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World War II museum to dedicate flagpoles

On Friday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. the Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum will dedicate two flagpoles donated by Woodmen of the World. This dedication will be at the new front entrance, with a small commemorative plaque placed between the two poles. Afterwards will be a short ceremony to remember Pearl Harbor, the attack by the Japanese that caused the United States to enter the war. The flag will be placed at half-mast as Taps is played, followed by a recording of President Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" speech, the original heard by the nation over radio. At 11:30 a.m., the movie "Tora Tora Tora" will be shown as a visual remembrance of the attack by Japanese forces on Dec. 7, 1941. All are invited to come and, as always, admission is by donation and donations are always welcome.

Island Lights celebration Friday evening

Friday Dec. 7 is the St. George "Island Lights" holiday celebration, beginning at 4 p.m. with the start of the Jingle Jog, a one mile fun run, at Lighthouse Park. Plan on getting there a little early to get your Santa hat and jingle bells. Then at 5 p.m. Santa arrives by fire engine and provides a bag of goodies to kids age 10 and younger. At sunset, the palms and park are lit. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the snacks, coffee, and hot chocolate. The event is hosted by the St. George Island Business Association. For more info, visit www.SGILights.com or call 927-5039.

Carrabelle's Holiday on Harbor on Saturday

On Saturday, Dec. 8, Marine Street in Carrabelle will be glowing with lights, and the River Walk is the place to be at dark-thirty for watching the decked-out boat regatta, the Parade of Lights. Stroll with old friends, make some new ones, sip cider, see Santa and fill your eyes with enchantment! Fireworks are the grand finale for the parade. To find out more, call 697-2585

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Affordable housing proposed for AHS site

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Land adjacent to the former Apalachicola High School could eventually sprout 44 new apartments, designated as affordable housing, if a proposal now in the works before both the city and school board crosses a series of local, state and federal hurdles.

The plan to transform the corner of Avenue L and 17th street into an affordable housing complex is being championed by local real estate broker Leon Bloodworth, who hopes this week to secure purchase of the property from the city and school board, specifically to develop the apartments.

Bloodworth is spearheading the project on behalf of a Tallahassee developer who intends to buy the property for \$350,000,

and then take advantage of federal housing tax credits to finance the project.

At their Nov. 20 special meeting, the school board approved advertising for sale of the property for a minimum bid of \$211,000, which Bloodworth had calculated represents the school district's ownership of about 60 percent of the site.

The remaining 40 percent, which constitutes what were city-owned streets when Apalachicola decided the property to the schools four decades ago, would amount to about \$139,000, with that money going to city coffers if the sale goes through.

At the city's Nov. 27 special meeting, Bloodworth outlined for commissioners the proposal, which he stressed was for affordable housing, rather than Section 8 or subsidized housing.

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Leon Bloodworth outlines the project before the Apalachicola city commission.

Lighthouse horse



FROM ST. GEORGE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION COLLECTION

William and Walter Roberts, sons of Assistant Keeper Walter (Pete) Roberts, Jr., riding Old Neb around 1930.

Old Neb was a beloved member of the staff

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Old Neb, a gentle brown horse, was a part of the lighthouse staff and a resident of Little St. George Island for almost 50 years.

In the days when a lighthouse keeper was resident on Little St. George Island, he and his family were aided and entertained by a number of companion animals. In his book "Lighthouses and Living Along the Florida Gulf Coast," Pete Roberts, a former keeper at the Cape St. George Light mentions a dog named Trixie, a pig named Alice and a Shetland pony named Prince given to the family by Neel Hinckley. Prince was transported to the island by fishing boat. When

the pony refused to pull a fire engine red cart purchased from the Montgomery Ward catalogue, a wild goat, Billy, was cut from a herd on Sand Island by Trixie, lassoed and pressed into service, adding another animal to the Roberts' entourage.

Joe Barber's family once owned the island and he lived there briefly as a child and visited it frequently to hunt and fish for decades. He said Herbert Marshall once carried rabbits to the island and released them, but they didn't survive long. Probably a very good thing, in retrospect, since introduced rabbits have decimated the landscape on a number of other islands including Australia.

Marshall also acquired a flock of chickens. At the time,

Nick Fortunus had an airplane, and the chickens were herded onto the plane and released onto St. George Island from the air. Barber said they fluttered to earth and the flock reproduced and survived for some years.

Perhaps the most memorable of the animals inhabiting Little St. George was Old Neb.

Barber said Neb was born on the island and lived there his entire long life. He must have been born around the turn-of-the-century and he was still a resident of the lighthouse compound during World War II. He is said to have reached the age of 48.

Neb was one of a small herd of horses kept by Marshall. The animals foraged at

See **HORSE A5**

City troubled by lease of Harbor House

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Apalachicola city commissioners didn't like the sound of what they heard from City Administrator Betty-Taylor Webb Tuesday night about the progress of negotiations with the federal government over a long-term lease for the Harbor House.

Taylor-Webb said she has been in discussion with the General Services Administration (GSA) about a city proposal to have the offices of the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge, housed in the Harbor House at 479 Market Street for the past 20 years, relocate to the vacant site a couple hundred yards away that used to be home to the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR).

She said talks have bogged down over infrastructure improvements and cost requirements that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the umbrella agency over the wildlife refuge, is demanding be done upfront by the city.

Taylor-Webb said the federal agency has been insistent that a series of items be completed that meet government building standards, from widening doorways to adding outside lighting, before they will consider relocating. In addition, they are asking that the city agree to a brokerage agreement that would require it to pay 6 percent of the monthly rental fee. The city has proposed a monthly rent of about \$2,000 per month for the former ANERR site.

She said the GSA is asking that the city, which is awaiting approval by the state to allow the former ANERR site to revert to Apalachicola's ownership, front the cost of the roughly \$150,000 in improvements. The federal government would repay the city for these expenses over a 10-year period, she said.

See **LEASE A5**

County unemployment drops to 6 percent

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Franklin County continued to show steady improvement in its unemployment rate in October, as it fell to the 6 percent level.

According to preliminary numbers released Nov. 16 by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the county's job-

less rate last month fell 0.3 of a percentage point, from 6.3 to 6.0 percent.

Last month, 23 people were dropped from the unemployment rolls, lessening them from 361 to 338 people in search of work.

The workforce also shrank by 129 workers, from 5,739 to 5,610, but remained considerably larger than one year ago, when it comprised 5,494 workers,

and when the jobless rate was sharply higher, at 7.6 percent.

Franklin County's jobless picture placed it at fifth best in Florida. Monroe County, at 4.7 percent, had the state's lowest unemployment rate, followed by Walton County (5.4 percent), Okaloosa County (5.7 percent) and Wakulla County (5.9 percent). Many of the counties with the lowest

unemployment rates were those with relatively high proportions of government employment.

The unemployment rate in the Gulf Coast Workforce region was 7.7 percent in October, down 0.2 percent from the September rate, and 1.9 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 9.6 percent and below the state rate of 8.5 percent. Out of a labor

force of 102,173, there were 7,889 unemployed Gulf Coast residents

The county's unemployment numbers continue to run better than the two nearby counties, Bay and Gulf, which also are part of the Gulf Coast Workforce Region. Bay fell from 8.0 to 7.8 percent, and Gulf declined from 8.3 to 8.1 percent.

See **COUNTY A14**

Feds to fund \$2.7 million for oyster beds

Special to the Times

In response to the effects of Tropical Storm Debby on the Apalachicola Bay, Florida has received approval for a \$2.7 million National Emergency Grant to provide temporary employment for those Franklin County residents adversely impacted due to the decline of oysters and other fisheries in the region.

The state made the request for disaster assistance to the U.S. Department of Labor in October, and received word Friday the request had been granted.

"In October I met with families in Franklin County and saw their frustration and desire to return to the jobs they love," said Gov. Rick Scott, in making the announcement. "Apalachicola Bay is home to some of the best fisheries and oysters in the world, and we're committed to getting much needed support to the area. This funding will provide desperately needed employment and paychecks to those hardworking families who have been impacted. This support will also help put families back to work and begin the road to



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Oystermen work the bay last summer

recovery."

The Department of Economic Opportunity coordinated with the Gulf Coast Workforce Development Board and the local community to develop a temporary jobs project to re-shell the bay and help it recover and re-open to harvesting.

The grant is provided by the Department of Labor and totals close to \$2.7 million, which will go toward hiring 200 dislocated oystermen, working under the supervision of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs and the

Franklin County Seafood Workers Association to re-shell the bay by transporting live and dead oyster material from unaffected areas to those oyster bars damaged by the storm. The reshelling project will operate through June 30, 2013.

The 200 jobs will pay oyster harvesters about \$200 a day, three days a week for six months, according to Shannon Hartsfield, president of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association.

He said the bay crisis began in 2007 when a drought hit the

region, followed by the BP "oil spill scare" and then Tropical Storms Debby and Isaac. "It's what put us where we're at right now — in a seafood disaster, really," he said.

Hartsfield said reshelling and relaying will help the bay and get harvesters working again. But, he added, the process could make it more difficult for restaurants that sell Apalachicola oysters, since the oysters can't be harvested from the areas during the six-month project.

"It's going to be even fewer than what is being processed now," he

said. "But this will give our bay a break on the seedlings that we have."

Hartsfield said he has concerns about the future of the bay.

"If we don't get fresh water this year, we are going to be struggling for the next few years," he said. "If we don't figure out what to do with this river, our bay's going to die out. We're going to have to start working on something else for the local oystermen."

Jacqueline Bostick from the News Herald contributed to this story.

Apalachicola airport gets shot of young blood

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The terminal at Apalachicola Regional Airport is getting a facelift with an eye to more and better service for visiting pilots.

Things are changing at Apalachicola's airport. On Nov. 1, Crystal Air of Chattanooga came on board as the new Fixed Base Operator (FBO) for the facility. On Nov. 12, the terminal was almost bare of furniture, but maps and brochures were neatly stacked on the remaining desk and shelves.



JONATHAN CRISP

In response to the front door, a young man appeared from the rear of the terminal, power drill in hand.

Jonathan Crisp, 24, is the new airport manager, hard at work refurbishing the terminal and grounds. Crisp said he likes the area although relocating has caused him some culture shock. He said he will be living at the airport in a section of the FBO hangar.

Crisp graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a bachelor's degree in aerospace science. He spent three months managing Crystal Air's FBO operation in Cleveland, Tennessee and has flown charter flights for the company.

"We want to focus on customer service," Crisp said. "Our other six airports all have five-star ratings."

Crystal Air focuses on upscale clientele and seeks to provide a travel experience with all the frills and no hassles. Their slogan is "The airline minus the line." The new FBO plans

to bring in real red carpets to roll out for visitors.

Crisp has set to work to upgrade the public areas of the airport.

"Some things have been let go," he said. "But we're going to take care of that." Crystal Air is installing a new weather station and a snooze lounge for pilots making a brief stop to freshen up, buy fuel and maybe catch a nap.

