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Historical society to meet today

The Apalachicola Area Historical Society will have its annual meeting at 5:30 p.m. today, May 22, at the Raney House Carriage House. The membership will be asked to vote on changes to the bylaws and a slate of officers. If you have not paid your annual \$10 dues, please plan to pay at the meeting.

The society's Spring Ghost Walk has been rescheduled to 7-9 p.m. May 31. Guides will take you around the cemetery to meet some of the historical characters who will share their stories. To participate, contact Delores Roux. For more information, call 296-6952.

Flagpole dedication at lighthouse Monday

Memorial Day 2014 will be commemorated at the Cape St. George Light with a special ceremony Monday, May 26, to dedicate a new flagpole and honor those who died in defense of our country.

The day begins with raising of the U.S. flag to half-mast at 8 a.m. A salute of 21 minute-guns will begin at noon. One shot will be fired every minute until 12:20 p.m. from a rotation of three small cannons. The high school band will play, and Commissioner Pinki Jackel will speak.

Bring a lawn chair. For more information, call the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 927-7745.

Memorial Day breakfast, ceremony

Apalachicola American Legion Post 106 will have a Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Plaza at 10 a.m. Monday, May 26. The Legion will start the day with a pancake breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Legion Hall, 801 U.S. 98. Everybody is invited to both events.

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Details aired on superintendent proposal

Q&A surveys costs, benefits of hiring school chief

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The simmering debate over whether the county schools should end direct election of the

superintendent, in favor of having the school board hire him or her, began to bubble last week, with the exploration of details of what such a change would entail.

The Town Hall meeting May 13 at Franklin County High School was attended by a cross-section of parents from around the county, concerned taxpayers, interested school district employ-



DR. WAYNE BLANTON

ees and all five school board members, who are expected to decide next month whether to place a binding referendum on the November ballot to switch over in 2016 to an appointed superintendent.

Dr. Wayne Blanton, executive director of the Florida School Boards Association for the past 29 years, offered a PowerPoint presentation on

how such a change would affect the interplay among the school board, the superintendent and the school system.

"I'm not here to sell you on elected or appointed," he said. "I have seen elected and I've seen appointed superintendents. I can tell you there are pros and cons on both sides."

Blanton outlined the relative scarcity of school districts

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Hip, Hip, Hairspray



Student musical wows the audience

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If you didn't see the production of the musical "Hairspray" at the high school Friday night, you missed more than a great show.

You missed a turning point in the young history of the consolidated Franklin County School, a bend in the river that flows toward a growing desire for the creation of a robust drama program.

Staging of the Broadway musical, with music by Marc Shaiman, lyrics by him and Scott Wittman and book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan, was the brainchild of senior Jathan Martin, who came to librarian Patty Creamer at the end of 2013 to pitch her the idea.

A skilled musician with an ample familiarity with musical theater, Martin convinced Creamer to back the idea of his staging and directing the comic masterpiece, with a bevy of spirited actors, singers and dancers, despite the school lacking a drama program at the school.

Creamer was four-square behind the talents of Martin, choreographer

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FROM TOP: The dancers on the "The Corny Collins Show" flank the host. Link Larkin (Logan McLeod) sings to Tracy Turnblad (Cynthia Duncan). Motomouth Maybelle (Elinor Mount-Simmons) sits behind bars after a civil rights demonstration. Adam Hames portrays Harriman Spritzer.



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Bridgette Morrow, center, with daughter Marjorie, 14, and son Brandon, 17, lost her home to a fire May 15.

Fire consumes Carrabelle family's home

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Last week, a Carrabelle family lost everything to a house fire.

On May 15, Bridgette Morrow was planning a wedding for her best friend, Crystal Bennett, and Bennett's fiancé, Harvey Barack. Morrow and the bride had gone to the Boardwalk Boutique to pick up their dresses. Morrow noticed smoke on leaving the store, and when she and Bennett passed the IGA, she realized it was coming from her home at 206 NW 10th St.

By the time the women reached the fire, some neighbors had arrived on the scene. Someone kicked the front door

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McKissack residents seek end to beach driving

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Residents of McKissack Beach say automobile traffic is destroying their sheltering dunes.

In April, residents of the beach community, founded in 1930, had a "no trespassing" sign posted on Gulf Beach Drive, which runs south off U.S. 98 just west of the Carrabelle city limits. After complaints that the road was public property, county workers moved the sign.

Residents of McKissack Beach say they don't want to deny access

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# Stakeholders sought for bear management

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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is seeking volunteers to join the discussion on how to manage bears in this portion of the Panhandle.

On Thursday, May 15, 15 local residents met with an equal number of FWC employees to talk about bears. On entering the meeting, attendees were asked to complete a form indicating whether they would serve on a regional Black Bear Stakeholder Committee.

Although organizers were proactive in warning participants to keep voices low and strong emotions under control, most attendees were, basically, pro-bear and the discussion remained calm.

Kaitlin O'Connell, FWC's black bear stakeholder coordinator, opened the meeting with a general introduction to Florida bears. Since being listed as endangered in 1974, Florida black bears made such a remarkable recovery they were delisted in 2012, which was the peak year for calls about human/bear interactions, she said. FWC received 975 calls, with an unknown number fielded by law enforcement, animal control and other local agencies.

That same year, FWC passed a 10-year bear management plan that created seven Bear Management Units (BMU). The Central Unit is the largest with just over 1,000 bears. Franklin County lies within the East Panhandle Unit, which has proposed population of 570 bears.

O'Connell told attendees the meeting was an effort to understand area residents' attitude towards bears.



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Morgan Wilber, standing left, and Sarah Barrett, standing right, lead a discussion on the role of FWC in bear management. **Inset:** Almost half of all complaints to the FWC involve bears attracted to garbage.



She said each of the seven BMUs is different and residents of each view bear interactions differently.

"We want to make sure you enjoy the bears as much as the bears enjoy being in Florida," she said.

Different attendees gave different reasons for a coming to the meeting.

Jim Halpin who recently moved to Carrabelle said he came out of curiosity. "I've had to pick up my trash twice," he said.

Patrick Dwyer of Sopchoppy is a hunter, who said most of his contact with bears had been neutral. "I hunt over in Taylor County on a lease and we've been having a lot of interaction

with bears," he said. "I'm interested in hearing what (FWC) has to say. We are allowed to bait for hogs and the bears have been damaging our feeders but we've got that figured out."

John Hitron, of Carrabelle, was even more positive about living with bears. "I have 10 years of experience living with brown bears on the west coast, and 20 years of experience with black bears. If I speak out at all, it will be on behalf of the bears," he said.

David Butler, of Lanark Village, called the bear population an ecotourism

opportunity and encouraged cooperation. He suggested establishing a bear viewing station for tourists. "Until we can get everybody working with the plan, we won't be able to recreate this barrier" between bear and humans he said.

After the initial introduction, attendees split into two small groups to discuss the role of bears in Florida, the role of FWC and what everyone can do to coexist comfortably with bears.

Several recurrent themes emerged during the conversations.

"Trash service should

be mandatory and, in bear hot spots, bear-proof trashcans ought to be mandatory," said Kathy Swaggerty, of Lanark Village. "Once we got a bear-proof can, we never have a bear to get in our garbage anymore."

She asked what sanctions can be brought against people who feed bears.

Bear biologist David Telesco said there is a law against feeding bears and raccoons but law enforcement officers and court officials are slow to enforce it. He said bear-proof trash containers reduce foraging by 95 percent and most bear-

proof container failures he investigated were the result of user error. Telesco said interactions involving bears passing through a yard or treed in a residential area are often the result of bears traveling to garbage they know is unsecured at an adjacent property.

Several members of the audience asked why euthanized bears were not sold for meat and pelts, and were told it was against FWC policy.

Halpin asked about controlling populations with birth control. O'Connell said the technique has been investigated but is not yet economically viable.

Telesco said that, in light of increased interaction, there has been increased talk about sanctions on feeding or luring bears and about the possibility of bringing charges against individuals who feed or lure bears that are later implicated in negative interactions with humans.

"Education is better than legislation," he said.

FWC representatives said they would reevaluate the size of the bear population next year. Telesco said a discussion of hunting may be back on the table after that is completed.

He said people need to understand that, while bears normally seek to avoid humans, they are large animals that can hurt you, even unintentionally.

O'Connell said she hopes to form the stakeholder committee for the eastern Panhandle by the end of July. She said the group would likely meet four times a year, for two to three hours.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Kaitlin O'Connell at BEARPLAN@MYFWC.com.

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The U.S. Air Force Invites You to Attend Public Hearings for the Proposed Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative (GRASI) Landscape Initiative Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

**Proposed Action**

The Air Force is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Draft GRASI Landscape Initiative (GLI) EIS is available for public review. In the GLI EIS, the Air Force is proposing to:

- Partner with the Florida Forest Service and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for use of associated lands for placement of up to 12 temporary and mobile training radar emitters in northwest Florida; and
- Partner with the State of Florida to obtain permits to use lands that the state has already identified as potentially available for training (Blackwater River State Forest [BRSF] and Tate's Hell State Forest [THSF]), for nonhazardous training activities on an as-needed basis.

The Proposed Action is needed to develop additional military training locations and flexibility for use when training at existing military bases is not available. Training activities proposed for the BRSF and THSF would be compatible with the state forests and include nonhazardous training activities that are already conducted on the Eglin Range. No live munitions would be used and no substantive land disturbance or construction activities would occur.

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Review**

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Air Force has prepared a Draft EIS, which assesses the potential environmental consequences of the GLI, as well as a no-action alternative, which does not implement the GLI. No alternative will be selected until after the EIS is complete. The Draft EIS can be downloaded from [grasieis.leidoseemg.com](http://grasieis.leidoseemg.com), requested from Mr. Spaits at the address below, or viewed at local libraries in: Bay, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Liberty, Walton, and Washington Counties (in Florida), and Covington and Escambia Counties (in Alabama).

At this time, the Air Force is seeking from the public and government representatives: recommendations for corrections or clarifications in the Draft EIS; identification of issues that have not been addressed; or new information to consider. The public review process for NEPA is also intended to cover the public involvement requirements under 36 CFR 800.2(d) for National Historic Preservation Act purposes.

**Public Hearings – Please Attend**

Public hearings are being held to inform the public about the potential environmental impacts from the Proposed Action and to seek public input. Venues will open at 6 p.m. with an open house. Hearings will begin with an Air Force presentation starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by an opportunity for public comment at 7 p.m. **Your input is valuable and assists the Air Force in making more informed decisions.**

Dates	Public Hearing Locations
6/3/2014	Carrabelle City Hall, 1001 Gray Ave, Carrabelle, FL
6/4/2014	Franklin County Main Courtroom, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, FL
6/5/2014	Santa Rosa County Bagdad Recreation Facility, 4591 School Street, Milton, FL

**Public Comment**

For more information or to submit written comments, please visit the project website at [grasieis.leidoseemg.com](http://grasieis.leidoseemg.com) or contact: Mr. Mike Spaits, Eglin AFB Public Affairs Office, 96 TW/PA, 101 West D Ave., Room 238, Eglin AFB, FL 32542-5499; (850) 882-2836; [michael.spaits@us.af.mil](mailto:michael.spaits@us.af.mil). The Air Force will accept comments at any time during the environmental analysis process. **However, to ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Final EIS, please submit comments by June 23, 2014.**

# World War II vets honored with DC visit

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Don MacLean of Carrabelle and Mary Britz of Lanark Village experienced the trip of a lifetime when Honor Flight of Tallahassee flew them to Washington DC for a day to visit the World War II Memorial.

The Honor Flight Network, a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices, transports veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to World War II survivors, along with other veterans who may be terminally ill. The inaugural Honor Flight Tour took place in May of 2005. Six small planes flew out of Springfield, Ohio taking twelve World War II veterans on a visit to the memorial in Washington, DC. The Honor Flight Network program was conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and retired Air Force captain employed by the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Britz and MacLean, both World War II veterans, were part of a group of 77 vets who went to Washington April 26. Each was accompanied by a guardian. A doctor, seven emergency technicians and two nurses traveled with them on a Boeing 757 provided by Miami Air.

While the veterans travel free, the guardians and medical staff pay for their own flight.

Because Honor Flight trips start early, Britz and MacLean decided to spend the night of April 25 in Tallahassee. They stayed at Homewood Suites on Apalachee Parkway. Preston Scott on WFLA-FM announced during a broadcast that they were looking for accommodations. J. H. Leale, president of Ricky Carmichael Racing was one of about 20 people who offered to pay for their rooms. He made the reservations but, when hotel General Manager Ashley Schneider found out who the rooms were for, she refused payment.

Meals were also donated for the happy travelers.



World War II veteran Don MacLean, center right, accompanied by honor flight guardian Jim Barineau is greeted in Washington by young volunteers.



Veteran nurse Mary Britz shares a thought with Bud Ledson, a soldier she treated in San Diego 69 years ago.



Honor Flight veterans at the World War II Memorial. **Inset:** Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

MacLean said the day began at 5 a.m. when the party gathered for breakfast at the "millionaire hanger" at Tallahassee Airport.

Participants were given t-shirts, gold for veterans, blue for guardians and red for medical personnel. Veterans also received goody bags.

MacLean and Britz praised organizer Mack Kemp. "Mack deserves a pile of credit. He spent a year getting ready for the flight,"

said MacLean.

"Everything went so smooth, it was unbelievable," Britz said.

The group departed Tallahassee at 7 a.m. They landed in Baltimore and were divided into three groups, red, white and blue. MacLean was in the red group, and Mary in the blue, and they traveled by color-coded bus with a police escort.

"I think we traveled through Baltimore going about 80 miles

per hour," MacLean said.

Each veteran was provided with a wheel chair. All told, five plane loads of Honor Flight travelers visited Washington that day.

In addition to placing a wreath at the World War II Memorial, the group visited the National Mall and Arlington Cemetery where they watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Britz said the cherry trees

were in bloom at Arlington, which made the burial ground particularly lovely. She said the World War II Memorial was "so immense, we could have spent the whole day there."

They dined on box lunches while traveling between sights. It was a second trip to the nation's capital for both travelers.

Britz and her husband attended the dedication of the Women's Memorial there in 1978. MacLean took a school trip to the Smithsonian when he was 10 years old.

MacLean said everywhere they went on the Honor Flight trip, they were welcomed by throngs of people including many children. Groups represented included the Shriners, Boy and Girl Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Patriot Guard and military honor guards.

During the trip, Britz reconnected with a friend from long ago. She began talking to former Marine Bud Ledson seated next to her on the plane. After comparing notes, they realized Mary had nursed Bud in San Diego when he was sent home wounded from the Pacific Theatre. They spoke for the first time in 69 years even though they have been living only 60 miles apart. Ledson, who resides in Tallahassee, is the author of "US Marines Wings over the Pacific."

Britz's daughter, Cheryl, said the pair is now speaking on the phone every day.

On arriving home in Tallahassee at the end of their 20-hour journey, the veterans were greeted by Governor Rick Scott who presented each with a gold medal expressing the appreciation of Florida's citizens for their sacrifices and patriotism.

"This has really been a great, great honor and privilege," Britz said. "I'm just thrilled to death with it. It was a very nostalgic trip. I don't think there were too many dry eyes when we visited Arlington. I couldn't believe it. All this attention for doing something we all wanted to do at the time."

For more information about Honor Flight or to register a veteran for the program, visit [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org).

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## County jobless rate same as one year ago

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Franklin County's unemployment rate dropped by one-half of 1 percent in April, but even with that improvement, it was the only county in the state not to see better numbers than one year ago.

According to preliminary numbers released Friday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the county's jobless rate for April shrunk from 5.8 to 5.3 percent, a drop of two-tenths of 1 percent, from March.

The unemployment rolls shed 21 people in April, shrinking from 304 to 283 people in search of work. This decrease in joblessness occurred as the workforce grew by 116 people, from 5,233 to 5,349. The current work force

has 56 fewer workers than one year ago, when it comprised 5,405 workers and the jobless rate was the same, at 5.3 percent.

The April jobless picture tied the county with Sarasota, Orange and Gilchrist counties, for 24th best among Florida's 67 counties. Franklin was worse for unemployment than Manatee, Bay, Nassau, Union, Jackson, Santa Rosa, Broward, Clay, Seminole, Holmes, Collier, Baker, Leon, Jefferson, Liberty, Wakulla, St. Johns, Sumter, Alachua, Okaloosa, Monroe and Walton, the state's best at 3.2 percent.

Franklin was the one of Florida's 67 counties to not post a decrease in unemployment over April 2013 numbers.

