age 65 or older (FCSO)

Derrick E. Kennedy, 40, Carrabelle, trespass in an occupied structure (FCSO)

William H. Hoffire, 51, Eastpoint, grand theft and dealing in stolen property (FCSO)

Sept. 7

Henry E. Cooper, 47, Apalachicola, driving while license revoked - habitual (APD)

Stefan L. Sims, 49, Port St. Joe, failure to appear (FCSO)

David R. Adams, 24, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Sept. 9

William P. Kinser, 55, St. James, domestic battery (FCSO)

Sept. 10

William J. Goodson, 40, Eastpoint, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (FCSO)

Brandon D. Polous, 26, Eastpoint, battery (FCSO)

Brandy L. Herndon, 24, Eastpoint, battery (FCSO)

Sept. 1

Gary D. Caples, 48, Eastpoint, driving while license suspended or revoked (APD)

Sept. 2

Patricia A. Keil, 43, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)

Sept. 3

Amber M. Branch, 32, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)

Sept. 4

Sheri M. Mann, 34, Eastpoint, child abuse (FCSO)

Maurice D. Miller, 34, Apalachicola, domestic battery and resisting without violence (APD)

Patricia A. Keil, 43, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Amber M. Branch, 32, Eastpoint, Gulf County warrant for violation of probation (FCSO)

Ruby A. Murray, 43, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Joshua N. Dansereau, 32, Apalachicola, Leon County warrant for attempting to obtain a

CARRABELLE COMPLETES PAVILION CONSTRUCTION

The new Carrabelle Pavilion located next to the firehouse on Tallahassee Street is finished. David Butler, director of Carrabelle's Economic Development Council, said a street dance might be planned in the near future. He said the EDC will organize a monthly market day to be held at the facility. A ribbon cutting is being planned for Friday, Oct. 5.



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MONTHLY MEETING

October 20, 2012	April 20, 2013
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ENGAGEMENTS

Cheyne Todd, Bryan Tune to marry

Ms. Lynn Todd and Mr. Michael Todd would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Cheyne Elizabeth Todd, to Bryan Robert Tune, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Tune of Williston, South Carolina.



Cheyne is the granddaughter of Ms. Helen Quackenbush and the late Harold Quackenbush of Port St. Joe, and Mr. Red Todd and the late Rita Todd of Port St. Joe. She is the great-granddaughter of Ms. Lucy Abbot of Port St. Joe.

Bryan is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Augustine of Williston, South Carolina, and Mr. John N. Tune and the late Lounette Tune of Williston, South Carolina.

The wedding is planned for 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, 2012, at St. James Episcopal Church in Port St. Joe. A reception will follow in the Centennial Building. All friends and family are invited. No local invitations will be sent.

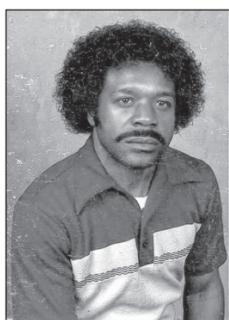
Following the wedding, and Bryan's yearlong tour in South Korea, Cheyne and Bryan will be living in Sumter, South Carolina, where Bryan will be stationed at Shaw Air Force Base.

BIRTHDAYS



Jordan Barber turns 6

Jordan Barber turns 6 years old Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012. She will celebrate her birthday with family and friends. Happy Birthday, Jordan! We Love You! Lucille, Payton and Kyla



Jimmy Rochelle's birthday today

Happy Birthday, Poppie! Are you 27 or 72, on Sept. 13? Remember Jokes! (Smile) Your Great Grands, Donate and Kyera Love Always, The Family

Lily Henderson turns 1

Our sweet Lily turned 1 on Sunday, Sept. 9. Lillian Alice Henderson is the daughter of Heather Henderson.



Grandparents are Donna and Donnie Marcus of White City, and Michael Henderson of Apalachicola. Great-grandparents are Bill and Edna Mae Henderson, of Eastpoint.

Lily is the niece of Jeremy Marcus, Donald Wade Marcus Jr., and Leanna Roberts. Her great-aunt and great-uncle are Sharon and Tommy Roberts of Cedar Bluff, Ala., and Scott and Lee Henderson of Eastpoint.

Lily celebrated her ladybug birthday with family and friends at the White City Fire Department.

Happy Birthday to our beautiful baby girl! We love you so much!



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Pete Adams, right and Shorty Dasher, who along with Alvin Martina and Charles Wilson left Apalachicola together for the Army on Sept. 1, 1966, listen to Charles Thompson as he sings "God Bless America."

Veterans mark annual get-together

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Saturday's 21st annual veterans reunion at the Armory wasn't a huge affair, but it was a warm and friendly one.

Bad weather kept many of the vets away, but for those who came to enjoy fresh fried mullet and homemade desserts, it was a chance to reminisce and think back on the difficulties, and rewards, of their military service.

For Bob Inguagiato, there were memories of almost 50 years ago, when he was drafted right after graduating in June 1965 with a marketing degree from Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

He had hoped to secure a spot in the Coast Guard, but without political connections, it was not to be.

And so he reported for duty at Fort Dix, with an eye towards fulfilling his military responsibilities, just like other men in his extended family had done.

"My uncles were in the military and they were proud of it," he said. "I felt the same way. I have no

negative feelings about being drafted; it was just my duty."

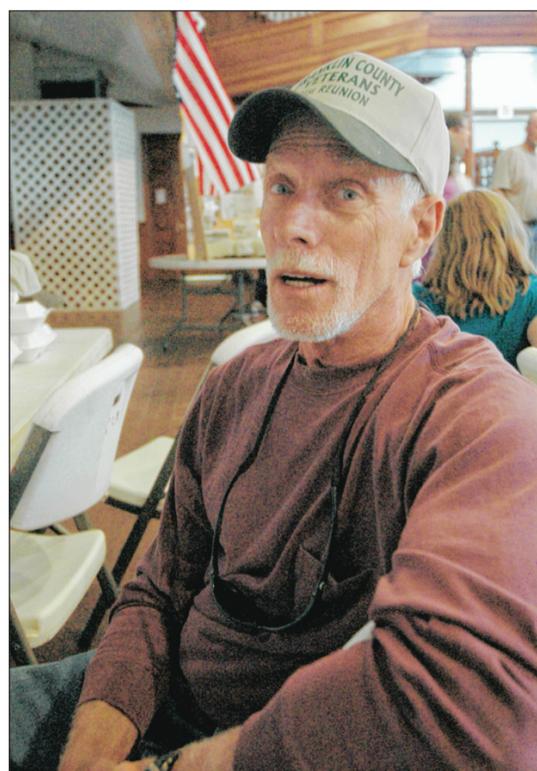
Inguagiato was assigned to automotive mechanics, to work on "mules," a four-wheel motorized cart employed heavily in Vietnam.

Assigned to the Army's 1st Air Cavalry, he completed advanced training in Aberdeen, Maryland, before deploying in 1966 to Vietnam. He was assigned to An Khe in the central highlands, and there served for 12 months, before being sent home just three weeks before the Tet Offensive escalated the war.

"There still was plenty of combat," he said. "I was just lucky because it was my time to come home. My whole outfit moved someplace else after Tet."

Inguagiato said that had there not been a war going on, he might have made the military a career. Instead, the training he received early in life was a launching pad for a job as a management trainee and later director of education and training for a Fortune 500 company.

"It was a life-changer for



BOB INGUAGIATO

me," he said. "It definitely changed my life for the better. The military gave me my start. I wound up not fearing things."

The event was hosted by Charles Wilson, with help from John Sack. Chaplain Charles Scott offered a prayer before the meal, and Charles Thompson sang patriotic melodies.

Carrabelle receives 19th century abstract

The Carrabelle History Museum has received an important donation.

At the Sept. 7 city commission meeting, Historical Society President Tamara Allen announced that Ann Lindsey, widow of the recently deceased Bill Lindsey, has donated the abstract to title of Pickett's Addition to the museum.

According to Carrabelle's historical preservation survey, Pickett's Landing is 278 acres of land "bounded by Thirteenth Street on the west, Avenue G on the north, Fifth Street on the east and East

Meridian Avenue, Avenue A North and the Carrabelle River on the south."

Allen said the folder contains documents dating back to 1828, including the documents that created the Apalachicola Land Company, documents from the Royal Majesty of Spain and President John Tyler's signature.

The brief was prepared by Judge Raymond Witherspoon, Bill Lindsey's grandfather. Allen said she is examining it to determine how best to preserve and display the contents.



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Southeast plein air painters visit

Plein Air Painters of the Southeast are attending a retreat here, most staying on St. George Island and searching for subject matter throughout the county.

Among the visitors is nationally acclaimed painter Lori Putnam, who regularly participates in the invitational Plein Air Paintout along the coast each May.

"It's very different to come here on a retreat," Putnam said. "During the paint out, we are under so much pressure; just painting for the sheer pleasure of it is so different. A lot of the members are from the Carolinas and have never been here. I've visited so often, I feel



LORI PUTNAM

like I'm showing them my hometown."

Putnam, pictured above painting on the Apalachicola waterfront, said that from Thursday through Saturday, the artists will be joined by 36 adult students who will also be painting plein air. She said the retreat was organized through the Apalachicola School of Art.

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PET OF THE WEEK
Franklin County Humane Society



GALLANT GATOR!

Gator is a beautiful dog that doesn't show well in the kennels. He is very gentle and affectionate but has a very loud bark when someone he doesn't know approaches. No matter how much we assure the potential adopter that he is gentle, that first impression sticks and they move on. This beautiful boy needs to

been seen for who and what he is....a smart, loving, gentle dog that needs a home. Could you be that person?

