



Out to see

FLORIDA SEAFOOD FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 4

10 a.m.: Park opens (No admission charge)
4 p.m.: Blessing of the Fleet
4 p.m.: Arrival of King Retsyo Office Amison and Queen Christina Pateritsas
5-10:30 p.m.: Musical entertainment, featuring sounds of the Eastpoint Church of God, the Assembly of God Church, Tamara Marsh and Scott Kincaid, Dothan, Ala. country artist Josh Hilson, and Eastpoint band "90 Proof."
10:30 p.m.: Park closes

Saturday Nov. 5

7 a.m.: Registration for Redfish Run (Front steps of Gibson Inn)
8 a.m.: Start of Redfish Run
10 a.m.: Gates open (\$5 admission charge & kids under 12 free)
10 a.m.: Parade starts (From U.S. 98 and 12th Street to downtown)
Noon: Musical entertainment, featuring Ashley Carroll, Savannah Cook, and the Carrabelle Christian Center's Free Fire Dance Troupe
1-5 p.m.: Blue crab races (at the top of each hour, for kids under 12)
1 p.m.: Oyster shucking contest
2 p.m.: Oyster eating contest
2-4 p.m.: Musical entertainment, featuring country and vintage rock band "CR 67"
8 p.m.: Headline entertainment - Travis Tritt
11 p.m.: Park closes



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Miss Florida Seafood Christina Pateritsas, and King Retsyo Office Amison.

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A CELEBRATION OF OUR SEAFOOD

Travis Tritt to headline festival Saturday

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

With forebears in Franklin County spanning four generations, dependent for their livelihoods on Apalachicola Bay, a young seafood dealer and the great-granddaughter of immigrants reign over this weekend during the 48th annual Florida Seafood Festival.

Fresh from her radio and television appearances touting this year's event, which culminates in a Saturday night concert by country music giant Travis Tritt, Miss Florida Seafood Christina Pateritsas and King Retsyo Office Amison will open festivities Friday afternoon as they arrive to be blessed together along with the fleet.

Accompanied by the 17-year-old Franklin County High School senior, Amison will stride in a billowing cape and freshly jeweled oyster boots to Battery Park's newest addition, a 20 foot by 20 foot illuminated pavilion on the site of the original festival stage.

The donated structure was built by state inmates and funded by the festival's all-volunteer board of directors. "It's something we want to give back to the community, and to thank the community for its continued support," said John Solomon, president of the festival board.

If anyone is deemed worthy to hold title to the throne, protector of the sea, its bounty and its people, it is Amison; former head of the county's seafood task force and present leader of his family's 35-year-old seafood processing operation.

His military skills are without reproach. He is a 1990 Apalachicola High School graduate who served the next four and a half years in the Army with the 82nd Airborne Scouts.

Father of two sons, Christian, 11, and Colin, 8, Amison works for a company begun as an oyster house by his grandfather, Eddie Amison, in 1976, on land now known as the

"The festival is enjoyed by thousands of visitors and serves as a homecoming for Apalachicola's sons and daughters, who come home to celebrate with local friends and families who still live and work here. King Retsyo and I are really looking forward to hosting all of our guests. We know that a good time will be had by all!"

Christina Pateritsas
Miss Florida Seafood

Lombardi property, at Two Mile.

Eddie Amison's son, Jim, continued in the business, and married Ava Bodiford, daughter of L.R. Bodiford, who owned the Bodiford Shrimp Company on Water Street near the present day Wheelhouse Restaurant. L.R. Bodiford's father owned a fish market in Panama City.

"It's an honor. It'll be fun," Amison said. "I got a long line of kings I got to live up to."

Pateritsas, too, holds royal lineage. She is third in the Nichols family to rule as sovereign over the tides. Her older sister, Isabel, was Miss Florida Seafood two years ago, and her aunt, Rosalie Nichols, won the title in 1974.

Roots in the local seafood industry stretch as long for Pateritsas as her brunette hair and as wide as her smile.

In 1903, her great-grandparents, John and

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LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

A cedar tree pruned by Asplundh in October.

Progress to resume pruning in spring

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Progress Energy has ceased major pruning around transmission lines for now, but Apalachicola's historic district will come on the chopping block again in spring 2012.

Last December, Apalachicola declared a five-month moratorium on tree pruning, with Progress agreeing

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GHOST WALK IN CHESTNUT

The ghosts of John G. Ruge and his wife Fannie appeared Saturday evening in Chestnut Cemetery, summoned by the Apalachicola Area Historical Society for its Ghost Walk. Jeff and Caroline Ilardi, adorned in finery worn through their years in the earth, above, were among a group of re-enactors who included Susan Clementson, Tom Daly, John and Melonie Inzetta, Ed Tiley, Eric Springer, Judy Loftus, Gene Smith and Caty Greene, each sharing history and lore about the area and its inhabitants, and helping to raise nearly \$1,400 for cemetery improvements.

Carrabelle mobile home fire leaves 8 people homeless

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

A devastating early morning blaze Tuesday consumed a Carrabelle mobile home and left two families homeless but unhurt.

Nelson and Alisha Woods, and their four children, Lee Curry, 14; Tyler Curry, 12; Chelsea Woods, 10; and Montana Woods, 6; escaped between 12:30 a.m. and 1 a.m. from the burning home at 1109 N.E. Fifth Street in Carrabelle.

Alisha's best friend Brandy Osburn, and her husband Travis, who has been staying with the Woods family to weather some financial difficulties, also lost their

possessions in the fire, although the couple was in Tallahassee at the time.

Brandy Osburn said she received a telephone call sometime before 1 a.m. from Alisha Woods, telling her of the blaze. The couple had been visiting Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, to be with their pastor from the Carrabelle Christian Center, his wife and his child, who had been in a fall.

"We came back to nothing," said Osburn. "I came back to seeing my best friend devastated, to not having a place to live, to two dogs being dead. I came back to nothing."

"We lost our clothes, our bedroom suite and our animals, but

Alisha and their family have lost everything," she said. "They have lost way more than we have. They even lost the keys to their car, so they have no way to crank their car because the keys were inside the house."

"We just ask for prayers and I ask for anybody that can to help the children," said Osburn. "They need anything and everything, they have nothing."

Alisha Woods said a loud noise jarred the family awake sometime after midnight. "We woke up to a big sucking noise and then it went 'boom' and the back door flew off. The thing I thank God for, the pressure from the fire blew off the back door, or we probably

wouldn't be here.

"When we woke up, the whole house was already smoked-up inside," she said.

Alisha ran to her Nana's house behind the home of Mamie and Jesse Millender. Nelson ran back into the house to recover the cell phone, wallet and car keys, but was unsuccessful.

Jesse Millender grabbed a water hose, and Carrabelle police officer Stephan Simmons jumped from his patrol car, to do what they could. "They were trying to save it," said Alisha Woods. "There was no hope. It's a complete loss."

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# Lanternfest a luminous introduction to winter

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Several hundred folks gathered around the Crooked River Lighthouse Saturday to kick off Halloween and upcoming winter revels with the third annual Lanternfest celebration.

Joan Matey, curator of the lighthouse museum, organized the affair with her usual flair and attention to detail. Everything was perfect and a nip of fall in the air added to the fun.

Cupcakes tinted with appropriate fall colors accompanied the more substantial fare from the Pit Stop restaurant.

Many guests came in Halloween couture and a blue fairy fluttered around the grounds exchanging greetings with pirates, pumpkins and an ET look-alike.

There was plenty of entertainment for all ages. Lighthouse Park was ablaze with radiance and color during a sparkling evening that featured music by strolling minstrels Aisha Ivey and Frank Lindamood.

Along with lighthouse climbs, there were lantern crafting and beading stations on the porch for youngsters. Demonstrations of scrimshaw and blacksmithing techniques were also on site.

Against the backdrop of the pirate ship Carrabelle, Andy Edell regaled his audience with tales of lighthouse keepers of long ago.

Director Ben Gunter brought his "Theatre with a Mission" troupe to Carrabelle to perform "Discovery of the New World," written by Lope de Vega between 1598 and 1603. This is the first stage play known to have featured New World settings. Christopher Columbus and his lesser-known brother Bart, based on the explorer's real-life brother Bartholomew, are among the characters.

The Tallahassee Community College dancers, directed by Aurora Hansen, performed an astonishing dance featuring colored lights as the night drew in. Culmination of the enchanted evening was a chorus of "Happy Birthday to the Light" and a procession around the grounds carrying lanterns that glowed gaily among the lamps strung between the trees.

Proceeds from the event go to support the Crooked River Light.

To view a gallery of the Lanternfest celebration, go to [www.apalachiantimes.com](http://www.apalachiantimes.com).



**Above**, Angel Dearthendi and Ben Gunter are stymied ears of maize brought to them by friendly Indians in a stage performance of "Nuevo Mundo; The discovery of the New World," by Lope de Vega.



**Above left**, Michaela Allen, granddaughter of City Commissioner Cal Allen, came to the party dressed as a pumpkin. **Far left**, Perdita Ross, of Tallahassee, displays a star-shaped lantern she constructed in a workshop on lantern making. She celebrated her birthday with a trip to Lanternfest. **Left**, John Pfund, who works as a blacksmith at the Mission San Luis historical site in Tallahassee, demonstrated smithing techniques using a portable forge he built himself.

