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NEWS BRIEFS



Come for feasting, fellowship

Christ Town Ministries will host a free community Thanksgiving Dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until the food runs out) on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, at Christ Town Church, 2121 W. Jefferson St., Quincy.

Menu includes: Turkey (smoked and baked), ham, dressing, rice and gravy, sweet potato soufflé, green beans, greens, macaroni and cheese, cranberry relish and sauce, rolls and assorted desserts.

The meal is being prepared by members of several local churches and businesses: First Presbyterian Church, Christ Town Ministries, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Centenary United Methodist Church, West End Grille, Cook Brothers Inc.; and many generous individuals.

For Thanksgiving 2012, about 300 plates were served to Gadsden County residents. This year organizers plan to meet or exceed this number.

Times office to close two days for Thanksgiving

The Gadsden County Times will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2. For information, call 850-627-7649.

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BoCC mulls road maintenance

CURT WILKERSON
Times Correspondent

The Nov. 19 meeting of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) began with a changing of the guard, as District 1 Commissioner Eric Hinson was appointed by the board to succeed Doug Croley as chairman. In addition, District 4 Commissioner Brenda Holt was selected to serve as vice-chair.

"I want to thank everybody for electing me as chairman, and I'd like to thank Commissioner Holt for serving as vice-chair," said Hinson. "I also want to thank Commissioner Croley for doing an excellent job; he made things easier for everybody."

After a brief rearranging of the dais, the commission resumed with regular business. The BoCC approved a \$100,000

one-year contract to sources such as tax fund the Gadsden breaks.

County Development Council (GCDC). The first order of business for the GCDC will help promote economic expansion in Gadsden County by luring new business to the county, while encouraging the expansion and retention of existing businesses. The council will attempt to attract private sector investors while also identifying and utilizing governmental re-

"It's going to take all the stakeholders in the community, public and private, to execute the plan that is developed."

Members of the BoCC were adamant that the GCDC develop clearly defined objectives and report their progress to the commission on a regular basis.

Another topic of great debate at the

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Tough contest



An East Gadsden High School basketball player leaps toward the basket in the midst of scoring in a game this past Saturday night at home against the Wakulla War Eagles. Photo by Cheri Harris

Jaguars start basketball season with tough loss

TERRANCE CHISOLM
*Times
Sports Correspondent*

The Jaguars of East Gadsden began their season this past Saturday with a home game against the Wakulla War Eagles. The

Jaguars ran out of the locker room onto their home court with an intense look of confidence and focus. Before the start of the game the team broke their huddle by simultaneously reciting one word: "Believe."

East Gadsden won the opening tip and senior forward John Fain scored the first points of the Jaguar's season by knocking down a three-pointer. Fain went on to score the Jaguars first eight points of the game. East Gadsden's offense flowed well during the first part of the opening quarter but seemed to be a little out of sync during the second half of the quarter. The home team held an 18-11 lead over the War Eagles as the first quarter ended with

senior floor general Nick Byrd launching a three-pointer from deep behind the arc that barely missed off the rim.

Wakulla came out fighting in the opening minutes of the second quarter. After East Gadsden committed two turnovers and a few fouls, their lead was cut to three and with 6:28 to go in the second quarter, the home team held a 21-18 advantage.

Wakulla began to work the ball inside to their center and continued to get to the free-throw line and hit their free throws. The War Eagles tied the game up 27-27 with 1:08 left in the half by finding a mismatch inside for a lay-up.

Unfortunately the Jaguars continued to hurt themselves by fouling the War Eagles and sending them to the charity stripe.

With just over six minutes to go in the third, Byrd hit a nice jumper

that tied the game up 32-32. Less than two minutes later, senior forward Bobby Dukes made a put-back off his own miss, which gave the Jaguars a one-point lead as the scoreboard showed a score of 36-35.

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Man gets 13 years after plea in 2012 shooting

CHERI HARRIS
Times

Omar Ahmed Mercer, 33, was sentenced to 166 months in jail

including more than 470 days served for the Aug. 4, 2012, shooting death of Anthony Jerome Hopkins. Omar Mercer sentenced Friday.

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After Judge Jonathan E. Sjostrom read the sentence, a sentence he said would disappoint everyone, he read an excerpt from a letter — one of many he received on behalf of both the victim and the man convicted of killing him.

"People are dying for nothing. Do you hear me? Nothing..."

Before Mercer's sentencing, Sjostrom heard from a number of family members and others who spoke passionately in favor of either justice for the loss of life or mercy for the man accused of taking it — shooting Hopkins in the back four times outside the senior citizens center in Quincy, where both men had been attending a private party.

Hopkins' mother, Stephanie, showed the judge pictures of her son with his sisters.

"I miss him because that was my boy," she said. "That was my son. We talked every day."

She described the night Aug. 4 when she called Hopkins, and called him and called him, and he never answered.

Angela Lindsey, Hopkins' aunt, described Hopkins, nicknamed "Boo," as a young man who enjoyed life.

"He was a lot of fun," she said.

She also told Sjostrom her nephew was the last Hopkins male who could carry on the family name.

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Affordable Healthcare Act



**Mayor Keith Dowdell
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Mayor Keith Dowdell would like to thank all City of Quincy residents who attended the Affordable Healthcare meetings this past week.

Florida Blue is the only company on the Federal Healthcare Exchange in Gadsden County and surrounding areas.

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Along Twin Ponds Road

Although I won't be running in a "turkey trot" road race on Thanksgiving morning, it doesn't mean I won't be walking or riding my bike while some of you will run that race I have loved so much over the years.

Maybe next year I'll get over some pretty intense foot pain and be able to, once again, run a road race — one of my very favorite things to do in life.

I hope you love this holiday as much as I do. In fact, it is my favorite time of the year, even if I can't run another turkey trot. I believe Thanksgiving is one of those holidays almost overlooked by some.

I have so much to be thankful for. Every day I am able to wake and draw breath, I am grateful for being able to do so.

Nowadays I shuffle, rather than walk briskly, upon crawling out of bed. However, within a few minutes I'm walking as I did when a young man and am excited about taking the dog out to do his morning duty so that I can attend to mine.

I've found that healthy routines are life or breath for me. When you're older, you have to hold onto those good habits you've acquired over the years.

For me, that means kneeling in prayer as one of my first actions, each and every day. Then, as I've shared

with you so many times in the past, I unroll my exercise mat and do my floor routine while listening to Gregorian chant.

I also do a few exercises in the garage before I drink my one or two glasses of water and take off on my morning walk.

When I return from walking, I hop onto my bicycle and ride awhile.

By the time I return, my wife is usually out of bed and we can feed the dog and then have breakfast together.

What would I do without my wonderful companion, Judy? She is the love of my life, and it is just so wonderful to fall asleep together, while always making sure our bodies are touching.

To wake up next to her is sheer joy. Many my age don't have that valuable experience any longer as a spouse has died.

As I shared in last week's column, I had the good fortune to visit with my sister and her husband and my best friends — another thing I don't take for granted.

My high school graduating class is hoping to hold a 55th reunion next year. If I have the good fortune to attend, it may be the last time I see some of my old classmates.

I am thankful to be living where I am, in a neighborhood filled with other seniors like myself. I have met so many good people

since moving here in August.

Our next door neighbors, Shirley and Al, have already become good friends of ours.

Last week this lovely couple treated us to an exciting evening when they took us to "La Nouba" by Cirque du Soleil at Disneyworld in Orlando. Shirley is older than I am and did the driving. Who could ask for more?

A few days ago we went to Florida's largest flea market in Webster. We all had a good time and even made a few purchases.

The fresh produce we bought, in itself, made the trip well worthwhile.

I am going to join one of the many clubs and groups offered here at the Legacy in Leesburg.

Since I do so much walking and bike riding, my neighbor, Larry, a member of the Neighborhood Watch, encouraged me to join their ranks to help do my part in keeping our wonderful community crime-free.

Judy and I found a great church, Whitney Baptist, to worship at.

Pastor Randy Ford is a very inspiring preacher and filled with the Holy Spirit. We have a friendly congregation and the services are exciting and provocative.

I have had the honor of already singing two solos, and I do love singing of God's praises. Perhaps, one day soon, Pastor Randy



...Ray Willis

will allow me to read some Scripture as I also love doing.

Pastor Ford has reminded us more than once during his last few sermons that freedom to worship is not to be taken lightly in this world. We still are the most fortunate people in the world to be able to worship our Lord without outsiders trying to stop us. He

has also reminded us that if things continue as they have in the world, there might be a day when even in this great country of ours we could be persecuted for worshiping Jesus. Judy and I at this point in time are not planning to share our Thanksgiving dinner with anyone. However, we always make the most of it, and are thankful to the Lord, that He has brought us together and that we are both healthy and happy.

I do hope your Thanksgiving is a happy and bountiful one and that you have the opportunity to share it with friends and/or loved ones. God bless you.

