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County plans tax increase
Employees to get pay hike, new health plan



ERIN GRIFFITH

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County commissioners Tuesday morning wrapped up a day-long budget workshop continued from last week by doing what they said all along they planned

to do - give the 165 county employees more pay for the upcoming fiscal year.

The \$200,000 earmarked for an \$1,100 across the board pay increase met with no formal objections from the five commissioners, who spent all day Thursday reviewing budget proposals from constitutional

officers, county department heads, and various other government bodies who depend on county support.

The pay hike is just one component of what looks to be a roughly 9 percent increase in the millage rate for the next year, a shade more than a half-mill up from this year's

5.9637 mills to a proposed 6.4938 mills.

Proceeds from this ad valorem taxation will total about \$10.58 million, about \$750,000 more than the \$9.84 million generated by property taxes this fiscal year.

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TRAGEDY AT SEA



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Divers from an interagency team assembled by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission search Tuesday morning for the missing oysterman.

Oysterman's body recovered

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A young Eastpoint oysterman perished Monday morning working under adverse weather conditions in Apalachicola Bay.

The body of 21-year-old Brandon Wayne "Bruno" Creamer was recovered Tuesday afternoon in Apalachicola Bay about a mile east from where his small boat went down Monday morning in a thunderstorm.

Capt. Chester Creamer, with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, said a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission helicopter spotted the body about 2:30 p.m.

Law enforcement officials aboard the sheriff's watercraft, and one from the Wewahatchka Search and Rescue Team, retrieved the body from the water and brought it to St. George Island.

Clarice Powell, victim advocate at the sheriff's office, said distraught family members awaited the grim news on the shoreline. Powell accompanied Creamer's mother, Maggie Creamer, and her fiancé Lance Flowers, to Kelley's Funeral Home, where Bruno Creamer's body was taken before being transported to Tallahassee for an autopsy.

"It was very emotional for her. Being a mother she wanted to see him," Powell said. "A mother just needs closure, and that's something I advocate for. If a mom wants to see her child, that's what a mom needs to do."

Creamer's fellow oystermen, together with law enforcement vessels, scoured the area on the northwest side of Bird Island, west of the St. George Island bridge, working in daylight from the time the oystering vessel sank with two aboard in bad weather at

about 8 a.m. Monday.

Eastpoint resident Billie Murray, 18, was picked up within minutes by another boat in the vicinity and was taken to Weems Memorial Hospital, treated and released. A sheriff's deputy on the bridge at the time of the mishap said Brandon Creamer clung to oyster tongs for a time, before the swift current pulled him beneath the waves.

"She's hanging in there the best she can," Powell said. "She treaded water. She knew how to swim, not very well, but she knew how to tread water."

Chester Creamer said reports are that waves in the pelting rain swamped the stern and brought the boat down. Powell said Murray had time to call her sister, who was on a nearby oyster boat working with Don Davis. Also, a distress call was put in to the sheriff's office, she said.

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US FISH AND WILDLIFE | Special to the Times

The population of foxes in the Eastpoint neighborhood is large.

Rabid fox bites Eastpoint woman

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An Eastpoint woman is being treated after being bitten by a rabid fox.

On Thursday, July 18, the county health department issued an alert after tests confirmed a fox that attacked a woman in Eastpoint Monday was infected with rabies.

The attack occurred when two homeowners were working in their yard near the end of North Bayshore Drive.

The woman went to Weems Memorial Hospital where her wounds were treated and was then sent to the health department by the attending physician.

Department spokesman David Walker said the health department has ordered rabies vaccine to treat the victim of the attack. Julie McKinney, director of nursing for Gulf and Franklin counties, said the woman must begin treatment for rabies within 10 days of being exposed.

"The cost of treatment is around \$2,000," she said.

Albert Floyd, director of animal control, said traps have been set on North Bayshore to catch additional foxes.

Doris Shiver Gibbs, who lives near the site of Monday's attack, said a fox attacked her dog on Wednesday. She said the dog was on her porch. She went to check on it at about 2 p.m. when she heard a loud disturbance and found a fight in progress.

"The only thing between me and the fox was my dog," she said.

Gibbs' dog was current in its rabies vaccination. After the attack, Gibbs re-

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Franklin County bed tax shows best spring ever

Special to the Times

Tourism tax figures released by the Tourist Development Council show more "heads in beds" in Franklin County during March and April than any other spring since 2005, when the tax was first implemented.

The state sales tax report shows more than \$80,880 in tourism tax revenues were collected from visitors during March and \$90,000 during April. The numbers

represent an 11 percent increase to an industry that last year generated more than \$40 million in lodging revenues alone.

Industry officials say if the current trend holds, Franklin County's lodging industry is on track to generate nearly \$44 million in revenue during 2013, making it an important economic force behind jobs and economic development countywide.

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The year so far

A look at bed tax numbers shows that the current fiscal year is running well ahead of last year, which brought in more than \$916,000 in revenue.

Table with 5 columns: Month, 2011-12, 2012-13, Difference, YTD Change. Rows include October, November, December, January, February, March, and April.

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"There were life jackets on the boat but it went down so fast," said Powell. "As it started going down, the current grabbed her. She lost sight of him because of the waves." Davis and another oyster boat helped pick Murray up from the raging sea. "By the time they got there the boat had already sank," Powell said.

"They saw her, and it was a struggle getting her on the boat because the waves were so bad." An oysterman aboard one of first boats to arrive on the scene after the accident said "a sudden thunderstorm came through, and it got really bad. The waves picked up and water came over the side."

An onlooker reported four life jackets were seen floating in the area of the sunken boat. Stan Kirkland, a regional spokesman with FWC, said the vessel was buoyed but remains on the seafloor in about 10 foot deep water. In addition to FWC watercraft and an interagency dive team assembled by

FWC, the sheriff's office has two vessels in the search, together with one from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Chester Creamer said the sheriff's boat used sonar and side scanners in their daylight search that were capable of showing everything on the bottom.

"When it's dark you can't see," he said. Shrimp boats worked Monday night dragging the sea floor in the area near where Creamer had gone in. George Watkins was among those aboard the shrimp boats, and he said the weather got so bad around 11 p.m. they were

afraid they wouldn't make it in. Kirkland said the bay was open for harvesting all this week. "Unless there is a closure that applies to oystering, they can oyster as they see fit," he said. "I would leave it up to fishermen about that. Everybody should pay attention to the weather."

TAX from page A1

On Thursday morning, the commissioners began with a millage rate of 6.7684, which would generate about \$11.05 million. In her report, Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson told commissioners Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper had certified a 2013 taxable value of 1.11 percent less than in 2012, and just slightly above the county's tax base in 2003. In 2013, one mill generates \$1.63 million; in 2012 one mill generated \$1.65 million.

The commissioners reviewed the constitutional officers and department heads' budgets, each of which had to factor in a shift in retirement costs from the state. This overall amounted to about \$236,000 more county dollars than had to be paid into the state retirement system last year.

In addition, reported Erin Griffith, a staffer in the finance office, there would be about a \$95,000 increase in the county's Medicaid cost share, due to a state

decision to modify how it invoiced counties for these charges. "That's nothing we can argue with," Griffith said. "We're not able to verify our resident listing anymore." Before reviewing the different departments, Commissioner Pinki Jackel indicated she would not be voting on whether to tentatively approve any of the budgets at the hearing. "I'm here to listen, learn and work through our numbers," she said.

With the exception of the property appraiser's office and the building department, each of the constitutional officers and departments showed an increase in next year's budget, mostly between 1 and 5 percent.

In discussing the largest single budget, Sheriff Mike Mock said he had cut three positions from this year's budget and had offset the savings by putting in for three new vehicles in capital outlay. The sheriff proposed a \$4.65 million budget, about

2.5 percent more than the \$4.53 million spent this year. He also said he had not handed out raises but had made some promotions, and the cost of cell phone service had decreased.

The sheriff's finance director, Ginger Coulter, said medical costs for inmates were at a historically low level of \$90,000. "We have very good management and hopefully it will stay that way," she said, noting the jail's pharmaceutical supplier allows for a buyback program for medications. Jackel continued to focus on the issue of salary increases built into some of the budgets of constitutional officers and county departments.

She took aim at \$2,000 pay increases built into staffers' salaries by Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott, who had proposed a 13.8 percent hike to this year's budget of \$268,000. Part of that increase was due to a proposed electronic poll book that staffer Heather Riley

said would cost, together with maintenance and training, about \$25,000.

Jackel was skeptical about the immediate need for the poll book, which is growing in popularity among counties but is not yet state mandated. "We're in another tight budget scenario and every penny we add to that is an additional burden on taxpayers," she said.

Jackel reiterated her views that it was unfair to have some officials include salary increases in their budgets and then have these further enhanced with the across-the-board increases to all county employees.

"This is something the county has to pay for every year going forward," she said. "I'm going to oppose \$2,000 salary increases. We haven't looked for what we can do for salary increase from department to department. This represents a stated increase over and above what salaries were last year."

At Tuesday's continuation of the budget workshop, Jackel said the clerk of courts and tax collectors' offices were the only two departments not to build in salary hikes ahead of the commissioners' decision what to apply across the board.

She called the matter "a flat out fairness issue" and suggested rather than apply the \$1,100 across the board, to give constitutional officers and department heads

a lump sum and have them divvy it up as they see fit.

"That way department heads can take into consideration who received raises and who did not," she said. "At the end of the day there's going to be a number of employees who don't feel like they were treated fairly."

Commissioner Smokey Parrish said, and his colleagues agreed, it would be best to build in the salary increases into the budget total, and then decide at a later date specifically how to have the pay hikes applied to the respective budgets.

In order to bring the millage down to the current proposal, commissioners favored a decision that they first considered a year ago, which was to go entirely with the Capital Health Plan (CHP) health maintenance organization.

That move is expected to result in a savings of \$324,000 over the current plan, which gives employees a choice of whether to opt for Blue Cross-Blue Shield or CHP. Had the commissioners stuck with the blended plan, they would have seen an \$86,000 savings over this year's health care costs.

Griffith said that the county would pay \$610 per month per employee based on enrollment percentages, if they stuck with the blended option. By going with CHP, the county will pay just \$451 monthly per employee, which covers individual, but

not family, coverage. "The downside on that (CHP) is they have no network in Bay County, but it would result in lower costs for employees," Griffith said. "With CHP there are no deductibles, only copays, but you must stay in network. That's one way they keep their costs down."

At the request of the commissioners, Griffith surveyed county workers Monday in advance of Tuesday's continued budget workshop. She said she received 70 responses out of 161 current enrollees in the health plan, about evenly divided between Blue Cross and CHP users.

She said almost 40 percent of the Blue Cross enrollees said they would switch to CHP at open enrollment, which would mean a majority of county workers would be on CHP at the Oct. 1 start of the new fiscal year.

Commissioners voiced concern that two of the county's most popular health care providers, cardiologist Shezad Sanaulah and podiatrist Tamara Marsh, were not on the CHP network. They said they planned to assist in any way possible in getting the two on the network.

"I think we need to send the message that CHP is great health care," Jackel said. "I know it's a change, and we all resist change. That's just human nature somehow."

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ported the incident to both animal control and the health department and then took the dog to the Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic in Eastpoint. It received a rabies booster shot and must now be quarantined for 45 days.

Dr. Hobson Fulmer, director of the clinic, said a booster is medically indicated for vaccinated animals any time rabies is suspected.

A neighbor found a fox believed to be the dog's attacker the next day.

The fox was tested for rabies, but results were inconclusive because the fox had been shot in the head. Brain material must be intact to be tested. Fulmer said when the presence of rabies cannot be confirmed in an attack the disease is always assumed to be present for public health reasons. He said the fox's aggressive behavior, particularly during the day, could be caused by rabies.

Fulmer said he plans a free clinic to vaccinate animals for rabies on July 30 from 6-8 p.m. An adult must accompany all animals. All dogs must be leashed



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

The Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic will offer a free rabies clinic on Tuesday.

and cats must be in a carrier for the animal's safety.

Director of Solid Waste Fonda Davis, who oversees animal control, said he feared residents were destroying the foxes.

"That's not helpful," Davis said. "People need to stay away

from the foxes and let animal control handle it. Don't feed them and don't shoot them."

Gibbs' said the population of foxes in the neighborhood is large. She believes some North Bayshore residents are feeding wild animals including foxes,

raccoons and bears.

"I would like to see FWC (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission) and the county step up and help with the problem of these animals," Gibbs said. "We are afraid to let our grandchildren out to play."

Rabies is a fatal disease caused by a virus spread from animal to animal by a bite, scratch or mucous membrane/open-skin exposure to the infected animal's saliva. With possible rabies in humans, the injury is treated well before the onset of symptoms.

According to MayoClinic.com, treatment for persons exposed to rabies consists of a fast-acting shot to prevent infection, part of which is given near the bite, as soon as possible after the exposure. The first shot is followed by a series of rabies vaccines to help the body learn to identify and fight the rabies virus. Rabies vaccines are given as five injections in the arm over 14 days.

Under the "Cruelty to Animals" section of the Florida Statutes, dogs and cats more than four months old must be cur-

rently vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

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

An exposed, unvaccinated cat or dog must be quarantined for six months or euthanized as they may develop rabies and become contagious during that time. Currently vaccinated dogs and cats must be quarantined for 45 days.

If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, wash the wound immediately with soap and water. Seek medical treatment and report the injury to the Franklin County Health Department at 653-2111. If the animal is a stray or wild animal, call Franklin County Animal Control at 670- 4733.

BED TAX from page A1

"We're excited to see such a significant increase in occupancy for what has been typically an offseason period," TDC board member Paul Parker said. "We are looking forward to a great year, and we're hopeful that the trend will continue and that tourism revenue will help drive jobs and economic development."

Franklin County's

increase in tourism is currently running about twice the state percentage. According to estimates released in May by VISIT FLORIDA, the state's official tourism marketing corporation, 26 million visitors came to Florida in the first quarter of 2013 (January to March), an increase of 4.7 percent for the same period in 2012. Tourism of-

ficials say they hope the increased visitor traffic brings continued jobs and responsible growth.