"We're seeing the ongoing effects of a changing economy in Franklin County," said Kim

Bodine, executive director of CareerSource Gulf Coast (GCSC). "As we have noted, the Apalachicola area community suffered a harsh blow with the fisheries failure. For generations, countless families relied on that industry for their livelihood. It remains chief among our goals to support and assist employers and job seekers in Franklin County as the funds become available."

A recently announced federal grant extension will assist a limited number of displaced oystermen in the area, providing training and retraining in careers such as correctional officer, heating and air conditioning, welding, and auto service technicians. CareerSource Gulf Coast will be heavily involved in facilitating the program. A U.S. Department of Commerce grant is also in the

final stages of being released which will support training and shelling of the Apalachicola Bay.

The CSGC region as a whole experienced a measurable decline in unemployment, and narrowly outpaced the state, with all three counties comprising the region - Bay, Franklin, and Gulf - posting declines.

The unemployment rate in the region was 5.2 percent, 1.2 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 6.4 percent, while half of 1 percentage point below the April 2014 state rate of 5.7 percent. Out of labor force of 103,412, there were 5,356 unemployed Gulf Coast residents.

The April 2014 unemployment rate in Bay County dipped to 5.1 percent, while Gulf County fell to 5.8 percent.

"In general, we are pleased to

see continued upward movement as a region," Bodine said. "We are working as hard as ever to bring more employers to the table, to give them the support they both want and require. Our successful Career Expo this week is just one sign of our unyielding commitment to bring employers and qualified job seekers together."

While there were more employment opportunities locally, the growth in opportunities is slow. In April 2014, there were 75,800 nonagricultural jobs in the Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach metro area (Bay County), up 800 jobs over the year. The Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach metro area's annual rate of job growth was 1.1 percent, while the state increased at a rate of 3.2 percent.

### Letter to the EDITOR

#### GRASI opponents should consider options

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), completed by Eglin Air Force Base, military exercises proposed for Tate's Hell under terms of the Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative (GRASI) meets / exceeds all requisites, and will not have a negative impact on plants, animals or the environment.

Recognize that it is the American military that protects people all round the world from the dangers of totalitarian regimes, human rights violations, and the subjugation of peoples. Keep in mind it is also the American military that provides for the freedom many in America take for granted. The freedoms provided by those sacred documents:

The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Do you suppose that those veterans returning to America after laying their lives on the line, losing limbs and even giving the ultimate sacrifice would complain about training in an insect-infested swamp riddled with vipers, black water, and dangerous animals? Or, would they do so in order to protect the rights of American citizens to enjoy their freedoms?

It would now seem appropriate that those folks who do not support the training or mission of the American military might now consider moving to another country.

Iraq and Iran are suggested as possible destinations.

John Hitron  
Carrabelle

### Research links sadness with avoiding indulgences

By MILENKO MARTINOVICH  
Special to the Times

Getting the kids to go easy on the chocolate bunnies this year could be simple as sitting them down Easter morning and making them watch "Old Yeller."

University of Florida marketing professor Chris Janiszewski and co-researchers Anthony Salerno and Juliano Laran from the University of Miami found evidence to support that theory. In a study scheduled to appear in the June issue of the Journal of Consumer Research, "the researchers discovered that sadness "encourages people to identify behaviors that are potentially harmful to their long-term fitness."

Janiszewski and his colleagues investigated how emotions modify the behavior of people who plan to indulge. To create a desire to indulge, 120 students were asked to make a list of their favorite indulgent activities. A second group of 119 students was asked to list activities they performed on a typical day. These students were less likely to plan to indulge as a consequence of completing their task.

Then, each of group of students was asked to engage in one of four emotional activities: a sad task (they imagined breaking-up with a significant other), an angry task (they imagined having problems with their computer), a frightening task (they imagined being on a turbulent flight), or a neutral task (they imagined cleaning their apartment).

Afterward, the students watched a video on how to make origami

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Chris Janiszewski  
University of Florida marketing professor

while snacking on M&Ms. When the students had previously made a list of activities performed on a typical day, students who experienced the negative emotions ate more M&Ms than the students that had engaged in the neutral task. This shows how a negative emotion encourages the consumption of comfort food. When the students had previously listed their favorite indulgent activities, the sad students ate fewer M&Ms than the students who did not experience an emotion or the students who were angry or afraid. This shows how sadness discourages the pursuit of indulgent activities by people who plan to indulge.

"Anytime you feel sad, you try to avoid pursuing goals that lead to outcomes that could induce further harm," Janiszewski said. During the pursuit of an indulgence goal, "...An experience of sadness should increase a person's sensitivity to the potentially harmful consequences of indulgent consumption,

which, in turn, should decrease the desire to indulge."

One way the findings could be useful is in curbing indulgent behavior. For instance, public policy makers could encourage the airing of sad movies such as "Titanic" or "Marley and Me" in spring break party locations. This would be a way to encourage college students to be more responsible without directly asking them to restrict their behavior.

While the researchers acknowledge "it would be naive to suggest that policy makers should actively seek out ways to make citizens feel sad," feelings of sadness could prove to be valuable in situations that are characterized by indulgence.

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### Noles, War Eagle and a football week in Pasadena

*"I don't go for all that wine and dine, With that ray ban, fake tan, never mind..." - "I Want a Cowboy" by Reba McEntire*



MARGARET R. McDOWELL  
Arbor Outlook

I read recently about several prominent investors who were taken on a seven-day trip to the NCAA championship football game last January in California by their financial advisor. The clients played golf at several

upscale courses and dined each evening in a trendy restaurant. Apparently the advisor footed the bill for everything. During the five working days when markets were open and the advisor was entertaining the entourage, who was monitoring his clients' accounts? Probably the same person who normally monitors those accounts. In other words, someone other than the advisor. This advisor's role appears to be more of a relationship manager, one who is charged with entertaining affluent investors and attending social functions. And that's fine, as long as the client understands that when he sits down to discuss his accounts,

he is not visiting with the person who is actually making investment decisions.

Say the Dow drops 500 points on the day of the championship game, 2008-style. Who would have been in charge of making changes in the portfolio to minimize losses? Or, say the market hit an all-time high that day. Who was at the controls, possibly taking gains off the table and considering the tax consequences for the client?

Perhaps the advisor actually manages these accounts, but believes in a "buy and hold" investment style. The thinking here is that "the market always rebounds," so no need to react to market vagaries, because there may be upturns as well as downturns. Thus, week-long football vacations don't really interfere with the advisor's portfolio management activity. This investment philosophy works fine during steady uprending markets, like those the late 1990's provided. However, investors nearing or in retirement risk damaging their portfolios significantly if they suffer large downturns like we witnessed in 2008. "Set it and forget it" may not work well for this demographic, especially in volatile or choppy markets. Additionally, the investor/client

is probably paying for the trip one way or another. The advisor may have funded the football journey, but the money to finance those activities most likely came from the investor in the form of management fees, trading fees, and commissions.

Ultimately, "It's not show friends, it's show business." People's retirement and life savings are at stake, and wealth preservation for someone nearing or in retirement is paramount. You may want to ask yourself: Do you want a football host? Or do you want someone who is in the office every day monitoring your accounts? Markets don't care how many games your advisor invites you to. The investment world is a meritocracy. It doesn't play favorites.

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## FWC REPORT

Between May 9 and 15, officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission enforced several oyster harvesting violations.

While conducting park patrol within the Dr. Julian Bruce St. George Island State Park, Officer Nelson performed an oyster size tolerance inspection on a commercial oyster harvester who was returning to the vessel ramp from Apalachicola Bay.

The inspection revealed the harvester was in possession of 52 percent undersized oysters in the bag that was inspected. Nelson issued the harvester a misdemeanor citation for the violation and 246 oysters were seized and returned to the water alive.

Officer Allen was patrolling Bald Point State Park when he noticed two vehicles in the parking lot, one of them not displaying an entry pass. Allen went down to the beach and made contact with the owners of the vehicle. When one of the individuals reached into a bag for some money to pay for the entrance fee, Allen noticed a small bag of what appeared to be marijuana.

The individual tried to quickly hide the contents, but when asked later about its contents, said it was "weed." After consent was given to search the bag, Allen found two small bags of marijuana. The individual then gave up a marijuana cigarette. The individual was charged with possession of less than 20 grams.

Officers Allen and Harrison were working in Apalachicola Bay when they noticed a vessel harvesting oysters in an area closed to shellfish harvest. There were two people harvesting oysters from the vessel, one of whom was a juvenile. Harrison issued the adult a citation for harvesting oysters in a temporarily closed area.

Officers Allen and Harrison noticed a vessel with three people harvesting oysters near St. George Island. An inspection of the vessels revealed eight bags of oysters. During a size tolerance inspection of one bag, it was found to contain 52.6 percent undersized oysters. Each person was issued a citation for possession of undersized oysters. One individual did not possess a valid Apalachicola Bay Oyster License and was issued a citation for the violation.

Officers Allen, Anderson, and Harrison were on patrol in Apalachicola Bay when they noticed several people fishing under the Highway 98 Bridge near Eastpoint. They noticed one individual carry an ice chest up the bank and then return to fishing. The officers conducted a resource inspection and found the individual in possession of 13 undersized redfish. Anderson issued the individual a citation for over the bag limit of redfish. The fish were seized as evidence.

Officer Anderson was on patrol in Eastpoint near the Highway 98 Bridge when he noticed an individual fishing from the shore. A resource inspection found the individual in possession of 13 undersized redfish and one undersized sea trout. Anderson issued the individual a citation for over the bag limit of redfish and undersized redfish. A warning was issued for the undersized sea trout.

Officers Anderson, Mallow, Harrison, and Allen were on land patrol in Eastpoint near the Patton Drive boat ramp when they observed a commercial oyster vessel with four people on board returning to the ramp. Anderson conducted a boating safety and resource inspection of the vessel and found six bags of oysters on board.

A size tolerance inspection of one bag of oysters showed 69.6 percent undersized and uncultured. Each occupant of the vessel was charged with possession of undersized and uncultured oysters. The six bags of oysters were returned to the water alive. One of the individuals had an active warrant out of Gulf County and was booked into the Franklin County Jail.

# Carrabelle men linked to burglaries

Special to the Times



DARIN CRUSON



AARON MASSEY

Between April 21 and May 6, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office received 15 complaints of home and vehicle burglaries. Items stolen during the burglaries were cash, jewelry, firearms, electronics and fishing equipment.

While conducting a traffic stop, deputies recovered a camera that had been stolen from the Alligator Point area. This investigation led to the arrest of two Carrabelle men, Darin W.

Cruson II, 26, and Aaron S. Massey, 22.

During the course of the investigation, detectives received information that some of the stolen items may be located in two separate apartments in Lanark Village. Detectives, along with the assistance of deputies, executed search warrants on the apartments and recovered firearms, fishing equipment, jewelry and electronics linked to the burglaries.

In all, detectives and deputies were able to recover seven stolen

firearms, approximately \$60,000 worth of jewelry, \$10,000 worth of electronics and approximately \$5000 worth of fishing equipment.

On May 12, the two men were booked at the county jail, and each charged with burglary of a structure, and grand theft. On May 13, each was charged with additional counts of burglary of a dwelling, burglary of a conveyance, grand theft of a firearm and grand theft over \$300.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind the citizens to lock your home and vehicle doors at night and during the day when you're not around. This simple act could prevent a crime and loss of property.

# Carrabelle couple dies in motorcycle wreck

By LOIS SWOBODA

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On Friday, May 16, a Carrabelle couple was killed when a car struck their motorcycle in New Hope, Alabama.

Gregory Binkley, 61, and his wife, Barbara, 57, were exiting a parking lot adjacent to US 431 at around 1:45 p.m. when the accident occurred.

Witnesses said the victims pulled out on the southbound side of U.S. 431 when a car heading south struck their motorcycle.

Huntsville resident Tyler Daniel pulled up on the wreck scene moments after impact. "It was the worst thing I have ever seen, I wouldn't wish seeing that on anyone," Daniel told a reporter at the scene.



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A view of the accident scene on Friday afternoon in New Hope, Alabama

Witnesses say the woman driver of the car collapsed on the road after the accident.

Moments later, her car caught fire, but firefighters arrived and extinguished the blaze.

Highway 431 was closed for more than two hours

as investigators collected evidence.

The speed limit along this stretch of highway is 55 mph according to police, but it is not clear if speed played a factor.

The Binkleys owned a home on Buckeye Road north of Carrabelle.

An avid sailor, Gregory Binkley worked as a tugboat captain on the Mississippi River. He is remembered by many Carrabelle residents as a talented guitarist and songwriter who specialized in traveling songs about boats and trains.

## Arrest REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests listed were made by officers from the Carrabelle Police Department and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### MAY 12

Brandon L. Hill, 22, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Kenneth J. Pontones, 27, Tallahassee, violation of probation (FCSO)

Terrance I. Walker, 46, Apalachicola, two counts of sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

### MAY 13

June M. Davis, 30, Eastpoint, domestic battery and violation of probation (FCSO)

Carlos E. Russell, Jr., 41, Eastpoint, domestic battery and violation of probation (FCSO)

Marvin D. Braswell, 53, Carrabelle, Holmes County warrant (FCSO)

Rachel L. Bateman, 28, Apalachicola, failure to appear (FCSO)

Gary D. Nichols, Jr., 40, Olive Branch, Miss., battery, violation of a domestic violence injunction and violation of probation (FCSO)

### MAY 15

Michael T. Allen, 18, Apalachicola, assault on a school employee (FCSO)

### MAY 16

Joseph C. Cogburn, 33, Alford, sale of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of public housing (FCSO)

Luke T. Gruver, 34, Apalachicola, operating a tattoo establishment without a license (FCSO)

### MAY 19

Jessica M. Opie, 27, Eastpoint, domestic battery and failure to appear (FCSO)  
Catherine N. Millender, 36, Carrabelle, domestic battery (CPD)

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in 2008, has worked in law enforcement in both Georgia and Florida. He has also worked as a paralegal. Kincaid told commissioners Dasher has completed more than 400 hours of additional police training on his own including courses in human trafficking, search and interrogation

At their May 1 city meeting, Carrabelle city commissioners voted unanimously to make Albert Dasher a fulltime police officer. Chief Craig Kincaid made the request, saying a fulltime officer was needed to replace Eddie Pace who retired. Kincaid also secured commissioners' approval to employ two to four part-time officers. He said that during celebrations like Camp Gordon Johnston Days, six officers are needed to control traffic. "Chief Kincaid knows what we need and can afford," said Police Commissioner Olivia Massey. Dasher, who received law enforcement training at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy in Havana

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# Lighthouse inspires poetic visions

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In late March, the St. George Lighthouse Association sponsored a field trip for Franklin County Middle School's

photo literacy students. The middle school shutterbugs were treated with a tour of the Lighthouse Museum and a free climb up the lighthouse. The highlight

of the trip, for the young photographers, was taking pictures of the amazing view from the top of the lighthouse.

After their trip, the students created poetry

and mono prints of the lighthouse. Below are two fine examples of the poems, the first one an acrostic, where the first letter of each line spells out the word "Lighthouse."

*Lighting the way for ships and boats  
Imagining the history in this place  
Great heights with wonderful views  
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Thick walls of ancient bricks  
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Undergoing all weather, yet still shining  
Stairs, 92 of them  
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BY JESSICA RUDD



*1-2-3-4...  
Counting until I  
skip a step  
I guess 27, but  
really 25  
Climbing to the  
top  
I see the clouds  
as if they were in  
a meadow  
The wind  
whistles  
Ocean calls  
I am in my state  
of mind  
No boundaries  
There once was  
and always will  
be the light that  
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water to guide  
the lost world to  
freedom*

BY KIANA FOLEY

# Upcoming 2014 ballot takes shape

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ELECTION  
2014

Unless more candidates step forward next month with a willingness to pay the fee, the slate of candidates in the primary and general elections is pretty much set.

The deadline to submit petitions was noon Monday. If candidates want to jump in the race now, their only option to do so is by paying a fee - \$996 for school board offices and \$1,558 for county commission seats - during the official qualifying period from noon, June 16 to noon, June 20.

The county commission and school board seats are up for grabs in District 2, the easternmost district encompassing from portions of Carrabelle, Lanark Village and Alligator Point, and in District 4, the westernmost district, mainly the historic district of Apalachicola.

Both incumbents in District 2 - County Commissioner Cheryl Sanders and School Board Member David Hinton - gathered the required dozen signatures to run to recapture their seats.

