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Oyster licenses on sale through Friday

Sale of the Apalachicola Bay Oyster Harvesting License will continue through Friday, June 28, at the \$100 rate. Staff will be selling the license from the old DEP-ANERR building at 261 Dr. Frederick S. Humphries St. in Apalachicola.

Apalach historical society to meet Saturday

The annual meeting of the Apalachicola Area Historical Society will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at the home of Lynn and Bill Spohrer, 127 Ave. B, in Apalachicola. Elections will be held for board members.

Mel Livingston will discuss his restoration of the old Economy Cash Building in the Bowery. Amanda Pace will talk about a landscaping plan for the Raney House. President Tom Daly will speak briefly about his research into an endowment program for the society.

St. George Plantation contest

Until Aug. 28, The St. George Island Plantation is asking photographers to submit photographs of St. George Island, Apalachicola or Franklin County, accompanied by a written release form granting St. George Plantation Owners' Association permission to publish your photos. You may submit up to two photographs in the competition with a required \$5 entry fee. Forms and guidelines are available at www.sgpoa.com.

Summer bingo on the island

Every Tuesday, enjoy Summer Bingo at 7 p.m. upstairs at the St. George island fire station, 324 E. Pine Ave. Cards are 25 cents. This event is sponsored by and benefits the St. George Island Civic Club. For information, call 927-2654.

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Tax base stays mostly flat

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Property Appraiser

Even as the real estate market continues to improve, Franklin County's overall tax base dropped a wee bit this year, mostly because of the state-wide cap on annual increases to the value of non-homestead properties.

According to preliminary numbers Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper's office provided the Florida Department of Revenue, the county's combined taxable value will drop to \$1.632 billion from \$1.636 billion last year, a mere 0.2 percent.

This is a sharp improvement over last year's 12.7 percent slide and marks the

seventh consecutive year the tax base has shrunk. It is now less than half the size it was in 2006 and almost exactly what it was a decade ago.

Were it not for the law approved by Florida voters in 2008 as a change to the state constitution that caps increase to the value of non-homesteaded properties at not more than 10 percent annually, the overall tax base would have grown.

Such was the case of the school board's tax base, which was not subject to the 10 percent cap. The school dis-

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Delinquent tax volume continues to shrink

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The number and total value of the county's delinquent tax certificates dropped off sharply this year, continuing the steady decline in recent years.

At the May 24 sale in the jury room on the third floor of the county courthouse, conducted by Tax

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Ladies' night
Kellie Pickler 1st female star to play seafood festival since 1992
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This November's Florida Seafood Festival will be the golden anniversary of the state's oldest maritime event, so it only made sense to break tradition with the choice of the festival headliner.
The festival board this week announced that for the first time since Kathy Mattea took the stage in 1992, the Saturday night feature entertainment will be a female artist.
Kellie Pickler, who at age 26 has risen to the top of the country charts and the incredibly popular television show "Dancing with the Stars," will take the stage on Nov. 2 at Battery Park.
"Her music fits the area; she likes old country," said John Solomon, president of the all-volunteer board of directors. "She's just a good person; she is one of those good-hearted people."
Solomon said the festival hasn't made a deliberate effort to only feature male stars over the past two decades but that top-notch female acts often carry a heftier price tag.
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Kellie Pickler will headline the Florida Seafood Festival with a performance Nov. 2.

County awarded \$45,000 for arts expansion

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State seed money could jumpstart an arts program for the county's schools.

Two county not-for-profits have been awarded a total of \$45,000 by the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs under the Specific Cultural Project grant program. According to their guidelines, these grants are designed to fund a cultural project, program, exhibition or series involving arts in education and discipline based cultural or artistic projects. Culturally underserved communities are encouraged to apply.

The Weems Memorial Arts in Medicine Program (AIM), which ranked fifth on the awards list with a score of 91.8 out of a possible 100 points, was awarded \$25,000.

A second grant of \$20,000 was awarded to Apalachicola to pay

a portion of the salary for a part-time director for the Apalachicola School of Art, which will pitch in an additional \$4,000 for the salary. That grant ranked sixth on the awards list with a score of 91.5.

Maureen Murphy, who administers this grant program, said all but five of the 44 applications for funding for the 2013-14 fiscal year were funded. One applicant withdrew. The total money awarded by the program statewide was \$830,523 so Franklin County received about five percent of the money.

Joe Taylor, who chairs the city's History, Culture and Arts board and is executive director of Franklin's Promise Coalition, is listed as the contact for both grants.

In the grant application, AIM is described as an arm of Franklin's Promise Coalition, governed by its board of directors, but with "a devoted committee which plans and manages the program."

The funding will be used to expand the two main thrusts of the AIM program. According to the grant application, at the time the request was made, AIM provided an average of 12 "bedside arts experiences" per week and eight community outreach classes/workshops per week. Both programs will expand by 25 percent with the new funding.

Bedside arts experiences are conducted within the hospital, local nursing homes and in the residences of homebound patients, Taylor said. In an interview earlier this month, he said the bedside program has had limited success at Weems because people in the hospital were often too sick to participate. But, he said, several swing bed patients, those receiving transitional care and rehabilitation, "benefitted greatly" from AIM.

AIM has taken the bedside program to St. James Bay Rehabilitation Center and to several

homebound patients, including the late Vince Raffield, Taylor said.

AIM's community outreach classes and workshops are held at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art (the former Cotton Exchange), the community service center (the former Apalachicola High School) and the Carrabelle Municipal Complex (the former Carrabelle High School). Plans are underway to add the Eastpoint Firehouse as a community outreach venue, Taylor said.

Classes/workshops have included drawing, pottery, improvisational theater, Oriental exercise disciplines tai chi and qui gong, and zumba, a Latin-inspired dance fitness program. Future programs will include photography, belly dancing and oral histories, according to the grant.

Taylor said because of reduced

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Franklin Works celebrates its success

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At a festive, grilled chicken luncheon Monday at the Holy Family Senior Center, participants in a series of jobs and training programs met to celebrate their success and to signal the end of this infusion of this largely federally-assisted funding.

"We are here today to acknowledge, show our appreciation and celebrate the assistance that the various public and private entities rendered Franklin County during what could have escalated into the worst economic disaster in local history," Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson said. "Given local economic conditions at the time, followed by the collapse of the oyster industry, your swift response averted a fiscal crisis beyond measure throughout the Franklin County community."

Joe Taylor, director of Franklin's Promise Coalition Inc. emceed the event, which featured remarks from a series of participants in an array of programs, anchored by a multi-million

dollar federal grant that has funded the ongoing shelling program as well as a variety of other training programs.

"Although this occasion certainly warrants such a celebration, it is also a bittersweet moment, as it signals the end of the temporary jobs program put in place to help stabilize the local economy, which also lifted spirits and renewed hope throughout the Franklin County community," Johnson said. "However, left to linger in its path and perhaps most importantly and more lasting are the partnerships, collaborations and friendships established along the way by and between your agencies."

"Through your efforts, support and financial contributions, workers have been retrained and placed into permanent job situations and adults long out of high school have fulfilled their dreams of obtaining a high school diploma," the mayor said.

Johnson thanked the five main pillars of what has become known as "Franklin Works," the largest of which is the Gulf Coast Workforce



Left: Shannon Hartsfield speaks to the audience. Right: Kim Bodine, director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, left, and Jennifer German, deputy director, address the luncheon.



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Board (GCWB), which has administered the federal dollars.

"This is so humbling for us to be thanked by so many people," Kim Bodine, director of GCWB, said. "It has been an awesome project for us. I do believe this is just the beginning."

Jennifer German, GCWB's deputy director, detailed GCWB's success following the luncheon. She said 215 oystermen have been involved in the \$2.7 million shelling program,

which has been extended to run through July and August. Another 10 people worked for the county under this grant program, which was instituted in the wake of Tropical Storm Debby in June 2012.

"There's a lot that happened in the last year, a lot of opportunities we have never had before," said Shannon Hartsfield, president of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association. "This is all about the community. I look forward to what's going to happen in the future."

German said other monies to help dislocated workers over multiple years and multiple counties, has affected 414 participants, the largest number of whom have been involved in GED prep courses through the county literacy program.

She said 126 people have been enrolled in the GED courses and about half so far received their high school diplomas.

She said 42 individuals took part in classroom training at the Gulf Franklin Center in Port St. Joe, including a dozen who have been trained as corrections

officers and 25 in welding. Shawn Shattuck spoke to the luncheon about his four months of welding training, in which he finished in the top three in his class and has gone on to start his own business.

Also speaking as participants in job training programs were Sandra Allen, as well as Cheryl Ray, who has been involved with the Bridges to Circles program, sponsored by Catholic Charities.

Brunie Emmanuel spoke on behalf of the Bridges to Circles program he helped bring to the county. He said for the past two years the program has brought millions of dollars to help Gulf Coast residents affected by the oil spill, with two dozen successful projects up and down the coast.

"It's one of the highlights of my career," he said. "I see people who have changed their lives because of this. Your neighbors and kinfolk are going to have a different life. I'm honored to be a part of it."

German said 62 people have benefited from GCWB training in how to better their work experience by

learning appropriate work behaviors, and 17 have been able to exit GCWB services for a job.

The mayor also thanked Progress/Duke Energy for its direct assistance to people who had trouble paying their electric bills. Company representative Bobby Pickels said as a result of the program, the rates of disconnect in the county have either stayed the same or decreased.

Johnson also expressed his thanks to Trinity Episcopal Church and the Capital Area Community Action Agency for their help. "And to countless others who show of support and compassion toward the wellbeing of their fellow man have been duly noted throughout Franklin County, within the city of Apalachicola and before the gracious throne of Almighty God," he said.

Sister Jeanne, who is on the board of Franklin's Promise, offered the invocation, and Pastor Horace Solomon offered the blessing over the meal. Franklin County High School student Morgan Martin also provided an interpretive dance.

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2013-14 GRANT CALENDAR

May 8, 2013 - FCBOCC approved TDC recommendation for 2013-14 Grants Process -

June 5, 2013 - Final TDC Board Approval for 2013-14 grants process -

June 13, 2013 - release Grant information and Application Forms online; use FCTDC grant interest email databases to inform new guidelines 2013-14 FCTDC Events Grant Process -

June 13, 20, 27, 2013 - Publish TIMES public notice that FCTDC 2013-14 online grant marketing information is on the FCTDC website. Pre-certification is required for eligibility and must be included with organization's event information. The deadline to apply for inclusion in the 2013-14 event marketing program is June 30, 2013 -

July 3, 2013 - TDC Board Meeting, is canceled -

July 17, 2013 - TDC Committee Meeting - City of Apalachicola Meeting Room, beginning at 1:30 pm. Grant Applications for marketing the individual organization's event will be reviewed and recommended for approval, if qualified -

July 19, 2013 - TDC Staff to E-mail notice to organization's contract manager of approval for inclusion in Grants process for 2013-14 -

August 7, 2013 -TDC Board Meeting, Franklin County Courthouse Annex, 3:00 p.m. Apalachicola Final approval of applicants. Presentation of TDC Promotions Budget for initial approval -

On or before August 20, 2013, FCTDC Staff will issue official emailed notification as to status of inclusion for organization's event application -

October 1, 2013 - new fiscal year begins for FCTDC -

2013-14 ONLINE GRANT APPLICATIONS MAY BE ACCESSED ONLINE ON JUNE 13, 2013 AT WWW.SALTYFLORIDA.COM/GRANTS. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE 2013-14 GRANT APPLICATION FOR YOUR EVENT IS JUNE 30, 2013.

IF YOU WISH TO COMPLETE A GRANT APPLICATION OTHER THAN ONLINE, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE FCTDC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT 653-8678 TO REQUEST A COPY, OR STOP BY THE FCTDC OFFICE AT 17-1/2 AVENUE E, APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA.

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Apalachicola woman hit on bicycle

A 29-year-old Apalachicola woman was hit on her bicycle Wednesday evening, June 19 while riding along Bluff Road.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report prepared by Trooper R. D. Snipes, Dianna Renee Cordes was pedaling north in the northbound lane of County Road 384, near the white line, with no rear red light, at about 10 p.m.

Christopher Montgomery, 30, of Apalachicola, was driving a 2007 Dodge Dakota, also northbound, when he tried to avoid a collision with Cordes. The report said Montgomery steered left, and his front right collided with Cordes' rear tire. She was ejected from the bicycle and came to final rest on the north shoulder, according to the report.

Cordes was transported to Bay Medical, where she was reported in critical condition the night of the crash. The report said charges are pending.

— By DAVID ADLERSTEIN

Florida bicycle law

According to Florida statutes, bicyclists are required to obey all traffic laws just as people driving vehicles. They must follow the flow of traffic whether they are riding on the street or the sidewalk. Riders may not have headphones, headsets or other listening devices that alter their ability to hear surrounding noises. Late-night riders must have lights — a lamp on the front and back that makes them noticeable from 500 feet away and a red reflector that catches the light and gets the attention of other drivers, which are mandatory to legally ride a bike in the state of Florida.

— By TEVIS PAGE



Cops bust alleged pot dealer in Apalach

Special to the Times

In the morning hours of June 20, the Franklin County Drug Investigators received an anonymous tip that Anerence Terrill Sweet was at a residence at 238 Eighth Street in Apalachicola.

Sweet, 19, Panama City, was wanted out of Franklin County on several felony warrants, including



ANERENCE SWEET

fleeing and eluding a police officer, driving while license suspended or revoked and leaving the scene of a traffic crash with property damage.

He was also wanted out of Bay County for felony violation of probation on two counts of grand theft, two counts of aggravated assault and a failure to appear for principle to aggravated assault.

The drug investigators, along with several road patrol deputies, went to the residence to attempt to locate Sweet. Sgt. Ronnie Jones, on the south side of the residence, saw Sweet jumped up from a bed and run toward the bathroom.

Lt. Allen Ham, along with Sgt. Timmy Register and Deputy Casey Harrell, was able to take Sweet into custody. In the residence deputies saw a large amount of what appeared to be cannabis on the floor

by the bed where Sweet was lying. The house was then secured and a search warrant obtained. Inside was 53 grams of cannabis and currency, along with scales and plastic bags, police said.

Sweet was taken to the Franklin County Jail where he was booked on the outstanding warrants. He also faces charges for possession of cannabis with intent to sell or deliver, and possession of drug paraphernalia.



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 Apalachicola Police Department, Carrabelle Police Department and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

June 17

Melissa A. Estes, 44, Eastpoint, possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence and retail theft (CPD)

June 19

Ellis D. Maxwell, 29, Apalachicola, domestic battery (FCSO)
Robert W. Barrineau, 49, Cairo, Ga., violation of probation (FCSO)
Melissa A. Estes, 44, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

June 20

James E. Pilotti, 27, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked (FCSO)
Daniel Stepp, 45, Eastpoint, petit theft, grand theft and dealing in stolen property (FCSO)

June 22

Derik A. Strevel, 31, Eastpoint, driving while license suspended or revoked (APD)
Keijuan M. Sims, 25, Port St. Joe, violation of probation (FCSO)

June 23

Charles M. Carpenter, Jr., 30, Telogia, battery and violation of a domestic violence injunction (CPD)
Jamie L. Shiver, 27, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

June 24

Johnny W. Callaway, 47, Theodore, Ala., driving while license suspended or revoked, and attaching improper license plate (APD)

High School Senior with Heart Disorder Finds Cure at Bay Medical

Jay Burkey was in the final month of his senior year in high school when he started having trouble breathing. After a quick trip to the family doctor and a prescription for medication to treat bronchitis, he put his mind back on school. However a few days later he started to feel worse. Much worse. In addition to trouble breathing, his chest hurt and he felt light headed and nauseous. His mother, Melanie, took him to a local emergency room fearing a severe asthma attack.

