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Kingfish Shootout Saturday and Sunday

The 11th annual Kingfish Shootout will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2 and 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.

Sizzler seeks donations, volunteers

The 2014 St. George Island Sizzler 5K Run is scheduled for Saturday, August 9 at 6 p.m., followed by the post-race party in Lighthouse Park. All proceeds benefit the Franklin County Humane Society. Organizers hope to field at least 350 racers and 500 people for the party.

If you would like to help by volunteering, lending equipment or making a donation, please contact Barbara Iman at barbara.iman@gmail.com or call her at 323-1555.

Island golf gatherings

At 7:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, men gather in the parking lot of the St. George Island Methodist Church to form carpools to go golfing. For information, call 927-2000.

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County literacy program shuts down

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After 27 years, growing from an all-volunteer outreach to a fully funded program with a full-time director, the Franklin County Literacy program has shut its doors.

The reason for the closure, said both the director as well as the chair

of the board overseeing the non-profit Franklin County Literacy Inc., was a shortfall in funding leading up to the start of the next fiscal year in October.

"It's a sad day."

Maxine Creamer
Franklin County Literacy Program director

"It's a sad day. I'm not happy about it," said Maxine Creamer, who has served as the program's full-time director since 2007, after starting in 1997 as a community outreach

specialist.

Because of the closure, Literacy will not accept about \$35,000 in funding from the county commission, which would have started flowing in on Oct. 1, at the start of the next fiscal year.

"We needed \$13,000 to continue from July through September and we didn't have the money," she said.

"It takes more than \$35,000 to do it," said Liz Sisung, who chairs the Literacy board of directors. "There was a time we were getting \$55,000 from the county."

Creamer said that when she took the director's position in 2007, the county's funding was just under \$70,000, fully cover-

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St. George Island firefighter Kelly Rowland, who was early on the scene because she was eating lunch in Apalachicola, helps fight the flames.

UP IN SMOKE

Apalachicola blaze destroys family home

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A Saturday afternoon blaze on 25th Street in Apalachicola cost a family their home, but spared them injury.

Three of the family dogs, Tiny Mama, Gizmo and Demo, which were a Chihuahua, a Jack Russell and a Pomeranian, perished in the fire, that was reported about 3:41 p.m. at the home of Charles and Tammy Taunton, 55 25th Street.

Firefighters from Apalachicola, Eastpoint and St. George Island were on the scene within minutes, and poured steady streams of water on the front and back to dampen the flames.

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Charles Taunton consoles his family

Tax base posts first growth since 2006

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After dropping steadily since its 2006 high of \$4.1 billion, Franklin County's tax base will increase next year by about 1 percent, returning it to levels similar to a decade ago.

Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper last week received approval from the Florida Department of Revenue of the certified preliminary taxable value for the county, both government and schools, and the other taxing districts.

These numbers show a slight uptick from the "Good Faith Estimates" filed in June, which were approximations based on the latest data at the time.

Because it is exempt from a 10 percent cap on the taxable value of non-homesteaded property, the school district is the county's largest taxing district, and is forecast to go from \$1.711 billion last year to \$1.744 billion, an increase of \$33 million, or nearly 2 percent.

The county government tax base is estimated will grow from \$1.632 billion to \$1.650 billion, a jump of \$18 million, or about 1.1 percent. This preliminary value includes the value of about \$8.84 million in new construction throughout the county.

The county tax base is slightly smaller than that of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, which will see a rise from \$1.634 billion to \$1.656 billion, growth of about \$22 million, or about 1.3 percent. This is because the county, like the cities of Apala-

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Grove leaving chamber post after 17 years

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In the center of a town that has seen its ups and downs over the course of two decades, Anita Grove has been a fixture at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce for a long time.

But at the end of August, she'll be leaving her post after 17 years, preparing the way for a new era for her successor.

"At the (chamber) board meeting on Monday (July 21), they were all really shocked," said Grove. "They gave me a round of

applause. It's a hard thing to get it all together."

Grove, whose husband Mark owns and operates the Wefing's Marine boat dealership and service facility in Eastpoint, has taken a job not far away at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve on Island Drive, where she will assume the reins of the coastal training program that used to be overseen by Roslyn Kilcollins.

"In addition to doing the coastal training program, I'll help them get deeper roots in the community, and other important duties," said Grove. "It's a new

challenge. I hate to leave this job because I love this job."

It has been 17 years this week that Grove was first hired to direct the Apalachicola chamber, brought on by Apalachicola bank president Barry Brynjolfsson, environmental consultant Dan Garlick, restaurateur Jerry Hall and the rest of the chamber board.

Grove has been in Tallahassee, running for a short time the annual Springtime Tallahassee event. Prior to that she had worked in public relations for a decade for the Florida Depart-

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Anita Grove at her desk at the chamber



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Aaliyah West

Miss Florida Seafood Festival pageant Saturday

The excitement is brewing for the annual event Saturday evening that will select the young lady who will best represent the 51st annual Florida Seafood

Festival over the course of the next year. The stage is set for the 6:30 p.m. pageant, in the cafeteria of Franklin County High School, at 1250 U.S. 98,

Eastpoint. After initially having a little difficulty getting the minimum number of girls to compete, the festival now has five outstanding

candidates to wear the sash.

Taking part will be:
• Aaliyah Ireonna West, 16-year-old daughter of Melissa West and Israel Ling, of Apalachicola, a senior at Franklin County High School. Aaliyah is sponsored by Phoenix Family Health Care.

• Katie Abel, 17-year-old daughter of Scott and Chanda Abel, of Apalachicola, a senior at Port St Joe High School. Katie is sponsored by Steve Rash and Waterstreet Seafood.

• Macey Ryanna Hunt, 17-year-old daughter of Jayme Votaw and Johnny Hunt of Carrabelle, a senior at Franklin County High School. Macey is sponsored by 2 Als at the beach Cafe.

• Erin Elizabeth Riley, 17-year-old daughter of Larry and Heather Riley, of Carrabelle, a senior at Franklin County High School. Erin is sponsored by High Calling Church and Saltwater Solutions.

• Jessica Schmidt, 17-year-old daughter of Robert Schmidt and Heather Huron, of Sumatra, a junior at Franklin County High School. Jessica is sponsored by Weems Memorial Hospital.

The young ladies will be judged based on four categories - Interview, Talent, Poise and Appearance, and Casual Wear - to determine who will come home with the prized tiara. An award



CRAIG CAMPBELL, featured festival entertainer

is also given for Miss Congeniality, selected by the four other contestants.

In addition to the pageant, the audience will also hear about the selection of country music singer Craig Campbell, who will be the featured entertainment at the festival, on Saturday night, Nov. 1. The 35-year-old singer from Lyons, Ga. has released two albums, "Craig Campbell" in 2011 and "Never Regret" in 2013. He has had five singles on the country chart, including his debut single, "Family Man," in 2010, which reached the Top 20 of the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart with a peak of #14 in April 2011. The album's second single, "Fish," released to country radio in June 2011, and reached #23 in October 2011. "When I Get It"

peaked at #38 in early 2012. Campbell released his fourth single, "Outta My Head" in late 2012, and his second studio album, "Never Regret" in May 2013. The album's second single, "Keep Them Kisses Comin'" was released to country radio on Dec. 2, 2013 and would become his biggest hit.

Helping emcee the pageant will be John Solomon, the president of the festival board. Also serving on the all-volunteer board are Vice President Tress Anderson, Secretary Andrea Register, Treasurer Danny Gay, Past Presidents Ted Mosteller, Michael Shuler, Jennifer Brown, Kevin Ward, R.J. Shelley, Danielle Layne and Pam Brownell.

— By DAVID ADLERSTEIN

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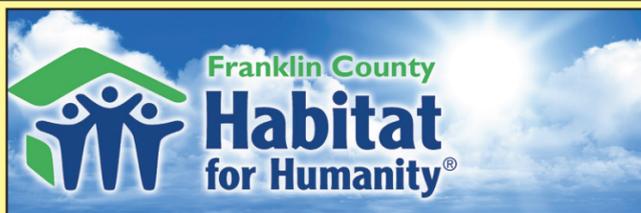
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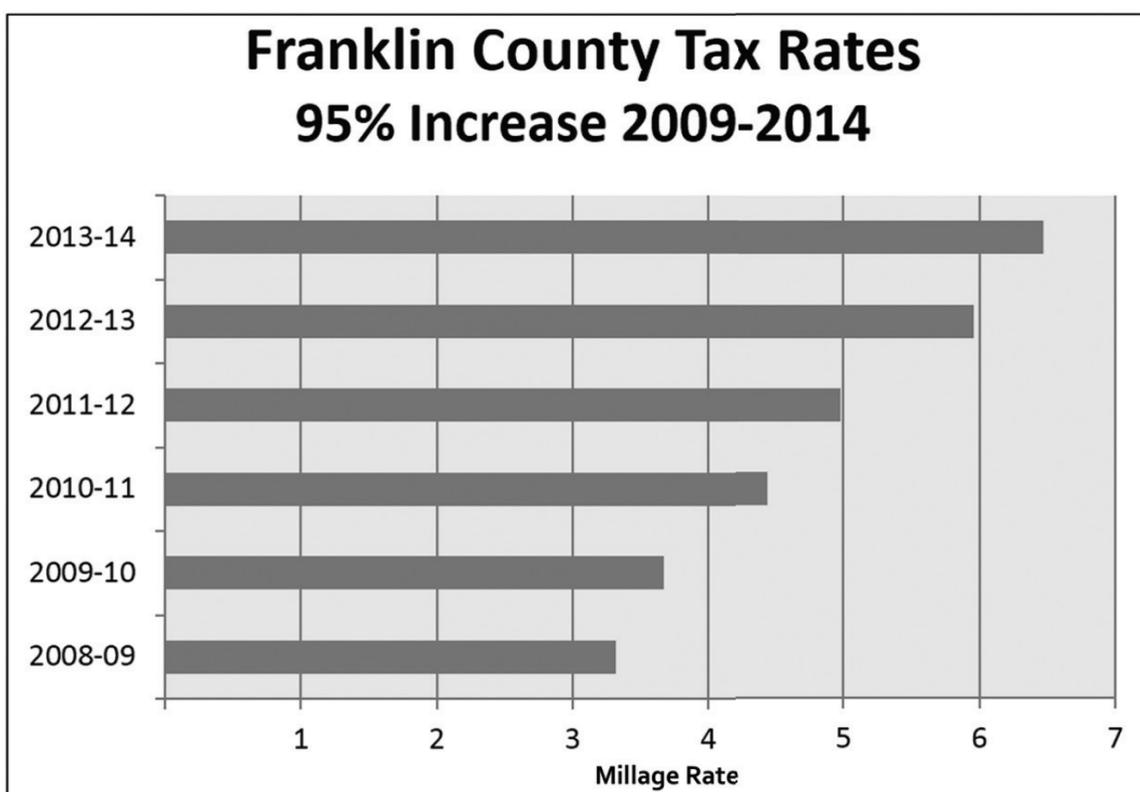
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WHERE WAS SMOKEY WHEN THE TAX BILLS WENT OUT?

IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE!



Information provided by the Franklin County Tax Collector.

Commissioner Parrish has voted for a property tax rate increase EVERY year for the last five years.

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We can't wait another 4 years for tax relief.

California seeks to ease restrictions on Gulf oysters

By Erik Lovstrand
Special to the Times

A June 27 notice issued by the California Dept. of Public Health is seeking public comment on a proposed rule change regarding the allowable level of microbial *Vibrio vulnificus* in post-harvest processed Gulf oysters.

Post-harvest processed oysters are regulated as raw, but have been subjected to a process to



ERIK LOVSTRAND

Probable Number/gram) whereas the proposed change would allow a criteria of less than 30 MPN/g of *Vibrio vulnificus*.

reduce levels of *Vibrio vulnificus*. The current rule states that levels must be less than 3 MPN/g (Most

Restrictions regarding raw Gulf oysters harvested during April through October that have not undergone post-harvest processing to reduce *Vibrio vulnificus* will remain in place.

This change would bring California's molluscan shellfish regulations into alignment with standards adopted by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program of the U.S Food and Drug

Administration and the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference. All other member states of the ISSC have already adopted the less than 30 MPN/g standard in post-harvest processed oysters.

This newer standard has been deemed safe since it has been in use from 2005, with no documented *Vibrio vulnificus* infections associated with raw oysters processed at the

less than 30 MPN/g level, according to FDA data. This change is anticipated to increase the amounts and varieties of post-harvest processed oysters imported into California from Gulf states.

If you would like to see materials regarding this action, you can access them at www.cdph.ca.gov by clicking on the following links in this order: "Decisions Pending & Opportunity for Public

Participation, Proposed Regulations." Inquiries about the proposed regulations can be directed to Pat Kennelly, chief, Food and Drug Branch, Food Safety Section, at 916-650-6598.

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Defined benefit plans, investing and 'The Rockford Files'

"This is Jim Rockford. At the tone leave your name and number... I'll get back to you." — Opening line from "The Rockford Files"

Something special was taken from our generation when James Garner passed recently. Through hard work and good luck, Garner landed parts in theatre productions and eventually in films. Garner fought the Hollywood moguls for fair pay, marched for civil rights with Brando and Newman in 1963, and also starred in "Maverick" and "The Rockford Files."

Jim Rockford was a moderately successful private detective who lived in a trailer on a beach in Malibu; who ate

tacos for breakfast on the pier; and who scuffled to make a living without running afoul of the crooks or the law. Garner brought every imaginable co-star onto the show, from Rita Moreno to Isaac Hayes, from Lou Gossett, Jr. to Lindsay Wagner. Rockford's gold Pontiac Firebird was a symbol of modern mobility, and the tough-talking, wise-cracking detective gave us a glimpse of a fast-paced and rapidly changing world in L.A.

Jim Rockford did jail time on a false charge, and his life was different because of it. James Garner's life was even more exceptional. He suffered a difficult childhood with a family

that offered little advice and no financial support. When he left home at 14, all he took with him was the dream of success.

Not all of us can live on the beach in Malibu or star in Hollywood movies. But like James Garner, we all have dreams. Many times these dreams are relatively simple financial goals: a comfortable retirement, funding a grandchild's college tuition, or the ability to travel extensively.

One thing I have learned in 20 years of offering investment advice is that it is never too late to initiate a savings and investment plan. If you're still working

and can utilize your firm's 401(k) opportunity, cut back on your personal spending and maximize your contributions. If you can forego one or two frivolous expenses each week, you can plan that money into a nest egg that can work for you in retirement.

Following your financial dreams is often simply a matter of executing self-discipline and exercising personal will. Many of us fail to save and invest simply because we fail to start the process. The goal of a secure retirement is beyond us, we think, so we commit nothing instead. Just get started. The more you save and invest, the more you'll want to.

If you're a business owner, consider starting a defined

benefit plan if it's appropriate to your enterprise and situation. Some DB plans are designed to allow business owners to put away significant "catch-up" dollars if they haven't been able to fund a good retirement program to date.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let's respect our correctional officers

I have read the recent news about the 2012 scalding death of one of our South Florida inmates. As the wife of a State Legislator and a person who has spent countless hours volunteering directly with inmates in the prisons, I share the distress over the allegations surrounding this horrific tragedy. I feel compelled to tell "the rest of the story."

There is another face to corrections that never is presented to the general public. Of the 22,398 employees

in the Department of Corrections, the vast majority are honorable, caring men and women. I have listened to many inmates tell me about officers, such as Major Duncan, who "is firm, but very fair; he treats us like he really cares about us." I have watched Assistant Warden Jordan and his team as they have gathered up discarded doors and other materials to build a hydroponic garden for their inmates so they can learn a skill and have the satisfaction of working with growing

plants inside the stark razor wire and hard concrete buildings.

In the midst of this horrendous news could we also express appreciation and respect for these unsung public servants, the correctional officers who lay their lives on the line daily for long hours and minimal pay while putting their whole hearts into a job, sincerely longing and working to send prisoners back out of prison as productive citizens?

Katherine Van Zant
Keystone Heights

CORRECTION

In the July 17, 2014, Times' story "Eastpoint man drowns at Cash's Creek," it was incorrectly reported that Tina Kilgore had been present at the scene. She was not. According to Capt. Chester Creamer, the individual was named Tina Shiver Jones, and she is from Eastpoint. The Times regrets the error.

Read contracts carefully before signing

By Jason Alderman
Special to the Times

If you always stop to read the fine print before signing anything, congratulations — your parents trained you well. If you don't, beware: Your signature could commit you to a long-term gym membership you don't really want, an apartment you can't afford or worst of all, paying off someone else's loan you cosigned. Broadly defined,



JASON ALDERMAN

contracts are mutually binding agreements between two or more parties to do — or not do — something. It could be as simple as buying coffee (you pay \$3 and the restaurant agrees to serve you a drinkable beverage), or as complex as signing a 30-year mortgage.