Volunteers are desperately needed to socialize all of our dogs and cats.

We are always looking for people willing to bring one of our animals into their home to be fostered for various needs. Anytime you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

Call Karen at 670-8417 for more details or visit the Franklin County Humane Society at 244 State Road 65 in Eastpoint. You may logon to the website at www.forgottenpets.org to see more of our adoptable pets.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Robert Allen Crews

Sept. 5, 1952 - March 7, 2003

Happy 60th birthday, Robert. You'll be with me always.

Love,
Robin



CARDS OF THANKS

First of all I would like to say what a wonderful county and community I live in! I have learned over these past couple of weeks that I am surrounded by some of the most caring and compassionate people-right here in Franklin County. I am blessed beyond measure.

Thanks to each and every one of you, and the local businesses, who donated items, money, food, the fish and their time on my behalf for the benefit. I am scared to name drop in fear of leaving someone out. I so appreciate each and every one of you! I have tried to find each of you to thank you personally.

I would like to thank my family Denise and William Massey, Dianna (Herbert) Davis, Melonie Simmons Delgotta, Keith (Lucille) Walden and Clara Walden for organizing this benefit for me. I was moved to tears when I drove up at the benefit and saw all the people who came and donated their time, most of whom I didn't even know.

As I said what a great place I live in! I so appreciate the donations, but above all, what I take from this is that the human spirit and compassion still exist and that I am surrounded by greatness, and that my friends are priceless! So thank you again for your support and prayers in my time of need. I will forever be grateful.

Lisa Walden

The family of the late Eugene F. Russ, Sr. gratefully acknowledges the many expressions of sympathy and kindness shown us in our loss.

Russ Family

The veterans of Franklin County would like to extend our appreciation to the following merchants/individuals who supported our annual reunion on Saturday, Sept. 8. Thanks for remembering.

WOYS Radio; A Country Place - Ms. Ouida Sack; Gulfside IGA - Wayne and Jan Dooley; Captain Gill's Apalach River Cruises - Gill and Lane Autrey; Franklin County Sheriff's Office - Capt. John Summerhill; Duren's Piggly Wiggly of Port St. Joe; C & S Trim - Charles and Susan Stancell, of Houston, Texas; Nadine Lee; Tony Lee; Suncoast Lawn and Landscaping; Ronnie Segree; Charles Thompson and Buffalo Rock Pepsi.

Franklin County Veterans

Church BRIEFS

Fellowship Baptist in revival this week

Fellowship Baptist Church on Ellis Van Vleet Street in Apalachicola will be in Revival with Brother Kenneth Hosford of Liberty County, Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 12-14, beginning at 7 p.m. each evening. Brother Hosford will also be preaching Homecoming activities on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Fellowship Baptist Church and there will be dinner in the fellowship hall after the morning service.

Brother Hosford, also known as Liberty County Judge Kenneth Hosford, is a dynamic and talented speaker and singer. We're looking forward to a wonderful Revival and Homecoming, knowing "Where two or more are gathered, the Lord is in the midst."

Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship. (If you don't, you'll be missing out on a blessing!)

Assemblies of God join in 'Back to Church Sunday'

"Back To Church Sunday," part of a national movement of churches across America, will be held at High Calling Church in Eastpoint at 10:45 a.m. on Sept. 16.

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

High Calling Church is an Assemblies of God church, at 21 Island Drive in Eastpoint. The event will also be part of Sunday services at Living Waters Assembly Of God, 1580 Bluff Rd, Apalachicola.

National "Back To Church Sunday" (www.backtochurch.com) is an initiative that is "Inviting America Back to Church."

It seeks to reach the "un-churched" and "de-churched" — people who once attended church, but don't any more — and invite them to return for a special Sunday. Back to Church Sunday was launched four years ago in response to a survey of 15,000 adults in the United States. Results showed a personal invitation from a family member would prompt 67 percent of Americans to visit a church, and 63 percent said an invitation from a friend or neighbor would cause them to attend a service.

"High Calling Church is committed to revealing the saving grace and restorative mercy of Jesus to the community. It is our desire to be a place where everyone has a purpose in God's plan," said Ron Crum Jr., lead pastor of High Calling Church.

For more information, go to highcallingchurch.org or call 850-320-0409.

Sunday luncheon to be in Nolton's memory

What a very nice service for a very nice gentleman. Friends and neighbors gathered at the Church of the Ascension last Sunday, Sept. 9 for a memorial service of William "Bill" Lindsey. He will be missed. He was a good friend of mine. Pray for Bill's eternal rest and for strength for Annie and their family.

Be looking for you Thursday at the Franklin County Senior Center, 201 Avenue F in Carrabelle. We will enjoy a fine lunch prepared by our faithful volunteers, and visit with friends and neighbors. Serving will begin at noon. Everyone

welcome! Your donation will be collected at the door.

On Friday night, Sept. 14, you will find a lot of us enjoying a huge hamburger and chips at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82, 2367 Oak Street, Lanark Village. Serving begins at 5 p.m., donation \$6. Breakfast Saturday morning, Sept. 15 will be served at the Lanark Boat Club here in the village. You can enjoy pancakes/French toast, bacon, eggs, coffee, and juice for only \$5, from 9 to 11 a.m. Enjoy!

Our monthly covered dish luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 16 will be

in memory of Zelma Mae Nolton, who is now with the Lord. Bring your favorite dish, and donation, and your empty stomach and be at Chillas Hall when the doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 3. Breakfast will be prepared and served by the members of the Lanark Golf Club. Start the day off with a full, hearty breakfast for only \$5 donation. Holly Cow! See ya there!

Be kind to one another; check on the sick and housebound, and remember — God loves Franklin County!

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



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

Obituaries

Earel Hardy

Earel Hardy, 75, of Apalachicola, passed away Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, at his daughter's residence in Eastpoint.

Mr. Hardy was born March 18, 1937, in Holmes County to the late Shepard and Mary Lue Hardy. He retired as a foreman at the Port St. Joe Paper Company after 35 years of service and was a member of the union.

He was a member of the Church of God in Eastpoint. Mr. Hardy loved to hunt and fish, especially loggerheads, squirrels and catfish.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Monroe Hardy; a sister, Mary J. Bean and a grandchild, Brandon Segree.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Wynette D. Hardy; a son, Ronnie E. Hardy and Angelina, of Eastpoint; daughters, Earlene Segree and Donnie, of Eastpoint, and Doralene

Rickards of Apalachicola; grandchildren, Tabitha Dawn Hardy, Eric Garst and Lee Segree; one great-grandchild, Austin Segree; brothers, Leo Hardy and Nancy, of Bainbridge, Ga., Eera Hardy and Judy, of Deland, Charles "Shorty" Hardy and Linda, of Apalachicola; a sister, Rosette Calhoun and Herbert, of Milton; a sister-in-law, Rebecca Hardy, of Milton; and other extended family.

A funeral service was held Monday afternoon, Sept. 10 at Church of God in Eastpoint with Brother Ronnie Segree officiating. Interment followed immediately in Eastpoint Cemetery. The family received friends from 3 p.m. until service time at the church.

Condolences may be submitted or viewed at www.southerlandfamily.com. Southerland Family Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Ron Isbell

Ronald J. Isbell, 63, of Kings Mountain, North Carolina died Friday, Sept. 7, 2012 at home.

He was born May 31, 1949 in Terre Haute, Ind. to Charles and Fern Isbell and was raised on farms in eastern Illinois.

A 1967 graduate of Hutsonville, Ill. High School, he began his journalism career as a correspondent for The Robinson Daily News while still in high school. He graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1971 with a degree in political science and a minor in journalism.

He served as an editor of two newspapers before buying his first newspaper, The Casey (Ill.) Daily Reporter. His company grew to include newspapers in Marshall, Oakland, Neoga, Greenup (Ill.), Knightstown, New Castle, Edinburgh and Bicknell (Ind.) and eventually Quincy. He also managed newspapers in Christiansburg, Blacksburg and Radford, Va., and Crawfordville and Port St. Joe.

He was the publisher and half owner of The Kings Mountain Herald, Cherryville Eagle and Banner News in North Carolina at the time of his death. He also was a newspaper consultant.

He was an active member of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club and had formerly been a member of Rotary Clubs in Casey, Ill., Blacksburg,

Va., Crawfordville and Port St. Joe.

He also was a member of the board of Mountaineer Partnership and of the Kings Mountain Advisory Committee of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce.

An avid motorcyclist and camper, he and his wife, Wendy, travelled much of the United States, combining those two passions.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy, of Kings Mountain, N.C.; parents, Charles and Fern Isbell of Marshall, Ill.; sons and stepchildren Trevor Isbell of Maryville, Tenn., Jason Cummins and Traci Moore of Martinsville, Ill., and Wayne Conner of Kings Mountain; two brothers, John of Woodstock, Ill., and Chris of Lena, Ill.; a sister, Kim Bass of Henderson, Nevada; two grandsons, Bryton Moore and Eli Cummins; three granddaughters, Brette Cummins, Jordyn Scott and Hannah Moore; one nephew and four nieces.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 a.m. at Prust-Hosch Funeral Home in West Union, Ill. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Green Banana Project Ltd, P.O. Box 1552, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; Hospice Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150; or your choice, would be appreciated.

Joseph E. Rudd Jr.

Joseph Edwin Rudd, Jr. was born Nov. 24, 1944, in Geneva, Ala. to Joseph Edwin Rudd Sr. and Mildred Louise Goodson Rudd.

He passed away Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, at Covenant Hospice in Pensacola, surrounded by his family.

He was the oldest of three children. He graduated from Troy State University with a major in music education. He married Linda Faye Mathews with whom he had a family of four children.