In District 4, where 16 signatures were required, incumbent County Commissioner Smokey Parish has drawn an opponent in the Aug. 26 Democratic primary. School Board Member Jimmy Gander has announced he will not seek re-election, and just one candidate has stepped forward to try to claim the seat in the non-partisan election.

Sanders, of P.O. Box 641 in Carrabelle, is the lone Democrat to file a letter of intent for the District 2 county commission seat. Two Republicans have filed, and if they qualify, will square off in the Aug. 26 primary. They are Mark Nobles, of 10-5 West Pine St. in Lanark Village, and William Snyder, of 2332 Enabob Street, in Carrabelle.

Hinton, of 112 Hinton St. in Carrabelle, plans to run for re-election in the non-partisan race for District 2 school board member. He is being challenged by Pam Marshall, P.O. Box 839, Carrabelle, and Wilburn "Ray" Messer, P.O. Box 482, Carrabelle. In his candidate filing, Hinton has loaned his campaign \$1,000 with which to fund his campaign.

In the District 4 school board race, Stacy Kirvin, of 142 Deer Patch Rd. in Apalachicola, has filed his letter of intent and has listed his own \$100 contribution to open his campaign account.

Parrish, of 104 Long Road, Apalachicola, has filed to seek reelection to the District 4 county commissioner job, with a challenge coming from Royce S. Rolstad III, 119 Hicks Lane, Apalachicola.

In addition to a list of statewide ballot measures, Franklin County voters will have before them a choice for congressman, between incumbent Republican Steve Southerland and Democratic challenger Gwen Graham. Luther Lee is also running as a write-in candidate, without party affiliation.

In the race for state representative in District 7, which encompasses all of Franklin County, incumbent Republican Halsey Beshears has signaled his desire to seek reelection, with no challengers having as yet surfaced. Seven incumbent circuit court judges have all filed for reelection. They include Charles Dodson, Kevin J. Carroll, Frank E. Sheffield, John C. Cooper, Martin A. Fitzpatrick, Charles A. Francis, and Angela C. Dempsey.

Although several Democrats and Republicans are running in the primary, Gov. Rick Scott and Democratic challenger Charlie Crist are expected to breeze through the primary and square off in November.

Two Democrats, George H. Sheldon and Perry E. Thurston, are vying in the primary for the right to challenge incumbent Republican attorney general Pam Bondi.

Democrat William Rankin is expected to challenge Republican Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater in the general election, and Democrat Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton is running to unseat Republican Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam.

In order to vote in the primary, voters must be registered by July 28. To vote in the Nov. 4 general election, all registrations must be in by Oct. 6. Early voting for the primary runs from Aug. 11 to 23, and for the general election, from Oct. 20 to Nov. 1.

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Cars are parked directly on the remains of the dunes next to a sign stating that driving on the dunes is prohibited.

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to a public beach, but do want to protect the dunes from automobile traffic.

In a telephone interview Monday, Sue Reed said she and her neighbors are concerned about the constant traffic on the beach despite posted signs stating beach driving is illegal. She said based on license tags, much of the traffic appears to be people from outside the county.

"I don't know how they find it," she said.

County Attorney Michael Shuler said McKissack Beach residents have no right to bar people from the beach or Gulf Beach Road. He said the road originally was constructed by the McKissack Beach developer and acquired by the county through maintenance and improvements over time.

Reed said only the paved half of the road is county property; the unpaved portion adjacent to the beach is property of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. She said the residents of McKissack Beach have written to DEP requesting automobile traffic be barred from their property.

Assistant County Planner Mark Curenent said he believes Reed is correct. He said the county road does not provide direct access to the beach and that it is illegal to drive on any beach anywhere in the county, with the exception of emergency vehicles.

The debate over the road and automobiles on the beach became a hot button topic at Tuesday's county commission meeting during the public comment portion of the agenda.

First, Sue Aiken of Carrabelle Beach thanked commissioners for removing "no trespassing" signs from Gulf Beach Road. "It's a beautiful beach. Thank you for keeping it open to the public," she said.

Several McKissack Beach residents also spoke at the meeting.

Sue Hendrix, who described herself as a part-time resident of the development, said automobile traffic on the beach is increasing.

"This morning, there were three campfires on beach," Hendrix said. "You are fixing to have a real problem there with people driving their cars over the dunes. There have been cars on the beach all weekend, and it seems to be getting worse."

County Planner Alan Pierce told her campfires are allowed, but driving on the beach is illegal.

McKissack Beach resident Bo May was critical of the sheriff's office, who he said has failed to enforce the beach driving law.

"At what point do we clarify how much traffic can be inside the dunes?" he asked. "(The end of Gulf Beach Drive) is marked 'no driving.' There is a fine listed, but the law is never enforced. There is a big problem at the end of the road. (Drivers) have destroyed the whole dune structure at the end of the road."

Commissioner William Massey said Gulf Beach Road traditionally has been used by mullet fishermen to launch their boats. He said it has been in regular use since 1938 and that the road was paved up to the dunes until a storm destroyed the southern end in 1962.

May disagreed. "Mullet fishermen rarely if ever fish off McKissack Beach anymore," he said. "If they do, they are individuals throwing cast nets. If mullet fishermen were the only ones that used it, that wouldn't be a problem, but it's used all weekend, willy-nilly. What is a process to get a resolution to this situation?"

Massey replied, "I can't stop them from driving. I'm not the law."

Chairman Cheryl Sanders agreed. "You need to contact the sheriff's office. We are not the enforcement arm of the county," she said.

Reed also attended the meeting, telling commissioners "the state is very concerned about the dunes. They were out there, on Friday, investigating the loss. The 5-foot dunes are gone. The water can come up the road now and destroy our homes. It happened in 2005. Some of the older houses are on the ground; only the newer ones are on stilts.

"Even the state of Florida said there is no road anymore," she said.

"If the state owns it they need to close it off," Massey said. "When I was a boy, 50 years ago, it was paved to the end."



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In a separate interview, Pierce said debate over the beach and the road has been ongoing for at least 30 years.

Carrabelle City Administrator Courtney Millender said the beach is public and that the city leases it from DEP. She said the city has no jurisdiction over Gulf Beach Road because it is outside the city limits.

On Sunday morning, a handful of cars were parked along the unpaved portion of Gulf Beach Road including two parked directly on what remains of the dunes. The dunes appear to have been flattened for the entire width of the road. A sign next to the flattened area states that driving on the dunes and beach is illegal.

Reed said automobiles have flattened the 5-foot barrier of dunes. She said she has seen tourists chasing bears with vehicles on McKissack Beach's private roads and even along the beach.

McKissack Beach neighborhood's entryway is now clearly posted "No Trespassing." Reed said her community is in the process of organizing a neighborhood watch.

Lesley Cox, with Carrabelle's Waterfront Partnership, said because the beach is public, DEP requires the city have a management plan for the facility.

She said the Waterfront Partnership began work on a draft in 2010 and then asked the city to complete the document. She said the city has completed the draft.

City Clerk Keisha Messer said City Attorney Dan Hartman has submitted the document to the state. Cox said there would be at least two additional public meetings before the management plan is finalized.



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The remains of the Morrow home at 206 NW 10th St. in Carrabelle.

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open, allowing three dogs and two cats to escape the conflagration.

A visitor from Islamorada attempted to extinguish the fire with the hose from Barrack's washing machine but was unsuccessful. He later told Morrow the fire seemed to have originated from the left front eye of the stove.

Morrow said she had used the stove shortly before leaving the house but had heated water on the right front eye.

A spokesperson for the state fire marshal's office said the fire is still under investigation, but at this time, the origin is thought to be accidental. She said the blaze appears to have started in the stove. Investigators said the house was a total loss, and the estimated cost of the damage was \$50,000. Final determination of the cost of the loss comes from the insurance company.

Morrow said she and her children had been experiencing problems with the electrical system in the house for some time. She said she had told her landlord he needed to have an electrician come to the house.

Morrow and son Brandon both said they had been shocked by the refrigerator.

"Light bulbs started blowing for no reason, and you couldn't touch the refrigerator, stove or water faucet for a half hour after the floor was mopped without getting shocked," she said.

Morrow and family are currently staying at the home of newlyweds Crystal and Harvey Barrack.

Morrow said she plans to return home to Alabama as soon as she can raise money to make the trip. Unemployed and filing for disability, she was widowed in 2010. An account is being set up at Centennial Bank in her name to accept donations.

Four of her animals disappeared during the fire. Two are dogs: a red female Chihuahua named Scrappy with a scar on her left hip and an elderly female Jack Russell/Chihuahua mix that is missing four front teeth and is blind in her left eye. The second dog has a peanut-shaped mark on her back and is red and white. Her name is Daisy May. Both dogs have been spotted in the area of Three Rivers Road. Also missing are

two cats, Smokey, a brown and gray Maine coon, and Tigger, a large yellow tabby male who Brandon Morrow described as looking like Garfield.

If you spot any of the animals or have retrieved them, or would like to help the Morrow family, call 205-393-9198.

Morrow said she wishes to thank everyone who has helped during this crisis.

She said Caroline's Thrift Shop in Eastpoint has opened its clothing section to her and her children. The Methodist Church in Carrabelle also has opened its clothing pantry and provided the Morrrows with food.

She said Carl and Dana Whaley provided the family with personal hygiene products the night after the fire. She also offered special thanks to Nikki Mock, Keisha Messer, Darius May, and Crystal and Harvey Barrack.

Morrow said to counter any incorrect information that has circulated since the blaze, copies of the sheriff's report and the fire marshal's findings would be posted in the Carrabelle Post Office when they become available.

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Davis Magee of Apalachicola snapped this photo of himself during the raft formation, when paddlers raised paddles to signify the raft was motionless.



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This kayaker managed to display balance and poise during the jam.

# Paddle Jam a unifying spectacle

By LOIS SWOBODA

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While it fell short of the world record, Saturday's first ever Paddle Jam is being hailed by participants and organizers as a wonderful and uplifting experience.

"We may not have the world record, but we had world-class volunteers, sponsors, participants and support," said the Rev. Themo Patriotis, who conceived of and organized the three-day event. "We set a world record for Southern hospitality. For a first time attempt, this was a tremendous success."

The goal of Paddle Jam was to set the world's record for the largest kayak raft. To do this, 2,100 kayakers would have had to paddle. Best estimate is that 333 participated in the raft on Saturday afternoon.

Staging area for the event was Battery Park. Paddlers began to arrive in town on Friday night and there was music in the park until about 9 p.m.

The city fenced off the area with the same chain link used during Florida Seafood Festival. Patriotis said this proved to be a wise move since visitors felt secure about leaving their boats at the launch site while they ate, checked in to lodgings and got a good night's sleep before the paddle.

Hotels reported the jam put some heads on beds. People came from as far away as Montana and Colorado specifically to paddle. A team of 13 from Tennessee and Alabama called themselves the "Yakkin' Dogs" and another group identified themselves as Team Jellyfish.

Apalachicola Police Chief Bobby Varnes complimented participants on Friday afternoon. "The crowd is very laid back," he said. This is the way I like it."

On Saturday morning, about a dozen vendors had set up in the park offering food, clothing and art.

Sports Authority of Panama City gave away free tickets for a chance to win a fishing kayak donated by the Lifetime Kayaks. The winner was Valerie Jackson, of Apalachicola.

Rental kayaks were available onsite from Journeys of St. George Island; the Apalachicola Maritime Museum had boats available.

Patriotis said 333 paddlers registered but he also said there were late arrivals who may not have registered.

Dayle Flynt, owner of Journey's of St. George Island, said she rented about 60 kayaks to participants, some of which were tandems seating two people.

"It may not have been a world record but it was definitely an Eastpoint record," said Wayne Thomas of Eastpoint.

The first paddlers put in the water at about noon. It took an hour to get everyone on the water and form a raft with every boat in contact with at least one other.

While rafting up, paddlers amused themselves by blowing bubbles and tossing a pink beach ball. Two rafters donned realistic horse head masks.

Debbie Hooper of JoeBay Aerial Photography circled overhead in a small plane capturing images of the kayakers traveling from the marina to a spoil Island and rafting up.

Patriotis arrived on the scene in a support boat and waved a blue satin flag for attention. He said all of the kayakers needed to raft up when the Coast Guard vessel sounded a horn as a signal.

Patriotis said there were nine privately-owned support boats and several wave runners on site as well as boats from the Coast Guard, Franklin County Sheriff's Office and St. George Island Water Rescue.

One man had to be towed ashore when he experienced back pain. Two paddlers left their boats and entered the water. In both cases, the water was shallow enough to stand and the two were restored to their kayaks with a helping hand from other paddlers.

The weather was perfect for an event on the water with a light breeze and temperatures in the 70s. After rafting up for an aerial photo, the happy participants made their orderly way back to shore and participating boats were quickly removed and



Paddle Jam 2014  
JoeBay Aerials

DEBBIE HOOPER | Special to The Times

An aerial photograph of the kayak raft.

carried to vehicles with the help of volunteers.

On Sunday morning, the event climaxed with Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) Day at Regatta Park on St. George Island. After a service before the majestic waters of the bay, there was yoga, racing and SUP demonstrations.

The theme of the sermon was unconditional love. Patriotis said, "Paddle Jam has brought together people from all kinds of philosophical, religious and political backgrounds. This is not an attempt to change anybody. We're going to be the mass of humanity that God so loved, he sent his only son. Love to paddle, paddle to love."

Patriotis praised everyone who provided support for the



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The Rev. Themo Patriotis exhorts kayakers to begin their departure.

event and said the Coast Guard was on board from day one.

A follow-up meeting is planned to review Paddle Jam and begin planning for next year. Proceeds from the event

go towards helping "at risk" children, youth and families in need through the Outreach Ministries of the Apalachicola-St. George Island Cooperative Parish, where Patriotis pastors.

## Contractors Depot closing down

Special to the Times

Contractors Depot in Eastpoint is closing down after 20 years in business in Franklin County.

The business was started by British owners Dave and Margaret Tuplin, initially in Apalachicola, as an equipment rental center and hardware store. After a couple of years they opened a second store on St. George Island.

They developed their first web site in 1997 which sold pest control supplies. It was an instant success so over the next few years they published further websites selling the items they carried in

their hardware stores.

In 2000, their son David Tuplin Jr. came over from England to help with the design and development of more e-commerce web sites. In 2002 they built the office and warehouse on Island Drive and sold their other stores.

Through the next eight years they were extremely successful and had a staff of 14 people shipping contractors supplies and equipment throughout the US and worldwide. However, competition grew on the internet with all the major manufacturers publishing their own websites and supplying contractors direct.

Websites such as Amazon, Overstock and others grew, which also reduced profit margins to unsustainable levels, said the senior Tuplin. Revenue began to decline and the closing of the business soon became inevitable.

The Eastpoint location will be completely closed in June and is now for sale. They have some of their internet inventory remaining and are selling it locally at low prices, everything from fasteners, to pest control supplies, pumps, and exercise equipment. All the office furniture and equipment is also for sale to the local public.

The younger David and his wife Dawn returned in 2012 to Europe, where he now writes computer applications for Barclays Bank UK. Dave and Margaret are selling their home in Crawfordville and also planning to return to their homeland in Europe in the next few months.

The senior Tuplin said he and his wife are sad to be leaving behind their American friends and faithful customers, after enjoying 24 years in the USA. But, with nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in the UK, they are looking forward to seeing them more frequently.



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

# 'HAIRSPRAY' from page A1

Morgan Martin and an extracurricular cast and crew, but was not familiar with all the details of the script, which focuses gently on the turmoil when the civil rights movement first came alive 50 years ago, as seen through the prism of an "American Bandstand" type live dance party television show in Baltimore, Md.

The show addresses issues of how society has loosened its strictly held views on everything from interracial dating to puberty to obesity. The dialogue is not without its spicy language, some of which gave Creamer fits, and some of which she nixed, or so the actors say.

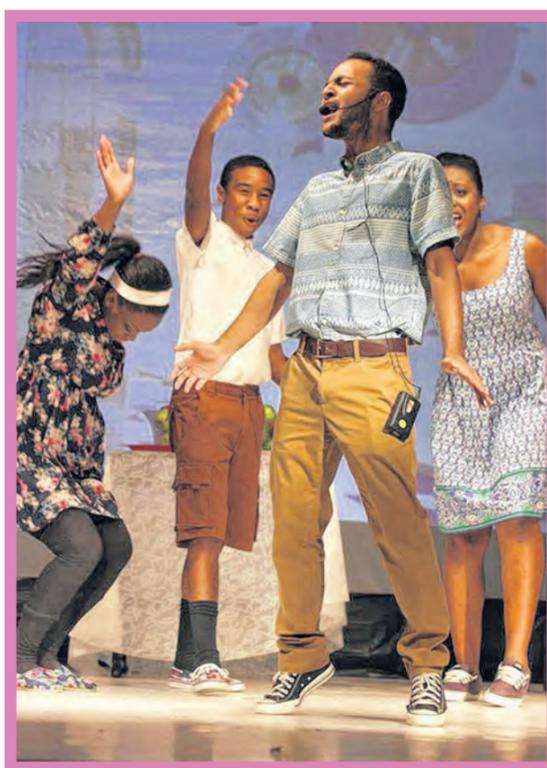
But as it turned out, the large audience that took in the show Friday leaped to its feet with a standing ovation, after a show that can best be described as memorable.