The airport is seeing lots of traffic, said Crisp. "We get a lot of business from St. George Island," he said. "People also fly in or stop over on the way to another location, just to try the local

seafood. Lots of pilots talk about the wonderful hospitality here."

He said the new fuel farm, especially the self-serve station, is doing a brisk business. Beginning in January or February, Crystal will be staging some planes at Apalachicola's airport and the facility will offer flight instruction. Plans are also under way to schedule charter flights to bring sportsmen to the area to hunt and fish.

Crystal Air has already added a second crew car to its fleet and has signed franchise agreements with Hertz and Thrifty car rentals.

Crisp said providing vehicles in both lines will allow them to stock a wider range of models and sizes.

Crystal Air invites all local businesses to bring literature to display at the terminal. "We are adding an advertising section," he said. "We are trying to cater to the local folks so we can help them and they can help us."

Crisp said Crystal Air will soon be hiring. They are looking for versatile staff to perform tasks including operating the fuel truck, doing grounds maintenance and acting as a receptionist in the terminal.

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FWC REPORT

Officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission were busy last month, policing everything from dove and duck hunting, to unshaded and untagged oysters.

Inspections by Officers Terry Martin and Matt Gore on a couple of hunters hunting dove in a field revealed the field had been baited with cracked corn. The two hunters were issued misdemeanor citations for this violation and for hunting dove during closed season.

While working the illegal night harvest of oysters near West Pass, Officer John Allen spotted a shrimp vessel inside the three-mile line with what appeared to be three nets in the water. The inspection confirmed Allen's observations, and a misdemeanor citation was issued to the captain of the vessel for the violation.

While on patrol, Officer Gore spotted a vehicle driving through Eastpoint loaded with bags of oysters. He did not see any shade over the oysters and initiated a stop to speak with the harvesters about the violation. The inspection, in which Gore was assisted by Officer Steven Cook, revealed the oysters were both unshaded and untagged. The officers seized approximately 40 bags of oysters and the two harvesters were issued misdemeanor citations for possession of unshaded oysters and untagged bags.

While conducting fisheries inspections on the St. George Island fishing pier, Officer Allen found an angler who stated that he had only one fish in his cooler. An inspection showed the angler was in possession of six spotted sea trout, all undersized. The angler also failed to

buy a saltwater fishing license. He was issued a misdemeanor citation for possession of undersized spotted sea trout and warnings for being over the bag limit and possessing no saltwater fishing license.

Officers Tyler Akos, Martin and Gore were conducting decoy deer operations in the Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area during the opening four days of general gun season. One of the contacts made was with a hunter who was cited by Martin during last year's general gun season for taking antlerless deer. The hunter had failed to appear for his court date on that charge and a warrant issued for his arrest. The man told officers he had forgotten to appear for his previous court date. The man was placed under arrest and transported to the Franklin County Jail.

While on patrol at Alligator Point, Allen stopped to help some anglers returning from surf fishing who had bogged down their vehicle in the sand. After helping the anglers free their vehicle from the sand, Allen asked if they had caught any fish during their outing. The anglers replied, "Not really." An inspection of their cooler revealed a 37-inch red drum, which the anglers said had just been given to them by someone else. Allen told them he

had not seen anyone other than them either fishing in or leaving the area. At that point, one of the anglers assumed responsibility for the fish, and he was issued a misdemeanor citation for possession of oversized red drum and the fish seized.

While on patrol, Officer Gore was traveling behind a truck pulling a boat and trailer, when he noticed the boat trailer had no brake lights and a tag expired in 2007. Without being directed by the officer, the truck suddenly pulled over onto the shoulder of the road.

As Gore pulled in behind the truck, he activated his blue lights and the male operator exited and began walking unsteadily to the back of the truck, displaying signs of impairment. When Gore instructed the man to stand at the back of the truck, a female passenger got behind the wheel and attempted to drive away, stalling the truck.

As a result of Gore's investigation, both the male and female operators were arrested for DUI, as well as driving while license suspended/revoked. A third passenger was arrested on a warrant for possession of undersized oysters. While conducting an inventory of the vehicle and vessel for towing, several open beer cans and an open bottle of whiskey were found. Two

large monofilament gill nets were also located in the vessel. Officer Percy Cook responded to assist.

Later in the week, Officer Gore was off duty, duck hunting on Lake Wimico, when he observed a group of hunters who appeared to be taking over the bag limit of ducks.

Without revealing his identity, Gore engaged the hunters in idle conversation and determined they had launched from the White City boat ramp.

The officer contacted an investigator to conduct surveillance at the boat ramp while he returned to his home to go on duty.

Gore was able to make it to the White City Boat ramp before the hunters returned, and as a result of his and the investigator's efforts, two notices to appear were issued for possession of migratory birds (ducks) without a head and wing attached and obligation to permit search. Twenty-six duck breasts were seized and placed into evidence. Two written warnings were issued for failure to properly tag migratory birds.

Arrest REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests in this week's report were made by officers from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO). All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Nov. 27
Quran J. Anderson, 28, Tallahassee, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (FCSO)

Nov. 28
Heather M. Mahon, 38, Panama City, failure to appear (FCSO)

Nov. 29
Daniel L. McKenzie, 34, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)

Dec. 1
Alicia Ordonia, 33, Carrabelle, battery (FCSO)

Dec. 3
Michael L. Hendels, 27, Apalachicola, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, possession of paraphernalia and Bay County warrant (FCSO)
Joseph B. Stevens, 26, Eastpoint, petit theft (FCSO)

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Opinion

Southerland welcomes OK of water quality standards

Special to the Times

U.S. Representative Steve Southerland II (R- Panama City) has welcomed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s approval of Florida's numeric nutrient standards for water quality, while also expressing concern about the agency's decision to issue new proposed federal rules.



STEVE SOUTHERLAND

"I have often said that Florida, not federal bureaucrats, should come first when setting water quality standards for our state," Southerland said. "For this reason, I am pleased that the EPA has heeded the will of a bipartisan coalition of Florida policymakers, business and industry officials, and community leaders who urged the federal government to build upon the successes already achieved at the state level to strengthen the health of Florida's waterways."

"That said, the EPA's decision to issue new proposed federal rules reminds us of the need to remain vigilant of the impact that more Washington regulation would have on Florida agriculture, small businesses, and hardworking families," he said, in a news release.

John Hoblick, president of the Florida Farm Bureau, said the bureau appreciates Southerland's efforts "to achieve an approach to water quality that balances the need for substantive resource protection with positive support for Florida's economy. By introducing legislation such as the State Waters Partnership Act, he has demonstrated his leadership in creating policies that help preserve clean water as well as economic stability for Florida's farms, businesses and families. We thank Rep. Southerland for his hard work on this issue."

Southerland's State Waters Partnership Act — introduced early in the 112th Congress — urges the EPA to build on Florida's environmental successes by adopting the state's science-based Numeric Nutrient Criteria. The EPA's original 2009 plan for nitrogen and phosphorous standards would have singled out the state of Florida, and Florida alone, for stricter water quality regulations that would have destroyed 14,500 Florida agriculture jobs and cost over \$4 billion annually, according to a joint study by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the University of Florida.

In a news release, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection said it was pleased with the decision by the EPA approving the state's numeric nutrient criteria, and that the result will be cleaner water.

"EPA's decision confirms the efforts of hard working scientists at DEP. EPA's decision is also supported by Judge Canter who, after fully reviewing the science and criteria, upheld DEP's rules entirely," wrote the FDEP. "DEP and EPA are working diligently to complete the job statewide, returning the focus to restoration rather than litigation."

The FDEP release went on to say that while EPA has approved the state's criteria, it was disappointed about EPA's decision to issue new proposed federal rules.

"We will work with them to craft solutions that will allow the state to assume all nutrient criteria rulemaking in Florida," wrote the FDEP. "Florida knows its waters best and we remain committed on the path to a state-lead solution, which is the best answer for Florida."

Moran Institute plans outreach

The Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship, housed in Florida State University's College of Business, has named Mike Campbell director of its North Florida Outreach Initiative.

Campbell, a seasoned entrepreneur and veteran of the financial industry, will be responsible for implementing expanded services aimed at giving small businesses in North Florida — and the region's economy — a boost.

A former owner of Statement Analysis Corp and Trusteria Services Inc., Campbell is charged with, among other duties, developing the Small Business Executive Program, which will be the centerpiece of The Jim Moran Institute's future outreach efforts.

The program will help existing small businesses prosper; draw on experts in areas such as business plan development, accounting, marketing and human resources; and include an online resource component. Expected to launch in summer 2013, the program's sessions each will last several months. The program is free and will accept 15 to 25 participants for its first session. A similar program will be unveiled in South Florida in February under the direction of Jennifer Kovach, director of the organization's South Florida Outreach Initiative.



MIKE CAMPBELL

Randy Blass, director of The Jim Moran Institute, said graduates of the program will share best practices and their own experiences with other entrepreneurs in the area, including teaching program classes, leading themed round-table discussions and providing one-on-one consultation and mentorship to growing businesses in the region.

"Once you graduate from the program, you become an asset to us and are an important part of our family of experts, whose mission will be to help individual business owners succeed and, in turn, grow our regional economy," Blass said. "With Mike Campbell's knowledge of the area and his experience as an entrepreneur, I'm confident about the success of our expanded outreach efforts."

In addition to being a former business owner, Campbell has been a consultant to businesses and nonprofit organizations seeking to improve operations, marketing and financial management. His experience in development includes several years as a vice president and consultant to The Able Trust, a grant organization benefiting Floridians with disabilities.

Campbell's responsibilities also

include advancing The Jim Moran Institute's mission to cultivate, train and inspire entrepreneurial leaders in the community through world-class education, leading-edge research and applied training, intensive consulting assistance and mentorship, and public recognition.

"I am honored to be offered the opportunity to assist the institute in taking such a well-respected organization to the next level," Campbell said. "The ability to help businesses and show positive and measurable outcomes will be very rewarding."

Located in the FSU College of Business, The Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship was established in 1995 through donations from automobile-industry legend Jim Moran, his wife, Jan, and JM Family Enterprises Inc. These donations were supplemented with a major grant from the state of Florida, and additional funding from The Jim Moran Foundation Inc., to create a fully funded endowment whose mission is to cultivate, train and inspire entrepreneurial leaders through world-class education programs and curriculum, intensive consulting assistance and mentorship to entrepreneurs and business owners; leading-edge academic research; and applied education and public recognition. For more information, visit www.jmi.fsu.edu.

Riverkeeper and Friends to thin trees at new library site

Special to the Times

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper and Friends of the Franklin County Public Library are pleased to announce the wheels of progress are moving again, and neighbors living around the new Franklin County Public Library site in Eastpoint may notice that work to complete this project has begun.