Joseph was a talented musician and band director. He was a gifted composer and arranger of music for his bands. He devoted his life to educating and caring for the youth of his community. He enjoyed playing his trombone to the tunes of Glenn Miller, Frank Sinatra, and many others. He was also an amazing self-taught photographer. His favorite subjects were of course, his grandchildren.

Joseph was a loving father and grandfather. He was a kind-hearted, sweet, and unselfish man beyond the norm. He was a man of faith, having

served for many years as choir director in churches of his local communities. His devotion to God and church was epitomized

in his dedication to serving others. After the First Baptist Church of Carrabelle burned down on Christmas Eve, Joseph dug through the ashes of church rescuing church hymnals one by one.

Joseph is survived by his two daughters Cathy (Scott) Denny of Pace, and Chrissy Ralston of Superior, Colo.; and two sons, Joe Rudd, III and Jason M. (Veronica) Rudd, all of Carrabelle. He is also survived by two sisters Sharon (Mike) Faulk, and Susan (Don) Hamburg, both of Niceville; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at First Baptist Church of Carrabelle.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Joseph's honor to Covenant Hospice Joyce Goldenberg Hospice Inpatient Residence (Pensacola) or Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Neurological Intensive Care Unit.



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JOHN SPOHRER | special to the Times

Money available for turtle-friendly lighting

Special to the Times

Sea Turtles at Risk Inc. again has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to assist St. George Island property owners retrofit beach view houses with wildlife friendly lighting aka sea turtle-friendly lighting.

Properly shielded wall-mount light fixtures with amber LED bulbs are being made available, at no cost, to property owners who want to replace unshielded light fixtures in line-of-sight of the beach and provide better habitat for endangered island sea turtles and other wildlife.

The island is losing many hatchlings every year and untold numbers of nests because of female sea turtles being deterred from nesting, because unshielded lighting is visible from the nesting beach. Both interior and exterior lighting can deter nesting and disorient young turtles. Wildlife-friendly lighting not only provides a better habitat for wildlife but, when properly installed, creates a safer environment for people as well as preserving visibility of our starry night skies.

To qualify for the program, retrofit locations must be in line-of-sight of the nesting beach.

The property owner must complete an agreement form and note the number of fixtures and bulbs needed before receiving the fixtures. agreement forms are available at Apalachicola Ace Hardware, or call 653-1400 and ask for Genet or Mark.

Up to six fixture/bulb pairs are allowed for each property meeting criteria. There is a 30-day deadline for installation after which the property will be inspected to ensure proper installation of all fixtures.

For questions, call Bruce Hall at 653-3820 or 653-5964.

For more information on SGI Sea Turtles and habitat restoration, visit www.seaturtlesatrisk.org.

Third fox trapped in Apalach

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Two more foxes have been trapped at the site of the fox attack last week.

Director of Solid Waste and Animal Control Fonda Davis said a second fox was trapped Friday near the Avenue D home of Lisa Hooker, the woman bitten by a rabid fox Aug. 30.

The fox was captured in a no-kill trap baited with chicken, Davis said. He described the animal as full grown but small, possibly undernourished, and not "aggressive."

He said animal control euthanized the fox Monday morning, and the health department shipped the head to Pensacola for testing. The test costs about \$80 and is paid for by animal control. Davis said the health department would not pay to test foxes that had not had human contact.

Albert Floyd, supervisor of animal control, said the second fox had no symptoms of rabies at the time it was euthanized.

A third fox was trapped Monday morning at 17th Street and Avenue D. Davis said he was waiting for instructions from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on how to dispose of the third fox. Since it has not contacted a person, Floyd said the animal might be held in quarantine and relocated or euthanized but not tested.

"We can't kill every fox we catch," he said. "We can't eradicate them."

On Saturday, Hobson Fulmer and the staff of the Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic vaccinated for rabies more than 150 companion animals brought in by about 80 owners at a special emergency clinic. Fulmer gave the shots free of charge as a public service during the current crisis. A \$5 donation to the Franklin County Humane Society was requested for each animal vaccinated. The clinic collected around \$800 in donations.

A yellow tabby tomcat, belonging to an Apalachicola woman, escaped and ran across US 98 to a wooded



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Veterinary tech Kelly Sherman, left, helps veterinarian Dr. John Duncan prepare to vaccinate Piranha, an Eastpoint Chihuahua.

area near the Dollar General store during the clinic. The public's help is sought in recovering the animal. If you believe you have found the cat call 653-5857 or 670-8306.

With one case of rabies confirmed, Davis urged anyone seeing any animal behaving strangely to call animal control immediately at 670-4733.

According to the Center for Disease Control, symptoms of rabies include but are not limited to lethargy, fever, vomiting, loss of appetite, weakness, paralysis, seizures, difficulty breathing, difficulty swallowing, excessive salivation, abnormal behavior, aggression and self-mutilation.

"Rabies is a fatal disease caused by a virus that is spread from animal to animal or animal to human during a bite, scratch, or mucous membrane/open-skin exposure to the infected animal's saliva. Rabies in humans can be prevented if post-exposure medication is received early enough following a bite or scratch; well before the onset of symptoms."

According to MayoClinic.com, treatment for persons exposed to rabies consists of a fast-acting shot

to prevent infection part of which is given near the bite if possible. The first shot is followed by a series of rabies vaccines to help the body learn to identify and fight the rabies virus. Rabies vaccines are given as five injections in the arm over 14 days.

Under the "Cruelty to Animals" Section of the Florida Statutes, dogs and cats over 4 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

The health department urges everyone to supervise companion animals when they are outdoors and stay away from stray or wild animals and dogs or cats that are not yours. Never touch a bat. Never feed raccoons or any wild animal. If your pet fights with a wild animal, put on rubber gloves before handling your pet. If a wild animal bites or scratches you or your pet, do not shoot the attacker in the head because damaged brains cannot be tested for rabies.

If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, wash the wound immediately with soap and water. Seek medical treatment as needed and report the injury to the Franklin County Health Department at 653-2111.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Sept. 13	83°	73°	10 %
Fri, Sept. 14	84°	73°	10 %
Sat, Sept. 15	82°	73°	10 %
Sun, Sept. 16	82°	73°	30 %
Mon, Sept. 17	82°	75°	60 %
Tues, Sept. 18	83°	74°	60 %
Wed, Sept. 19	83°	73°	30 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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:

Bald Point	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03
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APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
13	Th	3:35am 1.6	2:13pm 1.8	8:51am 1.1	9:40pm 0.4
14	Fr	3:55am 1.6	3:12pm 1.8	9:33am 1.0	10:13pm 0.5
15	Sa	4:12am 1.7	4:08pm 1.9	10:11am 0.8	10:43pm 0.6
16	Su	4:28am 1.7	5:04pm 1.8	10:49am 0.6	11:12pm 0.8
17	Mo	4:47am 1.8	6:01pm 1.8	11:30am 0.4	11:39pm 1.0
18	Tu	5:09am 1.9	7:02pm 1.7	12:14pm 0.3	
19	We	5:36am 1.9	8:11pm 1.6	12:07am 1.1	1:05pm 0.2
20	Th	6:09am 2.0	9:31pm 1.5	12:35am 1.3	2:07pm 0.2
21	Fr	6:49am 2.0	11:15pm 1.5	1:03am 1.4	3:25pm 0.3
22	Sa	7:40am 2.0		1:37am 1.4	4:54pm 0.3
23	Su	8:46am 1.9		6:17pm 0.3	
24	Mo	20:3am 1.5	10:15am 1.8	5:18am 1.4	7:25pm 0.4
25	Tu	2:32am 1.5	12:02pm 1.7	6:58am 1.3	8:20pm 0.4

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
13	Th	2:10am 2.6	12:48pm 2.9	6:38am 1.8	7:27pm 0.6
14	Fr	2:30am 2.6	1:47pm 2.9	7:20am 1.6	8:00pm 0.8
15	Sa	2:47am 2.7	2:43pm 3.0	7:58am 1.3	8:30pm 1.0
16	Su	3:03am 2.7	3:39pm 2.9	8:36am 1.0	8:59pm 1.3
17	Mo	3:22am 2.9	4:36pm 2.9	9:17am 0.6	9:26pm 1.6
18	Tu	3:44am 3.0	5:37pm 2.7	10:01am 0.5	9:54pm 1.8
19	We	4:11am 3.0	6:46pm 2.6	10:52am 0.3	10:22pm 2.1
20	Th	4:44am 3.2	8:06pm 2.4	11:54am 0.3	10:50pm 2.2
21	Fr	5:24am 3.2	9:50pm 2.4	1:12pm 0.5	11:24pm 2.2
22	Sa	6:15am 3.2		2:41pm 0.5	
23	Su	7:21am 3.0		4:04pm 0.5	
24	Mo	12:38am 2.4	8:50am 2.9	3:05am 2.2	5:12pm 0.6
25	Tu	1:07am 2.4	10:37am 2.7	4:45am 2.1	6:07pm 0.6

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If you find a fawn

During the rabies clinic on Saturday, Tammy and Tommy Stevens brought in an orphaned fawn which Dr. Hobson Fulmer housed until it could be transported to the Florida Wild Mammal Association (FWMA) rearing.

At this time of year, many fawns are encountered by people enjoying outdoor activities. If a fawn is obviously ill, lying on its side, kicking, or crying, pick it up and place it in a quiet place. A light cloth placed over the animal's head will sometimes calm it. Keep it away from pets and all human activity. Petting the fawn, talking to it or holding it, does not comfort it. This is a wild animal; human voices, odor and touch only add to the stress and will cause additional harm.