Once a contract is in force it generally cannot be altered unless all parties agree. And, with very few exceptions (e.g., if deception or fraud took place), contracts cannot easily be broken.

Before you enter a contractual agreement, try to anticipate everything that might possibly go wrong. For example:

- After you have leased an apartment, you decide you can't afford the rent or don't like the neighborhood.
- Your roommate moves out, leaving you responsible for the rest of the lease.
- You finance a car you can't afford, but when you try to sell, it's worth less than your outstanding loan balance.
- You buy a car and

Co-signing a loan can be particularly risky. If the other person stops making payments, you're responsible for the full amount, including late fees or collection costs. Not only will your credit rating suffer, but the creditor can use the same methods against you as against the primary borrower, including suing you or garnishing your wages.

only later notice the sales agreement includes an extended warranty or other features you didn't verbally authorize.

• You sign a payday loan without fully understanding the terms and end up owing many times the original loan amount.

• You buy something on sale and don't notice the store's "No returns on sale items" policy.

• You click "I agree" to a website's privacy policy and later realize you have given permission to share your personal information.

• You buy a two-year cellphone plan, but after the grace period ends, discover you have spotty reception and it will cost hundreds of dollars to buy your way out.

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Still, there might be times you want to co-sign a loan to help out a relative or friend. The Federal Trade Commission's handy guide, "Co-signing a Loan," shows precautions to take before entering such agreements (www.consumer.ftc.gov).

A few additional reminders:

- Ensure everything

you were promised verbally appears in writing.

• Make sure all blank spaces are filled in or crossed out before signing any documents, including the tip line on restaurant and hotel bills.

• Don't be afraid to ask to take a contract home for more careful analysis or to get a second opinion. A lawyer or financial advisor can help.

• Don't be pressured into signing anything. If salespeople try that tactic, walk away. Be particularly wary at timeshare rental meetings.

• Keep copies of every document you sign. This will be especially important for contested rental deposits, damaged merchandise, insurance claims, extended warranties, etc.

• Take along a "wingman" if you're making an important decision, such as renting an apartment or buying a car; to help ask questions and protect your interests.

• Be wary of "free trial" offers. Read all terms and conditions and pay particular attention to pre-checked boxes in online offers.

Bottom line: Contracts protect both parties. Just make sure you fully understand all details before signing on the dotted line.

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Just try putting up a wall

By BN Heard

Special to the Times

Almost every day, I pass through a gate with security guards. Most of these guards know me by name because I see them daily, sometimes multiple times a day. One of these guards is always giving me water or Gatorade, noting that I should stay “hydrated.”

It worries me. Not that he is giving me water and Gatorade, but that I may look dried up or dehydrated. Some folks would wonder why this fellow keeps giving them things. I do not. There are nice people in this world and nice gestures should simply be appreciated.

Yes, I do realize that this fellow goes to the college where I teach and there is a high probability that he will end up in one of my mathematics courses. Grades can't be bought in my classes; I'm pretty sure he understands and is simply being kind.



CRANKS MY TRACTOR
BN Heard

On a recent pass through the gate this fellow handed me a Gatorade and said, “You need to stay hydrated.” I simply said, “Thanks.” With no vehicles behind me, he continued his

conversation wanting to talk about Robert Frost and his poem, “The Mending Wall.”

It was a poem I had not looked at in many years, so I took a look at it as soon as I got the chance (knowing he would want to talk about it again the next time I passed through the gate/hydration station).

It is an interesting poem and I guess it is one that you could sit around and drink Gatorade (or something else) and discuss.

My basic take on it is that you have a couple of neighbors who get together to repair the wall between their properties on a

regular basis. One questions the need for the wall, whereas the other notes that “Good fences make good neighbors.”

You kind of see the points both fellows are making, but it's the fellow who thinks walls are not needed who is most interesting. You see, this fellow doing all the talking who thinks there doesn't need to be a wall, is the one who initiates the “wall fixing” or mending. It is a bit humorous...

That is my take on it. You can probably pay 10 dollars and get a much more educated analysis of Robert Frost's poem. I'm sure they will use a lot of 10-dollar words, thus making your investment seem worthwhile.

We are at a time in the world when the case can be made that we need more walls, fences and boundaries or at least need to mend the ones we have. These are decisions that I am glad I do not have to make.

However, if we are talking about “boundaries” in general, I

think it is always a good idea to have them with children, dogs and perhaps to keep rabbits out of the garden. On second thought, perhaps we should reinvest in mending walls such as family, country and just plain good ole American logic. Everybody has a different idea as to what a fence should look like — just try putting one up that has to be approved by a homeowners association.

Robert Frost died around the time I was born and we are (at least I am) still studying his work. Frost was born in 1874 in San Francisco. His father named him after a Southern hero, Gen. Robert E. Lee. I find that interesting from a boundary standpoint.

Robert Frost's father requested to be buried back on the east coast where he was from. Robert, his wife, family and his sister took his father there to be buried and didn't have enough money to get back to California. His granddaddy offered him a

house in Massachusetts. Not having enough money to get home, he took the house and stayed.

He attempted chicken farming at one point in his life and he didn't do so well — so he became a poet and an educator and won four Pulitzer Prizes.

As for the failed chicken farmer's poem, “The Mending Wall,” I think I will keep my side of the fence mended and keep hoping my neighbor treats his dog better, learns to put his garbage can in the right direction for the robotic truck to pick up and gets his little convertible shining to his satisfaction.

A taller fence or wall would be useful in blocking my view of my neighbor polishing his snappy little convertible while I am bailing water out of the floorboard of my car after it has rained.

Read more stories at www.CranksMyTractor.com.

Government cannot be run like a business

By Marc Yacht, MD, MPH

Special to The Times

Government is about essential services; business is about profit. Business types have no “business” running government. That is the purview of elected officials.

Government's focus should be on solving problems, not on available dollars. The challenge is to find the resources, not cut the programs. It's a different way of thinking and the best example of a failed businessman-politician is Florida's Gov. Rick Scott.

By “hook or crook,” he has become a very successful businessman. But as a governor, he will be rated among the worst. He has been insensitive to the needy, has undermined public education, hurt the environment, and assaulted the health and wellbeing of Florida citizens.

No one likes taxes but everyone wants services. Private enterprise sells a product or service to customers. Government

provides essential services to every citizen.

It is not possible to use a business model to run government any more than it is sensible to run a business like a government. Government programs should not be about profits.

For example, public health communicable disease programs are complex. The patient must be treated and then those who have had contact with the patient must be found and examined.

This effort is important to prevent the spread of serious disease such as tuberculosis, AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases. Florida had one tuberculosis hospital. The most difficult patients were housed there. Florida's Lantana TB hospital enjoyed an international reputation for treatment and training.

A business decision based on costs closed

the hospital. Improper patient placement put communities at risk. The hospital closed during one of the most dangerous TB outbreaks in the country that centered on



MARC YACHT

Florida's homeless population. A concerned governor would have worked with public health officials to protect health and welfare.

The high-speed-rail effort could have connected Miami, Jacksonville, Tampa, Orlando, Tallahassee and Pensacola. Scott refused federal money for the train, terminating the project. Thousands of jobs were lost, a long-term plan fell victim to running government like a Fortune 500 company.

Purging talent and politicizing the health department and other state agencies moved money and jobs to patronage. The health department lost food service and environmental regulatory authority. Other agency

A business decision based on costs closed the hospital. Improper patient placement put communities at risk. The hospital closed during one of the most dangerous TB outbreaks in the country that centered on Florida's homeless population. A concerned governor would have worked with public health officials to protect health and welfare.

authority was neutralized, putting citizens at risk.

It is difficult to quantify prevention. Professionals understand this. Businessmen-politicians generally do not. Not everything of social value is profitable.

The push to privatize education through charter schools and vouchers continues to undermine public education. It pushes tax dollars to the private sector.

Critical resources to public schools are lost. This is another example of a governor who runs government like a car lot. Public schools cannot

be run like a department store; public health cannot be run like Microsoft. Public education needs adequate funding and skilled staff. The “profit” from effective government is better and healthier communities.

Scott's rejection of Affordable Care Act money (Obamacare) is the most egregious decision of his administration. It blocked 1 million Floridians from health coverage. This decision should keep responsible elected officials awake at night. Diseases are left untreated, chronic illness unmanaged,

and preventable death unchecked.

A community's quality of life requires limiting the spread of disease, addressing road and bridge repair, public safety and education. Essential services must be improved, not cut. Government must protect the common good. It never has and never will be successfully run as a business.

Marc Yacht is a semi-retired physician living in Hudson. Column courtesy of Context Florida.

It's like déjà vu all over again!

“How is the middle Colbert boy today?” I wasn't dead certain positive Mr. Abernathy knew my first name but he got me in the right place, in the right family. I'd drop by his hardware store from time to time to look over the toys down in the basement. “Anything special I can show you?” If I thought it was neat that the owner of the business was giving a 10 year old his undivided attention, it didn't register on me. It was pretty common. Mr. Abernathy was about as friendly as they come.

“No sir. I'm just looking.” Both of us understood that shopping was all I could do. I didn't have the money to actually buy anything.

‘Course, I didn't realize at the time that wonderful memories don't cost one red cent.

Billy Bradley's father ran the Golden Rule right across Broadway Street from Abernathy's Hardware, close to where the old bank stood. It was a five and dime that was crowded with back to school items, assorted candies, Tinker Toys, cap pistols and Lone Ranger masks. It was another

fun place to “look around.” Mr. Bradley treated me just like a paying customer. He let me browse for hours. I could pick up the rubber baseballs and test the seams. I could pull out the spyglass and bring the bamboo picture frames hanging on the back wall “up close.” When I got a little older he hired me to take his advertising flyers door to door. It was a favorite place to “shop.”



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

And the memories are still alive of the Clove Gum smell, the big glass windows and the friendliness of the staff and customers.

Mr. Howard Freeman owned a men's store over on Cedar Avenue. As I grew into the dating stage his place became more and more important. I couldn't take Jane Hill to the movie wearing blue jeans and a T-shirt! And I had real money made from picking cotton, unloading lumber or working at the swimming pool burning a hole in my pocket. Mr. Howard seemed more interested in Friday's night's ballgame than selling me a Penguin sweater with the suede leather elbow

Most anybody growing up in a small town in the late '50's knows exactly what I'm talking about here. We still bask in the laid back attitude, the slow pace, the Mayberry feel.....

patches. And he loved my older brother. “I haven't seen Leon in a while. Is he staying out of trouble?”

You had to do a bit of socializing before you got down to business at Freeman's Menswear. And it was the same all around the square. Folks took time to talk, catch up a mite and enjoy the moment whether you were the seller or the “sellee.”

Those special memories way outlasted the cap pistols and the sweaters.

Most anybody growing up in a small town in the late '50's knows exactly what I'm talking about here. We still bask in the laid back attitude, the slow pace, the Mayberry feel.....

I thought of Mr. Abernathy this week as I went into our local hardware store. My first wife was doing a little rearranging in the attic and I needed some boards or plywood

or something. As usual I was about half prepared. Greg talked baseball and grandkids. Deb was still laughing over something I'd said about Irene a year ago. The owner asked if he could help. When they decided what I needed, they rushed to get it loaded and squared away. And Greg let me know if I could wait until Saturday, he'd come over and help me nail it up.

Cathy thought a small strip of carpet would keep the storage boxes off the plywood. I hustled out to the carpet place. Now folks, they knew right off that I wasn't spending much money on this project. We'd already carpeted the house in 1983. It still looked pretty good to me if you don't count the grape stain Josh poured into it the first month we had it. I just needed a small remnant on this day.

But before we discussed the reason I was there we had to compare our kidney stone

pains. Dennis was knocking on wood, Kenny was carrying two or three even as we spoke and Danny was thrilled it was me instead of him! They all listened politely to my carpet story and Danny found exactly what I needed and loaded it up as we talked church, world affairs and retirement.

Mr. Bradley never treated me so good.

I stopped by the auto parts store on the way home to get some oil for my lawnmower. It was the same thing. We had to catch up on family and friends before we got down to the “NAPA Know How” part. Dick even asked about Leon. When I was emptying my pockets to see if I had enough for two quarts, Glen was ringing it up for me. They were sending me home with the oil. I reckon they figured we could worry about the money tomorrow or next week.

Folks, you don't know how lucky I am to be living in a town with no Lowes, no Home Depot and no Wal-Mart.

And the special memories I have made shopping this week will linger longer than the stain on the carpet or the junk in the attic.

Respectfully,
Kes

Evids coming to the precincts for elections

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Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott knows a bargain when she sees one, and the voters are beneficiaries of her eye.

Beginning with this election, county voters will be signing in to vote on a new EVID system, a method of electronic voter identification that will enable poll workers to manage the process more smoothly, in real time without researching interruptions, and have the information back at the office with the touch of a button.

Using \$16,000 in capital outlay monies in her budget approved last year by the county commission, Elliott added another \$4,000 of her other budget dollars and bought 10 EVID units, for a cost of \$20,000.

The units are new and unused, but not the latest

model, and had been turned back by a larger county when they decided to go with a newer version. As a result, Elliott saved about \$600 per unit.

Her assistants, Carrie Johnson and Heather Riley, said the new units will have voters simply present their driver's license, which is the overwhelming card of choice for photo identification. They will swipe the cards through the EVID like a debit card at the grocery store, and the poll worker then will be able to look at the same record that is traditionally in the paper books, only instantaneously.

The voter will sign in on an electronic pad, and they will be ready to vote. Unless of course they haven't brought a photo ID of any kind, in which case they will

have to vote a provisional ballot, which the canvassing board will ultimately have to decide whether or not can be cast.

It will be easier to make address changes at the polls the day of the election, Elliott said, although she did ask that voters try to make those changes ahead of time, either in person or through the mail, or by contacting the elections office at icelliott@votefranklin.com. To reach the office, call 653-9520.

All eight polling sites will have the new EVID machines, as well as the two offices. Poll workers also will have the printed voter registration lists, to double check if need be, or in event of an emergency.

"They'll always be a



DAVID ADLERSTEIN [The Times]

Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott shows off the new EVID devices that will help full digitize election records.

proper backup," Elliott said. "It should be quicker and more efficient."

Early voting for the Aug. 26 primary begins Monday, Aug. 11 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 23. During this 13-day window, the election offices in Apalachicola and Carrabelle will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays, and until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Elliott noted that in four of the eight precincts, if an

individual is not registered with either the Republican or Democratic parties, there will be nothing to vote on. Otherwise, there is something on every ballot in all eight precincts for Democrats or Republicans to vote on.

There are no non-partisan ballots (which encompasses minor parties) in Precinct 1, at the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department, 24 6th Street; in Precinct 3, at the Florida National

Guard Armory, 66 4th Street, Apalachicola; and in Precinct 7, at the St. George Island Methodist Church, 201 E Gulf Beach Drive, on the island.

In half of Precinct 5, at the Senior Citizens Center, 201 Ave. F, Carrabelle, there are no nonpartisan ballots for those voters who are in District 5, which is represented by County Commissioner William Massey and School Board Member Pam Shiver.



Election BRIEFS

From staff reports

Franklin GOP helps fund Texas Guardsmen

Texas taxpayers are about to get help with the \$12 million a month cost of Texas Governor Rick Perry's decision to dispatch Texas National Guard troops to the state's border with Mexico.

The Franklin County Republican Executive Committee last week voted unanimously to send the Lone Star state a check for \$500 in symbolic support of Perry's decision to send 1000 National Guardsmen to lend help at the border.

"Gov. Perry acted when it became apparent that no help was coming from Washington," said

Willie Norred, committee member. "The governor said Texas was under siege by illegal immigrants and this action was necessary to protect Texas citizens from drug gangs and the criminal element."

Kristy Banks, chairwoman of the Republican committee, said it made its donation "to provide more than lip

service for his (Perry's) actions.

"We are hopeful that others will join us," she said. "This is not only Texas's problem, the problem is all of ours."

District 2 candidate forum Aug. 14

The public is invited to attend a Meet the

Candidate forum, hosted by the Franklin County Republican Party, on Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Crooked River Grill at St. James Bay Golf Resort, 151 Laughing Gull Lane, Carrabelle.

The forum, from 6 to 8 p.m., will focus entirely on the candidates in District 2, running for school board and county

commissioner.

"It's open to everybody," said Liz Sisung, a member of the county's Republican Executive Committee.

"The school board race is nonpartisan and the three candidates for county commissioner; they're all going to be there."



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Commission of the City of Carrabelle will meet in regular session on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at approximately 6:00 p.m. or as soon as can be heard in the City of Carrabelle Commission Chambers located at 1001 Gray Ave, Carrabelle, FL (850)697-2727 to consider the following in accordance with Ordinance No. 443, Consent of Use for the Consumption and Sale of Alcohol:

1. Allowing a restaurant located at 208 St. James Ave. (Mama Jo's Pizza) to sell beer and wine.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing on this matter. Further information concerning the proposed amendment can be obtained from the City Clerk at City Hall, at 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, Florida, 32322, or by calling (850) 697-2727, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

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

Wilburn Messer, Mayor

Attest:
Keisha Messer, City Clerk

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Bids sought for Wilson soccer field

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On July 16, the county commission voted unanimously to publish a request for bids to upgrade the soccer fields at Donnie Wilson Park west of Apalachicola.