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8:00PM - HEADLINE ENTERTAINMENT (TRAVIS TRITT)  
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# Library seeks volunteers for Seafood Fest booth

The Statewide Public Librarian's Conference, put on by the State Library and Archives, happened again a couple weeks ago. Your librarian always comes back with a lot of ideas for things to improve services to the whole community of Apalachicola. Future columns will be about some of those ideas, but I thought this week I would show my readers a glimpse of what's up right now.

The Apalachicola library is probably one of the most "basic"

libraries in the state of Florida. It does not offer a lot of services common in other larger public libraries. An example is that it does not offer check-outs of eBooks.



**THE LIBRARY**  
Cathy Greene

Electronic format books have become so common in libraries across the country that some authors do not even publish their books in hardcover, which is what most libraries would want to buy, but offer paperback and eBooks only. Behind-the-scenes library research is being done on how to make eBooks accessible

for library patrons.

The Apalachicola library is one of very few in Florida that still uses a paper check-out card system. I know many patrons like it this way, but the change to an electronic system will be happening in 2012 because of state privacy laws and because it is time to make the system easier to run for the library itself. We have a contract with a company called Biblionix to automate the collection. There are so few libraries without a computer-based collection that finding a company that supplies

support for a "retrospective conversion," as a paper to data conversion is called, was a trick.

If you come to the library just to check out paper books or to use the Internet services from our six public computers, you might not be aware of all the things that are going in "behind the scenes." Volunteers are scanning the bar codes on books; new books are being processed directly into the automation database. In addition, numerous donated books are constantly being evaluated for retention. Thirty boxes came in a few

weeks ago Thursday, just as we were getting ready for "Authors in Apalach."

Those books not kept by the library will be sold at our Seafood Festival booth, coming up this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5. If you would like to see what volunteering feels like, sign up to help sell books. Two hours is the minimum, and that time will go fast.

*Cathy Greene is the librarian for the Apalachicola Municipal Library. To reach her, call 653-8436.*

## Help save lives with fire safety tips

Special to The Times

Every 82 seconds, a home fire breaks out, according to the National Fire Protection Agency. Fires can cause irreparable damage to homes and businesses, displacing families and employees. Last year, the American Red Cross responded to 63,000 home fires across the country and provided comfort and basic necessities to those affected. From Oct. 9-15, the Red Cross helped families and businesses learn how to protect themselves and others from fires in observance of National Fire Prevention Week.

"Taking simple steps like installing smoke detectors and developing and practicing a fire escape plan can make a critical difference in saving lives, homes and workplaces," said Dan Samborn, CEO, who recommends that every family and business develop and practice a fire safety plan. "Everyone at home, school and work should know what to do when they hear the sound of a smoke alarm."

Additional recommendations include:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of the house and inside bedrooms.
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year. Test each alarm monthly by pushing the test button.
- Ensure that household members know two ways to escape from every room and designate a place to meet outside of your house in case of a fire. Practice your plan at least twice a year.

• Follow your escape plan in case of fire. Get out, stay out and call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number. Visit [www.redcross.org/homefires](http://www.redcross.org/homefires) for additional fire safety tips.

Business, too, should be prepared. Fire is the most common of all business disasters. Companies, schools and other organizations can learn how to prepare for fires and other emergencies by becoming a member of the Red Cross Ready Rating Program at [www.readyrating.org](http://www.readyrating.org). Complete a free, online assessment of your current readiness level and receive customized feedback with tips to improve preparedness.

In addition to helping families and businesses prepare their homes and facilities for potential fires, the Red Cross is there to help those in need when fires break out. The Capital Area Chapter responded to 190 home fires last year.

"In order to continue responding to disasters like fires at homes and businesses here in Tallahassee, the Red Cross depends on the generous support of individuals and businesses in the community," Samborn said. Those who want to help people affected can make a donation to support the American Red Cross. Their gift will enable the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other disaster assistance in time of need. Donation information can be found at [www.tallyredcross.org](http://www.tallyredcross.org), by calling the chapter at 878-6080 or by mail to the Capital Area Chapter Red Cross, 1115 Easterwood Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311.

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Marcia Johnson

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## ETERNITY AT EAST END: A FINAL NOTE

Let's take one last look at Eternity at East End. This story comes to us from Harry Gray, who grew up in Carrabelle.

Gray said he remembers the Third Street Cemetery but recalls graves outlined with shells and wooden markers instead of stone markers. He shared this story about it.

Three very young teenaged girls, Lukie Barrow, Addie Bird and Alma Page, were walking from Carrabelle to Harbeson City one Sunday. In the past, funerals were usually held on Sunday

so working people could attend.

They walked past the Third Street Cemetery on the way, and there was a funeral in progress. The pallbearers began lifting the coffin, a plain wooden box, on ropes to lower it into the grave, when one of the ropes slipped or broke and the coffin tumbled sideways.

The lid came off and the occupant spilled out. As the girls watched in horror, the mourners stared at one another, but nobody wanted to touch the corpse. One by one, the bereaved began to

back away and then to run, leaving the deceased to fend for himself as the girls broke into laughter.

Gray also had an interesting memory about Evergreen Cemetery. He said that at one time, the road into the cemetery was a dead end. Drivers would pull as far in as they could to park, and those who arrived later parked behind them. This meant that the first to arrive had to wait for latecomers to exit before they could leave.

At a large funeral, the whole process could take hours. Gray said his

family donated the land to allow the traffic loop to be completed and end the gridlock at the grave.

— Lois Swoboda



## Montford aims to prevent heat-related deaths

The death this August of Georgia high school football star DJ Searcy refocused attention on Florida's need for more guidelines to prevent heat-related deaths. The young athlete, who died at a football camp in North Florida, was the second in Florida and one of 13 fatalities nationwide this past year.

To change that, Sen. Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, on Oct. 4 announced the filing of legislation designed to prevent deaths caused by heat illness and institute preventative lifesaving measures to protect student athletes. Adoption of the new law would ensure the safety of high school interscholastic athletics, cheerleaders and marching bands and make Florida the first state in the South to pass such legislation.

"The well-being of our children is not only critical inside our classrooms, but on our playing fields as well," Montford said. "In the extreme heat we have here in the South, this legislation will assist school districts in meeting the challenge of providing an even safer environment for our young people."

Heat exhaustion claims the life of high school football players at an alarming rate, and the soaring temperatures across the nation this summer created no exception to this pattern. Searcy, a defensive lineman, was a star on his Fitzgerald, Ga., high school football team and was recruited by several Division I college football programs. He was only with his football team for three days at the North Florida camp before passing



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**Sen. Bill Montford**  
D-Tallahassee

out in the bathroom after a day of practice in extreme heat the night of Aug. 1. The next morning, he lost consciousness after practice and died.

On what would have been Searcy's 17th birthday, Dr. Douglas J. Casa, Korey Stringer Institute's chief operating officer, explained that heat-related deaths are 100 percent preventable in two ways: having emergency plans in place to bring down the core body temperature, and taking precautions to prevent body temperatures from getting extremely high. The National Athletic Trainers Association issued an inter-association consensus statement in 2009 with recommendations on how to acclimate athletes to hot-weather activity gradually with specifics as to the limitation of duration

and equipment worn during high school athletic practices. Studies also have shown that for about \$150, coaches and athletic trainers can purchase a tub to fill with ice, which drastically increases a person's chance of survival when experiencing heat illness.

Nationwide, New Jersey is the only state to have adopted these lifesaving guidelines. Concerned parents are urging state legislators from Florida and Georgia to adopt new laws with these or similar guidelines to ensure the safety of high school interscholastic athletes, cheerleaders and marching bands. Additional information for parents and educators can be found at [www.change.org](http://www.change.org).

*William J. Montford is the state senator for Florida's District 6, which includes Franklin County.*

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# SEAFOOD from page A1

Garaphylla Nichols, moved to Apalachicola from Trekir, Greece, and worked, as so many immigrants did, in a Gulf of Mexico which provided fish, oysters, sponges, scallops and shrimp for the taking. They would later open the Owl Café to serve the fishing community around the clock.

"Not only is the festival the oldest maritime event in Florida, it celebrates the culture and lifestyle granted to us by the seafood from our waters," said Pateritsas, daughter of Callie Nichols, of Apalachicola, and Mario Pateritsas, of Greece. "The festival is enjoyed by thousands of visitors and serves as a homecoming for Apalachicola's sons and daughters, who come home to celebrate with local friends and families who still live and work here. King Retsyo and I are really looking forward to hosting all of our guests. We know that a good time will be had by all!"

Fewer commercial booths, from 32 down to 15, and growth in arts and crafts are among the changes at this year's event. "This year the festival is proud to announce we have over 80 arts and crafts booths with 25 local crafters participating," Solomon said. "The directors also increased the not-for-profit area, allowing more spaces for non-profit groups to be seen and hand out information on their organizations."

Also new will be the Franklin County Photo Contest, featuring images from within the county, which will be judged by the festival's visitors. Judging will be held Friday and Saturday at the tent next to the T-shirt tent, with the winner announced at 4 p.m. Saturday at the information booth. "We encourage all visitors to stop by and vote on their favorite picture,"



TRAVIS TRITT

Solomon said. Making its debut, will be an antique and classic car show at the east of the main gate area, as well as maritime heritage exhibits that demonstrate how local seafood workers harvest the area's seafood.