Letters to the editor

End of life an inevitable topic

No one likes to think about death and dying, but it's something everyone has to face eventually. There's an incredible resource in our community that provides comfort, dignity and respect to all those coping with a serious or life-limiting illness. It's Big Bend Hospice.

November is National Hospice Palliative Care Month, a time to reach out to our community to raise awareness about the compassionate care that hospice and palliative care provide to patients and their families.

One of the most important messages to help people understand is that hospice care and palliative care helps patients and families focus on living.

The Big Bend Hospice team of Gadsden County provides expert medical care to keep patients comfortable and able to enjoy time with loved ones. The hospice team answers questions, offers advice on what to expect, and helps families with the duties of being a caregiver. The team also provides emotional and spiritual support for the entire family.

Hospice Medicare and Medicaid cover 100 percent of the cost of the approved treatments and services related to the terminal illness. Hospice is covered by most insurance plans and HMOs. Thanks to community support, no one is ever refused Big Bend Hospice services because of inability to pay. Hospice care is provided in the home, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and long-term care centers.

Hospice care is available to people of all ages, with any illness. Hospice professionals and trained volunteers will ask you what's important and listen to what you say. They make your wishes a priority.

If you or a loved one is facing a serious or life-limiting illness, the time to find out more about hospice and palliative care is right now.

**Wendy Melton Abbott, RN, BSN, CHPN
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Big Bend Hospice**

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Make Thanksgiving more than a feast

The horrific weather disasters which brought destruction to the Philippines and a half a world away to the U.S. Midwestern states give us all a reason to pause and reflect.

The news video accounts of the typhoon and tornadoes are shockingly graphic reminders that we all live in the world of "we never know" — at the mercy of nature.

Let's realize we are not immune to threats to our well-being and that of our loved ones near and far. Let's be thankful for our own safety and security, while we do what we can to support relief efforts for the victims of natural calamities.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let's remember this the holiday's name is a compound word — Thanks and Giving. Please take these few moments to consider my ideas for enhancing the celebration of Thanksgiving and the entire holiday season ahead.

Each of us has much to be thankful for — our lives, families, friendships and, hopefully, work that fulfills us. While there is no perfection in life, let's admit the glass is more than half full for most of us most of the time.

Thanking those we love, admire, depend upon and have work relationships with is important, but not expressed as often as we could. Find the chance to share a sincere "thank you" to important people in your life in the next few weeks.

While we're already inundated with ads for holiday gift-giving, here are Ten Thanks-Giving Thoughts to share with your family members, friends and colleagues — gifts from the heart.

1. Let's share our bounty with those with less. Consider the gift of one week's grocery bill donated to a community food bank, domestic violence or homeless shelter, a child health charity or foster parent association, hospice, veteran's support organization or your United Way as a token of appreciation for what we have, and what others do for the less fortunate.

2. Express our gratitude in word and deed to those who care for others as a profession or as volunteers. Give compliments for the good works of caregivers for our children and frail elders — those caring individuals who clean the bottoms of babies and the bed-ridden, and help nurture and stimulate their minds, deserve the kindnesses of family members and neighbors all through the year, but especially at holiday time.

3. Respect our elected officials for their service. While we believe in representative government, who among us is brave enough to run for public office? We don't have to agree with all of their policies, but we should respect their service, and hold them accountable for their actions — or lack of action. Silence is the antithesis of effectiveness.

4. Give time to a worthy cause. Volunteerism is time and talent philanthropy! Our investments for the benefit of others build community and create a great example for our children. Spectatorism is relaxing, but our community's needs can be addressed, in part, by sharing our energy. Whether we choose to sing in a chorus, read to a toddler, mentor a youth or visit a lonely elder, our time is a priceless gift which appreciates in value.



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5. Conserve resources by consuming less fuel, reusing and recycling. Native American culture considered our planet as a parent, worthy of respect and protection. Our throw-away culture is feeding our landfills with trash, and our air and water absorb the residue of fuel-generated pollutants. Preserving our environment is self-preservation, as well as a life-saving gift to wildlife, plant life and our children's children.

6. Slow down. Whether behind the steering wheel or in conversation with others, speed is not a good thing. Being in a perpetual hurry endangers our lives on the road and cuts short our relationships with others. Give yourself a few extra minutes in transit to be a safe driver — and listen a bit longer to the words in conversation with loved ones and co-workers. Actively listen and show others that positive attention is a gift worth giving.

7. Put technology in its place. We live in a high-tech, low-touch culture governed by the beeps, buzzes and blinking lights of technology. As time is compressed, stress grows. Immediate response raises expectations, reduces careful consideration and makes us more prone to error. Take a breather from all the numbing numbers and ask others to be considerate in public and private spaces by turning the "on" switch "off." Our children need to know our eye contact and voices are focused on their needs, too. Cell phones, pagers and email should not keep our loved ones on hold.

8. Advocate with assertion, not aggression. Free speech is not an invitation to be offensive. Responsible advocacy requires thoughtful strategy, practical solutions and effective conversation. Clear and consistent communication with allies and adversaries alike sets the stage for progress. Advocacy is the heartfelt expression of a wrong to be righted with composure and grace. An advocate's power is in persuasive and persistent articulation and the recruitment of others to the cause. Support advocacy organizations which reflect and represent your values and policy goals.

9. Health is a form of wealth. Making sure we eat right, exercise and take time to rest and relax are the keys to clear thinking and long-term effectiveness. Our bodies cannot support us unless our minds resolve to take care and be careful. Being healthy examples to our children in nutrition and behavior sends positive signals for their attitude and future actions.

10. Take optimism pills every morning — the timed-release kind. Positive attitudes and negativity are both contagious. Those who believe they will make a difference can achieve their goals. Pessimism is the mind's way of giving up before the first step is taken. We who strive to make change for the better in our lives, neighborhoods and the world around us should stop whining and start winning. The power of one, multiplied and magnified, is the only correct formula for progress.

Holidays remind us that bridges across the generations are built upon the stanchions of memory. We who recall the glow of candlelight reflecting the faces at our grandparents' table

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Praise the Lord



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Holiday production in Havana

Helena Barrington's "Majesty" will be presented at 8 p.m. Dec. 6 at Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth, 1110 Rich Bay Road, Havana.

"Majesty" is a unique and powerful depiction of the events experienced around the world surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. This production is a blend of music, dance, drama, vibrant costumes and elegant

pageantry, forming a symphony of art forms and expressions to tell this timeless story as never told before. Helena Barrington's flair for musical excellence is woven throughout this powerfully moving performance by a cast of more than 100 actors, dancers and singers comprised of members of the Worship Arts Ministry of Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth as well as guest cast members from several area churches and organizations.

O, give thanks!

(Editor's note: This is Nancy Kennedy's annual psalm of thanksgiving, a tradition she thinks started in 2000. She didn't keep track.)

Dear God,
Here I am again, with a blank page in front of me, attempting to put into 750 words or less all the ways in which I am thankful. Where do I even begin?

Thank you, Lord, that I belong to you. Thank you for the gifts of grace, repentance and faith, for forgiveness, for mercy, especially for your mercy



Nancy Kennedy
GRACE NOTES

Thank you for pink and purple sunrises and golden sunsets, bookends to each day that you give as a gift to those you love. Thank you for the sound of the surf, the smell of cookies fresh from the oven, for comfortable shoes, for Bearcats and "cowbirds" and sushi that's both cheap and good. This past year has been steady; it's been good. No high highs, no low lows. I'd describe it as white bread and oatmeal, tapioca and the color blue, easy-listening music, gentle rolling hills, a white four-door sedan. No shouting from the rooftops, no sobbing on the floor.

No matter what kind of year I may have, all my days are in your hands. Thank you, Lord, that I am securely in your hands.

Thank you, Lord, that you never let go of your own.

Even if I wander away (which I always do), your relentless, persistent love never wanes, never wavers, even for a child like me determined to flee.

You are the mama rabbit in the "Runaway Bunny" that tells her little bunny, "If you become a bird and fly away from me, then I will become a tree that you fly home to."

You say that too, Lord. You say it to me.

Thank you, Lord, for illustrations everywhere, for trees with sturdy limbs and

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and to welcome

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Charles Davis

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Tomato growers to cluster in Quincy

The 2013 Gadsden Tomato Forum will be from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the North Florida Research and Education Center, Pat Thomas Parkway, 155 Research Road, Quincy. This forum is sponsored by the Gadsden County Tomato Growers Association.

This educational program focuses on commercial tomato production in the northwest Florida, south Alabama and south Georgia areas. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. By attending this program, 2 Ag Row Crop or 2 Private Applicator CEUs can be obtained.

The program will include:

■ Opening Remarks
— Dr. Pete Vergot, III, Northwest District Extension Director

■ Variety Trials 2013
— Dr. Steve Olson, Vegetable Specialist, University of Florida/IFAS NFREC

■ Soil Fumigants & New Mulch Technology
— Dr. Joshua H. Freeman, Vegetable Specialist, University of Florida/IFAS NFREC

■ Tomato Diseases Trials Update & Management Options — Dr. Mathews Paret, Plant Pathologist, University of Florida/IFAS NFREC

■ Getting Started with Hydroponic Tomatoes — Fertility & Production Tactics — Dr. Timothy Coolong, Associate Professor,

Vegetable Production, UGA/Tifton Campus

■ Questions & Answers/Sponsor Remarks

The Annual Meeting of the Gadsden County Tomato Growers Association and the Quincy Tomato Growers Exchange will be at 1:30 p.m.