Starring in the role made famous on Broadway by Harvey Fierstein, and in the film by John Travolta, senior Alex Causey played the drag version of Edna Turnblad, a role whose girth calls for a male actor. Causey revealed in the opportunity, sashaying around with his ample bosom for maximum comic effect. His soft shoe with husband Wilbur Turnblad (Christian Jones), to the warm and cheery love song "Timeless to Me," was a glowing tribute to how beauty is truly "in the eyes of the beholder."

The show revolves around the ambition of the Turnblads' daughter, Tracy, (Cynthia Duncan) to secure a coveted spot in the dance troupe of "The Corny Collins Show." As it turns out, Tracy, who is not very gently chided for her weight by a snotty rival Amber Van Tussle (Ursula Countryman), manages to be picked for the show. She brings to the TV show not only a sassy alternative to the rail-thin other girls, but an outspoken advocacy for expanding "Negro Day" from once a month, even, heaven forbid, allowing for an integrated dance floor!

Van Tussle's mom, Velma (high school teacher Stephanie Howze-Jones) not only directs "The Corny Collins Show," and is bigoted to boot, but is willing to even cheat if it means her daughter will win the Miss Hairspray crown.

After Tracy sings "Good Morning Baltimore," a testimony to her optimism, the show switches to the set of "The Corny Collins Show," where Austin Carter played the slick host. Called in to play the part with just a few weeks to spare, Carter was one of the only actors to lip sync, as he managed the



PHOTOS BY DANA WHALEY | Special to the Times

"Hairspray" director Jathan Martin sings as Seaweed J. Stubbs.



Lots of dancing punctuated "Hairspray."

acting assignment suavely, with superb charm.

By show's end, this all-white dance crew has come together with the all-black youth. With choreography by experienced dancer Morgan Martin, who played both Little Inez and Judine, these group scenes were among the best in the show, proving Seahawks know how to scoot in sync along the dance floor.

Among those young people were Gilbert (Kelsey Jones), Stooie (Maliek Rhodes), Cindy Watkins (Bria Walker), Tammy (Megan Collins), Brad (Chandler White), Fender (Gabby Bond), Brenda (Deborah Dempsey), Sketch (Cameron White), Shelley (Maddie Newell), IQ (Shane Bellew), LouAnn (Brook Pittman), Lorraine (Aaliyah West), Kamilah (Shameika Lake) and Shayna (Beyla Walker).

With her goofy, geeky best friend Penny Pingle-

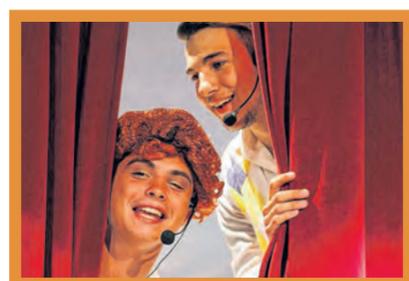
ton (Raven Carr) as her sidekick, Tracy sets out on an adventure that takes her to the "Negro" side of town, where she discovers the meaning of freedom and equality by an involvement with a civil rights demonstration that leads to her jailing.

Performing one of the high points of the show, in a magnificent tribute to the joy of eating and of self-love, high school teacher Elinor Mount-Simmons, as Motormouth Maybelle, brought down the house with her rendition of "Big, Blonde and Beautiful."

The show gave all the actors a chance to provide an energetic, unabashed, free-wheeling performance, and each took advantage. As the heartthrob Link Larkin, Logan McLeod had the slick gestures down as he crooned "It Takes Two" to a pie-eyed, giggly Tracy. As Seaweed Stubbs, Ja-



Raven Carr was comic as Penny Pingleton, harassed by her mother for her rebellious ways.



Alex Causey as Edna Turnblad, and Christian Jones as husband Wilbur, were a delightful pair.



LEFT: The Dynamites, from left Shameika Lake, Morgan Martin and Beyla Walker, perform "Welcome to the '60s."



Maddie Newell, as Shelley, was among the dancers. LEFT: Stephanie Howze-Jones, as Velma Von Tussle, sings "Miss Baltimore Crabs."



than Martin set a standard for the cast to emulate as he danced and sang "Run and Tell That" together with Little Inez and the Dynamites, a tribute to the Supremes and other '60s female soul-pop trios, played by Morgan Martin, Shameika Lake and Beyla Walker, in elegant gowns and satin gloves.

Luke Hames, as Harri-man Spritzer, was a comic presence in his role as pro-

prietor of a plus-size lingerie store beloved by Edna Turnblad. High school teacher Jennifer Edwards, who also stage managed the show together with Roderick Robinson and Andrea Cupid, and para-professional Louise Chipman added their acting talents to the show, which was assisted by lots of school and community support.

Richie Herrington served as technical director, Dana Whaley took photos and Creamer's husband, Earl, helped to design and create props,

as W.K. Sanders' carpentry class handled construction of the set.

The list of backers continues, including Ace Hardware, Penny's Worth, Anthony Cooley from PAEC, Dolores Croom, Deborah Huckeba, Nina Marks, Scott Shiver, Lee Venable, Cathy Wood and many more.

It was a labor of love, a tribute to gumption and perseverance and a powerful, musical blast for the renewal of an effort to expand the theater opportunities at the school.

# SUPERINTENDENT from page A1

nationwide that elect superintendents, as they are confined to Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, and are only in 142 school districts out of just over 13,500 districts in America, or about 1 percent.

In Florida, superintendents are elected in 41 of 67 districts, mostly in the smaller and mid-sized districts. He said while large districts tend to have appointed superintendents, Lake, Polk, Okeechobee and Flagler counties are among the medium-sized districts to opt for an appointed school chief.

Blanton said Florida is one of only six states where both school board members and superintendents have constitutional officer status. He outlined provisions of the Florida constitution, and within statute, that govern who oversees a school district, noting that whether hired or appointed, a superintendent manages and supervises district operations, while the school board sets policy and approves the budget.

"The local superintendent runs the school system, manages the people, recommends for hiring," he said. "They have to run the school system the same way. The superintendent executes school board policy."

To be elected as superinten-

dent, an individual need only be a registered voter within the county, but an appointed superintendent must meet standards of education, training and experience set forth by the school board, Blanton said.

More than half of the state's 26 appointed superintendents have doctorate degrees; fewer than half of 1 percent in those where they are elected have such a degree. "I've never known a district that hired somebody with less than a master's degree," he said.

"Your pool is small (in Franklin County) when you really get down to it," Blanton said. "You would have the ability to draw from a very large pool on a national basis."

If the school board opts for a binding referendum, county commissioners would be obligated to place it in the November ballot, Blanton said. If then passed by majority vote, the school board would have the responsibility of searching for and finding a superintendent to begin when Marks' current term expires in October 2016.

In his many years at the FSBA, Blanton has been part of 83 superintendent searches, on behalf of counties throughout the state.

Though Franklin County is not a member of the FSBA, opting over the past few years to save the roughly \$5,000 in annual membership dues, the school board could turn to FSBA to conduct a nationwide search, lasting about four to six months, at an estimated cost of about \$10,000 to \$15,000.

## Citizens committee would assist selection

To assist in the selection from what Blanton said could be as many as 50 applicants, including individuals from within the county, a citizens committee could be created by the school board, made up of a cross-section of citizens.

"I've never had a board turn down a citizens committee's recommendation," Blanton said. "You need to work through the process so the community is comfortable."

He said one advantage to having an appointed superintendent is that the community can find a candidate who has the training and experience to meet specific goals, whether to improve public relations, bolster vocational education or whatever the priorities may be.

"What you look at is the com-

munity's needs," Blanton said. "Neither superman or superwoman is available. But you go out and find that superintendent with that track record. Your qualifications and what you come to is very, very important. It is important that the school board and superintendent have good communication."

He said electing a superintendent from among local candidates has advantages as well. "You're going to elect somebody you know; you're going to elect somebody from your community, who's going to know the needs of this community," he said. "(With an appointed superintendent), there's going to be a little learning curve."

Blanton said though he or she does not face re-election and serves only at the pleasure of the school board, an appointed superintendent is shielded from election politics, but that does not mean politics is removed completely from the school district.

"All elections affecting the school district tend to draw employees into the politics of the election," he said.

Blanton said terms of a contract between the school board and the superintendent are negotiated and generally run three

years, with provisions for termination, buyout, sick leave and such. He said though candidates from within Florida may seek ways to remain on the state retirement system, those from out of state generally will negotiate an annuity or some other retirement option.

Overall, the cost of an appointed superintendent is expected to run more than that of an elected one, depending on education and experience, Blanton said.

Asked about the effect of a switch from elected to appointed on academic performance, Blanton said he has not seen a pattern. "I thought I could find a difference, and I have not been able to find a significant difference whether student test scores differ between elected and appointed," he said, noting that Florida scores tend to outpace those in the other two states that still elect superintendents.

Blanton said he knew of only one Florida district to have switched back to an elected superintendent. Lake County went from elected to appointed, then back to elected, and six years ago went back to appointed. "It's the only one I know of in 39 years," he said.

# Philaco installs new officers

Special to The Times

The Philaco Women's Club held its annual installation of officers at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 17.

The meeting took place at Benedict Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church. A special guest Jan Gainer, Florida recording secretary for the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), installed the incoming officers.

The new president is Ginny Griner. Maxine Creamer and Clarice Powell are first and second vice presidents. Kate Aguiar will continue to serve as treasurer. Corresponding secretary is Sandi Hengle. Barbara Iman will serve as recording secretary and attorney Rachel Chesnut will take on the duties of parliamentarian.

At the same meeting, winners of the annual

\$1,000 scholarships were announced. Franklin County High School senior Brook Pittman was present to receive her award; the other recipient, senior Jathan Martin, was not in attendance.

Philaco also gave contributions to the Friends of the Franklin County Public Library; Patrons of the Apalachicola Municipal Library; and the Food Pantry at the Saturday

meeting.

Beverly Kelly was honored for her 40-year membership in Philaco with a corsage and a 40-year pin. Fun facts from 1974, the year she joined, were read.

Club committees were also presented with state level recognition from the Florida chapter of GFWC. Education received a statewide first, Conservation a second and Public Issues a third.



ADELE COLSTON | Special to The Times

Glynda Ratliff, left, accepts an award on behalf of the conservation committee from outgoing Philaco President Jackie Bell, with incoming president Ginny Griner seated at right.

# Class of 2014 to take a bow

By ELINOR MOUNT-SIMMONS  
Special to The Times

The Franklin County School Class of 2014 is preparing to close out their high school years, take flight for a brand new world, and soar off to seek their destiny. To officially bring to an end these formative years, as well as to end their 2013-14 school year, the Seahawk Graduation Committee invites the Franklin County community to attend two very special traditional senior class events: Senior recognition night and the graduation ceremony.

The fifth annual Senior Recognition Night will be this Friday, May 23. This special event kicks off the school-sponsored graduation activities for the Class of 2014 and will be held in the school's cafeteria beginning at 6 p.m. Scholarships and monetary awards will be presented from over 30 donors to members of the graduating class.

Although not formally a part of the school's weeklong graduation activities, the annual baccalaureate service will be held Sunday, May 25 at 4 p.m. at the Eastpoint Church of God.

The graduation committee is also pleased to announce the seventh annual commencement for the 64 graduating Seahawk seniors. This memorable ceremony will be Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Doors open at 6 p.m. In preparation for the night, reserved seating selection for the graduate's families will be Thursday, May 29 at noon, with graduation practice immediately following. Students are required to attend both of these activities. Parents



are encouraged to attend the seating selection and assist with this task.

To capture memories for these two special times, videos can be purchased for \$40 through pre-orders only. The ordering period runs through May 29. Students and/or parents can see Mrs. Carla Bankston in the front office with their order.

During the graduation ceremony, LifeTouch Photography will take pictures of all graduates at no cost and will e-mail graduates the ordering information, which will be done from their website.

The Seahawk Graduation Committee - Carla Bankston, Dolores Croom, Karyl Gavigan, Leigh Smith, and coordinator Elinor Mount-Simmons - are working diligently, planning these special occasions for the seniors and are excited about bringing forth another memorable experience. Please join them, Senior Class Advisors Croom and Kassi Malcolm, and the entire Seahawk family as they help the Class of 2014 create lasting memories of their graduation activities by attending the 2014 graduation events.

Any questions concerning senior recognition night or commencement can be directed to Mount-Simmons at 670-2800, ext. 2111 or at emount-simmons@franklin.k12.fl.us



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Band director Karl Lester directs the middle school band during the first half of the May 15 spring concert.

# FCHS band wraps up busy week

The Franklin County High School band had a busy week last week.

On Thursday, May 15, they presented their annual Spring Concert, under the direction of Karl Lester.

The first half of the concert was performed by the middle school band. In the second half, the high school students performed "Brighton Camp" by Randall Standridge; portions of "Hansel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck; "Polly Oliver" by Thomas Root; "Blue Ridge Reel" and "Among the Clouds" by Brian Balmages; "Beauty and the Beast" by Alan Menken; "The Lion King" by Paul Lavender; "Rock and Roll Hall of



Hunter Kelley plays the tuba.

Fame" by Paul Jennings; and "Gangnam Style" by Michael Brown.

On Sunday afternoon, at Lafayette Park, those selections formed the content of the closing concert in the Ilse Newell

Rudd, Casey Riley and Aracely Gallegos; clarinets Jackson Copley, Cayce Daniels, Fisher Edwards, Beyla Walker, Makenzie Schumann, Abbie Pace, and Taylor Messer; bass clarinet Morgan Anderson; alto saxophone Thomas Copley and Ana Aguilar; tenor saxophone Acaleah Wallace; trumpets Melody Hatfield, Charles Petty and Jessica Schmidt; French horns Mercedes Rice and Rory Countryman; trombones Morgan Martin, Colby Boatwright and Mitchell Sand; euphonium Ann Reeder; tuba Hunter Kelley; and percussion Bryan Boyd, Kitana Peralta and Jonathan Whitcomb.

— By DAVID ADLERSTEIN

## Wedding



### Brittany Creamer, Charles Johnson to wed

The parents of Brittany Noel Creamer and Charles Joseph Johnson are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their children.

Brittany is the daughter of Ray and Sharon Creamer, and Mike and Terry Pridgen, all of Apalachicola. Maternal grandparents are Question and Tillie Creamer, and the late Bobby Varnes, of Apalachicola; and Shirley

Creamer and the late Arvin Creamer, of Apalachicola.

Charles is the son of Mickey and Cara Johnson, of White City.

Paternal grandparents are Lola Fambro and the late Joe Fambro, of Port St. Joe; and Gladys Johnson and the late Andrew Johnson, of Carrabelle.

The wedding will be held Saturday, May 24 at 4 p.m. at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Apalachicola. Reception to follow at the Fort Coombs Armory in Apalachicola.

Friends and family are invited to attend.



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John Graham, left, with Ray Brownsworth.

## John Graham new CFO at Weems

On May 6, Ray Brownsworth, CEO of Weems Memorial Hospital, introduced the hospital's new chief financial officer, John Graham, to the county commission.

Commissioner Pinki Jackel asked Graham for his opinion of the hospital. "What are your priorities?" she asked.

Graham said that while the hospital staff

is good, the facility can always use more providers.

"I will give you my best efforts to make the financials good and bring you the news whether it is bad or good," he said. "This is a people business and I like working with people. The basic bottom line is to provide service to the community."

— By LOIS SWOBODA

## PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society



We have 2 litters of Lab and Lab mix puppies. There are two females in one litter and 3 males in the other. One group is 10 weeks old, the other 8 weeks old. All have been spayed and neutered, vaccinated and are ready for their forever home. Summertime is the perfect time to adopt a family pet. The kids are home from school to play with and help care for the new puppy!

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](http://www.forgottenpets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets.