"In the ER my blood pressure was really low, like 60 over 40 and then my heart rate spiked up to 300 beats a minute," said Burkey. "I could see my mom at the foot of my bed in the ER and then everything went black." Burkey was in cardiac arrest. His heart had stopped for 50 seconds until external defibrillators shocked his heart back into action. Later in intensive care, his cardiologist explained what had happened. Burkey had Wolff-Parkinson White syndrome (WPW), a heart rhythm disorder that causes a very fast heart rate. He was quickly transferred to Bay Medical-Sacred Heart in order to receive treatment from Dr. Hari Baddigam, a cardiologist who specializes in electrophysiology.

"In a normal heart, electrical signals travel certain pathways in order to trigger the contraction, or pumping, of the upper and lower chambers," said Dr. Baddigam. "These signals pass through nodes which control the heart beat. With WPW, an extra electrical pathway connects the two upper chambers of the heart and bypasses the node, which allows an abnormally fast heart rate called supraventricular tachycardia." Symptoms of WPW



Dr. Hari Baddigam creates a map of the electrical signals of a patient's heart using technology only available at Bay Medical-Sacred Heart

often start during the teen or young adult years. The condition is most commonly diagnosed by an electrocardiogram (ECG) reading. While normal adults have heart rates of 60 to 100 beats per minute, people with WPW can have episodes with heart rates of 160 to 220 beats per minute. These episodes, like Burkey experienced, can in some cases be life threatening.

Bay Medical-Sacred Heart is the only hospital in the region with the electrophysiology equipment needed to treat Burkey's condition. In the cath lab at Bay Medical, Dr. Baddigam was able to map the electrical pathways in Burkey's heart. Once the location of the extra pathway was identified, Dr. Baddigam performed a minimally invasive procedure called a catheter ablation. "During this procedure, radiofrequency energy is used to ablate, or burn, a tiny area of the heart muscle in order to create scar tissue which blocks the extra electrical signal," said Dr. Baddigam. The procedure is performed through a tiny incision to access an artery, where a small, thin, flexible tube

is navigated through the blood vessels to reach the heart. For patients with WPW, a catheter ablation procedure has a 95 percent success rate and is a cure for the disorder.

Burkey stayed in the hospital for a few days after his procedure and returned to school the next week, just in time for finals and graduation. "We are just so grateful to Bay Medical and to Dr. Baddigam," said Burkey's mom Melanie. "I literally went from fearing for my son's life, to hearing that he has been cured in just a few days. I will never forget how Jay, and really our whole family, was helped through this very scary time." Have things changed for Jay Burkey since his stay in Bay Medical? With high school and WPW behind him, he is headed to FSU in the Fall and will be studying biology and chemistry with the long term goal of going to medical school.



Jay Burkey graduated from Mosley High School after treatment at Bay Medical-Sacred Heart for WPW, a potentially life-threatening heart rhythm disorder

What is Electrophysiology?

Cardiac electrophysiology is the science of diagnosing and treating any abnormal electrical activities of the heart. Electrophysiology (EP) is a subspecialty of cardiology that requires several additional years of training following a cardiology fellowship. Electrophysiologists are trained to perform EP studies of the heart to identify abnormal heart rhythms and also to surgically place implanted devices such as pacemakers and ICDs (defibrillators) to treat both arrhythmias and heart failure. To become board certified in electrophysiology not only requires many additional years of training and expertise, but a dedication to treating these disorders. Worldwide there are approximately 2,000 board certified electrophysiologists and Bay Medical is fortunate to have two on our medical staff - Hari Baddigam, M.D. and Joe Trantham, M.D. Bay Medical is also the only hospital in the region with the advanced technology needed to perform EP studies and for optimal treatment of cardiac rhythm disorders.

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UF: Floridians' confidence in economy builds

By John Dunn
Special to the Times

Florida's consumer confidence keeps inching higher, rising one point from May to 82 this month -- another post-recession high, according to a University of Florida survey.

June is the fourth consecutive month to show a rise in the sentiment of Floridians.

Four of the five components measured in the survey went up, and one remained the same. Respondents' overall opinion that they are better off financially now than a year ago rose three points to 70, while their belief that their personal finances will improve a year from now remained at 82.

Their outlook for U.S. economic conditions over

the coming year rose two points to 83. The survey-takers' long-term view for the nation's economic health over the next five years rose one point to 83.

Finally, the survey shows that consensus of whether now is a good time to buy a big-ticket item such as a television went up two points to a post-recession high of 93.

"The last time perception of current buying conditions reached this level was April of 2007," said Chris McCarty, director of UF's Survey Research Center in the Bureau of Economic and Business Research. "That was the beginning of the collapse in the housing market."

Several things help explain Floridians' current optimism. The stock market reached record highs by early

June. In addition, the state's May unemployment rate was 7.1 percent compared with the national 7.6 percent figure.

This decline from April's 7.2 percent jobless figure occurred as Florida's labor force was increasing, which meant it was due to an increase in jobs, McCarty said. Home prices have also kept rising. The median price for an existing single-family home is \$171,000 -- the last time it was that high in Florida was Sept. 2008.

Consumer confidence could soon sag, however.

"As we continue to collect interviews through the rest of the month the index will almost certainly be lower when it is revised as the stock market has declined in the second half of June,"

McCarty said. "However for now, most consumers are still not registering any fears about the effects of sequestration."

They are more concerned that interest rates may rise now that the Federal Reserve has indicated it may reduce the amount of Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities it has been purchasing each month to spur the economy, McCarty said.

"Concern over this move, however, is likely overstated for two reasons," he said. First, the Fed is unlikely to reduce the purchases completely. Instead, it will gradually reduce them, unless the economy shows signs of weakness. In that case, the Fed could be expected to resume its intervention.

"It's also worth noting

that conditions are not the same as they were in 2008 when the Fed began making these purchases," McCarty added. Though the current housing market is being helped by lower interest rates, there has also been a low rate of new construction and an increase in population. These two factors lead to pent-up demand.

"Housing prices may decline from their recent highs," McCarty said, "but the underlying quality of loans is now very different from 2008." Current home buyers typically have good credit scores and put 20 percent down on their homes, both of which reduce the likelihood of another massive number of foreclosures like the ones that led to the last recession.

"The Fed has seen the economy through

dangerous economic times," McCarty said, "but the economy is now operating normally. There was nothing normal about 2008."

Conducted June 1-20, the UF study reflects the responses of 434 individuals, representing a demographic cross-section of Florida.

The index used by UF researchers is benchmarked to 1966, which means a value of 100 represents the same level of confidence for that year. The lowest index possible is a 2; the highest is 150.

Details of the June survey can be found at <http://www.bebr.ufl.edu/ci>

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Principal Oehlert's final farewell

By George Oehlert
Special to the Times

It is that bittersweet time of the school year when we find ourselves saying farewell to some colleagues, students and parents. For me, it will be my final goodbye as my five-year tenure as principal at Franklin County School has concluded. I will look back with appreciation to the school community for their support. I am grateful for the honor and privilege of having worked at FCS.

The last five years have been an incredibly rewarding journey with numerous successes and challenges. Change can bring much uncertainty, but we have been able to create a sense of certainty by remaining focused on our shared mission, values, and goals. Our focus on instruction, learning collaboration, and results has moved the school along the continuum of a professional learning community built on our motto: Inspire from the heart... Lead with humility... Soar with pride.



GEORGE OEHLERT

It is my hope that the school district will continue to build the leadership capacity to make FCS, in partnership with the ABC School, the school that we all want, a school that models the educational practices that prepare students to be contributing citizens, productive workers, and competent leaders in the interconnected world of the 21st century. A school that is the cornerstone of community pride throughout Franklin County.

To this pursuit, I wish incoming principal, Eric Bidwell, much success. Mr. Bidwell brings a vast array of experience and knowledge of FCS to the role as well as a philosophy of education that is committed to student success.

I will always remember the Franklin County community and its schools in my prayers and I will be a Seahawk forever!

George Oehlert retired this spring after serving five years as principal of the Franklin County School.

Jobless rate ticks up a tad

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Franklin County saw a slight rise in its unemployment rate in May, but the county was poised as the fourth best in the state for joblessness.

According to preliminary numbers released Friday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the county's jobless rate in May rose two-tenths of 1 percent, from 5.0 to 5.2 percent. The unemployment rolls added

17 people, growing from 273 to 290 people in search of work.

The increase in joblessness occurred even as the workforce grew by 67 workers, from 5,457 to 5,524, which is larger than one year ago, when it comprised 5,365 workers, and when the jobless rate was sharply higher, at 6.5 percent.

Franklin County's jobless picture placed it just a few notches behind Monroe County, at 4.0 percent, the state's lowest unemployment rate. This was followed by Walton (4.1 percent) and Okaloosa

(4.8 percent). Many of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates were those with relatively high proportions of government employment. Strong population growth was also a contributing factor.

Franklin had the lowest unemployment rate in the tri-county Gulf Coast Workforce region. Bay County's jobless rate remained steady at 6.3 percent, while Gulf County's increased from 6.4 to 6.6 percent.

Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.1 percent in

May 2013, the lowest since Sept. 2008 when it was 7.0 percent. The May rate was down 0.1 percentage point from the April rate of 7.2 percent and was 1.7 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 8.8 percent. There were 671,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9.4 million.

The U.S. May unemployment rate was 7.6 percent. Florida's unemployment rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the U.S. rate and was below the national rate for the third consecutive month.

Fishing, boating top lightning deaths

Special to the Times

NOAA's National Weather Service has discovered that 64 percent of lightning deaths since 2006 occurred while people were participating in leisure activities, with fishing topping the list at 26 deaths.

John Jensenius, a lightning safety specialist with the National Weather Service, conducted the study by examining information on 238 deaths attributed to lightning over the last seven years. NOAA released these findings on the first day of National Lightning Safety Awareness Week to call attention to the danger of outdoor activities during a thunderstorm.

Of the 152 deaths associated with leisure

activities, fishing is followed by camping, 15 deaths; boating, 14 deaths; soccer, 12 deaths and golf, eight deaths. The remaining 77 people were struck by lightning while participating in other leisure activities such as enjoying the beach, swimming, walking and running, riding recreational vehicles, and picnicking or relaxing in their yard.

Between 2006 and 2012, 82 percent of people killed by lightning were male.

"When people think of lightning deaths, they usually think of golf," Jensenius said. "While every outdoor activity is dangerous when a thunderstorm is in the area, outdoor activities other than golf lead to more lightning deaths. NOAA has made a concerted effort to

raise lightning awareness in the golf community since we began the campaign in 2001, and we believe our outreach has made a huge difference since lightning-related deaths on golf courses have decreased by 75 percent."

Jensenius said the large number of fishing, camping and boating lightning deaths may occur because these activities require extra time to get to a safe place. "People often wait far too long to head to safety when a storm is approaching, and that puts them in a dangerous and potentially deadly situation," he said.

Prior to the lightning safety campaign, lightning killed an average of 73 people each year in the United States. Since the

National Weather Service launched the campaign, the average has dropped to 37. Seven people have died from lightning strikes so far this year.

The best way for people to protect themselves against lightning injury or death is to monitor the weather and postpone or cancel outdoor activities when thunderstorms are in the forecast. Lightning can strike from 10 miles away, so if people can hear thunder, they are in danger of being struck by lightning.

The only safe places to be during a thunderstorm are in a building with four walls and a roof or in a car. A hut, cabana, tent, or other rain shelter will not protect a person from being struck by lightning.

Avoid accidents with fireworks this Fourth

The Fireworks Alliance is committed to educating people on the safe use of consumer fireworks. The following guidelines are recommended to help you enjoy your fireworks while minimizing the risk of an accident to yourself and others.

- Always read the instructions carefully before attempting to light a fireworks item.
- Do not throw burned out sparklers on the ground. The hot debris left over from the sparkler can burn someone if they step on it.
- Always wear proper clothing whenever you use fireworks. This includes

- cotton or denim clothing, long pants, eye protection, covered shoes, and (if necessary) ear protection.
- Never drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs when using fireworks.
- Keep fireworks away from open flames, including cigarettes. Do not smoke around fireworks.
- Keep your fireworks dry. Never attempt to light fireworks that have become wet.
- Store fireworks in a cool dry place, and away from children. Make sure small children cannot reach fireworks, and never allow a child to eat fireworks or put them in

- their mouth.
- Do not buy generic fireworks that do not have labels identifying the manufacturer. All consumer fireworks should be clearly labeled as "Class C" or "1.4G" fireworks.
- Do not buy illegal fireworks. Many of these devices contain explosive compounds that are sensitive to shock and friction.
- Never allow children to use fireworks without direct adult supervision. Children should be instructed on the safe use of fireworks before allowing them to participate.
- Never throw or toss fireworks at another person or animal.
- Do not light fireworks in crowded areas.
- Use proper instruments for lighting fireworks, such as instant-on torches, safety flares, punk sticks, and other suitable tools that provide some distance between the fireworks device and the person that is lighting it.
- Never pick up unlit or unexploded fireworks. Malfunctioning fireworks should be soaked in a bucket of water for one hour before disposing. Never attempt to re-light malfunctioning fireworks.



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Collector Jimmy Harris, the county sold 1,206 certificates, worth almost \$1.04 million. This total was a little more than a third of the \$2.94 million sold off in 2009, when 1,791 certificates were snatched up by investors.



JAMES HARRIS
Tax collector

Over the past three years, the totals have steadily declined, from 1,668 certificates worth \$2.36 million in 2010, to 1,585 tax certificates totaling \$1.96 million in 2011, to 1,413 tax certificates worth \$1.52 million last year.

"More people's paying their taxes on time, or their mortgage companies," Harris said. "The taxing districts are getting their money in a more timely fashion."

As required by Florida statute, the county had to assume possession of all tax deeds under \$250 for homesteaded properties, and these totaled \$11,519, he said.

The county received a 5 percent commission from the sale of \$48,319, Harris said. Also paid for out of the tax sale proceeds were the costs of advertising for three weeks before the sale, which totaled \$27,642.

Harris, who was assisted at the sale by Sarah Braswell, one of the tax clerks, said about 65 people attended the sale, down by about a dozen from last year. He said the rates paid on the certificates were bid down considerably from a starting point of 1.5 percent per month, or 18 percent per year, simple interest.

"The rates were low this year, and they stayed low," he said. "It's whatever the bidders are willing to take for their investments, and banks aren't paying very much so they're willing to take less to secure their investment."

At least 60 of Florida's 67 counties have opted for online auctions, but Har-

ris plans to keep the live sale the way it is, noting that the bidders, mostly local, prefer it that way. One Tampa group of investors spent about \$270,000 on certificates at this year's auction, Harris said.