For information, call the Gadsden County Extension Service at 850-875-7255.

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Thank you for the songs we sing in worship: "If you tarry 'til

you're better, you will never come at all,"

"Hallelujah, he has found me, the One my soul so long has craved,"

"Oh, the blood, it is my victory."

Thank you for awe and wonder, for curiosity and contemplation — for worship.

I even thank you for

times of weakness and failure, because that's where you meet me, comfort and re-deem me, enable me

to run and dance with joy and confidence and strength.

You are a God who loves losers, who wel-

comes sinners, who heals the broken-

hearted. You give grace to the humble

(and you humble the proud), you pardon

the guilty, give hope to the hopeless, infuse

life with meaning and delight.

You are Seeker and Savior,

Refuge and Re-

deemer, Father, Son

and Holy Ghost.

You hold the uni-

verse in your hand.

No random molecule

escapes your grasp.

GRACE

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strong branches that dot the landscape as well as simple children's books on library shelves, continual reminders of your welcoming love.

Thank you, Lord, for words like "reluctant" and "doubt," because in them there is still room for hope. Thank

you for my daughters

and the men who love

them and for my pas-

tors who easily and

publicly admit their

sin.

Thank you for apple

green iPods, eyeliner

the color of eggplant,

cousins who band to-

gether and 92-year-

old aunts.

Thank you for fish

tacos and hot coffee,

cardigan sweaters

with three-quarter

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You're never surprised. You never say, "Oops."

You remain faithful when I'm not. You love when I am unloved.

You who created the mountains and the oceans, the galaxies and dragonflies, as mighty and majestic as you are, still stoop to hear my prayers.

My thanks seem puny and insignificant, but my thanks is all that I have to give.

So, with all that I have within me, with all my heart, my soul, mind and strength, I thank you, Lord.

Thank you, Lord.
Thank you!
Amen.

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LIBRARY

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the way to Utah to tap into their archives. Through advanced digital technology, they've brought the goodies right here to Gadsden County.

The collections of FamilySearch include documents such as civil registration records, church records, probate, census, land, tax and military records. The collection also contains compiled sources such as family histories, clan and lineage genealogies, oral pedigrees and local histories.

A recent genealogy workshop series that just wrapped up at the McGill Library in Quincy included two brief sessions about FamilySearch resources and participants were amazed by the valuable information they received. The impromptu instruction got everybody off to a good start creating a family tree chart. In fact, complimentary handouts distributed during the classes provided a simple outline to begin drafting a nifty family tree chart.

The Gadsden County Public Library System is delighted to host a similar opportunity for folks in the Havana and Chattahoochee areas to learn about FamilySearch resources. What better place to start researching your heritage than with the best records in the world!

In preparation for the programs on Dec. 2 and Dec. 10, start the family history research rolling by talking with relatives over Thanksgiving dinner to find out what they know. Jot down names and approximate dates. Ask if they know other people who might fill in gaps of missing family information. Gather any records you can get hold of, such as birth, marriage, death certificates, photos, letters and old journals.

To register for these upcoming free programs, phone the branch library where you plan to attend.

The Havana Public Library, phone 539-2844, is at 203 E. 5th Ave. in Havana.

The Cowen Public Library, phone 663-2707, is at 300 Maple St. in Chattahoochee.

Come in, and linger longer!

LEVINE

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understand how vital heritage is for appreciating who came before us and who we are.

As we plan for the holiday season, let's realize there are neighbors, young and elder, whose weeks ahead are not brimming with joy. For whatever reason, in whatever circumstance, we know that there are people in need who can be helped if we choose to do so.

In honor and remembrance of a family member who was there for you when you needed them most, please thank and support those who illuminate our paths, exemplify kindness, teach justice and nurture our futures. What a fitting tribute to the legacy of our ancestors.

For a complete scope of services contact Clifford Schnepp, Gadsden County Public Works, 1284 High Bridge Road, Quincy, FL 32351 @ 850-875-8672 or email cschnepp@gadsdencountyfl.gov.

CONSULTANT ELIGIBILITY: It is a basic tenet of the County's contracting program that contracts are procured in a fair, open, and competitive manner. By submitting a Letter of Response, the Consultant certifies that they are in compliance with FDOT Directive No. 375-030-006. This directive is available on FDOT's Web Site. In addition to the restrictions identified in Directive No. 375-030-006, please be advised of the following prohibition: A consultant firm or its affiliate who was the Designer or Engineer of Record is precluded from bidding on the same project as the construction contractor, or as a member of the construction contractor's team (subcontractor).

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Final Selection Evaluation Criteria:

Key Personnel (15 points)

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Familiarity with County and Local Areas (10 points)

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c. Proposed responsible office for consultant

d. Contact person, phone number and Internet Email Address

e. Statement regarding previous experience of consultant or sub-consultants in advertised type of work

f. Proposed key personnel and their proposed roles (include resumes)

g. Sub-consultant(s) that may be used for the project

h. Indication as to whether the prime firm and/or sub-consultants are disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE)

i. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion

j. Certification Regarding Lobbying

EGHS football season ends in thriller

TERRANCE
CHISOLM
Times

Sports Correspondent

The Florida High Seminoles struck first early in the first quarter at home this past Friday to jump out to a 7-0 lead, and were driving again midway through the opening quarter but the Jaguar's defense stepped up on the road and stopped them deep in the red zone.

After East Gadsden regained the ball, Al Peterson completed a big pass on the left sideline that put the ball on the Seminole's 23-yard line. Trini Charlton finished the drive with a 1-yard score up the gut with 3:29 remaining in the first quarter; East Gadsden went for a two-point conversion after the touchdown but was unsuccessful, which caused them to lag by a score of 7-6.

Florida High players found themselves in scoring position again as the ball sat on the Jaguar's 17-yard line with 11:06 left in the half. A personal foul penalty against East Gadsden gave the Seminoles a first and goal on the 9-yard line, but the Jaguar defense stepped up once again

The game ended in a tie, putting it into overtime.

and prevented their opponents from converting on a fourth-down run by quarterback Ronnie Harrison.

The Seminoles took advantage of good field position when they found the end zone again on another run inside East Gadsden's 10-yard line with 3:07 left in the second quarter to extend their lead by a score of 14-6. Florida High ran their option offense well in the first half and headed for the locker room with a 14-6 lead.

In spite of their offensive struggles, the Jaguars continued to fight in the third quarter as their defense held the Seminoles scoreless in the quarter. With less than 2 minutes to go in the period, Charlton broke on a long run and wasn't tackled until he was inside the Seminole's 10-yard line, but a penalty committed by the Jaguars after the play pushed the ball back near the home team's 25-yard line. East Gadsden's drive went into the final quarter and was capped off with a rushing touchdown by

Javaris Johnson; they chose to go for another two-point conversion and were successful as Peterson sprinted out near the left sideline and found the end zone on a play that looked like a designed quarterback run to tie the game up at 14-14 with 9:46 left in the final quarter.

East Gadsden had a chance to take the lead late in the fourth quarter but was stopped on fourth down as they faked a field goal and were unable to complete a pass attempt along the right sideline. The last seconds of regulation ended with the game tied up at 14-14, which put the game into overtime.

Florida High had the ball first 10 yards away from the end zone and was able to score to take the lead by a score of 21-14. Then it was the Jaguars turn and after a penalty by the Seminoles, the ball was placed on the 5-yard line. After being penalized for having too many players on the field, East Gadsden faced a 4th and 10; Peterson dropped back

with the season on the line and found Charlton in the end zone for a score and after a successful extra point attempt, the game was tied 21-21 and both teams prepared for a second overtime.

East Gadsden received the ball first but was unable to find the end zone as Peterson's third-down pass from the 25-yard line was knocked down after the Jaguars received a penalty on the previous play.

The Jaguars sent out their field-goal kicker on fourth down to attempt a kick from the 25-yard line, but the kick was unsuccessful.

The Seminoles took over on downs and scored as Harrison kept the ball on an option play and sprinted into the end zone to end the Jaguars season.

East Gadsden's first-year coach Tracy Laing said, "I think the kids played hard — just fell short in overtime. It was a good season; I'm going to make some adjustments in the scheduling for next year, and we'll get deep into the playoffs again next year." Congratulations to the Jaguars on a good season.

LOSS

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game, Byrd had a questionable foul called against him on a block attempt that looked clean, and after two successful free-throw attempts by the fouled War Eagle, the Jaguars trailed by a score of 42-41. East Gadsden continued to fight and after a jumper by Dukes and a score inside by Fain, the home team re-

gained a 45-44 lead with 6:00 left in the game.