"We are business friendly," Franklin County Commissioner and TDC Board Chair Pinki Jackel said.

"Whether it's seafood, responsible tourism or environmentally friendly businesses, we're always happy to see environmen-

tally friendly industries and businesses that would be a good fit for Franklin County."

Parker agreed. "Based on the state numbers, every 85 visitors we welcome to Franklin County create one job," he said.

"Statewide, Florida's hospitality industry added nearly 36,000 new career-building jobs this quar-

ter alone, marking the 36th straight month of job growth for the tourism sector.

"That's important information for the state, and it's important information for Franklin County," he said. "If the TDC can be a part of helping to foster job growth through its efforts to promote responsible tourism here, then we've

accomplished a lot."

Franklin County's tourism marketing efforts are currently funded through a 2 percent tourism tax collected from visitors by lodging providers countywide.

Commissioners are weighing a proposal to double the bed tax to 4 percent, which would bring in approximately \$800,000 more per year to TDC coffers.

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Letters to the editor: COUNTY COMMISSION EDITION

A bad choice of words, but not hateful

Regarding last week's op-ed piece by Ron Sachs ... and just who is he, and does he live in Franklin County?

I think someone is making a mountain out of a molehill here. Certainly, Cheryl was not trying to offend any religious group or community.

This was a very bad choice of words! Yes, and trying to deny the term "jawing" was a very bad mistake. However, this is a term used for years, and thankfully not by too many for the past 50 years or so by anyone who meant it as a "slur" against the Jewish people.

It designates "bargaining" and getting the best price for your money. Once upon a time, it was a nasty remark, and Hitler used it as a hate term against the Jews to spread his propaganda. This is NOT the point that Cheryl was making.

I hope our community will understand this and accept her apology.

Aileen Benson

Shame on you for ignoring ethnic slur

The chairman of the Board of County Commissioners has now offered her apology for the use of the racial and ethnic slur spoken on record in a public meeting during a recent salary discussion and controversy. The residents and taxpayers of Franklin County deserved no less than that "heartfelt" apology.

Although I am not Jewish, a dear and special Franklin County friend is, and he first alerted me to the troubling use of the offensive word carelessly and thoughtlessly used by the county chair. As a practicing Jew himself, the use of the stereotypical term was very offensive to him, and to his family as well. I respected his sensitivity and wrote to the commission and chair stating

I can tell you personally that there is not one commissioner on that board that has not ruffled my feathers a time or two, but I respect every one of them for the job they do for us, and I honestly don't think that any one of them goes in with a personal agenda to hurt our community or the people in it.

my concerns about the public incident.

But now, I believe it is important to inform other county voters about my own letter of concern and objection, which was sent electronically to the five commissioners and the director of administrative services. Neither I, nor my letter or my comments, have been acknowledged or answered. I never even received the polite courtesy of a form saying "We have received your comments."

In my letter to the commissioners, I not only cited my strong objections to the chair's derogatory and inappropriate use of that slang term, but I further objected to the public failure of any of the other commissioners — or any of the other paid public officials present — to hold her accountable for the ignorant use of that careless word. I was offended that none of the other elected officials saw fit to immediately raise their own objection to the use of that careless racial and ethnic slur, in that way holding their leader accountable for the inappropriate word used.

As a resident, property owner, taxpayer and regularly active member of the Franklin County community, my Jewish friend and I were offended by the chair's use of the term "jawing" in the unmanaged and irresponsible chaos of those salary discussions. (By the way, in the midst of that bizarre attempt to justify a

newly appointed department head's proposed new salary, I was flabbergasted when Commissioner [Smokey] Parrish seemed proud to announce that "I don't look at anybody's salaries." Shouldn't he be one of those who helps set those salaries?) That entire salary discussion proved to be a personnel farce and doubly embarrassing when it included the slur!

I find it offensive that my personal letter of objection, properly and privately directed to the commissioners, has been ignored by all "my" elected officials as of this date. Why did you decide my comments/opinions didn't deserve the respect of your attention? Why didn't my personal communication — which was directed to each of you — receive the courtesy of a polite acknowledgement from at least one of you? And why doesn't the county bother to respond to communications from its voters? Have you all become so far detached from your constituents that you forget I help to pay your salary? As does my Franklin County Jewish friend.

Shame on you all for ignoring the legitimate words of comment and complaint from this voter. As your constituent, I deserved some respect from you.

And shame on you all for ignoring the racial and ethnic slur when used publicly by your chairman. All the members of this county deserved more and better respect from you, no

matter what their ethnicity. Sincerely,

Mel Kelly
Carrabelle

Much ado about nothing

Anyone who lives in our community realizes that our commissioners are human, they make mistakes and they have made some wonderful decisions for our community. There is not one among us who has agreed with every one of them on every decision, and most of us have the ability to agree to disagree with dignity and respect.

As individuals we all have opinions, and not all opinions are the same, but for the most part we all know our commissioners first hand, by first name. We call on them when there is a problem, and most of the time, we get a call back from them and the problem is resolved. We are blessed to have that luxury of living in our small communities and being able to live and get along together regardless of our differences in opinion.

Occasionally, however, there is always one problem that is blown all out of proportion and made to look far worse than it actually is. The latest to be the unfortunate "front and center star" of media frenzied headlines and criticisms has been Commissioner Cheryl Sanders.

After reading the flurry of "news," using the term very loosely, I have to pose the question: What is really at issue here? First and foremost, anyone who has any dealings with Commissioner Sanders good, bad or indifferent will tell you that she would not intentionally hurt anyone's feelings. I can tell you personally that there is not one commissioner on that board that has not ruffled my feathers a time or two, but I respect every one of them for the job they do for us, and I honestly don't think that any one of them goes in with a personal agenda to hurt our community or the people in it.

However, since this has been brought up, maybe we need to look at all the others too, I don't seem to remember the media frenzy when the districting issue came up about Commissioner Noah Lockley's district, and how about the double homestead issue? I don't seem to recall any of the commissioners personally jumping on board to chime in with disgust, or how about issues with hiring, when some question the qualifications? Does that mean they personally have issue with the religion, gender or preferences because they have no use for Franklin County residents?

Bottom line: Commissioner Sanders made a comment that was misunderstood as a personal attack, a poor choice of words for which she apologized. It was most definitely not meant to hurt anyone or done with malice. Yet someone decided it was and to make a spectacle of it by contacting outside media and notifying people in Tallahassee.

This community is known for its laid back, good ole Southern hospitality, and we have visitors who flock here year after year to experience that part of our community. The question could be posed, was the effort to blow it all out of proportion to focus on a single commissioner, county government or on the residents of Franklin County?

Common sense should be applied with respect to situations like this, and I am hoping as well that common sense will also rule over personal agendas, regardless of who they are or what they might be. Commissioners, we are proud of the work you do, now please continue to represent us with the passion that each of you has for our community in unison and get back to the things that are most important for the sake of our community.

Respectfully, a proud resident of Apalachicola,

Linda Raffield

Don't ignore proposed remedy to county's fiscal ills

Editor's Note: The following remarks were delivered Tuesday morning on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of Franklin County Inc. at the county commissioners' continued budget workshop.



ALLAN FEIFER
Special to The Times

of our county — is seriously ill, but you have chosen not to listen to numerous remedies that have been suggested for the contagious disease we suffer.

To further remind you of the CCFC's efforts to help cure the patient, once again, here are copies of our memo detailing means and methods of reducing the current budget numbers by approximately \$967,000.

I beg you to hear me now. I hope you take to heart what I am about to say.

You are our leaders. You establish the governmental fiscal stability and fate of the citizens of Franklin County.

Our county's system of budgeting and finance is broken. You must want it that way because, as our leaders, you are the final word in costs and expenditures. You have now proposed yet another raise in property taxes. This latest one totals another 11 percent. This unnecessary raise is a direct consequence of your failure to act responsibly on behalf of the citizens of Franklin County today.

You might as well put "This tax raise brought to you by the irresponsible inaction of Smokey Parish, Noah Lockley, Cheryl Sanders, William Massey and Pinki Jackel" on the outside of the TRIM (Truth in Millage) envelope this year. Because it is true. Even though you have chosen to bury your elected heads in the sands of Franklin County, you cannot hide from the results of your failure to act responsibly as fiscal gatekeepers.

Do not say "There was nothing we could do," using the excuses that the state increased the retirement rate and we had a big bill for Medicaid reimbursement. That only amounts to a bit over \$300,000 of the total increase.

The reason for the rest of the increase is on each of you commissioners. I

have spoken to every one of you privately on occasion, and the usual answer I get is that you are powerless to act or make changes. The truth is, you throw up your hands in helplessness to the voters and say you are powerless, but that is only because you chose to put on blinders to the real truths of our economics.

I don't believe that any of you are really deliberately bad or incompetent people. But I believe you are guilty of fiscal malfeasance and have violated your oaths of office.

Strong words? Let me recount what I believe are some of your financial failures:

1. A majority of this board did not even look at our 2013-14 budget until the morning of the first budget workshop. The budget is your most important reason for existence. Bad budget, bad government. Why are you not putting the time and attention into a top-down review of the budget process? We are a very small county. The majority of you have been in office for multiple terms and been exposed to many annual budgets. Why don't you know the budget backwards and forwards as some of us have learned it?

2. I have heard over and over that the constitutional officers decide their own budgets. That would be a big surprise to the writers of the Florida Constitution. Our governing document puts you squarely in that position, not them.

3. Employees of the county work hard. Are 100 percent of them good

eggs? Like all other large businesses, that answer is no. Yet, Franklin County employees know well that exceptional performance is not rewarded, and mediocrity or worse is tolerated and sometimes even rewarded. Where is the responsible personnel oversight and management?

4. Who is at the heart of the health care system in Franklin County? You are, commissioners. You are ultimately responsible for all aspects of that system from primary care to hospitalization, buildings, maintenance and future planning. Under your ongoing direction, Franklin County is consistently rated at the very bottom of good health outcomes. Why? Certainly, it does not have anything to do with how much we spend. Health care spending from all sources is approaching the \$10 million mark and rising quickly. Where is the legitimate and long-term discussion of Franklin County's ongoing health care operations? Your head-in-the-sand attitude is bankrupting the county bit by bit.

5. We have become a pariah in the investment market. People have walked away from properties when it became apparent that we as a county aren't coming back financially, and certainly not as fast or successfully as are our neighboring counties. I have people call me each week telling me how dissatisfied they are with the political system here; they just want to give up and run away.

Commissioners have a duty by oath to provide for the general well-being and economic prosperity of its citizens. I don't see that discussion taking place.

I could go on, but what's the sense? There is no "free lunch," commissioners. You have used grants to lift our boats for a generation. They are departing as the tide, with the caveat that they are not returning. BP money boosted our economy and can't be blamed for the continuing fiscal mess you have allowed to occur as of today. The golden goose is now officially cooked.

As you requested, I have carefully analyzed the county budget and have provided commissioners with a plan for dramatically reducing the latest 11 percent increase. There is much more that can be saved by practicing carefully objective review and management. I am asking you to say "No" to additional increases that have not been vetted by you on a line-by-line basis. This would even leave money for real investment in the positive future for the county residents.

Please take my comments as a warning bell that demands your fiscal accountability to answer.

How will you respond, Commissioners Jackel, Commissioner Massey, Commissioner Lockley, Commissioner Parrish and Chairwoman Sanders?

Allan Feifer is the president of Concerned Citizens of Franklin County Inc.

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Tales of the county's first squad car

By LOIS SWOBODA

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Curley Messer purchased Franklin County's first official squad car.

Messer, now mayor of Carrabelle, is known for his storytelling skills. Recently he shared a story of his early days in local law enforcement.

Messer, a native of Kentucky, first came to Carrabelle during World War II when he helped build Camp Gordon Johnston and later trained there before shipping out for the Pacific theatre of the war. During the 18 months he was stationed here, Messer, then 17, met and married Audrey Riley, and Carrabelle became his home.

After the war, Sheriff Herbert Marshall hired him as a deputy. Messer said he was "recruited with a shake of the hand."

"(Marshall) said, 'Raise your hand' and swore me in right there," Messer said.

"Then he wrote on a piece of paper, and he said, 'You're a deputy.' I said, 'Where's my badge?' and he said my gun was my badge. I said I wasn't going to make an arrest without a badge, so he got out a catalog, and I ordered two badges, one for my cap and one for my breast. A friend of mine went over to Tyndall and brought back three officers' uniforms for me to wear."

Audrey sewed black stripes on the trousers. "She was good with a sewing machine," Messer said.

It was 1947, and Messer received \$2,200 in "muster pay," wages accumulated over the last two and a half years of his military service. He used \$942 of this to buy a squad car from Freddie Mason at the Apalachicola Ford dealership, a brand new white Crown Victoria. Mason arranged to have it detailed in green to look official.

Messer bought star-shaped decals for the doors to complete the effect. The

car was used more as an ambulance than a police car.

"I made two trips to New Orleans, four to Gainesville and hundreds to Apalachicola and Tallahassee carrying people in need of help," Messer said.

He paid for his own gas and repairs.

Messer remembered once, after a trip to Panama City with Audrey and their oldest boys, he had a blow-out. After Audrey watched him change the tire, she told him to stop in Apalachicola.

"The tires were so bald, she bought me new ones from her tip money," Messer said.

The Crown Victoria was often used to transport prisoners from the east end of the county to the jail in Apalachicola. Sometimes, this was quite an adventure.

Once, he was carrying a pair of prisoners who had broken into "Jim Putnal's Hard Hat," a Carrabelle bar. One was a Californian, the other a long-line fisherman known as "Jitterbugging Shorty."

Messer said Shorty had a drinking problem but was a good sort and "could be as drunk as he could be, but, if he came up to a lady, he'd tip his hat. He would never have broken in if it hadn't been for the other fellow," Messer said.