The decision came after County Parks and Recreation Director Nikki Millender gave commissioners an estimate of \$114,000 for construction of a soccer field in an area of the park already designated for that use.

The estimate included \$17,135 for fill; \$24,000 for sod; \$5,000 for irrigation; \$13,200 for chain link fence; \$3,500 for a scoreboard; \$2,700 for two goals; \$750 for benches and \$2,400 for light poles without lights or power. Also included in the estimate was \$35,000 for a basketball court.

Commissioner Noah Lockley said he supported beginning work on the soccer field at once. Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson said the project would deplete capital outlay funds until Sept. 1.

"We have never depleted capital outlay," Chairwoman Cheryl Sanders said. "That concerns me if we have any kind of emergency."

In a telephone interview, Assistant Finance Director Erin Griffith said the capital outlay fund is used to purchase or maintain and upgrade county property. She said it might be used as a match for grants. Funds from capital outlay were recently used to buy land for parking adjacent to the Eastpoint boat ramp.

"I'm not opposed to building this field. I am for doing this but I am also for finding a way to do it where it does not strap the county," Commissioner Pinki Jackel said. "Since I have been sitting here, we have not spent \$200,000 on a soccer field or any other kind of field out of county



PINKI JACKEL

funds. We have relied on state funds, FRDAP (Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program) grants, all kinds of grants that we have been able to search for and find."

Jackel said she did not believe the project could be completed in time for the beginning of soccer season in the fall.

Betty Sassnett, president of the Franklin County Youth Soccer League, asked whether commissioners could ask the Franklin Correctional Institute for workers to upgrade the field.

"We can't always get them," Commissioner William Massey said. "Sometimes we go six weeks and I can't get them out. It will be better if we can bid it out because it's going to drag out for a long time with inmates."

Jackel said the cost of the field required the work be bid out.

"Hopefully, in November, we will have additional TDC (Tourist Development Council) money," she said. "I just want to look at the most prudent way to get a quality product for y'all and not have something thrown together at the last minute. You're looking at a \$200,000 project."

Sassnett said the soccer league has waited for funding for several years. "Why can't we bid it and go ahead with the basics to start something?" she said. "Let's get the ball rolling."

She said the cost of leveling and sodding the field would only be about \$50,000. She said the basketball court could



BETTY SASNETT

be eliminated from the work. "We'd like to have lights but lights are not necessary to play," Sassnett said.

Lockley asked the commission to go out for bids. He said the project would not spend enough money to deplete the fund before Sept. 1.

"It just seems to me we keep prolonging and prolonging and the kids are sitting out here without a place to play soccer," Commissioner Smokey Parrish said. "Everybody professes to support the young'uns, but it's time to step up to the plate."

The Rev. Scotty Lolley of the Living Waters Assembly of God spoke in support of the project.

"I mean no disrespect but it seems to me that we keep waiting on a grant here and a grant there for our kids but our county is not willing to sow any of its own seed into their lives," he said.

"Meaning no disrespect, that's how we've gotten all of our sports

complexes," Sanders replied. "We waited over in Carrabelle for many, many years. We support our youth 100 percent. That's why we have youth going to all these tournaments and World Series but I'm really concerned with what Marcia (Johnson) said about depleting the (capital outlay fund). If we were to get a storm, that's what we would have to use."

Carla Cates, a parent of soccer players, said, "Children are getting hurt on our fields; one of whom was my daughter. Honestly, we need the dirt and we need the sod right away. They're not safe. My daughter's ankle is shot. I'm probably going to have to take her for surgery."

Jackel said the timing of the request was bad because it came at the end of the budget cycle. "We have been bringing this to you since 2012," Sassnett said.

Jackel said she supported the idea of seeking bids for sod and fill dirt, but did not support spending \$200,000. She said there were hidden costs



NIKKI MILLENDER

not covered in the estimate including electrical work on the lights.

Parrish said lights would not be installed in the first phase of work on the field. Lockley moved to dedicate \$57,000 from capital outlay to upgrading the soccer field.

Sanders said the commission should start by considering the cost of fill dirt, sod and irrigation. She said that portion of

the upgrade would cost about \$46,000.

Millender said no labor was included in the estimate. "You're going to have to pay somebody to do it because we don't have support from the prisoners," she said.

Jackel suggested the commission review bids without earmarking money. The commission voted unanimously to seek bids for the project.

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THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M., IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES, APPEALS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

1 - CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A SEAWALL AND RIP RAP REVETMENT WITHIN THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 1527 EAST GULF BEACH DRIVE, LOT 6, TRACT 50, EAST END, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GARLICK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, INC., AGENT FOR BRUCE GRADY, OWNER.

2 - CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION TO DENY A BUILDING PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AND TO DISCONNECT ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THIS LOT. THIS PROPERTY IS DESCRIBED AS 696 EAST BAYSHORE DRIVE, LOT 13, BLOCK 35, UNIT 4, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. APPEAL SUBMITTED BY JOHN CLARK AND DIANE WYATT, OWNERS.

3 - CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO CONSTRUCT A TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AND A HEIGHT VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT THE 260 SELF-SUPPORTING TOWER ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LYING IN SECTION 23-08S-06W-0000-0010-0010, 1250 US HIGHWAY 98, EASTPOINT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY JAMES JOHNSTON WITH SHUTTS & BOWEN, LLP, AGENT FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD.

4 - CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO EXTEND AN EXISTING ROCK REVETMENT TO THE EAST WITHIN THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 2043 TURPENTINE TRAIL, LOT 17, BAY COVE VILLAGE, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GARLICK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, INC., AGENT FOR DANNY & PATRICIA HAYES, OWNERS.

5 - CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A SEAWALL AND RIP RAP REVETMENT WITHIN THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 1529 EAST GULF BEACH DRIVE, LOT 7, TRACT 50, EAST END, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GARLICK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, INC., AGENT FOR ERIK LAWRENCE JOHNSON, OWNER.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL ADDRESS THESE REQUESTS AT THEIR MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2014.

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

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Arlington takes 2 games out of 3 from locals

The Bald-Headed Reporter and the Squint-Eyed Photographer on the job

Apalachicola fell down good and hard on the second and third days. Georgians were shown a good time while in the city. Come again boys!

The midsummer snooze of this dreamy little bailiwick was suddenly disturbed Monday afternoon when its denizens suddenly perceived Harry Fanning, paint pot in one hand and a mop in the other, excitable hurrying to and fro, defacing nice clean windows downtown, by applying in great globs of paint monstrous and most absurd hieroglyphics announcing thus:

Arlington Vs. Apalach, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The infection was spontaneous. Bill Buzzett jerked his straw Katy down to the top of his ears, crunched a brand new stogie to the bone and murmured, "I'll be _____." George Ramsey drew two hitches on his britches and yanked up his belt about four holes, while Bill Lovett gulped down a titanic wad of "Tiger" and groaned. Even wise, serene old Doc Weems forgot his dignity hanging on a hook in the office, while those inevitable gauntlets had entirely disappeared. Charlie Lovett chattered like a magpie and drew out his Ingersoll to note the time for the beginning of the game, though this was Monday, and last but not least the press bunch began to ransack the pockets of old discarded vests and coast for a last season's pass book, for they too were infected with the spirit of baseball and this season's "compliments" had not yet materialized.

So, Wednesday came at last, and with it came the Arlington bunch. They did their little do and departed again leaving behind them aching hearts and empty purses.

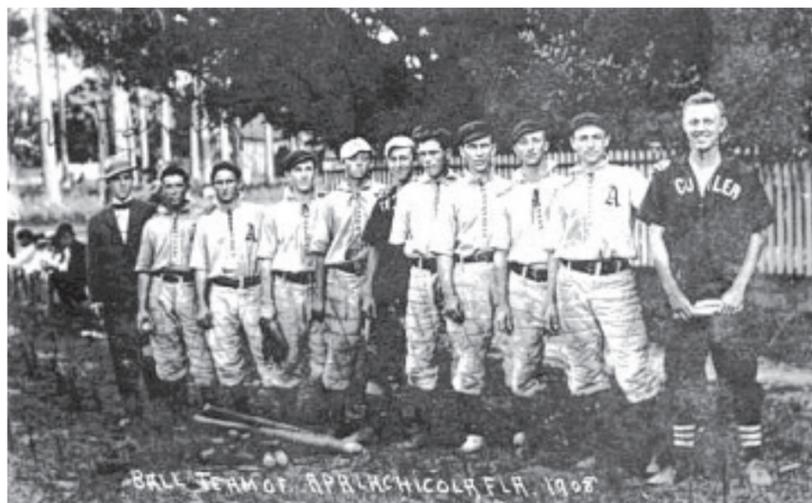
Veni, Vidi, Vici was the message Caesar sent to Rome after he had conquered in Pontus. "Wea-wawa—hitchka was the message sent home by the Arlington bunch last night meaning "We got their Goat, their Bacon and their Money," for truly there is no one to gainsay that they didn't. They stole in on us like a thief at midnight; they came down upon our little fold and sheared the wool from our little flock leaving them to die a lingering death from despair.

But such are the fortunes of baseball. Stop the hanker in human makeup for baseball and in a generation or two men all go to grass like Nebuchadnezzar.

The Arlington boys showed up to be one of the fastest and cleanest bunch in their line we have had the pleasure to cross bats with. They played the game from every angle and seemed to hit almost at will. They were generous too, for they passed up the first game to us by a neat margin of 2 to 0, but the second game they had reserved for themselves and took it by the delicious score of 9 to 1. The third was the rubber and, of course, the most interesting one, but this they grabbed too, but not without the most strenuous kind of a scrap by a score of 6 to 5.

FIRST GAME

The game opened with three stiff raps in succession, each one of



FLORIDA MEMORY PROJECT

Apalachicola baseball team circa 1908, from left to right: Mr. Fanning, Frank Martina, Bob Nedley, Albert Hickey, John Theobald, Chauncey Coombs, Andy Wing, Joe Hickey, Charlie Hobart, Percy Coombs.

them directly between first and second, in which territory was camped our friend and second baseman Albert Hickey. This very much abbreviated specimen of the genus homo delighted to be fed just such things as these and in turn scooped them up in one-two-three order after the fashion of Hans Wagner with "narry an error." Later in the game this same genius accepted two more chances, regular grass cutters, handling them in most approver fashion. All of which makes this poor scribe's heart feel glad within him and creates a desire to deposit on top of that bald pate of his one long, sweet, lingering, old time kiss, "like Mother used to make."

In the second inning occurred a series of wallops which brought in two runs for Apalachicola, the only runs of the game, after which Hodge pitching for Arlington, tightened up and wrapped them around the batters necks so closely that they were unable to touch him for the remainder of the game.

In the fourth the spectators had the rare pleasure of seeing one of the nearest plays that have been pulled off on the local lot for several seasons—a double. It was an infield hit, and a stiff one too, but the pride and idol of the fans, Rodman Porter, who starred as pitcher was the boy to put a stop to the ball's migratory tendencies in regular big league style, whiffing it to second, Johnnie Theobald being camped thereon, who in turn snapped it to first where "Long John" Nedley had one of his No. 12s slapped on the bag and the other about fourteen feet over towards second, with his arms making up the rest of the distance to a point half way to the latter. Let us say, by the way of parenthesis, that it must be a mighty wide ball that this elongated individual can't make connection wit, once he draws out all the kinks in his spinal vertebrae and extends to their full capacity the remarkably long antennae with which nature has so generously provided him. Go it, Old Scout, there are no more like you in Apalach.

Again, in the seventh there was executed a neat and very quick double, which caused spectators to squint at one another in approving manner and heave a sigh, not of sorrow, but of delight and admiration. The opposition had a man on third and one on second with only one man down. The next batter up heaved a mighty one, about neck-high which left a trail of blue smoke and green fire

in its wake the fumes of which virtually permeated the atmosphere of even the bleachers, straight in the direction of our invulnerable and speedy little shortstop Johnnie Theobald. This little demon pulled it down out of its fiery trail and, like a catapult, shot it into the middle of "Buster" Porter who was covering third, nearly lifting this lad off his feet. The runner had started for home with the crack of the bat, but lo, what a weeping and wailing, for both men.

En fin, the game tarried along until the beginning of the ninth with a perfect string of goose eggs for Arlington, but right here clouds began to gather, and we feared a repetition of the last inning of the last game played here with St. Joe, when they piled up four runs on us. It happened thus: First man up made a hit, stole second and finally got to third some way or other. Next man up bunted to Rodman Porter, he being unable to pick it up. The ball seemed to wiggle around in the sand like Josh Billings' flea: "They spring from low places and can spring further and faster than enny of the bug brutes. One flea will go all over a man't suburbs in 2 minnits. It is impossible to do ennything well with a flea except to swear, and they ain't afraide of that; the only way is kwit bizzness of all kinds to hunt for the flea and when you found him he isn't there. This iz one uv the flea misteries, the fakulty they uv being entirely lost jist as sune az you have fownd them." However, he eventually found the ball, but his man was safely on first and took second in less than a minute afterwards. The status of the game at this point was one man down, one on second and one on third; then things begin to look hazy and it seemed to us that the smile of confidence which Rodman had been wearing thus far had disappeared from his countenance. Then, the next man up smashed one way into the empyrean, but oh, what a relief when we saw it drop safely into a big sack which Maddox was holding for just such as these out in deep center. Status now was better, but still looked dangerous. The next ball hit was a high bouncer over Rodman's head, he nailed it squarely over his head and pegging it to first, thus retiring the side and salting the first game down for keeps.

SECOND GAME

With the scalps of the visitors dangling from their belts, and whetting their appetites for another feast, the local association of alleged ball players

trotted on the field to make one more good meal off the unsuspecting Georgians. But often, the "best laid plans of mice and men gang oft a-glee," and the out come of the second game was one of these occasions. In fact, the plotting villain was "hoist by his own petard," and instead of crunching the bones of the helpless Arlingtonites and running them around like a bunch of sheep, the tables were turned and it became a game of shell, or, shell game. There the ball was and there it was not and Josh Billings' flea was once more brought to mind. It seemed as though some person in sympathy with the visitors fed the locals on monkey food, who at once began to chatter in good fashion in the first inning when the visitors shoved two runs across the pan.

Sangaree poked the food to the visitors and they pounced on it like hungry beasts.

Poor old "Mother" Coombs! She waddled about her little bunchlet and piped around the first hoarse whispers and again in unmistakably impatient cackles then again when some of her little bunch seemed to need a little encouragement she would coo a soft and gentle assortment of notes peculiar to herself, but alack and alas! Her little tribe was dying an ignominious death, and out of shame she, like the ostrich, buried her head in the sand that she might not see the heavens fall upon them.

Our infield and outfield were kept on the run during the entire game, and always the ball went where the fielder was not.

In the third inning the visitors annexed four more runs, while our little brave bunch had as yet not scored.

Doctor Fate prescribed the same dose again in the fifth when two more of our strenuous visitors completed the circuit.

In our half of the fifth, this man whom we were once pleased to call friend, and whom we now delight in calling "brother," by the skin of his teeth or to be more accurate, by a frog hair split four times, came home with that measly run, which was the first and also the last time the locals had the pleasure of circling the bags.

The little band then wended their way to their own little domicile, where Ma was asked to pour oil on the troubled waters of a defeated spirit.

The result of this bame so demoralized the local fans mental equilibrium, that one, who seemed more perturbed than the others, sent in to ye scribe the following lamentation: "Luck is sure a woman and how she hates

100 YEARS AGO, BASEBALL WAS FRONT PAGE NEWS

On August 1, 1914, the front page of the Times announced that Austria had declared war on Serbia in retaliation for the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir apparent to the Austrian throne, and his consort. Few people in Apalachicola or anywhere in the US could have imagined the impending horrors of World War I.

Next to the grim news about Europe, was a column that was probably more widely read in the little seaside town. That summer, there was baseball every night of the week in Apalachicola. The following column is the breathtaking account of a tripleheader Apalachicola lost to Arlington, Ga.

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CATCHING THE BALL

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Come in and have a look.

A. J. ZINGARELLI.

An ad from Aug. 1, 1914, The Times

Sangaree. Sangaree, you must be an ugly fellow, for Miss Luck just can't smile on you.

Without doubt Sangaree is one of our best slab artist. He has the goods and delivers them but if he wins a game it is up to him and the catcher. Beautiful support is afforded all of our twirlers till the luckless Sangaree steps upon the mound. The boys then become pill chasers booting the ball about, fumbling, muffing and cussing. Say, why not argue the case with Miss Luck and give the four-eyed pitcher a chance?"