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\$60 per month

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Marcia Knapke 227-7847

# Memorial Day service Monday afternoon

Missed seeing you at lunch last Thursday. Sarge had fixed redfish for us and Stacey prepared the sides. Maybe you can make it this afternoon. Chow line forms at noon at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center. Pat or Ed will take your donation of \$5 at the desk. Be watchin' for ya!

We had a full house at the pancake brunch last Saturday at the Lanark Village Boat Club. I enjoyed my French toast with bacon, eggs, coffee and juice. I just know you enjoyed your breakfast too. See you June 21, same time, same station.

Last Sunday was covered dish at Chillias Hall. When I got there at 12:20 p.m., there was only Dot Bless and me. About 12:50 p.m., here come the crowd. We all had a fine meal and good time, but we're missing two of our faithful helpers. Wally Law and Shirley Cox were both having health problems. Pray for their recovery.

When you sauntered over to the dessert table, did you look up and

*Please take time for a moment of prayer for those who gave their lives to save our freedom.*

see the frame and painted flowers and heavy verse? You can thank Jacki Cicly. She did the painting. Don't forget we still have hamburgers and chips on Friday night and pizza on Sunday at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82. Orders taken after 6 p.m. both nights. Eat in or take out available. Hamburger and chips requires a donation of \$6. Pizza, by the slice is \$1 donation. Bet you can't eat just one slice. Enjoy a whole pizza in the lounge for a donation of \$8 or a pizza on the run requires a donation of \$10. Call in an order by

dialing 697-9998. Enjoy. Monday, May 26, is Memorial Day. Please take time for a moment of prayer for those who gave their lives to save our freedom. The Memorial Day service will be held at 1 p.m. at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82. We will also have the retiring of old flags, followed by a lunch of finger food. Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound and remember, smile, Jesus loves you. Until next time, God bless America, our troops, and the poor, the homeless and the hungry.

## OBITUARIES

### Exie Gilbert

Surrounded by family, Exie Reba Gilbert (Granny) went to be with our Lord on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at her home.

Originally, from Inman, South Carolina, she had resided in Carrabelle the last 40 years. Exie had been married to her sweetheart, John, for 74 years.

Exie is preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Tennessee Abernathy, along with two infant sons, Leon and Johnny, as well as four brothers.

In addition to her husband, John, she is survived by five daughters: Gwen Suddeth (Troy), Wilma Thompson (Dale), Zenith Barnett (Ed), Lorraine Shiver (Ronnie,

deceased), and Rita Massey; and one brother, Dean Abernathy.

She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Exie worked alongside her husband in carpentry on many homes and businesses in Carrabelle. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and granny. We will always remember her homemade biscuits, quilts, playing her guitar and most of all her precious love.

Services were Tuesday afternoon, May 20 at First Assembly of God in Carrabelle, preceded by visitation.

### Carlton Henry Padgett

Mr. Carlton Henry Padgett, 82, of Ponce de Leon, passed away Thursday, May 15, 2014, at his home.

He was born Dec. 2, 1931 in Holmes County to the late George Walker Padgett and Mattie Elsie Padgett.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Padgett was preceded in death by his wife, Joy Padgett; two brothers, Randall Padgett and Donnie Padgett; and one sister, Dessie Bell.

Mr. Padgett served in the United States Air Force from 1951-1955.

Mr. Padgett is survived by his son, Kevin

Hedman, of Niceville; two grandchildren, Cassandra Worley of Chipley, and Carlton Hedman of Troy, Ala.; two great-grandchildren, Bryndon Matthew Carroll and Broox Auburn Worley; one sister, Wilma Niel, of Carrabelle.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, May 19 at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church with Rev. Ernie Grey officiating. Interment will follow with military honors in the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Peel Funeral Home.

## Faith BRIEFS

### Market Days at Messer Pavilion May 31

Carrabelle United Methodist Church and "God's Ministry" for the Needy is preparing for its Market Days May Gathering, on Saturday, May 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Curley Messer Pavilion on Tallahassee Street next to the fire station in Carrabelle.

Shop 'till you drop for local crafts, baked goods and rummage items. Then.... eat hot dogs with all the fixings for \$3, including your drink! Music will be provided by local talent.

Thank you all for visiting us at the Riverfront Festival last month. We are looking forward to seeing you again! Remember God teaches us that we must care for orphans and widows in their distress. As He works through us and our fundraising ministry, our mission is to better serve the needy in

our community. Bring your friends and neighbors and receive a blessing.

### Healthy Start Baby Shower June 3

Healthy Start's sixth annual Baby Shower will be held Tuesday, June 3 at 4 p.m. at The Centennial Building, 300 Allen Memorial Way, in Port St. Joe.

We invite all Franklin and Gulf County pregnant women, new parents who have had a baby within the last six months and their families to join us for a special evening.

There will be information stations on various topics such as car seat safety, shaken baby, childbirth, safe sleep, community resources and vendors offering merchandise for purchase.

Free admission, plus food, fun, games and lots of fabulous door prizes! Special games for Dads! For more information, call 1-800-895-9506 ext. 100.



## AA MEETINGS

The following is the updated schedule for Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings in Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Eastpoint, and the St. George Island areas. For more information, call the Hotline at 653-2000.

### MONDAY

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church, 79 Sixth Street  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Closed Discussion

### TUESDAY

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church  
Noon- 1 p.m. Open Discussion

Carrabelle, Church of the Ascension, 110 NE First Street  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Big Book/12&12, Open

### WEDNESDAY

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church  
6-7 p.m. Women's AA, Closed  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Men's AA, Closed

### THURSDAY

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church  
Noon-1 p.m. Open Discussion

St. George Island United Methodist, 201 E Gulf Beach Dr.  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Open Discussion.

### FRIDAY

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Open Discussion

Carrabelle, Church of the Ascension  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Open Discussion

### SATURDAY

Alligator Point Mission By The Sea  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Discussion Group

Eastpoint First United Methodist Church, 317 Patton Dr.  
7:30-8:30 p.m. AA Speakers Meeting, Open

### SUNDAY

Eastpoint First United Methodist Church  
7:30-8:30 p.m. AA Big Book Study, Open

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102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672  
Pastor: Aaron Batey

**Eastpoint United Methodist Church**  
Worship Service 9:00 a.m. every Sunday  
Sunday Brunch 10 a.m.  
Youth Group Tuesdays 6 p.m.  
317 Patton Dr. (corner of David St.)  
Pastor: Aaron Batey

**St. George Island United Methodist Church**  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour  
201 E. Gulf Beach Dr. 927- 4635 www.sgiumc.org  
Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis

## SOLOMONS ROCK THE DOCK



**CAPT. EARL SOLOMON** | Special to the Times

Atlanta's Ray Solomon took home a pair of first-place recreational finishes, worth \$500 each, at the sixth annual Rock the Dock Fishing Tournament April 27-28 in Panacea. In the flounder division, Solomon landed a 2-pound, 8-ounce fish, with Carrabelle's Marilyn Lawhon finishing second, and winning \$200, for her 2-pound, 7-ounce catch. In the redfish division, Solomon reeled in an 8-pound, 1-ounce fish to take first.



**TIM ROSS** | Special to the Times

This red wolf was photographed in March 2007 as a captive specimen at "Parks at Chehaw" in Albany, Georgia.

## WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, May 15	76°	59°	60 %
Fri, May 16	77°	62°	20 %
Sat, May 17	77°	66°	10 %
Sun, May 18	78°	66°	10 %
Mon, May 19	79°	68°	0 %
Tues, May 20	79°	70°	0 %
Wed, May 21	80°	71°	0 %

## TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

### APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
15	Th	7:07am 1.3	4:16pm 1.5	11:20am 1.0	
16	Fr	7:58am 1.3	4:56pm 1.5	12:33am -0.2	12:00pm 1.1
17	Sa	8:49am 1.3	5:41pm 1.5	1:17am -0.2	12:46pm 1.1
18	Su	9:37am 1.3	6:32pm 1.4	2:04am -0.2	1:43pm 1.0
19	Mo	10:23am 1.2	7:33pm 1.3	2:55am -0.2	2:56pm 1.0
20	Tu	11:04am 1.2	8:49pm 1.2	3:50am 0.0	4:24pm 0.9
21	We	11:42am 1.2	10:23pm 1.0	4:49am 0.2	5:54pm 0.8
22	Th	12:18pm 1.2		5:50am 0.3	7:11pm 0.5
23	Fr	12:17am 0.9	12:51pm 1.3	6:50am 0.5	8:15pm 0.3
24	Sa	2:13am 0.9	1:23pm 1.3	7:46am 0.7	9:11pm 0.2

### CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
15	Th	5:14am 2.4	2:23pm 2.9	8:32am 1.9	9:45pm -0.5
16	Fr	6:05am 2.4	3:03pm 2.9	9:12am 2.1	10:29pm -0.5
17	Sa	6:56am 2.4	3:48pm 2.9	9:58am 2.1	11:16pm -0.5
18	Su	7:44am 2.4	4:39pm 2.7	10:55am 1.9	
19	Mo	8:30am 2.2	5:40pm 2.4	12:07am -0.3	12:08pm 1.9
20	Tu	9:11am 2.2	6:55pm 2.2	1:02am 0.0	1:36pm 1.8
21	We	9:49am 2.2	8:30pm 1.9	2:01am 0.3	3:06pm 1.4
22	Th	10:25am 2.2	10:24pm 1.8	3:02am 0.6	4:23pm 1.0
23	Fr	10:58am 2.4		4:02am 1.0	5:27pm 0.6
24	Sa	12:20am 1.8	11:30am 2.4	4:58am 1.3	6:23pm 0.3

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# Gulf County commission backs access to St. Vincent

By **TIM CROFT**  
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Gulf County Commissioners on April 22 entered the fray to maintain full public access to St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge.

The board unanimously approved for a letter to be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lending BOCC support to efforts to preserve what remains of the skeletal management of St. Vincent.

Landy Luther, with the Supporters of St. Vincent Island, brought a plea to the board, urging commissioners to participate in the letter-writing campaign currently underway.

Two months ago, Luther said, the Supporters were notified that USFWS was undergoing an analysis of staffing and funding for national wildlife refuges.

"The information we got was really negative toward St. Vincent," Luther said.

What information has been made available indicates the USFWS is considering further staffing and funding cuts at St. Vincent.

And while the refuge will not be closed – that would require congressional action, Luther said – "public uses and access to the island could possibly be

restricted," Luther said.

"That is bad news because over the last five years the island has been severely understaffed and under-budgeted," Luther said. "We as supporters are opposed to any status change that would result in staffing and funding cuts."

The island staff has already been cut in recent years with a biologist position eliminated and management staff reduced to one.

Funding for the island is now funneled through St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and the island no longer has leased office space in Apalachicola after the city declined to renew the lease.

That has conspired to put a highly-successful red wolf breeding program at risk and resulted in actions such as moving the annual meeting of the Supporters from a weekend to a weekday event due to staffing reductions.

The island is considered an environmental jewel.

The late Dr. Joe Collins, a world-renowned herpetologist from the University of Kansas, spent nearly a decade surveying the wildlife on the island.

He wrote several papers in addition to a pocket book on the snakes of the island.

As a barrier island that is essentially

undisturbed from 100 years ago, St. Vincent was, Collins repeatedly said, a "unique" environment worth keeping pristine and natural.

The island has also become a growing tourist attraction, said Marie Romanelli, who with her husband operates a shuttle service from the Indian Pass boat ramp to the island.

"The island is becoming a major tourist attraction as well as wildlife sanctuary," Romanelli said, noting that during a typical spring week she will field four or five dozen calls from those interested in exploring the island.

"Most people access the island from the boat ramp from Indian Pass even though it is in Franklin County."

Those people also patronized businesses and restaurants in Gulf County, Romanelli said, meaning the island carries an economic impact for the county.

"St. Vincent is a gem," said Commissioner Warren Yeager. "There will be an economic impact if they move forward with restricting access. A lot of people go out there. Businesses rely on this."

And, Yeager said, the island is public land and should remain fully open to the public that pays the price tag for management. "We don't need to lose

the eco-tourism that has developed out there," said resident Pat Hardman.

The Supporters group gathered over 800 signatures on a petition urging the USFWS to leave the island alone and submitted that petition.

Luther said the next step was a letter-writing campaign commissioners agreed to join. Time is of the essence, Romanelli said.

The expectation is that the USFWS will complete its staffing/ budgeting exercise in the next 15-20 days and the impacts of any decision to reduce public access would likely come this year.

"It is a treasure," Yeager said.

Meanwhile, there is a possibility that the St. Vincent Island refuge will remain in Apalachicola, and may relocate into the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce building on Commerce Street.

Chamber Director Anita Grove told city commissioners May 6 that she is in negotiations with refuge representatives to possible lease space to them. She said the refuge would need about a half-dozen designated parking spaces, and the commissioners gave unanimous approval to designate the unpaved lot across Commerce Street as parking in the event it is needed.

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Local area water are producing great inshore and now some offshore catches as the weather has finally settled down. We are expecting great turnouts of visitors this weekend, so get to your favorite spot early. Red fish continue to be caught in the ICW canal and out in the Windmark location this week. Flounder and trout are in shallow water at the head of the bay, but not in vast numbers yet. Pompano and whiting continue to run the beaches along the Gulf side of Cape San Blas and further east down the coast. Offshore red snapper will open this Saturday in state waters to a much anticipated crowd of anglers. Many good sized red snapper are holding in 60-80ft of water and they will be big this weekend.



Accompany Adriana Reeder at her signing are, seated from left, brother Josh and mom Teri, and standing from left, Lady Seahawk coach Joe Shields and former coach Kelli Maggio Wright.



Stacy and Elizabeth Kirvin sit with son Graham as he signs soccer scholarship.



Jamie Millender watches her daughter Ally sign a softball scholarship, as Wallace Community College coach Ronny Lunsford sits at left, and Lady Seahawk coach Scott Collins stands. Not pictured, but on hand, were dad, Allen, and brother Garyson.



Link Carroll watches her daughter Ashley sign a softball scholarship, as Wallace Community College coach Ronny Lunsford sits at left, and Lady Seahawk coach Scott Collins stands.



Accompanying James Harris at his signing are, seated from left dad Michael Gilbert and sister Marissa, James and mom Angie. Standing, from left, are brothers Jack and Billy Harris.



PHOTOS BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times  
Ward and Christey Kirvin flank their daughter, Gracyn, as she signs her soccer scholarship.

## Seven Seahawks sign for scholarships

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN

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An unprecedented seven Seahawk seniors signed on the dotted line May 7 as they committed to college scholarships to play in their respective sports. Added to the two football players who signed last month, this total of nine Seahawks committed to college sports marked a new pinnacle in the school's seven-year sports program.

The Seahawks who signed at the afternoon rally in the gym were a collection of four soccer players, two softball players and one basketball player.

Former girls soccer coach Kelli Maggio Wright, now a physical education teacher and assistant coach at Arnold High School in Panama City, was on hand as current girls soccer coach Joe Shields introduced the two girl soccer stars he helped develop - Gracyn Kirvin and Adriana Reeder — who are both on their way to play for the Faulkner University Eagles, a private Christian school in Montgomery, Alabama.

The boys coach, Ramon Valenzuela, helped to introduce the Seahawk boys soccer stars — James Harris and Graham Kirvin — who have committed to play for the Thomas University Night Hawks, a private liberal arts school in Thomasville, Georgia.

Lady Seahawk coach Scott Collins introduced the two players - Ashley Carroll and Ally Millender — who have committed to playing for the Wallace Community College Lady Gobs, at the two-year institution of higher learning, formerly known as George C. Wallace State Community College, in located in Dothan, Alabama. Wallace's interim head softball coach Ronny Lunsford was on hand for the signing.

The lone basketball player to sign was senior Cameron White, who will dress for the Trinity Baptist College Eagles, at a private university in Jacksonville. His future coach, John D. Jones, attended the signing ceremony.

After an introduction from Athletic Director Mike Sweatt, Shields took the stage before a boisterous audience of high school students in the gym. Shields praised both Gracyn Kirvin and Reeder, who he has



Attending Cameron White's signing are, seated from left, dad Michael, Trinity Baptist Coach John Jones, Cameron and mom Sherry. Standing from left are brother Chance, Seahawk coach Mike Sweatt and brother Chandler.

known for years while they grew up playing soccer.

"She has soccer in her blood," he said of Kirvin. "It makes sense she wanted to pursue soccer as a college coach.

Shields described Reeder as "quite possibly the hardest working girl" he has coached, who has withstood legal but harsh hits, and bounced back. Maggio Wright did not speak, but sat in the bleachers, beaming at her players' success.