The project includes developing onsite environmental educational opportunities, including a trail. Work is scheduled to begin today.

"We plan to do fuel reduction of underbrush and thinning of some trees in order to enhance the wetland and optimize the natural community's habitat function," said Apalachicola Riverkeeper Executive Director and Riverkeeper Dan Tonsmeire. "Also, we will evaluate the site's long-term vegetation management plan."

Benefits to fuel reduction and thinning include prevention of wildfires and reduction of fire hazards to homeowners. An exemption permit for this activity was issued in April 2012 by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to the Friends of the Franklin County Public Library.

An initial grant from the Northwest Florida Water



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Management District secured a beautiful 13-acre site on Old Ferry Dock Road. Fundraising efforts have resulted in a concrete slab and exterior completion of a 5,000-square-foot library and administrative office building.

Ongoing fundraising by the Friends will complete and furnish the interior

of the building. When the library is finished, it will offer the community not only an expanded, modern space for collections and programs, but educational nature walks over the protected wetlands.

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper is a 1,000-plus member non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and

stewardship of the Apalachicola River and Bay. Through advocacy, the Apalachicola Riverkeeper builds new partnerships and develops collaborative approaches to address the most serious threats to the River and Bay, its tributaries and watersheds, in order to improve and maintain its environmental integrity and to preserve the natural, scenic, recreational, and commercial fishing character of these waterways.

For more information, visit www.apalachicola.riverkeeper.org.

Letters to THE EDITOR

Listen to school employees for savings

I liked reading school member Pam Shiver's input into the discussion on the budget ("District grapples with budget," The Times, Nov. 29, 2012.). She commented that she would like to see more school employees brought into the cost-saving discussions. "They may see something we don't. Sometimes you can see things at the working level." Excellent point, Pam and hope to see the board follow through on this.

Penny L. Anderson
Carrabelle

P & Z chair has city's interests at heart

Recently, I read with great interest about the controversy surrounding Apalachicola Planning and Zoning Chairman Tom Daly. The charges raised by Mayor Johnson seem debatable at best. To

raise charges against the chairman and attempt to substantiate them as "coming from a reliable source" is disingenuous at the least. Perhaps comments from Bobby Miller, one of the meeting attendees, cuts to the chase, "sounds like a witch hunt to me."

Stepping back and looking dispassionately at the brouhaha, the whole issue seems to pale in comparison to some of the issues facing our community.

All this aside, it would be tragic to lose a man of Tom Daly's statue and commitment on the P&Z Commission. I have had numerous conversations with Tom over the years about the destiny and direction of Apalachicola. Tom speaks with conviction and compassion about his vision for our city. If you truly listen, there would be no doubt that his intentions are honest and he truly has the best interest of Apalachicola and its people at heart.

Respectfully,
Lacey Robinson
Apalachicola


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will on the rugged barrier island and one was felled by a lightning bolt during a summer storm.

Barber said his grandmother, Joseph Porter, sold Neb and his wagon to the U.S. Lighthouse Service, but when the transaction took place is unclear.

Better than a Ford truck

Neb was already working for the lighthouse when Barber was a child during the 1920s. Walter Roberts, Jr. and Sr. were both keepers of the St. George Light. A photo from Roberts' family collection shows Old Neb and his cart circa 1925 with Keeper Walter Roberts Jr. He requested to purchase the horse and his wagon in a letter posted in 1931. Perhaps the letter to formalize possession of Neb was motivated by an investigation of financial irregularities in the Lighthouse Service that was ongoing between 1931 and 1935 when a report was made to Congress on the matter.

In response to Robert's 1931 request, the Deputy Commissioner of Lighthouses in Washington D.C. wrote Superintendent of Lighthouses E.S. Lanphier in New Orleans and suggested Roberts buy "a used Ford truck to be equipped with auxiliary transmission such as Muncie which is illustrated on the inclosed page from Sears, Roebuck and Company catalogue," instead of the horse.

Lanphier replied that his office had considered the option of a truck equipped with steel tractor rear wheels and dismissed it. "No automobile, whether it had a Muncie drive or not would be able to get through the deep sand on Cape St. George Island," he wrote.

Although no price is quoted, Lanphier wrote that the purchase cost was cheap and pointed out that the horse was acclimated to the island. Old Neb officially joined the lighthouse staff. No further mention is made of Neb until 1937 when Roberts asked for, and was granted, a purchase order for a saddle and bridle for Neb.

"In rainy weather when roads are submerged I would be able

to ride the horse instead of using wagon," he wrote.

Barber said he was unclear about the reference to submerged roads. While he agreed no truck could manage the deep sand between the lighthouse and the end of the path that crossed from the beach to the dock on bayside, he said there were no roads to flood on the island in 1937.

In any case, the purchase of the saddle and bridle was approved.

Scared of rattlesnakes

Barber recalled Neb as an extremely gentle animal but easily spooked.

"He was real scary," he said. "When we were kids and we were driving him, we'd jump off the wagon and run ahead to hide in the bushes, and then jump out to scare him. It's a wonder he didn't kill us. He'd stop in his tracks. He'd stand still any time he heard something like a rattlesnake. He wouldn't move 'till you got down from the wagon and showed him there wasn't a snake in the bushes."

Barber said Neb's fear of rattlesnakes seems strange because although there were moccasins, as a child he never encountered a rattlesnake on what is now Little St. George. He said they were on St. Vincent Island and St. George Island, which was still connected to Little St. George in the 1930s, but not on the part of the island where the house built by his grandfather, Edward Porter, and the lighthouse keeper's house were located. Barber said he first encountered a rattlesnake on Little St. George in the 1950s when he and Bubba Gander were visiting the island on a houseboat for a hunting expedition.

For several years, when he was a boy, Barber's family spent the summer in Hammock House. Porter, who built the house for his retirement, never resided there because he died shortly after its completion.

Barber said it was a splendid time. The Roberts and the Barbors each had two boys and two girls of similar age and the

children were fast friends. The wandered the beaches and the woods fishing, swimming and looking for turtle nests. When they found a nesting turtle by moon or lantern light, they would wait for her return to the ocean and ride her to the surf. Sometimes they raided the nests too and the eggs were used for cooking. Barber said only the yolk, which was very rich, was used and made excellent cakes.

On Sundays, his mother would cook up a big meal and the family would carry it to the keeper's house on the beach. The two families would eat dinner and supper together and the children played until late at night. When the Barbors returned home at 11 p.m., they borrowed the wagon and Old Neb to transport their sleeping youngsters. Keeper Roberts would walk over and bridle the horse to lead him home when he was needed again.

Neb's original home was at the Hammock House on the bay side built by Porter. Near the house was an open-sided stable with just a roof that Neb occupied at night. He foraged freely during the day and never wore a bridle except when he was working.

After Neb was purchased, the Lighthouse Service built him a fine barn, complete with a curtain over the door to keep out flies. Neb did not wander far, but never forgot his childhood home and sometimes would return to the pole barn by the Porter's house. When the keeper needed his services, he would walk across the island and there Neb would be standing calmly under the shelter or foraging in the rich foliage.

Neb was finally replaced by a jeep during World War II. Barber said he was told the horse was pensioned off and remained on the island until he died of old age.

"I was told he was the only horse on a government pension," Barber said. "The last time I saw Old Neb he looked good. He was a little swaybacked. I guess that was from old age."

Many thanks to the St. George Island Lighthouse Association and Joseph "Snookie" Barber for their help in writing this article.



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The Harbor House

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"They demand that," said Taylor-Webb. "Things don't operate that way."

The city would be willing to lease the former estuarine research site to the wildlife refuge "as is," said Taylor-Webb. But the city doesn't have the resources to complete a lengthy list of improvements, such as retiling the bathrooms, that go well beyond repainting interior walls, replacing the carpet and other reasonable improvements, she said.

Led by Commissioner Brenda Ash, the commissioners said they backed Taylor-Webb's overall position, and voted to reiterate their support for her continuing negotiations.

The commissioners also said they were not inclined to have Taylor-Webb pursue a long-term lease deal for the wildlife refuge to continue at the Harbor House. The GSA has offered to increase the monthly lease payments by \$1,000, and is asking for a further modification of terms for that site.

Taylor-Webb said that in the future, the city will want to hire an organization or a company to manage the Scipio Creek site, now about to embark on a major transformation funded by federal stimulus money that will include a boat repair yard, possible future fueling station, ice house, open-air market, public restrooms and seafood loading and unloading facility. She said the Harbor House would then make an ideal location out of which a site manager would operate.

After the existing long-term lease expired two years ago, the city and the GSA have agreed to

two one-year extensions, which extend until Jan. 2013. Taylor-Webb said that in the event the wildlife refuge decides to vacate the Harbor House, the city would likely offer it a six month to one-year extension to give them a chance to find another location.

"They have had other offers," she said.

Another real estate matter surfaced at the meeting. Taylor-Webb said she has discussed with both the Apalachicola Riverkeeper and the Florida Seafood Festival the possibility of their leasing portions of the city-owned community center at Battery Park now that the city has relocated its staffers to the City Hall at Avenue E and Water Street.

City Attorney Pat Floyd said he had reservations about a lease with the Riverkeeper, and cited the environmental group's lawsuit against the city regarding water quality issues that he said had been a costly and unnecessary challenge to city water and sewer planning.

The attorney cautioned against the city developing too close a financial relationship with the environmental advocacy group, and none of the commissioners appeared to object to Floyd's reasoning. Mayor Van Johnson indicated he shared that viewpoint.

Taylor-Webb said the city commission, which will continue to meet at the community center, will have to weigh whether it wishes to lease the office space to independent contractors, or turn it over to a group which would assume management responsibility.

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Clerk of Court Marcia Johnson is inviting couples to celebrate this special day by exchanging vows that day at Franklin

County's beautiful courthouse. Ceremonies can be held between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the courthouse in Apalachicola, and couples are asked to pre-register at 653-8861 ext. 103.

Couples who want to get married on 12/12/12 must have a valid Florida marriage license and pay

an additional \$30 ceremony fee. The cost for a license is \$93.50; however, couples who have attended an approved premarital class pay only \$61. Remember too, that unless the couple has attended an approved premarital class, there is a three-day waiting period before the license is effective and the marriage can take place. There is no waiting period for out-of-state residents.

More information about marriage licenses is available on the clerk's website, www.franklinclerk.com under Records Department, then Marriage Information. Please forward any questions or comments to Marcia Johnson, Clerk of the Court, 33 Market Street, Ste. 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 or by email to: mmjohnson@franklinclerk.com.

Birthdays

KYLAN GRAY TURNS 1



Kylan Keith Gray celebrated his first birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012. He is the son of Jessie Walden and Dillon Gray, of Crawfordville. Maternal grandparents are Keith and Lucille Walden, of Carrabelle. Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Marylin Gray, of Carrabelle.

