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NEWS BRIEFS

Early holiday deadlines set

Deadlines for *The Gadsden County Times* will be adjusted to accommodate early production for the Dec. 26 edition.

● 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, display advertising deadline.

● Noon Thursday, Dec. 19, legal advertising deadline.

● 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, classified advertising deadline.

● 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, obituary deadline.

● 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, community news submission deadline (including church and school news well as all other submissions).

The Gadsden County Times office will close at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27. For information, call 850-627-7649.

Deadlines for the Jan. 2 edition are:

● Noon Tuesday, Dec. 24, display advertising.

● Noon Tuesday, Dec. 24, legal advertising.

● 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, classified advertising.

● Noon Friday, Dec. 27, obituary deadline.

● 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, community news submissions (including church and school news well as all other submissions).

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Havana parade rescheduled for Saturday

The Havana Holiday Festival and Lawn-mower Parade will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. The parade starts at 1 p.m. Kick-off breakfast is at 8 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Havana Merchants Association and the Gadsden County Tourist Development Council. For information, call 850-519-1574.

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Thieves strike three day cares

CURT WILKERSON
Times Correspondent

At 5:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, Martha Anderson, director of the Minnie Bell Center KC day care center on 120 S. Madison St. in Quincy, arrived to work and noticed the back gate was open. She told *The Times* she didn't think much about it, but when the back door opened awkwardly, her suspicions began to rise.

As she walked into the facility, the lights were off but she was able to make out a large number of paper plates scattered across the floor. When she turned on the lights, she said she was horrified to find the facility she owns with her daughter Tommasena Godwin had been ransacked. "It was trashed," said Anderson. "They trashed my office;

took food, brooms, canned goods, books, my office laptop, radios and even my paperwork."

Additionally, the lock on Anderson's office file cabinet had been picked, and paperwork with employee Social Security numbers was taken along with cash and a company credit card.

Anderson said Capital City Bank had reported the card being

used Nov. 29 at a local convenience store on West Jefferson Street. "Somehow they were able to use the card, even though the day care center's name was on it," said Anderson.

She said the alarm at her business went off Nov. 28, Thanksgiving night, and that is when she believes the thieves visited two other locations on South Madison Street.

There was a break-in attempt at the Tiny Tot Nursery at 100 S. Madison St., down the street from the Minnie Bell Center. The attempt was evidenced by a splintered door-frame that leads into the facility's kitchen. No items were reported stolen.

A private residence in the area was also burglarized, according to

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Heritage of faith



Many members of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Quincy gathered Thursday, Dec. 12, for the Festival of Guadalupe. The outdoor event on the church grounds included Mass celebrated by the Bishop of the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese in honor of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe. For more photos from the event, see page A12. Photo by Cheri Harris

GTI's nail program scratching the surface



GTI nail technology student Kesha Thigpen gives Marcia Boynton a manicure as instructor Cynthia Kimbrell looks on. Photo by Cheri Harris

CHERI HARRIS
Times

Whether it's the chance to explore a rewarding vocation for free in high school or start a second career as an adult, Gadsden Technical Institute Nail Technology Instructor Cynthia Kimbrell

said the program has a lot to offer the community.

In addition to offering education to students, it also offers salon services such as manicures, pedicures and acrylics, as well as

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Quincy audit misses another deadline

CURT WILKERSON
Times Correspondent

Quincy City Commissioner Derrick Elias motioned to renegotiate the terms of City Manager Jack McLean's contract at the Dec. 10 meeting of the Quincy City Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andy Gay and will be placed on the agenda for the Jan. 14 commission meeting.

The motion came after members of the commission expressed concern over the continued delay of the city's internal audit.

"This is almost to the point of ridiculous," said Gay. "The audit gives us the nuts and bolts to provide oversight of the city's finances. It's highly unusual for a municipality to drag this on for this long; it's very disturbing and I'm running out of patience."

McLean maintained that the audit is nearly completed and would be sent to the Watson and Rice auditing firm as soon as the Thomas Howell Ferguson accounting firm completes their review.

McLean also reported the city was not able to make payment on the \$400,000 line of credit with Capital City Bank and has subsequently been granted an extension through Jan. 28. McLean said the payment, originally scheduled to be made on Dec. 2, was not made because of budget shortfalls.

"The actual amount of money that came in against our estimated budget was \$150,000 less than what we expected," McLean said.

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2013 Year in Review QUINCY

CURT WILKERSON *Times Correspondent*
 The city of Quincy had its fair share of controversy in 2013. Whether the topic of conversation was Tanyard Creek or the city's continued financial woes, concerned citizens had plenty to talk about. As Quincy's city manager, Jack McLean Jr. was in the center of the storm. McLean sat down with the *Times* to discuss the events of 2013. "The Fantasia controversy just ignited like a firestorm," said McLean. "It pushed us off our agenda, took up a lot of time and energy and distracted from all the things this city has done well. Our police department did a wonderful job this year; it's a young police department, but it is caring, sensitive, professional and led by an internationally renowned chief in Walt McNeil. We did a better job of creating employment opportunities; we had more students work this year than ever. We finished the bathrooms at Martin Luther King Street track and refinished Corry Field. So this year we learned that small things can get out of hand and overshadow your accomplishments — I promise you that won't happen again."