Following Saturday morning's 8 a.m. Redfish Run from the steps of the Gibson Inn and the parade at 10 a.m. down U.S. Highway 98, the afternoon will feature the delicious oyster shucking and eating events at 1 p.m. near the main stage. Last year's shucking champ, Mike Martin, was sponsored by the festival at last weekend's St. Mary's Oyster Festival in Maryland, where he named winner of the two-day National Oyster Shucking Championship Contest and now has a chance to compete in the World Oyster Shucking Championships in Galway, Ireland.

"The festival would like to encourage anyone from the community to come compete in the shucking contest and show off our local talent and win a spot in the National Oyster Shucking Championships," Solomon said.

To delight visitors, the blue crab races, sponsored by Fisherman's Choice, are even better than last year. "The festival directors saw the overwhelming need to expand the crab races, so we built an additional two new sections to the

track and improved on the design," Solomon said. "Now 20 kids can participate in the races at the same time, up from only 12 per race the last few years. The races are still free to enter for children 12 and under. Every child that participates will win a prize."

An enormous crowd is expected for Tritt's 8 p.m. Saturday night appearance as he brings the energy and excitement that has made him one of the leading country singers of the early '90s.

Known for a touch of bluesy Southern rock, Tritt honed an outlaw image that distinguished him from the pack. Throughout the early '90s, he had a string of platinum albums and Top Ten singles, including hits such as "Help Me Hold On," "I'm Gonna Be Somebody," "Tr-o-u-b-l-e," "Can I Trust You With My Heart" and, in 2001, "It's a Great Day to Be Alive."

Solomon, now in his eighth year on the festival board, said he was most appreciative of all the directors hard work — Tress Reynolds, Jennifer Brown, Andrea Register, Ted Mosteller, Carl Whaley, Betty Webb, Michael Shuler, Danny Gay, Kevin Ward, Pam Brownell, Robert Shelley and Danielle Layne.

"It takes months of planning and many dedicated people to give up time away from their families and friends," he said. "I want to thank the families of our directors for allowing them the time and understanding the importance of their volunteer time. Thank you for your support. Without you, they could not do such a wonderful job. I can honestly say that the people that I have been blessed to work with over these years give everything they have for the community and the festival. This year is no exception."

# FIRE from page A1

Firefighters from Carrabelle, Eastpoint and nearby departments extinguished the blaze. Dead were the family's two dogs, a poodle and a pug-Pekinese mix.

"We lost two family pets that meant the world to us," said Alisha. "It's hard. My autistic son is taking it really hard, worse than any of them. He doesn't understand. They don't like change. He lost everything that he could have that is his."

The American Red Cross has put up the two families in the Franklin Inn until Friday, when Mamie Millender hopes to have a vacant trailer she owns cleaned and readied for them to move into, Alisha Woods said.

She said the state fire marshal's office told her a dryer may have been the cause since the laundry room appeared to be the hottest spot of the blaze.

Alisha Woods said the family had just bought a new high-efficiency front-loading dryer. "It was brand new," she said. "I just made the second payment on that thing."

Franklin County Middle School Dean Eric Bidwell has been busy trying to get clothes for the family. Alisha Woods said the family is in need of boys' pants 29" waist, 30" length; boys' size 18 and girls sizes 8 and 10. Nelson wears a man's 40" waist, 32" length, and Alisha a 3X woman's.

Gathana Parmenas, a case worker with the Red Cross, said the organization has provided them assistance for immediate emergency needs, but they will require further help in replacing household goods, clothing and necessities.

To offer help, call Franklin's Promise Coalition at 653-3930.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold a Special Meeting on November 15, 2011, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T.

The meeting will be open to the public.



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## ABC School and Franklin County Learning Center hosts Nationally known Anti-Tobacco Advocate Rick Bender

On Wednesday October 19th, Nationally known Anti-Tobacco Advocate Rick Bender came to Franklin County and did a Power Point presentation on the dangers of smokeless (spit) tobacco use to the students of the ABC School and Franklin County Learning Center. He spoke to the students at both campuses how he through the use of smokeless (spit) tobacco was diagnosed at the age of 26 with an aggressive form of cancer of the mouth. In April of 1989 he underwent the first of 4 major surgeries to remove the cancer. He had to eventually have 1/3 of his tongue removed, half of his jaw and, lost 25% use of his right arm due to the cancer. Mr. Bender told the group of attentive students that he is battling the on-going effects of using smokeless (spit) tobacco to this day.

The students at both campuses had their attention fixed on what he had to say throughout the presentation. He passionately advised them not to start using smokeless (spit) tobacco or any tobacco products. He informed the students that he got his start using spit tobacco through the sport of baseball at the age of 12 years old. It was called "chewing tobacco" back then. Famous baseball and other athletes did advertisements saying that it was the best way to use tobacco. You do not have to light up. Many of the students participated in the question and answer segment in both assemblies which was a good sign that they had grasped the message that Mr. Bender had delivered to them.

### Flavored Tobacco Facts:

- Flavored tobacco products are as additive and carry the same health risks as regular tobacco products like lung diseases, cancers, and strokes (U.S. Food and Drug Administration)
- Candy and fruit flavors mask the bad taste of tobacco, **making it easier for kids to start using tobacco products.** Once they start using one tobacco product, they are more likely to experiment with others.
- Among all high school seniors who have ever used smokeless tobacco, almost 75% began by the 9th grade.
- **Think that your county is an exception? Think again. In Franklin County, 1 in 3 youth between the ages of 11 and 17 have ever tried flavored tobacco..**
- Overall, 3.5% of Florida Middle school students and 5.9% of high school students used smokeless tobacco at least once during the past 30 days.
- Nearly 90% of adult smokers began at or before age 18.



Rick Bender speaking to students at the ABC School on smokeless tobacco use.



Superintendent Nina Marks, David Walker with Rick Bender



Rick Bender speaking to students at the Franklin County Learning Center



Students from the Franklin County Learning Center listening to Mr. Bender

## News BRIEFS

### Siamese cat lost in Apalachicola

Lost male Seal Point Siamese cat, white with gray markings, at 17th Street and Avenue K in Apalachicola. Answers to Max. Sadly missed by his elderly owner. If found, please return him. Reward. Call 653-4761.

### Oyster Roast Friday in downtown Apalachicola

Dine under the stars at the sixth annual Downtown Oyster Roast on Friday, Nov. 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. in

downtown Apalachicola. Enjoy roasted oysters, oyster on the half shell, creamy artichoke, oyster and thyme soup, fresh local shrimp, blue crabs, salad greens, veggies and fantastic desserts. Local blues man Joe Hutchinson will provide live entertainment. Tickets are \$50 each or two for \$45 each. Call 653-9419 or email info@apalachicolabay.org

### Sea turtle author to sign books Saturday

Paul Lowery will once again sign copies of his children's book "Do You

Know Where Sea Turtles Go?" at Downtown Books all day Saturday, Nov. 5. Lowery and his wife Betty will also explain how you can "adopt" an endangered sea turtle and follow its movements online. For more information, call the bookstore at 653-1290.

### Carrabelle seniors host dance Saturday

A dance will be held Saturday evening, Nov. 5, at the Carrabelle Senior Center; at 201 NW Avenue F, on the corner of 1st Street and NW Avenue F. The dance starts at 7 p.m.

and admission is free. Music will be provided by local disc jockey Ron Vice, serving up a lively mix of Big Band dance tunes and mellow pop hits. Come down to the Senior Center this Saturday night to dance... or just to listen to the music! For more information on the dance and other activities at the Senior Center visit www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com

### Dems host reception at Crooked River Grill

The Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee is hosting a reception at the Crooked River Grill in St. James Bay beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10. All interested Democrats in Franklin County are invited to attend. The reception will run from 5:30-7 p.m., said Committee Chair Curt Blair.

Several elected state and county Democratic officials will be present at

the reception to share a few remarks. Officials slated to be on hand include State Senator Bill Montford, State Representative Leonard Bemby, County Commissioner Cheryl Sanders, Franklin County's Tax Collector Jimmy Harris, and County Clerk Marcia Johnson.

In addition to Blair, officers of the executive committee are Mercedes Updyke, vice chair; Beth Blair, secretary; Brenda Ash, treasurer and Past Chair Barbara Sanders. Betty Croom is the state committeewoman.

The committee decided at its last meeting in July to hold quarterly gatherings at different places in the county. This meeting, which brings Democrats to the eastern end of Franklin County, will feature an opportunity for local Democrats to speak with several of their elected officials. The committee is looking for a large attendance, said Curt Blair. Refreshments will be

served.

### Don't miss Fall Festival and Veterans Day parade

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 12 and double the fun, with a fall festival and Veterans Day parade.

Participate in children's and family games or just relax and enjoy the never-ending array of foods plus listen to our live entertainment, featuring CR 67 Band, Not Quite Ready Band, Greg Kristofferson, Evelyn McAnally, Shirley Cox and our own Chuck Spicer plus various local singers singing what you love most - gospel, country, pop and the '50s. The Free Fire dance team will also be performing.

Discover the talent of our local artists and crafters. Don't miss the auction! And get your arms in shape for the horseshoe,

See BRIEFS A7

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**Hours of Collection**  
9:00 a.m. til 12:00 p.m.

For more information contact:  
Franklin County Solid Waste & Recycling Department  
850-670-8167.

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bocce and shuffleboard tournaments. There will be a fun cake walk, 50/50 cash drawing and a Thompson muzzleloader raffle plus more.

And let's not forget this is a day to honor our veterans for their sacrifices. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Carrabelle Senior Center. The parade starts at 10 a.m. on Highway 98 and the festival starts at 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.