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY



Love, Mom and Dad



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Fresh Market brings in the green

On Saturday, Apalachicola hosted the fifth annual Holiday Fresh Market. Several hundred people visited downtown to sample homemade goodies and shop for Christmas cheer unique to Apalachicola. John Hankin was in the Christmas spirit, above, as he displayed his hand crafted palm deer. The annual market is organized by the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

A small suitcase for dolls, from the 1920s.

Vintage toy exhibit opens at Carrabelle museum

By LOIS SWOBODA

Just in time for Christmas, the Carrabelle History Museum has a display of vintage and antique toys.

Come see dolls and fire engines, trucks and teddy bears. The toys in this a community effort come from the collections of Tamara Allen, Ron Gembe, Rod Gasche, David Butler, Betty Lewis Harrison and others. Also new at the museum is a

display on the Civil War in Franklin County featuring a diorama created by artist Fred Aman.

The museum, in the former City Hall building at 106 Avenue B SE, is open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We gladly open any other day by appointment. For more information or to arrange a tour, call 697-2141 or 524-1153. Field trips and buses are welcome.



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Ajaylen Lewis, 5, tells Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas

Santa Claus visits the Hill

With the help of H'COLA (Hillside Coalition of Laborers for Apalachicola) and the assistance of Bernard Simmons, AJ's Neighborhood Bar & Grill welcomed Santa to the Hill Saturday morning. Santa arrived via a fire truck, and then listened to Christmas wishes as his elves handed out goodies bags filled with fruit and candy.



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Kayden Drake, 2, sits on the lap of Santa Claus

PET OF THE WEEK

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Marrying Sam officiates his 229th wedding

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, all around the town. Enjoy the outdoor lights and decorations!

We will have our monthly sugar fix at the Lanark Village Boat Club, a week early this month. Saturday, Dec. 8 will find us at the boat club enjoying a good breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. Your donation of \$5 will get you started. See you there!

Saturday, Dec. 15, will be the Lanark Boat Club Christmas



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

Bill Miller: John and Loretta were the 229th couple he has married. Marrying Sam is known for marrying any time, any place.

Party — Members only!

Last week I wrote about John Westbrook and Loretta Chisholm being joined together by Marrying Sam, alias Mr.

Hope you can get down to the Carrabelle Boat Parade of Lights on the Carrabelle River this Saturday night. Things will start bobbing around dark-thirty, and there will be fireworks too!

See you at Chillax Hall on Tuesday night for Bingo! Doors open at 6 p.m. with bingo at 7 p.m. Homemade cookies and coffee on hand, door prizes, and fun, fun, fun. See ya there! Sorry, no \$250 jackpots yet!

Don't forget, we still have

hamburgers and chips every Friday night, and pizza on Sundays, at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 here in the village. Both servings start at 5 p.m. Hamburger and chips, \$5 donation. Pizza by the slice, \$1 each; whole pizza eat-in \$8, and take-out \$10. Call after 5 p.m. to place your take-out, at 697-9998.

You could win a \$100 merchandise certificate good at Lanark Market! Members of Camp Gordon Johnston American

Legion Post 82 are now selling the chances, or you can get yours at the Lanark Market. Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$5. Good luck! Drawing will be on Super Bowl Sunday. The proceeds will go to support our veterans, and the charities of the Legion.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound. Got Jesus?

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

Choral Society to present Christmas concert

Special to the Times

The 30-voice Bay Area Choral Society will present "Christmas — Then and Now" this Sunday, Dec. 9, in Apalachicola at Trinity Episcopal Church at 4 p.m.

The following week, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16, the program of seasonal music will be again presented at United Methodist Church in Port St. Joe.

The chorus, directed by Merel Young and accompanied by pianist Janis Ramos, will perform selections such as the familiar "O Come, O come, Emmanuel" and the 16th century setting of "O Magnum Mysterium" by Spanish composer, Tomas Luis de Victoria.



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The Bay Area Choral Society performs at last year's Christmas concert.

Twentieth century carols by John Rutter; plus "Mary, Did You Know?" by Mark

and George Frederic Handel will round out the program with several choruses and solos from the Christmas portion of Messiah.

Soloists performing will be soprano Sharon Solomon, soprano Carla May, and contralto Tamara Marsh.

The suggested admission donation is \$5.

The Bay Area Choral Society sings regularly as part of the Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts concert series held in Apalachicola annually. The chorus is made up of singers from many nearby Gulf Coast communities which include Port St. Joe, Mexico Beach, Wewahitchka, Carrabelle, Lanark Village, Eastpoint, St. George Island as well as Apalachicola.

Faith BRIEFS

Eastpoint Christmas celebration set for Dec. 14

Eastpoint will celebrate Christmas with a parade, holiday caroling, a Christmas tree lighting and Santa Claus on the second Saturday of December, Friday, Dec. 14. The parade starts at 4 p.m., and will travel from Gillespie Street, west of Sellers Plaza, to Bay Street, then south to Patton Drive, then east to the pavilion. Santa will arrive on an oyster boat and will visit with the kids. We'll have caroling and lots of fun. For information contact the Apalachicola Bay

Chamber of Commerce at 653-9419.

Rosier celebration Sunday at Church of Praise

Pastor Anderson and Renee Williams, of Apalachicola Fellowship Church of Praise Ministries, invites you to celebrate with them this Sunday, Dec. 9. It's a Double Portion Celebration for Drs. David and Vernetta Rosier, for their 38 years of marriage and 25 years of ministry

The celebration will be at 4 p.m. at the church, 177 Avenue G and 14 Street, Apalachicola.

Obituaries

Betty Rush Browne

Betty Rush Browne, of Newton, Mississippi, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, at St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson, Miss.

Funeral services will be held at Newton United Methodist Church on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 11 a.m. to be followed by a graveside service at Union United Methodist Church in Porterville, Miss. with the Rev. Wayne Napier officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday night at Newton United Methodist Church from 5 to 8 p.m.

Ms. Browne was born

Sept. 26, 1937, in Corpus Christi, Texas, and was the daughter of Glen and Frances Briggs Rush. She grew up in Porterville, Miss. and graduated from Porterville High School. After graduating from the Mississippi University for Women, she moved to Apalachicola, where she taught English at Chapman High School. She moved to Mississippi in 1972 and completed her master's degree in English at Mississippi State University. Ms. Browne then taught high school

English at Newton High School until her retirement in 2002.

She was a member of Newton United Methodist Church, where she played the piano for 17 years. She enjoyed playing bridge, working in her yard, traveling around the world, reading, spending time with her family and friends, Mississippi State sports, and proper grammar. Gracious and witty, she was an exceptional mother, grandmother and friend. Survivors include

her daughter Katherine Browne Brown and her husband, Jim, their children Rush, Ben, Meg, and Kate, of Starkville, Miss.; and her daughter Kelly Browne, of New Orleans, La.

Flowers may be sent to Newton United Methodist Church, 600 Decatur St., Newton, MS 39345.

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Gwendolyn Young Ingram

Gwendolyn Yvonne Young Ingram, 85, of Apalachicola, died on Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, in Tallahassee.

She was a native of Franklin County and a member of St. Paul AME Church.

The service was at noon Saturday, Dec. 1 at St. Paul AME Church, Apalachicola, with burial at Magnolia

Cemetery.

She leaves to cherish her memories a daughter; Helen Dreamal I. Worthen (Charlie) of Tallahassee; son Kenneth B. Ingram (Kwanza), Apalachicola; two grandsons Carlton R. Worthen, Eufaula,



GWENDOLYN YOUNG INGRAM

Ala. and Michael J. Worthen, Tallahassee; granddaughter Brandi Dreamal Worthen Leland (Stephen) of Tallahassee; brother Sandye Young (Marilyn), Jamaica, NY; nieces Noelle Ojo (Kingsley), Germantown,

Md. & Nicole Young Vives-Ramsey, Raleigh, NC and six great-grandchildren.

Hagan and Bradwell Funeral Service, Monticello, was in charge of funeral arrangements. Viewings were Friday, Nov. 30, at Bradwell Mortuary in Quincy from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and St. Paul AME Church, Apalachicola, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Richard Will Morris

Richard Will Morris, 66, beloved husband of Marian, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 29, as a result of a long history of coronary heart disease.

He was influential in the establishment of the Franklin County Library in

the position of first library director. He was also a skilled electrician. His honesty, humor, beautiful voice and amazing memory were a joy to many. He will be missed.

He is survived by his wife Marian, his stepson,

Michael Hamilton, Tampa; three brothers Robert Morris, of Tallahassee, and Alan and Gary Morris, of Minneapolis, Minn.; and two sisters, Nancy Pecoraro, of California, and Marilyn Stuart, of Arizona. A memorial service is

being planned for early January in Tallahassee. A celebration of his life will be held at the Carrabelle "old beach" on Friday, Dec. 28. His ashes will be dispersed near his much loved cabin in North Carolina.

Toni Stalker

Toni Stalker, 59, of Tucson, Ariz, was taken from us abruptly and unexpectedly on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012.

She was born in St. Petersburg, on March 21, 1953, graduated from Flowing Wells High School in Tucson in 1971, from the University of Arizona in 1975, and from Florida State University with a nursing degree in 1994.

She was a longtime DaVita Dialysis teammate, having worked at the

Tucson West unit for 10 years and in the Quincy unit for several years before.

She is survived by her husband, Dave; her mother, Maggi Estes, of St. George Island; her brothers, Will, Jim, John and Kerry; her stepdaughters, Ali, Eve and Char; and many nieces and nephews and their families.

Toni died as she lived — having fun and

helping others. She was never afraid to accept new challenges and go on new adventures. Her interests included quilting, sewing, reading, kayaking/canoeing, bicycle-riding and hiking. She never had a harsh word for anyone and was loved by her family, friends, coworkers and patients. As an organ donor, she was able to help

another life through the gift of her liver. We miss her dreadfully and will love her always.

There was a Life Celebration at the San Pedro Chapel in Tucson, on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 29. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations be made in her memory to The Kidney Trust www.kidneytrust.org. Arrangements by Desert Rose Cremation and Burial, Tucson.



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Cotton a long-standing staple

During a visit to the Orman House on Black Friday, I was reminded of what an important plant cotton (Gossypium sp.) is, and how important. In the Orman garden, cotton was planted as an accent along a winding path. Clothed in its snowy bolls it was very pretty and I'm sure it was pretty this summer too with both white and pink

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Lois Swoboda

flowers. Cotton is a close relative of hibiscus and has both pink male and white female flowers on each plant. Cotton had also been used in some of the decorations inside the house.

The plant is a shrub native to tropical and subtropical regions around the world, including the Americas, Africa and India. The greatest diversity of wild cotton species is found in Mexico. Cultivated cotton has been bred to tolerate a wide range of climates and soil types.