THIRD GAME

The third game was a most exciting scene. "The sun was in the sky. The wind was in the air, and the birds were nowhere and angels of both genders fluctuated past to and fro, here a little and there a good deal."

The game opened promptly with two hits on the part of the visitors, a series of errors and some loose fielding, during which interim the ball was being hurled first over the catcher's head and then over into the gardens. "Long John" Nedley let an easy grounder fizzle between his feet and stubbed his toe on another, while Frank Martina slammed the ball from center field over the catcher's head, and by this time pandemonium reigned supreme." Theobald put a stop to this aggressiveness on the part of the visitors by making a magnificent stop of a grounder at third and a few moments later duplicated the performance at second.

Jean Hickey made the third out by negotiating a fancy catch in right field, retiring to the side.

In the second we scored. Martina opened the pot for a nice single, Theobald running for him after first base, this individual promptly stealing second. Coombs bunted safely for first, stole second while Theobald camped on third. Maddox singled beautifully, scoring Martina and our Captain Coombs, then stole second. Buster Porter took first on balls and Hickey went out on an infield fly. Maddox stole third but died there, as Theobald threw out.

Again in the fifth Albert Hickey hit to deep left for two bases. Floeger whizzed. Theobald bunted, while Hickey took third, having to take a header in order to negotiate the bag, and Theobald in the meantime stole second. Hickey came home on Jean's bunt, while Theobald was pegged out at home plate. Then came "Long John" Nedley who bunted, stole second while Jean was stealing home. Martina fanned.

In the sixth Buster evacuated the fort and Rodman assumed command, this gent holding the bunch down to a string of goose eggs for the rest of the game. In our half of the 6th we scored one more run. Coombs got to first on balls and was promptly caught napping. Maddox reached first in the same manner, stole second and either by hook or by crook, negotiated third and finally came home on a passed ball. Hickey whizzed.

'Licensing on Wheels' here Aug. 15

Special to the Times

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles places a high value on customer service. Offering 11 mobile units dramatically enhances our ability to make our services more accessible.

They provide a convenient method to get a first-time license or renew a driver license (\$48 for Class E, fees vary for CDL), con-

vert an out-of-state license (\$48), obtain a replacement for a lost or stolen driver license (\$25), change a name or address on a driver license (\$25), get an identification card (\$25), renew a vehicle registration (fees vary) and purchase a specialty license plate.

They also offer the Department's critical safety services, such as emergency contact information registration and safety

campaigns by the Florida Highway Patrol.

The Florida Licensing on Wheels bus will here from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15 at the old Franklin County jail, behind the county courthouse, at 33 Market St. in Apalachicola.

No written or driving tests are given from mobile units. The five FLOW mobiles provide services out of a large bus, which makes them great for large

and outdoor events. The six Mini-FLOWS are set up at a table, which accommodates smaller venues and indoor events.

For your convenience, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles accepts cash, checks and credit cards.

For more information, call a community outreach specialist at 850-617-2628 or 850-443-0406.



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Arrest REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests listed were made by officers from the Apalachicola and Carrabelle police departments, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Highway Patrol and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

July 22

James T. Estes, 48, Apalachicola, boating under the influence (FWC)

July 23

Adam D. Garry, 24, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked, and violation of probation (FCSO)

Carlos E. Russell Jr., 41, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)

Linda A. Diopaez, 41, Eastpoint, Dade County warrant for withholding child support (FCSO)

Patricia A. Keil, 45, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

July 24

Jason M. Rudd, 33, Carrabelle, withholding child support (CPD)

July 25

Heather L. Hicks, 26, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Brian S. Hardy, 53, Carrabelle, DUI (FHP)

July 26

Joshua W. Cooper, 26, Apalachicola, violation of probation, resisting officer with violence and battery on a law enforcement officer (APD)

July 29

Dakota D. Crum, 18, Bristol, felony battery - great bodily harm, and tampering with a witness (FCSO)

FWC REPORT

During the week of July 18 to 24, Officers Allen, Marlow, Stephens, Jones, Martin, Harrison, Anderson and Nelson conducted a boating safety detail working the Apalachicola Bay area. There were 52 vessels and 111 users checked, resulting in eight citations and 35 warnings issued. This included multiple cases for commercial possession of undersized oysters, a BUI arrest and medical emergency assistance.

Marlow and Jones were working Apalachicola River and observed a vessel operating up river. The vessel eventually drove up into the marsh. The officers went to investigate and Allen, Stephens and Martin, in a separate vessel, went to investigate as well.

Upon coming on scene, the vessel was observed still in forward gear with the operator slumped over the steering wheel and unresponsive. The operator was eventually awakened after several minutes, transported to EMS for evaluation and refused treatment. The operator

showed signs of impairment and field sobriety tasks were completed. The operator was arrested on charges of boating under the influence.

While working the Cherokee Sink Tract of Wakulla Springs State Park, Marlow observed two vehicles parked on the west-side boundary and tracked several sets of foot tracks to an eight-foot fence that is posted "No Trespassing." The tracks continued onto the other side and down to the sink.

Marlow located 14 individuals at the sink. Officers Raker, Maynard and Anderson arrived to assist and 17 warnings and six citations were issued to the group ranging from fee evasion, unlawful entry and alcoholic beverage consumption.

Officers Gore and Hellett were conducting surveillance at the St. Andrews Park jetties when they observed two snorkelers with pole spears and no dive flag working the jetty rocks. After about 20 minutes, the snorkelers were checked and found to possess a speared spade fish. A citation was

issued for spear fishing in a state park and written warnings issued for the dive flag violation.

Officer Forehand was working in a covert capacity in the Caryville area, in Washington County, when he observed several subjects preparing three separate vessels to go fishing on the Choctawhatchee River. He noted the subjects were loading the vessels with coolers and nets and no fishing poles. He also overheard them talking about chains and cables.

Forehand waited for them to return and contacted K-9 Officer Guy to respond to the area for assistance. Shortly after sunset, the three vessels returned to the boat ramp a few minutes apart. Forehand made contact with the subjects in an attempt to view any obvious violations. The subjects acted very nervous and seemed eager to recover their vessels and depart the area.

Forehand identified himself and began to conduct a resource inspection of the subjects and their vessels. Guy arrived on scene to assist. The subjects had numerous catfish in each vessel and no legal fishing gear upon inspection. During the inspections, one of the subjects admitted to using a shocking device to catch the fish and disclosed its location in one of the vessels. He also disclosed the location of the cables and chains used to shock the fish. Seven subjects were issued citations for taking freshwater fish by illegal method.



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WATER SAFETY INVESTIGATION

ATTENTION: Apalachicola Water Customers

In May 2013, the City of Apalachicola Water System notified residents that their water failed to meet standards set by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the EPA.

During routine safety testing, the City of Apalachicola found levels of trihalomethanes (THMs) more than 50% higher than established maximum contaminant levels for drinking water.

THMs can also be inhaled and absorbed through the skin. Researchers discovered that blood concentrations of THMs rose 5- to 15-fold following such routine activities as showering, bathing and hand washing.

Often found in industrial solvents and refrigerants, THMs are considered carcinogenic and have been linked to numerous life-threatening health effects:

- Liver or Kidney Failure
- Liver or Kidney Cancer
- Colon or Rectal Cancer
- Bladder Cancer
- Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes
- Serious Central Nervous System Damage

If you or a loved one has received such a diagnosis, or a family member has died from one of these conditions, and if your water is provided by the City of Apalachicola, please contact our firm for a free consultation.

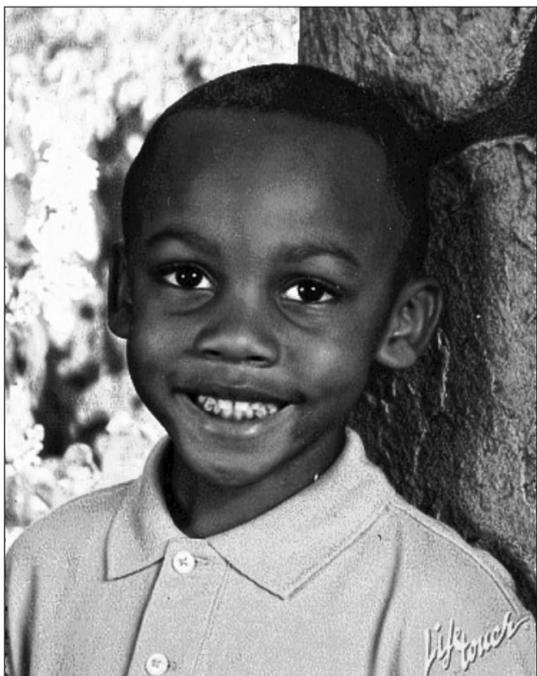
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Birthdays



Ja'Christin Croom turns 5

Ja'Christin Ty'Wone Ky'Mel Croom celebrated his fifth birthday on Saturday, July 26, 2014, with family and friends, along with his favorite Batman theme. He turned 5 on July 24.

Love, hugs and kisses

to you from your mother, father and papa.

His grandparents are Phillip and Deandra O'Neal, of Apalachicola, Hayward and Christy Mills, of Tallahassee, Freda Harris, of Port St. Joe, and Larry Croom, of Miami.

Great-grandparents are Clarence and Evelyn Williams, of Apalachicola.



Ja'Brayla Croom turns 4

Ja'Brayla Le'Andria Nichelle Croom celebrated her fourth birthday on Saturday, July 26, 2014 with family and friends, along with her favorite Doc McStuffins theme. She turned 4 on July 28.

Love, hugs and kisses

from your mother, father and papa.

Her grandparents are Phillip and Deandra O'Neal, of Apalachicola, Hayward and Christy Mills, of Tallahassee, Freda Harris, of Port St. Joe, and Larry Croom, of Miami.

Great-grandparents are Clarence and Evelyn Williams, of Apalachicola.



Averie Johnson turns 6

Averie Elisabeth Johnson turned 6 on Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

Averie is the daughter of Brett and Carrie Johnson, of Apalachicola, and big sister to brother Easton Brice Johnson.

Her maternal

grandparents are Beckie and Ronnie Jones, of Apalachicola, and the late Scott McDaniel; and Chris and Judy Griffin, of Phenix City, Alabama.

Her paternal grandparents are Robbie and Marcia Johnson, of Apalachicola.

We all love you very much sweet princess.



Antrell O'Neal turns 3

Antrell Javarian O'Neal celebrated his third birthday, and his uncle A.C. Franklin his 25th birthday, on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 with family and friends, along with Antrell's favorite Spiderman theme.

Antrell is the son of Austin O'Neal and Quanteka Croom, of

Apalachicola.

His grandparents are Phillip and Deandra O'Neal, of Apalachicola, Jeff and Cydell Lockley, of Apalachicola, and Ricardo Manning, of Panama City.

Great-grandparents are Clarence and Evelyn Williams, of Apalachicola, Granville and Dolores Croom, of Apalachicola, Mrs. Mildred Croom, of Apalachicola, and Douglas and Liva O'Neal, of Havana.



Janette Pooser turns 95

Ned and Polly Pooser visited Ned's mother, Janette Pooser, in Winter Garden last week on the occasion of her 95th birthday.

Janette was the first child of James and Grace Hathcock Jenkins. She was born in Apalachicola on July 26, 1919, and lived there until her father moved the family to Bartow during the Depression.

Pictured above are, from left, Ned Pooser of Franklin County, Janette Pooser of Winter Garden, and Ned's sister, Jenny Pooser Brown, also of Winter Garden.

LEGION POST COMMANDER INDUCTED



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Second District Commander Willie Jackson of Quincy, right, presented Larry Hale, outgoing commander of the Willoughby Marks American Legion Post 106, with a certificate of merit at a dinner July 24 to mark the induction of the post's new officers. Incoming Post Commander Al Mirabella, left, also received a certificate of merit. The meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Apalachicola because two air conditioners stolen from the post in mid-July have not been replaced.

Pet of the Week!



SHASTA is a beautiful and gentle spaniel. She is about a year and a half old and will make a great indoor companion. She is heartworm positive but we can have her treated for the adopter. If someone would like to sponsor her heartworm treatment, please call 850-670-8417 to discuss.

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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ST. GEORGE ISLAND SIZZLER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2014 - ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FL

**17TH ANNUAL
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**2014
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ST. GEORGE ISLAND
TATE'S HELL TRACK CLUB

**ONE MILE
FUN RUN**

A Tate's Hell Track Club Production Benefiting the Franklin County Humane Society

3:00 pm - Onsite Registration/Package Pickup in Lighthouse Park
5:30 pm - One Mile Fun Run
6:00 pm - 5K race
6:30 pm - Post Race Party and Awards

REGISTRATION

On-site registration fee is \$30.00 for the Race, Post Race Party & Sizzler Beach Towel (if available).

POST RACE PARTY AND AWARDS

This year's party and awards presentations will be held at the Lighthouse Pavilions in the center of St. George Island.

ENJOY FRESH LOCAL SEAFOOD, BEVERAGES WHILE AWARDS ARE PRESENTED.

ADDITIONAL POST PARTY TICKETS: \$12 ADULTS - \$7.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12
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Share a lunch with us at senior center Aug. 7

Didn't see you at the ice cream social last Sunday, so I went ahead and ate a cup of ice cream for you. Yum, yum! Had a nice steady crowd during the three hours and collected a good amount for Ken and Linda. A big thank-you to all those who supported the social and thanks to the candidates for treating us to the ice cream.



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

Mark Thursday, Aug. 7 on your calendar and join us for lunch at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center. Sarge and his crew will have a good meal prepared for us. Serving begins at noon. Be watchin' for you. Our monthly covered dish at Sacred Heart Church will be on Saturday, Aug. 9. Father Eddie will be back from his bike ride, close

to 4,000 miles and we will have a dinner to welcome him back. Hope to see you there. Keep Saturday, Aug. 16 open. We will have breakfast at the Lanark Village Boat Club from 9 to 11 a.m. Our faithful volunteers will prepare and serve your choice of pancakes, French toast, bacon or sausage, eggs, grits juice and coffee. All of that for a donation of \$5. Hope you can make it. Later on Saturday night, you can work

off the calories from breakfast at the Camp Gordon Johnston Birthday Bash. Finger food, your favorite beverage, good company and music, music, music! Can't beat that for Saturday night. Everyone welcome to join us. Then on Sunday, after church, come on over to Chillas Hall and join us for our monthly covered dish. Chow line forms at 1 p.m. Just bring a dish to share a donation and your empty stomach and enjoy

the afternoon, the good food and the company. Of course, you can always enjoy hamburgers and chips on Friday nights and pizza on Sunday night at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82. Hamburger night starts at 6 p.m. and your donation of \$6 will fill you right up. Pizza requires a donation of \$1 per slice, \$8 for a whole pizza and \$10 for pizza on the run. Everyone welcome. Just dial 697-9998 to place your

order to go. Hope Dot Bless is recovering from her back surgery. Keep her, Bob Dietz, Jim Bove and, of course, Ken La Paz in your prayers. Be kind to one another and keep smiling. You may not feel any better, but everyone else will wonder what you're up to. Until next time, check in on the sick and housebound. God bless America, our troops, and the poor, the homeless and the hungry.

Obituary

Frosso Nichols



FROSSO NICHOLS

Frosso Nichols passed away on Tuesday, July 22, in a Jacksonville hospital. She was born in Anhelos, Greece on June 30, 1933 to Constantine and Anastasia Kines. She graduated from Volos High School. Frosso had four older brothers, George, John, Vasili and Andrew. She was preceded in death by George and John. In 1956 while on a Greek cruise, she met her future husband,

Photis, and after a whirlwind romance they were married 15 days later. She is survived by her husband, Photis and three sons, George, Photis Jr., and Constantine, as well as two grandsons, Photis III and Antonis. Frosso was a life member of the Greek Orthodox Church and Philoptochos Society and

was very active earlier in her life. She lived in Apalachicola with her physician husband for 50 years and attended the Greek Orthodox Churches in Tallahassee and Panama City. She was active in both churches. She was a member of the Bible Study Group of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Apalachicola and upon

moving to Jacksonville 12 years ago, she joined the Queens Harbour Bible Study group. Funeral services were held on Friday, July 25 in Jacksonville. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions be made to St. John Greek Orthodox Church building fund, 3850 Atlantic Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Hardage-Giddens, The Oaklawn Chapel, is handling arrangements.

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church

Noon- 1 p.m. Open Discussion
• Carrabelle, Church of the Ascension, 110 NE First Street
7:30-8:30 p.m. Big Book/12&12, Open

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

• Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church
5:30-6:30 p.m. Open Discussion
• Carrabelle, Church of the Ascension
7:30-8:30 p.m. Open Discussion

SATURDAY

• Alligator Point Mission By The Sea

5:30-6:30 p.m. Discussion Group
• Eastpoint First United Methodist Church, 317 Patton Dr.
7:30-8:30 p.m. AA Speakers Meeting, Open

SUNDAY

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

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, The courage to change the things I can, And the wisdom to know the difference

Raneys to gather at Saturday booksigning

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 Saturday.