The city of Quincy came under fire from a concert promoter who alleged tickets at the Fantasia concert on Labor Day in Tanyard Creek Park were mishandled. The promoter later filed a lawsuit against the city claiming it had failed to comply with a public records request pertaining to ticket sales records. Another big issue of 2013 was the city's failure to complete the internal audit. The audit, originally scheduled for submission in June, has to date still not been completed. In October, the commission voted 3-2 to keep McLean in office after

Derrick Elias moved to terminate his contract as a result of the audit's delay. "The audit is late, much later than it should've been and as city manager I take responsibility for that," said McLean. "The finance department should have done better, and that's something we're going to work on. The audit is the one document that tells the world how you're doing; a lot of things hinge on it." McLean also spoke of what he viewed as past mistakes that contributed to prolonging the completion of the audit. "When I came into

office, I said I wanted to write off some of the bad debt on our books, but the commission decided instead to try and collect on debts, some of them 20 years old. That complicated things — created more due to's and due from's, and made our books more difficult to clean up. When we come out of this, we are going to have books that are clean and fairly represent where we are. Then we can start rebuilding our reserves." Looking ahead to 2014, McLean maintained that if the distractions and infighting can be kept to a minimum, then good things

can happen for the city of Quincy. "This is a beautiful place, and we still have some of the lowest utility rates in the whole state," he said. "We have an economic development platform that we can truly work off of, lower entry costs of business than anywhere else and an improving education system under Superintendent Reginald James. So there are a lot of positive things we need to build off of, but these internal family squabbles, if you will, need to stay in the family. We have to learn how not to air our dirty laundry out in public."

Enjoy coffee, talk, with MPD police chief

Quarterly events to give residents opportunities to share concerns with police

Midway Police Chief Jerome Turner Jr. will host his first quarterly "Coffee with the Chief" event at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Midway (215 Commerce Boulevard). Turner plans to host "Coffee with the Chief" events in the future at various locations throughout the City. Turner wants to allow and have an open forum for citizens to come and speak with their police chief and ask those questions that otherwise may go unanswered. Citizens are encouraged to attend to learn about their police department, but also to understand the challenges of the police department and the vitality of the community partnership the police department needs. Turner is grateful for the outpouring of community support since he was sworn into office Nov. 22. For any questions about this event or to have this event at your establishment, call Midway Police Department at 850-574-3057 and ask to speak with Sgt. Floyd or Officer Gardner.

Gift green with state parks annual pass

TALLAHASSEE — With the holiday season upon us and the search for the perfect gift continuing, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection suggests giving a Florida State Parks Annual Pass this year. The pass is reusable for an entire year for entrance to Florida's award-winning state parks. The pass allows cardholders to enter all state parks* in Florida for up to one year from the month purchased. Whether it is vacationing at a beach, swimming in one of the iconic springs or picnicking with the family, this pass provides the ability to enjoy nature's treasures all year without having to pay every time you go to a state park. "The Annual Entrance Pass allows cardholders to visit our award-winning state park and state trails throughout the year," said Donald Forgiore, Director of Florida Park Service.

"No matter where you are in Florida, you can find a state park within one hour's drive for hiking, bicycling, bird-watching or enjoying Florida's famous sunshine." Passes can be bought for individuals for \$60, while a family annual park pass which allows entry for up to eight people is \$120. They can be bought at all state parks at ranger stations or museums, but please call ahead to ensure availability. They may also be purchased online or by mail, which will take three to four weeks for delivery. Also in time for holidays, give the gift of Florida culture with tickets to the 2014 Florida Folk Festival. Now in its 62nd year, the festival celebrates the best of local art and music with more than 300 performances. Tickets are already on sale for this year's event on Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25, at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Cen-

ter State Park in White Springs. Visit www.floridafolkfestival.com to buy your tickets today. In addition to the Florida State Parks Annual Pass, here are some other ideas to make your season greener: When choosing a gift, the Department suggests choosing the most durable product you can afford. Cheaper products tend to wear out faster and must be replaced more often. By doing this you can reduce consumption of items that are thrown away or left unused around the house. If possible, look for items made with recycling content. If you are buying an electronic gift for someone, give rechargeable batteries along with a battery charger. Recycling

used batteries is important to reducing the potential for contamination in landfills. Electronic retailers, such as Walmart, Best Buy, Staples and RadioShack will accept batteries to recycle. In addition to buying green gifts, there are also several wrapping alternatives that can cut down on waste found in the home. Gift givers can reuse boxes, bows and wrapping paper that can be saved each year. Tissue paper is difficult to recycle, so use strips of shopping bags, used wrapping paper or old lace to fill gift bags. Make unique bows by cutting up leftover shopping bags and purchase fabric gift wraps that can be

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Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Arrest Report
 Dec. 16, 2013

1. Nicole Glover Rumph — FTA hearing, Burglary of dwelling with assault, Battery.
2. Robert Large — Introducing Contraband into a detention facility.
3. Lucious Bruce Guyton — Assault and Agg. Assault with deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Notice of Quincy Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

The Quincy Historic Preservation Commission will hold its meeting on Monday January 6, 2014 at 5:30 PM, at the City Hall to discuss the following:

1. Proposed revision to the certificate of appropriateness for renovation work on the Hindu Temple located at 19. S. Adams Street, Quincy in order to approve some changes to the façade of the building.

If you have any question, please, call Bernard Piawah, Building and Planning Department at 850-618-0030; ext. 6677

QPD

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ing to Quincy Police Department Capt. Robert Mixson. Mixson said persons of interest have been identified but arrests have not yet been made. Mixson said QPD is conducting a survey of South Madison Street to determine the ideal locations for additional street lights. Additionally, Public Works Director Earl Banks stated the department has trimmed trees in the area to increase visibility. A burglary of the Little Successful Angels Day Care on 16 Ernest St. in Quincy has also been reported, but details of



Damage to the door at Quincy Tots Nursery in Quincy is shown. Photo by Curt Wilkerson

the incident were not available by deadline.