Cotton has been in cultivation for at least 7,000 years and fabric found in a Mexican cave has been dated to 5,800 BC. The plant was domesticated and a textile industry



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

built around it in both Mexico and India. Cotton has been spun, woven, and dyed since prehistoric times. Thousands of years before the Christian era, cotton textiles were skillfully woven in India.

Use of cotton fabric was spread from India to the Mediterranean and beyond around the time of Alexander the Great, possibly by his army.

Today the United States is the number one producer of cotton, with 95 percent of the cotton grown here Gossypium hirsutum, known as upland cotton or Mexican cotton, as it is native to Central America.

The fiber produced by cotton is meant to help the seeds disperse

by wind. Selective breeding over the centuries has increased the length and strength of these fibers. Now the most widely used natural fiber in the world, cotton production accounts for one-quarter of the planet's cultivated land. In addition to textiles, cotton is used in fishnets, coffee filters, tents and in bookbinding. The first Chinese paper was made of cotton fiber, as is modern US currency.

Cotton is also used as an insert in medicine jars to prevent pills from being damaged during shipping and absorb moisture. The National Institutes of Health says you should never leave a cotton-filler in a medicine bottle once you open it because the absorbed moisture can actually lead to breakdown of the chemicals in the pills or capsules.

Cotton seed and cottonseed oil are highly prized as food for animals and humans. Cottonseed oil is one of the least saturated vegetable oils and contains many natural antioxidants. Until the 1940s, it was the major vegetable oil produced in the United States. It is used in mayonnaise, salad dressings, sauces and margarine and is especially well suited to deep frying.

REELING IN THE REDS



KEN FINCH | Special to The Times

Apalachicola's Mike Bailey, above, holds a nice-size redfish that he caught Nov. 17 while out fishing with Capt. Ken Finch. On the same trip, Jacksonville's Hank Haynes caught a 44-inch, 28-pound redfish.



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December full of hunting traditions

There's finally a chill and certain festiveness in the air as most of us try to take time off from work to enjoy spending quality time with family and friends and reflect on the passing year. Children will be out of school on winter break soon, and while the holiday season is upon us, so are several traditional hunting opportunities.

The second phase of waterfowl and coot season comes in statewide Dec. 8 and runs through Jan. 27. In addition to the usual hunting license and permit requirements, duck hunters also must have a Florida waterfowl permit (\$5) and a federal duck stamp (\$15).

The daily bag limit on ducks is six, but you need to know your ducks before you pull the trigger, because there are different daily limits for each species. For instance, within the six-bird limit there may be only one black duck, one mottled duck, one fulvous whistling-duck and one canvasback.

Only two of your six-bird limit may be pintails or redheads, and three may be wood ducks. And you may have no more than four scaup, four scoters or four mallards (of which only two may be female) in your bag. All other species of ducks can be taken up to the six-bird limit, except harlequin ducks.

The daily limit on coots is 15, and there's a five-bird limit on mergansers, only two of which may be hooded.

When hunting waterfowl, hunters may use only nontoxic shotgun shells. Only iron (steel),



JOHN PLEAU | Ducks Unlimited

Three drake buffleheads

bismuth-tin and various tungsten-alloys are permissible.

For something different, try woodcock hunting. Woodcock season runs Dec. 18 - Jan. 31. Woodcocks are excellent game birds because they hold well for pointing bird dogs and provide a challenging shot when flushed. The daily bag limit is three.

The third phase of mourning and white-winged dove season opens Dec. 8 and runs through Jan. 6. The daily bag limit is 15 birds.

From November on, the shooting hours for all migratory birds are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. However, you must get a no-cost migratory bird permit where you purchase your hunting license before you hunt any of these birds.

The only firearm you can use to hunt migratory game birds is a shotgun,

no larger than 10-gauge. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber combined). Bows also are legal.

Retrievers and bird dogs can be useful in hunting migratory game birds. Artificial decoys and manual or mouth-operated bird calls also are legal and essential gear for duck hunters.

You may hunt migratory game birds over an agricultural field if the crop was planted by regular agricultural methods. However, don't even think about "sweetening" the field by scattering agricultural products over it - or anywhere near it - or you could wind up in serious trouble. It doesn't matter if you aren't the one who scattered the bait. If you knew or should have known that such bait was present, you're accountable under federal law.

Some other things you can't do while hunting migratory game birds include using rifles, pistols, crossbows, traps, snares, nets, sinkboxes, swivel guns, punt guns, battery guns, machine guns, fish hooks, poisons, drugs, explosive substances, live decoys and recorded bird calls, sounds or electrically amplified bird-call imitations. It is also against the law to shoot from a moving automobile or boat and herd or drive birds with vehicles or vessels.

Bobcat and otter hunting season is Dec. 1 - March 1, and there's no daily bag or season limit on either species.

Like foxes, bobcats may be chased year-round with dogs, but possessing firearms during the closed season, between March 2 and Nov. 30, is prohibited. On a few wildlife management areas, bobcats and otters may not be taken, so please consult the specific area brochure before you hunt.

December has the hunting opportunities you're looking for, whether you are upland-bird hunting with friends and family, shooting ducks on the pond with your favorite lab or taking that big cat as he slips up behind an unsuspecting fawn.

Here's wishing you happy holidays and a successful hunting season. If you can, remember to introduce someone new to our great sport. As always, have fun, hunt safely and ethically, and we'll see you in the woods!

Tony Young is the media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management. You can reach him with questions about hunting at Tony.Young@MyFWC.com.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Dec. 06	71°	54°	20 %
Fri, Dec. 07	70°	54°	10 %
Sat, Dec. 08	72°	54°	20 %
Sun, Dec. 09	73°	54°	20 %
Mon, Dec. 10	71°	51°	30 %
Tues, Dec. 11	67°	47°	30 %
Wed, Dec. 12	66°	47°	60 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
6	Th	7:55am 0.9	9:11pm 1.1	3:07am 0.6	2:12pm 0.3
7	Fr	9:41am 0.8	9:42pm 1.2	4:22am 0.4	3:03pm 0.5
8	Sa	11:49am 0.8	10:15pm 1.2	5:28am 0.2	4:04pm 0.7
9	Su	1:39pm 0.9	10:52pm 1.3	6:27am -0.1	5:12pm 0.9
10	Mo	2:54pm 1.0	11:33pm 1.3	7:21am -0.3	6:19pm 1.0
11	Tu	3:56pm 1.0		8:13am -0.5	7:19pm 1.1
12	We	12:19am 1.4	9:47pm 1.1	9:02am -0.7	8:12pm 1.1
13	Th	10:9am 1.4	5:29pm 1.1	9:51am -0.7	9:01pm 1.1
14	Fr	2:01am 1.5	6:06pm 1.0	10:37am -0.7	9:51pm 1.0
15	Sa	2:56am 1.4	6:37pm 1.0	11:22am -0.6	10:44pm 0.9
16	Su	3:52am 1.3	7:05pm 1.0	12:04pm -0.4	11:44pm 0.8
17	Mo	4:59am 1.2	7:31pm 1.0	12:44pm -0.2	
18	Tu	5:55am 1.0	7:56pm 1.0	1:251am 0.7	12:12pm 0.0

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
6	Tu	5:48am 2.2	8:56pm 2.4	1:23am 1.8	12:44pm 0.5
7	We	7:12am 2.1	9:32pm 2.4	1:59am 1.6	1:45pm 0.6
8	Th	8:51am 1.9	10:03pm 2.4	3:11am 1.3	2:46pm 0.8
9	Fr	10:32am 1.9	10:31pm 2.4	4:09am 1.0	3:44pm 1.1
10	Sa	12:02pm 2.1	10:58pm 2.6	4:59am 0.5	4:37pm 1.3
11	Su	1:19pm 2.2	11:27pm 2.7	5:45am 0.2	5:26pm 1.6
12	Mo	2:26pm 2.4	11:59pm 2.7	6:31am -0.2	6:10pm 1.8
13	Tu	3:27pm 2.4		7:17am -0.5	6:51pm 1.9
14	We	12:35am 2.9	4:24pm 2.4	8:04am -0.6	7:30pm 2.1
15	Th	1:17am 2.9	5:18pm 2.4	8:53am -0.8	8:11pm 2.1
16	Fr	2:02am 2.9	6:08pm 2.2	9:45am -0.6	8:58pm 1.9
17	Sa	2:53am 2.9	6:55pm 2.2	10:37am -0.5	9:58pm 1.9
18	Su	3:49am 2.6	7:36pm 2.1	11:32am -0.2	11:14pm 1.8

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Warmer weather has improved freshwater fishing this week with good reports coming from The Brothers and Howard Creek. Most are reporting good bream, sheepshead, and some smaller trout.

Inshore

White trout or sand trout are thick in St. Joe Bay and in the I.C.W. north of St. Joe. Artificial baits such as grubs and jigs are producing fish, however, live shrimp is a sure thing. Red fish and a few pompano have been caught off the beaches on Cape San Blas and Mexico Beach this week.

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Lady Seahawks continue winning streak

Girls avenge lone loss against John Paul II

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN
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After losing their season opener, the Lady Seahawks girls soccer team has clipped off five consecutive wins, and now sits atop the district with a perfect 3-0 mark.

Highlighting their streak was a thrilling 1-0 win Tuesday night at the Mikel Clark Sports Complex in a non-district match-up against John Paul II, the team that had handed the Franklin County girls a 4-1 loss in Tallahassee in the season opener.

An assist from junior Gracyn Kirvin on a goal by junior Jessica Shields accounted for the lone score, as coach Kelli Wright's squad was able to avenge its only loss this season.

In the Lady Seahawks' home opener Friday night against the Baker Lady Gators, the team secured its third consecutive district win.

The Lady Seahawks did

not wait long for their first goal of the match. Three minutes in, Shields served up a corner kick which senior Stephanie Marxsen put in the back of the net for her first goal of the season.

Shortly after, sophomore Katie Seger played a beautiful through ball to Kirvin for the second goal of the match.

Just before the half, Shields earned her second assist of the game on a pass to Kirvin, which gave the Lady Seahawks a 3-1 lead.

In the second half the Lady Seahawks put two more goals on the scoreboard. Shields served a corner kick which Kirvin found the back of the net again on a beautiful header. The final goal was scored on a great shot by Shields, to secure the 5-1 victory and the district lead.

Shields finished with one goal and three assists, and Kirvin had her second consecutive hat trick.

On Saturday, the Lady Seahawks traveled to Freeport to face the Lady

Bulldogs, who are in the first year of a girls soccer program.

The Lady Seahawks were led by multiple goal scorers. Seger, Kirvin, Shields and eighth grader Allie Kirvin netted two goals each, with all four of them also adding an assist, along with junior Brook Pittman.

This marked the first shutout for the Lady Seahawks. "It was an excellent day to play soccer and we started out slow but finished strong," said Coach Kelli Wright.

The girls continued their busy schedule Wednesday night at West Gadsden, with the key match-up Friday night at home against district rival Rocky Bayou Christian, which is currently 1-1 in league play.