So bring the family and friends and have fun and enjoy your weekend here in beautiful Carrabelle. For vendor information call 697-4195 or shirleycox210@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Franklin County Senior Citizens Council, this event is funded in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council, Progress Energy and Centennial Bank.

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests are made by officers from the following city, county, and state law enforcement agencies: Apalachicola (APD), Carrabelle (CPD), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC), Florida Division of Insurance Fraud (DIF) and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS).

All defendants are considered innocent until

proven guilty in a court of law.

**Oct. 25**

Bret P McClary, 31, Lanark Village, false report to a law enforcement officer (FCSO)

**Oct. 26**

Warren L. Aiken, Jr., 23, Crawfordville, failure to appear and violation of probation (FCSO)

Jesse G. Smith, Jr., 46, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Angela M. Parks, 32, Carrabelle, driving while license suspended or revoked, and Wakulla County violation of probation (FHP)

Jamie L. Parker, 25,

Apalachicola, domestic battery (APD)

**Oct. 27**

Tiffany S. Grant, 26, Eastpoint, DUI and refusal to submit to breath test (FCSO)

Jonathan G. Carmichael, 25, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

**Oct. 29**

Demetrius P. Miller, 23, Apalachicola, sale or possession of a controlled substance (FCSO)

**Oct. 30**

Jamie Z. Godinez, 25, Apalachicola, giving false name or identification to law enforcement officer (APD)

Victor T. Martinez, 27, Apalachicola, no valid drivers license (APD)

Darin W. Cruson, II, 23, Carrabelle, driving while license suspended or revoked (CPD)

Jimmy L. Lolley, 21, Bristol, DUI (FCSO)

George R. Needer, 53, Eastpoint, disorderly intoxication and violation of a pre-trial release (FCSO)

**Oct. 31**

Brittany P. Davis, 21, Apalachicola, two counts of sale or possession of a controlled substance, and sale of a controlled substance (APD)

**NOTICE**

**TO PROPERTY OWNERS / TAXPAYERS**

**\*\* 2011 \*\* TAX ROLLS OPEN FOR COLLECTION \*\*2011\*\***

Notice is hereby given that the certified Tax Roll for the year 2011 has been delivered to *Franklin County Tax Collector, James A. Harris, Jr., CFC* by the Franklin County Property Appraiser Doris Barber Pendleton, for collection. The tax rolls will be open for collection for payment November 1st for the 2011 Ad-Valorem, Personal Property and Centrally Assessed properties for:

- \* Franklin County \* Franklin County School Board \*
- \* City of Apalachicola \*
- \* City of Carrabelle \*
- \* Eastpoint Water & Sewer District \*
- \* Dog Island Conservation District \*
- \* Alligator Point Water Resource District \*
- \* Northwest Florida Water Management District\*

Payments may be made at the Franklin County Court House, 33 Market Street, Suite #202, Apalachicola, Florida or at the Carrabelle Court House Annex located at 1647 Highway 98 (Old DOT Building) Carrabelle, Florida.

Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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Statements will be mailed to all property owners or their agents at the last known address on or before November 1, 2011. If you do not receive your tax bill notice, please contact this office at (850) 653-9323 or (850) 653-8384 or Carrabelle Branch Office at (850) 697-3263 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday, or you may:

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**Happy birthday, Kyera**

Kyera Crawford celebrated her 7th birthday on Sunday, Oct. 30. She is the daughter of Aja Vanandel of Apalachicola and sister to Donaté. Maternal grandmother is Sharon Rochelle of Apalachicola, and great-grandparents are Jimmie and Mary Rochelle of Apalachicola. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dockett of Tallahassee. Godmother is Ms. Josie Kellogg, and aunts are Aunt Jessie Mae and Aunt Pearl.



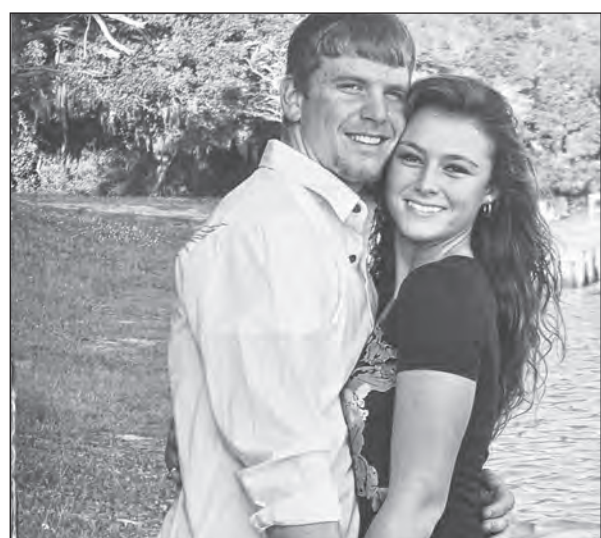
**Chase Vasilinda turns 1**

Chase Andrew Vasilinda celebrated his 1st birthday on Saturday, Oct. 22, at his home in White City. Attending the festivities were his parents, Keith and Maci Vasilinda; his brothers Trenton Sutton and Leelyn Rollins; great-grandmother Toby Gay and Mr. Ben; grandparents Ma-Honey and Papa Robert Daniels; and Nana Karen and cousin Adam Rollins. Chase would like to thank everyone, especially Miss Shana, who sent him birthday love and wishes.



**Payton Carpenter turns 4**

Payton Carpenter will turn 4 on Saturday, Nov. 5. She is the daughter of Shawn and Heather Carpenter of Eastpoint and will celebrate together with her older brother, Bailey. Paternal grandparents are Angie and Shorty Shiver of Eastpoint. Maternal grandfather is the late Larry Duggar. Paternal great-grandmother is Imogene Brackin of Blountstown. Maternal great-grandmother is the late Mabel Duggar of Apalachicola. We love you, Payt Payt! Love, Mama, Daddy, Bubba, Nana and Papa



**Shiver, Richards to wed Nov. 11**

Mike and Melanie Shiver would like to invite you to the wedding of their daughter, Shelby Dee Shiver, to Bobby Chase Richards. The wedding will be Friday, Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Lafayette Park in Apalachicola. The reception will be held at the River Crest Lodge on Bay City Road in Apalachicola. The reception will begin 30 minutes after the ceremony. Shelby, a 2011 graduate of Franklin County High School, is attending Gulf Coast State College's nursing program. Maternal grandparents are Billy and Glenda Varnes of Apalachicola. Paternal grandparents are Art and Bobbie Clough of Apalachicola and Lloyd Shiver of Eastpoint. Chase is the son of John and Michelle Richards of Eastpoint. He is a 2010 graduate of Franklin County High School and a 2011 graduate of Gulf Coast State College's Law Enforcement Academy and is employed by Somnoquest. Maternal grandparents are Bobby and Barbara Shiver of Eastpoint. Paternal grandparents are Johnny and Janice Richards of Apalachicola. No invitations are being sent, but all friends and relatives are invited to attend.



DANA WHALEY | Special to the Times

Lynn Cooper dishes up gumbo from the Crooked River Grill.

**Travel writers get a taste of Carrabelle**

Special to the Times

Travel writers from across the country were treated to "A Taste of Carrabelle" on Oct. 14 at C-Quarters Marina. The Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a culinary adventure for the latest group of writers visiting the area at the invitation of the Tourist Development Council. Once again, Geiger and Associates of Tallahassee arranged for the junket to the coast. The feast took place on the balcony at C-

Quarters overlooking the waterfront. The setting was perfect, and the food was outstanding, according to the many appreciative diners. Staff at the marina worked diligently to provide a perfect venue. Participating restaurants included 2 Al's, Fish Camp Restaurant, Hog Wild, Franklin County High School Culinary Academy, Carrabelle Junction, Marker '30,' Crooked River Grill, Fathoms Steam and Raw Bar and Millender Seafood Market.



An array of locally harvested seafood provided by Millender Seafood Market.

ROD GASCHE | Special to the Times



Meg Baldwin, seated, listens to Dawn Radford, keynote speaker at the Refuge House domestic violence luncheon on Oct. 25.

LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

**Luncheon puts spotlight on domestic violence**

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

About two dozen people attended an Oct. 25 luncheon sponsored by Refuge House to bring the darkness of domestic violence into the light. Carol Barfield, Franklin County's Refuge House counselor, told the group that October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She said this year's theme is "It takes the community" to prevent domestic violence. Refuge House Executive Director Meg Baldwin said she was pleased her organization now has a representative in the county. Over the last two years, Refuge House has been criticized by county commissioners for failing to maintain an office and provide the county with a locally based employee. The luncheon took place at Papa Joes. Keynote speaker was Dawn Radford, who read the poem "Mama's Place" and spoke on her childhood experience with domestic violence. She said

the support of her church family did much to sustain her through those times. "Whenever there was a supper at the Methodist church, the ladies would sit me right in the front and put their hands on my shoulders and made sure my plate was full," she said. "It made a huge difference to know somebody cared." Barfield and Radford both stressed the need for early education to shape the behavior of young people. "We must start early to establish boundaries in these kids' minds," Radford said. Among those in attendance at the meal were Sheriff Skip Shiver and Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson as well as representatives from Weems Memorial Hospital and the Apalachicola Police Department. Radford reminded the group that if you suspect someone is being abused, you have a legal as well as an ethical obligation to seek help for them. Refuge House's 24-hour toll-free hotline is 800-500-1119.