Wakulla maintained their composure and took a 49-45 lead over the Jags with 3:14 left to play. Costly turnovers and fouls down the stretch sealed East Gadsden's fate as they went on to lose this hard-fought game by a final score of 53-50.

The leading scorer of the game was Wakulla's Bryson Beverly with 24 points; Byrd led the Jaguars

with 18 points.

Jaguars Head Coach Michael Hunt said, "Fouling too much has been our problem so far, not moving our feet on defense and reaching with our hands. On defense some guys got to improve as individuals, and we gotta get better at some things as a team."

Overall Hunt said, "I thought it was a good game competitive, we gotta get better at sustaining, got to get better depth. I see

some encouraging signs; it's all about improving from game to game, and in practice."

The Jaguars next game will be this Friday against Panama City Bay in the Fat Break Classic hosted by Rickards High School.

The Jaguars will also get an opportunity to face the War Eagles again on that following day in the Classic; both games are scheduled to start at 3:45 p.m.

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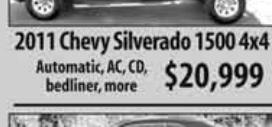
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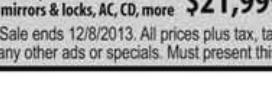
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Munroe Bobcats still seeking first win

After starting the season 0-2 after the Ponce De Leon Tip-Off Tournament, the Munroe Boys Varsity dropped three games last week to border rival Liberty County, Altha and Escambia Charter.

"We were competitive against Liberty County," said Coach Joey Birdsong, who is in his first year at the helm for the Bobcats. "Our inexperience really showed against Altha and Escambia Charter. They were two good, but vastly different teams. Altha was very good fundamentally and really shot the ball well against us, and Escambia Charter was a very athletic team."

The Bobcats fell to Liberty County by the score of 67-55 on Nov. 18 at the Byron and Isabel Suber Complex. The leading scorer was senior Jalyn Lewis, who led all scorers with 28 points. "We actually defended better throughout most of the game," said Birdsong, "but Liberty took advantage of our man defense by spreading the court and attacking off the dribble to pull away."

The next two games were blowouts, as the Altha Wildcats rolled 68-19 at Munroe and Escambia Charter dismantled the visiting Bobcats 75-13. Junior Will Harris led the scoring for Munroe in those contests with eight and five points, respectively.

"We've got a lot to work on, but the bright spot is that the kids are upbeat," said Birdsong. "It's hard for us to duplicate the speed of the games in practice, but we'll find a way. Cutting down our turnovers and establishing good, consistent defensive intensity is a must. We are still looking for a point guard to emerge as well."

The Bobcats return to action with two games before the Thanksgiving break. On Monday, the Bobcats travel to Tallahassee to battle the Panthers of John Paul II (7:30 p.m.), who are coming off a 48-31 victory over the Liberty County Bulldogs. The Bobcats return to Mount Pleasant on Tuesday for a matchup with the Grace Christian Cougars (7:30 p.m.) of Bainbridge, Ga.

"Even though 10 of our guys are upper-classmen, we're still pretty young in terms of basketball experience and skills," said Birdsong. "I look forward to the challenge of helping these guys grow in those areas."

Gadsden girls showing hoop strength

SUSIE MORRIS

Times Sports Correspondent

Girls basketball in Florida is in week three, and our county teams are faring pretty well. The Munroe Lady Cats have won three games in a row after dropping their first two games. They defeated North Florida Christian and Liberty County last week. The team defeated Liberty County 40-29 on Monday night, Nov. 18, and then North Florida Christian 56-54 on Tuesday night, Nov. 19.

Against Liberty County the team got double-figures scoring from Maddey Pappadakis and Khadejah with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Pappadakis, Anna Jones and Jeri Sloan had seven rebounds each. Pappadakis also added seven steals.

In the North Florida Christian game, Munroe led by one at the half and the score stayed close the entire game. Three girls had double figures scoring — Pappadakis scored 14, Glynn 11 points and Mary Pat Thomas 12 points. Thomas and Pappadakis also had double-doubles, with Thomas adding 17 rebounds and Pappadakis 10 rebounds.

In other action, West Gadsden lost to Lincoln 56-22 and Wakulla 49-19. East Gadsden defeated Madison County 74-66.

WGHS season starting this week

TERRANCE CHISOLM

Times Sports Correspondent

West Gadsden High School's boys basketball team began their regular season Tuesday Nov. 26, with a home game against Panama City Bozeman.

WGHS Head Coach Andrew Moten said, "I feel really good. We lost a lot of kids, but I feel upbeat; I think we will have a good year. I think we can go to state and win it, but we do have obstacles in our way."

Last season the Panther produced a regular season record of 25-10, and advanced all the way to the 1A State Final, but ultimately

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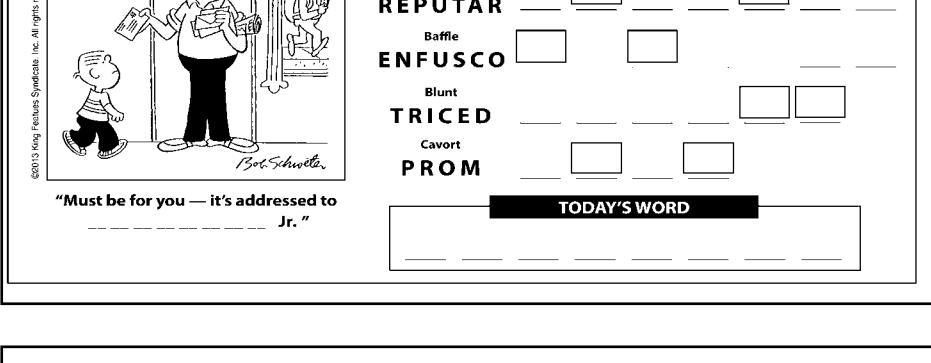
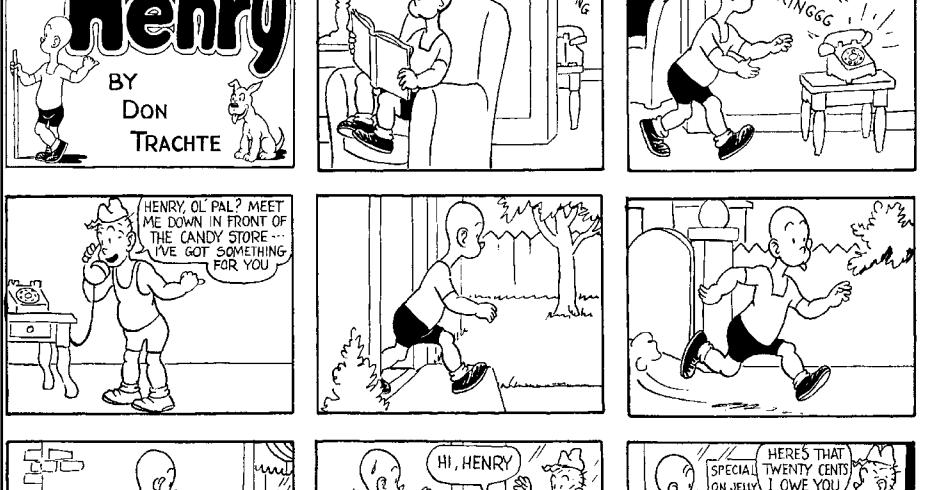
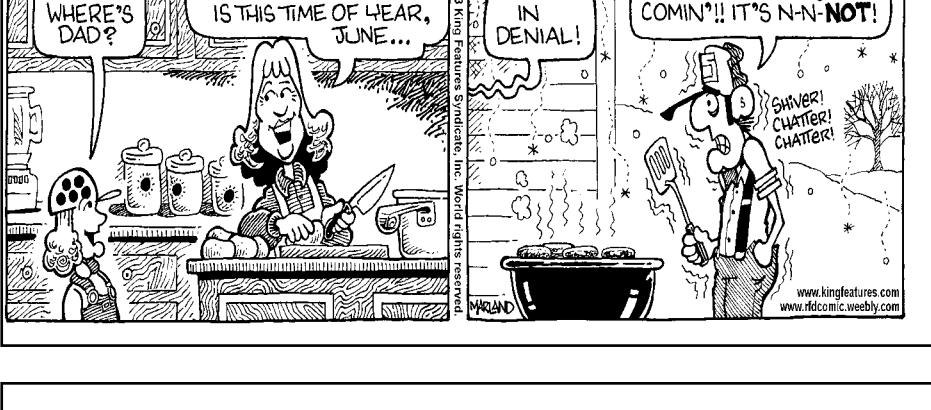
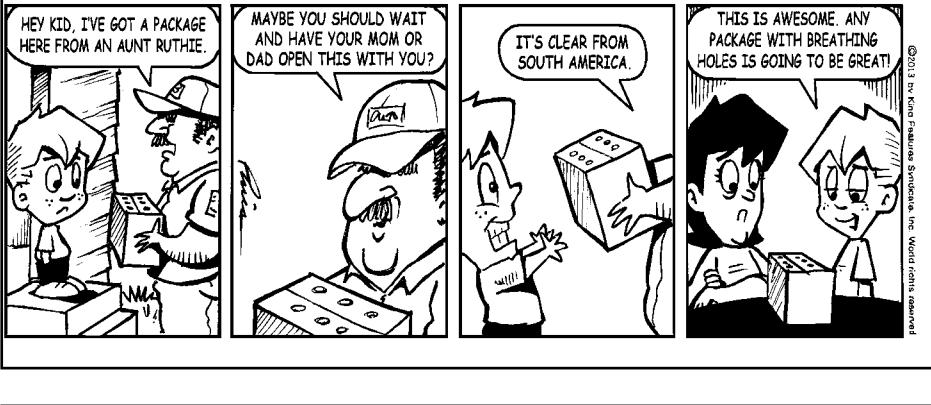
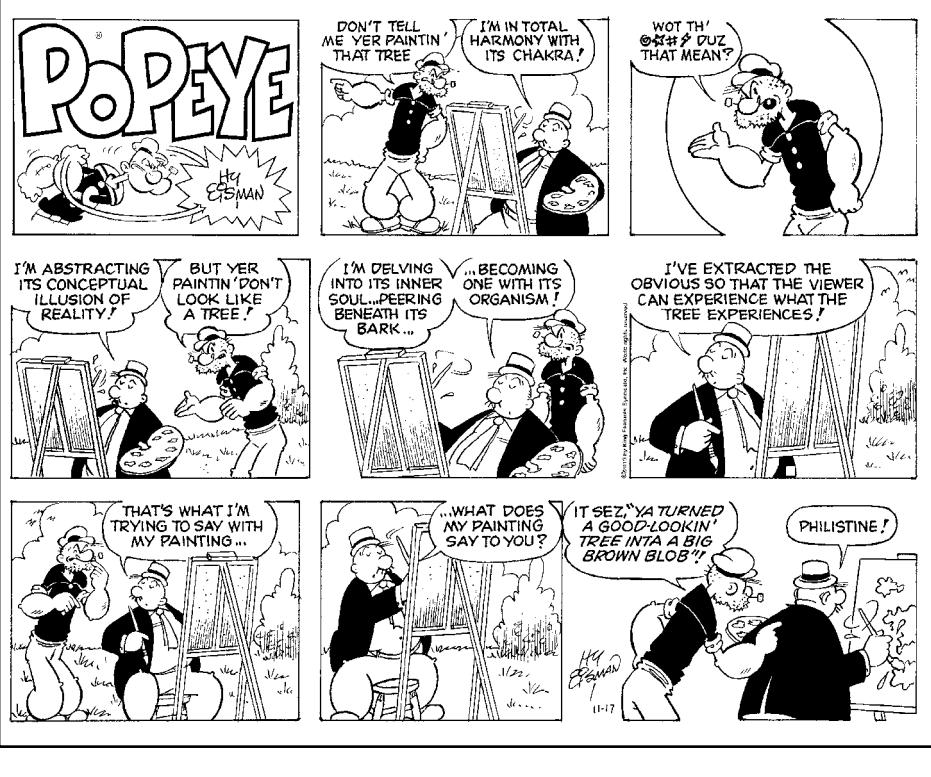