On Tuesday, the Lady Seahawks are home against Port St. Joe, looking for a sweep of their district match-ups, and then on Dec. 13, the team travels to Panama City to face Rutherford High School.



Left: Adriana Reeder, in action against Baker.

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CHRISTY KIRVIN | Special to the Times

Above: Katie Seger Left: Jessica Shields

Sports BRIEF

5-on-5 hoop tourney Dec. 15

There will be a five-on-five basketball tournament on Saturday, Dec. 15 at noon at the Sixth Street recreation center in Apalachicola.

The tourney is for kids age 12 and under, and is part of an effort to get a league started under the direction of county parks and recreation.

The county sponsored the fall youth basketball program and paid for uniforms and most of the expenses.

For more info, call Parks and Recreation Director Nikki Millender at 899-4008, or Granville Croom at 370-0668.

Seahawks top Baker, Freeport for district wins

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN
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The Seahawks boys soccer team nailed down back-to-back wins last week, downing Baker 4-1 at home Friday night, and then traveling to Freeport Saturday morning to notch a 7-2 triumph.

Against Baker, the Franklin County boys fell behind 1-0 in the first half, but then woke up and roared back after the intermission to win 4-1 for the Seahawks' first home district game.

"The boys struggled during the first half, but we made arrangements to break down Baker's defensive wall," Coach Ramon Valenzuela said.

"We told the boys to get themselves centered in the second half and learn from their mistakes. The team was instructed to play smarter, not just harder. The boys responded and began passing the ball as well as we have seen them do it during practice," said



JAMES HARRIS



JOSH REEDER

Valenzuela, who is assisted by Stacey Kirvin.

"We, as coaches, were pleased to see how the players were using our strategies," said Valenzuela. "The boys understood, played and scored just like they are should. They shook off the frustration of losing during the first half and came back to win with style."

Both junior Graham Kirvin and senior Zack Howze had two goals in the game, with Junior Alex Causey providing a pair of assists.

Saturday's game against Freeport was another district game, and before it began, the team was encouraged to start the game with confidence and shoot the ball to their net.

"Our defense was very strong and the players tried to play their best. Our forwards and midfielders really showed some skill," said Valenzuela. "We couldn't be happier after scoring seven goals against Freeport."

"These boys came from nowhere

to score. Although we did miss some opportunities to score, we will continue to learn from those mistakes," he said. "We have seen the boys continue to improve in their passing, communication on the field, and scoring. They have talent and it is enjoyable to see their capabilities grow. We will continue to have the boys work individually with the ball, and as a team to strategize and carry off the strategy on the field during our games."

The Seahawk coach praised Freeport for playing a great game. "Both teams Baker and Freeport were challenging opponents and we are proud of our Seahawks for their great game and sportsmanship," said Valenzuela.

The seven goal spree was begun with a goal by senior Josh Reeder, on an assist from junior James Harris, and then followed by a Kirvin goal off an assist from senior Julio Ramirez.

Causey netted an unassisted goal, followed by two Kirvin scores, off assists from Howze and Reeder. Howze returned the favor, scoring off a Kirvin assist, and senior Billy Harris end the scoring off a Howze assist.



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Julio Ramirez warms up with pre-game stretches.

The boys faced off Wednesday night at West Gadsden, and on Friday night are at home against district rival Rocky Bayou Christian. On Tuesday, the Seahawks are home against Port St. Joe.

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Franklin County High School Senior Elisha Patriotis has shown plenty of improvement in the opening games this season for the Seahawk soccer team. "He primarily plays defense and is becoming increasingly skilled in that position," said Coach Ramon Valenzuela.

"He is quiet and focused and an asset to the team."

Congratulations, Elisha!



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Franklin County Elementary Honor Roll

The following is the honor roll for the first nine-week grading period at the Franklin County Elementary School. More next week.

First Grade

SARAH BROWN

All As: Brayden Barwick, Natalie Gibbens, Lynzi Kelley, Lonnie O'Neal.

A/B: Dillon Evans, Michael Humphries, Blake Reece, Anthony Stulsky.

Good Citizenship: Janalyn Hippensteal, Ryan Britcher.

Perfect Attendance: Brayden Barwick, Lonnie O'Neal, Blake Reece.

DEBBIE CHILDRESS

All As: Kayleigh Leonard, Remi Turner.

A/B: Marcus Clayton, Kaden Downing, Emma Maldonado, Haiden Parks, Justin Stephens.

Good Citizenship: Marcus Clayton, Josie Smith.

Perfect Attendance: Marcus Clayton, Harmony Malone.

KATRINA HAM

All As: Bri'ana Evans, Ethan Markham, Onamae Millender, Owen Golden.

A/B: Logan Bentley, Maryssa Branch, Hannah Creamer, Kirsten Martina, Gavin Millender, Cole Polous.

Good Citizenship: Logan Bentley, Onamae Millender.

LEIGH SMITH

All As: William Chipman, Bricyn Kennedy, Mason Pace, Alonah Stanley.

A/B: Nathan March.

Good Citizenship: Erick Romero, Marissa Taylor.

Perfect Attendance: William Chipman.

BRENDA VAUSE

All As: Caitlin King, Rebecca Mahon, Terry Proctor, Chandler Sanders, Ansley Savage, Dakota Shiver, Jesse Whitted.

A/B: Aden Bass, Tyler Baxley, Aryauna Benjamin, Chase Millender, Jaydan Richards, Gavin Shelly.

Good Citizenship: Jaqueline

SPELLING BEE WINNERS

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Top spellers in the Franklin County School's fourth grade were winner Camille Davis, right, in Laura King's class, and alternate Brycin Huckeba, in Donna Barber's class.



Top spellers in the Franklin County School's fifth grade were winner Jace Faircloth, left, and alternate K.T. Nessly, both students in Melanie Humble's class.

Valencia, Chandler Sanders.
Perfect Attendance: Chandler Sanders, Jaqueline Valencia, Jesse Whitted, Caitin King.

Second Grade

SHELLIE BLACKBURN

All As: Kyera Crawford, Sarai Crumbliss, Ryland Martina, Kylie Rudd.

A/B: Ethan Edgecomb, Emma Gragg, Kelsey Martina, Kaylee Segree, Evan Stanley, Ariana Tipton, Brittany Wright.

Good Citizenship: Kelsey Martina, Kaylee Segree.

Perfect Attendance: Alecksus Bouzemann, Kyera Crawford, Sarai Crumbliss.

MISSY CUMBIE

All As: Jada Allen, Xavier Glass, Bradlynn Hutchins, Emily Patterson, Corbin Pritchard, Zachary Thompson, Christian Wilson, Dax Chitty, Don Davis, September Ferrell, Autumn Loesch.

A/B: Jaulan Prince, Ethan Shirley.

Good Citizenship: Emily Patterson, Kimberly Segree.

Perfect Attendance: Corbin Pritchard, Cloey Malone, Jaylan Prince, Ethan Shirley.

LINDA GIBSON

All As: Grace Carroll, Lucy Edwards, Matthew Gordon, Alondra Jimenez.

A/B: Emily Smith, Ellis Billingsley, Karlee Cruson, Tariah Jones, Sara Johnsen, Brooklyn Freeman.

Good Citizenship: Alondra Jimenez, Luis Ramirez.

Perfect Attendance: Lucy Edwards, Matthew Gordon, Alondra Jimenez, Montana Woods.

MISTY LUBERTO

All As: Riley O'Neal, Kaiden Faison, Marissa Gilbert, Parker Mock, Emaleigh Segree, Ty'Asia Yarrell.

A/B: Demarion Burch, Emily Fichera, Daylan Hunnings, Brianna Sanders, Mikaela Sanford.

Good Citizenship: Shalyn Massey, Parker Mock.

Perfect Attendance: Demarion Burch, Ty'Asia Yarrell

Third Grade

MARVIN BOYD

All As: Casandra Gibbens, Rachel Rudd, Kristen Stancil.

A/B: Christopher Baxley, Kyle Custer, Grace Patterson, Kayleigh Revell, Brantly Richards, Annie Smith, Shasta Whitnauer.

Good Citizenship: Elijah Mathis, Kristin Estes.

Perfect Attendance: Annie Smith.

CATHY CREAMER

All As: Garrison Cook, Austin Segree, Sydney Shuman.

A/B: Bradley Burch, Ava McAnally, Tate Stanley, Haley Williams.

Good Citizenship: Haley Williams, Kylee Smith, Austin Segree.

Perfect Attendance: Michael Square, Tate Stanley, Alexis Wheately, Haley Williams, K'Laun Richards, Kevin Burch.

JEANNIE FORD

All As: Larry Winchester, Brianna Sutcliffe, Dylan Griffin.

A/B: Janaria Lane, Jennifer Owens, Austin Taunton, Rebecca Shiver, Blakely Curry.

Fourth Grade

DONNA BARBER

All As: Destanie Proctor, Brycin Huckeba, Tressie Edwards.

A/B: Alexis Parks, Krystina Arroyo.

Good Citizenship: Cole Shelley, Tressie Edwards.

Perfect Attendance: Andrea Cooper, Steven Malone, Jarvis Turrell.

LYNN CLARK

All As: Madalyn Thompson, Martina Granger.

A/B: Katelyn Cox, Marci Kelley, Tony Millender, Makayla Varner, Logan Waller, Kelson Smith.

Good Citizenship: Madalyn Thompson, Gavyn Padilla.

LAURA KING

All As: Camille Davis, Katie Newman.

A/B: Ethan Anderson, Austin Gray, Hollie Larkin, Landen Millender, Charlee Winchester.

Good Citizenship: Eli Whaley.

Perfect Attendance: Ashlynn Davis, William Gray, Juan Francisco, Katie Newman, Patrick Millender, Breana Shiver, Makayla Varner.

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News BRIEFS

Oyster recovery roundtable today

The Seafood Management Assistance and Recovery Team and the University of Florida Oyster Recovery Team will host a roundtable discussion on Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Apalachicola Community Center from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. to hear updates from the recovery team committees and to learn more about the developing SMART Initiative.

The roundtable is open to the public and folks are encouraged to attend and participate. From 2:40 to 2:55

p.m. there will be an update on the schedule of planned oyster restoration activities by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board

This will be an informal roundtable meeting to exchange information on progress made to date and activities under way by researchers evaluating existing and collecting new data, an update by the SMART Team and the Healthy Gulf Healthy Community Team, followed by a discussion about next steps and an opportunity for questions and answers from any interested person who wants to attend. We will have time for open discussion

after 3 p.m.

Expert speakers Andy Kane (contaminants, pathogens); Bill Pine (water flow, salinity); Karl Havens (nutrient inputs); David Kimbro (food web, predation, oyster population dynamics); and Ed Camp (fisheries modeling, management model development) will be on hand to join the discussion. For more information call 653-9337.