Boys coach Ramon Valenzuela introduced Graham Kirvin and Harris, stressing that this is the first time the soccer program has sent four of its alumni on to athletic scholarships.

Girls coach Scott Collins introduced Millender and Carroll. Former Lady Seahawk coach Lisa Sweatt did not speak, but stood, happily, in back, proud of both girls.

Mike Sweatt introduced White, noting that in his

years as a coach "I have never seen somebody make the gains he's made." Sweatt said White added 11 inches to his 22" vertical leap, as he invested countless hours working towards his goal.

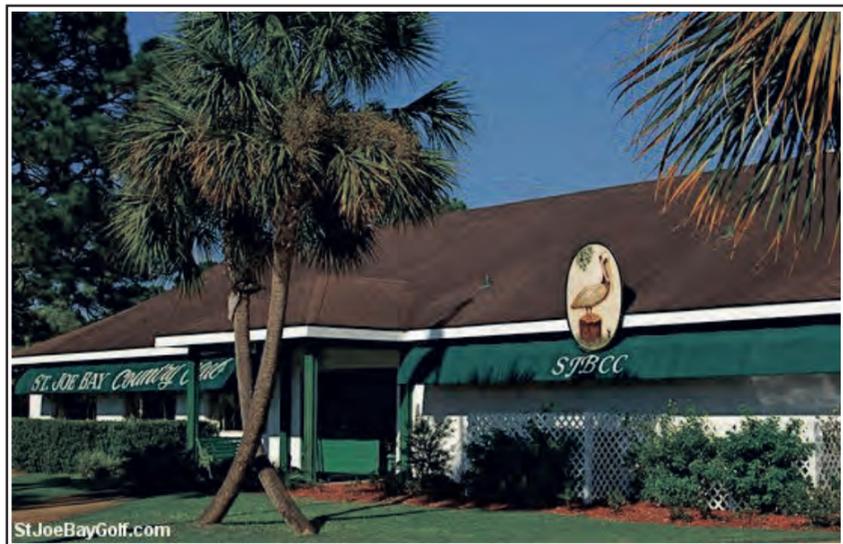
White echoed the feelings of all the athletes in his remarks, stressing that performance in the classroom was top priority. "You have to get it done there first, before you can get it done on the court or in the field," he said. "Don't let anyone tell

you you can't."

He then quoted from Philippians 4:13 which reads "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Mike Sweatt told the audience about need for good grades, usually better than

a 3.0 grade point average, plus decent test scores. "You have to have coaches that will back you up," he said. "Moms and dads, aunts and uncles, people that will help you in the process too. And the final thing you got to do is you got to work."



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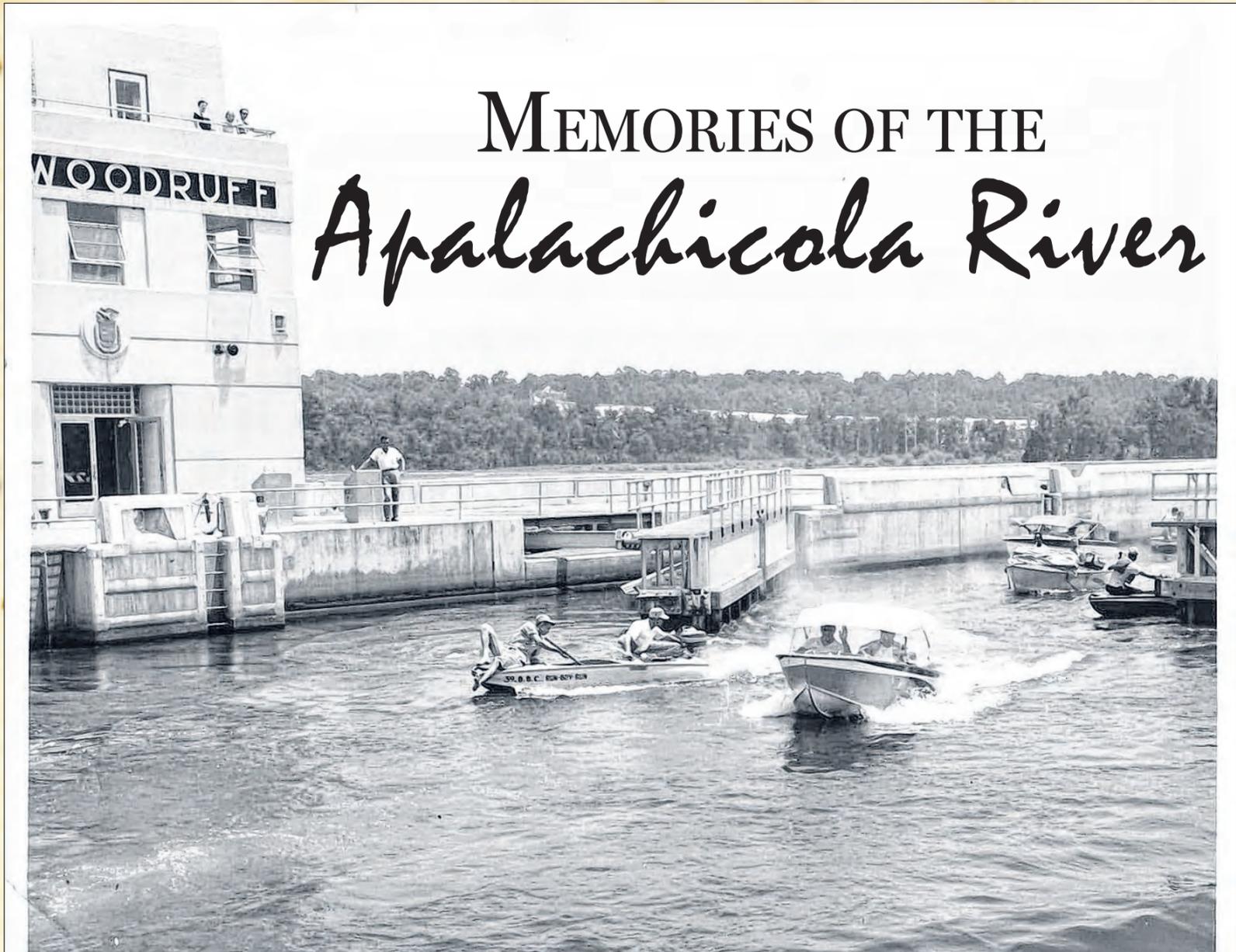
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# MEMORIES OF THE Apalachicola River



COURTESY OF BEVERLY MOUNT DOUDS | Special to The Times

The Jim Woodruff Dam in Blountstown shortly after construction

## The Times takes a look back at river's history

By JOHN HENTZ

Special to the Times

*(Editor's note: This is the first of a series on the memories of the Apalachicola River by the late Panama City native John Hentz. These were transcribed by Beverly Mount Douds.)*

It is interesting to note that during the steamboat years that a big part of the cargo the steamboats were carrying was oranges. During certain seasons of the year a lot of the boats would have from 150 to 200 boxes of oranges on them. I was one of the main cash crops of our ancestors. I've heard that the freeze of 1898 just about wiped them out. There is a community about 18 miles south of Bristol in Liberty County named "Orange." During my boyhood days there was a U.S. Post Office there; it was operated by Mrs. Wilder.

After the Civil War, most of the people who lived up the river made a living cutting and rafting cypress timber down the river to the big sawmills in Apalachicola. They would catch a ride on the steamboat back to their camps up the river. Back in those days most of the people who lived up the river worked in timber. They established their camps in the area where they were cutting at the time and where they lived.

Some of the names I remember that my father camped and worked with was Alex Turner, "Broze" Ramsey, Jim White, Uncle Calvin Durham, his brothers, Frank and Dink (James T.) Hentz, Jake Harrell, a Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Jeter, a boy who came to their camp, they never knew from where, who said his name was "John." That's all he would tell them, but he worked with them for years. Dan Minton, Manny Howard, John Parrish, Mr. Hathcock, my grandfather William Hentz, Mr. Will Gunn, Tom and Sid Johnson, Isiah Rewells, Tense Dugger, Rob Hentz, Will Durham, and many more.

The boy who they found in camp would only tell them that, "they didn't give poor folks but one name where he came from," years later when he had grown up and got married he took the name, Kirkland. Nobody ever knew whether that was his real name or not. He lived in the little village of Sumatra for many years. My father always said he was a good boy.

Back in logging days on the Apalachicola River, timber crews cut on government claims issued by the boundaries, etc. My uncle Frank Hentz was a surveyor. I've heard it said that he knew where every section corner in Liberty County was located. The holder of the claim could dell with other crew operators to do the cutting. My father and his brothers worked with



A steamboat carries cotton down the Apalachicola River

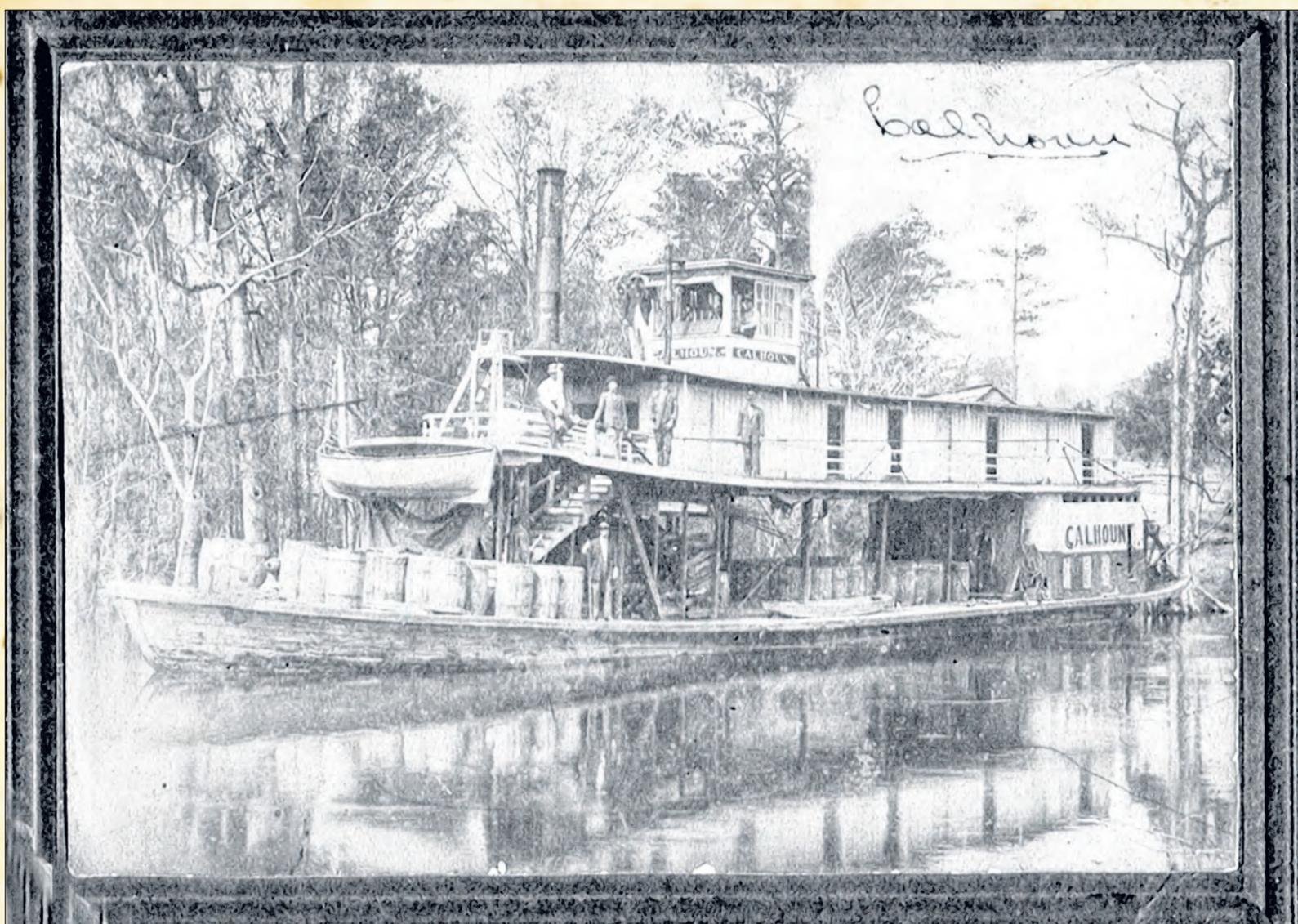
Mr. W.H. Gunn who was the son of my grandfather's oldest sister. There was a man named Rish from Wewahitchka who had a timber crew in the area and he was always dissatisfied with something and causing trouble. They got by without any serious trouble, but I heard of two different occasions when they had to have an understanding

with him at the end of a Winchester.

The center of the river is the line between counties on opposite sides of the river, and back in steamboat days, when a crime was committed on a steamboat it always posted a problem to determine which county had jurisdiction. It depended on which side of the river the boat was on at

the time of the crime was committed. Sometimes a steamboat would pick up a dead body floating in the river. It would usually be in a condition that it had to be buried immediately. They would send a crew in a small boat to the river bank and bury it. They would than

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The steamer Calhoun sails along the Apalachicola

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nail up half of a wooden barrel head on a tree or post it at the head of the grave.

Back in the rafting days, some of the people who operated up the Chipola River had a rough reputation and our people on the river kept an eye on them. They didn't trust those people too far.

They used to tell a story about an old man who rafted down the Chipola, who the other loggers in the area accused of stealing their timber and putting it into his raft. One time they were chasing after him and found him with his raft tied up at Douglas Landing on the Chipola River about 3 1/2 miles from where the river flows into the Apalachicola. He was sitting there on the bank of the river smoking his pipe. They cursed him out and accused him of stealing their timber and said that they would shoot him if he moved that raft. He sat there and smoked his pipe and when he got through he just knocked the ashes out of his pipe, got and started untying the raft. They threw their guns on him and swore they'd shoot him. He untied the raft, pushed out into the river and as he went down the river he holler back at them. "Well boys, talk is cheap, It takes money to buy liquor". Nobody shot him. He went on to Apalachicola and sold the timber.

### More using maps

The following are transcriptions of four pages of maps and notes by Mr. Hentz, transcribed by Beverly Mount-Douds.

#### PAGE 1

(Yellow Fever) On Sept. 14th 1878, the steamboat "Mary Elizabeth" arrived in Apalachicola, the Federal Authorities boarded it and found no sick persons, but decided \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for 20 days in harbor but Capt. Comrick said his boat couldn't stand the conditions in the harbor that long.

He proposed to go up into Lake Wemico, they refused, and so he headed up into Saul Creek. They \_\_\_\_\_ shot at his boat 40 or 50 times.

Apalachicola was made a port in 1820 during the Admiration of President James Monroe, but did not officially belong to the US until 1821. It shipped its first cotton in 1828, 317 bales, by 1836 it exceeded 51,000 annually.

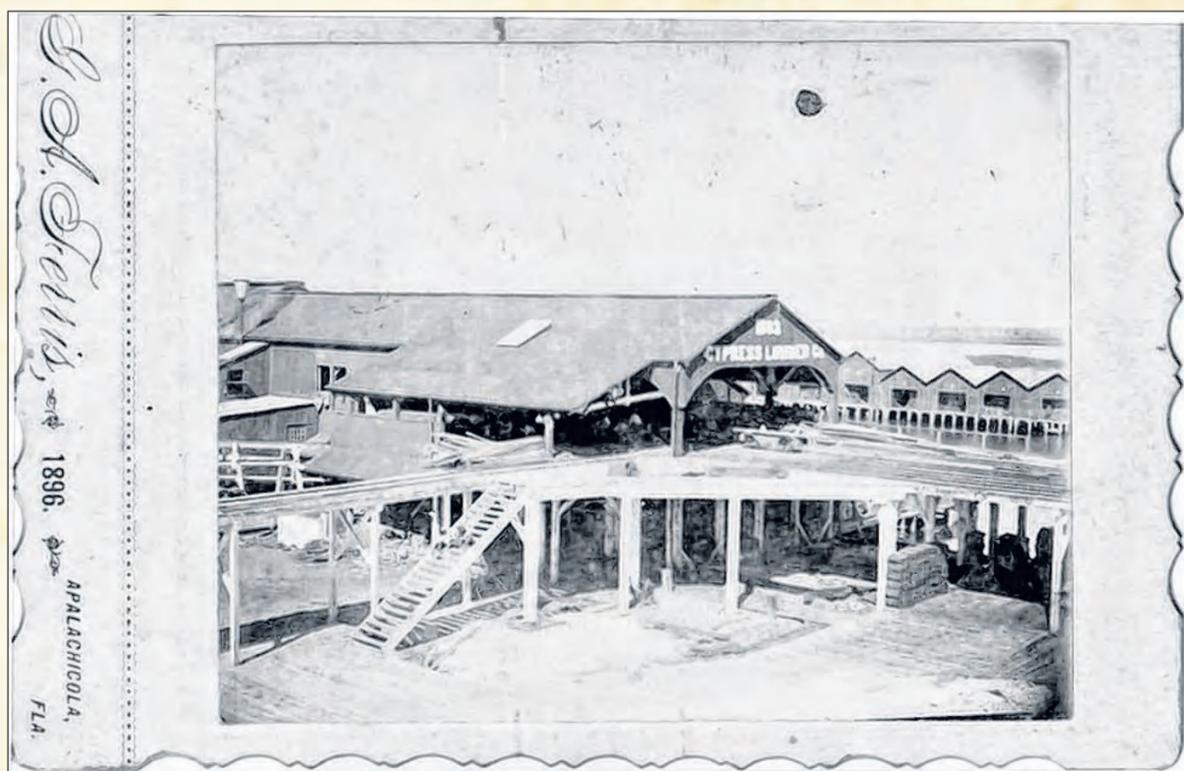
From 1828 until the Civil War started in 1861, more than 300 steamboats ran the river.