AUDIT

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"We could have paid something against the line of credit, but I wanted to ensure that we had enough money to make payroll and we were able to do that." Later in the evening, Quincy resident Frieda Bass-Prieto addressed the commission, expressing her concern over fees associated with the continued refinancing of a loan from the Florida Department of Revenue and the city's failure to grant a public records request she had made. "This is the third time we have renegotiated this loan," she said. "After last year's stipulation, we suffered over \$50,000 in penalties, interest and fees." Mayor Keith Dowdell responded to her comments. "A lot of these issues you can take up with the city manager

during regular hours," Dowdell said. "We are not going to give you the personal satisfaction of trying to embarrass the city of Quincy." During a phone interview with the *Times*, Bass-Prieto reacted to Dowdell's remarks. "I was dumbfounded," she said. "I'm a concerned citizen, and it's my right to express my opinion," said Bass-Prieto, a bookkeeper for 10 years. "We are carrying over day-to-day debt, and my fear is if nothing changes this will snowball. There needs to be a change, and only the commission is capable of doing so." Commissioners also:

- Voted to approve full medical retirement benefits to Quincy resident Neil Eitson. Because of a medical condition, Eitson was forced to retire from the utilities department at the age of 58, four years shy of normal retirement age.
- Considered amending the city's policy to award full retirement and health benefits to employees who retire within four years of normal retirement age because of disability. After deliberation they decided instead to judge all future claims on a case-by-case basis.
- Approved an amendment that would increase the boundary of the Gadsden County Enterprise Zone, adding three square miles of undeveloped property that has been zoned for commercial use. Businesses that operate within the enterprise zone are eligible for tax incentives from the state of Florida as part of an effort to

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Family history researchers hold the Gadsden County time capsule by the library's new exhibit case. Photo submitted

Linger Longer AT YOUR LIBRARY



Dr. Carolyn E. Poole, Director

Before we say farewell to 2013 and ring in a brand new year, there's one more "Viva Florida" capstone celebration on the calendar you won't want to miss.

The Gadsden County Public Library System invites you to attend a time capsule finale and Florida history film festival on Tuesday, Dec. 31. Christmas will be over by then, the thrill of new toys all played out, and you just may be in search of something unique and entertaining to do before a New Year's Eve bash.

Please join us for a free early-bird New Year's Eve party at noon at the McGill Library in Quincy for a last peek at the county time capsule before it goes into hibernation for the next 50 years.

In case you hadn't heard, the Florida Department of State bestowed on us a time capsule to preserve the rich historical and cultural diversity of our communities in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Florida. Ours is the only state in the nation with 500 continuous years of documented European history.

Here is just a smattering of the items included in the time capsule representing current life in Gadsden County:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Black Heritage postage stamps
- Restaurant menu from El Portrillo Mexican Grill & Bar
- Creek Indian Poker Room flyer
- Gadsden Art Center 25th anniversary poster
- Capital Regional Medical Center plastic admittance card with QR code
- Sample of Fuller Earth clay from the BASF plant
- 100 Years of First Elizabeth Missionary

Baptist Church bulletin, Quincy

- Photos of the new Quincy By-Pass road construction
- Carter Parramore High School Super Reunion 1956-1970 program
- Greater Saint Paul Primitive Baptist Church, Gretna, dedication service program
- Town & County Real Estate Guide
- Bell & Bates T-shirt

Of course, there are plenty of other interesting trinkets and tokens inside the time capsule, but you'll just have to wait until the year 2063 to see its entire contents when the lid is popped at the 150th anniversary of the Gadsden County courthouse.

Following closure of the time capsule on Dec. 31 (help, anybody handy with glue?), lights will dim for a movie premiere of "Hernando de Soto in America," an action-packed film about the 16th-century Spanish expedition through Florida in search of gold.

Also debuting on the silver screen will be two short films about Mission San Luis in Tallahassee.

The William A. "Bill" McGill Library is located at 732 Pat Thomas Parkway in Quincy. Come in, and linger longer!

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Obituaries

Aiden Lamar Burns

Baby Aiden Lamar Burns, of Quincy, FL, died Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at TMH, in Tallahassee, FL. The funeral services will be held at a later date.

Mamie Glover

Ms. Mamie Glover, 87 years of age, died on Saturday, December 7, 2013 in Quincy, FL. The service is 2:00 p.m., EST, Saturday, December 14, 2013, at Peace M.B. Church, of Gretna, FL, with burial at Smith Cemetery, of Quincy, FL. The family will receive friends from 1 to 6 p.m., on Friday, December 13, 2013 at Williams Funeral Home of Quincy, FL.

She is survived by one daughter, Mamie L. Glover, of Quincy, FL, four sisters; 3 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren. Williams Funeral Home of Quincy, Florida in charge of arrangements.

Betty Jean Alford Copeland

Pastor Betty Jean Alford Copeland, 74 of Chattahoochee, FL died Tuesday, December 3, 2013. Services were held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at West Gadsden High School in Greensboro, FL.

Survivors include her daughters: Caregiver, Evangelist Audrey Colley, Evangelist Sheranda (Apostle Joe) Nelson, Missionary Andrea Dawkins, Stacey Copeland, Tona Thomas Lourn and Chenoa James; sons: Paul Jr. (Tracey) Copeland, Ricky (Brigette) Copeland and Keaton Copeland; mother, Pastor Rebecca Whitfield; brother, Elijah Alford, Jr and a host of other relatives and friends. Crawford and Moultry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Arnold Hankerson

Mr. Arnold Hankerson, 70 years old, of Tallahassee, FL, died on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 in Tallahassee, FL. A memorial service will be 1:00 p.m., EST, Saturday, December 21, 2013 at Morning Glory Baptist Church, 348 Joe Knight St., Quincy, FL.