Shorty began harassing the other prisoner and said, "I told you (Messer) would get you. It ain't like the city."

The Californian responded, "I've killed people for saying less than that."

Messer warned he would shoot the Californian if he tried anything. The westerner then threatened to jump out of the car, and Messer responded, "Let me speed up first. I'm only going 60 miles an hour."

After the Californian was jailed, local authorities learned he was wanted for murder in Sacramento, Calif., Texas and New Orleans.

"There was lots of murders after the war because we had a lot of deep sea boats in here and a lot of bad bar



FROM THE MESSER FAMILY COLLECTION

Curley Messer sitting on the first Franklin County police car.

rooms," Messer said. "Men dragged 'em up. I never gave up on a killing. I got them all." Local newspaper accounts of the late 1940s in Franklin County confirm violent crime was prevalent.

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, Florida Highway Patrol, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

July 16

Jenny L. Nowling, 27, Eastpoint, failure to appear (FCSO)

Cody L. Garrett, 20, Eastpoint, sale or possession of a controlled substance (FCSO)

Joe L. Morales, 34, Eastpoint,

passing worthless bank checks (FCSO)

Charles E. Pattillo, 68, Lanark Village, trespass on property after warning (FCSO)

Scott A. Staggers, 44, Eastpoint, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis (APD)

July 17

Tammy D. Douds, 61, Carrabelle, two counts of uttering (FCSO)

Benny R. Strops, 41, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

July 18

Joseph D. Richards, 33, Eastpoint, battery and disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

Jordan L. Odom, 21, Eastpoint, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

Judith B. Taylor, 38, Tallahassee, four counts of DUI with property damage, three counts of leaving the scene of a crash with damage, leaving the scene of a crash involving person(s), refusal to submit to breath test, and trespass on property (FHP)

July 19

Paul Z. Sanders, 23, Eastpoint, attempted burglary of a dwelling and resisting officer without violence (FCSO)

David F. Daniels, 28, Carrabelle, disorderly intoxication (CPD)

Christopher A. Thompson, 38, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

July 20

John M. Davis, 48, Carrabelle, harvesting while license revoked, and possession of undersized black drum (FWC)

July 21

Robert R. Osburn, Jr., 21, Apalachicola, possession of paraphernalia and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis (FCSO)

Evan P. Wiley, 19, Tallahassee, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, possession of paraphernalia, and possession of alcohol by person under age 21 (FCSO)

Juan Pabon, 25, Eastpoint, reckless driving (FCSO)
Darlene M. Martinez, 44,

Lanark Village, child abuse (FCSO)

July 22

Ottis E. Russell, 47, Carrabelle, harvesting in prohibited area, harvesting between sunset and sunrise, harvested oysters not culled, resisting officer without violence, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and violation of probation (FWC)

Sonya S. Murray, 52, Carrabelle, harvesting in prohibited area, harvesting between sunset and sunrise, and harvested oysters not culled (FWC)

Marcus D. Allen, 21, Apalachicola, aggravated assault with a firearm (CPD)

FWC REPORT

Officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation concluded a five-day oyster detail in Apalachicola Bay early this month.

During the detail, conducted by Officers John Allen, Carmon Brownell and Jason Lipford, and Lt. Charlie Wood, 63

vessels were boarded and 159 harvesters were inspected.

The detail yielded multiple violations of resource and boating safety laws.

Four uniform boating citations were issued for boating safety and registration violations and two resource citations were issued for no saltwater products license and no Apalachicola Bay oyster harvest permit.

Sixty-six boating safety warnings were issued as well as 26 warnings for resource violations.

During the week of July 12-18, Officers Allen and Matt Gore and Investigator Steven Cook worked complaints regarding individuals harvesting shellfish from conditionally closed waters in Apalachicola Bay.

They made 13 arrests for harvesting shellfish in closed areas.

The shellfish on all the vessels were seized and returned back to the water.

ST. GEORGE ISLAND 007.106

SEAWALL & ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

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

ST. GEORGE ISLAND SEAWALL & ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Project is located on St. George Island in Franklin County, Florida and consists of reconstructing approximately 225 LF of steel sheet pile retaining wall, 275 LF of asphalt roadway, installing filter fabric, rip-rap, and minor re-grading.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, (850) 227-7200. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Completion date for this project will be 75 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder. The project is anticipated to start September 3, 2013. Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$750.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for "St. George Island Seawall & Access Road Improvements".

Bids will be received until 4:30 p.m. (EDT), on August 5, 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 August 6, 2013 at the County Commission meeting at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, FL.

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$ 50.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

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

A **mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the job site located at the existing boat ramp on St. George Island at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, July 25, 2013. The boat ramp is located near the south end of the St. George Island Bridge (SR 300).

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

If you have any questions, please call Clay Smallwood at (850) 227-7200.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will be accepting sealed bid proposals for the following:

**ONE (1) CLOSED DOOR HORIZONTAL BALER
SUGGESTED MANUFACTURER
INTERNATIONAL BALER COPORATION
MODEL #TITAN 6-EC
OR EQUIVALENT**

**INCLUDING OPTIONAL
ABOVE GROUND CONVEYOR
SUGGESTED MANUFACTURER
INTERNATIONAL BALER COPORATION
MODEL #CY-48178
OR EQUIVALENT**

Specifications are on file in the office of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320.

Bids Proposals must be received in the office of the Franklin County Clerk of the Court at 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 by 4:00 P.M., EST, on Monday, August 5, 2013. All bid proposals must be sealed and clearly labeled. The sealed bid proposals will be publicly open and read aloud at 9:45 A.M. EST, on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, in the County Commission Meeting Room located in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex in Apalachicola, Florida. For further information, contact Fonda D. Davis, Sr., Solid Waste Director, at (850) 670-8167.

An original and one copy of each bid proposal shall be furnished in a sealed envelope or container, plainly marked "Horizontal Baler with Optional above Ground Conveyor".

The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bid proposals.

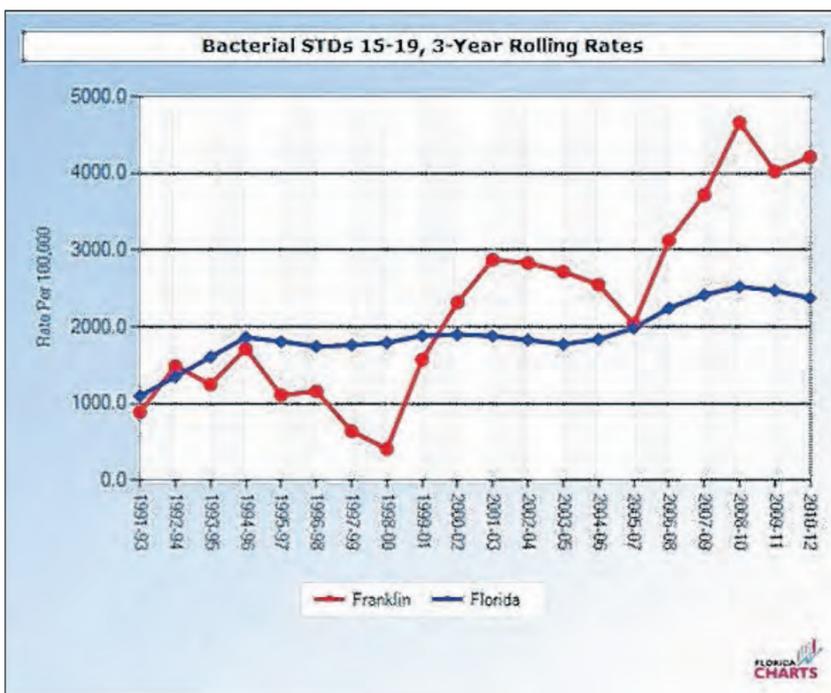
ATTENTION BIDDERS: Franklin County is an equal opportunity employer and encourages participation with certified minority enterprises and women's business enterprises.

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SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

This chart shows that Franklin County's rate of sexually transmitted diseases is nearly twice the state average.

Cook returns to county health department

Special to The Times

The Florida Department of Health in Franklin County would like to welcome their newest member of the clinical team.

Helen Cook, is a native of Franklin County, started her clinical career at the county department of health in in 1987. She worked with the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County in its Women's Health Center from 2008 to 2013.

An experienced practitioner providing family planning services, Cook is excited about returning to her home town to provide clinical services to the residents of Franklin County.

Her schedule is Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Apalachicola; and Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Carrabelle.

Call today to schedule your appointment at 653-2111.



HELEN COOK

2013 CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

The City of Carrabelle will be holding a Municipal Election on the following date:

September 3, 2013
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

POLLING LOCATIONS

City of Carrabelle
City Hall – City Commission Room
1001- Gray Ave., Carrabelle, FL 32322

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

August 5, 2013

ABSENTEE VOTING

If you need to have an absentee ballot mailed to you please contact the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections at 850-653-9520 or visit our website at www.votefranklin.com under Absentee Voting. The Elections Office is located at: 47 Avenue F, Apalachicola, Florida.

EARLY VOTING

EARLY VOTING WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR THE CITY ELECTION

August 26, 2013 – August 30, 2013 (ONE WEEK ONLY)
Early Voting will take place at the:
Franklin County Annex Office 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday-Friday

County Annex is located at:
1647 Hwy 98 E, Carrabelle, FL
For further information please contact the elections office at 653-9520

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TOP THREE WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN




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CITY OF CARRABELLE PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF CITY ORDINANCE

The City Commission of the City of Carrabelle, Florida, proposes to enact the following ordinance:

CITY OF CARRABELLE ORDINANCE 455

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 115 AND ORDINANCE 453 PERTAINING TO THE LEVY OF LICENSE AND OCCUPATIONAL TAXES ON PERSONS AND ENTITIES ENGAGED IN OR CARRYING ON CERTAIN TYPES OF BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS, PRIVILEGES OR OCCUPATIONS IN THE CITY OF CARRABELLE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed Ordinance may be inspected during regular hours at Carrabelle City Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, FL Monday through Friday, or call 850-697-2727. The proposed Ordinance will be considered for enactment during a public hearing to be held 6:00p.m., Thursday August 1, 2013 (first reading) and Thursday September 3, 2013 (final reading) at the Carrabelle City Hall located at 1001 Gray Ave, Carrabelle, FL. Interested parties may appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting, (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Keisha Messer at the above address or phone number.

Wilburn Messer, Mayor
Attest: Keisha Messer, City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A" - City of Carrabelle License Tax Schedule

The amount of license tax levied and imposed upon every person that shall engage in or manage any of the following businesses, professions, privileges or occupations is hereby fixed, graded and determined beginning October 1, 2013 at the following amounts:

- 1) ABSTRACTORS OF TITLE, including companies, agents, firms or persons other than licensed attorneys, engaged in the business of making abstracts of title from public records \$50.00
- 2) ADVERTISING AGENTS AND/OR SIGN SHOPS per year or fraction thereof \$50.00
- 3) ADVERTISING
 - (a) By painting on wall, fence, advertising business other than that of owner of wall or fence. \$50.00
 - (b) Billposters and sign bickers. \$10.00
- 4) AGENCIES:
 - (a) Commercial or persons giving information as to credit rating or standing of individuals or firms, per year \$20.00
 - (b) Rental or collecting, per year \$40.00
 - (c) Corporations \$40.00
 - (d) Soliciting business for out of town enterprises where display rooms are maintained and merchandise kept on hand as samples for display purposes only provided however, the occupational license tax hereby imposed shall not apply to establishments regularly and continuously engaged in the sale of merchandise customarily carried on hand as a part of the regular stock of such establishment. \$100.00
 - (e) Soliciting business for foreign concerns not otherwise provided for per year or fraction thereof \$100.00
- (5) AMUSEMENT PARKS, per year \$200.00
- (6) APARTMENTS:
 - (a) up to 25 UNITS \$50.00
 - (b) each additional unit \$10.00
- (7) AUDITING COMPANIES OR INDIVIDUALS, per year or fraction thereof. \$50.00
- (8) AUTOMOBILE DEALERS OR SALES AGENTS:
 - (a) Per year or fraction thereof \$50.00
 - (b) Automobile dealers or sales agents, automobile accessories and automobile garage or repair shop, and dealers in gasoline and oils and auto painting, when combined under one ownership and operation, per year \$100.00
 - (c) Automobile garage and/or repair and paint shop \$50.00
 - (d) Automobile painters, itinerant \$50.00
 - (e) Automobile parking and automobile trailer parking lots \$50.00
 - (f) Automobile wrecking or dismantling for salvage \$50.00
- (9) BAKERIES
 - (a) operated by steam or other power, per year \$100.00
 - (b) out of City delivering wholesale or retail in City, per year \$70.00
- (10) BANKS OR BANKERS \$50.00
- (11) BARBERSHOPS:
 - (a) One chair \$30.00
 - (b) Each additional chair \$10.00
- (12) BEAUTY PARLORS
 - (a) One operator \$40.00
 - (b) Each additional operator \$15.00
- (13) BICYCLES, renting or repairing per year \$30.00
- (14) BILLIARD/ POOL AND SIMILAR TABLES, or places where charges are made for playing pool or billiards, for each table, per year. \$30.00
- (15) BOARDING AND ROOMING HOUSES, HOTEL OR MOTEL, ETC., having available accommodations for more than three guests, whether occupied or not, per room, per year \$1.00
- (16) BONDING COMPANIES \$50.00
- (17) BOTTLING COMPANIES, including canned drink
 - (a) Manufacturers, per year \$80.00
 - (b) Out of City delivering wholesale or retail in the City \$100.00
- (18) BOWLING ALLEYS, each alley, per year \$30.00
- (19) BROKERS, those who carry stock on hand and who sell to registered wholesale merchants only and act as intermediary between buyer and seller for the consideration of a brokerage or commission from either for the sale of stocks, bonds, merchandise, etc. \$50.00
- (20) BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, per year \$100.00
- (21) BUSINESSES: PROFESSIONAL, each

