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Out to see

'To Hell and Back' to be shown Saturday

The Camp Gordon Johnston Museum in Carrabelle will show the film "To Hell and Back," the story of World War II hero Audie Murphy, this Saturday, July 26 at 10:15 a.m.

Murphy, who stars in the film, was the most decorated combat soldier of the war; among his 33 awards was the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was cited for bravery by the governments of France and Belgium, and credited with killing more than 240 German soldiers and wounding and capturing many more.

Admission is by donation, and appreciated. This film is part of a monthly series to educate visitors on the sacrifices made by our "greatest generation." Free popcorn will be served.

Kingfish Shootout Aug. 2 - 3

The 11th annual Kingfish Shootout will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2 - 3, with the Captain's Meeting at C-Quarters Marina the night of Friday, Aug. 1. The guaranteed payout will be \$16,500 with 10 places. You can win \$5,000 for the biggest kingfish.

Prizes will be given for Youth Angler (16 years or younger) and Lady Angler for the biggest fish in addition to prize money, if qualified. Each must catch their fish unassisted. Boat registration remains at \$250 per boat.

The tournament is in memory of Lisa Crowder Jackson, with money going to the Leukemia Research Foundation. It remains the largest leukemia fundraiser not directly sponsored by the foundation. For more info, call 697-8400.

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County eyes millage rate drop

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After securing a 2 percent budget cut from nearly all county departments, county commissioners are looking to adopt the roll-back rate and trim the millage slightly next year.

After a daylong budget workshop July 17 that went so smoothly the commissioners chose to cancel a second day on Friday, it was tentatively decided to go with a millage rate for the next fiscal year of 6.4296 mills, just about four-tenths of 1 mill below the current rate of 6.4706, and a drop of



ERIN GRIFFITH, LEFT, AND LINDA PHILLIPS



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about six-tenths of 1 percent.

The commissioners are able to drop the millage rate for the first time since the 2008-09 fiscal year because, for the first time since the 2007-08 fiscal year, the coun-

ty's taxable value for operating purposes has increased.

The county's tax base rose by a tad more than 1.1 percent this year, from \$1.63 billion to \$1.65 billion, so that each mill next

year will generate \$1.65 million, about \$18,000 more than one mill generated last year.

If adopted by the commissioners in September, the proposed millage rate will generate about \$10.61 million in ad valorem taxes, an increase in property tax proceeds of just \$51,225 over the current year's

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10 years a tourney

C-Quarters marks anniversary of youth fishing event

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Despite rainy weather, Carrabelle's C-Quarters Marina marked the 10th anniversary Saturday of its annual youth fishing tournament in fine fashion.

More than 192 kids caught 111 fish, off docks, on the Carrabelle River and in the bay no further out than Dog Island, as excitement reigned despite the intermittent rain.

"This is what we weighed," said tourney director Mary Lawhon. "There was many more fish than this."

Tony Merrell from Merrell Automotive took out kids from his Sunday School class. Young fisherboys and fishergirls, under age 16, came from Hosford, Leesburg, Tallahassee, and Crawfordville, and all throughout Franklin County.

Joli Johnson caught her flounder on a hook and line off a shrimp boat in the river, and won a \$25 gift certificate to C-Quarters for her efforts from James Hayman.

Tyler Grindstead landed his nice-sized speckled trout off his grandfather's dock in Lanark Village. Bentley Parramore, the 3-year-old great-grandson of Alvin Howard, caught



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A young fisherman casts a line Saturday at the youth fishing tournament.

a 5.44-pound catfish to win the top prize in that category. "I've been teaching him fishing ever since he was about 1," said Howard

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12-year-old bus thief nabbed in Eastpoint

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The same 12-year-old Bay County boy who stole a school bus last month did it again last week.

But this time, an alert motorist and a nearby Carrabelle policeman worked to nail him in Franklin County.

Michael Propst was picked up for driving the school bus on U.S. 98, just east of State Route 65, on

Wednesday morning, July 16, a day after being released from the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice on a previous case where he had stolen a bus from the Bay County School District three weeks earlier.

After Propst drove the bus east about 55 miles into Franklin County, a vigilant motorist called 9-1-1 about 10:49 a.m. to report a school bus was driving recklessly on U.S. 98.

Carrabelle Deputy Chief Gary Hunnings was completing an arrest in Carrabelle on a sheriff's warrant, and had just left the county jail on SR 65 when he got the call from a

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Biologists, residents: Feral cat colonies a threat to birds

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A group of animal lovers wants to establish cat colonies on St. George Island but biologists and some island residents say the island is no place for feral cats.

Helen Gore and Cathy Buell, cofounders of St. George Island Cat Allies together with June Crawford of Aiken, South Carolina, have rescued a group of cats from an island housing development and want to establish colonies of neutered cats on

the island.

They are working to establish a trap, neuter and release program (TNR) to return cats to live outdoors. TNR is the method of feral cat control endorsed by Alley Cat Allies (ACA), a national organization to protect and stabilize feral cat populations.

"TNR involves humanely trapping stray and feral cats and having them vaccinated and spayed/neutered before returning them to their outdoor home," reads the ACA website. "It is the only effective method of stabilizing outdoor cat colonies. Because of

TNR, the birth of new kittens in the colony slows down and eventually ends when all the cats are spayed or neutered. In addition, socialized cats and kittens are spayed/neutered and then often put up for adoption, causing an immediate reduction in the population size."

Susan Gillum, a retired research ecologist who spends half the year in the St. George Island Plantation, said a TNR program will interfere with the fragile ecosystem of the barrier island.

Gillum, who worked for the Wisconsin Department

of Natural Resources and is now a private environmental consultant, said maintaining feral cat colonies on the island is a bad idea from both environmental and public health perspectives. She said cats are carriers of human diseases including rabies and toxoplasmosis.

Veterinarian Hobson Fulmer, of the Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic, said rabies in cats and dogs is virtually unheard of in Franklin County although there have been cases in adjacent counties.

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RAYA PRUNER



SUSAN GILLUM

County jobless rate remains unchanged

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Franklin County's unemployment rate appears to be stuck at 5.6 percent, the same in June as it was in May, and the same as it was one year ago.

According to preliminary numbers released Friday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the county's jobless rate for June stayed at 5.6 percent, as 300 people, one fewer than in May, were in search of work. This rate of joblessness occurred as the workforce shrank by just 13 people, from 5,403 to 5,390.

However, the current work force has 147 fewer workers than one year ago, when it comprised 5,537 workers and the jobless rate also was 5.6 percent.

The June jobless picture tied the county with Jackson Bay, Baker and Liberty counties, for 14th best among Florida's 67 counties. Franklin was worse for unemployment than Clay, Nassau, Seminole, Broward, Alachua, Bradford, Jefferson, St. Johns, Wakulla, Sumter, Okaloosa, Monroe and Walton, the state's best at 3.4 percent.

The jobless rate for the CareerSource Gulf Coast region (Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties) also remained unchanged at 5.7 percent. Bay remained at 5.6 percent while Gulf was up slightly, from 6.0 to 6.1 percent.

The unemployment rate in the three-county region is nearly a full percentage point below the June 2013 rate of one year ago, 6.6 percent, and outpaces the state's current unemployment rate of 6.2 percent. However, about 6,000 Gulf Coast job seekers

are out of work.

The June jobless report shows that out of a labor force of 105,266, there were 5,955 unemployed Gulf Coast residents. But there were more than 1,000 additional job seekers in the labor force since the May data was released. Just a month earlier, the local region's labor force was 104,180, with 5,851 unemployed.

"It is encouraging to see the labor force growth," said CareerSource Gulf Coast Executive Director Kim Bodine. "This is an indication that some job seekers who chose to sit on the sidelines through the worst of the recession are now among those seeking employment. The confidence level seems to be slowly increasing among employers and job seekers alike. I also believe that we had an influx of high school and college graduates in June, accounting for

some of that increase."

Major occupational groups with the most online ads in June 2014 were sales and related occupations; healthcare practitioners and technical occupations; and office and administrative support occupations. Labor demand in the region, measured by online advertised vacancies, bottomed out in December 2010 and has increased by 2,101 openings since then.

In June 2014, there were 75,700 nonagricultural jobs in the Panama City metro area, up 100 jobs over the year. The Panama City metro area's annual rate of job growth was 0.1 percent, while the state increased at a rate of 3.1 percent.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), three out of 10 industries gained jobs, and five industries lost jobs, over the year. Professional and business services

(+700 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (+400 jobs) and information (+100 jobs).

The industries losing jobs were leisure and hospitality (-600 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (-200 jobs); and financial activities; education and health services; and manufacturing (-100 jobs each). Other services and government were unchanged over the year. Locally, CareerSource Gulf Coast disagrees with BLS on the job losses reported in leisure and hospitality.

Employment in information (+10.0 percent) and professional and business services (+8.5 percent) grew faster in the metro area than it did statewide. The Panama City metro area had the highest annual job growth rate of all Florida metro areas in information (+10.0 percent).

BEDTIME CIGARETTE LEADS TO FRIDAY TRAILER FIRE



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At 6:46 a.m. Friday, July 18, dispatchers received a 911 call and responded to the home of Corinne Green at 343 24th St. in Apalachicola. Green told responders she was smoking cigarettes and fell asleep. Fortunately, she smelled smoke and was able to get out of the trailer unharmed. The Florida State Fire Marshal's office received a call to investigate at 7:19 a.m. According to a spokesperson, the investigator confirmed the fire was accidental.

News BRIEFS

HABITAT TO DEDICATE FOURTH HOME AUG. 3

Habitat for Humanity will host a dedication ceremony for its fourth house on Sunday, August 3 at 2 p.m.

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CENTENNIAL BUYS FLORIDA TRADITIONS BANK

Home BancShares Inc. (NASDAQ GS: HOMB), parent company of Centennial Bank, announced last week its completion of the acquisition of Florida Traditions Bank.

Pursuant to the terms of a previously announced definitive agreement and plan of merger, Traditions will merge into Centennial upon the filing of articles of merger with the Arkansas State Bank Department and with the Secretary of State of the State of

Florida effective as of close of business day, July 17.

Upon completion of the transaction, the combined company will have approximately \$7 billion in total assets, \$5.5 billion in total deposits, \$4.7 billion in total loans and 149 branches across Arkansas, Florida and South Alabama. The transaction is accretive to the company's book value per common share and tangible book value per common share.

"We are pleased this acquisition opportunity arose to expand our presence in Central Florida," said John Allison, Home's chairman. "Centennial Bank will be able to better serve the needs of our Central Florida customers with more convenient locations."

"We are equally excited about the opportunities this acquisition provides our customers and employees," said Bud Stalnaker, chief executive officer of Traditions.

"Joining Centennial not only enhances our service capabilities, but also allows our focus to remain on outstanding community banking."

Stalnaker, the 2014 Florida Bankers Association Banker of the Year, will become division president for Centennial in Central Florida, managing the existing footprint of nine branches in the Orlando and Tampa markets as well as the eight former Florida Traditions branch locations.

"We are excited about this opportunity to merge our banking services with the Traditions management team," said Randy Sims, Home's CEO. "We believe the comparable strengths of Centennial and the Traditions team creates a prominent, dynamic financial institution with experienced local leadership and talented associates who are ready to serve our valued customers and communities from Tampa to Orlando."

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The City of Apalachicola hereby requests proposals from qualified individuals or firms to provide Grant Administration services for its Culture Builds Florida (not to exceed \$24,000, \$10,000 grant funded, \$14,000 locally funded) from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

Proposals must include a scope of work outlining how tasks are to be performed and a fee. A statement of understanding of the Goals and Objectives as well as a commitment to perform the work if selected must be provided by an individual authorized to bind the proposal, with an original signature. Submittals shall also include evidence of experience in Arts Administration, Cultural Tourism and/or Organizational Development. Corporations shall include a certificate of status/good standing.

Scope of work, specifications for deliverables and proposal evaluation criteria are available at Apalachicola City Hall, 1 Avenue E, Apalachicola, Florida, 32320.

Interested individuals or firms should submit an original and six copies of proposals, sealed and clearly labeled "Sealed Proposal for Center for History, Culture and Art Services". Proposals submitted by email or fax will not be considered. Proposals must be received by 2 p.m. on Friday, August 1, 2014 at the Apalachicola City Hall Office, 1 Avenue E, Apalachicola, FL 32320. For further information, contact Betty Webb @ 653-9319 or bettywebb@cityofapalachicola.com.

Contracts resulting from the selection process will be subject to state and federal requirements and release of funds by the funding agency. The City of Apalachicola reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technical errors, waive any informalities or irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of the City.

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Eastpoint man hangs on as SUV drives off



JOHN P. O'DONNELL

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An incident Saturday evening on St. George Island, in which a man drove off with a sport utility vehicle while another was hanging on through a window, has left a 53-year-old Arkansas man in trouble with the law.

According to a report filed by Florida Highway Patrol Trooper John Tallman, John P. O'Donnell of Texarkana, Ark., had taken "unlawful possession" about 7:30 p.m. of a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe from a

location at East Gulf Beach Drive and Sunset Drive.

O'Donnell started to drive east on Sunset Drive, when William David Volk, 62, of Eastpoint, tried to stop him by reaching inside the driver's side window. O'Donnell "began to drive with (Volk) hanging onto (the vehicle) from the outside."

The report said Volk fell from the vehicle after it traveled about 30 feet. O'Donnell drove away from the scene to another residence about 120 feet away from where Volk had fallen off. He suffered only minor injuries.

O'Donnell parked the Tahoe at another residence, and went inside, without reporting the incident or rendering aid to (Volk), said the report.

The Florida Highway Patrol was assisted by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and the Franklin County Emergency Medical System. The report said alcohol was not a factor in the incident.

O'Donnell was charged with aggravated battery, grand theft of an automobile and reckless driving.

Arrest REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests listed were made by officers from the Florida Highway Patrol and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

July 15
Henry E. Cooper, 49, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Kimberly D. Harrington, 47, St. George Island, Madison County warrant for criminal mischief (FCSO)

July 16
Dominic W. Rotella, 29, Eastpoint, aggravated battery, great bodily harm (FCSO)

Bruce R. Rotella, 33, Eastpoint, aggravated battery, great bodily harm (FCSO)
Eric J. Gazoombi, 30, Tallahassee, failure to appear (FCSO)

July 17
Tucker M. Bohling, 37, Tallahassee, violation of probation (FCSO)

Robert E. Thompson Jr., 55, Eastpoint, tampering with a witness or informant (FCSO)

Toni M. Sawyer, 32, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Dennis D. Martina, 42, Apalachicola, Wakulla County warrant (FCSO)

July 18
Timothy E. McLeod, 49,

Panacea, domestic battery (FCSO)

July 20
Willie G. Dasher, Jr., 35, Eastpoint, trespass on property after warning (FCSO)

John P. O'Donnell, 53, Texarkana, Arkansas, reckless driving, grand theft of a motor vehicle and aggravated battery, great bodily harm (FHP)

July 21
Thomas A. Arroyo, 39, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

July 22
Kevin M. Schoelles, 29, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked (FCSO)

FWC REPORT



During the week of July 11 to 17, officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement were active in Franklin and adjacent counties.