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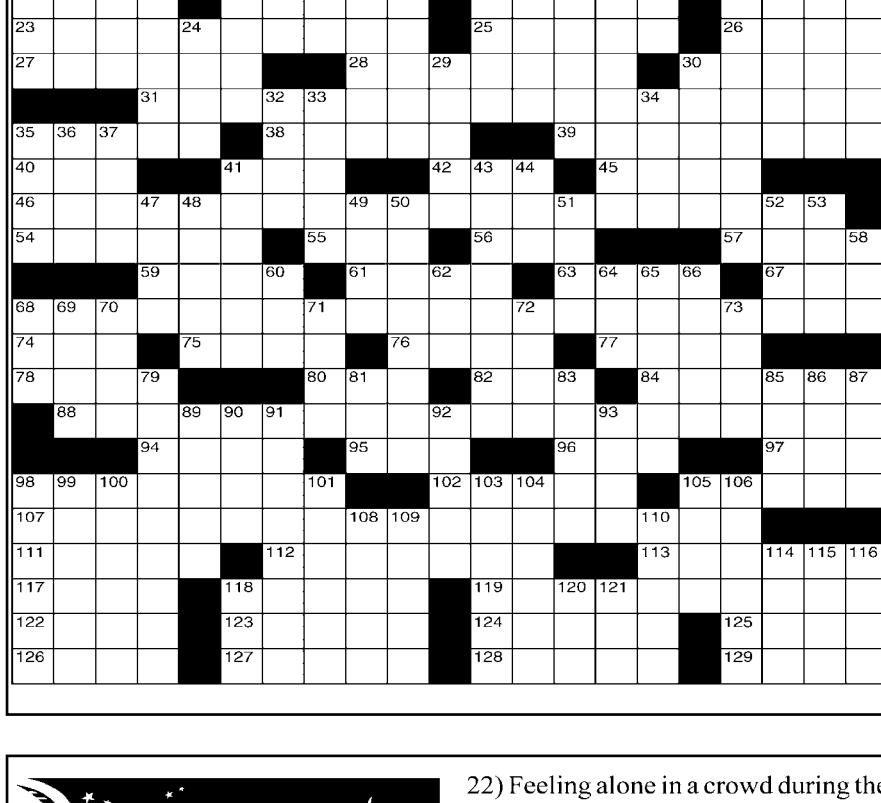
Fun and GAMES



Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Slow down!"
- 5 Come again
- 10 Cather who wrote "O Pioneers!"
- 15 Sport of rowing
- 19 Sacred vow
- 20 All by oneself
- 21 Brand of fat substitute
- 22 Jockey Jay
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Hair tint stuff
- 26 Two of Caesar's last words
- 27 Potpourri bag
- 28 Stubborn
- 30 Scottish kid
- 31 Riddle, part 2
- 35 Inebriate
- 38 "—to recall ..."
- 39 Recounts
- 40 Hosp. test in a large tube
- 41 Three, to Aldo
- 42 Pacific yellowfin tuna
- 45 Bar on "The Simpsons"
- 46 Riddle, part 3
- 54 Like most crossword puzzle grids
- 55 Butyl ender
- 56 Diminutive, like Abner
- 57 Call home
- 59 Spanish ayes
- 61 Novelist Lucy — Montgomery
- 63 Moises of baseball
- 67 Soda holder
- 74 Gold, to Aldo
- 75 Professional org.
- 76 Tribe of the Southwest
- 77 Santa —, California
- 78 1980s Dodge model
- 80 Nuptial affirmation
- 82 USCG officer
- 84 Northern terminus of I-79
- 88 Riddle, part 5
- 94 "Would — to You?" (1985 hit song)
- 95 Implore
- 96 Prince — Khan (Rita Hayworth's third husband)
- 97 Freud's "one"
- 98 Owner of TV's Fantasy Island
- 102 Trompe — (visual illusion in art)
- 105 Abrupt
- 107 End of the riddle
- 111 Suleiman who's called "Octomom"
- 112 Dark genre of modern film
- 113 Arctic sight
- 117 At the apex
- 118 Alternative to marinara
- 119 Riddle's answer
- 122 State bird of Hawaii
- 123 Natty scarf
- 124 "That's what — telling you!"
- 125 Plus others: Abbr.
- 126 Sweet drinks
- 127 Film director Sergio
- 128 Kid watcher
- 129 Car part, in Britain
- 131 First survey datum, often
- 14 Actress Sue — Langdon
- 15 Oxy 5 rival
- 16 Hue anew
- 17 Main course
- 18 Injuries
- 19 Weight
- 20 Shoot for Soldier's cap
- 21 Weary
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- 33 1972 Bill Withers hit
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- 36 La Salle of the screen
- 37 In — (as found)
- 38 Give the name
- 39 Individuals sets of genetic determinants
- 40 Bowl over
- 41 Bowls over
- 42 Ear-relevant
- 43 "See — care"
- 44 "See — care"



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5 Lots and lots 48 "From Girls 86 Frat letters

6 REO part 49 to Grrrlz" 87 Superior

7 Singer David Allan — 88 Bow who had "it"

8 Remove cargo from 90 Breezy

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10 Fishing lures 92 Icy house 93 "Enchanted"

11 Hippo-related 94 "Hasta —"

12 Beatle John 95 Like many non-family films

13 First survey 100 Worked over

14 Actress 101 Composer Georges

15 Fred — 102 Caesar's "I" 103 Root

16 Landon 103 "Almighty" one of film

17 Main course 104 "That's it!"

18 Injuries 105 Burrito's kin

19 Weight 106 Hole for a lace

20 Shoot for 107 Composer Georges

21 Soldier's cap 108 Boarded

22 Weary 109 Govt.-issued security

23 1972 Bill 110 Hardly brave

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26 La Salle of the screen 113 Petri dish gel