A recent investigation by the Sun-Sentinel newspaper in Fort Lauderdale revealed going to an online format, in which anyone from anywhere can bid, could crowd out local investors. The reporters found many of the state's online auctions have come to be dominated by large financial institutions, which have dramatically increased their odds of winning by forming thousands, even hundreds of thousands, of proxy or shell companies to flood the auction, giving them a huge edge in tie bids where the winner is chosen by lottery.

"The majority of the smaller bidders are getting squeezed out or dropping out because they cannot effectively compete," said Miami real estate agent Murry Diamond, 60, a long-time participant in South Florida tax auctions. "I'm one of the people they're driving out."

In the online auctions, bids flood in from all over the world, from cyber competitors who can place thousands of offers within milliseconds with a few keystrokes, wrote the reporters.

They noted that in online auctions, tie bids are broken by a random number generator, a computerized equivalent of how winning numbers are picked in the Florida Lottery. The result, they concluded, is that big investors now all agree to accept the theoretical minimum return, and swamp the system with simultaneous bids to increase their chances at being picked.

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tract's combined property tax valuation rose \$19 million, from \$1.696 billion to \$1.715 billion, roughly 1.1 percent.

"That's a good example right there of how much it (cap on non-homestead calculation increases) takes off of it (the tax base)," Skipper said. "You can see the real estate values are turning around a little bit."

To underscore the effect the 10 percent non-homestead cap has had, Skipper noted that of the county's 19,000 parcels of land, fewer than 2,000 were subject to sales last year.

"Only 2,000 could go to an actual market value this year and not be capped," she said, adding at the height of the market a few years ago, about 3,000 to 3,500 parcels were sold in a typical year.

"You're not going to see a big jump in the future," she said. "We are very limited with our increase as far as taxable value."

Skipper, in her first year as property appraiser after being elected without opposition last fall, said she believes the real estate is making a slow and steady comeback. "The biggest increase was probably on St. George Island," she said. "We've had some areas over there that are really turning around big time, on the Gulf side."

Carrabelle was the only taxing district to see an enlargement of its tax base, after having suffered an almost 26 percent decline last year. Carrabelle's combined valuation this year will expand from \$101.8 million to \$102.7 million, an increase of \$916,000, or almost 1 percent.

The sharpest decline in

the county was seen in the tax base of the Dog Island Conservation District, which went from \$32.7 million to \$29.4 million, a 10 percent drop of about \$3.3 million. Skipper said erosion has taken away several lots that otherwise would have contributed to that tax base. "A couple of areas are almost washed in two," she said.

The next steepest drop in the county was seen in Apalachicola, where the tax base fell by about \$8.6 million, from \$126.4 million to \$117.7 million, or 6.8 percent.

The Eastpoint Water and Sewer District is expected to see a 3.6 percent drop in its tax base, a loss of \$2.5 million, from \$68.3 million to \$65.8 million.

The Alligator Point Water and Sewer District will experience a drop in its tax base from \$122.3 million to \$119 million, a decline of \$3.3 million, or about 2.6 percent.

The Northwest Florida Water Management District, which is similar in size to the county base, will see a drop from \$1.641 billion to \$1.637 billion, a slide of \$4 million, or about a 0.2 percent.

Last year, the county levied 5.9637 mills in property taxes, but with the upcoming July 18-19 budget workshops, county commissioners will have to weigh whether to increase the millage, cut spending or a combination of both.

Skipper said this year's in-depth audit by the Florida Department of Revenue, which is conducted every two years, is about complete and that her office has been told the report will be a positive one. "We're just waiting on an official letter that we've passed," she said.

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"They're typically more expensive because there's less of them. When they're popular, they're real expensive," he said. "We just set out to get the best we could get, that we could afford."

In Pickler, the festival found one of the nation's fastest-rising stars, a North Carolina-born singer-songwriter who first gained fame as a contestant on the fifth season of "American Idol," went on to release three popular albums and win a slew of awards and then topped it all off this past May by winning the 16th season of "Dancing with the Stars" with her partner Derek Hough.

Solomon said the festival is planning several enhancements to mark the 50th anniversary of the festival, includ-

ing a giant fireworks show after Pickler's concert.

The festival will welcome back Billy Spikes to serve as grand marshal of the Saturday morning parade, Solomon said. Spikes, who now lives in Mount Dora, served as the first president of the Florida Seafood Festival in 1963.

A large exhibit will celebrate the history of the festival's five decades. Also, the festival has decided to rejuvenate the King Retsyo Ball, which ended a few years ago because of a lack of attendance. The traditional event will be held Friday evening at the Armory.

"A lot of board members who are younger remember their parents going," Solomon said. "There's been a good response so far."



FLORIDA MEMORY PROJECT

This photo, taken at the 1964 Florida Seafood Festival, shows from left Mrs. Gertrude George, Billy Spikes, (standing), Mrs. Billy Spikes and daughter, Jerry Allen and Louise Pendleton. Billy Spikes will serve as grand marshal of this year's Florida Seafood Festival parade on Nov. 2.

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AIM funding, some community outreach activities have been suspended. Leslie Coon continues to offer pottery classes, and Jeanette Taylor has resumed Zumba classes after a hiatus. Both work as volunteers in formerly paid positions. Both classes are held in Apalachicola.

Zumba and the pottery class were two of the best received AIM programs. "They consider the work they are doing so important they chose to continue it," Taylor said.

Liz Sisung, who was in charge of theater programs for AIM, said she has not been working with AIM for some time but would consider participating if AIM becomes more active.

The grant application said AIM will add a new paid artist to the program during the 2013-14 funding cycle. Taylor said there will be a call for artists to identify this person. He mentioned Lane Autrey and Ed Springer as possible instructors.

Based on the grant's timeline, once funding is in hand next month, painting classes will resume in Carrabelle, and community outreach drama classes also will start back up.

In August, a plein air art exhibit is planned at Weems and a new dramatization of the health care contributions of Dr. John Gorrie will be performed as part of the annual Festival of Ice.

In September, there will be a photography workshop, and in December a program of caroling will be added to the ongoing bedside arts program.

The grant application estimates 6,774 individuals will participate in 66 proposed events. Elders 65 and older account for 1,694 of the total; youth age 18 and under for 316 participants.

AIM programs will take place in Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty and Wakulla counties as well as Franklin, according to the application.

The second grant will launch a program to provide art education opportunities to Franklin County students and the community at large.

The funding will pay a part-time director for the Apalachicola School of Art, housed in the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art on Water Street, which is provided free of charge by the city, which also pays for utilities, maintenance and insurance.

Based on the application, the program will conduct at least one dozen three- to four-day instructional workshops taught by leading artists, and six to 10 weekend instructional workshops serving at least 10 participants each.

The grant application estimates the workshops will bring a total of \$74,800 in lodging, \$22,440 in meals and \$14,960 in other spending to the county. It predicts an additional 3,500 attendees at special events related to the arts program will spend \$42,000.

On average, students attending the workshops will pay \$300 each, generating \$60,000, notes the grant. Sixty-five percent of this is paid to the teachers, and the remaining \$21,000 will support programs to bring art to

the community.

These community programs include developing and implementing an arts academy for children ages 6 to 18, which will offer at least 12 classes tailored to specific children's age groups. Most of these classes will be at the center, but an outreach program will work within schools.

Taylor said the academy probably will begin its work at the charter school and then expand to the Franklin School, to cover every student within the district.

The School of Art will partner with AIM to "address the creative and health needs of a diverse local population."

The new arts director will also help organize at least three annual events to encourage arts and promote the area as a cultural arts destination. In addition, each year during high season, the arts center will offer works by local artists for sale, with part of the proceeds paid back to support the School of Arts.

The application estimates 3,672 individuals will participate in 179 events over the 2013-14 season. Programs will be held in a dozen counties in addition to Franklin.

The budget for the grant indicates the art director's salary will increase to \$48,000 in the 2014-15 fiscal year, so presumably the director will become a full-time employee.

"We haven't written a job description," Taylor said. "They should have at minimum a background in art history, arts coordination or implementation. We hope to find someone local. Honestly, we have nobody in mind for the job."

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Chamber of commerce elects 2013-2014 officers

There were few surprises when the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce chose a new governing board on June 5.

The chamber elected a new board of directors for the 2013-14 fiscal year at their monthly business luncheon at Caroline's in Apalachicola.

Officers for this year are

Donna Duncan, president for a second consecutive term, as is Bud Hayes vice-president. Kristin Anderson, elected secretary/historian, has served in that position since 2009. Jerry Hall will remain treasurer.

Bonnie Gomes, formerly of Oyster Radio100.5 FM, Mark Friedman, with Friedman Financial Advi-

sors, and attorney Kristy Branch Banks, all retired from the board. New to the board and membership is Tom Morgan, owner of Apalach Outfitters.

Duncan, attorney with Sanders and Duncan; Hayes with the Franklin County Humane Society and the ABC School; Anderson, owner of Long-

DreamGallery.com; Mike Koun, owner of the Gibson Inn; Brenda Ash, with Centennial Bank; Jean Ulrich, a real estate agent with Jeff Galloway Real Estate and owner of Ulrich Construction; Ouida Tartt, owner of the House of Tartts, a guest cottage in downtown Apalachicola; Bev Hewitt and Hall, with the Apala-

chicola Seafood Grill, the Soda Fountain, and the BackStreet Trading Company; attorney Michael Shuler; Ginny Griner with Weems Memorial Hospital; and Kevin Ward with Eagle Technology Services and 13 Mile Seafood.

The Apalachicola chamber currently has 480 members. It was started in the

1830s. Among its many presidents were ice machine inventor John Gorrie, and David Raney. In the 1980s, the chamber expanded its membership area to encompass Apalachicola Bay including Eastpoint and St. George Island.

— By LOIS SWOBODA

LIGHT SHED ON OLD LAMP



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

James Claffin, of Kenrick A. Claffin and Son Nautical Antiques, has identified an artifact recently donated to the St. George Island Lighthouse Museum. The lamp pictured above is a 200 mm Lovell BU-48 lantern, used on piers and on some buoys. It was electrically operated and required 12 volts DC to operate. Some buoys had batteries and later solar to power it. The bird spike on the top is to keep gulls from sitting on it. Claffin placed a value of at least \$1,500 on the brass lamp.

Camp Gordon Johnston expands displays

This casually posed Vietnam era soldier is part of the expanded displays at the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum in Carrabelle.

The museum has also added a World War II tail gunner in full gear.

Three World War II era exhibits, depicting the camp post office, infirmary and a typical civilian living room, are now complete and, as a finishing touch, recordings of vintage radio programs play in the background in the exhibition hall.

If you haven't visited the camp lately, now is a great time.

Also on display at the museum are a set of three alternative plans for the proposed museum and monument to be built across US 98 from Carrabelle Beach Park.

The plans were donated by Inovia, engineering consultants for the city of Carrabelle.

The Camp Gordon Johnston Museum is open Monday through Thursday 1 to 4 p.m.; Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Notice is hereby given that on July 2, 2013 at 10:10 a.m. (ET) at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida at the Courthouse Annex, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ZONING CODE ORDINANCE 92-6, SECTION 462, REGULATING STRUCTURES AND ESTABLISHING THE PERMITTED HEIGHT LIMIT AND MODIFICATIONS TO NO MORE THAN 47 FEET AT THE ROOF PEAK, NOR ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN THREE HABITABLE FLOORS, FROM HIGHEST NATURAL GRADE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file with the Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida and may be viewed there.

Interested Persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

Any party who may wish to appeal the decision made at this public hearing is responsible for making a verbatim transcript of the hearing.

Those persons requiring assistance to attend the meeting must call deputy clerk Michael Moron at 850-653-8861 x100 at least three business days before the meeting to make arrangements.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
FCTDC 2012-2013 Fiscal Year
REMAINING MEETING SCHEDULE

AT THIS TIME, SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR FOLLOW THE REGULAR SCHEDULE OF FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY.

Board Meetings

WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING FIRST TUESDAY FCBOCC MEETING
June 5, 2013, Carrabelle City Offices, Carrabelle, 3:00 pm
CANCELED: July 3, 2013, Franklin County Courthouse Annex, 3:00 p.m.
August 7, 2013, Franklin County Courthouse Annex, 3:00 p.m.
September 4, 2013, Carrabelle City Offices, Carrabelle, 3:00 p.m.

AT THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY ROOM,
1 BAY AVENUE, APALACHICOLA,
BEGINNING AT 1:30 PM FOR GRANTS (IF SCHEDULED)
AND AT 2:30 PM FOR MARKETING (IF SCHEDULED).

Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING THIRD TUESDAY FCBOCC MEETING
June 19, 2013, Grants and Marketing Committees, beginning at 1:30 pm
July 17, 2013, Grants and Marketing Committees, beginning at 1:30 pm
August 21, 2013, Grants and Marketing Committees, beginning at 1:30 pm
September 18, 2013, Grants and Marketing Committees, beginning at 1:30 pm

For further information please contact FCTDC offices @ 17-1/2 Avenue E, Apalachicola, 653-8678, or visit our website: www.anaturalescape.com/administration.

THIS IS A PUBLIC MEETING AND TWO OR MORE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ATTEND.
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Note: appointments will be scheduled up to 30min. prior to close (walk-ins still welcome up until close)

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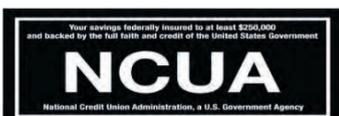
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Wheeler twins' shower on Saturday



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NW, Carrabelle on Saturday, June 29 at 3 p.m. Registered at Burlington and Wal-Mart. All friends and family are invited. Twice the blessing, twice the love, Two little miracles sent from above.

Engagement



Courtney Giddens, Ottilie Amison engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny C. Giddens, of Fitzgerald, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Elizabeth, to Mr. Ottilie Dewey Amison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Amison, of Apalachicola. Miss Giddens is the granddaughter of Sara and James Phillips, Joyce Giddens and the late Alvin Giddens and John R. Giddens. A graduate of Georgia Southern University, she holds a bachelor's degree in exercise science. She received an associate's degree in nursing from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural

College. Miss Giddens is employed as an RN at Weems Memorial Hospital in Apalachicola. Mr. Amison is the grandson of the late Eddie Amison, Kitty Amison, Dorris Bayles and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bodiford. He is a graduate of Apalachicola High School and served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne, U.S. Army. He is co-owner and operator of Amison Seafood Inc. in Apalachicola. The couple will be married at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Peach Barn in Tifton, Ga. A reception at the same location will immediately follow the ceremony. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Happy BIRTHDAY



Happy birthday, Eula Rochelle

Happy 73rd birthday on Friday, June 28, Mom. Love, From all your children and grandchildren



Happy birthday, Henry Rochelle

Happy 78th birthday, Dad, on Monday, July 1. Love, From all your children and grandchildren

Check your blood pressure at Thursday lunch

Oh, by the way, there was a record crowd at the Lanark Village Boat Club, last Saturday, June 15. Thanks for your support and thanks to the members who prepared and served the breakfast. Well, here it is, almost time for the Fourth of July celebration. There will be fireworks on Thursday July 4 at dark thirty. Come celebrate Fourth of July at the Lanark Village Boat Club on Thursday, July 4. Members will have a covered dish

and they will prepare chicken and ribs. Donation is \$3. Bring your favorite dish to share. Serving begins at 1 p.m. Be lookin' for ya! Then on Saturday, July 6 come on down to the Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 and help us celebrate Independence Day. We will have a cook out with a half grilled chicken and two sides for a donation of \$8. Serving begins at 5 p.m. and will continue until gone. See ya there! Been missing you at Thursday's

lunch at the Franklin County Senior Center. Serving begins at noon. Come join us, why don't you? A minimum donation of \$4 is required. Ann Wilson will be on hand to check your blood pressure, and probably someone will be there to have a display and information. Be lookin' for ya! The center is at 201 Ave. F in Carrabelle. Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and the housebound and remember, don't drink a fifth on the Fourth! Until next time, God bless America, our troops, and the poor, homeless and hungry.