In Franklin County, Officer Marlow observed a vehicle parked on the side of U.S. Highway 98, with the hood still warm. After looking in the area, he observed foot tracks leading to the edge of wetlands about 200 yards away from the vehicle, and subsequent drag marks

through private property. Two individuals later were located in a vessel frogging and were found to be trespassing in the area.

While on foot patrol near Bristol Landing in Liberty County, Officer Mims conducted a boating safety inspection on a small vessel with two occupants. The driver had been drinking and, after showing multiple signs of impairment, was arrested for BUI and booked into the Liberty County Jail.

Lt. Pearce and Officers Marlow and Bunker were working the River

Sink Tract of Wakulla Springs State Park in Wakulla County. The officers had information received from Lt. Hooker and Officer Raker regarding large groups gathering and alcohol consumption. Marlow entered the sink area in plain clothes and observed a large group of individuals drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana at the main sink area.

Pearce and Bunker arrived to assist and 11 citations and nine warnings were written for possession of marijuana

and consumption of alcohol.

Marlow observed a vehicle briefly turn on its headlights in a marsh area of Wakulla County. Three individuals were attempting to cast net bait and were smoking and in possession of additional marijuana. Officer Hoelscher and Lt. Pearce arrived to assist.

All three subjects were cited for less than 20 grams of marijuana and will be placed in a civil diversionary program in lieu of prosecution.

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Why I returned to Iowa

By Ray Brownsworth
Special to the Times

As I leave Weems Memorial Hospital from the position of CEO, I want to share some of the background for my decision. I am speaking only for myself and neither the hospital board of trustees nor the hospital as an organization.

A little less than two years ago I started at Weems, quickly purchased a house and relocated my family here. At that time,



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many suggested that due to the historical volatility of the position, it might be better to rent than buy. At the time of our move here, it was to be for the rest of our lives and the

purchase was a demonstration of our being vested in the community I served.

Moving here was in part coming back to my roots not only in the South but also the area. Although I was not born and raised here, my ancestral roots in the area date back to the 1780s, depending on the branch of the family tree. Ancestral surnames from the area are Taylor, Peacock, Lamb, Hill, Patterson and Barksdale. After starting work, I discovered three distant cousins and another by a distant marriage. Why mention this? To provoke the question of why would someone invested in the community with deep historical ties leave after such a short period? This is even more important considering my love of the hospital, staff and area.

To date, I have expressed my reason for moving to Iowa as the desire to be closer to my 19- and 20-year-old daughters and my 34-year-old son. This is true, but I would be moving in the next couple years even if I had not taken the job back in Iowa. Why? It boils down to the schools and the county commission. These two issues will burden Franklin County for years to come and make it difficult to recruit and retain qualified hospital CEOs. As I share my personal comments, they are not directed at any individual but to the organizations in place.

My wife, Lori, has shared a number of thoughts about the school in an editorial letter. I will add several comments. These are my frustration with the unwillingness of the school to take the steps necessary to provide adequate special educational activities as required by law. They are at great risk of lawsuit for those who are so

inclined. Fortunately for them, I am not one of them; others may not be so generous. It seems that not hurting people's feelings is more important than confronting tough issues. My condemnation is not of the people but of the system that allows for this. The people have been kind and considerate.

Even in regular classes, little real teaching is done. This varies from teacher to teacher, with some good and even great teachers. It seems showing videos has become a common method of filling class time. The videos typically are not based on the curriculum, if there is an established curriculum at all being followed. It seems that established curriculum and learning objectives no longer exist as a standard to teach by and to guide the learning experience.

Substitute teachers are often aides or other school employees rather than actual teachers. Attendance at a three-hour training course does not make someone a "fit" substitute, merely a better option than leaving students on their own. Some substitutes have been known to tell the class to read and then proceed to sleep or occupy themselves on their laptop. This sounds bad enough, but the use of ear buds isolates them even more as they pay little if any attention to students and provide no learning opportunity.

Teachers are told to make sure students pass, even if it means providing supplemental points to edge the score above the point of failing. Students lose all ambition to excel in this environment of mediocrity and blatant apathy. The school system alone is enough to cause families to leave.

COMMISSIONERS' EFFECT ON ME AS CEO

As CEO, I reported to the hospital trustees, not the county commissioners. The hospital board is appointed to govern the hospital on behalf of the county and the commission. The CEO is the board-designated person to manage the operations of the hospital. It is, however, common practice for commissioners to become involved in the operational activities (micro-management) of the hospital seeking to bypass both the board and the CEO. Frequently and even publicly, commissioners have provided me with direction contrary to the hospital board. For some reason commissioners feel they have a better understanding of hospital operations and business than the hospital board and leaders. Such

direction of the commission may or may not be based on a vote of the overall commission but instead a single individual.

Frequently, as CEO I was contacted by various commissioners and given direction based on the personal agenda of the commissioner. During my tenure, I have been told whom to hire, to fire or not fire, and to give a raise to. In one instance, I was told to do whatever it took the keep a person employed despite the fact I could not legally do so. When I confronted the commissioner with the legality of this, I was told "you're the CEO, figure it out." I did what was legally correct and suffered the wrath of the commissioner.

I have been told to write off bills of constituents and friends. Generally, commissioners expect to have no out-of-pocket costs and certainly are shielded from collection efforts.

Commissioners have become the de facto persons for community members or staff to go to with complaints or concerns rather than using established procedures to handle these. One commissioner told me "if I get chewed out, you're going to get chewed out too." I am not saying the hospital is perfect, as it is not, but this is not how to handle patient and family concerns. Direct them to the CEO or staff and allow them the chance to solve the problem.

My qualifications have been publicly questioned and various commissioners have regularly berated me. In seeking to provide my CEO report to the commission, I am rightfully asked questions. However, in my attempts to respond, I am frequently interrupted and even told not to continue with my explanation as apparently the commissioners didn't want to hear it. The commission meetings are not an effective means of communicating as useful dialogue becomes impractical or even impossible.

To improve this communication, the hospital board and I have asked the Commission to appoint and send a representative to the board meetings. They have failed to do so, despite the fact this would be the best way of keeping them and us informed. When questioned about this, a commissioner recently admitted the decision was political. An individual commissioner might not want to serve, but at the same time does not want another to do so because of political advantage gained, thus no consensus can be achieved for an appointment.

Topics and questions brought

up become political footballs and commissioners' responses are often for the purpose of saving face or gaining political points. Commission meetings are often characterized by grandstanding to rally constituent support. This is not to say there have not been times of good and appropriate comments, but instead too often they are not. The antics of the commission are acknowledged in the community with chuckles, a shake of the head and the comment "well, you know how the commission is."

Most commissioners support the idea of healthcare as a necessary service but this is not the same as being advocates for the hospital that they should be. Compare their reluctant support of the hospital to their advocacy for those working on the bay, or those in need, and you will see a marked difference. The hospital seems to be a burden, rather than a wonderful asset. Just watch the commission videos and notice the commissioners are pleasantly sociable to the county directors, even thanking them and wishing them a good week. Contrast this to my time in front of them, exemplified by confrontation, stern faces and lack of cordiality.

During my tenure, the commissioners have never asked me what they can do to assist and support the hospital. The Commission should be the hospital's best advocate, rather than a reluctant partner who looks down on us. The Commission should be doing everything possible to make the hospital more viable and robust.

At the May county meeting, commissioners expressed that they wanted to be involved in the CEO selection process, implying that by their involvement, the next selection would be more successful. This comment suggested that the hospital board did an inadequate job, and that the current CEO, myself, was deficient due to leaving. Have they considered this is type of mindset is exactly the problem and that they are a large part of the reason that qualified CEOs do not stay?

NO THANK-YOU OR BEST WISHES

At the July 1 county commission meeting, I encountered the usual challenge to the hospital's and my performance. Interestingly, both our chief financial officer and a physician who spoke mentioned various improvements realized at Weems during my tenure. I am not saying it was all due to me as it was not, but it was during my stay and the result of a lot of my staff and leaders I had

the privilege to work with. As the meeting was closed out, there was no recognition of my hard work and positive impact on the organization, staff or patients. I heard no thank you or best wishes from the commissioners.

While here, I regularly was urged to recognize the staff, to let them know they were appreciated and seek to retain them. This was rightfully offered as the staff at the hospital, ambulance and clinics are wonderful and qualified people that make Weems a success. Unfortunately, the commission forgets the CEO and other hospital leaders are people, too, who look to be appreciated and fulfilled in their jobs. The majority of my experience in communicating with the commission is completely contrary to this concept. Why do we leave? Perhaps it is because we don't feel recognized, appreciated and even welcomed.

The bottom line related to the county commission is that I was tired of being beat-up, disrespected and not having confidence my job would survive the next year, much less another 10 years due to the unpredictability of the commission. These comments are not directed in any manner toward the hospital board as they are exactly the opposite, given they are engaged, supportive, communicative, and not micromanaging. They are one of the best boards I have worked for. The staff is wonderful and I enjoyed my days because of them. I looked forward each day to going to work. I loved the area, my job and the people. It is too bad the commission and schools made it impossible to realize my dream of finishing out my career and the remainder of my life here.

- Quickly, for the county commissioners, you need to:
1. Stay out of the hospital's business allowing the board to govern, and the CEO under their direction and oversight to operate the hospital,
 2. Advocate for the hospital and seek every opportunity to make it more successful, by seeking and providing additional sources of revenue, such as indigent tax or conversion of such tax to construction tax, assuring the viability of the proposed new and renovated facility.
 3. Be an ambassador for the hospital, expressing the good things the hospital does and the benefit to the community and county.
- My best wishes to my friends and co-workers. You will be missed.



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Tuition hikes, the 529 plan and Rascal Flatts

"My wish for you ... is that this life becomes/All that you want it to," from "My Wish," — written by Steve Robson and Jeffrey Steele and recorded by Rascal Flatts

The cost of educational expenses, which includes college tuition, increased by over 2 percent last year. Nevada just enacted a 17 percent university tuition increase over the next four years. Let's



MARGARET R.
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Arbor Outlook

hope last winter's freeze applies to tuition hikes at Florida's public universities.

College is affordable for fewer American families than ever before. Ironically, a college education is, more than ever, widely viewed as a prerequisite to decent employment in today's tight job market.

How much does college cost these days? Say last year you paid \$15,000 in tuition, plus housing, a meal plan, activity fees, and spending money, and your child's total college expenses were \$25,000. And let's say you currently have a senior and a freshman in college. Well, with a 2 percent increase, now your total

annual expenses are \$51,000 instead of \$50,000.

Many parents and grandparents utilize 529 education savings plans to fund college expenses. Investors fund the account and their dollars grow tax-free, and stay that way as long as distributions are for qualified college expenses. Any form of savings is beneficial, but in the case of 529s, sometimes college parents and grandparents may be better off simply investing their discretionary income in a taxable brokerage account in their own name.

Simply put, the fees associated with many 529 plans sometimes offset the benefits of utilizing them. While you forego tax-deferred growth by utilizing a taxable brokerage account, you have a much wider selection of investment options without any restrictions on how the funds can be spent. Say little Johnny Angel becomes little Johnny Devil. You own the account and can use the funds for your own retirement needs or anything else, for that matter. Or say your child is an exceptional student and receives several scholarships. You can provide financial assistance as you see fit; perhaps send them on an interim trip to Europe or help them buy a car.

Locking in tuition rates with a state-sponsored pre-paid tuition program is usually a money saver. Some 20 states currently offer such plans, usually under a 529 Plan umbrella. Florida's official website details four of these pre-paid tuition options, which include two 2-year plans and two 4-year plans. Start a pre-paid tuition plan while your child is a toddler, and you'll save significant dollars by the time they start college.

College always costs so much more than we think it will. Children still need all the financial support they normally accept from you, in addition to their college expenses: health and medical insurance, doctor visits, car payments, car insurance, clothes and more.

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Drawing of the proposed conversion of Coombs House to a city library.

FROM THE MARSHALL COLLECTION

City abandons Coombs library plans

By ALAN J. WRIGHT
Times Staff Reporter

EDITOR'S NOTE: In light of the current search for a larger home for the Apalachicola Municipal Library, this January 1991 article from the Times may hold some points of interest. Of course, we all know what happened to the Coombs House.

In a dramatic reversal, Tuesday night, the Apalachicola City Commission voted unanimously to abandon plans to restore historic Coombs house for use as a library.

Commissioner Rose McCoy set the tone for the decision, citing the perilous financial condition the city is in. She feared that the city would be placing an impossible burden on itself, especially considering the current economic and political instability.

"I was real excited," she said sardonically, "when we were able to sit down and pay all the city's bills up through November."

The abrupt decision immediately followed a report from Clark Holmes, a member of the library board and of the Historic Apalachicola Foundation. Holmes stated that three grants were involved in completing the Coombs Library project.

The first coming from the Department of Historic Resources for the beginning work of restoration. That \$240,000 grant had already been approved by DHR, but still faced legislative and administrative approval.

The second major grant, in the neighborhood of \$200,000, would come from the state library commission for the purpose of converting the structure for use as a library. That money, Holmes said, had yet to be approved and probably no action would be taken on the grant application until April.



FROM THE SPOHRER COLLECTION

Bill Spohrer stands before the Coombs House circa 1990. The Spohrers bought the property shortly after the city abandoned plans to transform the house into a library.

A \$40,000 matching grant from the E. I. DuPont Foundation, he said, is available for use on an "as needed basis."

Holmes urged the commission to continue with the project, if for no other reason than to see whether the grants would be approved. "It would be a mistake," he said, "to withdraw the grant applications now."

He said such an action would hurt the city's credibility in applying for future grants. If the city didn't wish to continue with the library project, Holmes said, it would be better to wait until after the money had been approved, then simply refuse the grants.

Holmes also spoke in favor of the project from the viewpoint of a patron of the library. He noted the present city library was funded at only 25 percent of the state minimum. The Coombs Library, he stated, would be a base for fighting illiteracy in the region.