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| (a) Dentist \$70.00 | (b) Lawyer \$70.00 | (c) Physician/Surgeon \$70.00 |
| (d) Optometrist \$70.00 | (e) Chiropractor/Osteopath \$70.00 | (f) Psychologist \$70.00 |
| (g) Certified Public Accountant \$70.00 | (h) Veterinarian \$70.00 | (i) Court Reporter \$70.00 |
| (j) Architect \$70.00 | (k) Auctioneer \$70.00 | (l) Forester \$70.00 |
| (m) Surveyor/Civil Engineer \$70.00 | (n) Podiatrists, per year \$70.00 | |
- (22) BUS STATIONS \$50.00
- (23) BUSINESS FIRMS OTHER THAN MERCHANTS. All types and forms of businesses of every kind whatsoever not otherwise covered in this article, nor covered in separate peddlers ordinances \$70.00
- (24) CABINET MAKERS OR CARPENTER SHOPS \$50.00
- (25) CAR WASH \$50.00
- (26) CEMENT OR ARTIFICIAL STONE MANUFACTURERS, per year \$100.00
- (27) CARNIVAL PARADES \$100.00
- (28) CIRCUS, held under one tent where one admission is charged, per year \$100.00
- (29) CLAIMS AND COLLECTING AGENCIES, other than lawyers \$50.00
- (30) CONTRACTORS: \$70.00
 - (a) Building, painting, remodeling, roofing
 - (b) Resident with one or more subcontractors (subcontractors may obtain licenses under respective classification)
 - (c) Contractors paving or cement works (including delivering cement)
 - (d) Electricians or electrical contractors
 - (e) Plumbers, including pipe fitters and contractors selling of fixtures or conducting shop
 - (f) Contractors, not otherwise provided for
- (31) CRAFT SHOP \$50.00
- (32) DANCING SCHOOL HALLS \$20.00
- (33) DAY CARE CENTERS \$50.00
- (34) DREDGEING COMPANIES \$50.00
- (35) DRY CLEANERS, STEAM CLEANERS AND CLOTHES PRESSERS, OR EITHER, HAT BLOCKING AND DRYERS OR EITHER \$50.00
- (36) ELECTRICAL ENERGY, distribution of \$350.00
- (37) ELECTRONICS SELLS AND/OR REPAIR \$50.00
- (38) EXPRESS COMPANIES \$70.00
- (39) EXTERMINATORS \$50.00
- (40) FLORISTS, or dealers in flowers \$30.00
- (41) FAIRS WITH RIDING DEVICES, each, per week \$100.00
- (42) FOOD VENDORS, STANDS OR MOBILE UNITS (ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ONLY) (applicants should not be issued an occupational license in these categories until approval is obtained from the City's Planning and Zoning Board) \$50.00
- (43) FRUIT, VEGETABLE, WARES, ETC. STANDS, MOBILE UNITS OR TRUCKS, selling not in connection with licensed merchants (ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ONLY) \$50.00
- (44) FURNITURE DEALERS (not under Merchant classification) \$50.00
- (45) GAMES, such as shuffleboard, throwing balls at figures and the like, per day \$20.00
- (46) GASOLINE AND OIL:
 - (a) Wholesale \$50.00
 - (b) Retail dealers, each pump \$10.00
 - (c) Dealers in propane, butane or any other form of gas for heating, lighting, etc., when delivered by truck, each truck \$10.00
- (47) ICE CREAM MANUFACTURERS: \$50.00
 - (a) Wholesaling
 - (b) Retailing
- (48) ICE MANUFACTURERS \$40.00
- (49) INSTALLING OF MACHINES, FIXTURES AND/OR EQUIPMENT, not otherwise covered in this article \$50.00
- (50) INSURANCE AGENCY AND/OR COMPANY, \$40.00
 - (a) Insurance agencies
 - (b) Insurance companies, each company represented
- (51) JANITORIAL/CARPET SERVICES \$50.00
- (52) JEWELERS, repairing/sales and/or watch repair (also see Merchants for stock) \$50.00
- (53) LABOR RECRUITERS, inducing laborers to leave the city or county for employment \$625.00
- (54) LANDSCAPING AND YARD MAINTENANCE \$50.00
- (55) LAUNDRY AND/ OR LINEN SERVICE \$50.00
- (56) MACHINE AND/OR WELDING SHOPS \$50.00
- (57) MANUFACTURING, each not otherwise covered \$20.00
- (58) MARINE WAYS \$50.00
- (59) MASSEUR/MASSEUSE, each person, per year or fraction thereof \$50.00
- (60) MERCHANTS, STOREKEEPERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS, to include antique and second hand shops, in accordance with the value of the stock of goods as follows:
 - (1) Stock of less than \$1,000.00 \$15.00
 - (2) Stock of \$1,000.00 and less than \$5,000.00 \$35.00
 - (3) Stock of \$5,000.00 and less than \$20,000.00 \$70.00
 - (4) Stock of \$20,000.00 and less than \$40,000.00 \$100.00
 - (5) Stock of \$40,000.00 and up \$150.00

Provided that all persons applying for license under this Classification, shall make affidavit before the City Clerk as Fix Officio Tax Collector as to the value of the stock of goods for which license is applied for, and such affidavit shall be made and filed among the city records prior to the issuance of any license.
- (61) MONUMENT COMPANIES \$50.00
- (62) MOTORCYCLES OR MOTORBIKES, agents or dealers or shops for repairs \$50.00
- (63) MOVING PICTURES/PERFORMANCE THEATERS \$75.00
- (64) MUSIC TEACHERS \$50.00
- (65) NEWSPAPERS:
 - (a) Weekly, and publishers of magazines or similar publications, other than those published by a department of the state \$100.00
 - (b) Published six or more days a week \$200.00
- (66) NURSERY STOCK, agents or dealers, per year or fraction thereof \$50.00
- (67) PAWN SHOP \$50.00
- (68) PAINTERS OF SIGNS, ARTISTS \$50.00
- (69) PEDDLERS (Must have approved special exception) \$150.00 A peddler is one who offers merchandise along streets from door to door. The word "peddler" shall not include the following:
 - (a) Sales made to dealers or permanent merchants by commercial travelers selling in the usual course of business.
 - (b) Sheriffs, constables, bona fide assignees receivers or trustees in bankruptcy or other public officers selling goods, wares and merchandise according to law.
 - (c) Bona fide residents of the state selling fruits, vegetables, dressed meats, fowl or farm products which were produced on land within the state, owned or controlled by such vendor.
 - (d) Solicitations, sales or distributions made by charitable educational or religious organizations which have their principal place of activity within this City.

When approved as a special exception, peddlers shall present the approved special exception application to the City Clerk prior to the issuance of an occupational license.
- (70) PHARMACY (not to be classified as Merchant) \$50.00
- (71) PHOTOGRAPHERS \$50.00
- (72) PIANO AND ORGAN TUNERS, etc., per year or fraction thereof \$25.00
- (73) PILE DRIVING OR DRIVERS, \$50.00
- (74) PRINTING/OFFICE SUPPLY \$50.00
- (75) RADIO STATIONS \$50.00
- (76) REAL ESTATE BROKERS \$80.00
- (77) REAL ESTATE SALESMEN, and those making a business of dealing in real estate, whether selling their own or not, as defined by state law other than real estate brokers. \$50.00
- (78) REPAIR AND/OR SERVICE SHOPS: Where no other license is provided for in this ordinance, each \$30.00
- (79) RESTAURANTS (including lounges or bars):
 - (a) One to fifteen chairs or stools \$30.00
 - (b) Sixteen to twenty-five chairs or stools \$45.00
 - (c) Over twenty-five chairs or stools \$60.00
 - (d) Restaurant w/ lounge or bar add an additional \$30.00
- (80) RINKS, SKATING, BICYCLE OR OTHER \$50.00
- (81) SKATE SHOP \$50.00
- (82) SHOOTING GALLERIES, when located in a permanent structure or location \$50.00
- (83) SIDESHOWS, each, with circus, per day \$50.00
- (84) TAILORS \$40.00
- (85) TAXIDERMISTS \$50.00
- (86) TELEPHONE COMPANIES \$120.00
- (87) TELEVISION CABLE COMPANIES \$120.00
- (88) TELEVISION STATIONS \$50.00
- (89) TRUCK LINES OR COMPANIES \$50.00
- (90) TRUCKS FOR HIRE, (\$75.00 per truck) \$50.00 (Each truck operated other than as a qualified carrier, per year)
- (91) UNDERTAKERS, EMBALMERS AND/OR FUNERAL DIRECTORS \$100.00
- (92) VEHICLES FOR HIRE, VEHICLE RENTALS
 - (a) All persons engaging in or carrying on the business of renting or hiring to the general public automobiles or other motor vehicles. either with or without drivers, shall pay a license tax in the sum of \$20.00 and in addition thereto, when more than one vehicle is used in such business, the sum of \$10.00 on each such vehicle exceeding one.
- (93) VENDING MACHINES
 - (a) Each person who may operate or place for public use any vending machine or mechanical device designed to operate by the insertion into such machine of a coin or metal disk or slug for the purpose of dispensing merchandise, producing or reproducing music, musical sounds or noises and/or produce picture or pictures, prints or writings, or which is operated for amusement only, or as a game of skill and amusement, each separate machine used in the City, per year \$40.00
- (94) VIDEO SHOPS/SALES & RENTALS \$50.00
- (95) VIDEO GAME ROOMS (per game) \$15.00
- (96) WHOLESALE, RETAIL OR WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FISH AND SEAFOOD DEALERS \$60.00
- (97) WOODYARDS OR PERSONS SELLING WOOD \$50.00

Happy BIRTHDAY



Nichols brothers celebrate July birthdays

Jayden turned 8 on July 18, and Jole will be 5 on July 28. Proud parents are Cole and Glynis Nichols, of Apalachicola. Grandparents are Debbie and Charles Nichols, of Eastpoint and Julie and Morgan Simmons, of Cottendale.

Happy birthday boys, and we all love you very much!



Ajaylen Lewis to turn 4

Ajaylen Lewis turned 6, yesterday. He is the son of Jasmine Lewis and the grandson of Trina Ford and Freddie Lewis, of Apalachicola. Maternal great-grandparents are Rosa Tolliver and Marion Green and Godparents are Evelyn and Freddie Williams, of Apalachicola.

Averie Johnson turns 5

Averie Elisabeth Johnson turned 5 on Monday. She is the daughter of Brett and Carrie Johnson of Apalachicola, and big sister to Easton Brice Johnson. Her maternal grandparents are Beckie and Ronnie Jones, of Apalachicola, and the late Scott McDaniel of Columbus, Ga., and Chris and Judy Griffin of Phenix City, Ala. Her paternal grandparents



are Robbie and Marcia Johnson, of Apalachicola. We all love you so much baby girl! Happy Birthday Princess!

MISS FIRECRACKER QUEEN



Zara Carter, the 3-month-old daughter of Joe and Cecilia Carter, was a contestant in the Miss Firecracker Pageant in Carrabelle on Saturday, July 20.

Zara won Miss Firecracker Queen in her age division 0-12 months, and was awarded best dressed, best patriotic wear and tied with Myah Mullins for best personality. She also won Most Photogenic overall for the entire pageant.

She was awarded two crowns, three sashes, a trophy, and a medallion! Zara's family is very proud of her and took great joy in watching her on stage in her first pageant.

Anniversary



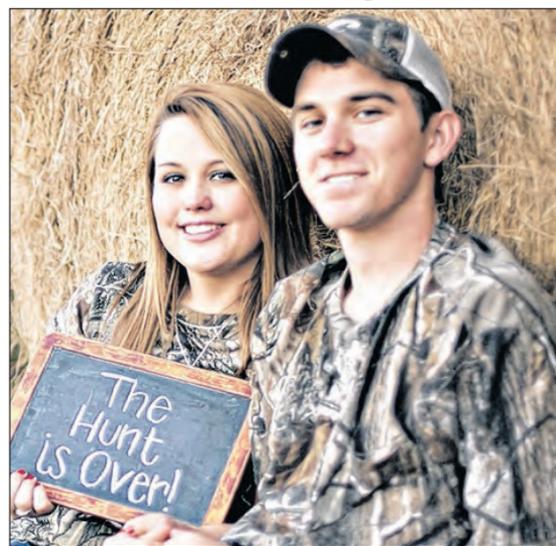
Happy anniversary, 'All grown up'

Becky and Perry Floyd, of Apalachicola, will celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary on Thursday, July 25, 2013.

Bishop Daniel White officiated at the ceremony July 25, 1992 in Lafayette Park that united the two in marriage.

To God be the glory for things He has done!

Wedding



Payton Baze, Seth Ward to wed Saturday

Corey and Shana Crum, of Sopchoppy, and Michael and Jaime Baze, of Crawfordville, would like to announce the upcoming marriage of daughter, Payton Baze, to Seth Ward, son of Bryce and Karen Ward, of Apalachicola.

Seth and Payton will exchange vows at a riverfront wedding this Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Kirvin river property, 152 Pogy Road, Apalachicola. A dinner reception will follow.

Payton, a 2013 graduate of Wakulla High School, plans to attend Tallahassee Community College in the fall. Seth, a 2013 graduate of Franklin County School, has joined the family construction business.

All friends and family are invited to celebrate with Seth and Payton. No local invitations were sent.

Baby SHOWER



Watson shower Aug. 3 at Living Waters

The Watson family is expecting a blessing arriving in October, a precious baby boy named Joseph Eli Watson.

A baby shower will be held Saturday, Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Living Waters Assembly of God, 1580 Bluff Rd., Apalachicola.

Amber (King) Watson, husband Dominic and daughter Arianna Watson invite all family and friends to share in this special occasion.

PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society



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We have a litter of 8, six week old springer/lab cross pups. They are black and white and liver and white and all but 1 are female. They are roly-polly

happy little pups and pretty as a picture. They won't be ready to be released for another 2 weeks but don't let that stop you from coming to the shelter and placing a deposit hold on the one you fall in love with!!