If you find a fawn, call FWMA at 363-2351 immediately or take it to a veterinarian.

Do not attempt to feed a fawn anything other than water. Baby formula, cow's milk, feed store mixes, pet store domestic animal formulas and soy products will cause dehydration and death. Doe's milk is very rich and will sustain the fawn for the many hours it spends alone. One of the

fawns recently brought to the FWMA died because the finders had attempted to feed it for a week before bringing it in.

If an uninjured fawn is on or beside the road, do not put it in your car. Place it well off the road, and leave the area. The fawn would not be there if the doe were not nearby.

If a fawn is seen lying upright, eyes wide open, but flattened to the ground, do not touch it. This is a fawn's camouflage position. The doe will return only when there are no humans nearby. If someone has removed the fawn from its resting spot, take it back at once and walk away.

Wild animals, including deer, do not make good pets. As they mature they become dangerous and can inflict serious injuries on humans. A deer with no fear of humans released into the wild is easy prey for hunters.

It is unwise to feed wild animals of any kind. The saying "a fed bear is a dead bear" holds true for foxes, deer and raccoons as well. Wild animals should remain wild and have a healthy respect for human beings.

By Lois Swoboda



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An orphaned fawn brought to the Apalachicola Bay Animal Hospital on Saturday.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Inshore

With cooler air and water temperatures this week, all inshore species should take notice. Fall feeding patterns will soon be the talk of the town, and great trout and redfish catches are anticipated. Good freshwater catches of bass, bream and catfish are all because of the rising waters left over from the hurricane.

Offshore

As September gets under way, offshore fishing will begin to slow down because of a lack of daily bag limits and species regulations. Grouper season still has 40-plus days left and will make up the most of our offshore fishing for the rest of the year. Great fish are being caught close to shore in the MBARA numbers, but don't expect any record-sized fish here.

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Graceville spoils Seahawks' home opener

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For three quarters it was a standoff, but two quick Graceville scores Friday night at Mikel Clark settled the matter, with the Tigers winning 19-0.

The Franklin County defense kept the Seahawks in the game, playing the best physical ballgame of the young season. "Let them hang around long enough to make them believe they could win the game," coach Josh Wright said.

The Tigers scored on a fourth-and-six with about 6:37 left in the first quarter, when running back Jarrett Brogdon ran it in for the touchdown.

With 9:31 left in the half, Griggs snared an interception and ran it back 70 yards for an apparent score, but the score was nullified when the last half of the run was called back on an illegal block. "Highly costly penalties stole away the momentum on this, and a 20-yard scamper

late in the third that put us past midfield," Wright said. "We have to do a better job securing and maintaining our point of attack blocks if our backs are going to have the success they are capable."

Logan McLeod managed an interception with 8:30 left in the third quarter, but the Seahawks were unable to capitalize on the turnover.

Trailing just 6-0 going into the final stanza, Brogdon ran it in from the two-yard-line with 8:43 left, and then Rasheed Campbell ran it in from the 20 with six minutes left to seal the win.

Quarterback Logan McLeod went five for 10, for 46 yards for the Seahawks, while Griggs was seven of 20 rushing for eight yards. Skyler Hutchinson ran 10 times for nine yards.

Mercury Wynn, Ladarius Rhodes, Stefan Devaughn, Holden Foley and Dwayne Griggs each caught a pass.

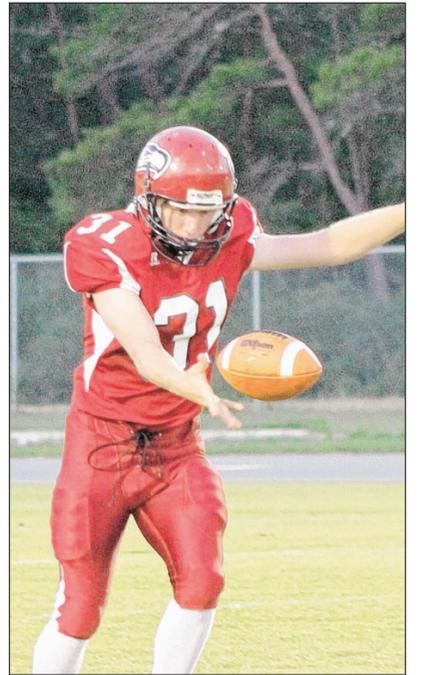
Griggs led with 12 tackles, followed by Rhodes and Hutchinson each with seven and Kelsey

Jones with six. Kicker Zack Howze had a 60-yard kickoff and punted seven times for 184 yards, for a 26-yard average.

"We have gone to back to work and expect to have better results this Friday at Cottondale," Wright said. "They are big up front. They have a pair of talented running backs to go along with an efficient passer and tall wide receiver. We will have to go up to Cottondale and take home a victory because they are not just going to hand us one."

"Coach Mike Melvin is a very creative offensive and defensive coach, so we have to be able to adjust as the game evolves to be successful."

Wright thanked the entire community that came out to support the Seahawks. "We will be at home again Sept. 28 against the Wewahitchka Gators with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. and a dance performance halftime show featuring the members of the Pam Nobles Dance studio," he said.



CHRISTINA COLLINS | Special to the Times

At left is Dwayne Griggs. At right is Zach Howze.

BARB MCGRAW
| Special to the Times

Christina Collins gets ready to hit as Scout Segree, back, looks on and Anna Lee, front, makes her move.



Lady Seahawks hit rough patch

The Lady Seahawks volleyball team endured three straight losses last week, falling to Godby, Wakulla and Wewahitchka.

On Sept. 6, the team fell in three sets at Class 4A Godby, 14-25, 21-25 and 22-25, while the junior varsity squad, under the direction of Joy Carrino, lost the first set but came back to win the next two and the game.

Hilary Stanton's varsity squad was at home Monday night and came out strong, winning the first set 25-22, but then falling in the next three, 9-25, 12-25 and 10-25. The JV squad lost the first two sets to 4A Wakulla.

On Tuesday at Class 2A Wewa, the JV squad opened the evening by losing the

first set, but came back to win the second, before falling in the tiebreaking third set.

Stanton's varsity squad dropped the first set 25-10, but came back to win the second 25-23. But Wewa won the next two sets, 22-25 and 6-25, to give them the three wins they needed for a victory.

The teams are at home tonight in a district clash against Blountstown, and then the varsity plays Saturday at the Panhandle Fall Classic at Mosley High School.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, the teams travel to Port St. Joe for a district match-up, and then the varsity is at home Sept. 20, in a double header against district rival West Gadsden.

— By David Adlerstein

Education Encore returns to Gulf/Franklin Center

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A no muss, no fuss continuing education.

That is what Gulf Coast State College at its Gulf/Franklin Center will be offering in the coming weeks as Education Encore returns for another year.

Education Encore offers noncredit enrichment

classes for adults on a variety of topics.

"We have a saying, you are never too old to learn," said Jim Barr, coordinator of Education Encore. "There are no tests, no grades, no stress, just fun."

Registration for Education Encore begins at 1 p.m. Sept. 19 in Building A, Room 101, at the Gulf/Franklin Center. Registration is first-come, first-served.

Classes will be held on six consecutive Wednesdays, Sept. 26 through Oct. 31.

Classes are being offered in three morning time periods, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, making it possible for a student to take three classes during this year's Encore.

The goal of Education Encore, Barr said, is to provide a learning environ-

ment that is fun, lively and offers diversity, insight and wisdom in which adults explore new ideas.

If you have been to college, this is an opportunity to relive the college experience, Barr said. If you have not attended college, this is an opportunity to live it.

"Just as exercising the body keeps one physically fit, exercising the mind

keeps one mentally fit," he said.

The courses offered at the Gulf/Franklin Center include basic computer skills, digital camera, drawing, writing, chair yoga, marine biology, "Dare to Repair," acrylic painting and conversational Spanish, among others.

The fee for participants is \$66 for the six-week program, which includes three

classes on each of the six Wednesdays.

To browse the selection of classes offered, visit the website at www.gulfcoast.edu/EducationEncore, or for more information call 872-3823 or email jbarr@gulfcoast.edu.

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"The drought conditions in the bay have caused the oyster resources to decrease to a level that will no longer sustain Florida's commercial oyster industry," Putnam wrote, noting the August assessment showed current oyster levels have not been this low since immediately after Hurricane Elena in 1985.

Mark Berrigan, bureau chief of the Division of Aquaculture with nearly 30 years of resource assessments under his belt, said the decline in the county's \$6.6 million oyster industry accelerated over the last two years and sped up because of the recent rains.

"The tropical storm probably damaged surfaces of that reef that were already in bad shape," he said. "All the bars are in really dire shape. We used the term 'poor' because that is something a little easier to deal with. This is the worst that I've seen it, and it is progressively getting worse."

Berrigan outlined a situation where stone crabs and other predators are feasting on oysters in the overly salty waters, and that while reefs such as North Spur, Green Point and Cabbage

Lumps Plant "are in moderately good standing," others on shallow intertidal reefs in the Miles, such as Spacey's Flats, Eleven Mile Bar and Picolene Bar, were "severely stressed."

"The only areas that are even doing partially good are closer to the river," he said. "It's inconsistent. There's one that is badly damaged and another area that is not so severely damaged. In my opinion, and having seen what happens in drought situations, the primary problem is a lack of freshwater."

With staffers from the offices of both Florida senators and the area's Tallahassee legislators in the audience, Congressman Steve Southerland spoke to the meeting by telephone.

"I just want you to know we will do everything in our power, if there is pain and hurt and financial suffering as result of drought conditions as well as harvesting that's been done," he said. "We understand how critical oystering is to our culture. We are going to be learning and listening tonight."