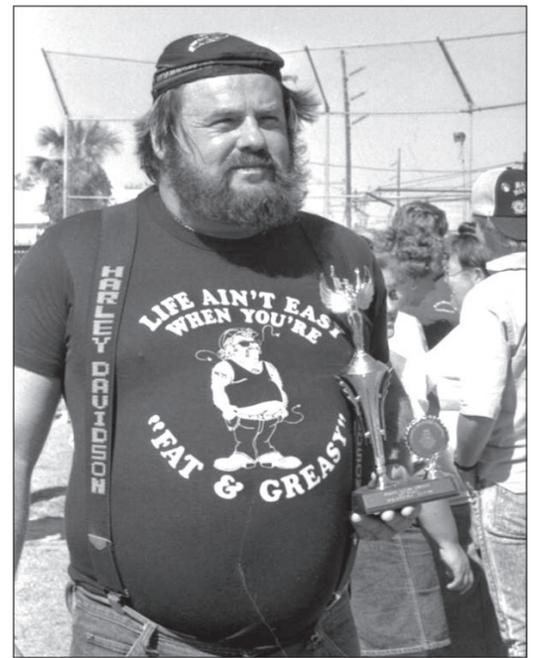
Commissioner Jack Frye, who has opposed the project from

the beginning, made a motion to end the city's involvement in the Coombs House. Like McCoy, he was concerned that the city would face huge expenditures for maintaining the library that it can ill afford.

Some members of the gallery concurred with Frye, saying the Coombs House would be better in the private sector. The city would then be deriving an income from taxes on the structure, instead of having a liability for upkeep and insurance. Although the project has been plodding along for nearly two years, nobody has undertaken to determine exactly what the annual maintenance and insurance costs would be.

Before the vote was taken, Commissioner Jimmy Elliot cautioned the commission to consider all factors involved. If the Coombs House went to the private sector, he wondered, what guarantee would the city have that the house would be faithfully restored? He also expressed a concern that some fringe group, such as Satanists, might move in.

WHO WAS THE BIGGEST OYSTER EATER?



DEBORAH THOMAS | Florida Memory Project

This picture from the Florida Memory Project was taken in 1988 by Deborah Thomas.

The gentleman won the oyster eating contest at the Florida Seafood Festival that year. Some facts about him have been lost. What is his name and where did he come from? And how many oysters did he consume? Can you answer these questions? If so, please contact the Times at 653-8868 or contact Lois Swoboda at lswoyoda@starfl.com.



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

The Gorrie trademark

Looking for Gorrie furniture

In the first Chasing Shadows article, we traced the origin of a chair marked Gorrie Furniture to a store that was once in Apalachicola.

We learned that whole housefuls of furniture were sold by the Gorrie Furniture Company were delivered to Lanark Village during the 1950s.

The caretakers of the Raney House are interested in acquiring one or more pieces of Gorrie Furniture to add to the collection. If you have a piece of furniture marked with the Gorrie name, and would like to sell or donate it, please contact the Times at 653-8868 or contact Lois Swoboda at lswoyoda@starfl.com.

July 25, 1974: Carrabelle cop hot on sheriff's trail

By LOIS SWOBODA
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At the end of July in 1974, things were hopping in Lanark Village. The commissioners of the Lanark Village Water and Sewer District requested proposals for the installation of a water and sewer system. Ann and Pat Heffernan attended the county commission meeting. Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson were entertaining their granddaughter visiting from Racine, Wisconsin and you could purchase the Times at the IGA in Lanark Village.

The really big news was in Carrabelle where the sheriff had gotten into a bit of trouble. The following article ran on Thursday, July 25, 1974:

SHERIFF INVESTIGATED IN INCIDENT

State Attorney Harry Morrison is seriously recommending that the investigation of the incident of Franklin County Sheriff Jack Taylor and Carrabelle police officer Charles Morgan be turned over to the Franklin County Grand Jury.



FLORIDA MEMORY PROJECT

Sheriff Jack Taylor

"I have received an oral report from the Department of Law Enforcement who have been investigating the incident and, frankly, there are conflicts between the stories of the sheriff and the police officer. I cannot disclose all of the ramifications of the report, but it appears the matter should be turned over to an impartial investigative body, namely the Franklin County Grand Jury," said Morrison.

At the State Attorney's request, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement has investigated the incident and reported to the State Attorney.



THE SOCIETY PAGES.ORG

Children playing in insecticide fog circa 1975.

KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF FOG

During the summer of 1974, mosquito control officials asked that parents not let children play in the fog being used to kill mosquitoes in the area.

A press release stated drivers of the fogging trucks have reported children throughout the county playing in the fog. The practice is not safe both because the fog is toxic and also because children are playing in the streets and motorists cannot see them.

Mosquito control officials ask parents to keep children indoors when the fog is visible.

Carrabelle police officer Charles Morgan claims that he saw a car going west on U.S. 98 at a high rate of speed while he was parked at a police phone. Morgan

began following the car as it turned off onto side streets. Morgan said the car then turned its lights off while traveling.

Morgan said that he

blocked the intersection in order to stop the car, and that he asked for an I.D. that was refused. Unsure of what to do after discovering the driver of the car was Franklin County Sheriff Jack Taylor, Morgan left to ask the Carrabelle Chief of Police what to do. Morgan said he spent the remainder of the night attempting to obtain a warrant for Taylor's arrest in order to give a breathalyzer test.

The State Attorney's office was notified and they in turn requested that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigate the incident.

Sheriff Jack Taylor stated that while stopped at a stop sign, he saw a car come up behind him without lights. When the policemen who was driving the car asked for some identification, Taylor said he told the officer "you know who I am," and then gave Morgan his license.

Concern has been shown by state officials over the previous driving record of Taylor. According to the Highway Patrol, Taylor was involved in an accident 4.5 miles south of Sopchoppy in a county car on June 20, 1974. Taylor

stated that a hog ran in the path of his automobile and he struck a telephone pole.

Another accident has resulted in a suit being filed in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County. Taylor filed suit against Arthur W. Donovan and Greyhound Rent-A-Car. A counter suit was filed by Arthur W. Donovan as Administrator for the estate of Jenny J. Donovan who died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident. Both suits are still pending.

In the same issue of the Times, Taylor responded as follows:

"I have, at this time, requested, through State Attorney Harry Morrison, a Grand Jury investigation into the incident which happened in Carrabelle, Florida, early Saturday morning. Inasmuch as City Policeman Charles Morgan has publicly made false allegations and statements about me as well as the entire sheriff's department, in regard to this incident, I feel it is necessary to submit this matter to the Grand Jury, an impartial body, for a final and reliable decision. A decision in which the public can rely on being fair and truthful to all concerned."

FERAL CAT from page A1

Toxoplasmosis may be another story.

Toxoplasmosis is a parasitic disease caused by a protozoan, a single-celled animal that infects most warm-blooded animals, including humans, and most often infects cats.

During the first few weeks after exposure, the infection typically causes a mild, flu-like illness or no illness. However, people with weakened immune systems, including pregnant women, may become seriously ill, and it can occasionally be fatal.

Toxoplasmosis can be spread to humans by contact with cat feces.

Gillum said feral cats at the beach are a special concern because they bury their feces in the sand where they may be unknowingly contacted by beachgoers including pregnant women and small children.

She also said that predation by domestic cats is a huge threat to both birds and sea turtles. Gillum told the following story of her own experience with feral cats, on Easter Sunday morning, after services, when she and her husband rode bicycles from the Plantation gate to Sikes Cut.

"There were thousands of migratory cliff and barn swallows arriving from their migration across the Gulf. Hundreds were resting on the roadway. They are completely exhausted when they arrive and look for a warm and sunny place to land," she said. "The pattern is that after they migrate, they rest. Once they get up some strength, they hop into the bushes and begin to eat insects.

"Some of them were being run over by cars but, more than that, we saw many attacked by feral cats running out of the undergrowth, grabbing them and running away," said Gillum.

Gillum said TNR has been shown by veterinarians, ecologists and wildlife biologists to worsen the problem of predation by feral cats. She said the cats need to be trapped and removed, "ideally for adoption."



RAYA PRUNER | Special to the Times

Snowy plover chicks are up and running within hours of hatching, and capable of walking three miles within a week or two.

'Not viable on barrier islands'

Marvin Friel, a coastal bird specialist for the Florida Division of Recreation and Parks, monitors bird populations in Dr. Julian Bruce St. George Island State Park, where coyotes are the most common predator on ground nesting birds and turtle eggs. He said feral cat predation is not currently a problem in the park. Based on tracks, he believes there is only one feral cat living there, but is concerned cat populations near the park could rapidly increase.

"We would like, if anything, to see strategic placement of these colonies," Friel said.

Raya Pruner, a district biologist for the Florida Division of Recreation and Parks, said feral cats are a serious problem in some other parks.

"Ground nesting birds are our biggest concern," she said. "There is a feral cat colony adjacent to a nesting habitat in Camp

Holland State Park. Recently, we found an abandoned snowy plover nest. Based on tracks in the sand, we believe the plover was predated by a cat."

There are fewer than 250 nesting pairs of snowy plover remaining in Florida.

Pruner said she has documented a decline in nesting in the plover colony and chick survival since the cat colony was established.

"On these barrier islands it's a bad idea where there is the potential for establishment of nesting colonies of shorebirds," she said. "In my opinion, TNR is not viable on barrier islands. Feral cats will decimate migratory birds. Even well-fed domestic cats will hunt birds."

Julie Wraithmell, Audubon Florida's Director of Wildlife Conservation is also critical of TNR. In a letter to the Times, she wrote, "In addition to the birds and other small prey cats kill, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has

documented panthers contracting feline leukemia from feral cats. Feral cats have also eliminated a colony of beach-nesting state-threatened Black Skimmers in Brevard County, and are major factors in the federal listing of Key Largo Wood Rat, Lower Keys Marsh Rabbit and several beach mouse subspecies in Florida. In California, they have big problems with imperiled sea otters getting toxoplasmosis from cat feces that wash into nearshore waters, and same has been documented in manatees in the Caribbean (but not yet in Florida, as far as I know)."

Other critics of TNR feel it is inhumane to the cats.

In a letter to the Florida Legislature's Committee on Agriculture, Grant Sizemore of the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) wrote that "free-roaming cats are in constant danger of being hit by cars, contracting diseases and parasites, or being attacked by other animals or people. This is why feral cats have about one-

third to one-fifth of the life span of indoor, owned cats and may be why the National Association of Public Health Veterinarians, The Wildlife Society, and the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals have joined ABC in opposing TNR programs."

Fulmer, who has practiced veterinary medicine in the county for more than 30 years, expressed support for local TNR programs. "I will participate because the only alternative to TNR is trapping and euthanasia and that is not acceptable to the caregivers," he said. "I've done TNR for many years and worked with the humane society. Until they come up with a better solution, this is the best we can do."

"In a perfect world, everybody would spay and neuter their cats, but we don't live in a perfect world," Fulmer said. "In my personal opinion, people shouldn't feed feral cats if they aren't going to have them neutered because that leads to larger and more frequent litters of kittens."

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Franklin County School District will soon consider a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....	\$ <u>9,726,292</u>
B. Less tax deductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....	\$ <u>23,402.00</u>
C. Actual property tax levy.....	\$ <u>9,702,890</u>

This year's property tax levy..... \$ 10,124,863

A portion of the tax levy is required under state law in order for the school board to receive \$2,249,311 in state education grants.

The required portion has increased by 5.40 percent, and represents approximately six tenths of the total proposed taxes.

The remainder of the taxes is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the Willie Speed Board Room, Eastpoint, Florida.

A DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

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NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

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

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 4.806 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$1,674,108 to be used for the following projects:

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

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

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

- Reimbursement of the maintenance, renovation, and repairs paid through the General Fund as permitted by Florida Statute.
- Parking lot maintenance Repair/Replace Fire Alarm & Intrusion Systems
- Renovate District Offices at BES Transfer to ABC for Chapman Maint., Renov., & Repair
- Painting and Repairs Roof Repair/Replacement
- Replace Locks, Doors, Windows Resurfacing of Gymnasium Floor

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

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

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, COMPUTERS, ENTERPRISE RESOURCE SOFTWARE, AND S. 1011.71(2), F.S., ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT OF DIGITAL CLASSROOMS PLANS PURSUANT TO S. 1011.62(12), F.S.

- Purchase/Lease of New Computers Management Information Systems Software
- Purchase/Lease of student Electronic Learning Devices
- School Furniture and Equipment Electronic Records Retention Scanning System
- Purchase/Installation of School Food Service Equipment
- Purchase software application for district-wide administration of personnel

PAYMENTS FOR RENTING AND LEASING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND SITES UNDER A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

- Leasing of educational and ancillary facilities and plants
- HVAC Maintenance Agreements at FCS
- One (1) New K-12 School

PAYMENTS OF COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

- Removal of Hazardous Waste or Materials

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

- Payment for premiums on district facilities and property

PAYMENT OF COST OF LEASING RELOCATABLE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

- Lease/Relocate Portable Classrooms

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the Willie Speed Board Room, Eastpoint, Florida.

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

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SCHOOL BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET SUMMARY NOTICE FY 2014-2015

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY

Operating	
Local Required	3.5580
Discretionary	0.7480
Capital Outlay	1.0000
Additional Operating	0.5000
TOTAL	5.8060

BUDGET - ALL FUNDS

REVENUES	GENERAL OPERATING	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL
Federal Sources	166,000	2,468,107			2,634,107
State Sources	2,249,311	17,901	306,000	145,000	2,718,212
Local Sources	8,240,531	125,415		1,674,108	10,040,053
TOTAL REVENUE	10,655,842	2,611,423	306,000	1,819,108	15,392,372
Transfers In	578,496		1,537,740		2,116,236
Fund Balance - July 1, 2014	673,579	418,267	887	3,553,148	4,645,881
TOTAL REVENUE AND BALANCES	11,907,917	3,029,690	1,844,627	5,372,255	22,154,489
EXPENDITURES					
Instructional	7,045,126	1,106,052			8,151,178
Pupil Personnel Services	220,638	181,940			402,578
Instructional Media Services	52,605				52,605
Instructional and Curriculum Services		15,200			15,200
Instructional Staff Training	7,750	87,505			95,255
Instruction Related Technology	36,250	10,411			46,661
Board of Education	355,502				355,502
General Administration	188,956	120,990			309,946
School Administration	364,185	923			365,108
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	259,741			750,000	1,009,741
Fiscal Services	302,648				302,648
Food Services		933,527			933,527
Central Services	375,106	29,266			404,372
Pupil Transportation Services	712,100	47,859			759,959
Operation of Plant	1,010,319				1,010,319
Maintenance of Plant	154,530				154,530
Administrative Technology Services	41,120				41,120
Community Services					-
Debt Service			1,537,740		1,537,740
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,126,576	2,533,673	1,537,740	750,000	15,947,989
Transfers Out			306,000	1,810,236	2,116,236
Fund Balance - June 30, 2015	781,340	496,017	887	2,812,019	4,090,263
TOTAL EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS & FUND BALANCES	11,907,917	3,029,690	1,844,627	5,372,255	22,154,489

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

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Calling all kid chefs: Cook-off kicks off

Special to The Times

Are you a student going into fourth through 12th grade? Do you like to cook? Then this is the contest for you!