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. McFerrin is a freelance short story writer, contributor to Senior Living newspaper and docent at the Raney House Museum in Apalachicola.

"From the wilds of the new territory of Florida in the 1800s to seventh generation Raneys in modern day Florida, the family plays a vital role in history," said McFerrin. "You'll find a detailed



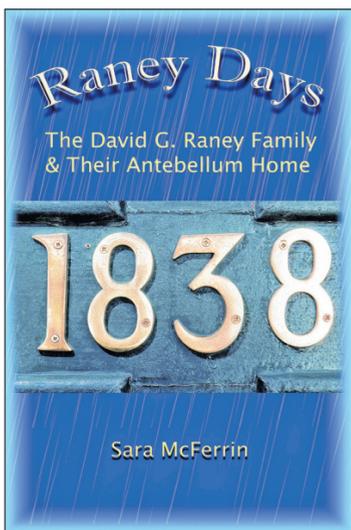
SARA MCFERRIN

account of the Raneys and how their antebellum home was rescued and restored. Family members have shared stories and photographs. Actually, there are over one hundred 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 Stoia, descendant of Judge George P. Raney. Stoia 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, please send your RSVP to susanclementson@gmail.com. Raney Days is available for purchase at Downtown Books & Purl, Apalachicola.

Faith BRIEF

First Pentecostal VBS next week

The First Pentecostal Vacation Bible School will run from Monday through Friday, Aug. 4 to 8, nightly from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the church on 379 Brownsville Road, in Apalachicola. Geared for ages 4 to 12, the VBS' theme is "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind." Registration is Monday, Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. For more info, call Terry Tipton at 653-5803 or the church at 653-9372. Check out Apalachicola Fphc on Facebook for more info!

Card of THANKS

The Wasmund Family

The Wasmund family would like to thank everyone in our community who prayerfully sought God's will the past few weeks for Paul M. Wasmund. Although PAUL has gone on to be with the LORD, he will remain in our thoughts and memories for many years. To all those who provided food, flowers, cards and visited our home, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your unselfish kindness; may God bless you all.

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'THIS IS HISTORY'

Cape San Blas Lighthouse now looms over George Core Park

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With a hoot of cheers from spectators last Thursday morning, roughly two hours after workers began, the Cape San Blas Lighthouse ascended to its position as the highest point in Port St. Joe.

The 91-foot, 60-ton structure was raised from its side to its rightful stature standing sentinel in George Core Park as three cranes and more than a dozen workers skillfully and without event put the lighthouse on its new foundation along the waterfront in Port St. Joe.

"It's surreal," said Charlotte Pierce of the St. Joseph Historical Society which has worked for more than a decade to save and preserve the lighthouse. "We would have loved for it to stay on the Cape but obviously that was not an option."

"I'm just excited to see it saved and preserved for generations to come to and enjoy."

And unlike the last time Mother Nature forced the lighthouse further inland – more than a century ago – the images of this move will last beyond many of our lifetimes as dozens were stationed around the park with video cameras, personal cameras, phones and most any other device with which to snap a memory.

Spectators came with lawn chairs and towels to sit on and folks ringed the park as the lighthouse was carefully raised and its four legs – seems hardly the proper word for the large steel beams of the base – placed on footers poured more than two weeks ago.

"This is history," said local photographer Clarence Monette who filmed the work.

The process of raising the lighthouse, like the move the previous Tuesday of the tower and

ancillary buildings from Cape San Blas to town, went remarkably smoothly, save for the sound of a heavy chain breaking early in the process that seemed to unnerve all but the contractor and his crew from Ducky Johnson House Movers.

In fact, the Ducky Johnson crew, which lost its namesake leader several years ago, reinforced its legend established, at least in Port St. Joe, after crews moved several giant structures, including an 800-ton condenser, off the old paper mill site.

But with the lighthouse and two keepers' quarters now in place – the oil house is to be moved this week – the work is hardly over.

As noted by Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson two weeks ago there is cleanup needed to the lighthouse structure – sanding, maybe a new coat of paint – but particularly to the keepers' quarters.

The house that was once home to the Cape San Blas Lighthouse Gift Shop has, in the nearly two years since it was deemed the lighthouse was under threat of coastal erosion and declared surplus by the U.S. Air Force, has come under disrepair.

The Gift Shop, in the short term, will continue to operate from the adjacent historic Maddox House.

One of the quarters has a restroom, but the other does not which will be consideration for future plans.

"We just don't know what we will do with the gift shop, yet," Pierce said.

Pierce said the Historical Society will likely undertake a community fundraising campaign to facilitate necessary work to the structures.

Pierce said in addition to some cleaning and general "spiffing up" the lighthouse tower will be inspected to ensure it survived the relocation



without injury, with an aim toward resuming the full-moon climbs that were so popular before nature forced a stop.

The Historical Society is also reaching out to the Coast Guard to examine options for installation of some kind of light – it cannot in lighthouse lantern room.

Landscaping around the complex is also on the to-do list.

That, however, is in the future.

For now there was satisfaction for the members of the Historical Society, a couple of dozen strong, who wrote applications for state grants, appeared at state hearings for those grants

and somehow came away with the funds to restore the keepers' quarters and rehabilitate the lighthouse tower.

The organization also worked through the red tape of the Air Force and the Board of County Commissioners to broker a lease for the property and buildings, which paved the way, eventually, for the full-

moon climbs.

"So few people, with the help of others – just look at what they were able to accomplish," Pierce said. "At this point, I am sure it was the good Lord's blessing that got us through."

"I think it is going to be an awesome asset to the community and to the county."

Anglers divided on red snapper amendment

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PANAMA CITY — A proposed amendment to split the recreational red snapper sector has caused a split among anglers in the Gulf region.

The amendment, under consideration by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, proposes dividing the current recreational red snapper allocation between for-hire operators, which includes charter and head boats, and private recreational anglers who now share the same portion of the catch.

Under current regulations, the red snapper catch is split between just two sectors, with 51 percent allotted to commercial anglers and 49 percent to recreational anglers.

Although most stakeholders agree something needs to be done to boost the number of fishing days in federal waters — this year's recreation-

al season was just nine days — the opinions on how to get there are divided.

"The main purpose of this is to address the fact that the for-hire share of the catch has gone way down over the last five years or so," said Roy Crabtree, Southeast regional administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries. "That's largely a result of state waters being opened up outside of the federal season."

Despite a longer season in state waters this year, many charter boats were kept onshore due to a provision in the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the law that governs U.S. fisheries management, that says federal for-hire permit holders can fish only when federal waters are open.

"I think there's general agreement among everyone that what we're doing now is not working," Crabtree said. "We need to find a different way to manage the fishery."

If the Gulf Council chooses to move forward with sector separation, which would break out the almost 1,300 boats that hold federal for-hire permits, it also would need to take action on how to split the quota and set the seasons. Additionally, the council will consider adopting an option for federal for-hire anglers to "opt out" and rejoin the private recreational sector.

Beginning next month, the Gulf Council will host a series of public scoping meetings on the controversial issue, with one set in Panama City on Aug. 12. Crabtree said the council will discuss sector separation at its next meeting in Biloxi, Miss., on Aug. 25-29, but it is unlikely to make a decision before an October meeting in Mobile, Ala.

Although proponents of sector separation say it would give for-hire anglers more flexible seasons and better accountability, those in opposition see it as an attempt to further restrict access to the resource by potentially requiring fish tags or catch-share programs similar to those used in the commercial red snapper fishery.

Ultimately, the Magnuson-Stevens Act will dictate how long recreational anglers can fish, regardless of how many sectors are split. By law, the fishery must be shut down if the Gulf-wide recreational quota is met, even if one of the subsectors hasn't met its quota.

THE PROPONENTS

Panama City charter Capt. Billy Archer, a founding member of the Charter Fisherman's Association, said sector separation has been a measure the organization has been pushing for the past six years.

"By having two separate sectors, boats like myself with a federal permit, we will have to become accountable," Archer said of a simultaneous effort to require electronic log books on federal for-hire boats to better keep track of the fish being caught. "We'll have to have tools on our boat and submit the number of fish we caught to National Marine Fisheries."

Archer also fishes in the commercial sector, which operates under an individual fishing quota or "catch-share" program. The IFQ program dedicates a portion of the total catch to individuals or corporations that purchase the shares.

The concept of sector separation also has received support from some big environmental groups, including the Environmental Defense Fund, a nonprofit advocacy group that provides funding to organizations that support its mission, including the CFA. During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the CFA received a \$161,000 grant from the EDF.

EDF spokesman Matt Smelser said it's not uncommon for the organization to provide grants to groups with a common purpose.

"If you come to the table as an organization and want to explore ways to better manage the fish stock, we want to work with you," Smelser said. "What Amendment 40 does is open up the possibility for charter businesses that provide access to individuals. This allows them to explore management plans that are the best for them. The bottom line is, nobody wants a nine-day federal season like we had in June."

Gary Jarvis, president of the Destin Charter Boat Association, said his organiza-

tion also has taken a proactive stance in support of the amendment, a move he said would create more accountability for the recreational sector.

"We have no choice but to do this," said Jarvis, who owns Back Down 2 Fishing Charters. "We want to see something where everybody has a level playing field."

Through sector separation, Jarvis said, charter boat operators would have a chance to explore ways to get out on the water more frequently. Options could include implementing an individual fishing quota program or a tag system, he said.

"The science is agreeing with us; we have plenty of allocation. It's just the management plan doesn't allow us to access it," Jarvis said. "It's just time for a new plan."

THE OTHER SIDE

Anglers on the other side of the argument see sector separation as a strategy to radically reduce the number of charter boats on the water by privatizing a public resource.

Chip Blackburn, captain of the charter boat Miss Mary out of Mexico Beach, said charter-for-hire anglers could be faced with high costs to participate in the fishery, from expensive individual fishing quotas or fish tags, ultimately pushing smaller businesses out of the fishery.

On the commercial side, the red snapper IFQ program implemented in 2007 did lead to a reduction in anglers.

A five-year report on the program published by NOAA and the Gulf Council last year showed the number of commercial anglers participating in the red snapper IFQ program had decreased by

25 percent by the end of 2011, and most of the anglers that dropped out of the program held a small percentage of shares.

However, the report also outlines a large number of small shareholders still in the fishery. By the end of 2011, only 18 accounts held more than 1.5 percent of the commercial red snapper shares.

The number of federally-permitted charter boats also has decreased over the last several years, with just 1,300 boats holding federal-for-hire permits in the Gulf, down about 20 percent since 2004, when a moratorium was placed on permit sales.

Blackburn said the EDF-funded groups like the CFA are not a good representation of the for-hire industry.

"They're set up to sound like they represent the entire industry, but in reality they're a very small minority," Blackburn said. "They're the ones that we have to fight against."

Pam Anderson, operations manager at Capt. Anderson's Marina in Panama City Beach, agreed that sector separation is not the answer to fixing the recent "economic tragedy" experienced by recreational fishing industry on the Gulf Coast.

Instead, Anderson challenged NOAA to remedy the situation by implementing a system to collect correct data on the red snapper fishery.

Anderson also is involved with other organizations that have taken a stance against sector separation, including the Panama City Boatman's Association and the Recreational Fishing Alliance.

"We want to maintain an open fishery," Anderson said. "Don't charge us \$10 to \$20 a tag to go and catch a fish."

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, July 31	87°	74°	20 %
Fri, Aug. 01	87°	75°	40 %
Sat, Aug. 02	87°	75°	30 %
Sun, Aug. 03	84°	76°	50 %
Mon, Aug. 04	83°	76°	50 %
Tues, Aug. 05	84°	77°	40 %
Wed, Aug. 06	84°	77°	40 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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:

Bald Point	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03
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APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
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
3	Su	852am 1.8	1104pm 1.2	216am 0.8	442pm 0.5
4	Mo	931am 1.8		250am 1.0	606pm 0.4
5	Tu	111am 1.2	1017am 1.8	330am 1.1	718pm 0.2
6	We	1113am 1.8		819pm 0.1	
7	Th	410am 1.5	1216pm 1.9	650am 1.4	912pm -0.1
8	Fr	444am 1.5	123pm 1.9	815am 1.4	959pm -0.1
9	Sa	512am 1.6	229pm 1.9	917am 1.3	1043pm -0.1

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
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	
3	Su	727am 2.9	939pm 1.9	1203am 1.3	229pm 0.8
4	Mo	806am 2.9	1146pm 1.9	1237am 1.6	353pm 0.6
5	Tu	852am 2.9		117am 1.8	505pm 0.3
6	We	948am 2.9		606pm 0.2	
7	Th	245am 2.4	1051am 3.0	437am 2.2	659pm -0.2
8	Fr	319am 2.4	1158am 3.0	602am 2.2	746pm -0.2
9	Sa	347am 2.6	104pm 3.0	704am 2.1	830pm -0.2

Imported lionfish not welcome in Florida

Special to The Times

Florida is known as a tourist-friendly state, but starting Aug. 1, one visitor no longer be welcome: the invasive lionfish.

Introduced into Florida waters in the late 1980s, lionfish populations have boomed in recent years, negatively impacting native wildlife and habitat.

Several management changes go into effect Aug. 1 that will help the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission combat the growing problem by making it easier for lionfish hunters to remove the spiny predators and limiting further introduction of the species into the waters.



Changes include:

- Prohibiting the importation of live lionfish;
- Allowing lionfish to be removed via spearfishing when diving with a rebreather, a device that recycles air and allows divers to remain in the water for longer periods of time (currently,

you cannot spear any fish when using a rebreather); and

• Allowing participants of approved tournaments and other organized events to spear lionfish or other invasive species in areas where spearfishing is not currently allowed (such as certain state parks or refuges). This will be done through a permitting system.

See or catch a lionfish? Report a sighting by downloading the new Report Florida Lionfish app on a smart device or by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on "Recreational Regulations" (under "Saltwater") and then "Lionfish."

To learn more about lionfish, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Lionfish."

A magical lily

Zephyranthes or Rain Lilies are members of the amaryllis family. There are numerous hybrids and cultivars. Common names for these plants include fairy lily, rainflower, zephyr lily, magic lily and Atamasco lily.

Rain lilies can bloom in spring only or repeat and continue into autumn. They often flower a few days after rainstorms.

Florida is home to two distinct varieties of Atamasco rain-lily, both found in our

area. The basic Atamasco rain-lily (Z. atamasca var. atamasca) has leaves that at least twice as wide as those of Treat's rain-lily (Z. atamasca var. treatiae), but otherwise they are identical.

In Florida, rain lilies are considered a state threatened species.



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RAIN LILIES

Native rain-lilies require open habitats and reasonable moisture to prosper so they are most common to open flatwoods, mowed roadsides and similar types of such

habitats. They often go unnoticed when not in bloom since the plant is similar to a grass unless closely inspected.

Atamasco rain-lily is a perennial evergreen. It originates from a bulb, which produces bulblets off its outer edge over time, which form new plants and eventually create a colony.

Rain-lilies produce large numbers of seed and also propagate themselves this way.

Both pink and white rain lilies are commonly seen in our area in lawns and along the roadside. Because of plentiful rain, they have been abundant this year.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Pier/Surf

Bay fishing continues to be very productive as the heat wave remains us of summer. Trout and redfish are being caught in St. Joe Bay and Crooked Island under popping corks and top-water shots.

Inshore/Bay

Scallops are growing and are getting easier to find as summer progresses. Good spots are east of Eagle Harbor Fire Tower area and east of Black's Island.

Offshore/Bottom

Offshore fishing is slowing down some, but the kingfish bite is still strong. Dusters and cigar minnows will find fish fast but drifting live baits is very productive also.



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Zander McCalpin safe at first with a nice hit ball to right field.

Ozoners take third at state tourney

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The Franklin County Ozone All-Stars took third place in state tournament play at Spring Hill, as they competed for the Florida title among the smaller counties.

The team, under the coaching of Justin Odom and assistants Lanny Rester and Donny Gay, had swept the District 4 All-Star Tournament at D. W. Wilson Field in Apalachicola last month.

The team opened on July 12 with a 17-1 win over Cottondale, that lasted but three innings.

Devon Daniels was on the mound. "He did an excellent job," Gay said. "The team just gelled and played really well that day."

The Most Valuable Player of that game, selected by the Dixie Youth League national directors, was centerfielder Caden Turrell. "With his base running, he bunted the ball and was at first base before they could get to that ball," Gay said.

On Sunday, the local boys lost 14-4 to Marianna in six innings. "We pitched four pitchers that day," Gay said. "They were some big boys. One of the players on their team was 6'3". This kid was tall and he was quick, the fastest kid on the team."

"We hung in there with them the first couple of innings," Gay said. "We just couldn't get a rhythm. Marianna went undefeated in the tournament."