LANARK NEWS Jim Welsh

Sowing the seedlings of stewardship

By BROOK PITTMAN Special to the Times

Franklin County Middle School science students recently completed a shoreline restoration project, planting more than 2,500 sea grass seedlings at the school's new marine science pier along U.S. 98 across from the campus. Teachers Spencer Tolbert and Pamela Marshall said the shoreline planting project is a follow-up environmental science activity that allows students to learn hands-on about habitat protection, preservation and restoration in the Apalachicola Bay. "Two different seagrass species, the Spartina patens and Spartina alterniflora, were selected to provide the students with an opportunity to study their differing growth and survival



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Franklin County Middle School students planted two kinds of seagrass near the marine science pier.

characteristics" Tolbert said. "It does not sound like much, but it underscores how important a simple thing like seagrass is to the bay. It prevents erosion, promotes filtration and provides habitat for a myriad of different living organisms. "There are no better learning tools than getting out and doing the work yourself," he said. Technical advice and support was provided by the Apalachicola National

Estuarine Research Reserve, Apalachicola Riverkeeper and the University of Florida/IFAS Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service. The project was fully funded by the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District. "This was a great opportunity to support the Franklin Middle School's environmental science and education program, to recognize the leadership of Tolbert and Marshall, and to involve the next generation in being responsible stewards of our fragile ecosystem, the lifeblood of our economy and way of life here in 'paradise,'" said John Sink, a member of the district board. In addition to academic credit, the students earned community service hours that help them in honors programs and applications.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT IS GIVEN THAT FRANKLIN COUNTY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING AN AMENDED FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that on July 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida at the Courthouse Annex, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 2003-39; TO ADOPT A NEW FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO ADOPT LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file with the Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida and may be viewed there.

Interested Persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

Any party who may wish to appeal the decision made at this public hearing is responsible for making a verbatim transcript of the hearing.

Those persons needing special assistance to attend the meeting must contact deputy clerk, Michael Moron, at 850-653-8861, extension 100, three business days prior to the meeting to make arrangements for attendance.

Kathy Williams to co-pastor First Born church



KATHY WILLIAMS

Special to the Times

With the blessing of Diocese Bishop S.J. Williams, presiding elder Bishop Frank Hogans, Jr., and her pastor, Elder Clifford Williams, Minister Kathy Williams will be empowered Sunday as co-pastor of the Apalachicola First Born Church of the Living God.

The installation and consecration service will be held at 4 p.m. at the church, at 194 Eleventh Street, in Apalachicola.

Minister Kathy Williams was saved March 18, 1977, receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost during a revival service

in Apalachicola, conducted by Evangelist Nancy Spearman and Evangelist Geraldine Johnson.

Born and raised in Port St. Joe, Williams graduated in 1971 from Port St. Joe High School. She received her early religious training from Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church, in Port St. Joe, under the pastorate of the Rev. Charles P. Price.

On Aug. 13, 1972, she married Apalachicola minister Clifford Williams, and God blessed them with four girls and one son. Early in her marriage, she accompanied her husband to Tacoma, Washington, and assisted him in the church

Bishop R. B. Thompson had assigned him.

In 1975, Minister Clifford Williams returned with his family to Apalachicola, and they all joined the Apalachicola First Born Church of the Living God, under the pastorate of Elder Ernest Johnson. This began Kathy Williams' work in this church, which is a member of the Greater Apalachicola District and the West Florida Diocese.

Appointed in 1978 by Johnson as a deaconess and youth mother, Kathy Williams worked faithfully in those positions at her church. Also in 1978, Elder

Williams was assigned a church in Pensacola, and she began commuting there with him during the two-year assignment, continuing her duties as a deaconess in both churches.

Her service as a deaconess continued until Nov. 1993, when after giving her introductory message in Crawfordville, she became licensable as a minister by Presiding Elder W. L. McQueen, Jr.

Minister Kathy Williams has served in several roles in the district and diocese, working faithfully as a Godly woman, loyal to her God. Promoted by Elder McQueen to union

directress of the district in the early 2000s, she continues to work in that capacity.

In Oct. 2010, Elder Williams, pastor of the Apalachicola First Born Church, recommended Minister Williams for ordination to the presiding elder, Bishop Hogans, who in turn recommended her to Diocese Bishop Williams. Later that month, she appeared before the Presbytery Board, passed the ordination examination and on the third Sunday of the month, Minister Williams was officially ordained, with all rights of an ordained elder.

Obituaries

MICHAEL LEE CREEK, SR.

Michael Lee Creek, Sr., of Carrabelle, passed away Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at the age of 63.

Michael worked as a newspaper deliverer and was a truck driver for construction debris cleanup. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam conflict. Michael was of the Protestant faith.

He was preceded in death by his dad, William Wendell Creek.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl (Yelvington) Creek, of Carrabelle; son, Michael L. Creek, Jr. and fiancée Kim Norman, of Monticello; a daughter, Michelle Thomas and husband Jody, of Hackberry, La.; five grandchildren, Brandon L. Creek, Kerstin R. Creek, Brittany

M. Thomas, Bashby D. Thomas, and Joseph N. Thomas; his mother, Mildred Creek Stacy, of Washington Courthouse, Ohio; a brother, Bill Creek and wife Shirley, of Sabrina, Ohio; a sister, Drue Reveal and husband Jr., of Aberdeen, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at First Baptist Church in Carrabelle, with the Rev. Rick Steward officiating. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown is in charge of the service. Online condolences may be made at adamsfh.com.

MICHAEL HENDELS

Michael Louis "Red" Hendels was born April 12, 1985, in Panama City. He passed away Saturday, June 15, 2013, in Apalachicola.

He is survived by his mother, Marie Estes; daughter, Kelsey Hendels; sister, Amy Foreman; brothers, Dwayne Hendels and Shawn Ward; grandfather, Robert Estes; numerous aunts,

uncles, cousins; and other family and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; Wayne Hendels; and grandparents, Gloria Estes, Mildred and Coddie Hendels.

Funeral services were Friday, June 21, at Kelley Funeral Home with burial in Magnolia Cemetery, with Pastor Susan Roach officiating.

MONA MAXWELL MOON

Mona Maxwell Moon was born Feb. 3, 1925, in Apalachicola. She passed away Friday, June 21, 2013, in Carrabelle at the age of 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, retired Army Sgt. E-7 Cullen L. Moon; her parents, Homer and Laura Maxwell; and brothers, Edmund, Elmo, and Dolphus (Mac) Maxwell.

She is survived by one sister-in-law, Anna Maxwell; numerous nieces and nephews; and care-givers, Charles and Betty Scott.

Mrs. Moon was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. She was a life mem-

ber of Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

She graduated from Chapman High School in 1943 and attended Belle Isle Business College in West Palm Beach.

Before returning to Apalachicola in 1977, she worked as a stenographer for the Department of the Army at Ft. Bliss, Texas; Ft. Stewart, Ga.; and Okinawa, Japan. She also was a secretary for RCA at AUTECH Andros Island, Bahamas.

Graveside services were Sunday, June 23, in Magnolia Cemetery. Kelley Funeral Home handling all arrangements.

Summer library program begins

The themes for this summer are "Beneath the Surface" for teens 13-18, "Dig into Reading" for ages 5-12, and "Groundbreaking Reads" for those over 18 years of age. Looking beyond the surface of the world around us offers some interesting and exciting weekly activities and reads.

The SLP program for teens began June 20 and runs through Aug. 1. It will be held at the library in Carrabelle from 3-5 p.m. There is a limit

of 12 students so be sure to call the library at 697-2366 and speak to Tonia Chisolm to enroll in the program. These programs are offered at no cost to the participant but a permission form must be completed by parents and caregivers to participate. A guest speaker, Sondra Taylor-Furbee who is a certified yoga instructor, kicked off the SLP for the teens on June 20.

Children ages 5 to 12 will explore gardening, pirate adventures, sea



creatures, pyramids and mummies over the six week SLP which began June 21, 10 a.m. to noon. Once again, seating is limited so call 697-2366 to enroll your child.

The library's Eastpoint Branch is moving! During the month of June we will be leaving the site on

Island Drive and moving into the new building at 160 Hickory Dip. We will be setting up the new library during July so stay turn for an opening date. A grand opening celebration is planned for early fall. This is a very exciting time for our libraries!

Audubon asks for help on beaches

This Independence Day weekend, Audubon is reminding Floridians to take care with Florida's original "beach babies," rare and declining species of birds that nest on Florida's beaches and coastal islands.

The beginning of July is a critical time for some of Florida's most iconic coastal birds and their fluffy chicks. Roseate spoonbills, black skimmers, snowy plovers, American oystercatchers, least terns and more are using Florida's beaches

and islands right now to raise their young."

Unfortunately, when boaters or beachgoers approach nesting birds too closely, they may unintentionally cause the death of chicks and eggs. When parents are flushed from their nests, chicks and eggs are left vulnerable to predators, overheating by the summer sun, crushing under foot, or falling and drowning in water beneath the nest. A single ill-timed disturbance can destroy an entire colony.

Please respect posted

areas, even if you don't see birds inside them. Birds, eggs and nests are well-camouflaged with the beach environment, and disturbance by people can cause the abandonment of an entire colony.

Avoid disturbing groups of birds. If birds take flight or appear agitated, you are too close. Give colony islands a wide berth, and when fishing, be sure not to leave any equipment behind. Always dispose of fishing line and tackle appropriately.

Fellowship Baptist hosts Sunday concert

The Fellowship Baptist Church, at 10 Ellis Van Vleet St., Apalachicola, will have Judge Ken Hosford and Fortress in concert on Sunday, June 30, at 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome to come and share the blessing.

Card of THANKS

Love and generosity

A much-loved native son passed away on June 9, 2013.

Gary M. Shiver, my brother, succumbed to his illness, leaving behind a grieving widow, two sons, a daughter, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Unfortunately, the family funds were very low and the funeral home demanded full payment before they would do anything.

That's when the good

people of Apalachicola and Eastpoint came through with heartwarming donations of enough money to give Gary an elegant and decent funeral and burial.

As a woman of 72 years, I have never seen such an outpouring of love and generosity as I have witnessed in this hour of need.

Thank you again, Apalach and Eastpoint.

Caroline (Shiver) Drouin
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Day-trippers flock to see Allie the turtle released

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On Saturday, the staff at Bald Point State Park was amazed by a huge turnout for a turtle release party.

Event organizer Dustin Allen, a park spokesman, said the park normally has 300 visitors on a busy weekend. Park staff thought they might see 500 to 700 for the release of Allie, the turtle. More than 1,500 turned out.

Allen said this was the

first event hosted by Bald Point its 13-year history and the first collaboration with the Gulf Specimens Marine Lab. The park provided a venue for the party, and the Gulf Lab arranged for publicity. Two turtles released Saturday had both received medical treatment at the lab.

Advertising, including two Tallahassee billboards, promised Allie, a loggerhead turtle, would be released at 2 p.m. About 30 minutes before Allie's return to the Gulf, Jack Rud-

loe, director of the Gulf Lab, released a small Kemp's Ridley turtle that was found with a fishhook in its mouth about a week earlier.

Volunteers from the park, the lab and the Alligator Point volunteer turtlers collaborated to make the day special.

In preparation for the event, park staff created a temporary trail of Mobi-Mat, a strong recycled polyester fabric, to the beach to protect the dunes and make the event ADA compliant. Allen said Bald Point brought in extra wheelchairs designed for beach use. He said attendees with limited mobility expressed their gratitude for the consideration.

As the crowd amassed on the Bald Point beach, things began to get rowdy. With only three paid staff members, the park relied heavily on volunteers for parking and crowd control. Volunteers attempted to manage the multitude and shoo them back from the proposed release point and out of the water.

One volunteer repeatedly shouted "Get out of the water. She won't know the difference between you and her lunch." He was largely ignored.

Children and adults remained in the water throughout the release in spite of pleas and warnings that they were violating Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission rules.

Rangers were able to clear the area directly in



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A volunteer attempts to herd onlookers away from the turtle release site.



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Jack Rudloe displays a Kemp's-Ridley turtle before its release.

front of Allie, and her release went well. She was off without a glance back, resurfacing once to the delight of onlookers.

Allen said if the park hosts another event, Bald

Point will definitely borrow additional staff from other parks.

"We think it went well, all things considered," Allen said. "The turtle was safe. We didn't have any

traffic mishaps and nobody got hurt. This was definitely a learning experience."

The loggerhead turtle had been found by commercial fisherman in Alligator Harbor who turned the distressed animal over to Rudloe's lab in hopes it could be saved.

Rudloe said at the lab, Allie gained her target weight for release, and the mass in her chest disappeared, during her year-long rehabilitation.

"This represents a major triumph," he said. "It is a story of uncommon cooperation — commercial fishermen working side-by-side with biologists."

Loggerheads are one of five species of sea turtle that nest on Florida's shores; all are endangered. The communities of Alligator Point and Bald Point hosted a record-breaking 47 nests during last year's season, according to Bill Wargo, Alligator Point Sea Turtle Patrol.

Wargo advocates keeping the beaches in their natural state, the best protection for the endangered animals being minimal disruption of their breeding habitats. He reports that area residents are largely supportive of protection efforts, and consider wildlife an essential part of the community.

"Sea turtles are important sentinels," Wargo said. "They let us know what is happening in the environment. Ultimately, what is best for them is best for us."