Later during the three-hour meeting, Souther-



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Former State Sen. Al Lawson speaks at a meeting on the fisheries problem in Apalachicola Bay.

land's Democratic challenger in November, Al Lawson, who represented the county as state senator for 28 years, addressed the meeting.

He said the state has led an ongoing fight with Georgia and the Army Corps of Engineers to secure more water flow down the Apalachicola River and that those dwindling river levels have meant too much salinity and upset the optimum balance needed for growth.

In addition, Lawson echoed a point Scott made

in his letter to federal officials, that relaxation of oyster harvesting rules in the wake of the BP oil spill contributed to the problem.

"Harvesting pressures and practices were altered to increase fishing efforts, as measures in reported trips, due to the closure of oyster harvesting in contiguous states during 2010," Scott wrote. "This led to overharvesting of illegal and sub-legal oysters further damaging an already stressed population."

Commissioner Smokey Parrish, who has represented the county in the RESTORE Act discussions, reminded the audience that this funding, based on BP fines, would not be available anytime soon.

"It's going to take time; it's not going to happen tomorrow," he said.

He said among its requests, the county had applied for \$30 million in Natural Resource Damage Assessment money to be used to pay for seafood workers to re-seed the bay, which would lead to more bountiful oyster reefs.

"We are a proud people. We're not scared to work; never have been," Par-

rish said. "It's all we've ever done is work. We're not looking for a handout; we're looking for resources to help ourselves."

Many of the seafood workers in the audience expressed concern that dispersant used during the oil spill settled to the bottom of the bay and is possibly contributing to the problem.

"Isn't it a coincidence that in 2010 there was the biggest oil spill ever in history?" said Rickie Banks, vice president of the Franklin County Seafood Workers. "Something's happening. We have to know what is going on with our bay."

"Until we figure that out, we got to keep the people working," he said. "This will be a ghost town. We don't want a handout, we want to work and restore our bay so we can do that."

Commissioner Bevin Putnal, a longtime working oysterman, agreed. "We need to do some independent testing in this bay to find out," he said. "The spats and all are dead. Everything's dead except a few good oysters."

"I believe within a year, maybe two years, you'll have a good crop of oys-

ters again," he said. "But if we don't do something to help Mother Nature, I don't think she can come back this time. Farmers had a drought that put them out of business, but they got help. We're farmers too."

One seafood worker after another came forward to describe the challenges of eking out a living. There were a few catcalls about not being able to pay bills, and Lawson drew hearty applause when he said "they can bail out Wall Street, but they don't really bail out Main Street."

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders pressed state regulators for a firm timetable on when the county could expect action. "This is a serious situation," she said. "People have been sticking their head in, and now it's time to take your head out of the sand."

"We're going to save this bay out there, because it's worth saving, because God almighty knows we are a loving community," Sanders said. "This board stands behind you and we stand for you, and I will take it to the ground fighting because

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Putnal, too, indicated he backed further cuts. "We've done what we can do tonight," he said. "Nothing is permanent and we will continue this and try to find more cuts at our next meeting."

As it stands now, the proposed millage rate is 5.54 percent more than the rollback rate of 5.7079 mills. The rollback rate would bring in the same amount of revenue as this year, \$38.06 million.

Erin Griffith, the county's assistant finance director, told commissioners at the outset of the meeting, they would have to find roughly \$837,000 in cuts at the hearing if they were to reach the rollback rate.

"I would ask the board for us to consider how we can get back to a rollback figure," said Jackel in her opening remarks. "This is what I would like us to look at as a goal."

Sanders agreed the 6.19 mills commissioners were eyeing at the start of the meeting was too high. "Can we get down to 5.79 (mills)? I don't know," she said. "There are a lot of things we can do. We need to honestly look to what can be shifted to other revenue sources coming into the county, rather than on ad valorem."

Health care tax shift considered

Putnal suggested commissioners turn to the 1 percent sales tax coffers to fund the \$505,000 annual ambulance subsidy that now comes out of property taxes.

"We can put ambulance service back in the hospital and use the 1 cent sales tax right now," he said. "With the economy like it is, even with the bay, the sales tax is going to go down and I don't think the county can afford to build a hospital in the near future. That's one way we can cut a half-million dollars."

"I really think that's where it should be," he said. "(But) it's a matter of what the board wants, not what I want."

Jackel said shifting the sales tax money away from the capital outlay fund for renovating or rebuilding a new hospital would not jeopardize the project.

"Even if we get an answer tomorrow, we cannot have the hospital constructed and open in 12 months," she said. "So that money set aside for cash flow and payment on new hospital debt would not be used for at least 12 months. We can use it without damaging the use of funds for future hospital mortgage payments."

Sanders liked the idea as well. "I'm open to it," she said. "It's mandated by the state to have emergency services. You have to have ambulances and this is a good way (to fund them)."

"We can take it for this year and hopefully things will get better," she said, adding that county officials from South Florida who she spoke with at a recent meeting said they already were seeing an upturn in their housing markets.

"If things get better we might have the ability to do that," Sanders said, referring to returning in 2013-14 to ad valorem funding for the ambulance. "I believe we need to go and do it for the ambulance for one year."

Griffith told commissioners the one-cent sales tax would bring in an estimated \$1.57 million next year, which after 5 percent is set aside as mandated by law, would yield \$1.49 million. Half of this is earmarked for Weems operations, while the other half is set aside for future capital outlays.

"If the entire \$505,000 is pulled from ad valorem, it will be incredibly hard to get back to be supported by the ad valorem process without an increase in taxable value," Griffith stressed.

Lockley then proposed, and Sanders supported the idea, that another \$120,000 in property tax revenue, now supporting the Weems East urgent care clinic, also be taken out of sales tax revenue.

All told, this would pull about \$625,000 from the sales tax monies for the ambulance and Weems East.

Parrish spoke out strongly against funding ambulance operations from the sales tax. "I think when we take that money out of the revenue stream, that's not what I told the people I was representing when I worked to pass the tax," he said.

He said the top priority of the budget measure, passed by voters in Nov. 2007, was to fund construction of an urgent care clinic in Carrabelle. "We've done that," he said, noting the next priority was to renovate the existing hospital in Apalachicola or build a new one.

"When you take the money away from the revenue stream, you take away the rehab or hope of building a new hospital," he said. "But if you're going to move it back to ad valorem (in the following year) you have to raise millage."

"The people I represent are going to say 'Y'all did the bait-and-switch,'" Parrish said. "And we have interlocal agreements. I see us taking away the revenue stream. I think the hospital is a tremendous asset if our economy is to return. I have to stand up for what I believe."

The issue of the interlocal agreements then became the evening's hot topic, as the commissioners sought a legal opinion from County Attorney Michael Shuler, who was not in attendance at the meeting. After Director of Administrative Services Alan Pierce telephoned him, and they waited for Shuler to arrive from his regular five-mile run, commissioners heard from Allan Feifer, representing the Concerned Citizens for Franklin County tax watchdog group.

Feifer urged commissioners to take a second look at a series of suggestions for budget cutbacks the Concerned Citizens and Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson's office had compiled, rather than rely on a funding shift out of sales tax monies.

"I see that as a short-term gap filler for next year," he said. "Are you into some sort of fantasy land that we can continue to find money in little rat holes until one day there's no more rat holes?"

"There are valid ways to cut that budget. Is there not an appetite to talk about real cost cutting?" he said. "The bottom has not hit us yet; we're looking at another round of assessment drops next year."

"Easy choices do not always represent great leadership," said Feifer. "The

public has a right to know we're looking at all the options. I encourage you from changing the same old game."

"There has been a whirlwind of hurt to residents of this county. The fabric of this county has been changed in a way that will never be fully healed," he said. "The millage and how you spend money makes a difference in people's lives. Let's have a conversation on the reductions in budgets."

Feifer pressed commissioners to look closely at how departments handled budget surpluses at year's end, and to abandon any across-the-board bonuses.

"The answer is merit raises, let's make partners of our employees. Let's make them stakeholders," he said.

Shuler arrived still dressed in running shorts from his exercise. "My granddad said if I slow down I'll stiffen so I don't slow down," he joked, as he took a few minutes to review the wording of the budget measure, county ordinance and interlocal agreements that governed the collection and expenditure of the sales tax receipts.

His eventual conclusion to commissioners was that the ballot measure allows for covering the cost of "operations of health care infrastructure and services," and thus the \$120,000 for Weems East funding could be taken out of sales tax proceeds.

But, he advised, funding ambulance operations of the sales tax would require a change to the interlocal agreements that allow for collection of the sales tax inside of Apalachicola and of Carrabelle.

Shuler said that while the ballot measure allows for "upgrading the ambulance service, I would be hesitant to read ballot language to equate upgrading with (funding ongoing operations).

"Absent an amendment of this agreement you can't just cost shift and fund the hospital," he said. "When you look at the plain language, it says 'upgrade.'"

"It seems very clear that there was a decision made along the lines to limit the use of the surtax for two purposes, to construct Weems East and then dedicate the

remainder to a war chest to look at building or remodeling in Apalachicola," Shuler said. "It seems very clear there was an intention to limit surtax funds to subsidize the hospital, and do capital outlay projects."

The county attorney advised that the county could go back to each of the two cities and ask to modify the two interlocal agreements, but this could jeopardize the entire sales tax collection systems.

"If the interlocals get busted up, the majority is collected in the two cities and we can really hurt health care for all of us if we don't keep this trust fund in place," he said. "If those interlocals get busted, they might divert those (revenues) to fixing potholes. We have got to keep these interlocals in place and go by the terms as they were written."