27 In — (as found) 114 TV marine Gomer

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29 Kept free, as a date 116 Five pairs

30 Soldier's cap 121 Nightfall, in verse

22) Feeling alone in a crowd during the early part of the week is an unsettling emotion. But your spirits soon perk up, putting you into the right mood to start making holiday plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A pesky problem should be dealt with immediately so you can put your time and effort into something more important. Someone from your past could have significant news for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) High-energy aspects dominate, both on the job and at home. Use this time to put some long-range plans into operation. Things level off later in the week.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Even the usually gregarious Goat might feel overwhelmed by a flurry of activities. Be patient. Things soon return to your normal social routine.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Career choices that seem too confusing to deal with at this point probably are. More information would help uncomplicate them. On the personal side, a friend might need your advice.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your Piscean imagination is stimulated by possibilities you see in a new opportunity. But keep those ideas to yourself until you feel ready to translate them into a workable format.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Decisions involving your finances might seem to be foolproof. But they could have underlying risks you should know about. Don't act on anything until all the facts are in.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're attracted to a situation that appeals to your Bovine intellect. And that's good. But don't neglect your passionate side when romance comes calling later in the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A recent development enhances that special relationship. Spending more time together also helps make the bonding process stronger. Expect news about a possible career change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A suspicious situation should be dealt with before it leads to serious problems. Get all the facts needed to resolve it. Then refocus your energies on those tasks that need your attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try to be more open-minded in working toward a resolution of that standoff between yourself and a colleague or family member. A little flexibility now could work to your advantage later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel a bit threatened by a proposed workplace change. The best way to deal with it is to ask questions. You'll find that those involved will be happy to provide you with the facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

Parsley is native to Southern Europe. Cultivated for more than 2,000 years, it was used medicinally and also as food. The ancient Greeks held it to be sacred, using it to adorn athletic champions and to decorate the tombs of the dead. Ancient Romans used it in cooking, and Charlemagne grew it on his estates. Fool's parsley, a poisonous weed, is sometimes mistaken for the edible flat-leaf parsley.

- Brenda Weaver

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top 10 movies

1. **Thor: The Dark World** (PG-13) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman
2. **Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa**(R) Johnny Knoxville, Jackson Nicoll
3. **Free Birds**(PG) animated
4. **Last Vegas**(PG-13) Robert De Niro, Michael Douglas
5. **Ender's Game**(PG-13) Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield
6. **Gravity**(PG-13) Sandra Bullock, George Clooney
7. **12 Years a Slave**(R) Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael K. Williams
8. **Captain Phillips**(PG-13) Tom Hanks, Barkhad Abdi
9. **About Time**(R) Domhnall Gleeson, Rachel McAdams
10. **Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2**(PG) animated

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Answers Super Crossword

What's Up?

A musical that 'schticks'

QMT auditions are ahead for 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.'

Featuring the zany energy and comic shtick of Vaudeville — but set in ancient Rome — "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is a musical replete with great parts, including many for older actors, a rarity in most Broadway shows. Come and try for a toga when the Quincy Music Theatre holds its auditions for this madcap musical beginning Sunday, Dec. 8.

The leads are all adults, and QMT will need actors aged from 18 to their late 50s-plus. Ensemble roles can include teens. Auditions, which are always fun and friendly, will consist of a prepared song and learning a short dance number. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes. We ask everyone to prepare 16 measures of a song (preferably a show tune or standard), and ask that you bring your sheet music for the accompanist.

Auditions will be at QMT at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8 and Monday, Dec. 9, and callbacks will be on Dec. 10. Rehearsals for the show will begin on Jan. 6. The production runs for two weekends, Feb. 28, March 1 & 2 and March 9-11, 2014.

QMT is located in the old Leaf Theatre in down-

town Quincy at 118 East Washington St., just one block from the county courthouse. For more information, please call Director Bill Mock at 850-875-9444.

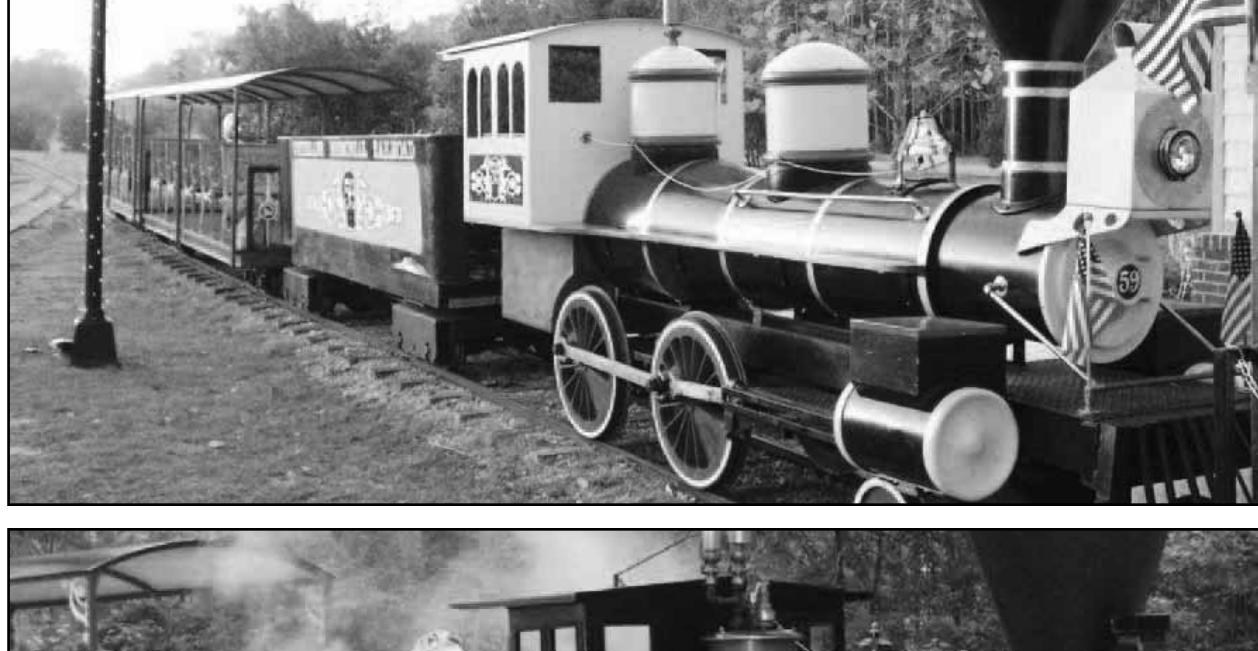
Annual TPD Police Ball ahead

On June 21, the Tallahassee Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association Inc. (TCPAAA) will present the 14th Annual Police Ball, "A Night in Havana." This event is the major fundraiser of TCPAAA, with proceeds used to benefit Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) programs as well as local law enforcement activities in our communities and neighborhoods.

TCPAAA is currently accepting partnerships for the 2014 Police Ball. Contributions and partnership will help make this event a success, provide companies an opportunity to network and showcase supporting businesses to people in the Big Bend and greater Tallahassee Area.

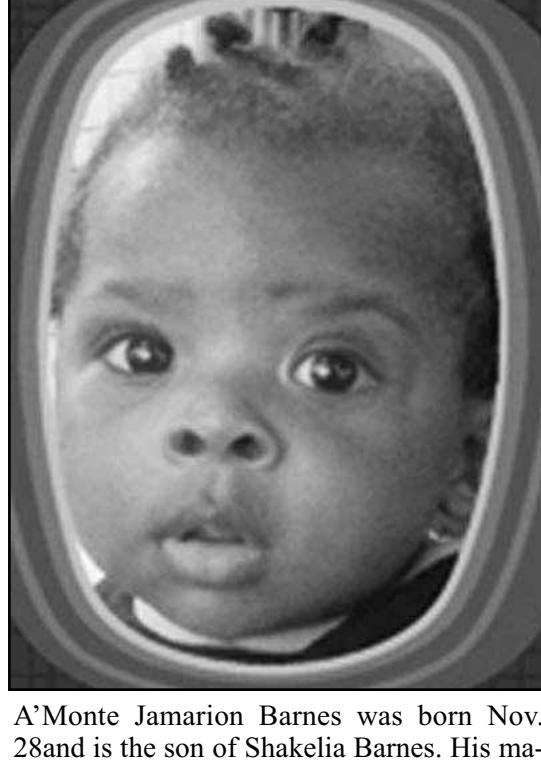
For information about sponsorship opportunities, call Alice Mathis at almathis850@yahoo.com or visit the TCPAAA website at www.tcpaaa.org for additional information and a Sponsorship Package. Partner Sponsorships range from Bronze (\$500) to Platinum (\$5000).