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

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

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

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Anniversary



Happy anniversary, Jimmie and Mary Rochelle

One hot day, July 29, 1960,
We were walking down the street.
Jimmie Rochelle, Mary Bryant and I,
We had a preacher to meet.
We met a boy by the name of Charlie Clark.
We said, "Come go with us,
Jimmie and Mary want to get married
You'll be the best man we trust."
They were married by Reverend Banks,
My how time goes by fast.
That was fifty-three years ago
And some said it wouldn't last.
But last it did through all those years.
Yes, they had their highs and lows.
After three children, grands and great-grands,
They look forward to many more.

From your Bridesmaid and Aunt,
Pearlie M. Perry

The Rochelles will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on Monday, July 29, 2013.

They have two daughters, Ms. Sharon Rochelle, of Apalachicola, and Mrs. Monique Rochelle Resendez, of Moreno Valley, Calif.; one son, the late Jimmie Lee Rochelle, Jr.; three granddaughters, Aja Vandanel, of Oregon, Ali Vandanel, of Oregon, and Kristina Rochelle, of Moreno Valley, Calif.; three grandsons, Anthony, Alexxon and Jonathan Resendez, of Moreno Valley, Calif.; and three great-grandchildren, Donate, Kyera and Roland, all of Oregon.

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Senior citizens lunches cancelled until September



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

There was a big crowd again at the pancake breakfast Last Saturday, July 20. Thanks for your support and hope to see you Saturday, Aug. 17.

Had room for you and yours at our covered dish luncheon, Sunday, July 21.

We all had a good time, and plenty of good food to enjoy. Try to join us next month, Sunday, Aug. 18.

Sorry about the misinformation about our senior center. Just the lunch will be cancelled until September. I called the center be-

fore I called my column in. I left a message, but nobody called me back.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Godburn and comfort and strength for Ward B and Frank's family.

Mark the first weekend of November on your cal-

endars. We will have the 50th annual Florida Seafood Festival at Battery Park in Apalachicola. More on this later.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and the housebound and remember our little prayer "God, grant

me patience and I want it right now!"

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

We'll be at Chillas Hall and serving begins at 1 p.m. See ya there!

Cards of THANKS

Franklin's Promise

The Franklin County Food Pantry would like to thank both the Apalachicola and Eastpoint post offices for another successful US Mail Carrier Food Drive which took place Saturday, May 11.

Postmasters Lionel Bliss, Eastpoint, and Justine Battle, Apalachicola, and the hardworking mail carriers who loaded the food onto their trucks went the extra mile to help others in the

community. We cannot thank them enough.

Our appreciation goes out to all the residents of Franklin County who donated food; without your support and giving nature we would not be able to continue our effort in feeding the most vulnerable citizens.

The Franklin County Food Pantry is a committee of Franklin's Promise Coalition, a 501c3 organization, and relies on donations of food and cash to

continue its operations. We are currently distributing food twice each month to an average of 350 families, our neighbors in need.

To support the pantry you can mail a check to P.O. Box 276, Apalachicola, FL 32329 or contact Lori Switzer, food pantry coordinator, at 653-3930 to make a food donation or to help out as a volunteer.

Sincerely,
Franklin County Food Pantry Staff
Franklin's Promise Coalition

Jones and Russ families

The family of Princess E. Russ Jones wishes to acknowledge with

deep appreciation and gratitude the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, and other expressions of kindness shown to

us at the death of our Mother and beloved family member. We pray that God's blessings will always be yours.

The Jones and Russ families

News BRIEFS

Date for budget hearings set

County commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday morning to set the dates for the two public hearings on the budget as Thursday, Sept. 5 and Monday, Sept. 16. Both hearings will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Commissioners said they hoped all business will be completed on the first date so the second hearing can be cancelled.

Aquaculture sales \$69M in 2012

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services announced on July 9, that the 2012 Florida aquaculture survey showed \$69 million of aquaculture sales in the state last year.

Florida aquaculture sales were reported by 404 farms on a statewide survey completed by the Florida Agricultural Statistics Service and the DACS. Florida aquafarmers produced ornamental fish, shellfish, alligators, aquatic plants,

and food, game and bait fish, among other aquatic animals.

Ornamental sales totaled \$35.5 million and consisted of freshwater and marine animals and plants, including freshwater fish, crayfish and marine fish, corals, live rock, snails and shrimp. Sales of aquaculture products for human consumption totaled \$24.1 million and included freshwater and marine fish, clams, oysters, shrimp, prawns, alligators and turtles. All other aquaculture totaled about \$10 million.

There were 686 operations that reported being in business in 2012, of those, 404 reported sales during 2012. Many of the farms are small, family-owned and operated; 61 percent of the farms are less than three water acres in size. Total water acreage was 4,490.

Gulf Coast Workforce update

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board submitted two items for the county board's approval on July 16.

They requested Ted Mosteller be re-appointed to a three year term to the Workforce advisory committee effective July 1. They also asked the county to renew an interlocal agreement with the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. The interlocal agreement does not authorize any particular funding but it is the umbrella agreement that says the Franklin County agrees to let the Gulf Coast Work Force Board provide services in Franklin County. Without an agreement, Franklin County would not be serviced by Gulf Coast Workforce. Commissioners voted unanimously to reappoint Mosteller and renew the agreement.

The mission of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board is to provide leadership, oversight, guidance and assistance to institutions and agencies delivering training and workforce services in order to meet the economic development and employment needs of Bay, Gulf, and Franklin Counties.

Oil skimmer settlement reached

At the July 15 county meeting, County Attorney Michael Shuler told commissioners a settlement has been finalized in litigation involving Calvin, Giardano and Associates (CGA), the firm hired by the county to manage response during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

After CGA obtained an oil skimmer to stage in Franklin County in late 2010, BP refused to reimburse the firm \$435,000 for the rental. CGA sued BP for reimbursement in 2012.

The county was required by their contract with CGA to join the contractor in the suit. A court date for the litigation had been set for August of this year if mediation failed.

After mediation, CGA agreed to a settlement of \$15,000 and payment of all obligations for the use of the skimmer. Shuler said the settlement ends all county obligations to CGA.

Commissioners voted unanimously to sign off on the settlement.

County jobless rate rises slightly

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN
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Franklin County saw a slight rise in its unemployment rate in June, but the county remained 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 June rose two-tenths of 1 percent, from 5.3 to 5.5 percent.

The unemployment rolls added 16 people, growing from 286 to 302 people in search of work. The increase in unemployment occurred even as the workforce grew by 95 workers, from 5,437

to 5,532, which is about the same size as it was one year ago, when it comprised 5,541 workers, and the jobless rate was sharply higher, at 6.6 percent.

Franklin County's June jobless picture placed it just a few notches behind Monroe County, at 4.1 percent, the state's lowest unemployment rate. This was followed by Walton (4.2 percent) and Okaloosa (5.1 percent). Many of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates were those with relatively high proportions of government employment. Seasonal tourism also was a contributing factor.

Franklin had the lowest jobless rate in the tri-

county Gulf Coast Workforce region, which averaged 6.5 percent in June, 1.5 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 8.0 percent, and 0.6 percentage points below the June 2013 state rate of 7.1 percent.

Bay County's jobless rate rose from 6.3 to 6.6 percent, while Gulf County's increased from 6.6 to 6.9 percent. Out of a labor force of 102,099, there were 6,658 unemployed Gulf Coast residents.

"Along with all 67 counties in Florida, Bay County saw a slight increase over the month in the unemployment rate mainly due to seasonal factors in education. Locally, we are seeing positive indicators including growing job op-

portunities in the manufacturing and construction industries, two of the hardest hit sectors during the economic downturn," said Kim Bodine, executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board.

According to numbers released by the Department of Labor, the Panama City metro area lost jobs over the year and had the highest rate of job losses for all metro areas in Florida.

"We question the accuracy of these numbers," said Bodine. "We've seen higher bed tax collections and increased taxable sales over the year along with strong employment opportunities in retail trade and leisure and hospitality sectors."

Obituaries

Julia Wall Donaldson

Julia (Judy) Wall Donaldson, 69, born on Aug. 2, 1943, in Troy Ala., passed away on Monday, July 15, 2013.

Judy is survived by her son, Mark Howze, of Port St. Joe; stepchildren David Donaldson, Aberdeen NC, Tracie and Bryan Williams, Littleton, Colo., and Christie and Andy Solomon Atlanta, Ga.; and grandkids Chloe Donaldson, Micah and Asher Solomon. She is preceded in death by her husband, Paul Donaldson, and parents Elmer and Elvester Wall.

Judy attended Chapman High School (1957-1961) in Apalachicola and MacArthur State Tech (1966) in Opp, Ala.

She was a resident of Opp for more than 48 years,



JULIA WALL DONALDSON

where she retired from the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs. She loved to be able to help those who served our country. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Opp and the Business Profes-

sional Women's Club of Opp. She loved her family, home and community. She will be forever remembered for her bright smile and a can do attitude.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 25 at First Baptist Church Opp, Ala. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to Alabama/North Florida Alzheimer's Assoc. or to the charity of your choice.

Maurice Gunter

Maurice Gunter beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away Saturday, July 20, 2013 at the age of 79.

Maurice, born on June 11, 1934 in Buford, Georgia, was preceded in death by his wife Shirley Faye Gunter; his parents Effie Brown Gunter and Maurice Samuel Gunter and his brothers Roy, and Charles Gunter.

Maurice is survived by a large family including his brother Bill E. Gunter and wife Martha, sister-in-law Vill Gunter, and children, Vicki Gunter Wheelus, Patrice Gunter Bullock, Celeste Janine Gunter and Scott Maurice Gunter. He is also survived by



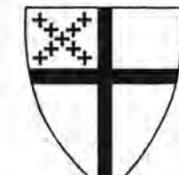
MAURICE GUNTER

his grandchildren Megan Shirley Wheelus, Tyler Craig Wheelus, Blakely Bullock Morris and husband Chris, Gunter Dell Bullock and great-grandson Cooper Dean Morris.

A private gathering for close family and friends will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Fellowship Hall in Dacula, Ga. at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 28.

The family is honoring Maurice's wish that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch. Donations may be made online or mailed to P.O. Box 2000, Boys Ranch, FL 32064, noting 'In Memory of Maurice Gunter.'

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| Sunday Evening Service | 6:00 pm |
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| Wednesday, Royal Rangers, G.A.P. | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday Worship & Word | 7:00 pm |

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

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201 E. Gulf Beach Dr. 927- 4635 www.sgiuimc.org
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KATHY ROBINSON | Special to the Times

The ones that didn't get away

On July 9, the Jacob Stilow party, fishing with Capt. Grayson Shepard had an unusual experience. They landed not one but two goliath groupers. The angler shown here is Brian Thompson from Nashville, Tenn. Country music performer Marcus Hummon also landed a goliath.

Shepard said the party was catching vermillion snapper, also known as "Beeliners" at the site of the Empire Mica undersea shipwreck. "About every third fish would be eaten by a goliath as it was being reeled in," he said. "The goliaths would pull drag, taking the lines into the wreck and then cut them off. This happened probably 15 times. Finally, Brian was able to pull this one back out of the wreck and to the surface."

Shepard said the fight lasted close to half an hour, and that Thompson's fish weighed around 300 pounds. Hummon also hooked up with a goliath and he too was able to get that one up as well. Shepard said both were released, in accordance with both state and federal laws that require the fish to be returned immediately to the water, free, alive and unharmed.

"It's very rare to land a goliath and much more so to get two at the same time," said Shepard.

Quota hike makes second season possible

Staff and wire reports

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Fishing regulators have voted to increase this year's red snapper quota by 2.5 million pounds and to start a recreational season Oct. 1 if the anglers' share of the catch so far allows it.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council increased this year's quota on July 17 from 8.46 million to 11 million pounds for one of the Gulf's most popular eating and sports fish. A recreational season would get up to 21 consecutive days.

The length is uncertain because recreational anglers have regularly exceeded their 49 percent share of the total annual quota. Their catch through June will be subtracted from the increased recreational quota of 5.9 million pounds when figures become available in mid-August. If some of their quota remains, there would be a second season.

Commercial boats are assigned 51 percent of the annual total.

Decades of overfishing had depleted the species when the first recovery plan for red snapper went into effect in 1990. The total quota had been about 9.1 million pounds for years when regulators cut it to 5 million pounds. It has risen steadily since.

Council member Kay Williams of Vancleave, Miss., wanted this year's total set to 12.1 million pounds — the highest choice on the agenda. She said the lower quota penalizes commercial boats and people who buy red snapper for failure to control the recreational sector.

"We just took a million pounds away from the commercial indus-

try," said Williams, who cast the only "nay" in a 15-1 roll-call vote.

The vote was watched closely by those in the Bay County fishing industry.

With seasons for grouper and amberjack opening Aug. 1 and continuing through the end of October, Panama City charter Capt. Billy Archer said the additional season will add another option for anglers on the water this fall.

"It's a nice little economic boost for the guys who like to fish for , grouper and amberjack at the same time," said Archer, captain of the boat "Seminoe Wind." Archer said although the fall season is welcomed, anglers must continue to be good stewards of the resource.

"We just want to make sure we don't overfish in the fall because it could shorten our season next June," Archer said. "We want to have those days when the people are here, and the people aren't here in October."

Pam Anderson, operations manager at Capt. Anderson's Marina in Panama City Beach, attended last week's meeting and urged the council to opt for a "weekend only" fall season.

She said a weekend only season would have benefited Bay County by supplementing festivals in the area. Although the council decided for a continuous season, Anderson is now hoping the season will last through the weekend of Oct. 20 for the Panama City Beach Seafood and Music Festival.

Anderson said Capt. Anderson's Marina alone is home to about 40 businesses that will benefit from additional snapper fishing time this

year.

"When we have , all the boats get out fishing," Anderson said. "In the fall, we may not be totally full, but they'll all be out."