Tire disposal fee reinstated

In their vote on adopting the budget, all but Lockley voted to approve the roughly \$283,000 in budget cuts. These included the \$120,000 to be taken out of sales tax revenues, as well as savings of \$74,314 for health insurance costs, \$12,400 for savings to the county's cost of dental insurance, \$39,000 in readjustments to the state's restored coverage of Medicaid costs, \$8,000 from a reduction in funding for the property appraiser's budget and \$20,000 from a change to the landfill budget.

The landfill savings came after Griffith suggested the county resume collecting tipping fees for businesses that dispose of tires at the landfill. Solid Waste Director Fonda Davis said local businesses use the landfill for tire disposal, with none of them coming from outside the county.

"They (local businesses) are collecting that money," said Pierce. "I pay a tire disposal fee, we're all paying it."

The policy change would not allow for business disposal of tires on amnesty days and would not apply to residential customers. The commissioners discussed, but did not act on, the possibility of cutting back on amnesty days, or even elim-

inating them altogether.

Lockley continued to push for cutting out the county's literacy program, which he has long maintained should be funded by the school district. "Let the school system do that," he said. "They got a program out there for that."

Lockley also suggested the county look to further trim its contribution to the county's non-governmental organizations, but he received little support for the idea.

"I can't be in favor of cutting one and not cutting all. To me that's an all or none," said Jackel. "We have cut them 10 percent every year for the past three years, and some of them, eventually, they're just about cut out."

The commissioners talked about raising the rent for the former health department building, cutting the capital outlay budget, stopping roadside trash pickup, or taking the funding of two recently acquired mosquito trucks out of reserves, but they did not include any of these in the current cuts.

They also mentioned a possible across-the-board cut to all the departments, but the idea also was not included.

"We could not fund each department at the requested budget amount. We're not putting aside money for paving, there's things that have been taken out, and you're down to the bare minimum to still provide services citizens expect from us," said Parrish.

Jackel said she would like to see more cost cutting on the side of the constitutional officers. "I've seen the county on our side make cuts that I haven't seen on the other side," she said. "I'd like to see deeper cuts."

"It's very uncertain times for a number of our citizens, and we're all going to be affected by it," she said. "As we consider what our taxes are, this really affects those who pay a lot of taxes and those who pay less amount."

"We cannot keep taxing our way through his market crisis and through the economic crisis that we're facing," Jackel said. "At some point these are tough decisions but business cannot go on as usual in Franklin County."

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FCHS moves to reinvigorate math program

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With roughly two out of three of its middle and high school students performing below grade level in state mathematics testing, Franklin County High School is moving to revamp and rejuvenate these programs as the new school year commences.

The math department has been restructured with a new math coach and five new math teachers, including two women, Shevial Weston and Kassi Malcolm, right out of college embarking on their first teaching assignment.

"In some respect that's good, they're fresh, and they're open to the methodology," said Principal George Oehlert. "This isn't your father's Oldsmobile."

Key to restructuring has been the hiring of Dale Millender, a longtime popular math teacher in Carrabelle, to replace Priscilla Tucker. The district had invested resources in Tucker, and school board members expressed concerns earlier this summer that it would be hard to replace her.

Oehlert fought hard for the hiring of the math coach, which some school board members said ought to be cut to save about \$75,000. In the end, the board declined to eliminate the math coach.

"We've got to help these children with math," Oehlert told the board last month. "They need the guidance of that expert math teacher for at least one year to bring this all together. (The math faculty) are better organized than they've ever been to teach."

"We didn't have the teachers that were receptive to what was being asked of them to do. That's why we have five new math teachers," he said. "Dale is just getting them all focused and organized and planning where there's vertical alignment between the grade levels."

"What is it the ninth graders



KASSI MALCOLM



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need to know? The eighth grade teacher better do that," he said.

Oehlert described Millender as a "math teacher extraordinaire," who set about this summer to align the curriculum on focus calendars and benchmark assessments, fancy terms for making sure teachers focus exclusively on the material at hand, and do so in a way that links one grade level to the next.

"What that really does is ensure all math teachers are teaching the required content, so all students have the ability to learn the content they should," said Millender, who started in 1991 as an Algebra I teacher in Carrabelle, and then over the next 11 years built the math program to the point the school offered calculus. After leaving teaching for eight years, she returned in 2010 to the Franklin County School as a math teacher.

"The enthusiasm of all the math teachers was remarkable," she said. "They met six days prior to the other teachers meeting, to get this right for these kids this year. We met to ensure that all the content in each math area would be taught to the students. We've done some specific things that we think should be helpful."

Millender said that with a tighter alignment of curriculum, and a broader base of available courses, students will have the opportunity to build a foundation

for a future career in math and science.

"They at least will have those opportunities," she said. "I've heard a lot of good, positive remarks from the teachers."

Beginning last Tuesday, each of the math teachers is offering math tutoring for an hour after school on Tuesday and Thursdays, both for math homework help or if they're needing specific help. Millender said also that with remedial math classes, "we're trying not to just shuffle them along but to address their gaps."

Teachers enthusiastic for hands-on methods

The math teacher line-up for the middle and high schools features Melonie Inzetta, who has moved over from her post handling credit recovery to teach sixth and seventh math.

Malcolm teaches eighth grade math and Algebra 1, while Weston handles honors algebra and geometry, and a pre-calculus course.

Marxsen, who last year taught sixth and seventh grade math, has been reassigned to teach Algebra 1A and 1B. He also teaches remedial math, as do the all the other department's teachers.

Former middle school math teacher Roy Carroll has returned to the classroom after serving as the district's director of finance.

He teaches Algebra I and II and college readiness math, high school subjects in which he also is certified.

"We want to take the trend to the positive," said Millender. "Last year that's not what we saw in the middle school."

"Our goal is to do that, and our plan in the future is to broaden our base for the number of students taking algebra 1 in the eighth grade," she said. "So that next year advanced placement statistics will be offered and the goal is to offer AP calculus."

Millender said the teachers also did detailed planning for math activities and focused on enrichment in real world problems, which is just the sort of thing that Malcolm is enthused about.

"I want kids to enjoy it," she said. "You enjoy it, you'll do it better."

A graduate of Wewahitchka High School, Malcolm earned an associate degree in mathematics from Santa Fe College in Gainesville, and then a bachelors in elementary education from Florida State University in Panama City in April, after completing an internship at Wewahitchka Elementary.

Malcolm said the fact she is certified as an elementary school teacher, and for teaching math for grades five through nine, is an asset in teaching high school students.

"Not all secondary teachers goes through elementary education, which is very high on 'manipulatives'," she said, referring to hands-on teaching methods.

"It's something kids can physically manipulate to get the answer," Malcolm said. "I think you can take some of those elementary activities and mold it to the curriculum in eighth grade. They are still kids at heart."

Weston believes that engaging her students will be a key to success. "You just have to get them involved in the course," she said. "You have to teach to standards and if you tell them the goal you

want to teach, they can reach it. First I have to be excited about it and they'll see I'm excited."

Originally from Albany, Ga., where she took part in softball, track and band, Weston started taking college courses while still a student at Terrell High School in nearby Dawson.

She then earned a bachelors of science and math from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, graduating in May.

"I wanted to have a small classroom setting," she said. "It's a small school like my hometown. I'm actually excited about it. Hopefully I can help."

Malcolm, too, shares Weston's enthusiasm for the challenge.

"I've always wanted to be a teacher and I've always loved math," she said. "It's stupid but I got excited about doing equations. I just love doing it."

"Ideally I want them not to love it like I do, but my goal is I want them to realize it's something they will use in life," said Malcolm. "It's important and it's going to be important in different ways."

"I got a comment last week from a student. She told me I never liked math but I get excited about coming to your class," said Malcolm. "If I can get them excited about coming to class, I can get them excited about the subject."

"I don't know if I'll be able to achieve everything I want to this year as far as reaching all my goals, everything's that involved in teaching," she said. "Would I love to? Yes."

Malcolm said working with a seasoned teacher like Millender has been a boost to her as she embarks on a teaching career. "It's been beneficial for me to have her by my side, at arm's reach," she said.

Millender said she is just as pleased to be on the other end of the teaching partnership. "What I'm doing here is building this program back," she said. "I'm glad to be a part of it."



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Creamer Deputy Clerk September 6, 2012 September 13, 2012</p> <p>88986T PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</p> <p>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</p> <p>The Department announces receipt of an application for permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, File No. 19-0270106-003-El, to dredge approximately 244,000 cubic yards of sediment from the Eastpoint Federal Navigation Channel and place the material along the two existing breakwaters adjacent to the channel. This proposed project will be located in St. George Sound south of Eastpoint, Florida, Sections 31 and 32, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County.</p> <p>This application is being processed and is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Northwest District office at 160 W. Government Street, Pensacola, FL 32502. September 13, 2012</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>89000T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-000312-CA</p> <p>CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in Interest to GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs</p> <p>FREDERICK BATEMAN, JR. Defendant(s).</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>NOTICE IS hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:</p> <p>EXHIBIT A</p> <p>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</p> <p>Alligator Point Townhomes</p> <p>Unit 322</p> <p>Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot 47; ALLIGATOR POINT, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 25, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida lying North of Alligator Drive (County Road No. 370); run thence North 01 degrees 13 minutes 25 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of said Lot 47, 119.68 feet; thence lying said Westerly boundary run South 86 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds East, 0.29 feet; thence continue South 86 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds East, 25.50</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>feet; thence South 03 degrees 01 minute 07 seconds West, 10.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run thence South 86 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds East, 20.00 feet; thence North 03 degrees 01 minute 07 seconds East, 65.66 feet; thence North 86 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds West, 20.00 feet; thence South 03 degrees 01 minute 07 seconds West, 65.66 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.</p> <p>at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on October 9, 2012.</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 within 60 days after the sale.</p> <p>WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 28th day of August, 2012.</p> <p>Marcia M. Johnson CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</p> <p>Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Steve M. Watkins, III FBN: 0794996 41 Commerce Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 (850)653-1949 September 6, 13, 2012</p> <p>89006T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 192012CP000048XXXXX</p> <p>IN RE; ESTATE OF CRAIG LELAND HARRIS, Deceased.</p> <p>NOTICE TO</p>
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The administration of the estate of CRAIG LE-LAND HARRIS, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

The date of first publication of this notice is September 6, 2012.