Kozlowsky, Plessinger named to water and sewer district

Governor Rick Scott on Monday announced the

appointments of Henry L. Kozlowsky and Richard L. Plessinger, and the reappointments of Joyce S. Estes and Harvey L. Harrington, to the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District.

Kozlowsky, 65, of Eastpoint, is the former vice president of the Penske Corporation, and succeeds Dr. John Sink. Plessinger, 55, of Eastpoint, a self-employed property rental owner, succeeds Kenneth W. Shiver.

Both men were appointed to terms beginning Dec. 3, 2012, and ending Dec. 7, 2015.

Estes, 75, of Eastpoint, is the owner of Sea Oats Gallery.

County BRIEFS

New rules for Eastpoint Pavilion

The county commission Tuesday passed an ordinance prohibiting the consumption of alcohol, nuisances and loitering at the Eastpoint Pavilion, with Commissioner Noah Lockley opposed.

Lockley noted that consumption was already banned at the adjacent boat ramp and he believed existing open container laws are enforceable. Persons at the pavilion and ramp may have unopened containers of alcohol in their possession.

County Attorney Michael Shuler said the measure is meant to prevent a

dangerous public situation. He said the property, formerly private land, had become a hang out for some locals. "When the county took possession of it, this became a problem," he said.

"With what's going on and upcoming activities, I would like to see the sheriff to be able to enforce this," said Commissioner Pinki Jackel.

DOT plans Dec. 13 public workshop

The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public workshop for anyone interested in learning more about the proposed re-surfacing of portions of

U.S. 98 within the city of Apalachicola.

The workshop is Thursday, Dec. 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Apalachicola City Hall. The project is not slated for construction until 2015.

Bid opening next month for fishing pier

The county commission will open bids for repairs to the St. George Island Fishing Pier at their Jan. 15 meeting. Preble-Rish, the county's engineering consultant, has received the permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and U.S. Army Core of Engineers to make repairs.

Catlin, county settle

The case of Dr. Lionel Catlin v. Franklin County has been settled for \$25,000. On Tuesday, the county commissioners voted unanimously to order Weems Memorial Hospital to pay the settlement. A confidentiality agreement bars public disclosure of the matter, which is a contractual disagreement.

Catlin was dismissed from his physician position at Weems East in July 2011 by former Weems CEO Davie Lloyd. He subsequently sued the county in May 2012 in the circuit court. Judge Angela Dempsey had called for a court ordered mediation.

Sacred Heart begins area adult services

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Doris Carmichael began seeing adult patients on Monday in the renovated offices shared with Sacred Heart's pediatric services at 55 Avenue E in Apalachicola.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Same-day appointments are available at 850-370-1000.

Advanced Registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) are advanced practice nurses with extensive training, including a master's degree and clinical experience. ARNPs diagnose and treat diseases, provide appropriate education for patients, and prescribe medications. ARNPs often serve as a patient's primary health care provider and see patients of all ages.

Carmichael earned her nursing degree from Albany State University in Albany, Ga. She worked as director of the nursing and allied health programs at Bainbridge College while completing her master's degree with certification in family practice. Her family practice clinical experience was completed at Georgia Rural Health Clinics and pediatric clinical experience at Memorial Pediatric practice in Bainbridge, Ga. Carmichael brings to her practice 29 years of experience.

Sacred Heart Medical Group is the largest network of primary care and specialty physicians in northwest Florida. The group is Joint Commission accredited and follows high standards for quality, safety and infection control.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE
THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED
DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS:

December 11, 2012 – 3:00 PM – Board Meeting
December 25, 2012 – 1:30 PM – Committee Meeting

HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN JANUARY, 2013

The first 2013 meeting will be on
Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at the
Carrabelle City Offices, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

These are OPEN public meetings and
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89346T PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Franklin County, Florida and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Franklin County, Florida and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Franklin County, Florida and Incorporated Areas. The preliminary FIRM and FIS report can be viewed at <http://portal.nwfwmd/flood-maps.com>. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/firm/mb/e, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). Nov 29, Dec 6, 2012

89442T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-000250-CA
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. P.O. Box 9800 Maryville, TN 37802 Plaintiff,
vs.
DONALD RANDOLPH LAWSON, RHONDA MICHELLE LAWSON, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KARLENE E. SPENCER, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TINA M. HILL, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT H. CAPSACK, JR., and FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, through its State Housing Initiative a/k/a SHIP Program, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: DONALD RANDOLPH LAWSON, RHONDA MICHELLE LAWSON, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KARLENE E. SPENCER, THE UNKNOWN

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SPOUSE OF TINA M. HILL, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT H. CAPSACK, JR.:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court, County of Franklin, State of Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Legal Description of a 1.16 Acre Tract Certified To: Donald Lawson and Rhonda Lawson, Vanderbuilt Mortgage, Wakulla Title Company, Inc., Chicago Title Insurance Co.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct representation of the following described property and that this description meets the minimum technical standards for land surveying (Chapter 61G17-6, Florida Administrative Code).

A portion of Lot 1 of Willow Acres Estates, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 27 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an iron rod and cap (marked #7160) marking the Southeast corner of Lot 1 of Willow Acres Estates, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 27 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run North 01 degrees 17 minutes 22 seconds West along the Westerly right-of-way boundary of Baywood Drive a distance of 77.50 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #7160), thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run South 88 degrees 55 minutes 22 seconds West 665.06 feet, thence run South 21 degrees 04 minutes 42 seconds East 82.45 feet, thence run North 88 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds East 637.15 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 1.16 acres, more or less.

vs.

LEON E. O'NEAL II, et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **LEON E. O'NEAL II, 226 14TH STREET, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320**

LEON E. O'NEAL II, 3820 NW HUNTSBORO ST, APT 103, LAKE CITY, FL 32055

LEON E. O'NEAL II, 175 SW BIRCH GLEN, LAKE CITY, FL 32024

FELICIA N. O'NEAL, 226 14TH STREET, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320

FELICIA N. O'NEAL, 3820 NW HUNTSBORO ST, APT 103, LAKE CITY, FL 32055

FELICIA N. O'NEAL, 175 SW BIRCH GLEN, LAKE CITY, FL 32024

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LEON E. O'NEAL II, 226 14TH STREET, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FELICIA N. O'NEAL, 226 14TH STREET, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320

AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Franklin County, Florida:

LOT 3, BLOCK 134 OF CITY OF APALACHICOLA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS ON FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you, an you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and the file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Witness My Hand and Seal of Said Court on this 27th day of November,

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89462T PUBLIC NOTICE
FRANKLIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The Franklin County Humane Society would like to invite the public to our annual general meeting on Saturday, December 8, 2012. It will be held at the Light-house Park on St. George Island at 10:00 AM. The Humane Society is proud to serve the Franklin County community with the help of caring, concerned citizens like yourselves. It would not be possible to continue to help our less fortunate, 4 legged citizens without you. Come join us and show your support for the Franklin County Humane Society!

Thank you, Nov 29, Dec 6, 2012

89522T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 19-2012-CA-000278

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff

vs.
LEON E. O'NEAL II, et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **LEON E. O'NEAL II, 226 14TH STREET, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320**

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AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Franklin County, Florida:

LOT 3, BLOCK 134 OF CITY OF APALACHICOLA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS ON FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Witness My Hand and Seal of Said Court on this 27th day of November,

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2012. Marcia M. Johnson As Clerk of said Court Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 301 S MONROE STREET ROOM 225, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301, 850-577-4401. If hearing or voice impaired, contact (TDD) (800)955-8771 via Florida Relay System. December 6, 13, 2012

91137T PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received by THE SCHOOL BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, (hereafter referred to as Board) at the School Board Administrative Offices located at 85 School Road, Eastpoint, Florida 32328, up to 4:00 p.m. on the 6th day of December, 2012, and will be opened at the regular School Board meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 6th day of December, 2012., in the Willie B. Speed Conference Room, in Eastpoint, Florida, for the purchase of the following real property:

A parcel of land described as all of Block 126 and approximately the West 40 feet of Lots 6 through 10 of Block 131, according to the City Map of the City of Apalachicola in general use, Franklin County, Florida.

The parcel of land will be subject to a deed restriction that the land must be used for affordable housing approved by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and other restrictions as contained in Resolution 2012-025 adopted by the Board on November 20, 2012. The Board will consider a minimum bid of \$211,000.00. All closing costs shall be paid by the bidder, including title insurance and costs of advertising. The Board will select the closing agent and title insurance company. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check payable to the School Board of Franklin County, Florida, in the amount of \$5000.00, to be placed with an escrow agent acceptable to the Board. No other forms will be acceptable. Upon the acceptance of he bid, the successful bidder will be required to enter a contract for sale and purchase using the contract form provided by the Board.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities. Dated this 20th day of November, 2012.

The School Board of Franklin County, Florida, Chairman: Jimmy Gander, By: Nina Marks, Superintendent Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 2012

91149T PUBLIC NOTICE
Request for Letters of Interest and Qualifications

Franklin County Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Request for Letters of Interest and Qualifications

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council is seeking qualifications from entities interested in serving as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Franklin County, Florida. The selected entity will be recommended to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD). If

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approved by the CTD, the selected contractor will coordinate the administration and operation of the Franklin County Transportation Disadvantaged system, as authorized by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and more fully described in Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, beginning July 1, 2013.

Interested entities are required to provide the following as proof of qualifications: description of organization, an organizational chart, capabilities and background information, prior work accomplishments, explanation of coordination experience, scheduling and routing software used by the entity, a list of vehicles to be used (if applicable); proof of insurability, credit references, and a current financial statement.

Interested entities should submit five (5) copies of their expression of interest and qualifications in a sealed envelope to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 20776 Central Avenue East, Suite 1, Blountstown, Florida 32424 by 12:00 p.m. Central Time on Friday, December 28, 2012. The envelope must be marked, "LETTER OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CTC." Faxed and emailed responses WILL NOT be accepted. Responses received after the deadline will be returned unopened. Only responses to the request for letters of interest will be considered if a request for proposals is issued for the CTC.

Questions should be addressed to: Apalachee Regional Planning Council, Ms. Vanita Anderson, TD Program Coordinator, at the address listed above. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses in the best interest of the State. December 6, 2012

91227T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-162-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK Plaintiff,

vs.
LYDIA BURNS, DREAM MERCHANT, L.L.C., FAIRWAY PARK SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, and TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2012, in Case No. 12-162-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and LYDIA BURNS, DREAM MERCHANT, L.L.C., FAIRWAY PARK SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, and FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, in accordance with the scheduled foreclosure sale, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Witness My hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 28th day of November, 2012.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 6, 13, 2012

91239T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

DATED: November 27, 2012
MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

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.