He is survived by two sons, Gerald L. Hankerson, Tyrone Guntrop, both of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, two daughters, Crystal Hankerson, of N.C., Rose Hankerson, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, one brother, Theophilus Hankerson, of Atlanta,

GA, three sisters, Jewrolie Solomon, of Tallahassee, FL, Avis Lawrence, of Atlanta, GA, Sandra Davenport (Minister Sandy), of Quincy, FL. 1 grandchild. Williams Funeral Home of Quincy, Florida in charge of arrangements.

Inez Booth

Mrs. Inez Booth, 91 years of age, of Quincy, Florida, died on Friday, December 13, 2013 in Quincy, FL. The service is 11:00 a.m., EST, Saturday, December 21, 2013 at Peace M.B. Church, of Gretna, FL, with burial at St. Paul Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 to 6 p.m., on Friday, December 20, 2013 at Williams Funeral Home of Quincy, FL.

She is survived by one son, Richard Anderson (Etta), of Quincy, FL, one daughter, Nellie Graham, of Quincy, FL, one brother Alvin Bush (Neria), of Gretna, FL, one sister, Rutha Wright, of Tallahassee, FL, 7 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren. Williams Funeral Home of Quincy, Florida in charge of arrangements.

Shanta Grice Robinson

Mrs. Shanta Grice Robinson, 29, years of age, of Tallahassee, FL, died on Saturday, December 14, 2013, in Tallahassee, FL. The service is 2:00 p.m., EST, Saturday, December 21, 2013, at New Jerusalem COGIC in Attapulugus, GA, with burial at Sunnysvale Cemetery, of Quincy, FL. The family will receive friends from 1 to 7 p.m., on Friday, December 20, 2013 at Williams Funeral Home of Quincy, FL.

She is survived by her husband, Markeith Robinson, of Tallahassee, FL, one daughter, Lauryn Gay, of Tallahassee, FL, two step daughters, Lashonjanae Robinson, Laneisha Robinson, both of Quincy, FL, mother, Ada Grice, of Attapulugus, GA, maternal grandfather, Issac Grice, of Attapulugus, GA, six sisters Crystal Danielle, of Attapulugus, GA, Taineisha McGee, of Bainbridge, GA, Shonna Grice, of Havana, FL, Traci Grice, Chapel Cooper, both of Atlanta, GA, Versail Cooper, of Thomasville, GA, two brothers, Akeem Gooch, of Thomasville, GA, Montrell Cooper, of Tampa, FL. Williams Funeral Home of Quincy, Florida in charge of arrangements.

Along Twin Ponds Road

For the first time in many years I won't be singing in a Christmas concert with a church choir.

Last Sunday, however, I had been invited to sing with the choir at Whitney Baptist, here in Leesburg.

However, I turned the choir director down because I hadn't rehearsed. I also shared with him that I wouldn't feel like I was truly singing in a choir because over three-quarters of the congregation sang in that "choir." In fact, the choir outnumbered the congregation, seated in the pews in front of them.

I'm not really ready to write a Christmas column this early, as today is only the 13th, and, as with most Christmas seasons, I'm not really feeling the spirit yet.

I miss the old gang in the chancel choir at Chaires United Methodist Church in Tallahassee.

One couldn't help but be in the Christmas spirit, as by this time we would probably be ready to present our special concert.

I hope some of you have had the indescribable feeling one obtains from practicing and singing with a dedicated church choir with a dedicated director. You never forget it.

Usually a good choir would start rehearsal for the Christmas concert no later than September. From that point on, it's nothing but hard work, dedication and enjoying the camaraderie of your fellow choir members and director.

Those of us who sang with the Chaires choir loved music, hard work and each other.

If you'll recall, I used to drive 31 miles, one-way, just to be with that wonderful group after Judy and I had moved

back to Havana from Tallahassee after Judy's mother passed.

To those of you Chaires' choir members, I miss singing with you and the fine times we shared together.

Are you already feeling the Christmas spirit? Perhaps, you don't know what that is or haven't felt it for some years, or perhaps, never.

If you are not feeling it I'll bet you're feeling blue or wish you could go to bed and wake up and the whole Christmas season would be

admit it doesn't hurt to be reminded of keeping the Christ as the center or heart of the whole season.

I'll be thinking and praying for my close friends who have lost loved ones recently and will be spending the holidays without their beloved spouses.

Our good friend and neighbor from Green Valley, Arizona, Marge Petitmermet lost her husband, Ernie, after 72 years of marriage. God bless you, Marge; we know how special Ernie was and miss him too.

Divorce, death, separation, bad health, loss of job and/or income are all reasons one might not be feeling the holiday spirit.

If you're not a Christian, I don't know how you would ever truly feel the wonderful spirit that goes along with it.

over and done with.

For years, until I met Judy, I dreaded the Christmas season; and I know I wasn't alone.

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If you're not a Christian, I don't know how you'd ever truly feel the wonderful spirit that goes along with it.

Judy pointed out to me that our new neighbor and friend had hung up her exterior decorations and they may have been on the tacky side.

Along with the wreaths made with tin foil and red wrapping paper in the middle, a square-shaped sign was implanted at the base of one of the palm trees with the saying: "Keep Christ in Christmas."

No matter how one might feel about my neighbor's holiday decorations, one has to

Hopefully, Marge's many friends at her new retirement home will be there for her. We know that her two loyal sons, Tom and Jim, will be around for their mother.

Like at Thanksgiving time, I am so thankful to be around new, friendly neighbors and to have a spouse as wonderful as Judy to share my Christmas season with.