On their off day Monday, July 14, some of the players and their families stayed at the motel, while others went bowling, or went to the mermaid show at Weeki Wachee Springs.



Coach Odom congratulates the team for job well done over Cottondale.

On July 15, the team lost 7-4 to East Lakeland in seven innings, in a game that went into extra innings.

The game was knotted at 4-4 in the sixth. "They tied it up in the top of the sixth, and all we needed was one run in the bottom of the sixth to win the game," he said.

With one out, Matthew Gay singled, but he was left stranded. East Lakeland then got three runs in the top of the seventh for the win.

"Our team imploded, and we started making errors," Gay said.

The team competed in the B Division, for small towns such as Marianna and East Lakeland.

Ozone is a brand of ball the league went with last year, and it tries to capitalize on speed. It allows players to leadoff bases, cites pitchers for balks and has a longer distance to first base and the pitcher's mound.

The team is losing four

THE LINEUP

- No. 3 Jarvis Turrell
- No. 5 Schuyler Donahoe
- No. 8 Devin Daniels
- No. 9 Clint Rester
- No. 11 Jake Norred
- No. 13 Lamarius Martin
- No. 14 Kyron Wheeler
- No. 17 Caden Turrell
- No. 20 Matthew Gay
- No. 21 Josh Odom
- No. 42 Joshua Farmer
- No. 79 Zander McAlpin

players next year who will be too old to continue play in Dixie Youth. "They're amazing athletes — Matthew Gay, Kyron Wheeler, Jake Norred and Zander McAlpin," Odom said. "We wish them all continued success in their athletic ventures."

Because the county does not have a recreational program for boys over age 12, the young men will have the option of playing middle school ball.

Odom said he remains proud of his team this

year. "The community made this possible with their support of our boys and we are very grateful for that," he said. "Without it our kids wouldn't get this experience."

One parent, Chala Parrish, said the experience has been great for players and parents alike. "All of these boys played hard," she said. "They've played together for years. And watching them grow not only as players but lifetime friends is what it's all about for us parents."

UF: Test helps doctors catch more concussions

Special to the Times

On the football field, sometimes the signs of a concussion are subtle. A player may have taken a tough hit but isn't showing symptoms yet, and either doesn't notice anything is wrong or won't report it for fear of being taken out of the game.

Devastating injuries can occur if a concussed athlete continues to play. Luckily, researchers at the University of Florida and New York University have discovered a simple way to improve sideline detection of concussions. In an article published this month in the journal *Neurology: Clinical Practice*, the researchers report that adding one simple test to a team physician's sideline repertoire detected 100 percent of concussions that occurred during games.

"We want coaches to realize that the sooner we get them out, the sooner they can get back to a healthy state," said one of the study's co-authors, James Clugston, M.D., a UF team physician and an assistant professor of community health and family medicine in the UF College of Medicine. "If an athlete is playing with a concussion, there is a greater risk of getting a worse injury. Most of the time that means it takes longer to get better. It's also possible to get post-concussive syndrome, or second-impact syndrome, which may be fatal."

Researchers studied 217 athletes on UF's football team as well as the UF women's lacrosse and women's soccer teams for 18 months. During that time, 30 of the student-athletes were diagnosed with concussions they incurred during game competition or practice, Clugston said.

In the study, researchers

evaluated the King-Devick test. Developed more than two decades ago, this vision test was initially used to evaluate children for learning disabilities. In 2011, NYU researchers, led by Laura Balcer, M.D., published findings showing that the test helped detect brain injury in boxers and mixed martial arts fighters.

During the test, athletes read a series of numbers arranged in patterns on three index cards. Their baseline score is taken prior to play and used later to measure against their scores after a potential injury. During the UF study, this test was used in addition to the two other measures team physicians already use to evaluate potential concussions.

Alone, the King-Devick test identified concussions 79 percent of the time, but when combined with the other two tests — which measure cognition and balance — the trio was 100 percent accurate in recognizing concussions.

"This is the first study that has shown that adding a vision test helps to identify more athletes with concussion and shows the vision-based King-Devick test is very effective in a college setting," said Balcer, a professor of neurology and population health at NYU.

According to a 2013 Institute of Medicine and National Research Council report, concussions occurred in college athletes about every 4.3 out of 10,000 times they were on the field, either to practice or play.

UF team physicians are now using the full trio of tests to identify concussions in many of their athletes. In addition, more studies are planned to evaluate other tests and continue improving ways to detect concussions in athletes, Clugston said.

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A woman-sized fish

Donna Martin from Leslie, Ga., caught this black drum about 7 a.m. Thursday, July 17, in Apalachicola Bay. The fish was about 42 inches long — longer than a yard stick — and weighed about 50 pounds.

SHAD MARTIN | Special to the Times

Amberjack season reopens in Gulf state waters

The recreational harvest of greater amberjack and gray triggerfish in Gulf of Mexico state waters (shore to 9 nautical miles) reopens Friday, Aug. 1.

In Gulf federal waters, greater amberjack also opens Aug. 1, but gray triggerfish will remain closed through Dec. 31.

In both state and federal Gulf waters, greater amberjack must be larger than 30 inches when measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail to be harvested when the season is open. There is a daily bag limit of one fish per person. Gray triggerfish must be larger than 14 inches when measured from the lower jaw to the fork of the tail to be taken in state and federal Gulf waters when the season is open. There is a two-fish daily bag limit per person.

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By Ethel M Jenkins

Special to the Times

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Most of it's funny but some of it's sad

After two short years of life

I was living in turmoil and strife

With too little pride and not much hide

I was trying hard just to survive

Quickly I'd learned that life's not fair

I had landed myself in dog foster care

My foster mom used to pet me and say

"Someone will come along and get you one day"

She said "you're so precious, I'd keep you myself

But there's so many others that really need my help"

So I'll never forget on that September morn

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They bathed me and brushed me - got me ready to go

With a little bag of kibble and my teddy bear in tow

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To wait on my prospects - I was nervous galore!

Then I saw them drive up - park and get out

I ran to greet them with a nudge of my snout

They weren't what I expected

As they knelt down to see

But they didn't seem to notice

That I had a stiff knee

Then I saw the woman's tears

As they rolled down her face

"Oh no" I thought

"I'm not gonna place"

But little did I know those tears

Had nothing to do with me

They were for the pets they'd recently lost

That I couldn't possibly see

So they visited with me awhile

To try and get a "feel" for me

Well would it work out, Or was it not to be?

Then finally I saw them sign the papers

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Thank you Thank you Thank you

I know I've really come far.

So I jumped in the back seat

Ready to start my new life.

Then I hopped to the front seat

To take in the sights

The trip didn't take too long

But I thought we'd never get there

See I was a little anxious

It was 'bout more than I could bear

When we finally pulled up in the driveway that day

I just wanted to jump out — to run some and play

A room full of toys and a two comfy beds

Oh shake and tell me it's not just in my head

A nice fenced-in yard and a doggie door with a view

I'm finally one of those lucky chosen few

Then when I saw my new Dad

With tears on his face

I knew in my heart I had found my right place

Now I used to be called



"Buddy"

And Lord only knows what else

But Dad said "it just doesn't fit -

So I think I'll rename you myself"

Then Dad thought of "Gunsmoke" - this TV show

That used to come on a long time ago

This man had a stiff leg just like me

And so "Chester's" the name he said it would be

My Dad likes to ride me Every day after work

I really love the golf cart

Though sometimes I go berserk

We have a little route Dad made just for us

We both like routine

So there's no need of fuss

First we head around the corner

To Lafayette Park

Where I like to do my business

And I run and I bark

Then we make our way Through the area

downtown

Okay with me

Just don't go near the pound!

Dad also takes me walking

We go every morning and night

Sometimes we hear birds squawking

And sometimes we hear a cat fight

Now Dad likes to play little tricks on me

He fools me time and again

But it's okay - I know it's his way

To just make me feel I fit in

One evening he put on this real scary mask

Then came round the corner of the house

I was startled you see so I ran really fast

He had scared me like a cat with a mouse

Then one time he rigged up his reel and his rod

And pulled a stuffed gator across the yard

I froze and I growled as I stood there in awe

I could not believe what my eyes had just saw

I ran outside to follow it

Just wanting to see where it lead

And there stood Dad shaking his head

So I knew that it had to be dead

But when Dad's under the weather

Until he feels better

Mom ditches our schedule

She thinks is so dreadful

And we head to the Dog Park

That's right down the street

I get so excited

You can hear my heart beat!

I get to see all my friends

Where we act like a bunch of old hens

We sniff and play - that's what it's all about

We run and tumble till our tongues hang out

See I'm a Rat Terrier but don't let that scare ya

There's something that you should know

My Mom thinks I'm great and there's no debate

She says I could be "Best in Show"

Now I love to feel the wind



in my face

Whenever we ride in the boat

But I hate the life jacket they make me wear

So if I fall over I'll float

I like to swim and chase the crabs

When sometimes we go to the beach

But somehow they always manage to stay

Just beyond my reach

There's not many things that upset me

Only one thing that really gets me roweled up

I can hear with my ears when he changes gears

And that would be the U-P-S truck

I run along the fence and chase it

Whenever it passes by

Someday I know I'm gonna catch it

I know this because I really try

So I'll never give up on that U-P-S truck

It's become like a mission in my life

I'll continue to run after it and maybe one day

I'll see more than just it's tail-lights

My Mom's got the most gentle touch

And I know she loves me so very much

Sometimes she gives me this real special look

There's no doubt — I've really got her hooked

She loves to rub me and scratch me a bit

But she's quick to bathe me if she gets a bad whiff

One day as Mom rubbed my belly

She found this heart-shaped spot

Said although it feels like jelly

It's a sign you're a real sweetheart

She sings to me and treats me

Like I'm actually one of them

I know she thinks I'm family

Cause she says I'm next of kin

She always cooks me my favorite foods

She knows I love chicken and fish

So whenever I get hungry I run to the kitchen

And check out what she's put in my dish

Mom's always trying to get me

To eat all my carrots and green beans

But if I look over to Dad

real sad

Sometimes he'll get me ice cream

Occasionally when Dad and I are away

Mom hides treats all over the place

And when I get home — the hunt is on

I feel like I've just hit first base

Now Mom's got all the windows fixed up

Especially for me

So I can see everything that goes on

No matter where I might be

I sit at my post and I watch and I guard

For anything that moves

I take my job very seriously

So there's not much room to improve

But sometimes I fall sleep

I just can't help myself

So Mom says I might just as well

Be like a book on a shelf

She puts out corn for the squirrels

And seed for the birds that fly by

When dark comes along and they're all gone

The feeders are left bone-dry

But it keeps me entertained

All during the day

While they are at work

And I'm home at play

I love to chase squirrels - they're everywhere

I sure wish I could climb a tree

But I can't catch a one no matter how fast I run

They must'a found out 'bout my knee

One of the best things I find so pleasing

Mom puts blankets in the dryer when it's freezing

She knows when it's cold that I shiver and shake

So she heats them up and it makes me feel great

I roll and I snuggle and I bury myself up

'Till I'm toaster warm and feel like a pup

Mom and I play hide and seek

And we also play fetch ball

I could play for a very long time

But I'm afraid that she might fall

I met my girlfriend in the park one day

She just wanted to chase me and wrestle and play

Now she's not a mutt

Her name is "Starbutts"

I know that sounds bizarre

So we just call her Star

But just to make everything

Absolutely clear

She has a white star

Right there on her rear

Sometimes she sleeps over

And stays for a while

Then I start to get jealous

And a little hostile

So she heads on home

And I'm left all alone

But I know she'll be back

If I cut her some slack

Now it's been almost two years

Since that faithful day came

I wouldn't change a single thing

I'd keep everything the same

Just two crazy old fools

In love with this dog

Sure hope they know I'm in for the long haul!

So who rescued who? Is the question I ask,

But it doesn't really matter anyway

'Cause they're good for me and I'm good for them

And that's just how it's gonna stay.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The DAWGS in Prison program at the Gulf Forestry Camp graduated class 34 last week.

Canine commencement

DAWGS in Prison graduates Class 34

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Paws in celebration.
On July 23, the Developing Adoptable Dogs With Good Sociability (DAWGS in Prison) program, based out of the Gulf Forestry Camp in White City, graduated its 34th class.

The program, a partnership between the Florida Department of Corrections, the Board of County Commissioners and the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, provides inmates the opportunity work as trainers for the rescued dogs, teaching the animals basic obedience skills and making them adoptable.

In the five years since the program's conception, 355 dogs have graduated the program and 398 inmates have learned the skills of compassion, patience, tolerance and teamwork, all of which will aid them in securing employment upon release.

During each class dogs are brought from the humane society in Port St. Joe to spend eight weeks with a group of inmate trainers, handlers and caretakers.

"If our dogs could talk, they would marvel at the compassion and attention they receive here," said DAWGS co-director Sandi Christy during her graduation speech where she addressed inmates, volunteers and adopters.

"They would tell us the finally have a purpose and enjoy learning new things."

Once the commencement ceremony was complete, the dogs were reintroduced to their new families for some face-to-face time.

During a training overview, inmate caretakers covered basic commands, feeding,

kenneling and tips for integrating the dogs into their homes. Once the proud new owners had mastered the commands the pups headed out of the camp to live with families in around Florida, Rhode Island and New York.

Of the 11 in the class, nine were adopted into "forever homes," though Christy said that if dogs aren't adopted from a class, it doesn't mean there's anything wrong with them. Some dogs might not do well around cats or children and simply have more specific needs. Christy said she strives to find the best fits for both pets and their owners.

"This journey will bring you more love and devotion than you have ever know," Christy told adopters during the ceremony.

Randall Hughes, who lives outside of Boston, was visiting her parents on Cape San Blas earlier in the year when she read about the DAWGS program in the newspaper.

"I read about it in the paper and thought it would be a great program if we wanted to get a dog," Hughes said.

Just a few



Brutus was the winner of the Top Dog award.

months later, Hughes made the decision to increase the family size by one and adopt a dog.

True to her word, Hughes returned to Gulf County in April where she and her children,

ages 5 and 7, visited the humane society. After being introduced to several dogs, Hughes decided on Scout, a female black lab mix.

"Scout was very energetic and friendly," Hughes said. "She's a really good fit."

Hughes said that the program was more than a benefit to adopters; it also helped the trainers involved.

She admitted she felt some remorse for taking Scout from the men who had built such a connection with her over the training period, but was happy that a new class of canines would quickly be brought in to take her place.

"It's a brilliant idea," Hughes said. "You can see the program benefits the inmates too and those benefits outweigh the sadness."



Scout was adopted by the Hughes family from Massachusetts.



Trio was adopted by the Noles family from Panama City.

Every day across the U.S. 10,000 dogs are euthanized due to lack of homes and limited shelter space and resources. Christy reminded Gulf County residents of the free spay and neuter programs offered by the humane society and asked pet owners not to let their animals roam.



The DAWGS in Prison benefits animal and trainer alike.

Aman to refurbish Carrabelle monument

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After learning the metal monuments in Carrabelle's Veterans Park have been damaged by weather, Lanark Village resident and internationally recognized bronze sculptor Fred Aman has volunteered his time to repair the statues. Both the flag and the eagle adorning the memory wall have begun to shed their painted finish.

City Administrator Courtney Millender said Aman plans to sandblast the statues and repaint them. She said the cost of the paint, which should be minimal, will come from a fund overseen by Carrabelle Cares.

Tamara Allen, president of Carrabelle Cares, said the money originally was put aside to provide bricks for families that could not afford them, but Allen said there has been little need for the help.



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NASCAR THIS WEEK

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



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Not even Fastenal could keep Jack and Carl together.

Does a lame duck have any shot at a championship?

Conventional wisdom says no, but Kevin Harvick did very well last year, so Carl Edwards might just be able to make a run at it this year. He's locked into the Chase, and until we go through a year or two with the new format (assuming it lasts two years, of course), we're not sure whether it further increases the chances of the top teams or maybe helps the odds of second-tier teams and, yes, ducks.

So Carl has a chance?

Don't bet on it. For whatever reason, when a driver starts packing his boxes, somehow a handful of horsepower gets thrown in the packing, right there next to the Sunoco cap and spare helmet. On the bright side, there appears to be no hard feelings in the packing, but then again, there's more than three months left.

And Marcos Ambrose?