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Sat, June 29	88°	78°	40 %
Sun, June 30	88°	78°	40 %
Mon, July 01	88°	78°	60 %
Tues, July 02	88°	78°	60 %
Wed, July 03	88°	79°	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
27	Th	8:39am 1.5	7:02pm 1.5	1:50am 0.0	1:57pm 0.9
28	Fr	9:04am 1.5	8:14pm 1.3	2:26am 0.2	3:09pm 0.8
29	Sa	9:31am 1.5	9:41pm 1.1	3:01am 0.4	4:26pm 0.6
30	Su	9:59am 1.6	1:13pm 1.0	3:34am 0.6	5:43pm 0.4
1	Mo	10:31am 1.6		4:09am 0.9	6:53pm 0.3
2	Tu	1:59am 1.1	1:107am 1.7	4:51am 1.0	7:54pm 0.1
3	We	3:50am 1.2	1:148am 1.7	5:57am 1.1	8:46pm 0.0
4	Th	4:43am 1.3	1:232pm 1.7	7:13am 1.2	9:33pm -0.1
5	Fr	5:18am 1.4	1:119pm 1.7	8:21am 1.3	10:15pm -0.2
6	Sa	5:46am 1.4	2:05pm 1.7	9:15am 1.3	10:52pm -0.2
7	Su	6:11am 1.4	2:51pm 1.7	10:02am 1.2	11:24pm -0.1

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
27	Th	7:14am 2.4	5:37pm 2.4	1:44am 1.4	
28	Fr	7:39am 2.4	6:49pm 2.1	1:213am 0.3	12:56pm 1.3
29	Sa	8:06am 2.4	8:16pm 1.8	1:248am 0.6	2:13pm 1.0
30	Su	8:34am 2.6	1:009pm 1.6	1:21am 1.0	3:30pm 0.6
1	Mo	9:06am 2.6		1:56am 1.4	4:40pm 0.5
2	Tu	12:34am 1.8	9:42am 2.7	2:38am 1.6	5:41pm 0.2
3	We	2:25am 1.9	1:023am 2.7	3:44am 1.8	6:33pm 0.0
4	Th	3:18am 2.1	1:107am 2.7	5:00am 1.9	7:20pm -0.2
5	Fr	3:53am 2.2	1:154am 2.7	6:08am 2.1	8:02pm -0.3
6	Sa	4:21am 2.2	1:240pm 2.7	7:02am 2.1	8:39pm -0.3
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Century plants flowering in Franklin

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Century plants are flowering across the county.

In case you haven't noticed, scores of the big succulents are shooting up huge bloom spikes.

That's a good thing, because the flower spikes are interesting and impressive. It's also a bad thing because once a century plant, also known as blue agave, flowers, it dies leaving behind a mass of small

"pups." I've received numerous calls about the agave flowers, including several from folks claiming to have the largest flowering century plant.

So far, the biggest I've seen is one in the backyard of Willie Irvine's island home, but the agave on the corner of Avenue F by the Bryant House bed and breakfast in Apalachicola and one near Chillias Hall in Lanark Village are both close seconds.

"Why are they all blooming?" asked Terry Kemp of St. George Island.

Mark Weatherington, assistant director of the Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University, said the age of the plant and unusual weather could play a role.

He said in the wild, under desert conditions, century plants actually might take 80 to 100 years to mature and flower; hence the name. In richer soil and with irrigation, they

usually take only 10 to 20 years to reach maturity.

Weatherington said it was possible weather conditions, including abundant rainfall last summer, could have helped trigger the widespread flowering.

Don Harrigan, a forecaster for the National Weather Service in Tallahassee, said last summer was a wet one here. Most residents will remember Tropical Storm Debbie brought record rains in June, and the wet weather continued through September.

Tony Avent of Plant Delights Nursery, also in North Carolina, is an agave expert. He said the flowering process began in 2012, likely last summer. He agreed agaves that are watered mature more rapidly than those growing wild.

"At some point, the plant switches from vegetative growth to flowering," he said. "Once that happens, you can't turn back. It's kind of like being pregnant."

By the way, removing the flower spike will not stop the plant from dying.

Avent suggested the mass flowering might be related more to the origin of the plants than weather conditions.

"It's possible many of the plants are second-generation clones of a single parent," he said. "Plants with the same origin planted in the same yard won't all flower at once, but they will flower within a few years of each other."

He suggested because Franklin County receives about seven times as much rain as the agave's native habitat, the plants might mature



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Agave flowers tower at Willie Irvine's two-story house on St. George Island.

about seven times as fast, putting the year of origin of all the clones flowering now at around 2000.

On a related note, Weatherington said he spent his summers at Indian Pass as a child at a beach house belonging to his grandfather, Tom Weatherington, who was a physician for Franklin County's health department. Mark's father, Lee, grew up in Apalachicola.

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Inshore

With June fast coming to an end, the area's lakes and creeks are heating up fast. Most creeks are near the 90-degree mark and will top that in July. This makes for some tough fishing, forcing us to go deep and fish early as we can. Most action out on the bay is top water trout and live LY fishing. Flounder are being caught in good numbers in the Fire Tower area and along the Pig Island channel this week

Offshore/Bottom

Red snapper fishing will come to a close Friday in federal waters. This year we have seen some good-sized fish, with some over 30 pounds. As the summer continues, the red snapper fishing will be in state waters only after Friday. High air and water temps will drive most of the bigger fish deeper and out of the 9-mile zone well into July.

Hoopsters not content with second place

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The Franklin County Basketball Academy 16 and under basketball team has played well this summer, but isn't willing to settle for second best.

The team placed second in the Tallahassee Comets Explosion Tournament on May 10-12, defeating the Quincy Warriors 48-28 to make it to the championship. Kelsey Jones and Logan McLeod made the All-Tournament team. Players who also participated in the tourney include Cameron White, Marshall Sweet, Tyler Howard, KK Wilson, Josue Barahona, Quantavious Fuller, Tanner Boone and Tyler Farmer.

On May 31, the team opened up its first tourney games against the Tallahas-

see Heat which had members from Godby, Lincoln, and FAMU high schools. Coach Michael Sweatt said the team played well but lost in double overtime. The last play of the game Jones hit a three-pointer to tie the game but one referee claimed his toe was on the line and called it a two-pointer so the Seahawks lost 53-52. This meant they had to win the rest of their games Saturday and Sunday to make it to the championship game.

"Boy, did our team respond to that," said Sweatt.

The team opened up Saturday morning at 10 a.m. with the Wildcats from Taylor County. It was a tight game at the half, with Franklin County down 19-17. "The second half we jumped on them with our full court pressure led by Sweet, White, and Jones

in the backcourt and outscored them 42-19, finalizing the score of 59-38," Sweatt said. An offensive spark from Barahona who hit six three-pointers in the game helped out.

The next game wasn't until 6 p.m. so the team went and watched a movie and hung out at the mall. They played the Georgia Rams, which had them beat in size but again speed and determination led to the victory. The Seahawks led the entire game and won with a defensive stop at the last play, with a final of 49-47.

McLeod fronted the post, as designed in the timeout, so they had to lob it over the top to their big man and there were Jones and White on the weak side to meet him. He threw up

See HOOPSTERS A12



Members of the Franklin County Basketball Academy 16 and Under team include Kelsey Jones, Logan McLeod, Cameron White, Marshall Sweet, Tyler Howard, KK Wilson, Josue Barahona, Quantavious Fuller, Tanner Boone, Matt Murray and Tyler Farmer.

Sports BRIEFS

Franklin School hosts Friday golf tourney

Go out and play golf to support the students, at the Franklin County Schools golf tournament. Tee time is Friday June 28 at 1 p.m. at St. James Bay Golf Resort

Prizes awarded for first, second and third places will be a cash payout. Amounts will be based on the participation of players and sponsors.

Prizes for "Closest to

the Pin", The "Longest Drive" winner will receive a free round of golf donated by Rob Burlison, head golf professional at St. James Bay Country Club. A buffet will be provided.

For sponsor questions call Shannon Venable, Franklin County Schools, 670-2810 ext. 4105 or svenable@franklin.k12.fl.us. For tournament questions contact Burlison at 697-9606 or rob@stjamesbay.com

Sacred Heart to offer free physicals

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, in Port St. Joe, will be conducting free physicals for all middle school and high school boys and girls in Franklin County at the Franklin County High School gymnasium from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 22 and Thursday, Aug. 15. The physicals are open to students at all schools in Franklin County.

Call Coach Michael Sweatt at 670-2800 ext. 1924 for details or any questions that are of concern. Physical forms can be uploaded and printed out at: <http://www.fhsaa.org/forms/general>

You can print out the EL02, EL03, and EL3CH forms and go ahead and get the general information filled out before you come. If not, then they will have copies here at the school the day of the physical dates listed

above. Try to have a parent accompanying your child.

If you are planning on playing a sport or even think you might be playing any sports at all then you will have to have a sports physical. So please take advantage of this free opportunity to get your physical now. A sports physical will last you one year for every sport, so you will not have to worry about it the entire school

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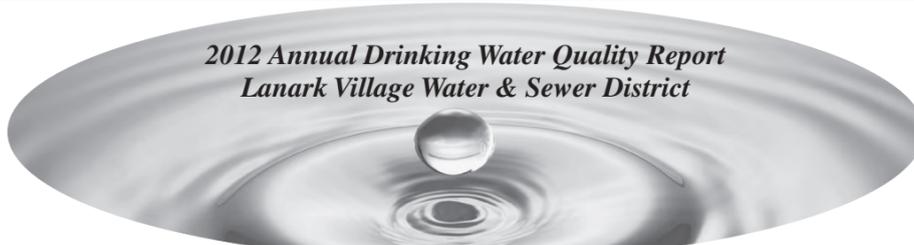
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We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from two wells. The wells draw from the Floridan Aquifer. Because of the excellent quality of our water, the only treatments required are chlorine for disinfection purposes and Aquamag, which is a polyphosphate compound injected as a sequestering agent that neutralizes scale and corrosion.

In 2012 the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Keith Mock, Water Superintendent, at (850) 251-9106. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held at The Carrabelle Municipal Complex, 1001 Gray Avenue, on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

The Lanark Village Water & Sewer District (LVWSD) routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2012. Data obtained before January 1, 2012, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the tables below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE): An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a

disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is a convincing evidence that additions of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Non applicable (NA): Does not apply

Non-Detect (ND): means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pci/L): measure of the radioactivity in water.

2012 CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo.-yr.)	MCL Violation %	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants							
Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	Mar 2009	N	0.4	NA	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants							
Barium (ppm)	Apr 2012	N	0.007	NA	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	Apr 2012	N	2	NA	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	Apr 2012	N	10	NA	NA	160	Salt water intrusion; leaching from soil
Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo.-yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation %	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	Jan-Dec 2012	N	1.43	0.73 - 2.12	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	July 2012	N	13.12	10.78 - 15.72	NA	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
THM5 (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	July 2012	N	36.3	23.99 - 43.59	NA	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo.-yr.)	AL Exceeded %	98 th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	Jan-Sep 2011	N	0.26	0 of 10	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	Jan-Sep 2011	N	5.0	0 of 10	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. LVWSD is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolved naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by **calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791**.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorder, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

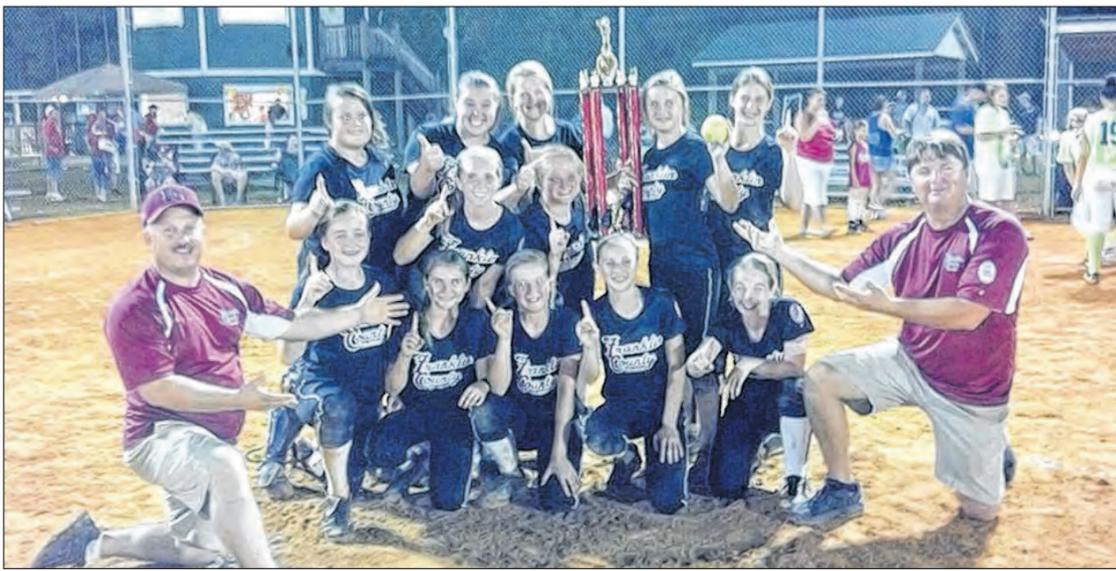
We work to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and **our children's future**. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.

DIXIE DEBS BOUND FOR STATE



The Dixie Debs, for girls age 18 and under, will be headed to the state tournament in Brooksville July 5 to 8. Back row, from left, are Coach Matt Kelley, Coach Kevin Newell, Morgan Newell, Christina Collins, Shannon Pridgeon, Brittany King, Ally Millender and Coach Allen Millender. Front row, from left, are Gracyon Kirvin, Maddie Newell, Morgan Kelley, Ashley Carroll and Marlyn Lee. Not pictured is Hannah Winkler.

BELLES HEADED TO STATE TOURNEY



On Sunday, June 23, the Dixie Youth League Belles won the District 2 championship in Wewahitchka, by defeating Port St. Joe and then Sneads in the championship. The team for girls age 15 and under will now compete in the state tournament on July 5 and 6 in Brooksville.

Pictured above are back row, from left, are Sami Bearden, Anna Riley, Myranda McLeod, Summer Medley and Allie Kirvin. Middle row, from left, are Krista Martina, and Vanessa Simmons. Front row, from left, are Madison Smith, Kimberly Boone, Sophia Kirvin, Adriana Butler and Lacey Hutchins. Coaches are Gary Martina, left, and Ward Kirvin.

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year until next summer.

Sweatt also extended his thanks to Dana Whaley and the county health department for providing free sport physicals to the Seahawk football team in the spring.

Letter of support for trail concept

On June 18, county commissioners voted unanimously to approve a resolution supporting the "concept of the

Capital City to Sea Trail corridor so long as it does not interfere with existing hunting activities" and to seek planning funds from the Florida Department of Transportation to evaluate potential corridors for the bike trail.

"This is for a study only," said County Planner Alan Pierce. "The results will come back to the board and the board will have to take approve any further action."

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a wild contested shot and Jones secured the rebound for the victory. On that play McLeod tweaked the knee he hurt during the jamboree football game.

"We thought we weren't going to have him on Sunday morning," Sweatt said.

Sunday the game started at 8 a.m. which meant the team left Apalachicola at 5:50 a.m. The team was sore and tired but everybody showed up ready to win. And who was at the gym at FAMU waiting? Logan.

"We played the Aucilla Attack team that morning and had a shaky first half," Sweatt said. "They ran a collapsing 2/3 zone and we were settling for contested shots and not running the play. We were down at the half 19-16."

The Seahawks played solid man defense led by Howard who shut their best player down the entire second half. They only scored six points and the final score was 39-25. "Farmer did really well, controlling the offense at the point in the second half too," Sweatt said.

With a three-game win streak, the Seahawks were

in the championship game, facing the 4-0 Tallahassee Heat. "The only dilemma was it didn't start until 3:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, so another drag time of waiting," Sweatt said. "We went to the mall then came back and watched some ball."