Last year, recreational anglers were assigned just less than 4 million pounds and caught 5.8 million pounds. In 2011, the recreational quota was 3.9 million pounds; the catch 4.6 million, according to the website for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's fisheries division.

"I think we came a lot closer in the last couple of years than before," Roy E. Crabtree, regional administrator for NOAA Fisheries, said during the meeting.

He said part of the reason for the underestimates is the average fish size increased faster than expected. That is beginning to stabilize, he said.

Each commercial fishing boat is assigned an individual weight quota. Those for 2013 will be increased when the final rule is published, "hopefully sometime in September," NOAA Fisheries spokeswoman Kim Amendola said.

Recreational anglers and head boats that take groups of anglers into the Gulf don't have weight quotas. Rather, they have daily per-person bag limits and specific dates when they can take .

Each state sets its own season and daily bag limit for state waters; only Mississippi's and Alabama's seasons and bag limits match those in federal waters. Taking those into account, NOAA Fisheries sets the season for federal waters based on estimates of when the recreational quota will be met.

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|---------------|------|-----|----------|
| Thu, July 25 | 88° | 77° | 50 % |
| Fri, July 26 | 89° | 78° | 30 % |
| Sat, July 27 | 87° | 77° | 20 % |
| Sun, July 28 | 86° | 77° | 30 % |
| Mon, July 29 | 85° | 76° | 40 % |
| Tues, July 30 | 86° | 76° | 30 % |
| Wed, July 31 | 85° | 76° | 30 % |

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

| | | |
|------------------|------------|------------|
| Cat Point | HIGH | LOW |
| | 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:

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| Bald Point | HIGH | LOW |
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APALACHICOLA

| Date | Day | High Tide | High Tide | Low Tide | Low Tide |
|------|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 25 | Th | 7:14am 1.5 | 6:08pm 1.7 | 12:45am 0.1 | 12:38pm 0.9 |
| 26 | Fr | 7:34am 1.6 | 7:08pm 1.5 | 11:6am 0.3 | 1:35pm 0.7 |
| 27 | Sa | 7:55am 1.6 | 8:15pm 1.4 | 14:3am 0.5 | 2:37pm 0.6 |
| 28 | Su | 8:20am 1.7 | 9:35pm 1.2 | 2:09am 0.7 | 3:46pm 0.5 |
| 29 | Mo | 8:50am 1.7 | 11:21pm 1.2 | 2:33am 0.9 | 5:02pm 0.4 |
| 30 | Tu | 9:26am 1.7 | | 2:59am 1.1 | 6:16pm 0.3 |
| 31 | We | 10:10am 1.7 | | 7:23pm 0.2 | |
| 1 | Th | 11:03am 1.7 | | 8:20pm 0.1 | |
| 2 | Fr | 4:06am 1.4 | 12:04pm 1.7 | 6:51am 1.3 | 9:09pm 0.1 |
| 3 | Sa | 4:34am 1.4 | 1:05pm 1.7 | 8:06am 1.3 | 9:51pm 0.0 |
| 4 | Su | 4:59am 1.5 | 2:02pm 1.7 | 9:02am 1.3 | 10:27pm 0.1 |

CARRABELLE

| Date | Day | High Tide | High Tide | Low Tide | Low Tide |
|------|-----|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 25 | Th | 5:49am 2.4 | 4:43pm 2.7 | 10:25am 1.4 | 11:03pm 0.5 |
| 26 | Fr | 6:09am 2.6 | 5:43pm 2.4 | 11:22am 1.1 | 11:30pm 0.8 |
| 27 | Sa | 6:30am 2.6 | 6:50pm 2.2 | 12:24pm 1.0 | 11:56pm 1.1 |
| 28 | Su | 6:55am 2.7 | 8:10pm 1.9 | 1:33pm 0.8 | |
| 29 | Mo | 7:25am 2.7 | 9:56pm 1.9 | 12:20am 1.4 | 2:49pm 0.6 |
| 30 | Tu | 8:01am 2.7 | | 12:46am 1.8 | 4:03pm 0.5 |
| 31 | We | 8:45am 2.7 | | 5:10pm 0.3 | |
| 1 | Th | 9:38am 2.7 | | 6:07pm 0.2 | |
| 2 | Fr | 24:1am 2.2 | 10:39am 2.7 | 4:38am 2.1 | 6:56pm 0.2 |
| 3 | Sa | 3:09am 2.2 | 11:40am 2.7 | 5:53am 2.1 | 7:38pm 0.0 |
| 4 | Su | 3:34am 2.4 | 12:37pm 2.7 | 6:49am 2.1 | 8:14pm 0.2 |

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Buds N Bugs: Purple martins' majesty

By LOIS SWOBODA

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Last week I saw an enormous flock of purple martins staging west of Apalachicola before continuing their migration. The birds roosted shoulder to shoulder on two strands of power wire stretching over a quarter mile.

Earlier in the week, I watched a martin house at Harry and Linda Arnold's riverside and Harry told me the last of the chicks were fledging which triggers the migration each year. The Arnolds have several successful martin houses on their deck and said the martins keep the yard free of mosquitoes.

The purple martin (*Progne subis*) is the largest swallow in North America. Males are all dark, glossy blue-black; females are duller above and grayish below. They have a distinctly notched tail and, like all swallows, are graceful agile flyers.

The genus name of the purple martin, *Progne*, is from the Greek word *Prokne*, the daughter of Pandion, a king of Athens. Legend has it she was changed into a swallow to escape her brutal husband. The species name, *subis*, given by the Roman naturalist Pliny, is Latin for "a bird that breaks eagle's eggs." Other names for the purple martin are the gourd martin, western martin, house martin, and black martin.

So popular are these birds, there is a conserva-

tion group devoted specifically to them, the Purple Martin Conservation Association (PMCA), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Often, purple martin houses fail to attract a colony. There are several reasons why this might happen.

A martin house must be placed in a large open area more than 30 feet from human housing. They prefer to nest close to water. There should be no trees within 40 feet.

Martin houses should be 15 to 20 feet off the ground. Commercially built houses and a variety of plans for houses are available.

White housing attracts martins best, and reflects sunlight, keeping nests cooler. Compartment floor dimensions should be at least 6" x 6," but larger compartments offer better protection from predators and rain.

You can improve a martin house by adding insulation to the attic and remodel interiors to offer double-size compartments. Dividers between compartments help keep males from claiming extra space, and can double occupancy rates. They also keep nestlings from wandering to other compartments, where they can get lost and die, or steal food from younger nestlings.

All birdhouse poles require climbing animal barriers to keep out snakes, squirrels and raccoons. You can install guards before or after your martins have arrived. In areas with fire ants, Teflon spray or a

ring of grease on the pole will stop the ants.

Adult martins return to the sites where they nested before. Year old martins breeding for the first time typically colonize new sites, and begin arriving about four weeks after the first adults. Keep a new martin house closed until about a month after you see the first martin scouts in your yard. This will keep house sparrows and starlings from taking over.

The PMCA wants help in collecting information on martin arrival dates and breeding success. They have two programs to collect this data, Martin Colony Registration and Project Martinwatch. Information on these programs and martins in general is available at purplemartin.org.



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

A purple martin house is a mini-community.

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Inshore

As our area is still flooding because of all the rain, fishing is slow at best. Good flounder catches and some red fish are being caught under the George Tapper bridge this week. Scallops are coming to the docks in decent numbers this past week. If you can see them through the mud and silt, the size and numbers are pretty good.

Offshore

With so few species open to fish, offshore fishing has slowed down this month. Gag grouper and a few select snapper species are the only bottom fish that we can keep right now. Amberjack fishing will re-open on Aug. 1, so we will have another fish to target for the month of August.

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AAA All-Stars battle at state tourney

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN
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The AAA All Stars took it to their opponents but fell short at the state tournament earlier this month. Manager Justin Odom said the boys lost both their games at the state tourney in Freeport.

"They all played hard and kept their heads up," said Odom, who was assisted by coaches Bert Davis and Lanny Rester. Even due to the rain, they still played hard. They played their hearts out."

In the first game Saturday afternoon, July 13, the boys jumped ahead against one of the top teams in the tourney, Spring Hill American.

"We battled back and forth and they came back to jump ahead in the end of the game," said Odom. "Rain was an issue, we had to play the game in the rain."

The Franklin County boys ended up losing 13-6 in six innings, suffering their first loss in the double elimination tourney.

In their second game, Sunday afternoon, July 14, the team was ousted after sustaining a 9-5 loss to Holmes County.

"That was just a battle," said Odom. "We were trailing 5-4 most of the game and then, of course, had a rain delay until 7 p.m. that night."

Making the trip to state were shortstop Clint Rester, pitcher Tanner Amison,

first baseman Caden Turrell, second baseman Joshua Odom, catcher Colin Amison, center fielder Lamarus Martin, third baseman Devin Daniels, right fielder Ashton Topham, outfielder Kelson Smith, left fielder Gage Boone, infielder Caleb Abel and outfielder Carson Davis.

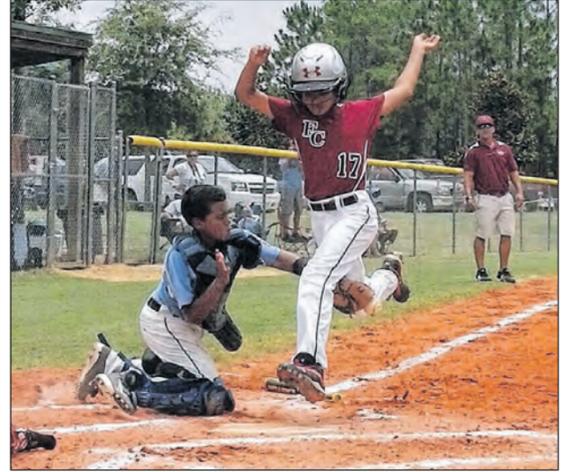
"Thanks to all the kids for their hard work. I'm really proud of them," said Justin Odom.

He also thanked the team's sponsors, who included the City of Apalachicola, City of Carrabelle, Franklin Co. Commission, Amison Seafood, Best Western, Badcock & More, Ace Hardware, Kelley Funeral Home, Water Street Seafood, Gordon Shuler, Esq., Lynn's Seafood, Fish-

erman's Choice, Oyster Catcher, Rhonda Skipper, Panama City Dance Academy, Pam Shiver, Owl Café, Shaun Donahoe, Carrabelle Christian Center and Coastal Cleaning.

"The Franklin County AAA All Stars would like to thank everyone that supported our team on our journey to state. Without the financial support from the community the trip would not have been possible. All the hard work from parents and players to raise the money didn't go unnoticed and is certainly appreciated," he said.

Grateful parents and players expressed their thanks to coaches Odom, Rester, and Davis for all of their hard work and dedication.



CHALA PARISH |Special to the Times

Caden Turrell steals home.

"It is because of that these boys won District IV Title and had the opportunity to participate in the state tournament!" said a thankful parent.

Sports BRIEFS

Weems to offer free physicals

Weems Memorial Hospital will be offering free physicals Monday through Thursday, Aug. 26-29.

Franklin County High School Athletic Director Michael Sweatt said both Weems clinics will be offering the physicals for all students in all county schools.

On Aug. 26-28, Monday through Wednesday, they will be offering physicals at the Weems Medical Center East in Carrabelle from 4 to 6 p.m.

On Aug. 26-29, Monday-Thursday they will offer them at the Weems Medical Center West in Apalachicola

from 4 to 6 p.m.

On Thursday, Aug. 29, beginning at 2 p.m. they will be at the Franklin County High School multipurpose gymnasium.

On Friday, Aug. 30, beginning at noon, nurse practitioner Dana Whaley and the Weems staff will be at the high gymnasium to perform throughout the school day.

"A big special thanks goes out to Weems and CEO Ray Brownworth for offering their services for free to Franklin County Schools and the kids of this community," said Sweatt. "The ultimate goal is to get every student-athlete a physical so we don't have to worry about it during

any sports season. If your child even thinks they might play a sport they have to have a physical first before they can even participate in an offseason workout or tryout."

If parents want to get a head start on filling out the physical forms then visit www.fhsaa.org and click on forms. You will need to have the EL2, EL3, and EL3CH forms signed and the correct information filled in.

Sacred Heart to offer free physicals

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, in Port St. Joe, will conduct 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 Thursday, Aug. 15. The physicals are open to students at all schools in Franklin County.

The free screenings will be administered by specialists including Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic staff and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf physical therapists, nurses and physicians. Screenings include blood pressure, heart rate, posture, range of motion, flexibility and balance.

Students should check with Coach Michael Sweatt at 670-2800 ext. 1924 for details or any questions that are of concern to

learn which date they should attend. Additionally, students and their parents must complete medical history and permission forms prior to participating in the athletic screening. These forms are available through school coaches or Sacred Heart's Apalachicola office. Student athletes should wear shorts, T-shirts, and athletic shoes for their visit.

Physical forms can be uploaded and printed out at: <http://www.fhsaa.org/forms/general>

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The Franklin County Tourist Development Council is conducting two Public Hearings to discuss the possibility of increasing the tourist tax by 2% for transient rentals.

The first meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Offices in Carrabelle.

The second meeting has been scheduled on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Apalachicola Community Room, on Bay Avenue.

This meeting is to present options for increasing this tax and to solicit input from the public. The public is invited to attend and share their ideas.

You may obtain more information by calling the FCTDC offices at 653-8678 or email fran@saltyflorida.com.

These are public meetings and two or more County Commissioners may attend.

CITY OF CARRABELLE PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF CITY ORDINANCE

The City Commission of the City of Carrabelle, Florida, proposes to enact the following ordinance:

CITY OF CARRABELLE ORDINANCE NO. 457

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CARRABELLE CODE OF ORDINANCES; 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.

The proposed Ordinance may be inspected during regular hours at Carrabelle City Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, FL Monday through Friday, or call 850-697-2727.