**PET OF THE WEEK**  
Franklin County Humane Society



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# Obituaries

## Stratford E. Coarsey Jr.

Stratford E. Coarsey, Jr., 89, of Carrabelle, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011. Born in Bradenton, Mr. Coarsey was a mechanic and owned his own automotive shop. He served in the U.S. Navy, and loved God, country and family. He

loved motorcycle riding, fishing, boats and his cowboy hat, which he always wore. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 31 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Carrabelle. Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 1 at Jackson-

ville National Cemetery, Jacksonville. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Coarsey, of Carrabelle; son Lawrence Coarsey; stepsons Stephen Middlekauff, Richard Middlekauff and Glenn Knight; daughter Cornilia Edminster; stepdaughter Gina Woodward;

brother Wyman Coarsey; seven grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents and son, Raymond Coarsey. Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, Crawfordville, in charge of arrangements.

## Virginia Strickland

Virginia Strickland, of Panacea, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2011. She was born in Dothan, Ala. on March 24, 1942. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bertis Eugene and Willa Mercer. She is survived by two sons, Gary Belle, and wife Linda, of Sarasota, and Gene Belle, and wife Belinda, and four grandsons, of Tallahassee; three sisters, Jean Marie Crawford, of Crawfordville, Carole Elaine Morgan, of Middleburg, and Jackie Ann Page, of Apalachicola, and their families; and Leon Crum and family, of Panacea. She attended college in Tallahassee and began her career at Florida

State University. She also held executive positions at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and later in the hospitality industry in Boca Raton. She was most recently employed as a paralegal and executive assistant to Tallahassee probate attorney Harry Mitchell. Virginia was a lover of wildlife and nature and all things beautiful, and was a published poet. She was loved and admired by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. A special thank-you to Covenant Hospice, of Panama City, and First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Apalachicola. Arrangements by Kelley Funeral Home of Apalachicola.

## Anne Rozier Hutchins

Anne Rozier Hutchins, 87, of Eastpoint, passed away on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, in Crawfordville. Mrs. Hutchins was born in Atlanta, and lived in Eastpoint since 2003 coming from Atlanta. She was a member of Northside Drive Baptist Church in Atlanta. She graduated from Atlanta School of Law and was secretary for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for 25 years. Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at West

View Cemetery in Atlanta. She is survived by her husband, Ralph K. Hutchins, of Eastpoint; two sons, John H. Hutchins (Sue), of Crawfordville, and Joseph R. Hutchins (Melanie); of Douglasville, Ga.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Ken Hutchins, in 1956. Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville is in charge of arrangements.

## Martha Ellen Moses

Funeral services for Martha Ellen Moses will be held Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Highland Park Community Church in Apalachicola. Graveside services will

follow at Pleasant Rest Cemetery in Overstreet. Family will receive visitation from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3 at Highland Park Community Church, 118 Highland Park.

# Avoid a 'stained-glass masquerade'

Some time ago, my daughter and I were discussing the responsibility parents have to teach their children about serving God. We discussed how teaching Godly principles and establishing a habit of church attendance was vitally important at a young age.



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She was quiet for a moment before she said she had something to tell me. She cautiously searched for her words then said, "Well... There is this thing that you do that really bothers me..." As she shared with me how this "thing" was hindering her, I could feel a lump form in my throat. She appreciated the way we raised her yet there was a piece of fruit missing from my tree that made her skeptical of the overcoming power we claim to possess. My face began to feel warm as I envisioned myself standing before the throne of God. I could imagine Him saying, "You raised your children in church and taught them My principles but there's that thing..." Whatever your doctrinal views may be, the issue of those we cause to stagger in their faith always resonates. When our "thing" is not corrected, we place a block in front of our weaker brother or sister that causes them to stumble. Luke 17:1,2 says: And He said to

his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin." God's grace is sufficient but only a fool treads on it as if the price that was paid for it was in vain. It would be like purchasing a shirt that cost you your entire savings as a gift for a stranger, only to find him using it for an oil rag. In the end, my daughter is responsible for her own salvation and even though I was vaguely aware of that one little "thing" that she spoke of, I am responsible for the way I have mentored her. It would have been easier to find excuses but I chose to acknowledge my weakness and work on changing. As P.K.s (preacher's kids), our children saw more carnality than most church kids are ever aware of. Although we should

always control our tongues and actions, church folks sometimes fall short, but in the end of it all, we forgive and love each other, much like any other family. Mature Christians understand that we strive daily to crucify our flesh and of all of our body parts, the tongue is the most difficult to tame. Young people view carnality as duplicity, and sometimes "good" is just not good enough if they see no difference in the church and the world. Since the majority of today's youth do not readily take adults at their word, they are skeptical of anything that is not backed by evidence. They are looking for something authentic, not a "stained-glass masquerade." Parents used to tell their children to "do as I say, not as I do." That method obviously is ineffective because most children adopt whatever the parent was trying to deter. If we drink, smoke, dip, cuss, do drugs, etc. statistically our child might also. Our kids are not fooled if we act as if these habits are not a problem in our life. Of course, there are "justified" sins like speeding, cheating on your taxes, gossiping, pride, lying (even telling white ones if there is such a thing), backbiting, greed, selfishness, and withholding

God's portion of money and time. These sins are less repulsive to the body but equally destructive to the soul. Consequently, all of these examples tear down our witness to our children and to the world. A few weeks ago, one of our associate pastors made a good analogy in his message. He said that if a man were to walk in the church with a suit on and a Bible under his arm, we would shake his hand and refer to him as "brother," not even knowing the condition of the man's heart. The suit does not make the man, nor does the outward appearance denote the spiritual heart. To most people, my daughter's grievance would have been trivial, but to me, I felt as if I stood between my daughter and eternity. My desire is to show her, through example, the power that we possess to be overcomers in this life. Pursuit of perfection is futile but living each day as if it is the last chance I will ever have to reach a lost soul is worth striving for excellence. Especially if it is my own child's soul. We welcome all suggestions and hope you enjoy this weekly article. Please send all emails to Scott Shiver at [frontline247@mac.com](mailto:frontline247@mac.com).

## Cards of THANKS

### STRICKLAND FAMILY

The family of Virginia Strickland wishes to thank the many friends who have expressed their sorrow at her passing. Also those who offered prayers and help during her illness. These times are difficult and knowing we have the love and support of friends means more than words can express.

The Strickland Family

### FAMILY OF KETURAH ROBINSON

The family of Keturah Robinson would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, cards, food, flowers, monetary gifts and expressions of love shown during our time of sorrow. Thank you all from the top and bottom of our hearts. Dora, Val and all the Robinsons

### THE TASTE OF CARRABELLE

The Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce sends its thanks to C-Quarters for the perfect venue, to their staff who helped make the evening a success, Rod Gasche and Dana Whaley for the great photos, to The Beach Trader for our "beachy" décor, and to all who collaborated on this successful showcase of Carrabelle's culinary riches as part of Taste of Carrabelle. Many thanks to the participating restaurants: 2 Al's, Fish Camp Restaurant, Hog Wild, Franklin County High School Culinary Academy, Carrabelle Junction, Marker "30", Crooked River Grill, Fathoms Steam and Raw Bar, and Millender Seafood Market.

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# Faith BRIEFS

## Veterans invited to First Baptist thank-you event

In recognition of America's 25 million living, wounded and handicapped veterans, and those who have given their lives, their widows, and those missing in action or prisoners of war, the First Baptist Christian School would like to say "Thank you" by inviting all area veterans and the community to their annual Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. in the church sanctuary, 46 Ninth Street, in Apalachicola.

Stations will include painting, sewing, light constructing, ironing, costume alterations and various other creative activities related to the upcoming musical production "Christmas Story 2011." Please bring available sewing machines, scissors, paintbrushes or other personal crafting items you may need to help bring out your creative genius. If you have any questions call April Patriotis (850) 323-1160 or email to [apatriotis@gmail.com](mailto:apatriotis@gmail.com).

## Crafting day set for 'Christmas Story 2011'

Calling all craftsman and craftswomen. Come for a day of fellowship, fun and crafting in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church, in Apalachicola, on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 11 a.m. until you have had enough fun!

## Narcotics Anonymous group meets Sunday evenings

A Narcotics Anonymous group, providing group support for anyone beset by a drug problem, has begun meeting in Eastpoint. Meetings, open to anyone, are held Sunday evenings, at 6 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, 317 Patton Drive.

## Lanark Village Association to meet Monday

Attention out there! When you get home from a fun-filled evening at the Seafood Festival, or an evening out dirty dancing, this Saturday, Nov. 5, don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour. That's right folks, we'll get that hour of sleep we lost last year. The Fall Festival at the Carrabelle United Methodist Church was a howling success. So was the yard sale at Sacred Heart Church, and the bazaar and lunch at the Lanark Village Boat Club. Many thanks to all the volunteers, vendors, and those who supported these fundraisers. News Flash! Monday, Nov. 7 we will have our monthly meeting for



LANARK NEWS  
Jim Welsh

members of the Lanark Village Association. We gather at Chillas Hall and the gavel falls at 7 p.m. See ya there! Hope you can join us Saturday, Nov. 12 for the Fall Festival and Parade at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center, 201 Avenue F, in Carrabelle. We are hoping for a big day, good weather and you! Parade step-off is at 10 a.m. Of course, Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. The service honoring our veterans will be held at Camp Gordon Johnston American legion Post 82, on Oak Street. All welcome. Be kind to one another, and check on the sick and housebound, and Jesus Loves Franklin County. Until next time, God Bless America, our troops, the poor and the hungry.