"The championship game started off rough. We had way too many turnovers throughout the whole game. Even though we turned the ball over, we played great defense," said the coach.

The Seahawks were down by four midway through the second half when McLeod went down again, and the team ended up losing by double digits.

"Even though we lost in the championship game our guys represented our county very well," Sweatt said. "Second place did not sit well with the team though, as this is now back-to-back tournaments in which we have been runner-up. I like that our team is not settling for second and is not happy with it. I am proud of how hard we fought though."

Jones was named to the All-Tournament Team again. Kids in this tournament included Howard, Sweet, McLeod, Wilson, Jones, Barahona, White, Farmer, and Matt Murray.

The team's next tournament was June 22 in Panama City. They are also playing on Tuesday evenings in Tallahassee at Dade Street Community Rec Center, in a 17-and-under league.

On Tuesday, the team played against Port St. Joe and Liberty County. They opened with a 41-29 win over Liberty and then lost to St. Joe in the nightcap 50-37. "We played well considering we were missing players," said Sweatt.

Kelsey Jones led scorers in the Liberty game with a double-double 16 points and 12 rebounds. In the second game White stood out with his hustle on defense and his dribble drive penetration, finishing with 11 points and five steals. Barahona hit six three-pointers in the game and led scorers with 18 points. McLeod did not participate in the St. Joe game, and Jones played sparingly due to a strained hip. Other players who participated and played well were Howard, Farmer, Murray, and Nathan Jones.

"Overall I liked the effort from the team and we are really improving and working hard," said Sweatt. "We started at the end of March with our off-season basketball and the past three months have been great for our older team and our younger team. We have been working three days a week and some four days a week on fundamentals and gaming."

"We have another month left in gaming for the off-season before fall basketball workouts start. The 16 and under team has 3 tournaments left in the month of July," he said.

"I want to thank our sponsors again Gander Auto Parts, Inc., Fisherman's Choice, Sandy Beach Properties, C and S Service, Barber's Seafood, and Gulf Coast Auto Parts," said Sweatt.

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The Franklin Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing.

PLUMBING RENOVATIONS AT THE FRANKLIN JAIL AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The project is located at 270 State Road 65, Eastpoint, Florida, and consists of replacing plumbing components on existing fixtures at the County Jail and Sheriff's Office.

Completion date for this project will be 60 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

A mandatory pre-bid walk-thru is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. The walk-thru will be held at the County Jail at 270 State Road, Eastpoint, Florida.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$200.00 per day.

The sealed bid must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "**PLUMBING RENOVATIONS AT COUNTY JAIL**". The envelope should also bear on the outside the Bidder's name, address and license number, if applicable.

Bids will be received until 4:30 p.m. (EST) on Monday, July 15, 2013, at the Franklin County Clerk's Office, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320-2317, and will be opened and read aloud on Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at the County Commission meeting held at the Courthouse Annex, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their best judgement will be in the best interest of Franklin County. All bids shall remain form for a period of sixty days after opening.

All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business in the State of Florida.

Questions should be addressed to Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, at 850-653-9783, Ext. 161 or alanp@fairpoint.net

PUBLISH DATES: Thursday, June 27, 2013
Thursday, July 4, 2013

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Lister book signing to benefit Riverkeeper

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MICHAEL LISTER

Wewahitchka author Michael Lister is celebrating an award by giving back to the area that informs so much of his writing.

In addition to a book signing Friday at the No Name Café in Port St. Joe, Lister will be part of a River Day Celebration on Saturday at Gaskin Park, at the end of Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka.

He will also donate a portion of book profits from his award-winning novel to an organization advocating for the health of the Apalachicola River and Bay.

Lister recently won his second Florida Book Award, a Silver Medal in Popular Fiction, for the fifth volume in his John Jordan mystery series, "Blood Sacrifice."

Lister won a Bronze Medal in General Fiction for "Double Exposure" in 2009.

The Silver Medal was of particular import because the John Jordan series is the springboard for everything Lister has written in the past 15 years.

"It was really a surprise," Lister said. "It meant so much to me. That was so special. I didn't see it coming. I was just thrilled."

To date, Lister has had 11 novels, three short-story collections, and three non-fiction books published.

"I have written a lot of other books, but I always return to John Jordan," Lister said. "There is a soft spot in my heart for that series. My first published novel was a John Jordan mystery and now 15 years later for the fifth book in the series to be honored in this way means so much to me."

Lister serves on the board of the

Apalachicola Riverkeeper, a non-profit organization advocating for the health of the Apalachicola River, its tributaries and watersheds as well as Apalachicola Bay.

And as "Double Exposure" and "Blood Sacrifice" touched on issues surrounding the river and swamps that surround it, Lister saw a "great opportunity to do something."

That something is two days of celebration of his writings and the river, with a portion of proceeds going to the Riverkeeper organization.

Lister will donate half of all profits from every copy of "Blood Sacrifice" sold this summer to the organization.

"Winning a Florida Book Award really helps boost the profile of the book and the series and the other things you have written," Lister said. "There is no question you get a bump from that for everything you write."

"Part of the mystery/thriller plot of "Blood Sacrifice" involves key environmental issues facing Florida so it's a natural fit to use sales of the book for this cause."

Serving on the Riverkeeper board he understands the dire need for and the importance of the organization.

"With all the water wars and issues we are facing, the collapse of the bay especially, there is a real challenge here," Lister said. "It seems like there is no reasonableness, nothing makes sense. And there are solutions. We can do so much more with less water."

"There is a great deal of concern among Riverkeeper for the bay and I am equally concerned about the rivers and the swamps. I just love this area so much and I am mindful of the issues we are facing."

"If we just rely on our elected officials, we are screwed. Alabama and

Florida seem to be on the same page, but the way Georgia and the (U.S. Army) Corps have managed things, how do you get someone who has everything they want to the table?"

Lister will hold a book signing at No Name Café and the following day the River Day Celebration promises something for all ages.

Wewa Search and Rescue will offer free boat rides on the river, including sonar so passengers can get a glimpse of life below the surface.

There will be a boat poker run and a biker rally which will begin in Bay County, meander through Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka and end at Gaskin Park.

Dave Lloyd out of Bay County will be on hand to provide live music throughout the day, there will be a boat and car wash and a rides, pony and bounzee, for the kids.

Lister will be reading from his writings and the photography of Clyde Butcher will be on display.

"I just thought it would be a great idea to meet at the river and on it and entire thing is a fundraiser for Riverkeeper."

Entry to the event is free, though there will be charges for some activities.

"I've always wanted my books to be highly entertaining, but not just that," Lister said. "I want them to make a difference in the lives of their readers, to enrich them, to expand them in some small way. Partnering with Riverkeeper is doing the same thing—trying to make a difference."

"Blood Sacrifice" and Lister's other books are available in hardcover, paperback, ebook, and audiobook, and can be found online, at bookstores, and at his website www.MichaelLister.com.

For more information call Dawn at 628-4559 or email PulpwoodPress@gmail.com.



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Independence Day celebrations across the county

By **LOIS SWOBODA**
The Times

Independence Day celebrations are planned across the county.

Independence Day begins on July 3 this year with the second annual Old Apalachicola Independence Day Celebration sponsored by Historic Apalachicola Main Street. The Red, White and Blue Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. at Lafayette Park and will wind its way down Avenue C, under the bridge at Battery Park and along Water Street to end at Riverfront Park. The parade will be followed by a traditional ice cream social.

The shrimp boat Lady Louise will act as a stage for live music. The Hillside Community Choir will provide stirring patriotic tunes on the docks. In addition, there will be an All American Kids' Corner with unique games and activities for the youngsters.

The highlight of the evening begins at dark thirty (approximately 9:15 p.m.) when revelers will be treated to a professional fireworks display over the Apalachicola River. Bill Grimes of Tallahassee has graciously donated his barge as a launch vehicle for the pyrotechnic extravaganza. This commitment along with the tremendous generosity of many residents, businesses and friends of Apalachicola has allowed Main Street to increase the fireworks display twofold over last year.

Please take time to observe our sponsors board located in Riverfront Park. These are the wonderful people, along with many Main Street volunteers who made our Independence Day celebration a reality.

For more information or to volunteer, call Jim Bachrach at 899-8689 or Harry Arnold at 524-0770.

Carrabelle and St. George Island plan celebrations for July 4. In Carrabelle, there will be a professional fireworks display at dark-thirty. Come downtown to enjoy local businesses and a spectacular show.

On St. George Island, July 4 begins with a holiday parade hosted by the St. George Island Business Association. Decorate your vehicle and join in. Anyone in costume, on a float or in a decorated vehicle can participate in the parade. Bring your squirt guns and plan to get wet! Line up at the intersection of First Street West and West Pine starting at 10 a.m. Parade begins at 11 a.m. Prize for the best decorated golf cart.

At dark thirty, there will be fireworks on the beach at the Blue Parrot.

On July 5, the St. George Island Trash Patrol and anyone who wants to help will meet to clean up the central part of the island. Gather by the lighthouse at 9 a.m. Trash bags, gloves, water, and T-shirts will be provided.

Lanark Village will observe Independence Day too. At the Lanark Village Boat Club, on July 4, members will prepare chicken and ribs. Donation is \$3. Bring your favorite covered dish to share. Serving begins at 1 p.m.

Then on Saturday, July 6 come to the Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 for a cookout with a half grilled chicken and two sides for a donation of \$8. Serving begins at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2013, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES, APPEALS, AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

- 1 - CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A VERTICAL SEAWALL WITHIN THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 5, BLOCK B, MAGNOLIA BLUFFS, 123 N BAYSHORE DRIVE, EASTPOINT, FRANKLIN COUNTY FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL L. ANDERSON, AGENT FOR EMERSON C. JOHNS, JR., OWNER.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL ADDRESS THIS REQUEST AT THEIR MEETING ON JULY 16, 2013.

*Persons wishing to comment may do so in person or in writing to the Franklin County Planning & Zoning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, FL 32320. Transactions of this hearing will not be recorded, persons wishing to record the proceedings must make the necessary arrangements for recording.

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Halifax names new publisher in Fort Walton Beach, weekly newspapers

Staff Reports

Skip Foster, a veteran publisher and Florida native, a veteran publisher and Florida native, will be the next publisher of the Northwest Florida Daily News and oversee weekly newspapers in Milton, Crestview, Destin and Walton County.



SKIP FOSTER

Friday morning's announcement followed a nearly two-month search that drew candidates from across the country and ended with the hiring of Foster, publisher of the Shelby Star in Cleveland County, N.C., since 2007.

er Quinn, central regional publisher for Halifax Media Group, which also owns the Shelby Star. "We looked across the country and found that the best candidate was one of our own."

"He has a proven track record of not just leading award-winning newspapers, but of making a newspaper — and himself — an integral part of the community it serves."

Before assuming the publisher's role at the Shelby Star, Foster served as its editor for 10 years. During that time it was part of the chain of newspapers that included the Northwest Florida Daily News, giving

him familiarity with the "unbelievable" beauty of the region and its newspapers.

"I am honored to lead such a tremendous team in this growing and vibrant market," Foster said. "No one provides better content and better marketing solutions than The Daily News."

"I can't wait to get to know this community," he continued. "My favorite part of being publisher is connecting the newspaper with readers, businesses and organizations in the markets we serve."

Foster leaves a legacy of community involvement in Shelby.

Just this month, he was awarded the H. Eugene LeGrand Lifetime Achievement award from the

United Way of Cleveland County. He was also named most outstanding volunteer on the 2007 United Way campaign and the 2010 volunteer of the year for the organization.

In 2009, Foster founded "Connect, Commit to Change," a community event which brings together two groups: agencies that help children and new volunteers. The effort was launched in the wake of a shooting death in Shelby, after which a Shelby Star reporter heard a young child matter-of-factly ask "Who got killed?" Foster wrote a column asking the community to commit to doing more for the community's children. A board was formed and last year, dur-

ing the now-annual event, more than 200 volunteers signed commitment cards to help one of the more than 50 agencies that help children.

Foster has also served on the board of the Cleveland County Chamber and the legislative committee of the N.C. Press Association. He has served two stints on the vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and is a member of the Shelby Rotary Club.

At The Shelby Star, he helped launch and sustain a content innovation project that earned the paper international attention. In 2007, Foster was invited to speak in Paris, France, about The Shelby Star's forays into multimedia journalism.

Foster was a 2002 Ethics Fellow with the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla., and helped write Poynter's "Journalism without Scandal" report in 2003.

A native of Lakeland, Foster began his career as a sports writer in Hickory, N.C., in 1988, after graduating from the University of the South in Seawee, Tenn. He moved to The Gaston Gazette in Gastonia, N.C., in 1989 and eventually was promoted to managing editor.

Foster is married to District Court Judge Anna F. (Dina) Foster, who will be resigning her seat to relocate to the Panhandle. They have three children: Mary Frances, 18; Matthew, 15; and Will, 11.

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A/B

First Grade

A. Carlton: Alexicia McNair Martin, Jayla White

L. Allen: Cody

Abercrombie, Amontaye Austin, Caelyn Constantine, Trinity Creamer; Conner Lolley, Taylor Mallon, Charles McClain, Emma Rowland

Fourth Grade

M. Lee: Devin Daniels, Leslie Escobar, Kelsey Griffin, Lamarius Martin, Kiersten Prince, Avery Scott

L. Bockelman: Dorian

Fleming, Skye Huber, Jady Luberto, Elizabeth McAnally, Clinton Rester; Lyndsey Stiefel, Gregory Wilson

Sixth Grade

Alexus Johnson, Madison Coulter, Hailey Gay, Steven Hicks, Karolynn Myers, Dajon Penamon, Cameron Wynn

Seventh Grade

Christian Amison, Michaela Cassidy, Katelynn Denney, Simon Hodgson, Nick Joanos, Brooke Martina, Ethan Moses, Georjanna Myers, Andrew Nguyen, Madison Smith

Eighth Grade

Cash Creamer, Tia Cummings, Max Davis, Jaylon Gainer, Emily Gay, Juliana Gay, Kacey Howard, Bianca Huber, Bobbie Kilgore, Zachary May, Alexis Segree, Alyssa Shiver, Anna Smith, Katy Spann, Marshall Sweet, Xuripha Tiller, KK Wilson, Emily Zingarelli

Second Grade

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Third Grade

W. Martina: Caleb Abel,



The following is the honor roll for the fourth and final nine-week grading period at the Apalachicola Bay Charter School for the 2012-13 school year.