The proposed Ordinance will be considered for enactment during a public hearing to be held 6:00p.m., Thursday August 1, 2013(first reading) and Thursday September 3, 2013(final reading) at the Carrabelle City Hall located at

1001 Gray Ave, Carrabelle, FL.

Interested parties may appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting, (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Keisha Messer at the above address or phone number.

Wilburn Messer, Mayor

Attest: Keisha Messer, City Clerk

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July 12, 2013

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
AQUACULTURE LEASE AREAS**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 253.70. Florida Statutes, that the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is proposing to submit an agenda item to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, requesting approval of four (4) areas of sovereignty submerged lands to be reestablished as Aquaculture Use Zones (hereafter "Zones") for the performance of oyster cultivation activities. If approved, these Zones would be subdivided into individual 2.0 acre (more or less) lease parcels, for preemption of the bottom and the entire overlying water column, and leased accordingly.

The following Zones are proposed to be reestablished:

- 1) Highway 65 (72 Acres), in St. George Sound; 2) St. George Island (46 Acres), in St. George Sound; 3) Four Mile (44 Acres) in St. Vincent Sound; and 4) Nine Mile (40 Acres), in St. Vincent Sound. All four (4) Zones are located in Franklin County, Florida, and in the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Nine Mile and Four Mile Zones are located in the Apalachicola Bay Aquatic Preserve. A map identifying the locations and the limits of the proposed activities accompany this notice.

Anyone having any questions or comments regarding the proposed projects should file them in writing with the Division of Aquaculture, Magnolia Center, Suite 501, 1203 Governor's Square Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 24th day of August, 2013.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Franklin County District School Board will soon consider a budget for fiscal year 2013-14

A public hearing to make a **DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on:
Monday, July 29, 2013
5:15 P.M. EDST

At

**The Willie Speed Board
Room, 85 School Road,
Eastpoint, FL 32328**

4515261

NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Franklin County School District will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.00 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 4.761 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$1,646,489 to be used for the following projects:

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

One (1) New Bus Garage & Fueling Facility School Classroom and Restroom Facilities
Other Improvements at FCS School and District Administrative Offices

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

Reimbursement of the maintenance, renovation, and repairs paid through the General Fund as permitted by Florida Statute.
Parking lot maintenance Board Room/Rest Rooms at New District Office Site
Renovate District Offices at BES Repair/Replace Fire Alarm & Intrusion Systems
Painting and Repairs Transfer to Gen. Op. for minor maint./Repair Proj. and Associated maintenance salaries.
Replace Locks, Doors, Windows Transfer to ABC for Chapman Maint., Renov., & Repair
Roof Repair/Replacement
Resurfacing of Gymnasium Floor

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

Purchase of (1) School Bus Purchase of district fleet vehicles (1)

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONIC LEARNING DEVICES AND ENTERPRISE RESOURCE SOFTWARE

Purchase replacement of teacher work stations Management Information Systems Software
Purchase/Lease of student Electronic Learning Devices
School Furniture and Equipment
Purchase/Installation of School Food Service Equipment
Electronic Records Retention Scanning System

PAYMENTS FOR RENTING AND LEASING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND SITES

Leasing of educational and ancillary facilities and plants

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

HVAC Maintenance Agreements at FCS

One (1) New K-12 School

PAYMENTS OF COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Removal of Hazardous Waste or Materials

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL & ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Payment for premiums on district facilities and property

PAYMENT OF COST OF LEASING RELOCATABLE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Lease/Relocate Portable Classrooms

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on Monday, July 29, 2013 at 5:15 P.M. at the Willie Speed Board Room, Eastpoint, Florida.

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

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SCHOOL BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET SUMMARY NOTICE FY 2013-2014

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY

| | | |
|----------------------|--|---------------|
| Operating | | |
| Local Required | | 3.4230 |
| Discretionary | | 0.7480 |
| Capital Outlay | | 1.0000 |
| Additional Operating | | 0.5000 |
| TOTAL | | 5.6710 |

BUDGET - ALL FUNDS

| REVENUES | GENERAL OPERATING | SPECIAL REVENUE | DEBT SERVICE | CAPITAL PROJECTS | TOTAL |
|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Federal Sources | 110,464 | 2,506,124 | | | 2,616,588 |
| State Sources | 2,317,441 | 17,901 | 306,000 | 145,000 | 2,786,342 |
| Local Sources | 7,545,395 | 125,415 | | 1,646,489 | 9,317,299 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 9,973,300 | 2,649,440 | 306,000 | 1,791,489 | 14,720,229 |
| Transfers In | 647,060 | - | 1,537,740 | | 2,184,800 |
| Fund Balance - July 1, 2013 | 302,643 | 377,694 | 14,346 | 3,975,881 | 4,670,565 |
| TOTAL REVENUE AND BALANCES | 10,923,004 | 3,027,134 | 1,858,086 | 5,767,370 | 21,575,594 |
| EXPENDITURES | GENERAL OPERATING | SPECIAL REVENUE | DEBT SERVICE | CAPITAL PROJECTS | TOTAL |
| Instructional | 6,647,857 | 964,800 | | | 7,612,657 |
| Pupil Personnel Services | 154,652 | 146,784 | | | 301,436 |
| Instructional Media Services | 70,824 | 15,200 | | | 86,024 |
| Instructional and Curriculum Services | - | 137,457 | | | 137,457 |
| Instructional Staff Training | 5,000 | 79,816 | | | 84,816 |
| Instruction Related Technology | 11,250 | 50,701 | | | 61,951 |
| Board of Education | 382,751 | | | | 382,751 |
| General Administration | 199,193 | 120,990 | | | 320,183 |
| School Administration | 416,403 | 52,653 | | | 469,056 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | - | | | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 |
| Fiscal Services | 298,686 | | | | 298,686 |
| Food Services | - | 925,272 | | | 925,272 |
| Central Services | 407,591 | 27,735 | | | 435,326 |
| Pupil Transportation Services | 614,119 | 41,988 | | | 656,107 |
| Operation of Plant | 887,079 | | | | 887,079 |
| Maintenance of Plant | 204,934 | | | | 204,934 |
| Administrative Technology Services | 39,908 | | | | 39,908 |
| Community Services | | | | | - |
| Debt Service | | | 1,537,740 | | 1,537,740 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 10,340,247 | 2,563,396 | 1,537,740 | 1,250,000 | 15,691,383 |
| Transfers Out | - | | 306,000 | 1,878,800 | 2,184,800 |
| Fund Balance - June 30, 2014 | 582,757 | 463,738 | 14,346 | 2,638,570 | 3,699,412 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS & FUND BALANCES | 10,923,004 | 3,027,134 | 1,858,086 | 5,767,370 | 21,575,594 |

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD

4515259

Gulf Coast State College: Start here, go anywhere

Classes for fall semester 2013 at Gulf Coast State College will start on Monday, Aug. 19. Registration for this semester is open now. Gulf Coast State College and the Gulf/Franklin Campus provide many opportunities for individuals to obtain the knowledge and skills needed to continue their education and to pursue exciting, well-paying careers. These opportunities include bachelors and associate of arts degrees, as well as workforce associate of science degrees and certificates. By offering a wide range of programs

and services to assist individuals to become well-educated, productive citizens, all students can gain the knowledge and skills needed to become successful and "go anywhere." Registration for the fall semester is now open and students may register online at www.gulfcoast.edu. First time students or those needing to meet with an advisor can schedule an appointment with Loretta Costin at the Gulf/Franklin Campus in Port St Joe by calling (850) 227-9670, ext. 5503 or by emailing her at lcostin@gulfcoast.edu.



Students in the Gulf Franklin Center's practical nursing program are from Franklin and Gulf counties.

COLETTE LACASSE | Special to the Times

A FLOWERING FOR LOWERY



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

This month, Classie Lowery Park in Carrabelle got a much needed upgrade with new playground equipment, part of an ongoing initiative by county parks and recreation to inventory the fixtures of all county parks and replace substandard equipment.



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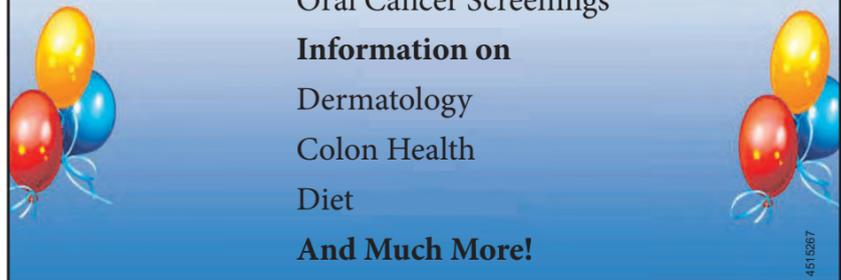
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REALLY 'DIGGING INTO READING'



RENEE STONE | Special to the Times

"Dig Into Reading" is the theme for this year's summer program at the Franklin County Public Libraries. Students are treated to weekly field trips and, on Friday, July 19, students from the Carrabelle library visited rock hound Rod Gasche at his workshop where he creates jewelry from minerals and semiprecious stones. In photo above, Gasche, shares rare specimens collected across North America with Charlee and Larry Winchester and Piper Stone.

Students film in Apalach commercial district



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

A group of students from Florida State University's film school spent three days and two nights in downtown Apalachicola last week filming a "spec" commercial as part of their master's thesis.

Sean Tien on the left, Spence Lindsey, Dustin LeBoeuf on the right and Ting Zhang at the camera said they enjoyed their stay here. They received a stipend

from the film school to complete their project.

The students said they stayed at the El Rancho Inn and ate at local restaurants including Up the Creek and filmed on the street and at several downtown businesses.

—BY LOIS SWOBODA



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Cherry and Abigail Carr of Macon, Georgia came to Apalachicola to shop on Monday and got caught in a deluge.

And the rains came

By LOIS SWOBODA

653-1819 | @ApalachTimes
Lswoboda@starfl.com

Double check your flotation devices and hunker down, this is shaping up to be a very wet summer.

Rainfall for July is now over four inches above average for Franklin County.

On July 22, with another week to go, monthly rainfall recorded at the Apalachicola Regional Airport surpassed 11 inches. The average monthly rainfall for July is 7.3 inches. The record high is 19 inches.

Recorded rainfall exceeded an inch on July 3, 4, 19 and 22.

Andy Lahr, a volunteer with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Tallahassee said the wettest day, to date was Monday July 22 with over three inches, which set a new record for that date.

The previous record for July 22 was two and a half inches set in 1963.

In a normal year, there is some rainfall on 15 days during the month of July here. At the time of this printing, the county had experienced 17 rain days in July.

It has been overcast for 12 out of 22 days and the weather has been cooler than normal with an average temperature of 80 degrees compared to a normal average of 82 degrees. The record high for July is 103 set in 1995 and the record low is 67 degrees set in 1977.

During the first week of July, the county received more than four inches of rain. The deluge began with more than a half-inch of rain on Wednesday evening, July 3. Over the next 24 hours 1.67 inches of rain fell interfering with Independence Day plans in Carrabelle and

on St. George Island.

Private citizens with rain gauges anecdotally reported much higher amounts of rain in some areas of the county.

Thunder and rain put a damper on county celebrations earlier this month but merchants say July showers bring big sales.

Harry Arnold said business at the Tin Shed has been outstanding this month. Arnold said, "Rain brings people off the beach and off the island."

Downtown Books reported they were "swamped with business," no pun intended.

At around 2 p.m. on Monday afternoon, with rain pouring down, April Cain, a server at the Owl Café said, "Right now, I'm doing my very best just to find tables for everybody. It starts to rain and they come in wet and hungry."

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91638T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE # 12-185-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, a foreign banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBORA G. COLLINS; et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure dated June 24, 2013, entered in Case No. 12-185-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein Centennial Bank is the Plaintiff,

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and Debora G. Collins; Wendell Harrelson; Larry D. Everett and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under, and against the herein named individual defendants 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 are the Defendants, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Inside Lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola Florida 32320, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on August 15, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure to-wit:

Lot 3, Block K of Lanark Beach, Unit No. 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 13 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

Together with all improvements located thereon and a 1968 Fleetwood Mobile Home, ID# DK71268277.

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 sale.

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DATED this 25th day of June, 2013.

Marcia Johnson Clerk of Court

By: Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk July 18, 25, 2013

91640T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE # 13-31-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, a foreign banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTHONY L. SPRULL and TAMMY D. SPRULL, husband and wife, et al. Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure dated June 20, 2013, entered in Case No. 13-31-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Liberty County, Florida, wherein CENTENNIAL BANK is the Plaintiff, and ANTHONY L. SPRULL and TAMMY D. SPRULL, husband and wife; CITIBANK, N.A.; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS 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 are the Defendants, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front steps of the Liberty County Courthouse, 10818 NW SR 20, Bristol, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on August 27, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure to-wit:

EXHIBIT A

Commence at a old terra-cotta monument marking the Southwest corner of Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 34 seconds East 30.00 feet to the Northerly right of way of a 60 wide roadway easement; thence East 44 seconds 44 degrees 43 minutes 44 seconds West 1595.25 feet to a rod and cap for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue South 89 degrees 43 minutes 44 seconds East 608.49 feet to a rod and cap; thence leaving said right of way run North 00 degrees

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33 minutes 47 seconds East 966.69 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 81 degrees 09 minutes 19 seconds West 144.79 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 79 degrees 48 minutes 38 seconds East 420.00 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 79 degrees 48 minutes 36 seconds West 51.85 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 47 seconds West 1069.55 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 14.20 acres more or less.