Thanks to her our decorations have been hung and are shining brightly. I'm not so sure I would have done that without her.

I believe I shared with you that last year at this time I tried to surprise Judy by hanging some lights around one of our two columns at the entryway to our house in Havana.

I was atop a step ladder with a string of lights hoisted over my head when a green lizard poked his big head out at me from behind a shingle,



...Ray Willis

above and behind. The surprise of it all caused me to strike out at him in a fashion not designed for a rotator cuff.

A few days later my favorite orthopedic surgeon, Peter Loeb, performed his second rotator cuff surgery for me.

My faithful readers, this column marks five years I have been writing for this wonderful weekly paper, The Gadsden County Times.

I want to thank executive editor, Cheri Harris, for putting up with me and keeping me on the staff. Cheri is the third editor I've worked for in the past five years and does such a wonderful job of writing, editing and keeping this newspaper running.

I truly hope that if you are not in the spirit that you will be in the next few days, as we're running out of time. For those of you who are, and have been in the spirit, thanks for being shining beacons for us.

I used to listen closely for a special holiday song at this time of the year, "We Need a Little Christmas," from the Broadway musical "Mame." It always helped me to get with the spirit if I needed a little boost at the last minute. Perhaps, it's also one of you favorites.

Merry Christmas and God bless you all.

We can't build a strong economy on a weak base

CAMILLE MORAN
American Forum

Let's bring the spirit of Christmas to Congress. The last time the minimum wage went up was in 2009, and, as the owner of a Christmas tree farm and other businesses, I think it's time for another raise.

Today's \$7.25 an hour minimum wage befits Scrooge — before he saw the error of his ways. It amounts to just \$15,080 a year for full-time workers.

Workers shouldn't have to depend on food stamps or food banks to put Christmas Dinner on their tables.

In my state, Louisiana, which is not a high-cost state, a single adult needed income of \$19,256 to afford basic expenses such as food, housing, transportation, health care and taxes in 2012, according to the MIT Living Wage Calculator. That's \$9.26 an hour at 40 hours a week year-round, which is \$2 more an hour

than the current minimum wage.

McDonald's made waves this year by recommending a sample monthly budget to its employees — many of them earning at or near minimum wage — that assumed they needed a second job to make ends meet. Most McDonald's employees, like most minimum-wage workers, are adults. The budget had them working at McDonald's for \$1,105 a month after taxes, and then a second job for \$955 — for a total of \$24,720 yearly after taxes. McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, meanwhile, made \$13.8 million in 2012. That's \$37,808 a day, every day of the year.

Most Americans agree that if you work full time you should not be living in poverty. Today's miserly minimum wage doesn't just impoverish workers, it hurts our economy.

If I don't pay my employees a decent wage, they won't have

money to spend at other businesses. And if other businesses don't pay their workers a decent wage, they can't afford to buy my trees, and I can't afford to hire more employees. That's a negative cycle, instead of a positive one.

At 4 Seasons Christmas Tree Farm, our lowest paid employees earn at least \$10 an hour and we provide a better product at competitive prices with big box stores. Raising the minimum wage makes good business sense.

A recent national poll shows that 67 percent of small-business owners support increasing the minimum wage and adjusting it yearly to keep pace with the cost of living. The small-business owners were predominantly Republican in the poll commissioned by Small Business Majority.

Sixty-five percent of small-

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Authenticity

"And what sort of lives do these people, who pose as being moral, lead themselves? My dear fellow, you forget that we are in the native land of the hypocrite."

—Oscar Wilde,
The Picture of Dorian Gray

LAURA FINLEY, Ph.D.
PeaceVoice

Authenticity is one of the most important qualities to teach young people. To be truly who you are, to be comfortable in your own skin and to walk your talk, is essential to not just personal happiness but is also requisite for building a better, more just and humane world. Unfortunately, teaching authenticity is challenging in a society that is dominated by hypocrisy. Politicians manipulate, deceive and outright lie with such regularity it is almost amazing when one does not do so. Celebrities demonstrate to children and youth that it is acceptable to say one thing and do the complete opposite. Below is a short list of recent hypocrisy by leaders and celebrities.

Although nowhere near exhaustive, here is a smattering of the political hypocrisy of 2013. Republicans claimed they wanted to avoid the government shutdown in the fall, yet many openly embraced the idea as a way of stymieing President Obama in general and of opposing Obamacare. Republican Presidential nominee Mitt Romney derided Obamacare, yet it was very clearly based in large part on the model Romney introduced as governor of Massachusetts. Then there is the Cheney sisters, who want to be "personally" fine with gay people but not politically so. And what about Florida Republican Trey Radel, who supported Governor Scott's initiative to drug test welfare recipients yet is a cocaine addict?

It is clear, however, that the hypocrisy bug has infected Democrats as well. President Obama, for example, pledged to usher in an era of transparency yet the revelations made by Edward Snowden make it abundantly obvious that he has authorized and continues to support privacy invasions previously unheard of. And, of course, there are Obama's pledges about health insurance that were, quite simply, either signs of complete ineptitude or willful deception.

Supposedly assigned to protect and serve, many of the law enforcement officers in my home of South Florida seem to do anything but. In just one example of a litany, Miami Gardens police stopped and harassed 27-year-old Earl Sampson 258 times in the last few years while he was on the clock (yes, you read

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Emotional Gift Guide

During this month of celebrations, Hanukkah just past and Christmas and the New Year to come, I'm pleased to share this favorite story with you. I hope you will enjoy it and choose to share.

A young girl attended a holiday violin recital. She was so captivated by the beauty of the music and powerful presence of the violinist she absolutely had to meet him after the performance.

She waited patiently in line to greet him, and when it was her turn, she said hello and asked if he would please autograph her program.