All A's

First Grade

A. Carlton: Hannah Grace Abel, Peyton Blackburn, Leonard Conway, Reece Juno, William Luberto, Taylor Pendleton, Isabella Price, Aubrie Thompson, Kiana Weeks

L. Allen: Andie Hutchins, Maya Itzkovitz, Esteban Bernabe, Malic O'Neal

Second Grade

J. Mallon: Eric Lau, Jayden Nichols, River Sheridan, Trinity Taylor,

Third Grade

W. Martina: Ella Friedman, Alex Itzkovitz, Gavin Lashley, Andrew Monod, Genevieve Montgomery, Sophia Salman, Nico Valenzuela

T. Moses: Meredith Alford, Weston Bockelman, Gracie Smith

Fourth Grade

M. Lee: Kaylee Hicks, Livia Monod, Arryonna Cargill, Jon Michael Cates, Ava Neill

L. Bockelman: Alex Joanos,

John Michael Thompson

S. Herrington: Kendall Hill, Lucy Neill, Arav Patel, Jabara Pearson, Timothy Poloronis, Kylah Ross, Brianna Stephens, Mark Willis

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HAMMOND; and CARRAWAY BAY, LLC, a dissolved Florida limited liability company, Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>NOTICE IS GIVEN that in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 28th, 2013 in above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on July 18th, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.(CST), at the Franklin County Courthouse, located at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 for the following described</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>property:</p> <p>Lot 51, Carraway Bay Plantation, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 10-11, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.</p> <p>Property Address: Lot 51 Carraway Bay Plantation, Carrabelle, FL 32322</p> <p>ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.</p> <p>Dated: May 31, 2013</p> <p>MARCIA M. JOHNSON, FRANKLIN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT</p> <p>By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk June 20, 27, 2013</p> <p>91446T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CASE NO.12000377CA</p> <p>JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>CARLTON JACKSON, et al Defendant(s).</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>TO: RICKY R. REGIST A/K/A RICKY R. REGIST, THE UNKNOWN</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>SPOUSE OF RICKY R. REGIST</p> <p>RESIDENT: Unknown</p> <p>LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 5553 SPRING HILL ROAD, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32305</p> <p>YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in FRANKLIN County, Florida:</p> <p>LOT 1 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 2, BLOCK 128 (E-10), OF PICKETT'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 20 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy to your written defenses, if any, to this action on Phelan Hallinan, PLC, attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.</p> <p>This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The Apalachicola Times.</p> <p>DATED: March 6, 2013</p> <p>Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>Court</p> <p>By Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk of the Court</p> <p>Movant counsel certifies that a bona fide effort to resolve this matter on the motion noticed has been made or that, because of time consideration, such effort has not yet been made but will be made prior to the scheduled hearing.</p> <p>If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance.</p> <p>Please contact: Danny Davis Court Technology Office Office of Court Administration 301 S Monroe St, Rm 225 Tallahassee, FL 32303 850.577.4401</p> <p>At least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.</p> <p>File No. 33981 June 20, 27, 2013</p> <p>91530T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 19-2011-CA-000489</p> <p>DIVISION: NATIONSTAR</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>CHRISTOPHER B. MORRIS, et al, Defendant(s).</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>To: CHRISTOPHER B. MORRIS Last Known Address: 3940 W W Kelley Rd. W Tallahassee, FL 32311</p> <p>Current Address: Unknown</p> <p>ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.</p> <p>Last Known Address: Unknown</p> <p>Current Address: Unknown</p> <p>YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Franklin county, Florida:</p> <p>LOT 3 BLOCK 12 OF EAST, ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES, UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 7 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>A/K/A 317 E GORRIE DR, EASTPOINT, FL</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>32328-2821</p> <p>has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.</p> <p>WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 12th day of June, 2013.</p> <p>Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court</p> <p>By: Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk</p> <p>**See the Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Courts, Marcia M. Johnson, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320; telephone number (850) 653-8861, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call (850)577-4400. To file response please contact Franklin County Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320, Tel: (850)653-8861; Fax: (850)653-9339.</p> <p>June 27, July 4, 2013</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>91564T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000539</p> <p>ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>OLLIE L. GUNN, JR A/K/A OLLIE L. GUNN; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; LAS BRISAS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, INC.; TAYLOR'S BUILDING SUPPLY; SUSAN M. GUNN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.</p> <p>RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 11th day of June, 2013, and entered in Case No. 19-2009-CA-000539, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein ONEWEST BANK, FSB is the Plaintiff and OLLIE L. GUNN, JR A/K/A OLLIE L. GUNN, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., LAS BRISAS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, INC., TAYLOR'S BUILDING SUPPLY, SUSAN M. GUNN and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>best bidder for cash at the FRONT STEPS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 33 MARKET STREET, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320, 11:00 AM on the 15th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:</p> <p>LOT 31, LAS BRISAS, A SUBDIVISION ON AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 15 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.</p> <p>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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850.577.4401, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, 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.</p> <p>Dated this 12th day of June, 2013.</p> <p>MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>Court</p> <p>By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Submitted by: Choice Legal Group, PA. Fort Lauderdale, Florida 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 Phone: (954)453-0365 Fax: (954)771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438</p> <p>DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA.R.JUD.ADMIN 2.516 eservice@cleagalgroup.com</p> <p>File No: 09-25120 June 27, July 4, 2013</p> <p>93951T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CASE NO.: 11-129 CA</p> <p>CADENCE BANK, as successor by Merger with SUPERIOR BANK, N.A., as successor in interest to SUPERIOR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>PAUL E. HAWKER and MARY S. HAWKER, Husband and Wife, Defendants.</p> <p>AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 22nd day of April, 2013, in Case Number 11-129 CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, where-</p>
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in CADENCE BANK, as successor by Merger with Superior Bank, N.A., as successor in interest to Superior Bank, FSB, is the Plaintiff and PAUL E. HAWKER and MARY S. HAWKER are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder at the front lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., E.S.T., on the 8th day of AUGUST, 2013, the following described real property, as set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

Commence at the Northeastly corner of Lot 1, Block 16, Unit 4, Lanark Village, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 6, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida, and run South 67 degrees 13 minutes 35 seconds East 261.30 feet to a point lying on the Northerly right-of-way boundary of State Road No. 30, thence run South 62 degrees 13 minutes 55 seconds West along said right of way boundary 574.40 feet to a concrete monument (marked 4261) marking the Point of Beginning; from said Point of Beginning and leaving said right-of-way boundary run North 27 degrees 32 minutes 15 seconds West 191.00 feet to a concrete monument; thence run North 88 degrees 41 minutes 17 seconds West 164.32 feet to a re-rod (marked 4261); thence run South 15 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds East 277.04 feet to a re-rod (marked 4261) lying on the Northwest-erly right of way of State Road No. 30; thence run North 62 degrees 13 minutes, 55 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary 201.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AT THE TIME OF THE SALE, THE SUCCESSFUL HIGH BIDDER OR BIDDERS, AS THE CASE MAY BE, SHALL POST WITH THE CLERK A DEPOSIT EQUAL TO 5 PERCENT OF THE FINAL BID. THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE SALE PRICE AT THE TIME OF PAYMENT. THE SUM REMAINING DUE AND OWING AFTER APPLICATION OF THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE PAID TO THE CLERK IN CERTIFIED FUNDS NO LATER THAN TEN (10) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SALE.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, OR BIDDERS, AT THE SALE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLACE THE REQUISITE STATE DOCUMENTARY STAMPS ON THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record, as of the date of the Lis Pendens, may claim the surplus.

DATED this 5th day of June, 2013.

MARCIA JOHNSON Franklin County Clerk of the Court

By: Terry E. Creamer As Deputy Clerk June 20, 27, 2013

93953T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NO.: 11-128 CA

CADENCE BANK, as successor by Merger with SUPERIOR BANK, N.A., as successor in interest to SUPERIOR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

PAUL E. HAWKER and MARY S. HAWKER, Husband and Wife, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 22nd day of April, 2013, in Case Number 11-128 CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, where-in CADENCE BANK, as successor by Merger with Superior Bank, N.A., as successor in interest to Superior Bank, FSB, is the Plaintiff and PAUL E. HAWKER and MARY S. HAWKER are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder at the front lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., E.S.T., on the 8th day of August, 2013, the following described real property, as set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

Lot 13, Block B, Saint James Island Park (Unit No. 1), according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 19, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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AT THE TIME OF THE SALE, THE SUCCESSFUL HIGH BIDDER OR BIDDERS, AS THE CASE MAY BE, SHALL POST WITH THE CLERK A DEPOSIT EQUAL TO 5 PERCENT OF THE FINAL BID. THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE SALE PRICE AT THE TIME OF PAYMENT. THE SUM REMAINING DUE AND OWING AFTER APPLICATION OF THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE PAID TO THE CLERK IN CERTIFIED FUNDS NO LATER THAN TEN (10) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SALE.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, AT THE SALE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLACE THE REQUISITE STATE DOCUMENTARY STAMPS ON THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record, as of the date of the Lis Pendens, may claim the surplus.

DATED this 5th day of June, 2013.

MARCIA JOHNSON Franklin County Clerk of the Court

By: Terry E. Creamer As Deputy Clerk June 20, 27, 2013

93983T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CASE NO.: 12-21-CA

APALACHICOLA INTERNATIONAL AVIATION TRAINING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGE P. HAMM, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment entered in the above-styled cause on the 28th day of May, 2013, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by public sale, on the 10th day of July, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), at the courthouse located at 33 Market Street in Franklin County in Apalachicola, Florida, the following described property situated in Franklin County, Florida, and set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

1981 PIPER PA-44-180, SERIAL NO. 44-8195009, FAA REGISTRATION No. N8307E, LYCOMING 0-360A1D ENGINE TOGETHER WITH ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL LOGBOOKS (ENGINE, AIRCRAFT AND PROPELLER), PARTS, RADIOS, AVIONICS, AND PROPELLERS.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Court, on this 3rd day of June, 2013.

MARCIA JOHNSON Franklin County Clerk of the Court

By: Terry E. Creamer As Deputy Clerk June 20, 27, 2013

94159T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, CASE NO.: 12-187-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK and GULF STATE BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGE T. PATRENOS, JR., a/k/a GEORGE T. PATRENOS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE T. PATRENOS, JR., a/k/a JACK ZINGARELLI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSEPH F. ZINGARELLI, JR., a/k/a JACK ZINGARELLI; TWO J's TRADING COMPANY, a Florida corporation; MARIO LANE; THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRUST FUND and RAPE CRISIS PROGRAM TRUST FUND; FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT #1, who may be in possession, Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Partial Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 10, 2013, in Case No.: 12-187-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at public sale on the front steps of the

front steps of the Court House at 11:00 a.m. EST on August 15, 2013 the following described property:

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COURT HOUSE AT 11:00 a.m. EST on August 15, 2013 the following described property:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES WEST 1449.94 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 98, THENCE WITH SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE RUN SOUTH 83 DEGREES 26 MINUTES EAST 617.46 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTH, THENCE WITH SAID CURVE RUN EASTERLY WITH A RADIUS OF 5629.65 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 48 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 163.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST 219.13 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 200.0 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 232.45 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED RIGHT-OF-WAY, THENCE WITH SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY AND A CURVE RUN WESTERLY WITH A RADIUS OF 5629.65 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 25 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 200.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL SECTION 11 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1315.07 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY SECTION LINE, GO SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 631.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST ALONG A LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.86 FEET TO AN IRON ROD, THENCE LEAVING SAID POINT GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 213.25 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 30 (US HIGHWAY 98), SAID POINT BEING A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 5645.24 FEET, THENCE GO NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE HAVING A RADIUS OF 5645.24 FEET AND CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 19 SECONDS, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 44.86 FEET (CHORD=44.86 FEET, CHORD BEARING=NORTH 83 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST) TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, GO NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 208.74 FEET MORE OR LESS

PARCEL NO. 2:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL SECTION 11 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1315.07 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY SECTION LINE, GO SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 631.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST ALONG A LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.86 FEET TO AN IRON ROD, THENCE LEAVING SAID POINT GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 213.25 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 30 (US HIGHWAY 98), SAID POINT BEING A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 5645.24 FEET, THENCE GO NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE HAVING A RADIUS OF 5645.24 FEET AND CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 19 SECONDS, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 44.86 FEET (CHORD=44.86 FEET, CHORD BEARING=NORTH 83 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST) TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, GO NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 208.74 FEET MORE OR LESS

DATED: June 20, 2013.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of the Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk June 27, July 4, 2013

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Franklin County S.H.I.P. Program

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners through the Franklin County S.H.I.P. Program will be accepting applications starting on July 19, 2013 for the Down Payment Assistance Program, to buy existing housing only, Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and Emergency Repair programs. The deadline for submitting applications will be August 30, 2013. For an application or more information please call Lori Switzer at 653-8199 or come by the office at 192-14th Street, Apalachicola.

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COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL SECTION 11 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1315.07 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY SECTION LINE, GO SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 676.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST ALONG A LINE ESTABLISHED BY REMNANTS OF A WIRE FENCE WITH CEDAR POSTS FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID FENCE REMNANTS, GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 222.99 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 30 (U.S. HIGHWAY 98), SAID POINT BEING IN A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 5645.24 FEET; THENCE GO NORTH WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE HAVING A RADIUS OF 5645.24 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 10 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 100.44 FEET (CHORD=100.44 FEET, CHORD BEARING= NORTH 84 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST) TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, GO NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 213.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN AND BEING A PORTION OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL NO. 3:

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DATED: June 20, 2013.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of the Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk June 27, July 4, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS 1120

Other

Franklin County S.H.I.P. Program

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners through the Franklin County S.H.I.P. Program will be accepting applications starting on July 19, 2013 for the Down Payment Assistance Program, to buy existing housing only, Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and Emergency Repair programs. The deadline for submitting applications will be August 30, 2013. For an application or more information please call Lori Switzer at 653-8199 or come by the office at 192-14th Street, Apalachicola.

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3130 - Auctions
3140 - Baby Items
3150 - Building Supplies
3160 - Business Equipment
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3190 - Electronics
3200 - Firewood
3210 - Free Pass It On
3220 - Furniture
3230 - Garage/Yard Sales
3240 - Guns
3250 - Good Things to Eat
3260 - Health & Fitness
3270 - Jewelry/Clothing
3280 - Machinery/Equipment
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3300 - Miscellaneous
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News BRIEFS

Oyster licenses on sale through Friday

Sale of the Apalachicola Bay Oyster Harvesting License will continue through Friday, June 28, at the \$100 rate. Staff will sell the license from the old DEP-ANERR building at 261 Dr. Frederick S. Humphries St. (formerly Seventh Street) in Apalachicola.

Apalachicola historical society to meet Saturday

The annual meeting of the Apalachicola Area Historical

Society will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at the home of Lynn and Bill Spohrer, 127 Ave. B, in Apalachicola.

Elections will be held for members of the board. Mel Livingston will discuss his restoration of the old Economy Cash Building in the Bowery, also known as the "Bucket of Blood Street" to many local old-timers. Amanda Pace will talk about a landscaping plan for the Raney House. President Tom Daly will speak briefly about his research into an endowment program for the society.

Plantation photo contest seeks entries

The St. George Plantation 2013 Photo Contest continues through Aug. 28.

The Plantation is asking photographers to submit photographs of St. George Island, Apalachicola or Franklin County, accompanied by a written release form granting St. George Plantation Owners' Association permission to publish your photos. You may submit up to two photographs in the competition with a required \$5 entry fee. Prizes include first place \$150,

second place \$100, third place \$50 and People's Choice \$50. For more information, go to www.sgpoa.com.

Seafood workers to meet July 8

The Franklin County Seafood Workers Association will meet at 6 p.m. July 8 at the fire house in Eastpoint, on the corner of Sixth Street and CC Land Road. Workers will discuss association business and conduct elections to seat replacement officers for the secretary, treasury and second vice president seats. For

more information, call Shannon at 653-5190.