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## Give thanks for hunting

November means the 2011-12 huntin' season's in full swing. In this month's column, I cover most everything you need to know about general gun, fall turkey, quail and gray squirrel, snipe and the second phase of mourning and white-winged dove seasons.

The first thing you need to do is pick up a \$17 Florida resident hunting license. Nonresidents pay \$46.50 for a 10-day license or \$151.50 for 12 months.

If you plan to hunt one of Florida's many wildlife management areas (WMAs), you'll also need a \$26.50 management area permit, but don't forget to study the brochure for the specific area you plan to hunt because dates, bag limits and rules differ greatly from area to area. You can get these brochures at the tax collector's office near each WMA, or you can download them from MyFWC.com/Hunting.

You can buy your license and permits by calling 888-HUNT-FLORIDA or online at [www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com](http://www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com). Have your credit card ready. You also can purchase them from Tax Collector Jimmy Harris' office and most retail outlets that sell hunting and fishing supplies.

The general gun season runs Nov. 5 to Jan. 22 in Zone C; Dec. 3 to Feb. 19 in Zone B; and in Zone A, the second phase of general gun season runs Nov. 19 to Jan. 1. In Zone D, which extends from Wakulla and Gadsden counties west to Alabama, it starts Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 24) and lasts four days through Nov. 27. Two weeks later, the season reopens Dec. 10 and runs through Feb. 19.

Hunters can take bucks having at least one antler 5 inches or longer, but anyone hunting deer in Florida must have the \$5 deer permit. On private lands, the daily bag limit for deer is two, but during some quota hunts on WMAs, the bag limit is only one deer. In some cases, there are antler restrictions, so read the particular WMA brochure before hunting.

On private lands, hunters can take wild hogs year-round with no bag or size limits. On most — but not all — WMAs, there's also no bag or size limit on wild hogs, and hunters can take them during any hunting season except spring turkey. Again, check the WMA brochure to be certain.

The highly anticipated antlerless deer season, often called "doe week," is Nov. 19-25 (Thanksgiving week) in zones A and C, and Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 (Christmas week) in zones B and D, which includes Franklin County.

During doe week, the daily bag limit is one buck and one doe, or two bucks. You may not take two does in one day as you can during archery season, and spotted fawns are never legal game. By the way, WMAs do not have an

antlerless deer season.

If you hunt with deer dogs anywhere in Florida, special rules and registration requirements may apply, so call the FWC for details.

Fall turkey season in Zone A is Nov. 19 to Jan. 1. In zones B and C, it runs Dec. 3 to Jan. 29 and Nov. 5 to Jan. 1, respectively. And in Zone D, fall turkey season is Nov. 24-27 and Dec. 10 to Jan. 15, except for Holmes County, where there is no fall turkey season.

Only bearded turkeys and gobblers are legal game, and you must have a turkey permit (\$10 for residents; \$125 for nonresidents) to hunt them. The bag limit is one bird per day, and a total of two during the archery, crossbow, muzzleloading gun and fall turkey seasons combined.

Quail and gray squirrel season runs statewide Nov. 12 to March 4. There's a daily bag limit of 12 for each, but shooting fox squirrels is against the law.

Shooting hours for deer, turkeys, quail and gray squirrels is a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. All legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, bows, crossbows and pistols are legal for taking these resident game animals during the general gun, antlerless deer, fall turkey and quail and gray squirrel seasons.

Florida snipe hunting ranks second in the nation for the number of birds harvested each year. That season runs Nov. 1 to Feb. 15 statewide. The second phase of the mourning and white-winged dove season also comes in this month and runs Nov. 12-27. Shooting hours for migratory game birds are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The bag limit for snipe is eight; for doves, the bag limit is 15.

You must get a no-cost migratory bird permit if you plan to hunt snipe, doves or any other migratory game birds.

The FWC even provides an online "Dove Hunter's Hotline" that gives up-to-date information on Florida's public dove fields. The address is MyFWC.com/Dove, and it's updated every Thursday throughout the dove season. Information includes dove densities, previous week's harvests and field conditions.

Whether small-game hunting with friends and family or hunting solo, going after that monster buck, boar hog or big tom, November brings loads of great hunting opportunities. Here's wishing you a happy Thanksgiving and a successful hunting season.

*Tony Young, an avid sportsman and native Floridian, is media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management and lives in Tallahassee with his family.*



TONY YOUNG  
Outta' The Woods



JOHN DRUMMOND | Special to Florida Freedom

From left, Michael Dobbs, John Drummond and Mark Bateman bagged 21 gray squirrels.

## Squirrel season returns Nov. 12

By Stan Kirkland

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission

In less than two weeks, anyone who visits the lower Apalachicola River will swear a war has broken out. Rest assured, it's no war, but the annual opening of squirrel season.

Small-game season, which is the open season for gray squirrel and quail, runs from Nov. 12 to March 4 throughout the state. Hunters are allowed to kill 12 squirrels daily.

The lower Apalachicola River isn't the only area where squirrel hunters will be out in numbers. In the Florida Panhandle, there'll be lots of squirrel hunters hunting the hardwoods along practically every river and creek where they have access.

On the Apalachicola River below Wewahitchka, most of the boat ramps will be crowded with trucks and boat trailers while their owners hunt out

of their boats. Where there's private property, some hunters use simple cabins as their base for sleeping and eating. Other hunters use tents and sleep primitive style, on the ground.

One hunter who made the trip every year for almost 30 years is Tony Bigot of Fort Walton Beach. The 64-year-old hasn't hunted the past couple of years but he said it was a trip that he and eight or nine friends made together every year.

"It was really a ritual for us. We would go down on Friday afternoon or night (the day before the opening), sleep in a friend's cabin and then hunt Saturday morning and go back in the afternoon," he said.

Bigot said they hunted near Brothers River and generally found lots of squirrels.

"Sometimes you'd kill your bag limit in a couple hours. But usually, we'd get five or six in the morning and

about that many in the afternoon."

Bigot said he always prided himself on his sense of direction and being able to find his way back to the camp, but one day every oak, gum and cypress looked the same and he knew he was lost.

After wandering in circles for several hours, he found a guy cutting firewood and paid him \$5 to take him back to the boat landing.

"My friends were there looking for me. I took a lot of kidding," he said.

Bigot said he enjoyed his annual opening-weekend trip so much that he took both his son and daughter to experience the Southern tradition.

"We enjoyed the hunt but all the other stuff — eating camp food, sitting around a fire at night and smelling like smoke, and everyone telling stories about their hunt — those are things I'll always remember," he said.

## BUDS 'N' BUGS: WHITE GINGER

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

The white ginger lily (*Hedychium coronarium*), a hardy member of the ginger family, is originally from the Himalayas region of Nepal and India.



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times  
White ginger

popular when gardeners realized it was winter-hardy.

White ginger is the national flower of Cuba, where it is known as Mariposa Blanca, literally "White Butterfly," because of its resemblance to a flying white butterfly. The incredibly fragrant flowers, reminiscent of gardenia, were used by women to adorn themselves in Spanish colonial times. There is a tradition that Cuban women used the large white blossoms to carry secret messages during the revolution.

White ginger roots have been used in incense, a tranquilizer and as a flavoring in chewing tobacco. In Hawaii, the flowers are woven into leis; in Thailand they are steamed and eaten.

In the Victorian language of flowers, white ginger was a symbol of health and good fortune.

In most of South America, white ginger is very common and considered an invasive weed. The same is true in Hawaii.

In Florida, it has not yet proved a troublesome invasive and is a popular garden plant. Because it requires a deep root system, white ginger does not do well in containers.

This attractive plant stands 3 to 7 feet tall. From midsummer through autumn, the stalks are topped with 6- to 12-inch-long clusters of wonderfully fragrant white flowers that eventually give way to showy seed pods full of bright red seeds.

It grows in full sun but prefers some shade and needs rich moist soil to thrive. White ginger is easily propagated from rootstock, and there are cultivars commercially available in a variety of colors.

## Outdoors BRIEFS

### ANERR to host public meeting Nov. 14

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas will hold a public meeting from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve Center, 108 Island Drive in Eastpoint to allow public review and comment on the draft management plan for ANERR. Information from the meeting will be compiled and used by CAMA in revision of the draft management plan.

For more information, contact Lee Edmiston at 670-7721 or Lee. Edmiston@dep.state.fl.us. Visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/Coastal/sites/apalachicola/plan/](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/Coastal/sites/apalachicola/plan/) to view a draft of the plan. Written comments can

be submitted by fax to 850-245-2110, Attn: Apalachicola Bay or by email to [Apalachicola.Reserve@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Apalachicola.Reserve@dep.state.fl.us) on or before Nov. 28.

### Lighthouse Full Moon Climb

The November Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse will be Nov. 10. The climb will be 5-6:30 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast.

Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. The sun will set at 5:47 p.m., and the moon will rise at 5:39 p.m.

After sunset, cost is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for SGLA members.

Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 927-7744 or toll free 888-927-7744.

## FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



### Inshore

Trout and redfish are everywhere in St. Joe Bay. The trout are still mostly small, but some larger fish are being caught in deeper water. Red fish are abundant in just about all waters in our area. Use live croakers or pinfish to entice the big bulls or fresh cut mullet chunks. Key spots to find big bull reds are Mexico Beach Pier, under the Tapper bridge and at the oil docks at night.