"I'm sorry," said the violinist, "but my hands are too tired from playing."

"Well," said the girl with a smile, "my hands are tired, too, from all the clapping." The violinist beamed and with a flourish, autographed the program.

I sing the praises of professionals, business leaders, philanthropists and community volunteers, parents and grandparents and faith leaders of all denominations. You are the violinists for children, families and our elders every day throughout our vibrant and diverse communities. We who care for our own families and the loved



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ones of others master the notes, touch the strings, and move the bow creating beautiful music. And sometimes we get tired.

I am your admirer, honoring your commitment and applauding your efforts. Together, in partnership, we are making progress. Let's never forget that we are needed; let's not lose hope nor allow one day's fatigue to dampen our spirit.

The challenges are great, but our optimism and strength of commitment will persevere!

My special wishes for the holidays go to our military and their families, our first responder law enforcement, EMT and fire-fighting professionals, health care-givers, educators and providers of other vital human services whose dedication seldom takes a holiday.

They are there for us and stand ready to serve in good times and bad. Saying thank you to these people is one way of giving them the emotional boost they need to keep up their good work for us all.

This holiday season let's remember that not all

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Bright Futures labs



West Gadsden High School students outourney Mickel and Savon Jones are pictured here with Mrs. Reyonna Parrish.



East Gadsden High School students Montrell Davis and Cartesia Moore are pictured here with Mrs. Reyonna Parrish. Photos submitted

ANGELA SAPP *Race to the Top Science Specialist*
Special to the Times
Computers at East and West Gadsden High Schools were

frantically buzzing Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 11th and 12, as the graduating classes of 2014 logged into and completed the Florida Financial Aid application. Every senior, at both schools, was given this opportunity and a total of 145 successfully finished the process. This is the first time such an endeavor has

been attempted and Principals Roberts and Walker along with Director of Pre K-12 Instructional Services Dr. Sylvia Jackson deemed it a huge success.

The event was organized by Angela Sapp, Race To The Top Science Specialist and facilitated by Reyonna Parrish, Outreach Representative, Region 1 with the

Florida Department of Education. The labs will re-convene in January to provide parents guidance in negotiating the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

GEMS Tropicana Speech Competition

Gadsden Elementary Magnet School hosted its Tropicana Speech Contest Wednesday, Dec. 11. The participants were the first-, second- and third- place winners from the fourth- through sixth-grade classes.

Listed are the participants: Bree-Ana Bruner, Aniya Sailor, Azha Heron, Jan Jackson, Janay Andrews, Alexis Smith, Chanel Sapp, Aviana Murphy and William Rouse.

The winning and original speeches were presented. Speeches were judged on the following: Time (2-3 minutes), Eye Contact, Voice, Originality and Content. The judges were of the district level and the community: Ms. Collins, Ms. Barksdale, Ms. Pouncey and Ms. Daniels.

Winners of the Division #1 Competition:

- 1st Place – Alexis Smith
- 2nd Place –William Rouse
- 3rd Place –Bree-Ana Bruner

Winners of the Division #2 Competition

- 1st Place – Chanel Sapp
- 2nd Place – Janay Andrews
- 3rd Place – Aviana Murphy

The school winners will represent GEMS in the District Competition in January.



Pictured here are the GEMS Tropicana Speech Competition judges.

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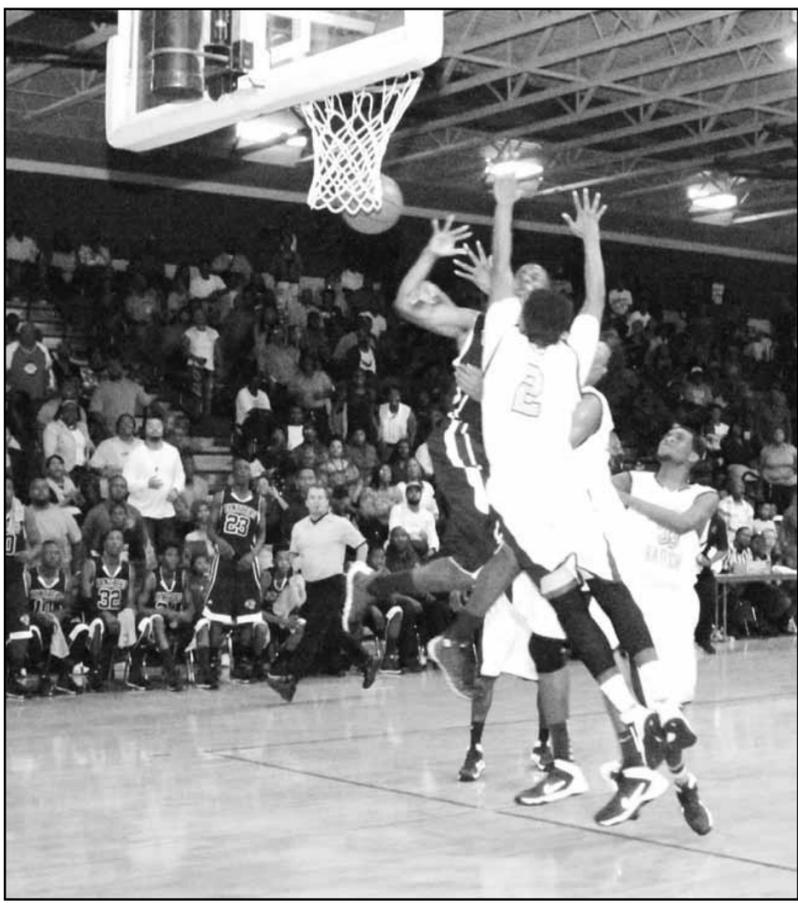
Pictured here are GEMS Tropicana Speech Competition Division 2 winners. Photos submitted



Pictured here are the GEMS Tropicana Speech Competition Division 1 winners.