By 1847 the port of Apalachicola was exporting 160,000 bales of cotton annually.

In 1847, the trend started reversing when the big cotton mills were built at Columbus and cotton started going up river.

The US Customs Office opened in Apalachicola in 1823. During its heydays of cotton exports, Apalachicola had two cotton presses that pressed the bales of cotton into smaller size for shipping our seas.

One was docilely operated, the other was steam operated.



The Cypress Creek sawmill

Capt. Wing set another milestone on Monday, Oct. 25 when he completed his 10,600th round trip, the "Crescent City" from Apalachicola to Carrabelle, without a mishap, a record never equated. The years 1920 - 1927.

#### PAGE 2

The Pinhook is in the middle where Jackson River and Sauls Creek Cutoff is at the Apalachicola River mile marker 5.7 (G.I.W. 345.7). At this point the Intra-Coastal Canal joins the Apalachicola River system.

The Pinhook, the last bend in the Apalachicola River before it just empties into the Jackson River about 5 1/2 miles above Apalachicola is where the current ran for the log rafts. At this point the saw mill would send "Tug Boat" to bring the logs to the mill.

In the mid April 1847 the U.S. Mail boat "Augusta" and the "Eufaula" collided, the "Augusta" sank.

The Five-Mile trestle on the Apalachicola River Northern Rail Road always aspersed me from the time I was a little boy I did not see how on earth men were to build it.

Four Tree Cut-off just below the fish camps on the west bend of the river was a short cut for fishermen, but got to be dangerous because of high speed boats running towards it. It is narrow, curved, and had high grass eight feet tall on both sides.

Chiple Creek is somewhere in the area-ANRR-between Grassy Creek and Acorn Creek.

The Five-mile trestle on it was from River Junction to Port St. Joe, the ANRR crossed the Apalachicola River system just about 4.5 miles north of Apalachicola on its way down from the NE, it first crosses East River, the big St. Marks and the main Apalachicola

River and all the sloughs and swamps between.

#### PAGE 3

Anthony Apiary-heading north on the Big Excursion days our kin folks from Greensboro would come down on the train and we would meet them at Hosford or Telozia. On an "Excursion" about the 1918 or 1919, we were crossing the 5mile trestle and my cousin from Greensboro, Wright Johnson and I saw a big alligator from the window of the couch swimming up the East River.

The new year 1852 on Oct. 9 the steamboat "Alabama" hit a snag on the river and was lost.

"Columbus" (maybe snag boat) sank in Hurricane Reach one mile below St. Marks River. Visible at low water, built at Bainbridge in 1904.

The A.N.R.R. was completed from River Junction to Apalachicola in the year 1907. In April of 1907 the 1st passenger train locomotive chugged into PSJ during the early years of its operation the Rail Road have "Excursions" at a cut rate fare to PSJ that was a big deal with people who lived inland up the railroad to go to PSJ for a day of picnicking and swimming in the bay.

The old St. Joe Hotel was headquarters. Before Highway 98 was built between the hotel and the bay. There was a boardwalk all the way from the front of the hotel to the bay. I once saw a one-legged man who had put on his bathing suit in the hotel and hop on one leg all the way down the walkway to the bay.

#### PAGE 4

(North to Howard Creek, Berrisman Slough, Harrison Creek-left, right is

Bloody Bluff Island)

In the late 1940s Merle Bishop drowned in the lower Brothers (1948, I am kin to this man). In these days the International Paper Company furnished a recreation camp down on the West Bank of the Big Brothers with all the comfort of home for their employees. Merle Bishop was personnel officer for the company, he and two other company employers were on their way to camp on Saturday night, when Merle felled overboard and drowned.

Here at the mouth of the Brothers, my father and his brother, who were teenagers at the time had been trading timber in the swamps. They had finished their job and hailed the steamboat for a ride up the river. They were standing on a small dock when the steamboat swung into it and knocked the deck out from under them. One of them had a bed roll and a rifle in his hand and the others had a suit case and a rifle, a deck hand caught my uncle by the leg, my father was knocked into the river. He dodged behind a tree to keep the steamboat from crushing him. They lost the bedrolls and the suit cases, but both of them held onto their rifles.

#### BLOODY BLUFF ISLAND-LANDING

This is where Mr. Richards of Wewahitchka and his party caught up with the Indians after they had killed all of his family except one little boy named Jehu who managed to escape and hide out in the swamps on the Dead Lakes.

Mr. Richards and his party delivered such fire power on those Indians until the river was red with blood for a great distance downstream.



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Brian Bertonneau checks on a colony of bees. Bertonneau owns Smiley Apiaries, a honey bottling operation in Wewahitchka.

# WEAKENED HARVEST

## Heavy rains expected to affect tupelo honey yield



Brian Bertonneau looks over a jar of honey. Bertonneau owns Smiley Apiaries, a honey bottling operation in Wewahitchka.



By CHRIS OLWELL

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**WEWAHITCHKA** — Lovers of tupelo honey might have spent a little extra for a dab of the famous stuff during the Tupelo Honey Festival May 17; this season's harvest is projected to be less than sweet.

The white tupelo gum tree blossoms that provide the bees with the nectar to create the honey only last about three weeks in the best years, said Brian Bertonneau, owner of Smiley Apiaries. Wet weather this year cut deeply into blooming period, and Bertonneau expects tupelo yields to be about 50 to 70 percent lower.

"It's not going to be a good year," Bertonneau said. "Bees have to visit 2 million blossoms to gather a pound of honey."

It's been five or six years since the last hearty yield, he said. The precarious tupelo honey industry is also threatened by a mysterious phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder or CCD, which emerged about 10 years ago and has the potential to impact not just honey producers but food consumers the world over. Bees pollinate more than 90 percent of the flowering crops on earth, according to the Associated Press.

"Just about all agriculture depends on some kind of insect pollination," said Don Smiley, who created Smiley Apiaries in 1989 and lost a whole harvest season when he was first affected by CCD in the mid-2000s. Smiley sold his company to Bertonneau a few years ago.

"I wasn't seeing dead bees," Smiley said. "I was just seeing weaker and weaker hives."

There are several theories about what is leading to CCD, which causes bees to suddenly and inexplicably abandon their hives and die, although a Harvard study published this month blames pesticides that are al-

ready restricted in Europe. One of every four honeybee colonies died over the winter this year, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture study, a decrease from the previous few years.

"The industry is beginning to grow again, but the bees don't want to stay alive," Smiley said.

Smiley thinks beekeepers need federal disaster relief in the same way farmers of other crops needed relief after the heavy rains this spring.

Bertonneau considers himself a hobbyist when it comes to beekeeping; he keeps two hives at his bottling plant and buys honey by the drum from partners with many more hives. Colony loss has been less of a problem in recent years as beekeepers split hives twice a year, he said.

And here's some good news: It's trees and not the bees that give tupelo honey the distinctive sweetness Van Morrison sang about, Bertonneau said. The might be less honey, but the honey that remains is as sweet as it ever was.

Wewahitchka and the Apalachicola river basin that runs behind Bertonneau's plant are home to some of the highest concentrations of white tupelo gum trees in the world, and the Tupelo Honey Festival draws hundreds of vendors and thousands of visitors to Wewa each year, said Jennifer Jenkins, executive director of the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

"Tourism is up here in Gulf County...and tupelo honey is a part of it," Jenkins said.

The TDC wants to emphasize tupelo honey production in its marketing of Gulf County as an alternative to the busier, more developed counties to its west, she said. Jenkins said the TDC is in the early stages of forming partnerships with apiaries like Smiley to promote and market the area, and the world-famous honey, to potential visitors.

*"The industry is beginning to grow again, but the bees don't want to stay alive."*

**Don Smiley**, former apiary owner

## News BRIEFS

### Bay Community School hosts art show Friday

Bay Community School, a community based pre-school in Apalachicola, is hosting its Art Show and Silent Auction this Friday, May 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and the Arts Center, on Water Street. All the artwork is done by the children. Come and have dinner prepared by Tamara's Café and have fun while supporting a great cause. Tickets are \$20/person for dinner and drinks. Bay Community School is also looking for community sponsors to help supplement the cost for the event. Individual and/or business sponsorships are \$100 and include a dinner ticket and you will be recognized at the event and on our website, [www.baycommunityschool.com](http://www.baycommunityschool.com).

Founded in 1996, Bay Community School has provided quality childcare and pre-school services to children ages 2 to 5. Located at 269 Fred Meyer St. in Apalachicola, it is a not-for-profit center that meets the needs of a diverse population of families in Franklin County. Proceeds from this event help cover the basic costs of running the school.

### Putt-Masters tourney set for May 31

May 31 marks the fourth annual Putt-Masters Tournament, the signature fundraiser that benefits the Franklin County Public Library. Some 20 plus businesses, groups, and individuals sponsor four-person teams, which tee off at noon and play throughout the afternoon. After the tourney ends at 5 p.m., there will be a ceremony to see who will take home Green Champ caps and a beautiful trophy. The competition is serious for some. Many returning teams have improved their "putt" over the years. Others just play for fun and enjoy good food, drink, and the company of friends.

The Red Pirate Family Grill and Oyster Bar in Eastpoint hosts the event, where owners Shirley and Jimmy Sapp provide a beautiful 18-hole course with a water feature for an entire afternoon of putting fun! Players, fans, and library supporters can quench their thirst and enjoy delicious food while having fun and raising money for our library.

Various levels of sponsorship are available. If you would like to participate or volunteer, contact your library branch to reach a Friend of the Franklin County Public Library. In Carrabelle call 697-2366 or in Eastpoint call 670-8151, or contact Anna Carmichael, (850) 273-1174, [annacarmichael@yahoo.com](mailto:annacarmichael@yahoo.com)

The library is a vital county resource. The services provided are free, but funding is limited. The Friends of Franklin County Public Library is proud to help fund both the Carrabelle and Eastpoint branches of our public library system. Without help from businesses and individuals throughout the community and their participation in our efforts, this would not be possible.

Books, e-books, games, CDs, DVDs, audio-books, free Wi-Fi, computers and computer classes, youth programs are just a few of the services you will find at your public library. Go visit your local branch to see what's happening, you will be proud as well.

### Guardian Ad Litem offices moving

In a recent meeting Debra Moore, Guardian Ad Litem circuit director, informed Director of Administrative Services Alan Pierce that the supervision for the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program will be switching to Panama City from Tallahassee. She also said GAL would comply with the county commission's request for a 2 percent reduction in its budget request.

# NWFWMD OKs funds for Marine Street retrofit

Special to the Times

The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board last week approved up to \$462,000 in grant funding for Carrabelle to implement a storm water retrofit project that will improve water quality in the Apalachicola Bay watershed.

The Marine Street Stormwater Retrofit project will treat storm water that discharges into the Carrabelle River and ultimately into St. George Sound, part of the Apalachicola Bay system.

"The district continues to partner with local governments to improve water quality throughout the Apalachicola Bay system," said Executive Director Jon Steverson. "The district remains committed to working to protect the environment - and ultimately the economy - of the Apalachicola region."

The storm water retrofit



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF CARRABELLE

Ponding of storm water is a problem at the south end of Marine Street in Carrabelle.

project consists of two primary components — storm water conveyance improvements and a bioretention system — designed to improve storm water quality before it discharges into the Carrabelle River. The project will reduce storm water runoff pollutants using a "treatment train" approach, which consists of pre-treatment to remove solid and larger pollutants followed by bioretention

treatment to further remove dissolved pollutants and nutrients.

The project will also help improve drainage along Marine Street, a waterfront boardwalk area important to local tourism and economic development, which is currently served by inadequate drainage facilities.

The district continues to work with local governments, state and federal agencies and other part-

ners toward the restoration of the Apalachicola River and Bay. The District's 2013-14 budget includes a total of \$4.7 million for Apalachicola River and Bay watershed protection and restoration, including \$3 million proposed by Gov. Rick Scott and approved by the Florida Legislature as part of the state's fiscal year 2013-14 budget. The funding for the Marine Street Stormwater Retrofit Project is allocated by the district through its Surface Water Improvement and Management program.

Courtney Millender, Carrabelle city administrator, said the project would alleviate ponding at the Carrabelle Boat Ramp on Marine Street. As a partial match, the city will provide staff hours for the project support including project administration grant management, and future operation and maintenance of the drainage network and treatment facilities.

## Project Impact featured in national report

Special to the Times

Project Impact, the city of Apalachicola's afterschool and summer camp program, was recently recognized by the Florida Department of Education (DOE) as an exemplary program and will be featured in a national report to the federal Department of Education.

Funded as a 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC), Project Impact serves the needs of students and families at two sites in Apalachicola: the Apalachicola Bay Charter School and the Community Municipal Complex. Project Impact was visited by a DOE administrative team last summer and was selected from 139 actively participating Florida 21st CCLC programs.

The City of Apalachicola Project Impact program was recommended as exemplary for its overall implementation of an effective and impactful 21st CCLC program, with special attention given to the program's Project Based Learning (PBL) component and partnerships including student boat building with the Apalachicola Maritime Museum, and the Summer Reading Program in collaboration with the Apalachicola Municipal Library.

"Constant communication, enthusiastic and compassionate employees, close community ties and a clear-cut focus on student needs are

among the key elements making City of Apalachicola Project Impact an exemplary 21st CCLC program spotlighted by the State of Florida," the report stated. "This 21st CCLC program structure is an impactful one as it is tailored specifically to fit the resources and capabilities of its location. Students are learning through this program that their small coastal town has a lot to offer, as will they in their budding futures. Program staff and members of the community, business and city officials alike, all come together and work well as a cohesive unit to provide the best for the children living in Apalachicola. The Project Impact family stands as a shining example to other programs with the attitude 'if there is a will, there is a way,' a best practice that can be shared by all aspiring programs."

### Time for summer camp registration!

Enrollment for Project Impact Camp Funshine: Fizz, Boom, Splash is open.

Students from pre-K to eighth grade will be served at the ABC site and pre-K to 12th grade at the city site. The theme of the Summer Reading Program is "Fizz, Boom, READ" and was developed by the 2014 Summer Collaborative Reading Program and the state library system. Students can earn rewards for their

reading time through the summer while helping to boost their skills for the next school year.

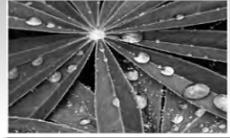
The focus this year will be on STEM subjects, (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) with other summer highlights including pottery program, art & crafts, science experiments, computer technology, chess tournament, sports and several field trips. The second year of "Boats Rock!" was launched during the April antique boat show.

A special basketball and leadership camp will also be offered. The summer performing arts program will feature video production with a film premiere at the end of the summer. Program hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays beginning June 9 and running through July 25. The program will be closed for the Fourth of July week. Credit recovery classes will be offered at the City Site Monday to Thursday during program hours. Enrollment may be limited.

The summer program is provided free of charge. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Families may enroll their child in Project Impact at either the ABC or city sites or online at [projectimpactfcs.org](http://projectimpactfcs.org).

For more information please call Faye Johnson, program director, at 370-0145. Project Impact is funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant program sponsored by the City of Apalachicola.

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pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Case No. 2012-CA-00248 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida, the style of which is indicated above.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of this Court on April 8, 2014.