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is searching for student chef ambassadors to promote "Fresh From Florida" recipes and products.

- Entry requirements include:
- You must be a Florida student going into fourth to the 12th grade.
 - You must create an original recipe and submit with a photo.
 - The recipe must contain one fresh fruit or fresh vegetable.
 - The recipe must have clear directions, provide four snack-size servings and be prepared in 45

minutes or less.

- Your recipe must promote good nutrition and healthy eating habits.

Students in five regions will submit recipes that will be judged on nutrition, presentation/appeal, and originality. Three qualifying round winners will be chosen per grade category, for a total of 45 finalist entries statewide. The grade categories are Fourth-Fifth grade, Sixth-Eighth grade and Ninth-12th grade. These qualifying round winners will be invited to cook their recipe for a panel of judges at Publix Aprons Cooking Schools in their region.

Finalist rounds will be held Sept. 27, Tampa — Central/West; Oct. 11, Tallahassee — Northwest; Oct.

25, Jacksonville — Northeast; Nov. 1, Miami — South; and Nov. 15, Orlando — Central

Each regional cook-off will have three winners from each grade category. Third-place winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate; second-place winners a \$75 gift certificate and first-place winners a \$100 gift certificate. All winners will also receive a certificate for a free Publix Aprons Cooking School class and an additional \$50 gift certificate to cover travel and ingredient expenses. The high school first-place winner will be designated each region's student chef ambassador.

Deadline to enter is Sept. 15. For more rules and to submit your entry, go to www.FreshFromFlorida.com/Cookoff.

Wedding



Jeremy Millender, Brittani Chambers to wed Saturday

Jeremy Ernest Millender, son of Anthony and Beverly Millender, of Carrabelle, and Brittani Diana Chambers, daughter of Buddy and Diane

Chambers, of Eastpoint, would like to announce their upcoming wedding on Saturday, July 26 at 3 p.m. at the Carrabelle United Methodist Church on Hwy 67.

Reception will follow at the Carrabelle Senior Citizens Center. All family and friends are welcome!

New book details Raney family history

Special to The Times

The Raney family makes their way into a new book commemorating their very first biographical tell-all, "Raney Days: the David G. Raney Family and their Antebellum Home," set to be released next week.

Raney Days features stories and biographical tales of the family then and now. David G. Raney, a cotton trade entrepreneur and father of Judge George P. Raney, first native Floridian Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, built the historic Raney House in Apalachicola in 1838.

Author Sara McFerrin spent time pairing interviews with individual Raney descendants and analyzing historical records to write a factual account of the struggles and tenacity of one of Florida's pioneering families.

"From the wilds of the new territory of Florida in the 1800s to seventh generation Raney in modern day Florida, the family plays a vital role in history," said McFerrin. "You'll find a detailed account of the Raney and how their antebellum home was rescued and restored. Family members have shared stories and photographs. Actually, there are over one hundred



SARA MCFERRIN

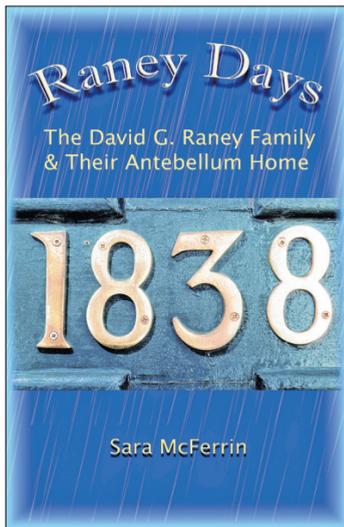
photos in the book."

McFerrin began writing Raney Days as she developed interest in digging deeper into the local history of her home in Apalachicola. As a docent for the Raney House Museum, she advanced her knowledge and attention to the influence the Raney family had on the small coastal town. McFerrin reached out to many Raney descendants who gave their own accounts of family history and memorable descriptions to be included in the book.

"Although this story of the Raney Family is based on historical events, it appeals to the imagination," said Carolyn Raney Stoa, descendant of Judge George P. Raney. Stoa contributed documents and family photos as well as liaising with the Raney family and the author.

To celebrate the launch of Raney Days, an open book signing will be at the Raney House Museum on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 3-6 p.m. All Raney descendants are invited to attend a complimentary dinner, sponsored by the Apalachicola Area Historical Society, afterward to commemorate the historic legacy of the Raney family.

If you are a Raney descendant and would like to attend,



The book cover

please send your RSVP to susanclémentson@gmail.com. Raney Days is available for purchase at Downtown Books & Purl, Apalachicola.

Sara McFerrin is a freelance short story writer, contributor to Senior Living newspaper and docent at the Raney House Museum in Apalachicola. You can find her in the blogosphere at raneydaysbook.blogspot.com/

Birthdays



Nichols brothers celebrate July birthdays

Jayden Nichols turned 9 on Friday, July 18, and Jole Nichols will be 6 on Monday, July 28.

Proud father is Cole Nichols and grandparents Charles and Debbie Nichols, of Eastpoint.

A happy birthday from their favorite uncle, Clay. Happy birthday boys, and we all love you very much!

Vow renewal

Dale and Selina Winchester to renew vows

Charlee and Larry Winchester would like to announce that their parents Dale and Selina Winchester are renewing their marriage vows.

Pastor Mark Collins will be marrying them on the Carrabelle beach Labor Day weekend.

Wedlock is like water, it flows and moves as time passes, even as it changes it remains the same; Still, Deep, Pure and Constant.



Pet of the Week!



MEESHA and her brother Morton are 7 week old Dachshund mixes. They couldn't be any cuter or more playful. These two should stay fairly small and will make a great addition to any family with the exception of homes with small children. They will be spayed and neutered next week and able to go home. Come meet this dynamic duo!

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A COUNTY ORDINANCE

Notice is given that on the 5th day of August, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. (ET), in the courtroom at the Courthouse Annex, located at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing to consider adopting a county ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROHIBITING OBSTRUCTIONS ON THE PUBLIC BEACH ON ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FLORIDA; REQUIRING THE CONSPICUOUS AND CONTINUOUS POSTING AT BEACH ACCESS POINTS AND IN EACH RENTAL UNIT RENTED BY THE DAY OR WEEK, ON ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FLORIDA, A CONTINUOUSLY POSTED SIGN EXPLAINING THE "LEAVE NO TRACE" ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TENTS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ON THE PUBLIC BEACH AT NIGHT AND WARNING BEACHGOERS THAT UNATTENDED PROPERTY LEFT WILL BE DEEMED DISGARDED BY THE OWNER AND MAY BE REMOVED AND DISPOSED OF BY THE AUTHORITIES; PROHIBITING UNATTENDED HOLES ON THE PUBLIC BEACH; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO APPROVE THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF SUCH SIGNS; ESTABLISHING THE TIMEFRAME DURING WHICH UNATTENDED ITEMS SHALL BE PROHIBITED ON THE PUBLIC BEACH; CLARIFYING THE ORDINANCE'S INTENT TO APPLY TO UNATTENDED ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY LEFT ON THE BEACH AT NIGHT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public is invited to attend the public hearing. Those persons who desire to speak regarding the adoption of the ordinance may appear at the hearing and shall be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

The proposed ordinance is on file with, and may be viewed at, the office of the Clerk of Court at the Franklin County Courthouse, which is located at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

The meeting room is handicap accessible; however, those persons who may require special assistance to attend the public meeting must make arrangements in advance by calling deputy clerk Michael Moron at 850-653-8161, x100 at least two business days in advance of the meeting.

Any person who may desire to challenge the outcome of the meeting is responsible for recording a verbatim transcript of the

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Anniversary



Happy anniversary, Becky and Perry Floyd

Becky and Perry Floyd, of Apalachicola, will celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary on Friday, July 25, 2014.

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

"I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul."

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'WEIRD ANIMALS' TAKE OVER CARRABELLE BAPTIST CHURCH

LISA HOGAN | Special to The Times

The First Baptist Church of Carrabelle held its annual Vacation Bible School last week, drawing an average of 100 young people each night. Lisa Hogan directed the July 14-18 VBS, under the supervision of Pastor Byron Sherman. The theme this year was "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind," and featured daily lessons how Jesus loves you even when you feel left out, or you're different, or when you have done wrong. The VBS included an elaborate stage, **at right**, created by Hogan with help from her sisters Leigh Smith and Lynn Clark. The youth collected an offering for Operation Kid to Kid for their mission project, Hogan said. The \$415 raised will be sent to World Vision to help provide clean water to communities in India, and is enough to enable 166 people to have clean water for a year.



District 2 candidates at Chillas Hall Sunday

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

There was another full house last Saturday to enjoy the good breakfast at the Lanark Village Boat Club. A thank-you to our faithful volunteers who set up, prepare, serve and clean up. We will do it again Saturday, August 16.



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

Chillas Hall this Sunday July 27 to meet you voters from District 2 and enjoy the Hobos Ice Cream. Donations from the social will go to Ken and Linda LaPaz. School board hopefuls

David Hinton, William Ray Messer and Pam Marshall will also be there.

Meanwhile, at the Lanark Market, we all gathered to celebrate the third anniversary and the rain was still falling. Congratulations, Carson!

The Song Bird, Evelyn McAnally, was at the karaoke last Saturday night at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82. She, along with Ann Merrell and others, kept the place jumping.

The rain last Sunday didn't dampen too many spirits at the monthly covered dish at Chillas Hall. Lots of good food, friends and neighbors. Dessert, not so much, but we got over it.

It's time again to thank all our faithful volunteers who work hard to make it happen. Also, thanks to the prisoners who keep the public lands and roadsides looking good.

Dog owners, before you leave the house, make sure you take a plastic bag and some paper towels and Fido on a leash. It's the law. And another thing, when driving to pick up the mail, park in the big parking lot across the street from the post office, instead of the southbound lane of Heffernan.

Our next lunch at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center will be Thursday, August 7. Serving begins at noon and I'm sure Sarge and his helpers will have a great meal prepared for us. See ya there!

The Honorable Cheryl Sanders, Bill Snyder and Mark Nobles will be at

Obituaries

Bobby Ray Northcutt

Bobby Ray Northcutt was born March 1, 1943 and went to be with Jesus Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

He was born in Anahuac, Texas to Bill and Rynie Northcutt. Bobby attended Anahuac School.

Early in his career he was a mechanic at Thames Chevrolet in Anahuac.

After years he opened his own boating business and then went to work at K & K Enterprises until the time of his death. Bobby loved his family, and loved to watch college football and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 30 years, Liz Northcutt; parents Bill and Rynie Northcutt; brother Billy Northcutt; and his brother-in-law Gary Cameron.

Survivors include his daughter Marilyn Moore and husband Bobby; sons Troy Williams and wife Denise, Lenny Williams, and David Williams and wife Shami (Bigalow); grandchildren Danielle Morris and



BOBBY RAY NORTHCUTT

husband Robert, Cody Moore and wife Erin, Cortney Williams, Preston Williams, Baylee Williams, Lee Hatfield, Jacob Hatfield, Gage Kent, Brooke Williams, Brianna Einfinger,

Brian Williams, and Dakota Williams; great-grandchildren Madelyn Moore, Caden Williams, and Carleigh Williams; sister Betty Ann Jenkins and husband Richard; sisters-in-law Norma

Northcutt, Mary Williams and Carol Cameron; brother-in-law Jimmy Cameron, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services for Bobby Ray Northcutt will be Thursday, July 24 at 11 a.m. at Sterling Funeral Home, in Anahuac, Texas with burial to follow at Anahuac Cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday, July 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences can be sent online to www.sterlingfuneralhome.com.

Jack H. Freeman

John "Jack" H. Freeman, 75, died Monday, July 14, 2014 at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in San Francisco, California after losing a final battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, of San Francisco; stepdaughter, Anna Waclawiczek, and husband, Michael, of Boston, Massachusetts; brother, Robby Freeman, and wife, Nancy, of Atlanta, Georgia; and sister, Lane Autrey, and husband, Gill, of Apalachicola. He is also survived by an entertaining number of nieces and nephews scattered around the country.

Jack was born July 27, 1938 in Richmond, Virginia to John "Hickey" Freeman and Neville Freeman and raised in Atlanta. He studied art at the High

Museum of Art in Atlanta and later in Salzburg, Austria under the tutelage of Oscar Kokoschka. He received his master's degree at the San Francisco Art Institute.

Jack was an accomplished painter in the Bay Area whose work spans 50 years and is owned by friends and collectors worldwide. He traveled often to Europe with his wife to tour and paint. He is most noted for his impressionistic landscapes, cityscapes and most recently his primary-colored "FAR Out Fauve" paintings.

He enjoyed cooking, wine and music very much, but it was most obvious that more than those he preferred being



JACK H. FREEMAN

outside painting the colors he loved so much. This was his passion each day whether he was alone with his easel or discussing his impressions with others at a show or having coffee. Jack said several times: "There are no lines in nature, only the relation of light and dark".

For the last nine years, he played the "bones and spoons" with Slim Fatz at the October Blues Festival, as well as other venues. He loved Apalachicola and came as often as possible.

His sister Lane Autrey observed, "If possible, I believe he would have moved here. He was reading everything he could find about this area."

Gill Autrey said, "At

least now all of San Francisco won't have to continue to hear about Apalachicola."

A memorial gathering is planned for Saturday, July 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Café International, 509 Haight Street, San Francisco. His ashes will be spread in the Apalachicola Bay from Gill Autrey's boat "Lily" in the fall.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jack's name to SOMArts (South of Market Arts, Resources, Technology, and Services), an independent nonprofit consisting of a network of six cultural centers. Visit SOMArts.org or please make the check payable to SOMArts and mail to: SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

John Christian Stepro

John Christian "Johnboy" Stepro, born Sept. 14, 1986, died Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at Biloxi Regional Hospital in Biloxi, Mississippi.