All aboard for Yuletide cheer

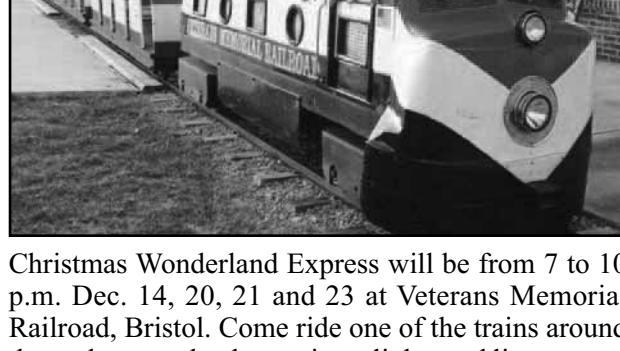


Milestones

Happy birthday, A'Monte



A'Monte Jamarion Barnes was born Nov. 28 and is the son of Shakelia Barnes. His maternal grandparents are Reba (Arthur) Thomas of Quincy and the late Abraham (Gussie) Barnes of Chattahoochee. His great-grandmother is Gertrude Barnes of Gainesville. His godparents are Billy (Kiana) Redding III, also of Quincy. A'Monte celebrated with a dump-truck theme "I Dig being 1."



Christmas Wonderland Express will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 14, 20, 21 and 23 at Veterans Memorial Railroad, Bristol. Come ride one of the trains around the park to see the decorations, lights and live scenes. Tickets are \$5 for Engine 59 and Red/ White/ Blue and \$7 for the coal-fired steam train (Crown). The Crown will not be running Dec. 23. Children 5 and younger admitted free. For information, call 850-643-6646 or 850-643-5491 or visit VeteransMemorial-Railroad.org or YouTube.com/VeteransRailroad/.

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Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

4961-1205 GCT Vs. Mullins, Daniel Case No. 20 2013 CA 000114A Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 20 2013 CA 000114A

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee Corporation, P.O. Box 9800, Maryville, TN 37802, Plaintiff,

v.
DANIEL MULLINS,

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL MULLINS, PATRICIA A. JUNCO-SANTIAGO,

THE UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION OF 250 SAWDUST ROAD, QUINCY, FL 32351 f/k/a 190 SAWDUST ROAD, QUINCY, FL 32351, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Summary Judgment to Re-Establish Lost Instrument and Foreclosure Mortgage entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Gadsden County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

A parcel of land lying in Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Gadsden County, Florida, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commence at a found nail and cap known as marking the Northwest corner of said

Section 30 and run thence N 89°43'46" East, 1359.94 feet to a concrete monument (RLS3031) marking a point of intersection of the Southerly right of way boundary of

Sawdust Road (County Road 274-70 foot right of way) and the Easterly right of way

boundary of Hosford Highway (State Road 65 - 100 foot right of way); thence S 88°10'57" East along said Southerly right of way boundary, a distance of 757.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING thence continue S 88°10'57" East along said Southerly right of way boundary a distance of 208.71 feet to a re-bar (PSM3031); thence S 00°22'16" West, 208.71 feet to a re-bar (PSM3031); thence North 88°10'57" West, 208.71 feet to a re-bar (PSM3031); thence North 00°22'16" East, 208.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2009 CMHM MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBERS WHC017579GAA & WHC017579GAB.

Commonly known as: 250 SAWDUST ROAD, QUINCY, FL 32351

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash at the South side steps, Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Gadsden County, Florida 32351, at 11:00 AM (ET) on the 14TH day of January, 2014.

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

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs

any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at

no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Susan Wilson,

ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850-577-4401; at

least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving

this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if

you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court

(SEAL)

By: Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court

(COURT SEAL)

Attorney for Plaintiff: Timothy D. Padgett, P.A. 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, Florida 32312 Telephone: (850) 422-2520 Facsimile: (850) 422-2567

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Vs. Hall, Delwyn M. 13000932CAA Notice of Action

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 13000932CAA

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DELWYN M. HALL, et al.,
Defendants.**NOTICE OF ACTION**TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF DAISY LEE CUNNINGHAM A/K/A DAISY LEE HENRY, QUINCY, FL 32351
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 6, IN FLETCHERTOWN, IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 25, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Nicholas J. Youtz, McCalla Rayner, LLC, 225 E. Robinson St. Suite 660, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 4 day of November, 2013.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
(SEAL)By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk
November 21 & 28, 2013. 2037520 13-06481-1**4958-1128 GCT**

Vs. Morgan, Edwin M. 12000706CAA Notice of Foreclosure Sale

PUBLIC NOTICEIN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 12000706CAAHANCOCK BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
EDWIN M. MORGAN, JENNIFER MORGAN, DAVID PYLE and LAMAR PARRAMORE,
Defendants.**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, will on December 17, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, on the South Steps of the Gadsden County Courthouse, located at 10 E. Jefferson St., Quincy, FL in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes, offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real property situated in Gadsden County, Florida:

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS TEN (10) AND ELEVEN (11), IN BLOCK "D", IN HAVANA LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property (the "Subject Property").

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is
HANCOCK BANK
Plaintiff,vs.
EDWIN M. MORGAN, JENNIFER MORGAN, DAVID PYLE and LAMAR PARRAMORE,
Defendants.

and the docket number of which is 12000706CAA

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim with the clerk of the court within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Susan Wilson at the Office of Court Administration at (850) 577-4401, or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32301 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 6 day of Nov., 2013.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk
November 21 & 28, 2013.**4959-1128 GCT**

vs. Harrell, James L. 20-2010-CA-001009 Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICEIN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 20-2010-CA-001009HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.,
Plaintiff,vs.
JAMES L. HARRELL: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES L. HARRELL; BAMALA J. HARRELL F/K/A BAMALA J. HAIRE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BAMALA J. HARRELL F/K/A BAMALA J. HAIRE; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LEINORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gadsden County, Florida, described as:

LOT ONE, BLOCK "C", BUENA VISTA HEIGHTS, A PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING A PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF QUINCY, COUNTY OF GADSDEN AND STATE OF FLORIDA.

A/K/A 203 Wallace Dr., Quincy, FL 32351

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, South front door, 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 at 11:00 AM, on December 17, 2013.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 23 day of October, 2013.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(seal)By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk
November 21 & 28, 2013. 73069**4960-11205 GCT**

Vs. Johnson, Susan B. Case No. 20-2010-CA-000739 RE-NFOS

PUBLIC NOTICEIN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 20-2010-CA-000739 DIVISION:WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,vs.
SUSAN B. JOHNSON, et al.,
Defendant(s).**NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 8, 2013 and entered in Case No. 20-2010-CA-000739 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for GADSDEN County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and SUSAN B. JOHNSON; TONY L. JOHNSON; TALLAVANA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at SHOUTSIDE STEPS OF THE GADSDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL at 11:00 AM, on the 17th day of December, 2013, the following property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 104, BLOCK A, OF LAKE TALLAVANA, LESS AND EXCEPT THE EAST TWENTY FEET THEREOF, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 22-24 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 3709 TALLAVANA TRAIL, HAVANA, FL 32333

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 20, 2013.
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, As Deputy Clerk
Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018,Tampa, Florida 33622-5018**See Americans with Disabilities Act
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Danny Davis, Office of Court Administration 301 South Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32303 850-577-4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

November 21 & 28, 2013. 73069

4940-1128 GCT

Vs. Johnnie Jeffery 12000132CAA Amended Notice of Action

PUBLIC NOTICEIN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 12000132CAATARVIS JEFFERY,
Plaintiff,vs.
JOHNIE JEFFERY a/k/a JOHNIE JEFFERIES, ABIGAIL MOBLEY a/k/a ABIGAIL COLLIER, PAULEtte D. MATHEWS, PAUL L. MATHEWS, DWAYNE A. JOHNSON, ALVIN C. PRICE, KEIDI R. PRICE, VIVIAN JEFFERY, STEPHANIE JEFFERY DEXTER, PAMELA JEFFERY MON-**Foreclosure Sale/
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ROE, A-1 SERVICE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and BELL & BATES, INC., a Florida corporation

Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOHNIE JEFFERY a/k/a JOHNIE JEFFERIES, ABIGAIL MOBLEY a/k/a ABIGAIL COLLIER, PAULEtte D. MATHEWS, PAUL L. MATHEWS, DWAYNE A. JOHNSON, ALVIN C. PRICE, KEIDI R. PRICE, VIVIAN JEFFERY, STEPHANIE JEFFERY DEXTER, PAMELA JEFFERY MON-

ROE, A-1 SERVICE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and BELL & BATES, INC., a Florida corporation, and the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees or beneficiaries of, or any other persons who may claim by or through Ben Jeffery, Sr., or any of the Defendants, or their ancestors:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Amended Complaint to Quiet Title and For Partition of the following property located in Gadsden County, Florida:

Parcel I

Commence at an iron axle (found) known as marking the West Quarter Corner of Fractional Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Gadsden County, Florida and run; Thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Section 12, a distance of 92.05 feet to a concrete monument (set) for the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning, thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 38 seconds East 1256.92 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds East 602.17 feet to a concrete monument (set) on the Northern maintained right of way boundary of a county roadway known as High Bluff Landing Road; thence along said right of way boundary South 76 degrees 25 minutes 06 seconds West 515.66 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence along said right-of-way boundary South 54 degrees 19 minutes 33 seconds West 932.79 feet to a concrete monument (set) on said Westerly boundary of Section 12; Thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds West along said Westerly boundary a distance of 1253.56 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel II