Gag grouper season will come to an end this month. This fall season has produced many good fish. Most legal fish are holding still in the 100 to 200-foot range; however, the cooler water temps will soon have grouper close to shore. Some kingfish are being caught, but it is a hit-or-miss fishery. Loads of sand trout and some sheephead are getting hooked at the inshore waters close to the tip of the cape.

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The sophomores had the top float in the homecoming parade.

# Tigers down Seahawks for share of title

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Blountstown backed up their defense with offensive muscle Friday night, defeating Franklin County 47-8 to put themselves in the catbird seat in the race for the District 4-1A title.

The Tiger trio of sophomore Javakiel Brigham, senior Marquel Thomas and senior Jawon Mosley led a ground attack that tallied 233 yards on 34 carries, as the defense shut out the Seahawks for the first three quarters.

"We wanted to come down here and be able to run the football," said Tigers coach Greg Jordan. "Defensively we've been playing well. We needed to have some positive things happen."

Happen they did, beginning with a 14-yard toss from sophomore quarterback Hunter Jordan to

Mosley with 5:44 left in the first quarter. Jordan finished a perfect 5-for-five from the air, for 108 yards.

On the opening drive, on successive fourth downs, Franklin County coach Josh Wright went for the first downs and got them. But for most of the game, the team had a hard time mustering a sustained offense.

The Blountstown offense exploded in the second quarter with four more scores, a 7-yard run by Thomas, a 4-yard burst by Mosley, who also caught a 14-yard scoring toss from Jordan, and a 31-yard scamper by Brigham with 27 seconds left before halftime, giving the Tigers a commanding 33-0 lead going into the locker room.

Blountstown got the running clock started less than 30 seconds into the second half, when Mosley ran the opening kickoff back to the Seahawks 15-

yard line, and then ran it in a play later. He finished with 46 yards, Brigham 66 yards and Thomas 53 yards.

The Seahawks got on the board with 9:38 left in the game, when junior quarterback TreSean Carr threw an 11-yard score to junior Ladarious Rhodes. Sophomore kicker Elton Olvera hit sophomore Holden Foley for the two-point conversion.

With 28 seconds left in the game, the Tigers wrapped up their scoring when freshman quarterback Dillon Lee threw a 17-yard strike to senior wide receiver Chris Davis.

The Tiger defense held the Seahawks to just 42 yards on the ground, on 24 carries, and 52 yards in the air. Senior quarterback Zach Armistead was 2-for-8 for 29 yards and one interception, while junior quarterback TreSean Carr

went 2-for-2 for 21 yards.

On the ground, junior running back Cole Lee led the team with 21 yards on six carries, with sophomore Dwayne Griggs and junior Skyler Hutchinson each gaining only nine yards, on six and four carries respectively. Senior Brennan Walden added three yards, on eight carries.

Defensively, the team was led by Walden, with eight solo tackles, and senior Marcus Dalton, sophomore Leonard Green and Carr each with four.

The Seahawks fell to 3-6, 0-4 in district play, and have a bye this Friday.

Highlighting the evening were halftime's homecoming events, which featured freshman attendants Mackenzie Register, accompanied by Chandler White; sophomore attendants Haleigh Ming and Alex Causey, and Deborah Dempsey

and Dwayne Griggs; and junior attendants Emily Cash and Chase Golden, Shelby Myer and Skyler Hutchinson, and Chena Segree and Cole Lee.

Radiant as the homecoming court, which this year featured both a king and queen, were senior attendants Kayle Martina and Zach Armistead, Emerald Norris and Steven Jackson, Carli Klink and Tanner Klink, Megan Newell and Brennan Walden and Christina Pateritsas and Javeion Winfield.

As anticipation grew, Mr. FCHS Chance Buffkin and Miss FCHS Adreenah Wynn, as well as last year's queen Abigail Wharrie, helped to crown the honorees, Norris as the queen and Winfield the king.

Float winner from the afternoon parade was the sophomores, class of 2014, with first runner up the juniors, class of 2013. Serving as parade mar-



DANA WHALEY | Special to the Times

Blountstown freshman linebacker Tripp Taylor gets a hand on Seahawk senior running back Brennan Walden.

shal was Franklin County teacher Stephanie Howze, who is back teaching after intensive therapy for cancer. The fight against cancer was the theme of the evening introduced by announcer Kenny Griswold before the coin toss.

## Golf tourney benefits visually impaired



The Carrabelle Lions Club held its second annual charity golf tournament at St. James Bay Golf Resort on Oct. 15 under sunny skies. First place team, in the top photo, are, from left, Doug Brock, Duffie Harrison, Scott Benson and Tom Nobles. In a close second, in middle photo, are from left, Charlie Kienzle, Nola Tolbert, Lenny Morris and Mike Wheelus. In third place, in bottom photo, are from left, John Hosford, Sam Hosford, Dave Rheel and Tony Attalla.



The Lions Club would like to thank the following hole sponsors, who helped raise money to benefit the visually impaired: Carrabelle: Sopchoppy Lions Club, Posey's Restaurant, John and Karen Hosford, Bill Snyder, Sea Crest Realty, David and Peggy Kight, Duffie and Susie Harrison, City of Carrabelle, Harbor Point Realty, Forgotten Coastline, Harbor Point Realty, Dr. Zoe Segree. Another big thanks to those who donated items for the silent auction: Sheryl Mitchell, The Moorings, St. James Bay Golf Resort, Karen Brown, Contractors Depot, John, Karen and Sam Hosford, and the Espositos.

All photos were taken and contributed to The Times by John Hosford.



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The six Apalachicola sessions begin Monday, Nov. 14, and run through Monday, Dec. 19, at the George E. Weems Memorial Hospital Conference Room, 135 Avenue G. The sessions meet weekly on Mondays at 6 p.m.

The six Carrabelle sessions

begin Wednesday, Nov. 16, and run through Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Franklin County Public Library Carrabelle Branch, 311 Saint James Avenue. These sessions meet weekly on Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Jowita Cichy at 509-6614 or Calandra Portalatin at 224-1177 and at cportalatin@bigbendahec.org.

### Sacred Heart welcomes dermatology group

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf welcomes Gulf Coast Dermatology to its community of health providers. Heather Preisser, certified physician assistant began seeing patients on Tuesday, at the Sacred Heart on the Gulf's medical

office building, 3801 U.S. Highway 98 in Port St. Joe.

Gulf Coast Dermatology will see patients Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 233-3376 and specify the Sacred Heart Location.

SHH on the Gulf opened in 2010 to serve residents of Gulf, Franklin and Bay counties. The 19-bed facility in Port St. Joe features 24-hour emergency services, inpatient services, surgical services, a full complement of diagnostic and laboratory services, and a helipad to be used by Sacred Heart's regional air ambulance service to provide transport for trauma or critically ill patients. For more information, visit [www.sacredheartonthegulf.org](http://www.sacredheartonthegulf.org), find us on Facebook or call 229-5600.

## Your county library

Franklin County Public Library participated in "Snapshot: A Day in the Life of Florida Libraries" on Wednesday, Nov. 2. This is a statewide project that illustrates the importance of libraries for Florida's citizens through collection of statistics, stories, and photographs. Go to [www.flicker.com](http://www.flicker.com) and type in Florida Library Snapshot to view the pictures and stories from the county libraries in Carrabelle and Eastpoint. You may see someone you know! You may call 670-8151 ext. 201 to be placed on the list of future chefs or just show up at 3:30 p.m. Thursday afternoons and we will get you started.

Beginning on Nov. 3, Ms. Suzanne is offering a program, "What's Cooking in the Library @ Eastpoint" for children ages 5 through 12. Be sure to be at the library by 3:30 on Thursdays for an hour of recipes, food preparation, and cooking. Kids will be able to sample their creation too. Who knows? A future chef may be in the making by taking

these weekly cooking lessons.

The Carrabelle Branch offers free harmonica lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays, Yoga on Mondays and Thursdays, Adult Wii on Wednesdays, plus Book Chat every Monday afternoon. Both branches offer small group basic computer classes on Thursdays and Fridays, and Storytime for children ages 0-9. All of these activities are free to participants and offer fun alternatives to learning new life skills.

The activities are just a portion of what Franklin County Public Library offers to our community. New books, audio books, children's books, and DVDs are consistently being placed on the shelves to keep the collection current and up-to-date. Many titles from the New York Times Best Selling Fiction titles are available.

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## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF LAND USE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, to consider adopting proposed changes to the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use map series for:

Tract (1) A 10 acre parcel lying in Section 23, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, north of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida to be rezoned from A-2 Agricultural to R-6 Rural Residential.

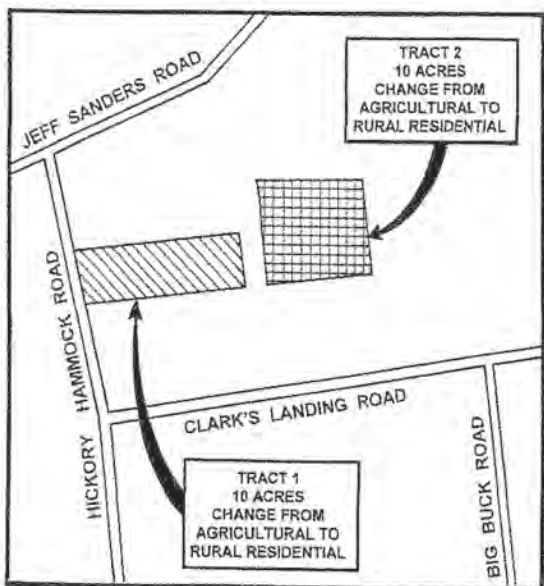
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Tract (3) A 10 acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, north of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida to be rezoned from A-2 Agricultural to R-6 Rural Residential.