He was a member of the Highland Parch Church in Apalachicola.

He was preceded in death by his daddy, Hilbert Stepro, Jr.

He is survived by daughter Cassiddi Lynn Stepro, of Carrabelle; parents Sharon and Ray Creamer, of Apalachicola; stepmom Marie Stepro, of



JOHN CHRISTIAN STEPPO

Biloxi, Mississippi; sisters Shawntell Pritchard and husband, John, of Eastpoint, and Brittany Johnson and husband Charlie, of Apalachicola; brothers Jonathan Creamer, of Apalachicola,

and Billy Ray and Chad, and sister Jennifer, all of Biloxi, Mississippi; niece Hannah Rae Pritchard, and nephew Corbin Andrew Pritchard, both of Eastpoint; MawMaw Phylliss Barber, of Biloxi, Mississippi; Big Momma Shirley Creamer, of

Apalachicola; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Memorial services were at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23 at Highland Park Community Church, in Apalachicola, preceded by visitation and picture viewing at 2 p.m. The Rev. Ann Nelson officiated.

John's remains will be placed at Bethel Hill Cemetery in Latimer, Mississippi in his family's plot at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, with a graveside service.

Condolences can be seen and read online at www.marshallfh.com.

Bette Kay Holtom

A memorial service for Bette Kay "Becky" Holtom will be held on Saturday, July 26 at 11 a.m. at the St. George Island Baptist Church.

Visitation with the family will be from 10:15-10:45 a.m. Please come celebrate her life with us.



BETTE KAY HOLTOM

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Franklin's new deepwater challenge

By LOIS SWOBODA

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Lynda Tiefel of Tallahassee has two passions. She loves to geocache and adores scuba diving.

Last month, she combined her two favorite activities when she hid a new geocache entitled "You are going to need a bigger boat."

For those not in the know, geocaching, which combines the terms "geographical" and "cache," is an outdoor adventure that sends seekers on a treasure hunt for containers of trinkets and prizes. Participants use a Global Positioning System receiver (GPSr) to hide and seek containers called "geocaches" or "caches." A typical cache is a waterproof container containing a log-book and pen, but caches can be as simple as a strip of magnetic plastic with a sheet of paper attached or a

small roll of paper in a tiny waterproof tube.

Searchers frequently choose geocaches to hunt by typing a zip code into a search engine provided by Groundspeak, the organization that coordinates deployment of geocaches worldwide. They then use a handheld GPSr or cell phone app to locate the actual cache and sign the log. After hunting a cache, they report on the adventure online at the Groundspeak website.

Tiefel, whose geocaching name is DiverRN, has hidden a plastic slate on an artificial reef 10 miles south of Dog Island in 60-feet of water at N 29° 39.161 W 084° 30.008. Divers who locate the slate will sign it using an ordinary pencil.

The cache was hidden with the blessing of the Organization for Artificial Reefs (OAR), which placed the concrete reef unit on the sea floor. Tiefel sits on



LYNDA TIEFEL | Special to The Times

The geocache is an underwater slate.

the board of OAR and is currently president of the Tallahassee Area Geocachers (TAG).

The reef where the geocache is hidden was deployed in June in memory of Dixon Camp. It has three "super reefs" each 15 feet high with a regular-sized artificial reef module inside.

In her posting on the internet announcing the new geocache, Tiefel wrote, "(The reef) already had fish on it a week after it was deployed."

In her online directions to the new geocache, Tiefel wrote, "Once you find the super reef, the 15-foot pyramid, swim 38 feet west

on the 270-degree radial, to the tip of the triangle. The geocache slate is tethered and floating on the top of the closest smaller pyramid. Don't forget to bring a pencil, it wouldn't be good to go into decompression mode if you forget one and have to go back to the boat."

According to Groundspeak, only about 20 underwater caches exist, which makes Franklin County pretty special. Veteran diver Tiefel said she has found other diving caches and this is the second one she has hidden. Her first is in Morrison Springs State Park. She appears to be the only owner of two deep water geocaches at this time.

So far, nobody has found the new geocache.

The county was already a vacation destination for geocaching enthusiasts. Currently, there are about 150 geocaches in Franklin County and 2345 within 100 miles of Eastpoint. In 2011, Franklin County became one of the first localities in the nation to have a geocaching contest or challenge with a prize. The Franklin County

Tourist Development Council provided funds to buy collectable geocoins inscribed with Eastpoint's zip code as a prize for cachers who complete the challenge and to promote caching in the county. To claim the prize, visiting cachers had to find a group of geocaches with partial coordinates to a final cache spot that contained tickets that could be traded for the coin. The Salty Geocoin Challenge is still in operation, and more than 140 of the coins have been claimed.

Founded in 1985, OAR serves the recreational saltwater fishing industry of Florida's Big Bend Gulf Coast by promoting the professional development of public artificial reefs. Since 1987, OAR has created or enhanced over 30 named reefs in the Big Bend Gulf.

OAR collaborates with cities and counties as well as state and federal governments to create and maintain artificial reefs. OAR also collaborates with marine research agencies, other artificial reef groups, and the academic community.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, July 24	85°	78°	30 %
Fri, July 25	85°	78°	30 %
Sat, July 26	85°	78°	30 %
Sun, July 27	85°	78°	30 %
Mon, July 28	85°	78°	40 %
Tues, July 29	85°	77°	80 %
Wed, July 30	84°	77°	80 %

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
24	Th	542am 1.2	212pm 1.4	921am 1.1	1100pm -0.1
25	Fr	606am 1.3	302pm 1.4	1014am 1.0	1135pm 0.0
26	Sa	626am 1.3	349pm 1.4	1058am 1.0	
27	Su	643am 1.3	434pm 1.4	1204am 0.0	1138am 0.9
28	Mo	658am 1.3	518pm 1.4	1229am 0.1	1215pm 0.8
29	Tu	714am 1.3	602pm 1.4	1249am 0.2	1251pm 0.8
30	We	731am 1.4	649pm 1.3	108am 0.2	129pm 0.8
31	Th	752am 1.4	740pm 1.2	128am 0.3	211pm 0.7
1	Fr	749am 1.7	812pm 1.3	117am 0.5	225pm 0.7
2	Sa	818am 1.7	926pm 1.2	145am 0.7	325pm 0.6

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
24	Th	349am 2.2	1219pm 2.7	633am 2.1	812pm -0.2
25	Fr	413am 2.4	109pm 2.7	726am 1.9	847pm 0.0
26	Sa	433am 2.4	156pm 2.7	810am 1.9	916pm 0.0
27	Su	450am 2.4	241pm 2.7	850am 1.8	941pm 0.2
28	Mo	505am 2.4	325pm 2.7	927am 1.6	1001pm 0.3
29	Tu	521am 2.4	409pm 2.6	1003am 1.4	1020pm 0.5
30	We	538am 2.6	456pm 2.4	1041am 1.4	1040pm 0.6
31	Th	559am 2.6	547pm 2.2	1123am 1.3	1104pm 0.8
1	Fr	624am 2.7	647pm 2.1	1212pm 1.1	1132pm 1.1
2	Sa	653am 2.7	801pm 1.9	112pm 1.0	



Inshore/Bay

Trout are still close to shore at Town's Beach. Try using a larger top-water bait such as top dog or a Zara spook in gold/silver. Scallop is beginning to be more productive as the season continues. Larger shells are being found in 3-6 feet of water, but plenty of smaller shells are east of Black's Island.

Offshore/Bottom

Trolling is heating up with king mackerel taking top spot again this week. Good weed beds are forming due south of Cape San Blas and are holding great numbers of Mahi-Mahi.

Orangestriped Oakmoth: A rare sight in Florida

The Orangestriped Oakworm (*Anisota senatoria*) is a member of the family Saturniidae commonly referred to a giant silk moths. It is one of the more common Saturnids.



BUDS 'N' BUGS
Lois Swoboda

While the caterpillar is commonly referred to as the Orangestriped Oakworm, adults, like the pair shown here, are referred to as Orangetipped



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Oakmoths.

This pair was photographed mating in Wakulla in an area of palmetto scrub with scattered oaks, but most sources say this moth is not found in Florida or the Deep South. Its range generally extends from central Georgia and Alabama northward to the Great Lakes.

Adults are day fliers. Mating takes place from late morning to early afternoon, and in late afternoon or dusk, females begin laying eggs in large clumps on the underside of oak leaves. Eggs hatch in about two weeks and are gregarious when young.

Fully-grown caterpillars pupate and overwinter in shallow underground chambers.

This moth has a wingspan of up to two inches. Females can be twice as large as males. Adults do not feed; caterpillars feed on oaks (especially red oaks), chestnut, birch, hazel, hickory, maple and raspberry.

The Orangetipped Oakmoth is a producer of wild silk.

Commercially reared silkworms of the species *Bombyx mori* (Linnaeus, 1758) are normally killed before the pupae emerge, either by pricking them with a needle or dipping the

cocoons into boiling water, thus allowing the whole cocoon to be unraveled as one continuous thread. This allows a much finer cloth to be woven from the silk.

There are more than 500 species of wild silkworms in the world, although only a few are used to produce cloth. They usually produce a tougher and rougher silk than that from domesticated silkworms. Wild silks are usually harvested after the moths have left the cocoons, cutting the threads in the process, so that there is not one long thread, as with domesticated silkworms.

Wild silks are more difficult to bleach and dye than silk, but most have naturally attractive colors, particularly the rich golden sheen of the silk produced by the muga silkworm in western India often known as Assam silk.

Wild silks were in use in China from early times and were produced by the Romans. There is evidence that the Chinese imported Roman silk. There are literary references to the use of wild silk in Persia and ancient Greece.

Carrabelle hosts Gulf red snapper fishing workshop

Special to The Times

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has scheduled a series of Gulf of Mexico red snapper workshops for recreational stakeholders beginning in late July to discuss state and federal management of recreational red snapper.

The workshops will also explore potential future approaches to managing this fishery in an effort to ensure optimal access for Florida's resident and visiting anglers.

On Thursday, July 31, a workshop will be held in the Carrabelle City Hall cafeteria, 1001 Gray Ave. Anglers who would like to share their ideas and help improve management are encouraged to attend.

All meetings will be from 6-8:30 p.m. Others are set for

Monday, July 28: Pensacola City Hall (2nd-floor Hagler Mason room), 222 W. Main St.; Tuesday, July 29: Deshler Community Center, 101 Stahlman Ave.; Wednesday, July 30: Florida State University - Panama City, lecture hall of Holley Center, 4750 Collegiate Drive; and Monday, Aug. 11: St. Petersburg, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 3rd-floor conference room, 100 S.E. Eighth Ave..

Red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico off Florida are managed by the FWC in state waters (from shore to nine nautical miles) and by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council in federal waters (beyond nine nautical miles).

These snapper are largely harvested in federal waters, but also occur and are harvested recreationally in state waters off northwest

Florida. Because of management constraints, the federal season has consistently been shortened for several years in a row even though the recreational quota, or total poundage of fish that could be caught by anglers, has increased and the red snapper population has improved. This year's federal season was the shortest yet, at nine days. Florida's state season was 52 days.

The FWC is seeking input from recreational anglers about how to better manage recreational harvest of this species at the state and federal level while continuing to rebuild the fishery. Several management options that are being considered for federal waters by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will be discussed, including sector separation, which entails dividing the federal

recreational red snapper quota into separate private-angler and for-hire quotas; an individual fishing quota (IFQ) program for federally permitted charter and head boats, similar to the existing program for commercial vessels, which allots a specific portion of fish to individual vessels; and regional management, in which the recreational fishery in federal waters could be managed on a state-by-state basis.

These workshops offer stakeholders an opportunity to share their expectations for the red snapper fishery and their ideas on potential management options for state and federal waters.

Call 487-0554 or email Marine@MyFWC.com for more information. Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater" and "Rule-making" for more on these workshops

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Young Hawk hoopsters runners-up in tourney

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The 14-and-under Seahawks summer basketball team finished in second place at the Bethel Church Shootout July 12 in Tallahassee.

The boys dropped their first two games, losing by two and three points, in very hard-fought and close games. They then won their next two games to advance to the semifinal game.

In the semifinals, the young Hawks won in overtime to get to the championship game. Aric Sowell hit the go ahead three-pointer in overtime to put Franklin County up with four seconds left, and then stole the inbound pass and held the ball until time ran out.

"It was a very exciting tourney in which Johnny Jones led all scorers in all games played in the tournament," said Coach Mike Sweatt.

Coaching duties for the tourney were handled by Jeremy Williams and Ricky Jones. Jan Lowe, Nathan Jones, and Landon Nash all contributed to the scoring sheets throughout the tournament.

"Since we had to fight from the losers' bracket and played two extra games because of it, we were totally gassed by the championship game," said Sweatt. "The whole tournament was played in one day so that many games can really slow you down as a team. We lost by 15 in the championship game because we just didn't have any legs to finish around the basket and were a step slow on defense as well."

Both the 14-and-under, and the 17-and-under, teams will play in The Big Bend Showdown in Tallahassee, their last tournament of the summer, this weekend July 25-27.



DESOTO COUNTY YOUTH LEAGUE | Special to the Times

The Franklin County AAA All-Stars at the state tourney

AAA All-Stars third in Arcadia

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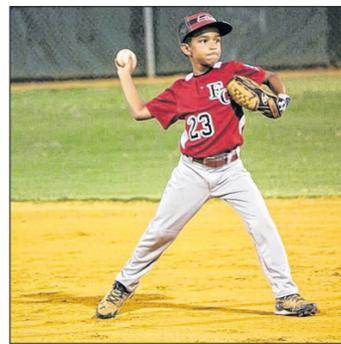
The AAA All-Star team, made up of the finest Dixie Youth League 9 and 10-year-olds, traveled to the state tourney in Arcadia earlier this month and finished third.

Under the direction of Coach Steven Cook and assistants Tony Brannan and Duane Topham, the team practiced hard in the weeks leading up to the 16-team double elimination state championship tourney.

At Friday's banquet July 11, Ashton Topham, the team's hard-throwing right-hander tied with others around the state for having the most sizzling fastball. A radar gun clocked him at 58 mph.

On Saturday July 12, the game against Graceville was rained out, and postponed to Sunday morning, and the boys won 14-9.

Against Wildwood later that day, the team was down 10-0 after two innings, but ended up winning



Second baseman Jabara Pearson makes a play

14-13 in the bottom of the sixth in their last at-bat.

"The boys fought real hard. They didn't get down. They fought back and played hard," said Cook. "It was very exciting. The boys were pumped up. They fought, they kept their heads up and they played hard."