LOT 69, LIGHTHOUSE RIDGE ESTATES, UNIT 3 (UNRECORDED)

Commence at a concrete monument marking the Northwest corner of Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Franklin County, Florida and thence run South 89 degrees 59 minutes 03 seconds East along the North boundary of said Section 35 a distance of 2855.93 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 00 degrees 01 minutes 59 seconds East 1110.00 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 00 degrees 14 minutes 41 seconds East 60.00 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 01 degrees 59 minutes 58 seconds East 411.60 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 00 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds

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West 224.46 feet to a point of curve to the right, thence run Southwesterly along said curve with a radius of 247.49 feet, thru a central angle of 20 degrees 25 minutes 41 seconds East 41 seconds North 50 degrees 41 minutes 26 seconds West 270.37 feet, thence run South 37 degrees 53 minutes 33 seconds East 410.12 feet to a point on the Southerly right-of-way boundary of a 60.00 foot roadway, thence run along said right-of-way boundary as follows: North 50 degrees 41 minutes 26 seconds East 281.01 feet to a point of curve to the left, thence Northeastly along said curve with a radius of 657.49 feet, thru a central angle of 20 degrees 25 minutes 41 seconds of 234.42 feet, thence North 30 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds East 240.39 feet to a point of curve to the right, thence run Northeastly along said curve with a radius of 3350.00 feet thru a central angle of 07 degrees 01 minutes 46 seconds for an arc distance of 418.02 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue Northeastly along said right-of-way and along said curve with a radius of 3350.00 feet, thru a central angle of 02 degrees 22 minutes 21

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seconds for an arc distance of 137.00 feet, thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run South 50 degrees 21 minutes 54 seconds East 350.00 feet to a point on a curve concave to the Southeast, thence run Southwesterly along said curve with a radius of 3000.00 feet, thru a central angle of 02 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds for an arc distance of 122.68 feet, the chord of said arc being South 38 degrees 27 minutes 49 seconds West 122.67 feet, thence run North 52 degrees 42 minutes 29 seconds West 350.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 1.04 acre, more or less.

LOT 70, LIGHTHOUSE RIDGE ESTATES UNIT 3 (UNRECORDED)

Commence at a concrete monument marking the Northwest corner of Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Franklin County, Florida and thence run South 89 degrees 59 minutes 03 seconds East along the North boundary of said section 35 a distance of 2855.93 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 00 degrees 01 minutes 59 seconds East 1110.00 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 00 degrees 14 minutes 41 seconds East 60.00 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 01 degrees 59 minutes 58 seconds East 411.60 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 00 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds

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thence run South 89 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds West 411.60 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 30 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds West 224.46 feet to a point of curve to the right, thence run Southwesterly along said curve with a radius of 247.49 feet thru a central angle of 20 degrees 25 minutes 41 seconds for an arc distance of 88.22 feet, thence run South 50 degrees 41 minutes 26 seconds West 270.37 feet, thence run North 52 degrees 42 minutes 29 seconds West 350.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 1.04 acre, more or less.

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seconds for an arc distance of 548.01 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue Northeastly along said right-of-way boundary and along said curve with a radius of 3350.00 feet thru a central angle of 02 degrees 20 minutes 36 seconds for an arc distance of 137.01 feet, thence run South 48 degrees 01 minutes 18 seconds East 350.00 feet to a point on a curve concave to the Southeast, thence run Southwesterly along said curve with a radius of 3000.00 feet thru a central angle of 02 degrees 20 minutes 36 seconds for an arc distance of 122.70 feet, the chord of said arc being South 40 degrees 48 minutes 24 seconds West 122.69 feet, thence run North 50 degrees 21 minutes 54 seconds West 350.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 1.04 acre, more or less.

Together with a 1992 SHAD Mobile Home VIN #146M7049A, Title #62802954 and 1992 SHAD Mobile Home VIN #146M7049B, Title #62802955

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.

DATED this 20th day of

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seconds for an arc distance of 137.00 feet, thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run South 50 degrees 21 minutes 54 seconds East 350.00 feet to a point on a curve concave to the Southeast, thence run Southwesterly along said curve with a radius of 3000.00 feet, thru a central angle of 02 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds for an arc distance of 122.68 feet, the chord of said arc being South 38 degrees 27 minutes 49 seconds West 122.67 feet, thence run North 52 degrees 42 minutes 29 seconds West 350.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 1.04 acre, more or less.

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June, 2013.

Kathy Brown
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: V. Summers
Deputy Clerk
July 18, 25, 2013

91688T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 13000022CA

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC. Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBRA A. TAYLOR, et al Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MICHAEL D. BARDECKI
RESIDENT: Unknown
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 490 SAINT TROPEZ CIR NE, SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33703

TO: MICHAEL D. BARDECKI
RESIDENT: Unknown
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 3247 TECH DRIVE N, SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33716

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

Lot 1, Block 'I', St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Unit Number 2, a subdivision as per Map or Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 15, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The Apalachicola Times.

Dated June 26th, 2013

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By Terry E Creamer
Deputy Clerk of the Court

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.

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.

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Office of Court Administration
301 S Monroe St, Rm 225
Tallahassee, FL 32303
850.577.4401

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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. PH # 32066 July 18, 25, 2013

91694T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF BENTON, Plaintiff, and, MONET INVESTMENTS, LLC, THOMAS FRANK MOORE, VINOD C. GUPTA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,

No. 2013-MR-11

PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO: Monet Investments, LLC, Thomas Frank Moore, Vinod C. Gupta, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants:

This is Notice to you of the filing of Petitioner for Order Authorizing Demolition on the following property:

LOT ONE (1) IN BLOCK "A" IN PARKRIDGE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BENTON, SUBJECT TO PRIOR RESERVATIONS, EXCEPTIONS AND CONVEYANCES OF THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SAME, SITUATED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN NUMBER: 08-20-129-001

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your response to the Petition filed herein, or otherwise make your appearance in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Illinois, within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, default may be entered against you at any time thereafter, and the relief requested in such Petition for Order Authorizing Demolition may be granted.

Nancy Hobbs
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Franklin County, Illinois
July 18, 25, 2013
August 1, 2013

91722T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
CASE NO.: 11-000433CA

HANCOCK BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD D. BROWN; RHONDA M. BROWN; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; OLIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.; SANDS OF CARRABELLE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure, entered in this cause, will sell the property at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, except as set forth hereinafter, on August 15, 2013, at 11:00 am Eastern Time at the Franklin County Court-

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house, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described real property lying and being in Franklin County, Florida, to-wit:

LOT 14, BLOCK 71, THE SANDS OF CARRABELLE - A SUB-DIVISION AS PER MAP OF PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

This Notice dated this 25th day of June, 2013.

Marcia M. Johnson
Franklin County Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
July 18, 25, 2013

91808T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 13-00045 CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES CARL MAYO, Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of JAMES CARL MAYO, deceased, Case Number 13-00045 CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The names and addresses of the joint personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All persons having claims against this estate who are served with a copy of this notice are required to file with this court such claim within the later of three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or 30 days after the date of service of a copy of this notice on that person.

Persons having claims against the estate who are not known to the personal representative and whose names or addresses are not reasonably ascertainable must file all claims against the estate within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

All claims and objections NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 25, 2013.

Joint Personal Representatives:
GRACIE LAYFIELD
9145 SW Pitts Circle
Kinard, FL 32449
And
Charles Mayo
721 Hwy. 98
Eastpoint, FL 32328

RACHEL CHESNUT
Attorney for Personal Representatives
P.O. Box 501
Apalachicola, FL 32329
(850) 653-4611
FL Bar No. 00483311
July 25, Aug 1, 2013

94425T NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The City of Apalachicola will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

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Project is located in the City of Apalachicola, Florida and consists of approximately 400 linear feet of river stabilization (rip-rap & filter fabric) and wooden boardwalk removal and replacement. There will also be a bid alternate for steel sheet pile retaining wall with boardwalk removal and replacement.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. (850) 227-7200. The Bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Completion date for this project will be 75 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder. The project is anticipated to start September 3, 2013. Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$750.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for "Seawall Repair".

Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m. (EDT), on August 6, 2013, at the Apalachicola City Hall, 1 Avenue E, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, and will be opened and read aloud at that time.

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$50.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

The City Commissioners reserves the right to waive information in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of City of Apalachicola. All bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the job site (Riverfront Park, Apalachicola, Florida) at 11:00a.m. Eastern Time, August 1, 2013.

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

If you have any questions, please call Clay Kennedy or Philip Jones at (850) 227-7200. July 25, August 1, 2013

9443T PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF APALACHICOLA REQUEST FOR DIVISION OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS GRANT SERVICES PROPOSALS

The City of Apalachicola hereby requests proposals from qualified individuals or firms to provide Grant Administration services for its Culture Builds Florida (not to exceed \$24,000, \$20,000 grant funded, \$4,000 locally funded) from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

Proposals must include a scope of work outlining how tasks are to be performed and a fee. A statement of understanding of the Goals and Objectives as well as a commitment to perform the work if selected must be provided.

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Florida Statutes on the 15th day of August, 2013, at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lots 20 and 21, Block "104", each 50' X 199.5', according to an unrecorded 1956 map of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Fractional Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, and which said Lots are further described as follows:

Begin at a point, (LP Stake), on the West boundary of the 100 foot "Jefferson Street", 1618 feet due South and 996.5 Feet West of the Northwest Corner, (Concrete Monument), of said Northwest Quarter (Northwest 1/4); run thence West 199.5 Feet; thence South 100 Feet; thence East 199.5 Feet; thence North along said "Jefferson Street", to the point of beginning.

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.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2013.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
As Clerk of the Court

By: Terry E. Creamer
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff
McCalla Raymer, LLC
110 SE 6th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
(407) 674-1850
July 25, August 1, 2013

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By: Terry E. Creamer
Deputy Clerk

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Florida Statutes on the 15th day of August, 2013, at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Begin at a point, (LP Stake), on the West boundary of the 100 foot "Jefferson Street", 1618 feet due South and 996.5 Feet West of the Northwest Corner, (Concrete Monument), of said Northwest Quarter (Northwest 1/4); run thence West 199.5 Feet; thence South 100 Feet; thence East 199.5 Feet; thence North along said "Jefferson Street", to the point of beginning.

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.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2013.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
As Clerk of the Court

By: Terry E. Creamer
Deputy Clerk

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July 25, August 1, 2013

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Governor Stone plans major renovation

Special to the Times

On Saturday July 27, the Friends of the Governor Stone will begin a major restoration of the National Historic Landmark Vessel the Governor Stone.

Members of the support organization will give public tours of the vessel at the St. Andrews Waterfront Market from 8 a.m. until the vessel sets sail at 11 a.m. Members, supporters and invited guests will sail the vessel to the Bay County Boatyard where it will be removed from the water at 1 p.m. and prepared for the three-month long restoration effort.

The restoration plan calls for surveying, repairing and stabilizing the original, 136-year-old keel

of the vessel to assure its structural integrity. Deterioration in hull planking, rub-rails, gunwales, deck planking, cargo hatches, cabin and steering structures will be repaired. If funds allow, the Governor Stone will get new rigging and sails that restore the appearance of the 1877 Schooner.

The single biggest task of the restoration will be repairs to the original keel of the vessel to address damage from ship worms in the interior of the centerboard slot, leaks at the centerboard and garboard joints and at the rudderpost and driveshaft fittings.

While the boat is out of the water skilled craftsmen will also replace damaged planks below the waterline

and under the rub rails. Needed repairs to deteriorating deck structures present the opportunity to replace the hatch covers, cabin and steering gear box with structures that are historically accurate and are built with traditional methods using like-kind materials.

Planned funds are additionally available to replace the sails, sail covers and running rigging with modern maintainable materials that more closely resemble the appearance of original lines, sails and blocks.

Harry Dennard, president of the Friends of the Governor Stone said the Governor Stone is the last sailing coasting schooner in the Gulf. "Our Board takes preservation very

seriously. We are going to address structural issues to assure the continued survival of the vessel and we are following restoration guidelines published by the National Park Service," he said.

The restoration has been made possible by ongoing fundraising efforts by members of The Friends of the Governor Stone and by significant contributions from The Bay County Boatyard, Eastern Shipbuilding, Kurt Voss of Historic Boats and Ships and by the St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership. This support enabled the award of a \$50,000 Florida Small Matching Historic Preservation Grant.

This project has been financed in part with a



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The Governor Stone paid a visit to the 2012 Carrabelle Riverfront Festival.

\$50,000 historic preservation grant provided by the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Histori-

cal Resources, Florida Department of State, assisted by the Florida Historic Commission.



Trivia Fun

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1) Who was the first Beatle to have a #1

single following the group's breakup?

John, Paul, George, Ringo

2) What dog breed was named for an area along the coast of Croatia?

Chihuahua, Great Dane, Saint Bernard, Dalmatian

3) Of these who once worked as a pineapple chucker in a Hawaiian cannery?

Bette Midler, Demi Moore, Michelle Pfeiffer, Uma Thurman

4) What make was the Cunningham family car in TV's "Happy Days"?

Hudson, DeSoto, Ford, Chevy

5) Which bill is the second most-used denomination of U.S. currency?

\$5, \$10, \$20, \$100

6) At what age was Rudolph Valentino at time of death?

31, 46, 67, 94

7) What song was

Michael Jackson performing when he introduced the "moonwalk"?

Billie Jean, Beat It, Thriller, Bad

8) A sesquipedalian speaker ordinarily uses what sort of words?

Kindergarten, Racist, Long, Religious

9) The first Corvette was made in 1953 with its color being?

Black, Red, Blue, White

10) In 1922 which city had the first official police car, the "Bandit-Chaser"?

Denver, NYC, Detroit, Chicago

11) Of these who was named after a department store?

Halle Berry, Meg Ryan, Jodie Foster, Lucy Lawless

12) "Bronze John" was an old disease name for?

Meningitis, tuberculosis, syphilis, yellow fever

13) In the early 1900s about what percentage of American homes had bathtubs?

5%, 20%, 33%, 40%

14) If someone is aphonic, what is lost?

Keys, Soul, Voice, Mind

ANSWERS

1) George. 2) Dalmatian. 3) Bette Midler. 4) DeSoto. 5) \$20. 6) 31. 7) Billie Jean. 8) Long. 9) White. 10) Denver. 11) Halle Berry. 12) Yellow Fever. 13) 20%. 14) Voice.

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