It certainly appears he's heading back Down Under, which means another driver will be heading Over Yonder to the Petty Motorsports team. Look around and you'll see there's no shortage of young talent available for the King, assuming those pesky contractual issues can be navigated.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



JACK ROUSH CARL EDWARDS

Jack Roush vs. Carl Edwards: Edwards announced he was leaving Roush Fenway Racing after a decade and millions of dollars of investment in him. **Godwin Kelly gives his take:** "Roush doesn't like losing drivers he has developed, especially when they go to the 'dark side,' as Roush refers to Toyota."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: GoBowling.com 400
SITE: Pocono Raceway
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 11 a.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 3:40 p.m.). Saturday, practice (ESPN2, 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.). Sunday, race (ESPN, coverage starts at 12:30 p.m., green flag at 1:18 p.m.)
NATIONWIDE: U.S. Cellular 250
SITE: Iowa Speedway
SCHEDULE: Saturday, qualifying (ESPN, 4:30 p.m.), race (ESPN, 8 p.m.)
CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS: Pocono Mountains 150
SITE: Pocono Raceway
SCHEDULE: Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 10:10 a.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m.)
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HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

Ready for a run?



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Not sure what went into Joe Gibbs' pregame pep talk with Kyle Busch and his two other racers at Indianapolis, but it paid off, with all three finishing in the top four at the Brickyard 400.

While veteran driver Jeff Gordon hogged the Indianapolis Motor Speedway spotlight by winning a record fifth Brickyard 400, Joe Gibbs Racing made a strong performance statement with the NASCAR Chase on the near horizon.

The three Gibbs stock cars finished second, third and fourth with drivers Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth. Since a solid Indy finish requires superior equipment and strong strategy, it appears the three-headed Toyota monster has been awakened just in time for the playoffs.

The stat book shows the team started the season slowly. Busch and Hamlin each have a win, while Kenseth, who had seven wins in 2013, has not enjoyed a victory to date.

The team hopes Indy indicates an upward turning point that gets them in the championship conversation with Hendrick Motorsports and Team Penske.

"I think this was a really big day for JGR and for Toyota," Busch said. "I'm proud of the effort; we bring all three home in the top five. Still, I know that we have more work to do. (There's) still an opportunity there to gain speed, and we obviously got beat by speed."

Hamlin was frustrated his first two days over the 2.5-mile race course, but said his No. 11 Toyota came alive when the track heated up and got a little slippery during the 160-lap race.

"That's what matters," he said. Hamlin finished third despite a blown pit stop

late in the race. "Had to make that extra stop," he said. "That just shows how fast our car was."

Kenseth, who should make the Chase on points if he fails to win in his next six starts, said the Gibbs team is "gaining" on it.

"It was a good day for JGR," he said. "All our Toyotas were pretty quick. We were all top-10 cars, kept guys out and got good finishes. Wish it was a one-two-three. Another good day for us."

BOOKEND WINS

The Brickyard 400 ranks second behind the Daytona 500 as far as NASCAR majors. With that in mind, this is an interesting stat: Richard Petty won his first Daytona 500 in 1964 and his last in 1981 — a span of 17 years.

Jeff Gordon won his first 400 in 1994. Gordon's win Sunday shows a span of 20 years between wins in the same major event. And this nugget: Only one other driver from the 1994 inaugural was in Sunday's 400 lineup. Bobby Labonte started 43rd on a past-series-champion provisional.

SILLY SEASON OVER?

Now that Carl Edwards has declared himself a free agent, apparently headed to Joe Gibbs Racing in 2015, and Greg Biffle extended with Roush Fenway, there is no other known driver moves anticipated, which means NASCAR's annual Silly Season is over. But is it ever really over?

GODWIN'S POCONO PICKS



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Winner: Tony Stewart
Rest of the top five: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Brad Keselowski, Kasey Kahne, Matt Kenseth
Dark horse: Martin Truex Jr.

Disappointment: Joey Logano
First one out: Cole Whitt
Don't be surprised if: Stewart acts like it's his first Cup win if he makes it to Victory Lane.

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves



AP/ROBERT BAKER

Are Indy's bricks like a Fountain of Youth?

Where do you now put Jeff Gordon among 2014 title contenders?

GODSPEAK: By winning the Brickyard 400, Jeff has moved up to the head table with Jimmie Johnson and Brad Keselowski.

KEN'S CALL: Somewhere between Jimmie Johnson and Morgan Shepherd. Maybe a tad closer to Jimmie.

And Tony Stewart, after he was a non-factor at Indy?

GODSPEAK: Don't give up yet. Remember, he won five times in the last 10 races to win the 2011 championship.

KEN'S CALL: It's beginning to look like a lost year for Tony. He's not even fast enough to get angry these days.

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WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

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BRICKYARD REWIND

Denny Hamlin's non-strategy nearly paid off at Brickyard

Denny Hamlin and his No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota team approached the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis like a road-course race and devised a pit strategy.

But on the penultimate pit stop, his gas man failed to get about five gallons of fuel into the tank. Hamlin then had to pit again for enough fuel to finish the race.

Early on you took your own direction.

"We really didn't do anything crazy. We just didn't short-pit like everyone else did.

"Guys were trying to play it like a fuel-mileage race. We took four tires every time. So we just ran it until it went empty,

pitted and went again until it was empty.

"We didn't do anything crazy, we were just able to make up a ton of spots. We had awesome, great pit stops. That kept me inching forward all day. The way the strategies all worked out with everybody else, they put me up front by pitting so much, by short-pitting.

"We were sitting really, really good there when we had our huge lead, and we had enough fuel to make it. That's the breaks. You don't always get tired to go your way. But really this track allows for whacky strategy.

"I saw a quote some driver said that this is a very frustrating track for the drivers, and I totally agree because a lot of this race is out of our hands. It's about how fast our car is and how strategic our crew chiefs are."

Did it surprise you, the lack of strategy?

"It concerned me a little bit. Once I saw all these guys pitting and we were not, it was weird because I didn't want to get beat on tires.

"But the great thing was, we were running such fast lap times on old tires, we

weren't giving up that time. When we put on four tires, we were just mowing through the field. Our strategy worked because our car was fast.

"Another reason the strategies all played out in so many different ways is because you had a tire that didn't wear out that much. Even though it did drop off, which is a good thing, it didn't wear out.

"So guys were able to stay out and change lefts or rights or four or none. Crew chiefs can do some crazy things when they have those options."

News BRIEFS

'Stuff the Bus' supply drive kicks off

The annual drive to 'Stuff the Bus' has started, and will continue until Saturday, Aug. 16. All three Centennial Bank locations in Eastpoint, Carrabelle and Apalachicola, and the Cadence Bank location in Apalachicola, have boxes for collection.

Items needed for students include backpacks, pencils #2, cap erasers, pens - blue and black, red pens, Expo markers, Highlighters, glue sticks, colored pencils, 24-count crayons, 3-ring one-inch binders (not flexible, single color), tab dividers for 3-ring binders (5 per pack), folders with two pockets, multi-colored card stock, white and colored index cards, wide-ruled loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, construction paper and scissors

Items on teachers' wish lists are white copy paper, Clorox wipes, Kleenex, white and colored index cards, yellow plastic pocket folders, electric pencil sharpener, dry erase markers, and colored and black ink for printers, in cartridge sizes HP950XL, HP951XL, and HP564

Free back-to-school haircuts

Dorothy Cooper at the Clipper Shop, 130 Avenue F in Apalachicola, will offer free haircuts for children grades K-12 returning to school. Free haircut day is Monday, Aug. 11. The shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Haircuts are on a first come, first served basis.

Donations needed for school clothes

School t-shirts are now on sale at the Franklin County School, 1250 US98 in Eastpoint. The shirts cost \$6 new.

Unfortunately, spokesperson Connie Sawyer said that many students do not have the money to purchase new shirts for fall. She asks that anybody having used shirts bring them to her. She is also seeking school supplies and children's shoes of any size. Donations of money are also welcome. Anyone wanting more information can call 670-2800.

Donations can be dropped off at the Franklin County School or at the Times office 129 Commerce Street in Apalachicola.

Thompson Consulting alternate debris monitor

At their July 16 meeting, county commissioners voted unanimously to name Thompson Consulting Services of Pensacola and Lake Mary as the standby debris monitor after disasters. The county's primary contractor is Rostan Solutions LLC, of Tampa and West Harrison, NY.

Cities must pay tipping fees

On July 16, Emergency Management Director Pam Brownell told county commissioners Apalachicola and Carrabelle must pay tipping fees at the landfill if the county wants reimbursement from FEMA for emergency debris disposal.

"We cannot get reimbursed from FEMA for final disposal of their debris if we don't charge them a tipping fee on a regular basis," she said. Brownell said the county lost \$24,000 after Tropical Storm Debbie due to the cost of disposing of city debris.

"We need something in place or the \$24,000 we lost with Debbie will be minimal compared to

what we would stand to lose in a major storm," she said. "The cities I believe have their own debris contractors and the tipping fees are a reimbursable charge for them, so they don't lose money but we don't either, but that money could help offset the cost of equipment replacement for solid waste."

Brownell suggested the commission might charge the cities a set annual fee.

In a telephone interview, Director of Solid Waste Fonda Davis said he was concerned that charging the cities a fee would create more work for the county.

"The cities help us out a lot when they pick up their own roadside debris and bring it to the landfill." He said. "If we start charging them a tipping fee, they may decide to leave everything for the county to pick up."

Commissioner Smokey Parrish said he supported the fee. Commissioner William Massey said having to pay for debris by the ton would "devastate" the municipalities.

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders asked Brownell to approach Apalachicola and Carrabelle city staff and explain the situation to them.

Brownell said she would do so and bring a recommendation for fees back to the first August meeting.

Almost 1,300 oyster licenses sold

The county's Sea Grant agent Erik Lovstrand said 1,270 oyster-harvesting licenses have been sold for the 2014 season. He said 400 were sold over the last two days of sale, June 29 and 30.

This year, commercial oystermen were required by the Food and Drug Administration to take a 20-minute training video

provided free of charge by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Planning and zoning requests approved

On July 16, county commissioners unanimously approved five requests for construction permits and granted one special exception.

They approved a request to construct a single 32x12 family dock located at McIntyre Road in Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 3 West, east of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida and a request to construct a 295x4 single-family pier at Lot 16, Bay Palm Village, 1415 Evodia Ct., St. George Island.

They also approved a request to construct a single 250x4 family dock at 153 Harbor Circle, Alligator Point.

They approved a commercial site plan for a 10-slip commercial dock as a principal use in the C-1 District on property located at 530 US Highway 98 IN Eastpoint.

They approved a plat change for a three-lot subdivision named Pine View Cove 2.

Finally, they agreed to a request for a special exception to locate a telecommunication tower on a 100x100 sq. ft parcel located at 3567 US Highway 98, SummerCamp, St. Teresa.

Assistant County Planner Mark Curenton said ATT, the owners of the tower, have agreed to allow the county to mount a repeater on the structure, rent-free, to alleviate some communication problems for county emergency response personnel.

Meagan Robins, an ATT spokesperson, said the tower has a fall zone of 119 feet and a setback of 450 feet so there is no risk it will fall and block the highway. She said the structure is designed to collapse halfway down before falling.

Grant agreements signed

At the July 16 county meeting, the board voted unanimously to accept two grant agreements received from the state.

The first was from the Division of Emergency Management for the reroofing of the jail.

The grant amount was \$582,528. The county will pay a \$194,176 match. The finance office has the match budgeted in the fine and forfeiture fund. Assistant County Planner Mark Curenton said the new roof would be fabric membrane construction similar to the roof on the courthouse.

The second grant for \$50,000 came from the Department of Environmental Protection for improvements at Vrooman Park, which include relocating the T-ball field, expanding the children's playground and providing netting to catch foul balls.

Commissioners also voted unanimously to accept \$122,000 from the Florida Department of Transportation to partially pay for the box culvert on Bluff Road. The total cost of installing the box culvert is \$195,313. The board previously approved taking the additional \$73,313 needed to pay for the box culvert from Commissioner Smokey Parrish's road paving funds.

Mosquito agreement approved

On July 16, commissioners unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and Franklin County mosquito control. This MOU allows the county to trap mosquitoes and send them to FDACS for identification at no cost to the county.

Abercrombie contract awarded

Commissioners voted unanimously to award the contract for building new docks at the Abercrombie Boat Ramp to the low bidder, H. G. Harder and Son, Inc. of Panama City. The bid was \$94,495. Money for the project will be provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife conservation Commission boating improvement fund.

Pit Stop to serve wine and beer

At the July 10 Carrabelle meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to issue a beer and wine license to the Pit Stop, 1637 Hwy 98 West, Carrabelle. The restaurant recently reopened with an expanded dining room under new management.

\$500 for youth fishing tourney

At their regular monthly meeting July 10, Carrabelle commissioners voted unanimously to donate \$500 to support the C-Quarters Youth Fishing Tournament. This year's tourney was held on July 19.

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ing the director's salary, which started out about \$25,000, as well as other costs.

"Nobody's getting rich in education," she said. "It takes tutors to do the work. There were other things coming out of these monies."

Creamer said that over the years, she was able to cobble together various sources of funding, everything from monies from Florida A & M University to a partnership with the county schools on an adult education grant to a Dollar General grant. And using that money, the program has helped hundreds of people to earn a high school diploma, a prerequisite for many jobs.

But this year, she said, with the winding up of Workforce Florida funding, it became clear there would not be enough to cover costs through the start of the next fiscal year.

"Liz and I went to every politician's district. We made the (county) commissioners aware of it, and it was included in letters to the governor," Creamer said. "We asked Workforce, and we asked the schools to offset salary costs. All those doors were just closed, and those doors began to close last year sometime."

Members of the county commission pressed Kim Bodine, executive director of the CareerSource Gulf Coast Board July 16 about the funding cutback when she presented the budget for CareerSource Gulf Coast, commonly referred to by its previous name, Workforce.

She was asked by Commissioner William Massey whether she could find money for Literacy. "They're fixing to have to shut the doors if we don't get them something," he said.

Bodine said she had been told just recently by Creamer about the closure. "We had a budget set aside and she was aware of that, but she said it had to do with more than funding going forward," she said. "She said there was an issue with funding in the past."

Commissioner Pinki Jackel asked her about the level of upcoming funding, and Bodine said Workforce was prepared to fund \$31,000 for tutoring by Genie Nichols beginning Oct. 1.

"We worked with the Nest to set up a lab location in Eastpoint and of course we have a lab in Apalachicola at the (former Apalachicola High School) complex," Bodine said. "Nick O'Grady, at the Franklin County School, has assured me that he's going to offer the GED lab in Carrabelle, at a lab in the municipal complex and he has funds to have a tutor there."

Jackel took issue with this. "You're doing literacy but you went around Franklin County Literacy," she said.

"No, we didn't go around them," Bodine replied. "We had a contract ready to execute with them for this next project. We've been contracting with Franklin County Literacy; we've been paying for a tutor all along. I don't know where their funding shortfall was."

In a telephone interview this week, Bodine said

funds from Workforce's largest funding stream, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) cannot be used for GED (General Educational Development) preparation for adults, unless the participants are also involved in a work experience or another WIA activity, such as additional classroom training to be a correctional officer.

"Even with welfare transition there are only so many weeks people can be employed in workforce training," Bodine said. "There are a limited number of weeks you can use for training."

"Just to fund someone to have GED preparation is not allowable for us," she said. "You can see how that would limit our relationship."

Bodine said that using millions of dollars in funding from Tropical Storm Debby recovery efforts, and monies set to flow in stemming from the U.S. Department of Commerce's fisheries failure declaration, "we had to set up a very large scale work experience program to serve the people who have been displaced."

Many of these people were paid a stipend during their training, but to qualify there were strict rules regarding eligibility.

Bodine said Workforce purchased the software program for GED prep as part of this effort. "Literacy didn't have the money to do that," she said.

Workforce also set up and paid for two computer labs, 10 in Apalachicola and 10 in Eastpoint, along with desks needed for that number of people, and tutors in both the part-time locations, and the fulltime one in Eastpoint.

"We paid through a contract with Literacy for those services to be supplied," said Bodine. "We paid a small portion of overhead, but not very much."

She said once this initial phase of Tropical Storm Debby monies ended in Dec. 2013, Workforce drew on other funds, from a pot designated for food stamp employment and training.

"For people who voluntarily come on to food stamps and are able-bodied adults, there are some dollars for short-term training if it will help them become employed," Bodine said.

"We invested in another contract through Literacy, that picked up a couple months after the first contract ended," she said. "That rolled on, and we thought everything was going fine. In May we let Maxine know that we were building plans for the Commerce (fisheries failure) grant."

The problem, Creamer said, was beginning in May, when Literacy began experiencing a shortfall, there were several students who still had not completed their GED prep.

"I couldn't turn people away," she said. "A lot of those people were all men who worked on the water, many were elderly, my age or older. The money's just simply not there."

Of the 11 students who remained, seven went on to earn their GED, two are in GED study and one is considered a low-level reader, Bodine said.

Creamer said her strategy of digging into Litera-

cy's reserves to fund needs was the last step in a seven-year process of making things work through a variety of means.

"Most funding over the year has come from the county commission," she said. "And since 2008, it's taken a toll on our main funding. I brought other funding in in different ways, and offset salaries through partnerships."

"You can only do so much, then you have to have cash coming through," Creamer said. "We tried to bring Literacy to the forefront and give it a more public profile, creating a website. We stretched it another seven years."