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DATED: November 27, 2012
MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Garvin B Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia, & Wright, PA. 1300 Thomaswood Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32308 December 6, 13, 2012

91237T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-108 CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation P.O. Box 610 Crawfordville, Florida 32327, Plaintiff,

vs.
RONALD D. BOOZER, MARJORIE L. BOOZER a/k/a MARJORIE LOUISE BOOZER, CLERK OF COURT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, and DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE on behalf of SCDSS Foster Care, 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 January 9, 2013, 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:

LOT 1, BLOCK 48 (211), KEOUGH'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1977 AMHE MOBILE HOME, IDENTIFICATION NO. 21G6842D.

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.

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: Franklin County Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL (850) 653-8861 at least 7 days before the scheduled foreclosure sale, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Witness My hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 28th day of November, 2012.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 6, 13, 2012

91243T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000030

SYNOVUS BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS COLUMBUS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST THROUGH NAME CHANGE AND BY MERGER WITH COASTAL BANK AND TRUST OF FLORIDA (f/k/a VANGUARD BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.
DIRT ROADS DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., a Florida limited liability company, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Marcia Johnson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, will on the 9th day of January, 2013 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the steps of the

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Case No.: 2012-135 CA
CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation P.O. Box 610 Crawfordville, Florida 32327, Plaintiff,

vs.
BOBBY A. WINTONS, TEMOLYNN W. WINTONS, THE UNKNOWN #1 TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 178 22ND AVE, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320, and THE UNKNOWN #2 TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 178 22ND AVE, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320, 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 January 9, 2013, 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:

LOTS 6, 7, 24, AND 25, BLOCK 237, GREATER APALACHICOLA, A SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF IN MOST COMMON USE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, A P A L A C H I C O L A , FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Franklin County Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL (850) 653-8861 at least 7 days before the scheduled foreclosure sale, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Witness My hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 28th day of November, 2012.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 6, 13, 2012

91243T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000030

SYNOVUS BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS COLUMBUS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST THROUGH NAME CHANGE AND BY MERGER WITH COASTAL BANK AND TRUST OF FLORIDA (f/k/a VANGUARD BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.
DIRT ROADS DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., a Florida limited liability company, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Marcia Johnson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, will on the 9th day of January, 2013 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the steps of the

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Franklin County Courthouse, 22 Market Street, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Franklin County, Florida:

Lots 19 and 33, LAKES ON THE BLUFF, according to plat thereof recorded in the public records of Franklin County, Florida in Plat Book 8, Pages 33, 34 and 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.

Witness My hand and official seal of this the 28th day of November, 2012.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court
By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at (850) 577-4430. December 6, 13, 2012

91245T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-454-CA

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

vs.
JAMES W. SMITH, JR., and SISBRO INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a Georgia corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2012, and entered in Civil Action No. 2010-000454-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to Coastal Community Bank, and the Defendants, JAMES W. SMITH, JR., and SISBRO INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a Georgia corporation, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 9th day of January, 2013 at the front door foyer on the second floor of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 12, Block 74, of ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES UNIT NO. 5, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3 at page 17 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

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

DATED this 28th day of November, 2012

Honorable Marcia Johnson Clerk of the Court Franklin County, FL
By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk December 6, 13, 2012

91253T PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue an environmental resources permit for a Breakwater Extension, number 19-0293158-002-EI, to Mr. Paul Aughtry III, at 350 East Parkins Mill Road, Greenville, SC 29607; c/o Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc. Post Office Box 385, Apalachicola, FL 32329

The purpose of the permit is to authorize construction of 12 linear feet of breakwater to an existing, previously authorized, breakwater. A living shoreline will be planted with Spartina alterniflora, on one foot centers landward of the breakwater. The breakwater will not extend more than ten (10) feet waterward of the Mean High Water line. The project will be

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at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code. In accordance with subsection 28-106.111 (2) and subparagraph 62-110.106(3)(a), 4, Florida Administrative Code, petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 14 days of receipt of written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60 (3) of the Florida Statutes, must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice. Under Section 120.60 (3) of the Florida Statute, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of those rights. A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

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(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when

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and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d) of the Florida Statute, a petition for administrative hearing must be

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dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed. This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition is filed in accordance with the above. Upon the timely filing of petition this order will not be effective until further order of the Department. This permit, when issued, constitutes an order of the Department. The applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under Section 120.68 of the Florida Statute, by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of the appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

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Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department. The application for this permit is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, at the Northwest District office, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd MS 55, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. December 6, 2012

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Notice of Vacancy

Franklin County Tourist Development Council Board Member

The Franklin County Tourist Development Council is composed of nine members appointed by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. Anyone interested in being considered for this volunteer position is encouraged to send a letter of interest and qualifying resume to the FCTDC at the address below.

This is a volunteer position with no financial compensation. Board members are required to attend regular board meetings and are expected to participate in the Committee activities of the Board.

Prospective applicants must be engaged in a tourist-related business and must be a resident of Franklin County. All members of the council shall be electors of the county. Interested persons should reply no later than February 1, 2013. A recommendation will be forwarded to the Franklin County Commission for their consideration. Applications may be submitted to:

Franklin County Tourist Development Council
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For further information, please call Fran Edwards at the FCTDC office at **850-653-8678**.

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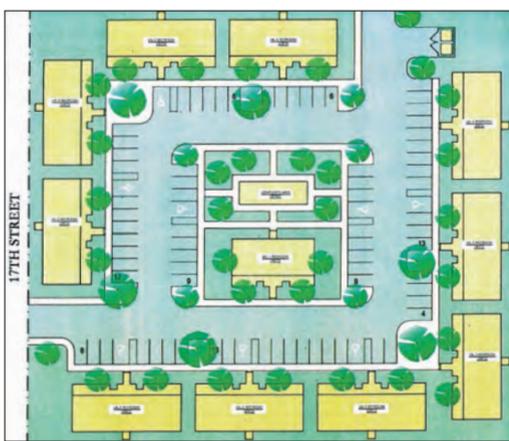
"It's for working folks," he said. "And it has to be affordable for 50 years."

The project calls for four one-bedroom, and 40 two-bedroom units, built as quadplexes, along with 80 parking spaces. The development would be professionally managed, he said, and would be built of concrete block, with a brick veneer and oyster tabby on top.

The proposed site would require relocation of the city's dog park, but Bloodworth said there is plenty of space on the opposite side to accommodate the relocation.

At Tuesday's city commission meeting, Bloodworth cautioned city commissioners that maximum income levels for tenants, as specified by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, could rule out occupancy by teachers, police officers and other professionals.

In order to qualify for the federal tax credits, a developer must commit to keeping rents over 50 years in the range of 60 percent of the county's median income per family, which is \$48,800.



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

An outline of the proposed apartment complex, prepared by 4M Design Group.

Depending on a family's income, rents would range between \$336 and \$656 per month. A single individual who makes more than \$20,520 per year would be ineligible, while two people could make no more than \$25,460, three \$26,400, and four \$29,280.

"Any service worker probably will qualify," said City Administrator Betty Taylor-Webb. "It moves them into something they

will afford now."

Bloodworth also cautioned city commissioners that even if the sale is approved by the city and the schools, the process for securing funding through the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Low Income Housing Tax Credit program is a highly competitive one.

Congress enacted the tax credit program in 1986 to provide the pri-

private market with an incentive to invest in affordable rental housing. The tax credits are awarded to developers of qualified projects, who can then sell these credits to investors to raise capital (or equity) for their projects. This reduces the debt the developer would otherwise have to borrow, enabling the property to offer lower, more affordable rents. Provided the property maintains compliance with the program requirements, investors receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against their federal tax liability each year over a period of 10 years.

Commissioner Brenda Ash said city residents should understand that the process will take time before such a project would be approved, constructed and ready for occupancy.

"We have a limited period of time trying to make it work," Bloodworth said. "The funding is not available until the second quarter of 2013, but needs to be submitted by year's end." He said that the project

could compete in future years if it is denied this time around.

"It's a long shot," said Taylor-Webb. "Very few small counties apply for this package of funding."

The city commissioners went ahead and gave unanimous support Tuesday night for drawing up a contract for the sale of the property, provided the school board accepts the project's bid at this evening's school board meeting. When bids are opened, the board also is expected to review an appraisal completed by Matt Terry of Port St. Joe, as required by school district rules.

City Attorney Pat Floyd advised commissioners that they didn't need to do their own appraisal. "If the school board is getting one, their property is so related and interwoven with ours, I would think it would be sufficient to do a multiplication (of the city's portion)," he said. "I would think that would be a fair way of doing it. I don't see paying an appraiser to do another one that's separate for us."

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Gov. Rick Scott praised October's decline in the state's jobless rate. He said Florida has experienced positive annual job growth now for 27 consecutive months, and that the state's job postings increased sharply in October 2012 compared to the previous October by 28,140, an increase of 11.9 percent. He also noted in a press release that the University of Florida's Consumer Confidence Index reported optimism among Floridians remained near a post-recession high in October.

Scott said Florida housing starts were up over the year in September (the most recent month available) by 29.3 percent and median home prices were up 7.4 percent over the year. He said that Florida realtors report that home sales remain robust as the backlog of existing homes on the market is down by 40 percent from Sept. 2011.

"In October, 12,100 more Floridians found employment in the private sector and the incomes that allow them to provide for their families, particularly with the holidays approaching," Scott said. "We are creating an environment that fosters job creation, economic development and provides a skilled workforce."

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General and Building Contractors with Electrical Subcontractors are invited to bid on a General Contract for the Historic Carrabelle City Hall in Carrabelle, Florida in accordance with Contract Documents. All bids must be a lump sum basis; segregated Bids will not be accepted.

- PROJECT:** Historic Carrabelle City Hall Renovations and Repairs
- BID DATE:** January 3, 2013
- TIME:** 2:00 p.m. local time

The City of Carrabelle, Florida will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on January 3, 2013. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. All qualified bidders are invited to attend the Bid Opening. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the following location:

Carrabelle City Hall
1001 Gray Avenue
Carrabelle, FL 32322

Drawings and Specifications may be obtained at the office of MLD Architects, Inc., 211 John Knox Road, Suite 105, Tallahassee, Florida, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders upon receipt of \$50.00 deposit per set. All materials furnished and all work performed shall be in accordance with Drawings and Specifications. Each Bid shall be addressed to:

Courtney Dempsey
City Administrator
1001 Gray Avenue
Carrabelle, FL 32322

and be marked:

1. Bids for Historic Carrabelle City Hall Renovations and Repairs
2. (Name of Bidder)
3. (Address of Bidder)
4. (City, State, Zip Code)

All bids shall be delivered by a representative of the Bidder or by registered mail with return receipt requested. Bid security in the amount of five percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid and to reject any or all Bids in whole or part, with or without cause, and/or accept the Bid that in its judgment will be for the best interest of the City of Carrabelle, Florida.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held on December 20, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Project Site, 106 Avenue B SE, Carrabelle, FL 32322 Carrabelle, Florida, and all bidders or their representatives are encouraged to be in attendance. The Pre-Bid Conference date is subject to change.

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