On Monday the team was swamped by East Lakeland 16-1, sending them to the losers

bracket. On Tuesday, their game against Shalimar faced a rain delay in the second inning, and has to be resumed Wednesday morning.

The boys were eliminated after a 9-4 loss to Shalimar. "They fought hard," said Cook. "We got down 8-0 but in the last three innings we outscored them 4-1."

The young Seahawks were voted by the tournament coaches as recipients of the sportsmanship trophy.

"I thought the boys played really well," said Cook. "They were excellent representatives of Franklin County."

The team features all right-handers, comprised of the finest prospects plucked from the regular season teams from Apalachicola and Eastpoint.

Members include Will Varnes; Ashton Topham; Caleb Abel; Evan Stanley; Colin Amison; Gage Boone; Garrison Cook; Kyler Custer; Wyatt Abercrombie; Owen Poloronis; and Jabara Pearson.

BRIEFS

From staff reports

Segree's to host Saturday benefit

Segree's Bait & Tackle will be hosting a benefit for the Franklin County Belles — Team Florida on Saturday, July 26 in Eastpoint. The girls will be heading to the World Series on July 31 and need community support to get them there. Come out to get a mullet dinner on Saturday and encourage our girls to do their best.

Volleyball tryouts Aug. 4-6

The tryouts for the 2014-15 Franklin County High School will be held in the Franklin County gym on Monday through Wednesday, Aug 4, 5, and 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. All girls who would like to try out must be in grades 6-12 for the 2014-15 school year and have an up-to-date physical. Please contact coach Hilary Stanton or Tara Klink with any questions.

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were'n't caught on boats," said Lawhon. "One kid caught a 10-pound sting ray. It wasn't in a category, but we weigh it for them"

But not all kids could win when it came time for the trophies to be handed out

"We've never won," said Abbi Fletcher, who brought her three boys, Wyatt, Morgan and Virgil, here for the fifth year.

"We haven't had that luck yet. Last year we were within two ounces of (a winning) croaker," she said. "I always tell 'em, 'Somebody's got to lose.'"

Trophies were given out to the three top finishers in each category, unless a child would have won two, in which case he or she was given the higher placement.

"Some kids could have won three," said C-Quarters' dockmaster Millard Collins. He was assisted during the day by weighmaster Jim Chapman.

Also, if two kids had similar size fish, the first one in got the higher prize, provided they were in line by 4 p.m. Saturday.

"When it closes, it closes. We try to teach them fishing etiquette," said Lawhon.

Friday night, at a captains meeting, all the youth were taught safety regulations at a required

clinic, conducted by instructors Randy Jossey, Max Lawhon and Collins.

The class was required by the Fish Florida organization, which provided each child with a rod and reel, funded by a statewide fee on fishing licenses that goes to support youth fishing, and tournaments such as this.

Each child also got a visor, and a t-shirt, compliments of C-Quarters and a host of supporting businesses, from as far away as Tallahassee and Marianna, and a tote bag courtesy of TowBoat US, in Carrabelle

"I had a man come up and give me \$100," said Mary Lawhon

Right before the awards were given out, Collins stressed that every business in Carrabelle donated something, and that Wal-Mart in Crawfordville donated hot dogs and buns.

"Y'all want to do this next weekend?" he asked the crowd, which cheered out a triumphant 'Yeah!'

Winston Chester, from Panhandle Outdoors, a popular TV show on Panama City's Channel 10 and YouTube, also was on hand.

C-Quarters' next big event is the 11th annual Kingfish Shootout the first weekend in August, with a guaranteed payout of \$16,500.



Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Top in catfish were, from left, Kyler Beebe, Carson Murphy and Bentley Parramore.



Top in Spanish Mackerel were, from left, Marina Adams, Demi Nichols and Tristan Proctor.



Top in flounder were River Sheridan, left, and Joli Johnson.

The winners

Spanish Mackerel

- 1) Tristan Proctor 1.81 pounds
- 2) Demi Nichols 0.74 pounds
- 3) Marina Adams 0.68 pounds

Croaker

- 1) Kloie Douglas 0.76 pounds
- 2) Jobin Thompson 0.70 pounds
- 3) Jaylynn Thompson 0.70 pounds

Flounder

- 1) Joli Johnson 1.59 pounds
- 2) River Sheridan 0.68 pounds

Ladyfish

- 1) Cade Brown 0.84 pounds
- 2) Courben Monroe 0.60 pounds
- 3) Laura Kate Brown 0.58 pounds

Trout

- 1) Tyler Grindstead 4.14 pounds
- 2) Hunter Pitts 1.72 pounds
- 3) Haven Johnson 1.68 pounds

Pinfish

- 1) Kaylan Jossey 0.70 pounds
- 2) Thiago Finuff 0.34 pounds
- 3) Austin Barrack 0.34 pounds

Catfish

- 1) Bentley Parramore 5.44 pounds
- 2) Carson Murphy 5.26 pounds
- 3) Kyler Beebe 4.5 pounds

Ladyfish

- 1) J.T. Mathes 0.92 pounds
- 2) Preston Thompson 0.86 pounds
- 3) Camryn Chittenden 0.84 pound

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Staff Report

This new page has been created to feature photographs submitted to the Times by our readers. We would like to make this page a regular addition to The Times, an opportunity for the photographers from throughout Franklin County, both residents and visitors alike, to highlight their best work capturing the beauty of the landscape, the excitement and energy of the people, and the adventure of the world around them. Please send photographs to Dadlerstein@starfl.com. For more information, call 653-8894.



DOLORES QUIRK | Special to The Times

A majestic bird graces St. George Island



LYDIA COUNTRYMAN | Special to The Times

Young boys gather to catch crabs at night on St. George Island.



JOYCE WISSICK | Special to The Times

Cinnamon, the Wissick family cat in Carrabelle, eyes what appears to be a white squirrel, taking advantage of seeds the family leaves out for the cardinals in the morning. Joyce Wissick said the squirrel, which they have named "Abby," is their new joy, keeping them amused each morning.



DOLORES QUIRK | Special to The Times

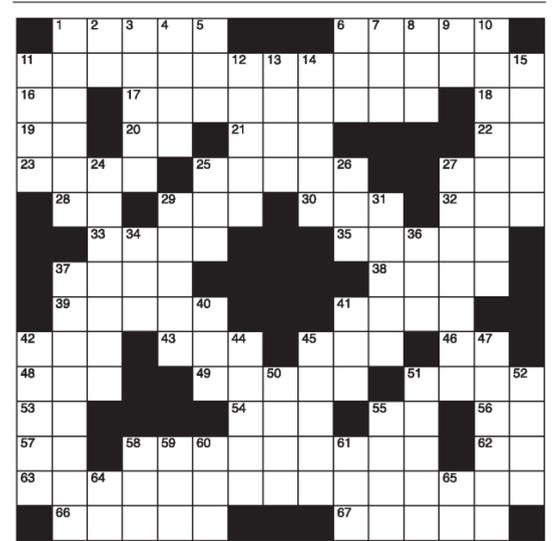
This picture of a pitcher plant was taken on Highway 65 in Franklin County.



SONJA BUFFKIN | Special to The Times

Sunset on the Carrabelle River on July 17

Crossword PUZZLE



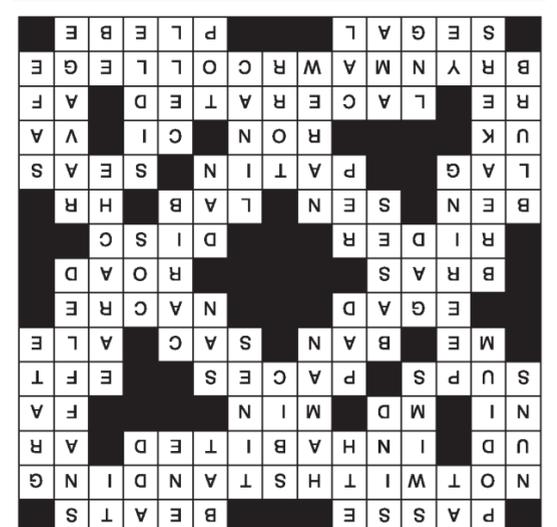
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Outmoded
- 6. Strikes
- 11. All the same
- 16. Blue Hen school
- 17. Peopled
- 18. Initials of NBC weather host
- 19. Atomic #28
- 20. Doctor
- 21. Small time unit (abbr.)
- 22. 4th tone of scale
- 23. Dines
- 25. Rates of movement
- 27. Immature newt
- 28. Of I
- 29. Kick out
- 30. Pouchlike structure
- 32. Brew
- 33. Oh, God!
- 35. Shell lining
- 37. Ladies undergarments
- 38. An open way for travel
- 39. Passenger
- 41. Plate
- 42. Actor Affleck
- 43. 1/100 of a yen
- 45. Scientific workplace
- 46. 60 minutes (abbr.)
- 48. Straggle
- 49. Plate made of silver or gold
- 51. Mains
- 53. Great Britain
- 54. Hermione's boyfriend
- 55. D'Onofrio's Law & Order
- 56. 10th state
- 57. Do again prefix
- 58. Jagged cut
- 62. Air Force
- 63. K. Hepburn's alma mater
- 66. "King Rat" actor George
- 67. Academy first year

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Speaker's platform
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Moves through water
- 4. Historical region of Pakistan
- 5. Country code for Addis Ababa
- 6. Ball striker
- 7. East northeast
- 8. Form a sum
- 9. 7th musical tone
- 10. Harnessed horse (bit)
- 11. Catholic sisters
- 12. Purim villain
- 13. Invests in little enterprises
- 14. Prongs
- 15. Shred cheese
- 24. Gazing intently
- 25. Paper tablet
- 26. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 27. Otological pain
- 29. Pedestal supports
- 31. Islands are named for them
- 34. Gallivant
- 36. Romaine
- 37. Lux Palm Beach hotel
- 40. Ribbed fabric
- 41. CBS newsmen Rather
- 42. Book jacket review
- 44. Braided river of Poland
- 45. Atom smasher
- 47. Devastate
- 50. Pressure unit (mm Hg)
- 51. Move sideways
- 52. Free from risk
- 55. Small prison room
- 58. Liquefied natural gas
- 59. Doctors' group
- 60. UC Berkeley
- 61. Uppermost part
- 64. Thou
- 65. Stuart Little's author White

Crossword SOLUTION



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\$10.56 million.

In reading prepared opening remarks, Assistant Finance Officer Erin Griffith said the county commission's mandate of a 2 percent budget cut to all departments, constitutional and non-governmental requests had decreased the budgets by approximately \$212,114.

But, she said, this cost savings had been partially offset by a hike in the retirement contribution rates set by the Florida Legislature, which increased the county budget by \$80,712.

The county's health insurance with Capital Health Plan (CHP) renewed with a 5.5 percent premium hike, which amounted to an increase of \$40,950 in the overall price tag of \$1.05 million to insure the county's 162 employees.

Griffith said the CHP monthly premium for individual coverage, which the county pays in full, will rise from about \$452 to \$477, still well below Blue Cross Blue Shield's renewal rate one year ago of \$621 per month.

"Personally I was very relieved with that (CHP rate increase)," she said.

The increase in retirement and health care costs reduced the net effect of the 2 percent reduction down to \$95,213, which, together with the slight increase in tax proceeds, gave the commissioners about \$146,000 to work with at this budget workshop, Griffith said.

"This is the best news I've had since I've been elected, and sitting in this seat I hope the citizens will also be happier with our budget process," said Commissioner Pinki Jackel. "It's a better starting point than we've had."

"We'll do our best, that's all I can say"

The workshop opened with a presentation by Sheriff Mike Mock, whose \$4.5 million budget consumes nearly 43 percent of the total property tax proceeds.

Mock included the cost of inmate medical expenses, and managed to pare his budget down 2 percent before about \$18,000 in increased retirement costs were added back. His budget will drop from \$4.64 million to \$4.57 million.

"Let me remind you that over the past six years our budget has been cut \$1 million," the sheriff told commissioners. "My concern is 'Where do we stop?'"

He said a drug enforcement grant has been reduced by 45 percent, and that he may have to take additional costs for courthouse security from other areas of the budget.

"It's budgeted for 2.5 (fulltime employees) for security at courthouse but it's not uncommon to have to have four," he said. "I have to pull that from my budget and when I do that, I have to cut from another area to make that work. I don't know where it stops and that's my concern."

Mock said while \$90,000 is budgeted for inmate medical, "I think most of you commented that there's no way to do it at \$90,000, but we do it."

"The weekend before we had two medical calls at that jail, and they're going to run every test available," he said. "We had one where they were going to call Lifeflight in, at \$15,000 to \$20,000. If medical says we have to do that, we have to do that."

"We're trying our best to hold this budget but it's going to be very difficult to hold to this 2 percent," he said.

Pressed by Chairman Cheryl Sanders as to whether Mock would be able to meet his budget-

What the non-governmentals will get	2013-14	2014-15
FRANKLIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY	\$37,018	\$36,278
FRANKLIN COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN'S COUNCIL	\$18,043	\$17,683
APALACHICOLA SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER	\$18,043	\$17,683
MEALS ON WHEELS	\$16,545	\$16,214
CROOMS INC.	\$10,282	\$10,077
FRANKLIN'S PROMISE	\$9,964	\$9,765
CARRABELLE FOOD PANTRY	\$4,982	\$4,883
REFUGE HOUSE	\$4,557	\$4,466

ary needs, he replied that "We'll do our best, that's all I can say. I have looked at cutting some of the non-sworn officers. My concern is it's going to be very difficult."

In the event of cost overruns, "you always come back to the board on that inmate medical," Sanders told Mock.

"The judge works with us but there's times that can't be prevented. Sometimes you can't prepare for it," he said. "If that's the way it is, we'll have to make it work and we'll find a way to make it work. We have an obligation to do that, but it will be very difficult. If it continues to go this way I'm going to be left with areas to cut."

Jackel told Mock that "I hope next year will be better. Things are looking positive, I think of your concerns about the downward trend, but I think we've hit the low point. If we just hang in together, I think we can make it over this hump."

Commissioner Smokey Parrish noted that Mock's cut was even deeper in that he had found \$78,000 in his budget for capital outlay, rather than shift the costs for funding three new patrol cars to the county.

Speaking on behalf of the Concerned Citizens budget watchdog group, Allan Feifer noted that the county is covering the cost of utilities at the jail, which last year totaled \$114,000. He also noted that the cost of employee compensation had gone up, although Griffith clarified that this was due to last year's \$1,100 countywide raise being applied again next year.