Sports

Jaguars win rivalry game against Panthers



The East Gadsden High School Jaguars and West Gadsden High School Panthers clash on the court Saturday, Dec. 14, at East Gadsden in Havana. Photo by Reginald Forehand

Middle School Classic champs



Shanks Middle Coach Pace, SMS player Barry Corker, 21st CCLC Project Director, EGHS player Jamia Bittles, Coach White. Photo submitted

Reginald C. James Tourney Results

The fifth annual Reginald C. James 21st Century Middle School Classic was held Saturday, Dec. 14, at Havana Middle school. Participating boys teams were Tallavana Christian, Shanks, and Havana Middle school. Participating girls teams were Shanks, Jefferson and Havana Middle School along with the East Gadsden Jr. Varsity squad. The Shanks Middle school then squeezed by Havana Middle school for the Boys Championship. East Gadsden Lady Jags' Jr. Varsity team defeated a determined Shanks team to set up the championship game with the Lady Bears' team, who had earlier defeated the Jefferson Lady Tigers. The Lady Bears played well before losing to the Lady Jags by 3 points.

Bright spots in girls basketball season

SUSIE MORRIS
Times Sports Correspondent

Leading into the holidays, a couple of our county teams are entering the break with some motivational wins.

EAST GADSDEN
The Lady Jags defeated Jefferson County by 35 points to move to 7-2 on the season. The final score was 58-23. Don-drea Harris hit three 3-pointers, dished out six assists and garnered six steals on her way to a 25-point night. The Lady Jag team also got a big revenge win over Leon High last week. The Jaguars outscored the Lions in every quarter but one and used a 19-10 first quarter lead to propel them to victory. Again, Harris led all scorers with 18 points.

Both the East Gadsden girls and boys team will participate in the Capital City Classic beginning Dec. 20 and 21. There are 12 teams on the boys' side and four on the girls' side. Participating girls teams are PK Yonge, FAMU, Valdosta and East Gadsden. In what should be an excellent matchup, the Lady Jags face FAMU at 4:30 p.m. Friday. They then take on PK Yonge at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The tournament will be at Tallahassee Community College.

TALLAVANA CHRISTIAN
The Lady Lions roared to a dominating win over North Florida Christian this past week. Tallavana Christian scored the program's most points in recent memory in a 62-8 annihilation of North Florida Christian. Taniah Lockwood led her team with 19 points and

TERRANCE CHISOLM
Times Sports Correspondent

Both teams came out poised and relaxed during the pre-game warm-up drills this past Saturday at East Gadsden High School. East Gadsden came into this highly anticipated game under the leadership of new Interim Head Coach Bobby Parrish, who took over for the departed Michael Hunt after the sixth game of the season. The Jaguars struck first on a lay-up with 7:56 left

in the opening quarter, but the Panthers quickly countered 36 seconds later when Lajarous Davis knocked down a three-pointer. With 3:29 remaining in the first quarter, West Gadsden held a 9-4 advantage over East Gadsden, but a put-back by Bobby Dukes with 2:12 left to play in the quarter cut the Panther lead to 9-8. Back-to-back three-point shots by Davis gave the visitors a 15-10 advantage heading into the second quarter. West Gadsden went

to the free-throw line early in the second quarter, but was unable to cash in as they went 1-4 on their first attempts from the charity strip. With 4:43 left in the first half, John Fain hit a three-pointer that gave the Jaguars a small 19-18 lead over the Panthers. Dukes pushed the home team's lead to 21-18 a few seconds later by making a nice lay-up inside. The Panthers battled back and with 1:15 to go in the half, Davis put more of his sharp shooting on display when he squared up and hit another three-pointer, tying the game up at 25-25. Fain and Dukes combined to score five points in less than a minute to regain the lead for the home team and with 6.7 seconds left in the half, the Jaguars held a 30-25 advantage. The exciting first half of play came to an end as West Gadsden's Mark Bradwell got a short jumper to fall at the buzzer to cut into East Gadsden's lead, and at the end of the

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used over again. When needed, look for cards and wrapping paper that are made from recycled material that can be recycled again. Avoid metallic or foil paper, as these are not recyclable or reusable. An alternative to wrapping paper could be to wrap items in containers that pique the interest of the re-

ipient. Wrapping presents in a tool box for a handy man, using fabric for a person interested in sewing, or even wrapping a present in a kitchen towel for the chef can be great alternatives to using wrapping paper. Green gifting this holiday can help cut down on waste that accumulates over the holiday season. Using these suggestions and purchasing gifts that require little packaging, such as a Florida

State Park Annual Pass, can help build a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future. *Annual Passes valid at all state parks except Skyway Fishing Pier State Park where valid for a 33 percent discount. The Florida Park Service is the proud recipient of three National Gold Medals for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, making Florida America's first three-time Gold Medal winner. The awards were received in 1999, 2005 and 2013 from the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and the National Recreation and Park Association. Florida's 171 state parks and trails inspire residents and visitors with recreation opportunities and scenic beauty that help strengthen families, educate children, expand local economies and foster community pride. With 161 parks, 10 state trails, nearly 800,000 acres, 100 miles of beaches and more than 1,500 miles of multi-use trails, visit soon and often to enjoy Florida's natural treasures. Download the Florida State Parks Pocket Ranger® mobile app, available on iTunes and Android Market, to plan your trip and enhance your experience while visiting. For more information, visit www.FloridaStateParks.org/.