Attorney for Personal Representative: CHRISTINE BIALCZAK, ESQ. Fla. Bar No. 30798 Downey & Downey, PA. 3501 PGA Boulevard, Suite 201, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Personal Representative: NATHAN ALEXANDER HARRIS 5402 Mittlestedt Road, Houston, TX 77069-2758 September 6, 13, 2012

89417T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 12-00047CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALBERT MORONI SHULER, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ALBERT MORONI SHULER, JR., deceased, whose date of death was May 29, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 12-00047CP, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32329. 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 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.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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: September 6, 2012.

Personal Representative: PATSY ANN SHULER 99 South Bay Shore Dr. Eastpoint, FL 32328

Attorney for Personal Representative: ROBERT A. PIERCE FL Bar No. 0175399 Ausley & McMullen, PA. Post Office Box 391 Tallahassee, FL 32302 (850) 224-9115 September 6, 13, 2012

89437T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SECOND THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-00023-CA

CENTENNIAL BANKING, an Arkansas banking corporation successor in interest to Coastal Community Bank,

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Plaintiff, vs. STEPHEN MICHAEL MALONE, SR. and the unknown spouse of Stephen Michael Malone, Sr., and unknown tenant(s), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 27, 2012, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market St., Apalachicola, FL 31320 at 11:00 a.m. on October 9, 2012, the following described property:

Commence at the Southeast Corner of Section 20, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida and run thence North 02 degrees 20 minutes East along East boundary of Section 20 a distance of 1481.46 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run thence South 63 degrees 44 minutes West 380.00 feet to the point on the Southerly right-of-way of Ridge Road (60 foot right-of-way); thence run North 63 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds East along said Southerly right-of-way a distance of 247.34 feet to a point of old curve to the right; thence run along said curve with a radius of 44.53 feet through a central angle of 118 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds for an arc length South 02 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds west along the Easterly boundary of Section 20 distance of 357.81 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being Lot 60 (Revised), Unit 2, Tarpon Shores, according to the plat thereof on file in the Franklin County Planning and Zoning Office, 33 Commerce Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

Dated: August 28, 2012.

Marcia Johnson Clerk of Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk September 6, 13, 2012

89457T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2012-205 CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. PENINSULA TILING AND CONSTRUCTION, INC., REBECCA SUE COOPER a/k/a REBECCA JONES a/k/a REBECCA S. JONES, and JERRY S. JONES, Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, will on October 9, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) at the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes offer for sale, and sell to the highest and best bidder, the following described real and property situated in Franklin County, Florida:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SW 1/4, SECTION 35, T8S, R6W, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A POINT ALONG SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF COUNTY ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 150 FT. EAST OF THE NE CORNER OF THE PROPERTY HERETOFORE CONVEYED TO THERON C. HESS, DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD VOLUME 126, PAGE 494, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, FROM SAID POINT RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 03 MINUTES WEST, A DISTANCE OF 100 FT., THENCE RUN SOUTH 63 DEGREES 56 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 75 FT., THENCE RUN NORTH 26 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 100 FT., THENCE RUN NORTH 63 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 75 FT., TO POINT OF BEGINNING, THE SAME BEING LOT #79, AND A POR-

tion of #78, AS SHOWN ON UNRECORDED PLAT OF HIGHLAND PARK SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS ON RECORD IN OFFICE OF DODD ABSTRACT COMPANY, A PALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1985 VEGA DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: KH52D3RD5756GAA AND KH52D3RD5756GAB. 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.

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Wright, PA. 1300 Thomaswood Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32308 Sept. 13, 20, 2012

89557T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 19 2011 CA 000224

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. ANGELA PAGE; JEFFREY PAGE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 28, 2012, and entered in Case No. 19 2011 CA 000224, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and ANGELA PAGE; JEFFREY PAGE; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., on the 4th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6 (UNRECORDED), BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN NORTH 02° 17' 59" EAST 1983.60 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF RIDGE ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 63° 43' 10" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 1128.67 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN NORTH 26° 14' 58" WEST 380.99 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (BROKEN), THENCE RUN NORTH 63° 47' 30" EAST 228.28 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160) MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 63° 48' 07" EAST 114.20 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #1266), THENCE RUN NORTH 26° 18' 52" WEST 381.61 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160) LYING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF BUCK STREET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 63° 41' 08" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 114.20 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160), THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 26° 18' 52" EAST 381.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH 2007 LEXINGTON DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN# SLH010721846A/B. A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 28, 2012, in Case No. 11-000284-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, in which Cadence Bank, N.A. is the Plaintiff and Jimmy W. Meeks, Unknown Spouse of Jimmy W. Meeks, Jimmy R. Bennett, Unknown Spouse of Jimmy R. Bennett, Owners Association of the Lakes on the Bluff, Inc., Eastpoint Water and Sewer District, Board of County Commissioners, Franklin County, Florida, Centennial Bank, successor-in-interest by Assignment to Wakulla Bank, First National Bank of Decatur County and Unknown Tenant(s), are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder on October 17, 2012 for cash at the Second Floor Lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, in Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 51, LAKES ON THE BLUFF, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida in Plat Book 8, Pages 33, 34 & 35.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. DATED: August 28, 2012

MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michel Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Michael P. Bist, Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia, &

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Florida Relay Services). Submitted by: Kahane & Associates, PA. 8201 Peters Road Suite 3000 Plantation, FL 33324 (954) 382-3486 Fax: (954) 382-5380 Sept. 13, 20, 2012

89565T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000509

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. LAKES ON THE BLUFF PROPERTIES LLC, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 28, 2012, and entered in Case No. 19 2011 CA 000224, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and ANGELA PAGE; JEFFREY PAGE; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., on the 4th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 35, LAKES ON THE BLUFF, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 33, 34, & 35

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

Dated this 29th day of August, 2012.

Marcia Johnson As Clerk of Said Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, telephone 8506538861, TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800955-8770 via Florida Relay Service", Sept. 13, 20, 2012

89577T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 19-2011-CA-000479 SEC: _____

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. CAROLYN J. SELVEY; MICHAEL ALAN SELVEY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT (S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; CARRABELLE LANDING HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order to Reschedule sale dated September 5, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 19-2011-CA-000479 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein, the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 17th day of October, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lobby, 2nd floor of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, relative to the following

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described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 35, CARRABELLE LANDING ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK &, PAGE 47.

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

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administrator Phone: (850) 577-4401 If you are hearing or voice impaired, call Florida Relay Service, hearing 800-955-8771, voice 800-955-8770.

DATED AT APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA THIS 5th DAY OF September, 2012.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of Court

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk Sept. 13, 20, 2012

89581T PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE Carrabelle Boat Club Association, 1570 Highway 98 West, Carrabelle, FL 32322 September 28, 2012 at 11amEST, viewing at 10amEST 23' 2001 Welcraft Vessel, HIN: WELHUA09F001, FL8749LK. Owned by Robert M. Smith HOOT CRAWFORD AU3931 Sept. 13, 20, 2012

89585T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 08-000107-CA DIVISION:

SUNTRUST BANK, N.A. F/K/A SUNBANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT TOLENTINO, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 27, 2012 and entered in Case NO. 08-000107-CA of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST BANK, N.A. F/K/A SUNBANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and ROBERT M. TOLENTINO; ANN M. TOLENTINO; CITIBANK FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK; SEA PALM VILLAS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 33 MARKET STREET, APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 17th day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 52, SEA PALM VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 30, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1416 ELM COURT, ST GEORGE ISLAND, FL 32328

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 27, 2012.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

**See Americans with Disabilities Act If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Mr. Doug Smith, Office of Court Administration Leon County Courthouse, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, Phone: 850-577-4401, Fax: 850-

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I want to personally thank everyone in the community for helping Lisa Walden in her time of need, especially Denise and William Massey. Thank you Clara, Brennan, Skyler

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Workplace friendships: Asset or liability?

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Few would dispute the power that a true friendship has to enrich our lives. But what role should friendship play in the workplace? Is it smarter to keep your personal and professional lives separate or to purposely seek out and cultivate friendships on the job?

The pros and cons

Dr. Jan Yager, author of *Friendshifts: The Power of Friendship and How It Shapes Our Lives*, has found that workplace friendships can have a profound effect on your career. A friend on the job can let you in on the inner workings of your company or field, provide feedback on your performance or act as a sounding board. Having a buddy at work can make a job more enjoyable, even enhancing your creativity and productivity. Many people get new jobs as a result of friendships, and companies often promote programs that reward employees for referring their friends for employment.

When workplace friendships go awry, however, the impact can be costly. Too much socializing impedes productivity; personal or professional information can be revealed to inappropriate people; and cliques may form, leading to favoritism, exclusivity and negativity.

Although clicking with someone on



the job can spark a friendship, whether to invest in the relationship may become a deeper issue. It's a question of trust for Mary, a photo editor. "You make friends at work and eventually reveal what you really think about managers, coworkers and your job, and then you hope they won't divulge that information, intentionally or unintentionally, to anyone else," she says. "There are allegiances that have to be kept if you're friends at work. Don't let personal information you've discussed go beyond the circle of friendship."