Begin at an axle (found) known as marking the West Quarter Corner of Fractional Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Gadsden County, Florida and run; Thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Section 12, a distance of 735.91 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 87 degrees 43 minutes 47 seconds East 1307.28 feet to a concrete monument (set) on the Western boundary of The George Roberts Estates; Thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds East along said Western boundary 1350.33 feet to a point on the Northern maintained right of way boundary of a county roadway known as High Bluff Landing Road; Thence along said maintained right of way boundary South 76 degrees 25 minutes 06 seconds West 61.57 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds West 602.17 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 38 seconds West 1256.92 feet to a concrete monument (set) on the Westerly boundary of Section 12; Thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds West along said Westerly boundary a distance of 1253.56 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel III

Begin at an axle (found) known as marking the West Quarter Corner of Fractional Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Gadsden County, Florida and run; Thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Section 12, a distance of 735.91 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 87 degrees 43 minutes 47 seconds East 1307.28 feet to a concrete monument (set) on the Western boundary of The George Roberts Estates; Thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds East along said Western boundary 1350.33 feet to a point on the Northern maintained right of way boundary of a county roadway known as High Bluff Landing Road; Thence along said maintained right of way boundary South 76 degrees 25 minutes 06 seconds West 61.57 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds West 602.17 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 38 seconds West 1256.92 feet to a concrete monument (set) on the Westerly boundary of Section 12; Thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds West along said Westerly boundary a distance of 1253.56 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel IV

Begin at an axle (found) known as marking the West Quarter Corner of Fractional Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Gadsden County, Florida and run; Thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Section 12, a distance of 735.91 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 87 degrees 43 minutes 47 seconds East 1307.28 feet to a concrete monument (set) on the Western boundary of The George Roberts Estates; Thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds East along said Western boundary 1350.33 feet to a point on the Northern maintained right of way boundary of a county roadway known as High Bluff Landing Road; Thence along said maintained right of way boundary South 76 degrees 25 minutes 06 seconds West 61.57 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds West 602.17 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 38 seconds West 1256.92 feet to a concrete monument (set) on the Westerly boundary of Section 12; Thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds West along said Westerly boundary a distance of 1253.56 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel V

Begin at an axle (found) known as marking the West Quarter Corner of Fractional Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Gadsden County, Florida and run; Thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Section 12, a distance of 735.91 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 87 degrees 43 minutes 47 seconds East 1307.28 feet to a concrete monument (set) on the Western boundary of The George Roberts Estates; Thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds East along said Western boundary 1350.33 feet to a point on the Northern maintained right of way boundary of a county roadway known as High Bluff Landing Road; Thence along said maintained right of way boundary South 76 degrees 25 minutes 06 seconds West 61.57 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds West 602.17 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 38 seconds West 1256.92 feet to a concrete monument (set) on the Westerly boundary of Section 12; Thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds West along said Westerly boundary a distance of 1253.56 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel VI

Begin at an axle (found) known as marking the West Quarter Corner of Fractional Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Gadsden County, Florida and run; Thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Section 12, a distance of 735.91 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 87 degrees 43 minutes 47 seconds East 1307.28 feet to a concrete monument (set) on the Western boundary of The George Roberts Estates; Thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds East along said Western boundary 1350.33 feet to a point on the Northern maintained right of way boundary of a county roadway known as High Bluff Landing Road; Thence along said maintained right of way boundary South 76 degrees 25 minutes 06 seconds West 61.57 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds West 602.17 feet to a concrete monument (set); Thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 38 seconds West 1256.92 feet to a concrete



Fagin (Caleb Howell) takes Oliver (Corin Vandenberg, right) and the Artful Dodger (Bradley Gay, left) by the ears in QMT's holiday production of "Oliver!" Photo by Karen Mesterton-Gibbons

'Oliver!' opening at The Quincy Music Theatre

If "You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two" to have a "Fine, Fine Life," then "Let's Review the Situation!" The Quincy Music Theatre is providing theatre therapy for our light-fingered friends during its musical production of "Oliver!" which opens Friday, Dec. 6, and runs for two weekends. It's a great evening's entertainment for the entire family!

While The Quincy Music Theatre doesn't condone pickpockets, you'll be glad so many fine actors tried out to be one! "Oliver!" is the musical version of Charles Dickens' story of a young orphan boy who falls in with thieves before finding his family. With a stellar cast of 39, including 22 actors who are high-school aged or younger, this is a show of particular interest to

children and teens.

Playing the lead role of Oliver is Corin Vandenberg, who, just 10 years old, has already been in 15 productions at local theatres — more than most of the adults in the play. Corin is a fifth-grade student at the School of Arts and Sciences. He said he is both excited and nervous about carrying this large production, but really loves getting to sing the tender ballad "Where is Love?" each night.

Directing this Tony-Award winning musical is Erin Thompson, who is taking the director's baton at QMT for the first time.

"Kids (especially theater kids) are so open, fun and hard working. Their scenes are really going to be a highlight of this show," Thompson said.

"I'm hoping our show will inspire people to hug their families (natural and created) a bit tighter, especially at the holidays, and to remember those who aren't so lucky."

With that in mind, the Oliver cast and crew will be holding a collection drive for The First Presbyterian Church of Quincy's Clothes Closet and Food Bank for the run of the show. Patrons are encouraged to bring new and gently used coats and non-perishable food to the theatre. There is a particular need for children's coats.

For the first time, QMT will be selling flowers by the stem in the lobby so you won't have to let the blossoms you bring your favorite actor wilt on your lap! Do check out our flower shop in

the lobby. And there will be "Food, Glorious Food" as always! Patrons love QMT's tradition of homemade cookies and lemonade during intermission.

For tickets, please visit www.qmt.org or call 875-9444 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The show will take the stage Dec. 6 to 8 and 13 to 15 at QMT. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees and a second-Saturday matinee on Dec. 14 are at 2:30 p.m. While QMT lightens your purse a few pence (\$18 for adults and \$15 for students/seniors/military), we guarantee we'll also steal your heart! The Quincy Music Theatre is located at the Leaf Theatre building in downtown Quincy.



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The Gadsden County Court House in Quincy is pictured here. Photo by Cheri Harris

Centennial celebration kick off with lively history of the edifice and its forbears

CHERI HARRIS
Times

The centennial celebration of the Gadsden County Court House officially kicked off Saturday with a presentation on the current structure's history — as well as that of its four predecessors — by local resident and history enthusiast Joe Monroe.

The main celebration will start at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, on the Courthouse Square in Quincy.

That program will

include judges and local dignitaries, as well as a ceremony to seal a time capsule in honor of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida.

Families of the original builders of the courthouse will be recognized during the program, and Joe Munroe will share highlights from the structure's impressive history.

Munroe described his program in an email:

"Arson, war and

bankruptcy are just a

few of the highlights of Job No. 99: The Centennial Celebration of Hentz and Reid's Gadsden County Court House; An Architectural Journey from 1824 to 1913.' This lecture traces the history of all five of the Gadsden County courthouses from the county's territorial beginnins in 1823 to the present day Court House. New research shines a light on the third 'Forgotten' Court House and the horrors inflicted when the fourth was pressed

into service as a Civil War hospital. The founding of Quincy in 1825 saw the second courthouse, the first on its site as the new County Seat in a town created for that purpose. For history buffs this promises to be an interesting journey into Gadsden County's past."

During the lecture

this past Saturday, de-

scribed the court-

house completed in

1913 as a "neoclassical

masterpiece."

Gadsden County Commissioner Doug

Croley asked Munroe to file his paper on the courthouse's history with the clerk of the court.

"See what a rich history we have,"

Munroe told the group gathered for his lec-

ture at the Gadsden Arts Center. "I mean,

this is really extraordi-

nary."



Local historian Joe Munroe talks this past Saturday about the history of Gadsden County's courthouses. Photo by Cheri Harris

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came up short on their quest for a championship.

On Nov. 14 and 16, West Gadsden hosted a

that included North Florida Christian, Sneads High and Tallavana.

The Panthers won both of their games against NFC and Tallavana.

"I was impressed by how we played," Moten said. "I didn't

think we'd be playing on the level we are right now."

Moten said they will be playing an up-tempo pressing style of basketball.

"We've been having really good practice; kids have been competitive and working

hard." The team motto for this year will be "defense wins games."

West Gadsden's leader said his players are excited about every game this season. "We started in the summer, so the kids

our excited to play against anybody. I

know the guys look forward to playing rivals East Gadsden and Port St. Joe."

The Panther will be playing 21 regular season games this year.

In regards to the community's support of the team, Moten

and support us. Our fan base has been good to us; we appreciate it. We are gonna come out and play some good basketball."

Let's support the Panthers as they get ready for a run at a state title.



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