KidCare/Medicaid assistance available

The Florida Department of Health in Franklin County is offering KidCare/Medicaid assistance. For more information or to sign up, stop by the county health department offices. Visit the Apalachicola location at 139 12th St. on Thursdays or the Carrabelle location, 106 N.E. Fifth St, on third Tuesdays. For questions, call 653-2111.



Trivia Fun

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"Trivia Fun" with Wilson Casey, Guinness World Record Holder from Woodruff, S.C., is published in more than 500 newspapers across the country and is now a weekly feature in The Times.

1) "Thousand Island" dressing was

named for the islands of which river?

Niagara, Ohio, St. Lawrence, Mackenzie

2) What's the biggest city in the largest-sized geographical state?

New York, Dallas, Anchorage, Los Angeles

3) Of these actresses, who was not born in California?

Lisa Kudrow, Kirsten Dunst, Helen Hunt, Teri Hatcher

4) Per capita, from where are the most chicken-eaters?

Mexico, Venezuela, Italy, Saudi Arabia

5) What are a rattlesnake's belly scales called?

Scutes, Scuds, Skits, Scowls

6) How many times does the earth go around the sun yearly?

1, 7, 24, 365

7) Who was the

first U.S. president to pardon a dog?

Monroe, Tyler, Harding, LBJ

8) What means to talk through your nose?

Snoach, Lute, Noose, Aedicule

9) Churchill Downs is a horseracing track in Kentucky, but where is Pimlico, another track?

Missouri, Florida, Virginia, Maryland

10) Of these actors

who was not born in California?

Robert Duvall, Jack Nicholson, Kevin Costner, James Cromwell

11) What's the average time lapse in hours between high and low tides on Earth?

2, 4, 6, 8

12) Near which country's town of Jerez does Sherry (wine) originate?

Chile, Italy, Spain, Peru

13) What are the

rotating blades on a windmill called?

Primers, Sails, Grubs, Leaves

14) Where did pajamas originate?

India, Panama, Ireland, Egypt

ANSWERS

1) St. Lawrence. 2) Anchorage. 3) Kirsten Dunst. 4) Saudi Arabia. 5) Scutes. 6) 1. 7) Harding. 8) Snoach. 9) Maryland. 10) Jack Nicholson. 11) 6. 12) Spain. 13) Sails. 14) India.

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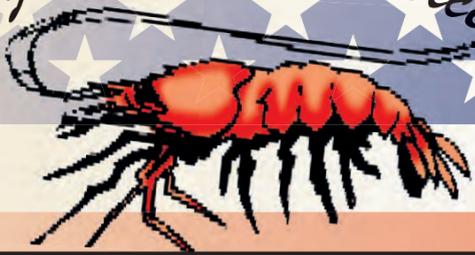
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SGI East End Bay Front \$689,000
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Greater Apalachicola \$169,000
 1 Bdr 1 Ba | 1,564 Sq Ft

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SGI Gulf Beaches 1st Tier Gulf \$625,000
 3Bdr 2 Ba | 1,537 Sq Ft

"Summer Dreams" - 1st tier beach cottage located on SGI! The home is impeccable inside & out with top of the line upgrades, furnishings & décor. Granite countertops, custom cabinets & backsplash in the gourmet kitchen. The family room has a gas fireplace & ample seating for a number of guests; the master bedroom is large with views of the gulf. Extra bedrooms share a bath. An open porch spans the front of the home overlooking a beautifully landscaped yard. Fish cleaning sink, shower, picnic table & additional storage for a boat, jetski's etc.



SGI Gulf Beaches Bay Front \$429,000
 4 Bdr 2 Ba | 1,000 Sq Ft

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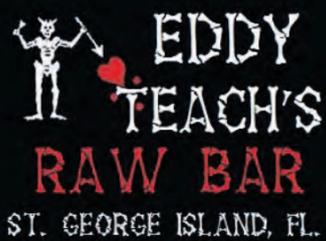
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6:30 PM – The Red, White, and Blue Parade
After parade- Traditional Ice Cream Social,
Live Music, Hillside Community Choir,
Games and Activities for the Kids.
9:15 PM “Dark Thirty” Fireworks over
The Apalachicola River

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July 4th, 2013 – 9:00 PM “Dark Thirty”
Come downtown to enjoy local businesses
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St. George Island

July 4th, 2013 - The Island Blast!



11:00 AM -
Eddy Teach's
Wettest and Wildest
4th of July Parade

Dress up your Golf
Cart or Come Watch. Bring your water guns
and water balloons, meet up at the corner of
3rd Street W. and W. Pine beginning at 10:30
a.m. and get ready for a wet and wild parade
you won't forget!



9:00 PM “Dark Thirty” - Fireworks on the
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328 Bruce Street



90' x 150' Enjoy beautiful bay views from this lot. Located in a neighborhood of mostly permanent and second homes. The neighboring lot is also for sale, offering an opportunity to design and build a unique home with plenty of room for boat storage and privacy. Only half a mile to the center of the island where you can enjoy restaurants, shopping or put your boat in the public landing under the bridge! Beach access just five short blocks down 6th St.

MLS #249459 • \$69,000

1267 Avocet Lane



Lovely bayfront lot with stunning marsh views in St. George Plantation. Located on Avocet Lane which is the first street in the Plantation so you won't have far to drive! An elevated house would offer western vistas overlooking the marsh towards the sunset. The lot has tall, mature pine trees which will provide shade and habitats for excellent bird watching opportunities. A beautiful homestead for a nature lover!

MLS #248249 • \$75,000

355 Bruce Street



If you like DEEP WATER DOCK-AGE on open water, you'll love this lot. Deep channel is less than 100' from shoreline at the end of adjacent docks. Dock permit previously obtained by owner (now expired) ended at the channel and would have accommodated a 30-foot boat. Views from the first level of a home would be incredible. Protected by rock seawall. Very nice homes in neighborhood and good neighbors. Recent Development Feasibility Assessment in file showing 1,654 square feet available for 1st floor home plus plenty of room for on-site septic system and drainfield.

MLS #235780 • \$179,000

1748 East Gulf Beach Drive



Very nice Gulf front townhome. This unit has been recently remodeled throughout with a new kitchen, a new ceramic tiled master bath, ceramic tiled floors, and new living room furniture. Enjoy beautiful views of the Gulf. Subdivision offers 2 large swimming pools and is located near the State Park.

MLS #246514 • \$402,000

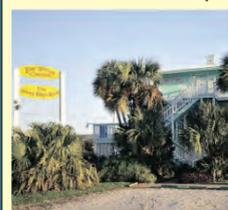
1435 Evodia Court



Waterbird Watch lives up to its name with incredible bay views overlooking natural wildlife habitats. The wraparound deck is extra wide to accommodate hammocks, lounge chairs and birders with binoculars! All the decks and exterior stairs are TREX deck no maintenance. Inside are two living areas so everyone can have a bit of privacy. The kitchen is on one end of the great room where the whole family can gather to discuss the day's sights. One of the four bedrooms is a custom built bunk room that will delight the kids. Though chances are they will probably spend most of their time in the heated, screened swimming pool. Currently on the rental market and very popular with nature lovers!

MLS #248729 • \$439,000

Island Emporium



Successful St. George Island business for sale! The Island Emporium has been an island fixture for 22 years. It is the go-to spot on the island to find anything to make a beach vacation more enjoyable: games, bikes, swim-suits, beach towels, t-shirts, hats, seafood cookbooks, sand pails & shovels, and mementos. This sale includes the real estate and business. The real estate consists of a 3,431 total sq. ft. building on three tropically landscaped lots zoned C-4 mixed use allowing for residential living space. Building sits on two lots so the third could be used for expansion. Business includes all inventory, fixtures and equipment along with an outstanding reputation and exclusive lines of merchandise only available at the Island Emporium. Excellent opportunity to purchase turnkey business with repeat customers and room for growth!

MLS #248122 • \$450,000

2160 Tarpon Lane



Lovely first tier cypress home nestled under pines and oaks on a private lot. Built by William Solberg this three bedroom, 2 bath home features wonderful decks and screen porches on the east and west side of the house. Enjoy the sunrises and sunsets in shaded, screened comfort! The efficiently designed kitchen features a breakfast bar overlooking the dining area and living room. A wonderful top floor living area with fireplace, grand windows with views of the Gulf and vaulted ceiling is sure to be a favorite spot for everyone. Located just a few hundred feet from the beach access and quick bike ride to the community center with pool, tennis courts and Plantation amenities!

MLS #249523 • \$499,000

1838 Sunset Drive



Beautiful, high beachfront lot in the prestigious subdivision of Sunset Beach that is next to the State Park. This subdivision offers a community pool, club house, and tennis court. Lot is located at the end of the cul-de-sac so it's a very private area next to the boardwalk. OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED BUYER WITH 25% DOWN, 30 YR. AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE WITH A 5 YR. BALLOON. INTEREST AT 5.34% FIXED FOR FIRST 3 YRS.; PRIME RATE + 2 1/2% for 4th & 5th yrs. Seller's lender is offering an unprecedented 3.25% construction loan to qualified buyers.

MLS #236793 • \$619,000

1736 Lilac Lane



Stunning 100' wide beachfront lot in the heart of the St. George Plantation. Ideal building site for your custom beachfront dream home! Nestle your home amongst the dwarf beach oaks in the middle of the lot while enjoying the privacy offered by the low, sea out-covered dune protecting the beachfront. Located at the end of the street, connect to the community boardwalk to keep your panoramic Gulf view pristine. The newly built Plantation clubhouse, with fitness room, swimming pool and tennis courts are just steps away, offering all the amenities of this wonderful community right around the corner. Perfect opportunity for a discriminating buyer who wants to design their own piece of coastal paradise!

MLS #249067 • \$708,000

1336 Azalea Drive



Victorian elegance by the sea that is built for the island lifestyle. Grand living with second floor master suite that includes living area, fireplace, breakfast nook, exercise room, and office area. The garden tub overlooks the fabulous views of the Gulf. The spacious living area opens to a covered porch and sundeck, and the elegant dining room is large enough to seat the whole family. Lots of attention given to details with recessed lighting, crown molding, energy efficient appliances, 3 HVAC units, and new Tane unit on upper level. Two fireplaces, and security system. Gulf and Bay views from the widow's walk. Enjoy the soft island breezes in the garden or relax in the hot tub. Located next to beach access.

MLS #240194 • \$799,000

1708 Gulf Beach Drive



This spacious home offers everything you could want in a beachfront setting. It has 5 private bedroom suites, 2 living areas, large covered porches on both levels, an abundance of windows and glass doors that allow lots of light and fantastic views of the Gulf, a good-size heated swimming pool, and a private boardwalk to the beach with a dune-top sundeck from which you can watch gorgeous sunrises. The top floor great room is a wonderful open space large enough for everyone in the family to relax and watch TV, play board games, or help in the kitchen. The dining area has a large picture window with good bay views so you can even watch the sunrises. It is nicely landscaped with a palm-lined gravel driveway to the house. Such a fun home!

MLS #248024 • \$975,000

2215 Conch Drive



Two acre bayfront estate in the St. George Plantation, just 1000' to the Cut! 3BR/4BA custom home situated in the middle of two fenced acres under mature pines and palm trees with a private tennis court. High ceilings, crown molding, large light filled kitchen, expansive decks overlooking the Apalachicola Bay. 200' of bayfrontage with rip rap in place!

MLS #248911 • \$1,395,000

1880 Sunset Drive



Fantastic 6BR/6 SBA beachfront home in the gated community of Sunset Beach. Freshly painted, updates with new furniture, this warm and inviting home says leave your worries at the door and enjoy island time! Gulf facing great room boasts open kitchen, corner gas fireplace and several seating areas opening to the beachfront decks. This kitchen is laid out to entertain for big groups with two ovens, two dishwashers, a large island and loads of counter space. Five master suites offer privacy for all members of the family, or send the kids to the top floor theater room with big screen TV and wet bar, all accessible by elevator! Whole house sound system plays beach tunes throughout home and to the numerous beach and bay facing!

MLS #248971 • \$1,395,000

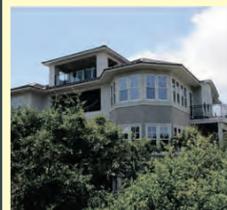
1824 Sea Oats Drive



Picture yourself awakening each morning to the sun rising from a horizon dotted with fishing boats while dolphins swim by in the surf. This gorgeous Mediterranean style home has been a second home for the current owners for years. This elegant home features a custom kitchen with 42" cabinets and granite counter tops. The adjacent dining area looks onto the deck and the pristine beach. The living room includes a gas fireplace and open comfortable seating space. There are three private master bedroom suites, with expansive closets, plus an additional bedroom with bath and a fifth full bath. The second floor living area offers additional room for family gatherings complete with wet bar.

MLS #249405 • \$1,875,000

1616 Guava Trail



Elegant and spacious home located on a 1 acre lot with beautiful Gulf views and direct beach access that is for the most discriminating buyer. This home features 7 bedrooms (stacked for noise control), 8 full baths, & 2 half baths; 4 equally appointed master suites; 2 children's suites with built-in bunks, cribs, playrooms, & baths; and a master bedroom on the 3rd floor that can be locked as an owner's area. A living area on each floor. Entertain in the home theater that has stadium seating for 11 and an additional mini kitchen & game room with wet bar, bill table. The gourmet kitchen has 2 refrigerators, dishwashers, ovens and sinks, stainless steel appliances, lots of cabinets, granite countertops, and butler's pantry with additional sink.

MLS #242161 • \$1,920,000

255 Prado Street, Apalachicola



Very nice Florida Cottage style 3 bedrooms with 2 1/2 baths home. Currently a rental home along with house next door at 257 Prado. Both properties are for sale. See MLS 241347. (Shared driveways) Currently rents for \$700/month.

MLS #241348 • \$159,000

110 6th Street, Apalachicola



Delightful cottage in Apalachicola's Historic north side! Beautiful hardwood floors throughout with trayed ceilings in the living room and kitchen and to the spaciousness of the open floor plan. The large dine-in kitchen has extensive tiled countertops, a breakfast bar and plenty of cabinets. There is a half bath off the kitchen towards screened back porch. The master bedroom has French doors opening to a shaded deck that also connects to the screened back porch. Completely renovated in 2002, you can enjoy modern, low-maintenance conveniences in a charming setting - sit on your front porch and be neighborly or walk five short blocks to downtown.

MLS #249500 • \$189,500

The Old Coca-Cola Building, Apalachicola



Remarks: Original New Urbanism! Live and work in the revitalized Bowery District of Historic Apalachicola. The old Coca Cola Bottling building offers two stories of history. The first floor has been renovated into a charming retail space with distinct areas to showcase unique products. Approximately 2100 sq. feet on the first floor with a kitchen area, half bath, storage room and office - all cooled with window/air ACs. Stairs to 2100 sq. ft. of classic warehouse loft: soaring ceilings and wood plank floors. Partially renovated with styrofoam insulation on the ceiling, a firewal/insulation/sheetrock on the north wall, and sheetrock on the south wall.

MLS #248532 • \$345,000

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