Sisung said that while Literacy had begun originally as an all-volunteer effort, "we found out over the years the most effective we have been was when we have reliable fulltime or reliable part-time help dealing with the people who want to get their GEDS."

"For a time we had volunteers, and as wonderful as they are, they're not necessarily reliable," said Sisung. "They're only here for a couple of months, or can't make this thing or that. We found in order to be effective we needed a bigger staff. We at one time had five staff members."

"We've gotten some very good funding in the past from the schools and that's gone," she said. "Maxine can't get it. They're just not willing to partner."

Nick O'Grady, the school district's director of curriculum and vocational education, said rules prevented him from turning over state grant funding for adult education to a separate non-profit organization.

He said Workforce will cover the testing costs for several of its program participants, as the school operates three GED sites. The one in Eastpoint will have three computer terminals where students can take their GED tests, as well as other vocational assessments, and that he expects there to be strong demand, including from other counties, for a chance to use these terminals.

"I feel like we got it covered," said Bodine. "If we don't have a target group of customers, or we don't have a grant that has specific funding in it, we're not going to run a literacy program. We're absolutely not in the literacy business, but we need those services for time to time."

Creamer had a positive, but wait-and-see attitude, towards the future. "I hope that they can do it," she said. "I will say this: Skill training is Workforce's forte, not education. I think they're going to depend on the school to provide adult services."

"I hope they can step up to the plate," Creamer said, noting that the school's dropout rate has not improved substantially in recent years.

She said she has spent the last month getting records in order, and has donated many of her preparation materials, including books for teaching English as a second language, to the Apalachicola Municipal Library.

"They (potential participants) are going somewhere," said Creamer. "I just hope the gaps are filled."

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chicola and Carrabelle, offers an exemption for qualifying seniors of \$50,000 off the taxable value of their homesteaded property. This is an income-based qualification, which this year meant a couple's combined income has to be less than \$28,000.

In addition, the county offers a veterans exemption, which varies by percentage of disability, to vets and their widows or widowers.

The city of Apalachicola's taxable property value is expected to rise from \$118.1 million to \$123.7 million, or by about \$5.6 million, or roughly 4.7 percent. But, after rising last year, the city of Carrabelle will see a decline in its tax base, with an estimated

drop from \$103.2 million to \$100.5 million, a decrease of \$2.7 million, or by about 2.6 percent.

"Carrabelle busted wide open all during the height of the market," said Skipper. "It's going to take longer to clear out all the foreclosures on the down side."

Also declining was the Alligator Point Water and Sewer District, which will experience a drop in its combined property valuation, from \$119.2 million to \$113.8 million, a falloff of about \$5.4 million, or roughly 4.5 percent.

The Eastpoint Water and Sewer District is expected to see a loss in its tax base of about \$400,000, from \$65.5 million to \$65.1 million, or by about six-

tenths of 1 percent.

The Dog Island Conservation District is also forecast to shrink by a small amount, about \$100,000, from \$29.4 million to \$29.3 million, or by about three-tenths of 1 percent.

While St. George Island is not a taxing district, Skipper compiled numbers that showed that the island next year will have a combined property value of about \$614 million, approximately 38 percent of the county's overall tax base.

"In my opinion we're on the bottom and we're starting to rebound," said Skipper. "I think over the next two years we'll see the same rebound in Carrabelle, Alligator Point and Eastpoint."

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ment of State's Division of Historical Resources, and prior to that a host of at-will jobs at various state agencies.

Grove had been pursuing a master's degree in nonprofit management at Florida State University, which also had taken her to a stint with the program for museum studies in Cooperstown, New York, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

"I never finished it (the master's degree) because I took this job," said Grove. "I was on the slow track, only a few credits short. I was at the ripe old age of 38 when I moved back here."

When she moves to ANERR, she'll be part of an organization in transition, as Erik Lovestrang has left to become extension agent, part of five vacancies in the last two months, and ANERR's chief, Lee Edmiston, is eyeing retirement.

Grove said some of her role, in addition to the coastal training, will be fleshed out in the weeks after she starts at the end of August.

As she begins to reflect back on her years at

the chamber, Grove said she would like to see the chamber embark on a renewed effort to encourage entrepreneurship.

"It's about understanding the interconnectedness," she said. "I would like to grow entrepreneurial effort, we have a very entrepreneurial society. I would like to see local people get into developing businesses. They're business. They're working on the bay."

"If we could make it easier to gain those skills, that's what we're trying to do," said Grove. "Our point is to see business succeed in Apalachicola and Franklin County, not at the cost of the environmental or historical environment. We really want to see small business success, that dictates our path, and to do a few events, that helps."

She praised the work of her colleagues. "They understand the delicate business between seafood and tourism," she said, adding that "I think we need to diversify our economy. I've seen it impact us."

Grove has seen the emergence of an important downtown activist group, Main Street, during

her tenure. The rivalry between the two groups has emerged at times, but both groups appear to have settled into their respective missions.

"Main Street had a very dictated path, economic restructuring," Grove said. "We want to see small businesses succeed, that's the backbone of the economy. We still at our core are a business advocacy group."

Tensions over limited sources of funding have emerged at times, and Grove looked back with a hopeful view. "You need resources if you want to grow and change," she said. "It's nice to have a hand."

One thing Grove is looking forward to is more time, especially since she won't be attending, as a general rule, government meetings and other gatherings.

"I won't be working on weekends so I can volunteer," she said. "I'll have more time, I have a feeling I'll fill it up."

"I'm taking a pay cut, so my husband's going to make me wash boats on the weekend," Grove added. "At least it will get my flabby underarms."

A CHAMBER HISTORY

Chambers of commerce have been at the forefront of community development in this country since the 1700s. According to Chris Mead, senior vice president of the American Chamber of Commerce, the Apalachicola Chamber is one of the older chambers in the United States.

While conducting research for a book he found reference to our chamber in congressional records. On Jan. 17, 1843, the Apalachicola Chamber requested "lighthouses be built on Cape St George and San Blas." Again on Feb. 10, 1843, "The Chamber of Commerce for the city of Apalachicola petitioned the Congress for an appropriation to deepen and straighten the Channel in the Bay of Apalachicola where by vessels of greater burden can be brought to the wharf of the city."

For 170 years the Apalachicola Bay Chamber has played a major role in spearheading, fundraising and implementing important community projects for the City of Apalachicola and the surrounding area. From erecting lighthouses and infrastructure projects to helping fight the water wars to branding our area as a unique tourist destination and our oysters as some of the best in the world.

Since the early 20th century the chamber has written, produced and distributed promotional materials on the area and answered hundreds of thousands of inquiries about visiting the area, moving to the area and relocating businesses to the area. It researched and lobbied for the passage of the Tourist Development Tax in 2004, then funded and served as administration for the Tourist Development Council (TDC) for its first years.

The chamber was the driving force behind the one-cent county sales tax to fund the hospital and expand healthcare in Franklin County. We established the PAC, funded the campaign which enabled our hospital to not only remain viable but flourish and provide jobs. The Apalachicola Bay Chamber was also responsible for the Waterfronts Florida designation for Apalachicola that resulted in the development of a vision plan for the commercial seafood industry in downtown Apalachicola, and the Apalachicola Design Guidelines to help preserve Apalachicola's extraordinary built environment. We also expanded the Enterprise Zones which provides tax incentives for businesses that created jobs or built or renovated facilities.

The chamber has also generated with national and regional press and has garnered excellent stories on the area in print publications such as Southern Living, Garden & Gun, Saveur magazine, Food & Wine, Washington Post, Boston Globe, NY Times, Sports Illustrated, Field & Stream and many others.

In 2008, we were successful in our nomination that resulted in Apalachicola being named one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Dozen Distinctive Destinations. As it implies, Apalachicola was named one of America's dozen great historic destinations. In 2011, our chamber was successful in recruiting Sports Illustrated to shoot their annual Swimsuit edition in Apalachicola and St. George Island, the only US destinations in the magazine. This put Apalachicola in a category of world-class destinations.

We have also staff and run the Apalachicola Visitor's Center for many decades. The chamber has provided strong support for the community 170 years.

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Back to school means time for vaccines

Special to The Times

Back-to-school season is here. It is time for parents to gather school supplies and back packs. It's also the perfect time to make sure your kids are up-to-date on their vaccines.

Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by the CDC's (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) immunization schedule is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children's health - and that of classmates and the community. Most schools require children to be current on vaccinations before enrolling to protect the health of all students.

Today's childhood vaccines protect against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases, including polio, measles,

whooping cough, and chickenpox.

"Thanks to vaccines, most of these diseases have become rare in the United States," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. "But many still exist here, and they can make children very sick, leading to many days of missed school, missed work for parents, and even hospitalization and death."

In 2012, more than 48,000 cases of whooping cough (pertussis) were reported in the United States. During this time, 20 deaths were reported, the majority in children younger than 3 months of age. "Without vaccines, these numbers would be much, much higher," Dr. Schuchat said. "That's why kids still need vaccines."

"CDC is reporting an increase in our state that isn't occurring in neighboring states. We offer same-day appointments, are accepting new patients, and can provide vaccinations for children and adults."

Dr. Angel Cortes
physician at Eastpoint Medical Center

Dr. Angel Cortes, physician at Eastpoint Medical Center, said Florida is seeing an increase in pertussis. "CDC is reporting an increase in our state that isn't occurring in neighboring states," Cortes

said. "We offer same-day appointments, are accepting new patients, and can provide vaccinations for children and adults."

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk of disease

and can spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community, including to babies too young to be fully vaccinated, and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

School age children need vaccines. For example, kids who are 4 to 6 years old are due for boosters of four vaccines: DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), chickenpox, MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella), and polio. Older children, like pre-teens and teens, need Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis), HPV (human papillomavirus), and MCV (meningococcal conjugate) vaccines. In addition, yearly flu vaccines are recommended for all children 6 months and older.

Check with your child's

doctor to find out what vaccines they need this year. Parents can find out more about the recommended immunization schedule at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents

Eastpoint Medical Center, part of the North Florida Medical Centers family, provides comprehensive primary health care services to the community. The center accepts most insurance and offers a sliding-scale discount program for eligible patients. Each center provides efficient and cost-effective care for the entire family, which reduces or eliminates the need for costly care in the emergency room or avoidable hospital stays.

Eastpoint Medical Center is at 35 Island Drive, Suite 14 in Eastpoint, beside Oyster Radio. To schedule an appointment, call 670-8582.

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Smoke poured from the one-story home as the flames were doused.

Charles Taunton told firefighters the origin of the blaze likely was faulty air conditioner wiring in the bedroom, one of five room air conditioner units. He said that after smelling smoke, he investigated to find the wall where the air conditioner was engulfed in flames.

The Taunton family, which also includes son Tony, 15, and Timothy, 18, lost everything in the blaze, and needs assistance getting back on their feet. Since all their personal documents were destroyed, their niece has helped them set up an account at Centennial Bank. (See sidebar)

After staying at The El Rancho until Tuesday, they now have found a place to live. Charles Taunton said the community has been very generous to his family. He said Kit Mashburn at Coastal Furniture opened his doors wide to help provide furniture and household goods.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

An account has been set up at Centennial Bank in the name of Randi Mae Dempsey, niece for Charles and Tammy Taunton. If you would like to assist the family or for more information you can call Sandi Hengle, Franklin County Schools homeless liaison at (850) 323-0982.

Furniture, clothing, shoes and household items all can be helpful. If you cannot drop it off, Terress Martina has posted on Facebook she will be happy to pick it up. Message her on FB, or call her at 653-5814. If you can't donate

but want to give something, just give a second of your time to send up a prayer for them.

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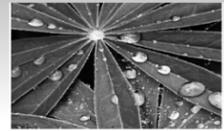
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Lions, and Tigers, and 4-H Camp, oh my!

By MELANIE TAYLOR
Special to the Times

4-H fun was had by all! Youth from Gulf, Franklin, and Bay counties attended a joint-county five-day, four-night residential camp, July 7-11, at Camp Timpochee in Niceville.

This year's theme, "Welcome to Our Jungle," provided a great opportunity for learning about the animal and plant life of the jungle. While at camp the youth participated in opportunities to expand their leadership skills, make new friends, and learn community living skills and other basic life skills, while away from the comforts of home.

The Florida 4-H camping program strives to build youth's life skills through outdoor adventure. Instilling a sense of wonder of the natural world, respecting wildlife and its habitat, and encouraging kids' curiosity about the outdoors are major components of 4-H camping.

However, 4-H camp is not just about nature. Science and technology, sports and leisure, teambuilding and healthy lifestyles are all part of today's camping phenomenon. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) workshops were a major focus during the camp day. These included activities in robotics, marine science, geocaching/GPS, and environmental science.

Recreation was a big part of camp, too! Kayaking, snorkeling, swimming, volleyball, archery, marksmanship, dance, scavenger hunts, and team building games are just a few of our



Photos by MELANIE TAYLOR | Special to the Times

Franklin, Gulf and Bay County youth enjoy the crisp, emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico at Henderson State Park. **Right (from top down)**, campers enjoy recreational dance class. Gulf, Franklin and Bay County teen counselors and campers respectfully conduct the daily flag-raising ceremony. Gulf and Franklin County campers and teen counselors learn how to kayak off the camp shore in Choctawhatchee Bay. Franklin County campers learn how to build and start a campfire during the Outdoor Living Skills class.



WHO TOOK PART

Franklin County young people were in abundance this summer at 4-H Camp. Serving as counselors were Jaylynn Lyston, Ursula Countryman, and Kendall Myers.

Counselor in Training was Rory Countryman, and campers were Mark Willis, Rebecca Willis, Alyssa Robinson, Arryonna Cargill, Adrian Pruet, Camille Williams, Trenady Queen, Brandon Taranto, Bailey Herrington and Katie Newman

recreational activities. Creativity was emphasized through camp songs, skits, and crafts.

The youth also enjoyed a field trip with a day of swimming, snorkeling, and playing in the sand at Henderson State Park in Destin along with a picnic lunch. The emerald water was crisp and clear, perfect for a day of swimming, hanging out, and enjoying time with new friends.

After a busy, enthusiastic and fun-filled

week at 4-H camp, the youth arrived back home on Friday with lots of fun-filled memories and unique experiences to share with their friends and family.

4-H is a youth development program for youth ages 5-18, managed through the local UF/IFAS extension office that is assisted greatly by adult volunteers. If you are interested in participating as an adult volunteer or involving your child in

the county 4-H program, please contact Erik Lovestrand at the Franklin County Extension Office, 653-9337.

Find out more about what UF/IFAS Extension offers by visiting gulf.ifas.ufl.edu and franklin.ifas.ufl.edu. 4-H is more than you ever imagined! Come join the fun!

Melanie Taylor is the extension agent for 4-H/Family & Consumer Sciences, in Gulf County.



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SUNTRUST BANK Plaintiff vs.

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RICK J. KLEWEIN, THE RETREAT AT THREE RIVERS HOME-OWNER'S ASSOCIATION INC. UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICK J. KLEWEIN, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on June 23, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

LOT 44, RETREAT AT THREE RIVERS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 514 WAHOO WAY, CARRABELLE, FL 32322, including the building, appurtenan-

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ces and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Courthouse, at 33 Market St. in Apalachicola, Florida, on August 27, 2014

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Dated this 24th day of June, 2014
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Clerk of the Court

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

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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:

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THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 47.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: Lot 79 Carrabelle Landing, Carrabelle, FL 32322

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.

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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

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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
PO. Box 240
Cairo, GA 39828,
Plaintiff,

vs.

TERRY L. DOWDEN A/K/A 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:

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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.

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Year of Issuance: 2008
Description of Property: Lot 1 Block 120 City of Apalachicola
PARCEL NO: 01-09s-08w-8330-0120-0010

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Bill Kinsaul
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Michele Maxwell
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July 24, 31, 2014

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- 3200 - Firewood
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- 3220 - Furniture
- 3230 - Garage/Yard Sales
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- 3250 - Good Things to Eat
- 3260 - Health & Fitness
- 3270 - Jewelry/Clothing
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- 3310 - Musical Instruments
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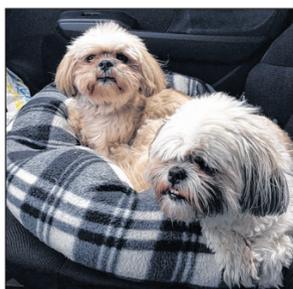
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A 13-year old female Shih Tzu, at left in photo at right, last seen at the corner of 14th Street and Avenue B in Apalachicola, disappeared on Friday around 4:30 p.m. Comet weighs eight pounds and is wearing a red collar with white flowers. A \$250 reward is offered for her safe return. Comet, a visitor to Apalachicola, got disoriented during a walk and ran away. Please help her find her way home. If you know where Comet is, call Sue Eickhof at (702) 743-5231.



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