Friends forever?

Are the friendships you develop at work fundamentally different from other friendships? In some ways, yes, Yager says. A job provides financial security. If forced to choose between keeping your source of income and a friendship, most people would choose to keep their job. Because of the pros and cons of developing friendships at work, you have more at stake when deciding whether to enter into a workplace friendship. The right group of friends can be a great influence in your career. The wrong group can get you fired.

Befriending the boss

Can, or should, bosses and subordinates be friends? "Same-level friendships are the easiest to maintain," Yager says. "Problems can arise if one friend has to supervise or evaluate the other." If you try to befriend the boss, your coworkers might question your motives. If your boss befriends you, he may be accused of having a favorite.

When friendships fizzle

"Workplace friendships are great, but they can burn out quickly, too," says Mary Ann, a bank vice president. "If you leave a department or change positions, the similar circumstances that originally brought you together are now gone, and so is the friendship."

What is the best indicator of whether a friendship can survive one person moving on? Shared values, according to Yager. Although a shared environment may jump start a friendship, a deeper connection must be made to maintain it. You must genuinely like a person, whatever the circumstances, to become lasting friends. Unfortunately, because people often instinctively hold back from revealing too much about themselves to coworkers, this deeper connection can be difficult to make. On the plus side, if two people have become casual friends while on the job, they may be able to deepen their friendship once one person moves on and they no longer feel inhibited by the workplace environment.

Buddying up

So how does one navigate the treacherous waters of workplace friendships? Yager provides this advice:

- Be discreet about your friend's confidences, and think carefully about the type of information you choose to divulge.
- If you think your friendship puts you or your friend in a compromising position on the job, talk about it. If necessary, withdraw yourself from situations that might be a conflict of interest.
- Find out if your company has a policy regarding workplace friendships, and follow the rules.

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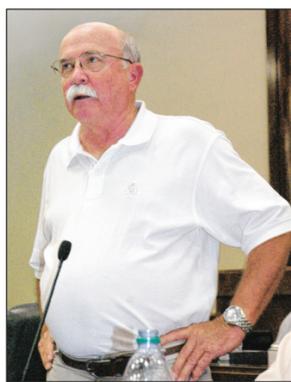
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From left, Mark Berrigan, Bevin Putnal and FCSWA Vice President Rickie Banks speak at an emergency meeting about the condition of Apalachicola Bay fisheries. At right, FCSWA President Shannon Hartsfield talks with Marcia Mathis, aide to State Sen. Bill Moniford. Below, the meeting drew a large crowd.

FISHERY DISASTER DECLARATION MONTHS AWAY

Apalachicola Bay could be declared a fishery disaster based on Section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which allows the Secretary of Commerce to determine if a commercial fishery failure occurred.

The commercial fishery failure must be a fishery resource disaster of natural causes, man-made causes beyond the control of fishery managers to mitigate through conservation and management measures, or undetermined causes. If a commercial fishery failure because of a fishery resource disaster is determined, assistance requires an appropriation.

If funds are appropriated, they may be used to assess the economic and social effects of the commercial fishery failure, or for any activity the secretary determines is appropriate to restore the fishery or prevent a similar failure in the future and to assist a fishing community affected by such failure.

The federal share of the cost of any assistance is limited to 75 percent. The state or fishing community must provide a cost share of at least 25 percent.

In the past, Florida and other Gulf of Mexico fisheries have sought a disaster declaration for the following events. Not all of them were granted.

- Gulf of Mexico Hurricane Disaster, August 1995
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- Florida Trap Fisheries, September 1999
- Gulf of Mexico Fisheries (Katrina), September 2005
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- Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Oil Spill (Florida) – June 2010
- Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery 2009, April 2011
- Florida Shark Fishery 2007-2008, April 2011

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this is worth fighting for. This is not just a Franklin County problem; this is a state of Florida problem. This is everybody's problem."

Dino Millender, who has fished in many different aspects of the industry, stressed that the negative effects are impacting other marine life as well. "It ain't just the oysters, it ain't just your crabs. It's your fish, everything out there is declining hard and real fast."

Seafood dealer Tommy Ward agreed the problem was widespread, noting a "conch graveyard" near his plant at 11 Mile. "We haven't unloaded 20 boxes of shrimp in the last eight months to a year," he said.

The commissioners heard from several other voices, including the Apalachicola Riverkeeper's Dan Tonsmeire, who pressed for creation of a council to set up a long-term restoration management plan.

"The governor needs to go to Georgia and tell them to start putting in some conservation measures," he said. "We need to write to BP and dare those guys to come here and meet with us and tell us they're not having an impact on the Gulf anymore."

At meeting's end, the commissioners passed unanimously a motion to notify local utility companies and lenders of the financial constraints seafood workers face.

Jim Estes, deputy director of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissions' division of marine fisheries management, promised to return with answers after meeting with federal officials in the days ahead.

At a meeting Monday night at the Eastpoint Firehouse, even more oystermen and their families showed up to learn more about how to cope with the current crisis.

FCSWA President Shannon Hartsfield, who is attending a meeting of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders in Georgia this week, said the crowd had to be moved outside.

Jackel outlined measures being taken for immediate assistance, including Friday's Resource Fair (See Page A4) and help available at Workforce Florida.

Hartsfield said more oyster shelling money might be forthcoming from the state. "We're supposed to be getting some money for this year as soon as possible, probably next month," he said.

Hartsfield said several more people joined the association, and at least 10 FCSWA members volunteered to assist the board.

He cautioned, though, that even with a possible federal declaration of a fisheries collapse, "There ain't nothing happening quickly, I knew it wouldn't be overnight; we knew how bad the bay was," Hartsfield said. "It's worse than what they say."

He said he and the rest of the Florida delegation planned to push for more freshwater flows at this week's ACF Stakeholders meeting. "I'm expecting some help but I don't know if it's going to be soon enough. We got to get some freshwater down here, even 20 percent more," Hartsfield said.

He said though last week's meeting got politicians' attention, more needs to be done. "The ones who were there representing the state wasn't enough. For our voice to get through and heard we have to talk to the top," he said. "We need our governor to come and see what's going on. We need (Agriculture Commissioner Adam) Putnam and people like that coming in here."

He also warned the oyster community that harvesting juvenile oysters below the minimum size, especially with bag prices now as high as \$25 and \$27, can be harmful in the long run.

"You have so many young guys new at this, and the dealers say 'I need these oysters, bring them in,'" he said. "Basically right now is the exact same thing as after the oil spill. Louisiana and Texas is closed, and anything they can get in, they can sell, and it's a problem."

He said he would like to see FWC issue warnings for under-sized oysters, and if the problem persists, the next time issue a ticket and levy a fine.

"That's what will open their eyes," Hartsfield said. "I haven't had a marine patrol on my boat for over a year. FWC hasn't been checking for small oysters."

ISLAND OYSTER FESTIVAL POSTPONED

Beth Brinkley, president of the St. George Island Business Association, has announced the 2012 St. George Island Oyster Festival has been canceled.

"After much discussion and community input, we have decided to join forces with the Franklin County Seafood Worker's Association to help save our bay. The SGI Oyster Festival will be postponed indefinitely until our most beloved natural resource is both healthy and abundant again. We thank all of the citizens who are working hard to preserve the last great bay."

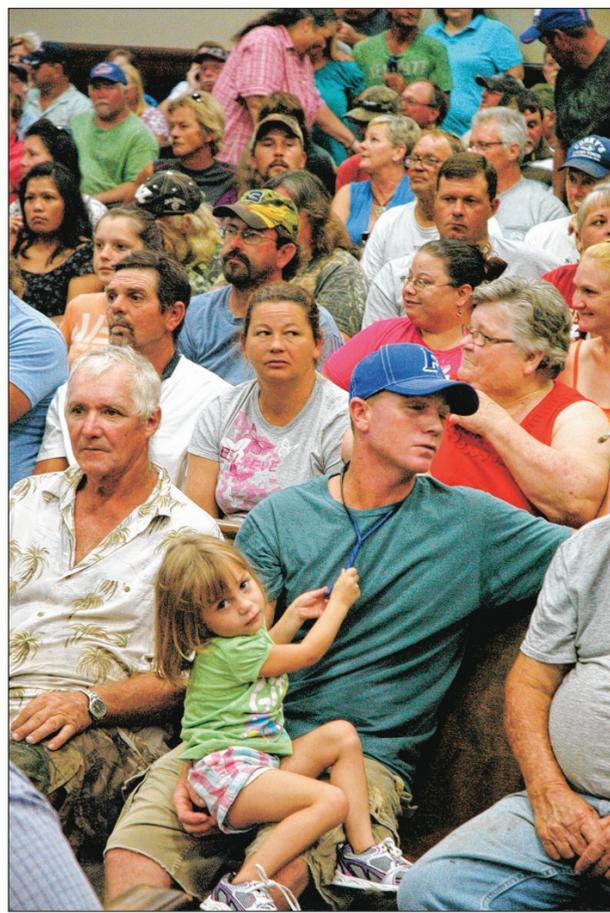
She said the decision to focus on a Save the Bay campaign came after seafood workers crowded the county commission last week, distraught over the poor condition of the oyster bars.

Brinkley said no bands had been booked for this year because, "Everyone's just been so busy with the storms."

"(The business association) met and talked about it and then we met with (FCSWA President) Shannon Hartsfield. We just think we need to let what's out there grow; I think it's the right thing to do."

The festival has been plagued with problems since its debut last year, when windy and rainy weather forced organizers to move outdoor concerts into Harry A's.

— By Lois Swoboda



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