A public hearing on the proposed changes to the Future Land Use Map series will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex in Apalachicola, Florida. More information can be obtained and the proposed change may be inspected at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite #1, Apalachicola, Florida, telephone (850) 653-9783.

Persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or in writing to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Transactions of this public hearing will not be recorded. Persons who wish to appeal any action resulting from this hearing should make the necessary arrangements to assure that a verbatim record is made, including testimony and evidence, if any, upon which the appeal is to be based.

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## WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Nov 3	77°	56°	20 %
Fri, Nov 4	69°	51°	0 %
Sat, Nov 5	72°	53°	0 %
Sun, Nov 6	74°	58°	10 %
Mon, Nov 7	78°	61°	10 %
Tues, Nov 8	78°	59°	10 %
Wed, Nov 9	76°	55°	20 %

## TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

### APALACHICOLA

Date	Time	Height	Time	Height
11/3 Thu	04:58AM	1.1	L 09:35AM	1.4
	05:48PM	0.5	L	
11/4 Fri	12:18AM	1.4	H 06:20AM	0.9
	11:28AM	1.3	H 06:40PM	0.6
11/5 Sat	12:45AM	1.4	H 07:24AM	0.6
	01:20PM	1.3	H 07:27PM	0.7
11/6 Sun	01:08AM	1.5	H 07:16AM	0.4
	01:46PM	1.3	H 07:09PM	0.9
11/7 Mon	12:30AM	1.5	H 08:01AM	0.2
	02:52PM	1.4	H 07:46PM	1.0
11/8 Tue	12:50AM	1.6	H 08:42AM	0.1
	03:46PM	1.4	H 08:19PM	1.1
11/9 Wed	01:11AM	1.6	H 09:19AM	-0.1
	04:33PM	1.5	H 08:49PM	1.2

### CARRABELLE

Date	Time	Height	Time	Height
11/3 Thu	02:45AM	1.8	L 08:10AM	2.2
	03:35PM	0.8	L 10:53PM	2.2
11/4 Fri	04:07AM	1.4	L 10:03AM	2.1
	04:27PM	1.0	L 11:20PM	2.2
11/5 Sat	05:11AM	1.0	L 11:55AM	2.1
	05:14PM	1.1	L 11:43PM	2.4
11/6 Sun	05:03AM	0.6	L 12:21PM	2.1
	04:56PM	1.4	L 11:05PM	2.4
11/7 Mon	05:48AM	0.3	L 01:27PM	2.2
	05:33PM	1.6	L 11:25PM	2.6
11/8 Tue	06:29AM	0.2	L 02:21PM	2.2
	06:06PM	1.8	L 11:46PM	2.6
11/9 Wed	07:06AM	-0.2	L 03:08PM	2.4
	06:36PM	1.9	L	

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# PRUNING from page A1

to temporarily cease cutting while a city committee forged a tree ordinance. Apalachicola ordered Progress to stop pruning trees after an angry crowd confronted North Florida Community Relation Specialist Bobby Pickels at a special city meeting nearly a year ago.

After much consideration and meetings with Pickels and several arborists, the city put a tree ordinance in place, but early last month, a tree crew from Asplundh Tree Expert Company arrived in town and set to work on Avenue F chopping greenery with abandon.

They were confronted by angry citizens and Public Works Foreman Wilbur Bellew, who was charged with overseeing Progress' pruning efforts.

After seeing the condition of several palm trees trimmed by Asplundh near the community garden, Bellew confronted the crew at the House of Tartts. "I asked them to stop what they were doing until Ms. Webb got there," he said. "And they did."

Tree committee member Jeff Hewell said, when City Administrator Betty Taylor-Webb arrived, "she told them to take their equipment and get out of town." The tree crew decamped.

The immediate problem with Asplundh's work was a lack of attention to the appearance of pruned trees. In several cases palm trees had

the living fronds sheared off of one side, but dead material was left in place.

During the earlier negotiations, Bobby Pickels said Progress has an International Society of Arboriculturist (certified arborist) and a contract inspector with 30 years of vegetation management experience inspecting pruning work to ensure the company meets the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for professional arborists' standard for accepted tree care industry practices.

The head of the Asplundh crew told the angry group gathered at the House of Tartts that he was not bound by ANSI standards because he was working in a power easement. Bellew said he expected the tree crew was coming, but he had not been told where or what they would trim.

Caroline Weiler, who manages the Raney Cottage where several trees were removed, said she was informed of what Progress had planned and chose not to be present when the work was performed.

Bellew and Hewell both said Progress now plans to do minor pruning on Nov. 7 on the north side of US 98 around the power substation, and then withdraw until spring.

Webb said she was told work is being postponed out of consideration for eagles nesting there. Pruning is prohibited within 600 feet

of an eagle's nest because the birds are protected under the Endangered Species Act.

Some people have speculated that recent television coverage of the tree pruning and Progress' plans to erect enormous power poles along the Apalachicola waterfront may have caused them to cease work until public furor dies down.

Hewell said he expects Progress will send crews in the spring from Burford's Tree Surgeons, an Alabama-based contractor that has done satisfactory work here in the past.

"They've got to notify the city of where and what they will trim," he said.

Bellew said he will accompany the crews to supervise their work on all "patriarch trees," those with a trunk caliper that exceeds 35 inches.

Hewell said volunteers will be with the crews this spring to observe. "As a committee we'll be watching them," he said. "Maybe they think it's going to go away but we're here and we care about Apalachicola."

He said Asplundh was "the bottom of the barrel (and had) destroyed all the good will (Progress) had so



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

These two palm trees, cut down due to proximity to electrical equipment, were among those "trimmed" by Asplundh.

far. Which wasn't much." Weiler said, "I think our real strength is making lemonade from these terrible bitter lemons we've been given. We'll have to go on with what we've got and make it as beautiful as we can. The birds will still nest in the trees."

## NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: An Ordinance Rezoning the following Tracts of Land in Franklin County:

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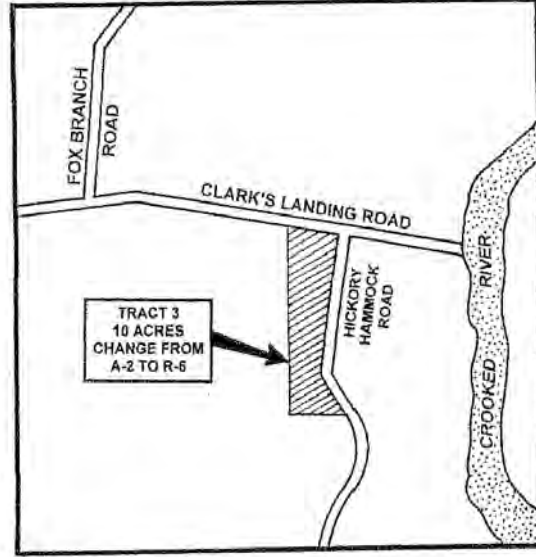
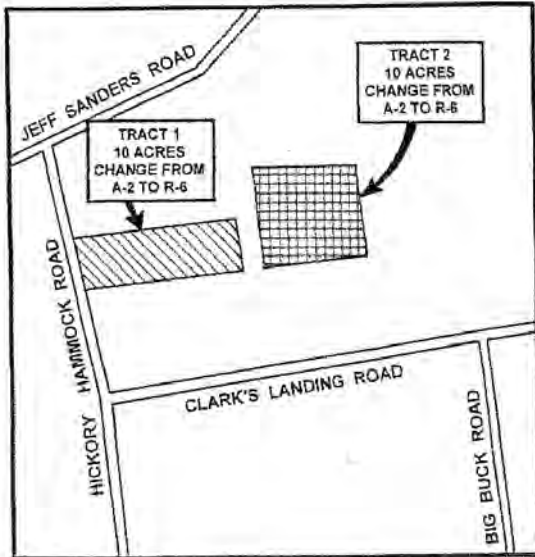
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# Lanark plans gumbo cook-off

The St. James/Lanark Volunteer Fire Department will be cookin' Cajun at the third annual Gumbo Cook-Off in Lanark Village on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Food, fun and music will all be part of this benefit for the department. The cook-off will be held at the Lanark Village Boat Club, 2364 U.S. 98.

The event features a contest for the best gumbo, a jumbo raffle and a live auction with items including a helicopter ride from Panhandle Helicopter, a kayak boat trip for two from Journeys of St.

George, a day of golf with overnight stay at St. James Bay Golf Course, a gorgeous hand-made quilt and much more.

By special invitation, Jackie Gay will be on the judging panel this year. She was the winner of the Good Housekeeping/Paul Newman/Gumbo Contest in 1997, which had Newman awarding \$50,000 to the building fund for our wonderful Carabelle Library.

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## A HEADLESS HALLOWEEN



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Dakota Williams peeks out from behind his costume, featuring Ichabod Crane, the "headless horseman," as he and the costume's designer, his mom, Shami Bigelow, in back, visit the home of Joan Stanton in Apalachicola's historic district Monday night. Stanton's home was again decorated elaborately for the occasion, including a table of dismembered limbs and other special effects.

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