"This is a workshop for the county commission," Commissioner Noah Lockley told Feifer. "Ain't no one got time to pick this apart."

At the tail end of the workshop, Lockley pressed for a decision one way or another as to whether county employees would be getting a raise. "Ain't nobody told the workers if they're going to get a raise or not," he said. "Tell them they're going to get a raise or tell them they're not. I'm for giving them one."

Griffith estimated an across-the-board annual raise of \$500 would cost about \$100,000. Sanders asked that she come back to the board with specifics at its next meeting.

"That's what we'll be able to do if we can do anything," Sanders said.

Millender, Scott press for raises

The commissioners moved quickly through the constitutional officers, all of whom met the 2 percent cut except for Tax Collector Jimmy Harris, who was not present due to a death in his family.

Griffith said she applied the 2 percent reduction to Harris' figures, so his budget will go from \$553,801 to \$553,669 once the retirement cost increases are added in.

Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper's budget went from \$619,550 to \$620,370, due to the retirement rate increase. She shifted about \$7,700 in postage costs to the county, and noted that she is looking at additional costs ahead.

"I can manage to do without but we have computers that are out-

dated," she said. "Six computers in our office are over six years old, and won't accept new updates for Windows."

The budget of Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson will drop from \$318,851 to \$315,301 while that of Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott will rise from \$305,284 to \$308,462, once the retirement increase is added.

Assistant Supervisor Heather Riley, who was speaking in Elliott's absence due to her having a medical procedure said because there are no special elections schedules, "we do believe we'll be able to handle it."

The budget for the solid waste department is set to drop from \$924,165 to \$908,368, and includes the \$28,000 cost of a previously approved loader.

"I don't think I can stand anymore," said Solid Waste Department Head Fonda Davis. "Equipment is getting very old and it's costing more to repair. Every time you turn around, something's going to the shop. The track loader is in the shop now, running a \$5,000 repair now. In the summer months we work that equipment a lot harder, the knuckle boom is constantly running."

"The compactor is getting old also," Davis said. "A compactor is going to run \$1 million when we get ready to purchase one. We can refurbish it for half of that."

Lockley said that "we're going to have to have equipment to work. You can't run the county without equipment. You keep on playing with it and it's all going to go on you at one time. That's what's going to happen."

Commissioner William Massey agreed. "We got to start replacing some of it because it's old, old, old."

Parrish said that "we're just going to have to try and make it. I'm glad we don't have to replace that compactor today. That's a lot of money."

Jackel urged the county to search for possible grants. "(Assistant County Planner Mark Curenton) needs to scour for money. There's a lot of green money."

Jackel also asked that the county consider going to bid for fuel. "I'm not saying we would switch vendors. We certainly could look at the cost of fuel and what that expense is. That's one of the things I think we need to look at, it doesn't cost anything to go through the process."

She said that the local vendor J.V. Gander Distributors, "does not get it locally, he goes to Bainbridge. If he has to go there to get it, any other vendor has to go there to get it."

The budget for animal control will drop from \$148,014 to \$145,360, while that of emergency management will rise from \$196,286 to \$197,208.

The biggest debate over budget came with the parks and recreation budget, but it was not over funding.

Director Nikki Millender's budget will drop from \$518,861 to \$510,057, and included within it a \$5,000 increase for Millender.

"There's been an issue that's been ongoing with my salary for six months. It's been tossed back and forth," she said. "In that six-month period you all constantly sit there and give employees raises and I've always been thrown off. I feel like I deserve to be treated equal and fair."

"I'm the least amount paid employee there is," said Millender. "I have more years in than some of your directors making a lot more. I thought this (request) may bring you to look. I make \$14,000 to \$10,000 less than one of your current directors and I have four to five years more than they do. There's some point I just ask that it be addressed."

Parrish said he understood her concern, but "my concern is if every director we got puts a raise in their budget, where does it stop? It just keeps going. To me that needs to come to this board, I don't think it needs to be done during the budget process."

Jackel said that when the county's labor advisor, Lucy Turner, had come to the board, "we discussed your increase and at that time the board was willing to support a \$2,500 increase and we asked you at that time did you want to accept it. You at that time said you would wait."

"The board did actually offer you a \$2,500 increase at that time, six months or so ago. I understand your frustration, but when you left that \$2,500 on the table that kind of surprised me. I agree it is a time to bring it before us at a regular meeting," Jackel said.

Millender agreed that until the matter was resolved, she would transfer the \$5,000 to a youth sports line item.

The budget for the road department, overseen by Howard Nabors, will go from \$1.5 million down to \$1.46 million, and includes \$180,000 for repair and maintenance. "Our equipment is doing good," Nabors said.

The budget for veterans services, overseen by William Scott, will drop from \$79,236 to \$77,498.

"My office has been in the courthouse going on 25 years, and ever since you've hired Miss (Angie) Deane it's the cleanest I've ever seen it," Scott began. "The bathroom, I don't hear the complaints you normally hear. I can't say enough about the job she's doing."

Scott then moved on to the issue of pay in his department. "When we start talking about directors' pay, I think this department should be considered in there today," he said. "I don't expect to make what the road department, guy makes, but the veterans service department has one of the highest set of standards. We have to have minimum of two years' experience and experience in counseling and a certification test. There is yearly mandatory training that we have to go to, twice a year one is for training for the state and the rest is updates. There's some big changes going on in the VA."

He noted that his office brings in \$6 million a year to the county, half of it tax free. "We've put close to \$750,000 in Carrabelle citizens' hands and Lanark Village," he said. "We do work for Wakulla and Bay (counties). We have some people who can't get in there. We've got an excellent reputation. We do some claims for Leon, and even Washington County, people who've lived here before and have kinfolk here, in Texas and Tennessee."

"I want you to bear that in mind when we start equalizing department heads," Scott said. "The veterans service officer should be right in there."

Jackel noted that Franklin County is "not required to have a veterans officer but we do that because that's our commitment to vets. We have consistently done that and kept this office funded."

"It's a shame they (in Wakulla) don't see the need to fund their own veterans office. I'm glad we have those services available," she said. "Almost all our county departments require certifications, we feel like the more training and more certifications the better, and we're glad to do it."

The budget for mosquito control will drop from \$176,394 to \$174,273, while that of the extension service will decline from \$71,195 to \$69,876.

Newly selected Extension Agent Erik Lovestrand said he was able to save money when he selects a successor to Christy Duncan, who left her post as assistant earlier this year.

"It is basically fortuitous that position was vacant, so we had funds to replace needed equipment," he said. "We are looking at a new desk for the office over there. We have an old metal desk, some storage shelving, and things stacked in the storage room at the Armory. We're looking at replacing the computer work station. And we want a couple digital projectors, one that's portable."

Jackel asked Lovestrand whether a fulltime program assistant position was necessary.

"This program assistant is absolutely essential for me being to do the job," he said. "I have a lot on my plate running full speed trying to keep my head above water. This person will be the face of extension at that office, to greet the public and help with logistics for my position."

Parrish noted that when an attempt was made a few years ago to cut the position of Extension Agent Bill Mahan. "The public outcry was overwhelming. I see that as a service the public truly wants, the public truly needs. They pretty much demanded they wanted an extension office."

Among other budgets, courthouse maintenance will drop from \$263,388 to \$258,040, and will provide for eight locations: the main courthouse and annexes in Apalachicola and Carrabelle; the Supervisor of Elections office, the public defenders office, the Chapman auditorium, the old jail storage location and the site of the former Bay City Work Camp.

The building department budget will go from \$194,567 to \$197,088, planning and zoning from \$132,922 down to \$130,631, administrative services from \$91,794 to \$91,749, and the county library from \$518,861 to \$510,057, of which \$221,942 is assumed by the county and the rest by the state.

Stay tuned next week for more on the county budget

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dispatcher.

"The bus had just passed (SR) 65," said Carrabelle Chief Craig Kincaid. "Gary was in a perfect spot; they knew he had just left the jail. Gary turned and caught up to the school bus in less than minute."

Hunnings said he turned around "and tried to meet the bus, not knowing it was a Bay County school bus. I passed the bus between (SR) 65 and the school, and I turned around and tried to get behind it, but there was a pickup truck between us."

He said the bus "went over the white line a couple times," so he flashed his lights, which prompted the truck to pull over. "He (the bus driver) goes past the school, and I'm thinking it's a drunk bus driver because he goes over the line a few more times. It wasn't really very terrible, but it was worth checking out," Hunnings said.

After the bus pulled over to the side of the road, Hunnings walked up to the door, which the youth opened.

"The driver looked fairly young," he said. "I asked him 'Are you the usual bus driver?' and the kid tells me 'I borrowed it from a friend.'"

Hunnings handcuffed the lad, and put him in the back of his police cruiser. "I asked him his personal information. He was fairly quiet," said the deputy chief. "I asked him where he was headed. He said he didn't know, he was just going."

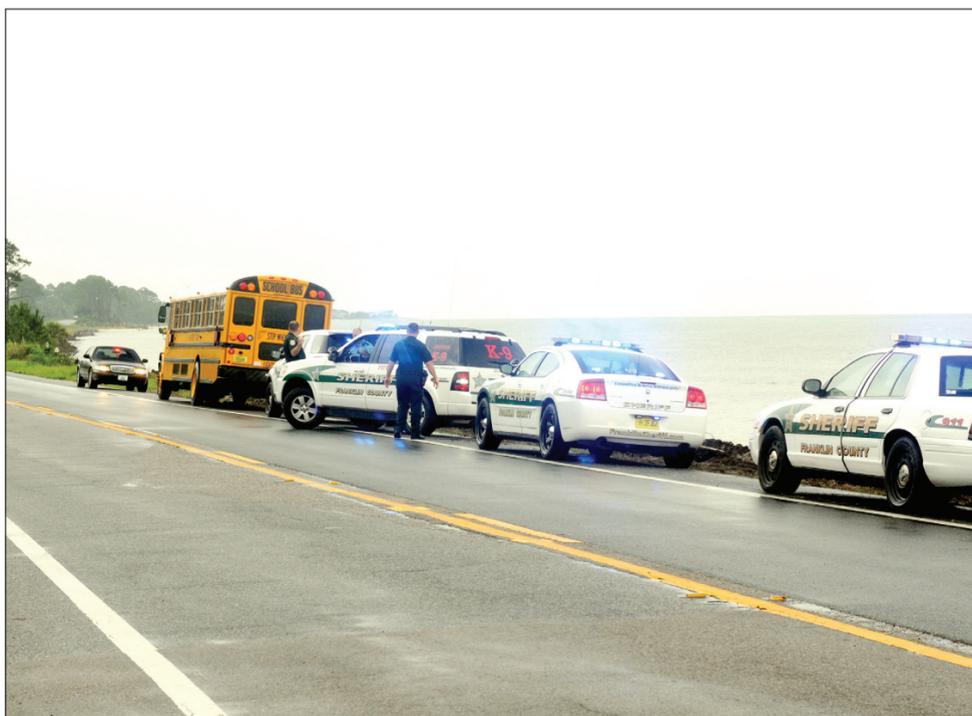
"He told me he was having some issues at home and school and all," said Hunnings. "He was as calm and cool as he could be."

Kincaid ended up driving Propst to the jail, while Hunnings was assigned the task of driving the bus, which had a quarter tank of diesel fuel left, to the jail.

"I advised him of his Miranda rights, and I asked him if he wanted to make comments," said Kincaid. "He just shrugged his shoulders. He was not questioned. He didn't seem scared; he wasn't crying."

Meanwhile, Hunnings stepped inside the bus to drive it to the jail.

"The funny thing about this is, I have a Class CDL (license), I drove semi trucks, 18-wheelers,



Law enforcement officers at scene on U.S. 98, where the Bay County school bus was stopped.

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and I couldn't even figure out how to get a school bus to go," said Hunnings. "There's a sequence you have to do to make a school bus go. You don't just get in and throw it in drive and go."

As he worked to get it going, his fellow police officers offered Hunnings a suggestion. "Do we need to get the 12-year-old kid back here to drive it?" they asked.

"It amazes me that a 12-year-old kid figured it out," Hunnings said.

Stole aunt's truck the previous night

Mike Jones, safety and security officer at Bay District Schools, said Propst located a hidden key left in a school bus at Parker Elementary after the bus driver completed his bus route. He said hiding a key in a parked bus is a temporary standard procedure, and that school officials are working a new permanent procedure.

Parker Police Department's Lt. Dennes Hutto said Propst "invoked his Fifth Amendment right by saying nothing to anybody" after his initial arrest July 16.

Parker police charged Propst with trespassing on school property, grand theft auto and burglary of a conveyance, along with other charges pending from Springfield Police Department.

Propst allegedly stole a truck the night before, July 15, according to his aunt Kerry Shoute, of Springfield.

"When I come back, my truck wasn't in the driveway," Shoute said, noting Propst likely took the 1998 Mitsubishi Montero sometime between 10:45 p.m. and midnight.

By about 7 p.m., Shoute said the family was waiting on Propst's call from the detention center, and the first question she wanted to ask him was regarding the location of her truck.

The juvenile is generally a good kid, Shoute said, and it's unclear

why he has stolen the vehicles.

"I really couldn't tell you why; I really couldn't," Shoute said. "I'd take him where he'd want to go, and he knows that. But, he'd rather take than ask."

The truck was found July 17 with a busted-out back window and damage to its bumper and door.

Seemed like skilled driver the first time

Propst's first incident was June 24 when he took an early morning joy ride across the county in a school bus.

Wal-Mart employees notified a Bay County deputy of a school bus awkwardly maneuvering through the parking lot at about 5 a.m. Tuesday, according to a news release. Though not causing a safety concern, it seemed strange the driver could not quite figure out how to park.

"It was just odd the way they were driving it," said Roy Hoover,

a Wal-Mart employee. "He was having a hard time parking it, like he'd never drove one before."

When the deputy pulled behind bus 746 with his emergency lights on, Propst stepped out and initially said a man named "Constantine" asked him to get gas for the bus.

Deputies later discovered the school bus had been taken overnight from a residence in Parker; and driven nearly flawlessly across Bay County to the Front Beach Road Wal-Mart. The actual bus driver apparently had left the keys in the bus, and Propst admitted to taking it by himself, police reports stated.

Deputies contacted the child's mother, who asked deputies to talk to him "since she was not having any impact on him," an incident report said.

From the on-board camera footage, Propst seemed like a skilled driver, according to Jones.

"You have to take a weeklong course to operate a bus like that," Jones said. "Yet at 12 he was able to drive one, and he didn't just take it around the block."