Marcia Johnson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk

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SFR VENTURE 2011-1 REO, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

MYDDELTON/PARKER BUILDERS, L.L.C., et al.  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of Court of FRANKLIN County, will on the 4th day of June, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. EST on the 2nd Floor Lobby which faces Highway 98 at The Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in FRANKLIN,

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

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2012-CA-00248 DIVISION: GENERAL

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

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2013-CA-000243

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF

vs.

MELANIE B. STAGGS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MELANIE B. STAGGS, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, TENANT #1 AND TENANT #2, DEFENDANTS.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 29, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013-CA-000243 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida in which PNC Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Melanie B. Staggs and The Unknown Spouse of Melanie B. Staggs aka Travis O'Neal, are Defendants, the Franklin County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to

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the highest and best bidder for cash at the Franklin County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Lobby, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 on the 17th day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

**LOT 57, UNIT I LIGHTHOUSE RIDGE ESTATES COMMENCE AT AN OLD CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 471.89 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF A 60.00 FOOT ROADWAY, THENCE RUN NORTH 80 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 738.17 FEET, THEN RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST 470.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 60 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 1033.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 13 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF A 60.00 FOOT ROADWAY 295.64 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF ANOTHER 60.00**

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A/K/A 1900 BEACON ST CARRABELLE FL 32322-3061

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 in Franklin County, Florida this 1st day of May, 2014.

Marcia M. Johnson

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Clerk of the Circuit Court Franklin County, FL

By: Michele Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 fax eService: servealaw@albertelliaw.com AC - 018517F01

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95018T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2010-CA-000403

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD M. WILLIAMS, ALICIA R. WILLIAMS, ANY AND UN-

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KNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AND ANY SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, INTEREST OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; GRAMERCY PLANTATION COMMERCIAL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; GRAMERCY PLANTATION OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., TENANT #1, TENANT #2, TENANT #3, TENANT #4, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed July 3, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000403 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for Franklin County, Apalachicola, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Franklin County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Lobby, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 12th day of June, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 19, GRAMERCY PLANTATION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 16, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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Dated this 29th day of April, 2014.

Bill Kinsaul  
As Clerk of the Court

Terry Segree  
Deputy Clerk

MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 110 SE 6TH STREET FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 (407) 674-1850

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circuit please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office and ask for the ADA Coordinator. The Clerk's number is included on each county page. May 22, 29, 2014

98917T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 13-000355-CA

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

BRIAN E. SYSKA, et al. Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: BRIAN E. SYSKA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRIAN E. SYSKA

Whose residence(s) is/are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to-wit:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 213, THE RESIDENCES AT ST. JAMES BAY CONDO-

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Dated this 29th day of April, 2014.

Bill Kinsaul  
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administration at (850) 577-4401, or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. The ADA Coordinator for the courts in Leon County is Doug Smith. He may be reached at (850) 577-4444 or through the Florida Relay Service, TDD at 1-800-955-8771. The address for the Office of Court Administration is: Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301. In all other counties in the

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MINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 889, PAGE 227, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED at FRANKLIN County this 25th day of March, 2014.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of Circuit Court

Michele Maxwell By: Deputy Clerk

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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. May 15, 22, 2014

989477 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice if hereby given that, ROY H. SOLOMON OR MARGIE D. SOLOMON, the holders of the following certificate have filed said certificate for tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 51

Year of issuance: 2011

Description of property: Tract 36 Being 1.01 AC Tarpon Shores Unit 3 Full Legal Description can be viewed in the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office.

PARCEL NO: 19-08s-06w-6400-0000-0360

Name is which assessed: Stephen & Ivy Nail

All of said property being in the State of Florida, Franklin County.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on the FIRST (1st) Monday in the month of JULY 2014, which is the 7th day of JULY 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 9th day of MAY, 2014.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF COURTS FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Cassie B. Sapp Deputy Clerk May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2014

98949T NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice if hereby given that, APALACHICOLA OYSTER WORKS, the holders of the following certificate have filed said certificate for tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 436

Year of issuance: 2007

Description of property: Lot 6 Block 5 Carrabelle River Sub. Full Legal Description can be viewed in the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office.

PARCEL NO: 24-07s05w018000050 060

Name is which assessed: James Capagna

All of said property being in the State of Florida, Franklin County.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on the FIRST (1st) Monday in the month of JULY 2014, which is the 7th day of JULY 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 9th day of MAY, 2014.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF COURTS FRANKLIN COUNTY,

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FLORIDA By: Cassie B. Sapp Deputy Clerk May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2014

98977T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 12-000420-CA

CADC/RADC VENTURE 2011-1, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Plaintiff,

SID GRAY a/k/a SIDNEY E. GRAY, an individual; unknown spouse of SID GRAY a/k/a SIDNEY E. GRAY; SID GRAY RENTALS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to that certain Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 29, 2014, and entered in Case No. 12-000420-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein, ACORN 6B SKIPPER ROAD REAL ESTATE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, is Plaintiff, and SID GRAY a/k/a SIDNEY E. GRAY, an individual, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 2nd Floor Lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse located at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 at 11:00 a.m., on June 12, 2014, the following described real and personal property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION PARCEL NO. 1

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST 1208.45 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 2553.48 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 590.12 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP, THENCE RUN SOUTH 07 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST 76.20 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 580.27 FEET TO A POST MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 1250.72 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EDGE OF SAID CROOKED RIVER, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIVER'S EDGE AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 63 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 94.17 FEET, THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 55.41 FEET, THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 51.81 FEET, THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 47.29 FEET, THENCE NORTH 51 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 52.04 FEET, THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 150.07 FEET, THENCE NORTH 04 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 242.62 FEET, THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST 294.97 FEET, THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 484.45 FEET, THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 77.51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL NO. 2 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY A RECENT SURVEY PRODUCED BY EDWIN G. BROWN & ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED JANUARY 22, 2002 BEARING JOB NO. 02-009 (PSC 20867), AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A POST MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 1175.72 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 1294.83 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EDGE OF CROOKED RIVER, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIVER'S EDGE AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 22 DEGREES 45 SECONDS EAST 135.78 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST 101.44 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 1250.72 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EDGE OF SAID CROOKED RIVER, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIVER'S EDGE AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 63 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 94.17 FEET, THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 55.41 FEET, THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 51.81 FEET, THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 47.29 FEET, THENCE NORTH 51 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 52.04 FEET, THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 150.07 FEET, THENCE NORTH 04 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 242.62 FEET, THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST 294.97 FEET, THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 484.45 FEET, THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 77.51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND ALSO:

PARCEL NO. 2: BEGIN AT A 4" X 4" CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH (BEARING ASSUMED) ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE

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SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER 1175.72 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 1304.44 FEET TO EASTERLY EDGE OR SHORE LINE OF CROOKED RIVER, THENCE RUN SOUTHWESTERLY, SOUTHERLY AND SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY EDGE OF SAID CROOKED RIVER THE FOLLOWING COURSES, SOUTH 13 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 18.52 FEET, SOUTH 21 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST 189.35 FEET, SOUTH 04 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 61.96 FEET, SOUTH 42 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 69.88 FEET, SOUTH 47 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 113.83 FEET, SOUTH 26 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 168.42 FEET, SOUTH 26 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 77.36 FEET, SOUTH 13 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 99.67 FEET, SOUTH 31 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 123.55 FEET, SOUTH 38 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 130.25 FEET, SOUTH 31 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 118.68 FEET, SOUTH 16 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 172.84 FEET TO AN OLD CAR AXLE MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY EDGE OF SAID CROOKED RIVER AND THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY EDGE OF CROOKED RIVER RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST 1208.45 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 2553.48 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 590.12 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP, THENCE RUN SOUTH 07 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST 76.20 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 580.27 FEET TO A POST MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 1250.72 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EDGE OF SAID CROOKED RIVER, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIVER'S EDGE AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 63 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 94.17 FEET, THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 55.41 FEET, THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 51.81 FEET, THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 47.29 FEET, THENCE NORTH 51 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 52.04 FEET, THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 150.07 FEET, THENCE NORTH 04 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 242.62 FEET, THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST 294.97 FEET, THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 484.45 FEET, THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 77.51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ABILITY COMPANY BY VIRTUE OF (3) QUIT-CLAIM DEEDS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 962, PAGES 693, 695 AND 697, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THESE 3 LOTS HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASSED FROM THE LIEN OF THE MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED.)

LESS AND EXCEPT:

LANDS IN PARTIAL RELEASE OF MORTGAGE RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 753, PAGE 364, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO WIT: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 85.59 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 448.90 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 1329.93 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 715.51 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 1294.83 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EDGE OF CROOKED RIVER, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIVER'S EDGE AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 22 DEGREES 45 SECONDS WEST 134.25 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST 101.44 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 21.31 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 26.90 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 136.07 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 35 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 86.52 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST 176.46 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 17 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 121.07 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 64.71 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 35 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST 266.68 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 97.82 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 113.40 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIVER'S EDGE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 852.62 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 580.27 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 07 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 76.20 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 590.12 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST 149.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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ALSO

LESS AND EXCEPT: LANDS IN PARTIAL RELEASE OF MORTGAGE RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 854, PAGE 786, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO WIT:

LOTS 3 AND 8, CROOKED RIVER PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 30, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ALSO

LESS AND EXCEPT: LANDS IN PARTIAL RELEASE OF MORTGAGE RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 966, PAGE 436, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA,

(NOTE: THE PLAT OF CROOKED RIVER PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 30, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, NOW COVERS A PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCELS 1 AND 2. THE PLAT WAS CONSENTED TO BY THE FORECLOSING LENDER. LOTS 1, 5 AND 6 HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO SID GRAY RENTALS, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LI-

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TO WIT: LOTS 2, 4 AND 7, CROOKED RIVER PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 30, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LANDS IN PARTIAL RELEASE OF MORTGAGE RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1100, PAGE(S) 547 AND 550, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO WIT:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 85.59 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 448.90 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 1329.93 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 715.51 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 1294.83 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EDGE OF CROOKED RIVER, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIVER'S EDGE AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 22 DEGREES 45 SECONDS WEST 134.25 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST 101.44 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 21.31 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 26.90 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 136.07 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 35 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 86.52 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST 176.46 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 17 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 121.07 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 64.71 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 35 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST 266.68 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 97.82 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 113.40 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIVER'S EDGE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 852.62 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 580.27 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 07 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 76.20 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 590.12 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST 149.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL 3: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS SOLD BY VIRTUE OF QUIT-CLAIM DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 941, PAGE 109 AND QUIT-CLAIM DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 984, PAGE 154, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THIS LAND LIES WITHIN PARCELS 1 AND 2 ABOVE. THIS LAND WAS NOT RELEASSED FROM THE LIEN OF THE MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED. THIS LAND WAS CONVEYED TO CENTENNIAL BANK BY VIRTUE OF A DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1044, PAGE 99. SAID DEED DOES NOT NECESSARILY CONSTITUTE A MERGER OF TITLE: BEGIN AT THE

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LANDS IN PARTIAL RELEASE OF MORTGAGE(S) RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1100, PAGE(S) 547 AND 550, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO WIT:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 85.59 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 448.90 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 1329.93 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 715.51 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 1294.83 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EDGE OF CROOKED RIVER, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIVER'S EDGE AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 22 DEGREES 45 SECONDS WEST 134.25 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST 101.44 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 21.31 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 26.90 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 136.07 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 35 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 86.52 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST 176.46 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 17 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 121.07 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 64.71 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 35 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST 266.68 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 97.82 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 113.40 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIVER'S EDGE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 852.62 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 580.27 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 07 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 76.20 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 590.12 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST 149.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH Borrowers' interest in the homeowners association or equivalent entity owning or managing the common areas and facilities of the Planned Unit Development and the uses, benefits and proceeds of Borrowers' interest therein.

Dated at Franklin County, Florida this 9th day of May, 2014.

Marcia M. Johnson CLERK OF COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Terry Creamer Deputy Clerk

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. ROETZEL & ADDRESS, LPA Attorneys for Plaintiff 420 South Orange Ave. CNL Center II, 7th Floor Orlando, Florida 32801 Phone: 407-896-2224 Fax: 407-835-3596 May 22, 29, 2014

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**Trivia Fun**

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**4) In 2007 who became the first female Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?**  
Johnson, Walsh, Byrd, Pelosi

**5) The world's oldest sheep died in England (1989) a week before its which birthday?**  
17th, 23rd, 29th, 32nd

**6) What is Jacqueline Gagne famed for hitting?**  
Paparazzi, Softball homeruns, Hole-in-ones, 3-pointers

**7) Which state has had the only Congressman (Matthew Lyon) to be jailed for criticizing the president?**  
Georgia, Maine, Ohio, Vermont

**8) Who acted under the name of Ariztid Olt during his career's early days?**  
Bela Lugosi, Johnny Depp, George Clooney, Will Smith

**9) Whose president was the first person to drive over the speed limit in a hydrogen**

**powered car?**  
France, Iceland, Germany, USA

**10) Which has no blood supply and takes its oxygen directly from the air?**  
Eardrum, Finger/toe nails, Cornea, Eyebrow

**11) About what percentage of America's pet dogs are overweight?**  
20%, 30%, 40%, 50%

**12) BMW, famous for its cars, started out making what in 1923?**  
Watches, Guns, Soaps, Motorcycles

**13) When did Elvis Presley buy his Graceland estate?**  
1957, 1959, 1961, 1963

**14) What is Taipei 101?**  
Car, Fish, Building, Stadium

**ANSWERS**

1) MacArthur. 2) Deer. 3) Washington. 4) Pelosi. 5) 29th. 6) Hole-in-ones. 7) Vermont. 8) Bela Lugosi. 9) Iceland. 10) Cornea. 11) 40%. 12) Motorcycles. 13) 1957. 14) Building.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Rescue mission for island cat castaways**

There will be an organizational meeting for the St. George Island Cat Allies Trap/Neuter/Release Group on Saturday, May 31 at 3 p.m. at the St. George Island Methodist Church, 201 East Gulf Beach Drive.

For more information, call Helen Gore at 323-0123.

**Commission orders maintenance for SGI fishing pier**

At Tuesday's meeting, county commissioners unanimously voted to earmark up to \$6,000 for the re-staining and maintenance of the handicap entrance ramp to the St. George Island Fishing Pier, and up to \$6,000 for the staining and maintenance of the recently re-constructed section of fishing pier. Both projects will come out of the St. George Island Bridge Maintenance Fund.

County Planner Alan Pierce said the projects are necessary to maintain the wooden structures exposed to the sun and salt air. He said the newly constructed portion would be refurbished first. He said that work on the pier had been postponed due to wet weather.

**Simpler Built wins visitor center bid**

At Tuesday's meeting, county commissioners voted to award a bid for renovation of the old state highway patrol building in Eastpoint to Simpler Built of Tallahassee for their bid of \$65,657.

Commissioner Noah Lockley opposed the decision. R.W. Thomas Construction of Eastpoint submitted a bid of \$75,000.

Lockley asked if the county had approached R.W. Thomas to negotiate his fee. The commissioner said he would prefer a local contractor do the work.

Chairman Cheryl Sanders said the county needed to observe normal business practices when processing bids to avoid the appearance of unfairness.

**Benson awarded HVAC contract**

At the recommendation of architect Warren Emo, on Tuesday, county commissioners voted unanimously to award a contract to replace the north HVAC unit on the main courthouse to Benson's Heating and Air Conditioning Inc., of Tallahassee.

The replacement will be paid for out of the courthouse maintenance fund.

# Real Estate Picks

## Best Values on the Forgotten Coast

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This gorgeous home is a must see. From the unique architecture to the breath taking views, it has it all. Features include a 250 ft. dock over Jordan Bayou, Views of the apalachicola Bay and Dog Island. Home Includes custom lighting, built in bookcases, woodfloors, hurricane shutters, and wrap around decks all on landscaped acres.

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MLS 248897 ST. GEORGE ISLAND \$1,199,000

**"Positive Space"** - Immaculately maintained custom home designed by architect Larry Burke on a one acre landscaped lot in prestigious St. George Plantation! This one owner home is beautifully furnished and features Gulf views across the entire southern wall of the house. The spacious master suite totally occupies the 2nd floor with easy access to the laundry room from the bedroom. Both guest bedrooms have private baths and the "den" can serve as a 4th bedroom with a half bath or office/craft room. Beautiful full porches for easy entertaining and enjoying the Gulf view. This home also has a gas fireplace and oak floors throughout the living/dining areas. Square footage, acreage and lot dimensions are taken from County Property Appraiser's website.

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