Propst made the 14-mile trek, which wends along U.S. Business 98 and over the Hathaway Bridge, without tipping off law enforcement along the way. Despite his apparently graceful driving, Propst is facing serious charges for the incident, authorities said.

He was charged with grand theft of an item worth more than \$100,000 and felony criminal mischief. He also was charged with grand theft for a missing student recognition device worth about \$2,000, and officers could be looking into other charges against the juvenile.

Though Propst told deputies he did not remember hitting anything, the Bay County sheriff's office is investigating an 8-foot-long scrape of white paint transferred onto the right side of the bus.

"We don't know if that occurred before he got the bus, but there's a potential he ran into something white," said Bay County Major Tommy Ford.



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<p>99555T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-000193-CA</p> <p>CADC/RADC VENTURE 2011-1, LLC Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>BOOTH HOLDINGS BOOTH TRUST, LLC; HURLEY H. BOOTH, JR.; DAVID A. BARRETT and UNKNOWN TENANT, Defendants.</p> <p>CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45</p> <p>NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 23rd day of June, 2014, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, the Clerk's street address for auctions, at 11:00 AM on the 27th day of August, 2014, for the following described property in Franklin County, Florida together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures. The foreclosed Property shall include all mobile homes, including but not limited to:</p>	<p>220.00 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #7160), thence leaving said East boundary run East 184.58 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #7160), thence run South 36 degrees 53 minutes 14 seconds East 303.28 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #0340) lying on the Northwest-erly right of way bound-ary of U.S. Highway No. 98, thence run South 54 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said right of way boundary 1091.79 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #6475) lying on the intersec-tion of said Northwest-erly right of way bound-ary with the Southwest-erly right of way bound-ary of First Street, said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run South 54 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said North-westerly right of way boundary 205.39 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #6154), thence Continue South 02 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds East along the Westerly right of way boundary of said U.S. Highway No. 98, a distance of 233.89 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #1999), thence leaving said right of way boundary run North 36 degrees 01 minutes 09 seconds West 207.16 feet to an iron pipe, thence run North 53 degrees 48 minutes 59 seconds East 60.27 feet to a concrete mon-ument, thence run North 36 degrees 06 minutes 09 seconds</p>	<p>West 92.71 feet to a concrete monument, thence run North 00 degrees 04 minutes 52 seconds West 252.33 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #1999), thence run North 56 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds East 377.17 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #1999) ly-ing on the Westerly right of way bound-ary of First Street, thence run South 00 degrees 12 minutes 48 seconds East along said right of way boundary 227.11 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #4432), thence continue South 36 degrees 01 minutes 11 seconds East along the Southwesterly right of way boundary of said First Street 83.20 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #6475), thence continue South 36 degrees 01 minutes 49 seconds East along said Southwesterly right of way bound-ary 200.13 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.</p> <p>A/K/A 437 US Highway 98, East Point, Florida 32328</p> <p>ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.</p> <p>AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: "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 Of- fice of Court Adminis- tration at (850) 577-4401, or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Mon-</p>	<p>roe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, within 2 working days of receipt of this notice; if you hearing or voice im- paired, call 711."</p> <p>DATED: June 24, 2014</p> <p>Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of Court</p> <p>By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Becker & Poliakoff, PA Attorneys for Plaintiff Marilyn J. Perez-Martinez, Esq., 625 North Flagler Drive, 7th Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Tel: 561-655-5444 Fax: 561-832-8987 E-Mail: MPerez-Martinez@becker-poliakoff.com and SLudovico@becker-poliakoff.com July 17, 24, 2014</p>	<p>DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTER- NAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BE- HALF OF SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND UR- BAN DEVELOPMENT, CHARLES CARMI- CHAEL, JESSE CAR- MICHAEL, JOHN CAR- MICHAEL, ALTHEA SUTTON A/K/A AL- THEA L. SUTTON, STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSES- SION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSES- SION 2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES CARMICHAEL, UN- KNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCES CARMI- CHAEL, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JESSE CARMICHAEL, UN- KNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN CARMICHAEL, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL CARMI- CHAEL, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALTHEA SUTTON A/K/A PENNY SUTTON A/K/A AL- THEA L. SUTTON, Defendants,</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>To the following Defendant(s):</p> <p>ANY AND ALL UN- KNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BRAZIL DAIL CARMICHAEL, WHETHER SAID UN- KNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DE- VISEES, GRANT- EES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS</p> <p>YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Fore- closure of Mortgage on the following de- scribed property:</p> <p>COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF FRACTIONAL SEC- TION 36, T8S, R7W,</p>	<p>FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 1360.4 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY BOUND- ARY OF OLD FERRY ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 70 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 58 SEC- ONDS WEST 700.0 FEET ALONG SAID ROAD BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF BEGIN- NING, THENCE CON- TINUE SOUTH 70 DE- GREES 58 MINUTES, 58 SECONDS WEST 156.0 FEET ALONG SAID ROAD BOUND- ARY TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 01 MIN- UTES 02 SECONDS WEST 290.47 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 58 SEC- ONDS EAST 256.2 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 307.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGIN- ING. CONTAINING 1.37 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUAR- TER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 36, T8S, R7W, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING LOT 19, HICKORY DIP SUBDI- VISION, AN UNRE- CORDED SUBDI- VISION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>has been filed against you and you are re- quired to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on McCalla Raymer, LLC, Casey Jernigan King, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose ad- dress is 225 East Rob- inson Street, Suite 660, Orlando, FL 32801 within thirty (30) days after the first publica- tion of this Notice in the Apalachicola Carrabelle Times and file the origi- nal with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's at- torney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered</p>

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against you for the relief demand in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 30th day of June, 2014.
BILL KINSAUL
Clerk of the Court

By: Terry Segree
As Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:
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225 E. Robinson St. Suite 660
Orlando, FL 32801
Phone: (407) 674-1850
Email: MRService@mccallaraymer.com
July 17, 24, 2014

99719T PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING OF FRANKLIN COUNTY CANVASSING PUBLIC PRE-ELECTION TEST OF VOTE TABULATING EQUIPMENT AND CANVASSING OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS PUBLIC NOTICE OF MANUAL AUDIT FOR THE AUGUST 26, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

All meetings of the Franklin County Canvassing Board are open to the public in accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida.

The Franklin County Canvassing Board will meet at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 2, Apalachicola, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on Monday July 28, 2014. The Board will meet in an orientation session to review and determine procedures to be used in the canvassing of election results for the 2014 Primary and General Election. Note: Persons are advised that if they wish to appeal any decision made at this meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, per Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes.

The Franklin County Canvassing Board will meet at the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections Office located at 47 Ave F, Apalachicola, Florida at 10:00 a.m. on Friday August 1, 2014. The Board is convening for the pre-election testing of tabulating equipment to be used in the August 26, 2014 Primary Election for early voting and precincts. The Board may also discuss other matters relating to the August 26, 2014 Primary Election. Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The Franklin County Canvassing Board will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 2014, at the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections Office located at 47 Avenue F, Apalachicola, Florida. The Canvassing Board will meet to canvass the absentee ballots for the Primary Election and to receive queries from the public about the absentee ballots. Sealed absentee ballots received prior to 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 25, 2014 for the Primary Election will be available for public inspection from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. immediately afterwards; those absentee ballots will be opened and processed. Any absentee ballots received after 10:00 a.m. August 25, 2014 will be available for public inspection until opened. The absentee ballots will be canvassed and processed through the ballot tabulator and the canvassing board will perform any other duties that may be prescribed by law. Results, however, will not be announced until after 7:00 p.m. on August 26, 2014 when polls are closed. The Canvassing Board will conduct a random selection of a precinct for the mandatory manual audit of the voting system. Pursuant to Section 101.68(2)(c) 2, Florida Statutes, if any elector or candidate present believes that an absentee ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvassing of that ballot, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

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Canvassing Board will reconvene on Wednesday August 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to complete the canvass of precinct returns and canvass provisional ballots if necessary. If the board needs to reconvene for any other reason not listed in this announcement, the Supervisor shall post on www.votefranklin.com and announce at the conclusion of the August 26th meeting.

The Franklin County Canvassing Board will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 in the Supervisor of Elections Office, 47 Ave F, Apalachicola to conduct the manual audit of the voting system. If it becomes necessary to change this date a new date and time for the manual audit will be posted at the office and on the website of the Supervisor of Elections and three other conspicuous places throughout the county.

Iida Cooper Elliott
Supervisor of Elections
Franklin County, FL
July 24, 2014

95142T PUBLIC NOTICE

Solicitation Number: 14HM-6B-02-29-01-385
Title: Request for Documented Quote, Professional Contracting Services for the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Wind Retrofit

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is announcing the documented quote for professional contracting services for a wind retrofit on the EOC by shuttering all windows and doors and constructing a new hip roof. The selected firm will provide engineering or roof designs and construction plans, and contract or furnish all labor, materials, equipment tools, transportation, and supervision as indicated in the sealed drawings and specifications. The contractor must have a proven track record, extensive experience and holds a State of Florida Certified Building Contractors License.

Franklin County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof and/or to waive the information if such is deemed to be in the best interest of Franklin County. The county also reserves the right to reject the bid of any bidder who has previously failed to perform adequately after having once been awarded a prior bid for furnishing materials similar in nature to those materials mentioned in this bid.

Download the Specification Details/ Attachments: www.franklinmergencymanagement.com

Point of Contact: Sole contact for the Documented Quote: Gail Leek. All questions pertaining to this solicitation must be submitted in writing to gpleek@realknow.com. Please reference the solicitation number.

Extended Submission Deadline Date: July 31, 2014 at 4:00 PM EST

Deliver three sealed copies of the Documented Quote to: Franklin County Clerks Office
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Apalachicola, Florida 32320

Published Dates: June 5, 12, 2014, July 17, 24

99765T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 14000112CAAXMX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.
MICHAEL TROY GIBSON AKA MICHAEL T. GIBSON, ET AL., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
(Constructive Service-Property)

TO: MUIR JENNINGS EDNEY AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MUIR JENNINGS EDNEY
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 815 DEWFIELD CT., ALPHARETTA, GA 30022

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Franklin County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 79, CARRABELLE LANDING ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 47.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: Lot 79 Carrabelle Landing,
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Attorney file Number: 13-09215

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Pendergast & Morgan, P. A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 115 Perimeter Center Place, South Terrace Suite 1000, Atlanta, Georgia 30346., within thirty (30) days of the first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Apalachicola, Florida, on the 15th day of July, 2014.

MARCIA JOHNSON
As Clerk, Circuit Court
Franklin County, FL

By: Terry Segree
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability 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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, 301 S Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303, (850) 577-4401, 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.

July 24, 31, 2014

99767T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2013-000256-CA

AMERIS BANK, a Georgia Bank, 201 S. Broad Street P.O. Box 240
Cairo, GA 39828, Plaintiff,

vs.

TERRY L. DOWDEN AKA TERRY L DOWDEN, JR., AND NANNETTE DOWDEN, Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Reformation of Mortgage, in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court, will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK "K" LANARK BEACH, UNIT 1, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 13 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1994 SOLH SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, ID NO.: SHA01474

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 151 CONNECTICUT STREET, LANARK VILLAGE, FLORIDA 32323,

to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 13th day of August, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. EST, or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, at the 2nd floor lobby, located at Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT: SUSAN WILSON, ADA COORDINATOR; 301 SOUTH MONROE STREET; TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301; 850.577.4401; AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

Bill Kinsaul
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
July 24, 31, 2014

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Polonris Construction, Inc. gives notice of completion of the East Apron Drainage system repairs and security improvements Apalachicola Regional Airport - Franklin County, FL. Avcon Project #2013.158.04 FDOT Number 420717-1, 420717-2. All persons and firms should file all claims for payments to the below address:

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The Apalachicola Bay Charter School
is accepting applications for possible elementary teaching positions for the 2014-15 school year. Classroom teachers must be eligible for Florida teacher certification. Possible teaching position in one or more areas ART/MUSIC/SPANISH. Also accepting applications for possible teaching assistant positions and substitutes for PK-8. ABC School is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Please send resumes to: Chimene Johnson, ABC School, 98 12th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 or cjohnson@abceagles.org

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Philadelphia

3) Which auto tire company has used the advertising slogan, "Time to retire"?

Michelin, Fisk, Goodyear, Firestone

4) What was the pet dog's name of B. J. Hunnicutt (Mike Farrell) in TV's M*A*S*H?

Otho, Manhattan, Superman, Waggles

5) What golfer is/was nicknamed the "Walrus"?

Gary McCord, Craig Stadler, Hale Irwin, Greg Norman

6) When did German cartographer Martin Waldseemuller publish the first-ever map

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1490, 1507, 1620, 1776

7) Which American city grew up around the colonial Fort Lowell?

Savannah, San Diego, Tacoma, Tucson

8) Whose citizens generally buy the most books per capita?

Florida, Utah, Alaska, Montana

9) What is cheechako the Alaskan word for?
Fearless, River, Greenhorn, Telephone

10) What famous work's first line is, "I was born in the year 1632 in the city of York"?

"Roots," "Lord Jim,"

"Robinson Crusoe," "Call of the Wild"

11) Which of these doesn't have the Mississippi River as its eastern border?

Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas

12) In real life what does Max Baer Jr. (Jethro from the Beverly Hillbillies) have a degree in?

Business, Biology, Chemistry, Psychology

13) What year marked the passing of Louis Armstrong, Nikita Khrushchev, and Jim Morrison?
1971, 1973, 1975, 1977

14) Which state has a unicameral legislature?

Wyoming, Nebraska,

Rhode Island, Delaware

15) Biblical - Is the book of Psalms in the Old or New Testament or neither?

16) In the sight of the Lord how many years are but as yesterday when it is past?
1, 100, 500, 1000

17) From Psalms 23, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not ...?"

Lead, Restore, Walk, Want

18) Which Psalm charges the Lord with making void the covenant?
5, 89, 103, 116

19) From Psalms 147 what did God giveth snow like?

Praise, Outcasts, Wool, Clouds

20) David sang, "Oh that I had wings like a ...?"
Dove, Raven, Bird, Locust

ANSWERS:

- 1) Noble Sissle
- 2) Philadelphia
- 3) Fisk
- 4) Waggles
- 5) Craig Stadler
- 6) 1507
- 7) Tucson
- 8) Montana
- 9) Greenhorn
- 10) Robinson Crusoe
- 11) Kansas
- 12) Business
- 13) 1971
- 14) Nebraska
- 15) Old
- 16) 1000
- 17) Want
- 18) 89
- 19) Wool
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