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Entrepreneurial training program launches in Capital Region Area

TALLAHASSEE — WORKFORCE plus recently launched its regional Startup Quest program to entice new collaboration opportunities in the Capital Region.

Startup Quest is an innovative training program that is aimed to transform career paths, skills, training or virtually any aspect of life by engaging in an innovative program to bring new technology to the world.

"This training provides additional local opportunities for entrepreneurial-minded individuals who need

the mentorship and guidance to establish an effective business plan and development," said WORKFORCE plus CEO Jim McShane.

Applicants must possess at least a bachelor's degree, be an unemployed or underemployed job seeker over the age of 18, be authorized to work in the United States and be able to commit to the program in its entirety including a 1-year evaluative tracking period. Veterans are strongly encouraged to apply.

The program is based on 10 highly collaborative and intensive training sessions led by experienced mentors. Participants in the program gain increased knowledge about advanced technologies, emerging industries, entrepreneurship, market analysis, financial projections, management and the technology development process, as well as realize significant increases in personal self confidence with newly developed job skills. These skills empower participants to

form their own startup company or make them a more valuable employee for a new startup company.

Local Workforce Investment Boards in Gainesville, Jacksonville, Daytona, Brevard, Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa, Pinellas and Tallahassee joined together in a consortium to implement this innovative program. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor through a nearly \$12 million, five-year grant.

To register or learn more about the pro-

gram, visit <https://workforce-plus.startupquest.org> or contact Kara Palmer at 850-617-4605

or Kara.Palmer@workforce-plus.org. Application deadline is Dec. 26, or bring a copy to the first session.

The introductory session of the 10-week program will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Turnbull Center.

Startup Quest is part of an evaluation study funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. Participants will be selected from among

eligible applicants. Data collected will remain confidential and will be used for statistical purposes only.

For more information about WORKFORCE plus and the multitude of programs offered, go to www.wfplus.org or call 1-866-WFP-JOB1. Programs funded through WORKFORCE plus are equal opportunity programs with auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Persons using TTY/TTD equipment use Florida Relay Service 711.

TCC Workforce Development's Leadership Academy of North Florida begins first class in January

TALLAHASSEE — Tallahassee Community College's Division of Workforce Development has partnered with Plugged In Leadership to create an exceptional and unprecedented leadership development environment in Tallahassee. The newly formed joint venture, the Leadership Academy of North Florida, will embrace opportunities to engage and equip talented professionals with enhanced leadership training.

The inaugural class begins January 2014 for a 12-month program. Monthly meetings will be on-site in Tallahassee and via teleconference on alternate months. Total investment for emerging leaders is \$1,998 and for seasoned leaders is \$2,398. The program takes a systematic approach to leadership development training by providing rigorous curriculum, assessments, coaching, mentoring and evaluation.

The program includes emerging leaders (limit 30) who are young professionals, career changers, or those seeking leadership roles. The cohort of seasoned leaders (limit 20) will be executives, supervisors or those seeking to leave a legacy of leadership and influence. The group will be diverse, creative and multi-generational: the makings of an interesting mix of leadership thought and process.

The curriculum includes leadership topics from communication to problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity, conflict resolution, emotional intelligence and building a legacy by developing others.

Those interested in submitting an application for consideration should visit TallahasseeLeadershipInstitute.com or contact the TCC Leadership Institute at 850-201-8760 or leadership@tcc.fl.edu. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 5.

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business owners in the poll agreed that "Increasing the minimum wage will help the economy, because the people with the lowest incomes are the most likely to spend any pay increases buying necessities they could not afford before, which will boost sales at businesses. This will increase the customer demand that businesses need to retain or hire more employees."

That's right. Increasing the minimum wage will boost the sales that drive employment. And with increased wages, businesses also see lower costly employee turnover, increased productivity and better customer service.

No wonder the most rigorous studies of the impact of actual minimum wage increases show they don't cause job loss, reports Business for a Fair Minimum Wage. For example, the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment compared all neighboring counties (we call them parishes) located on different sides of a state border with different minimum-wage levels between 1990 and 2006 and found no adverse employment effects from higher minimum wages.

There's a proposal in Congress to raise the minimum wage by 95 cents a year for three years to \$10.10 an hour, and then adjust it annually to keep up with the cost of living.

If the minimum wage had kept up with the cost of living

since 1968, it would already be over \$10. In case you're wondering, the unemployment rate was 3.6 percent in 1968 and 3.5 percent in 1969.

When families come to our farm looking for a Christmas tree, they seek out trees that have a strong, full base and are healthy from top to bottom.

Our minimum wage is the base of our economy. If it's weak, our economy will not be healthy.

At the end of "A Christmas Carol," Scrooge doesn't just give Tiny Tim's family a turkey. He gives his father a raise.

Moran is owner and CEO of Caramor Industries, which includes 4 Seasons Christmas Tree Farm, in Natchitoches Parish, La. She is a member of Business for a Fair Minimum Wage.

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that right, he was at work) at a convenience store. They searched him more than 100 times, much of which is captured on camera because the store owner, Alex Saleh, realized that the threat to his business did not come so much from local thugs but rather from the police themselves.

Not exactly a reliable source, Fox News has, however, shed some light on the hypocrisy of celebrities who speak out against various social

ills while visibly perpetrating the same behaviors. Perhaps most notable was the star-laden Demand A Plan initiative, in which a series of celebrities, after the Sandy Hook

Elementary School shootings, lined up to film PSAs requesting gun control. These same celebrities — Jamie Foxx, for instance — are often featured in violent films that glorify gun culture. Both Jay Z and Kanye West have faced hypocrisy accusations for their failing to admonish or withdraw their products from companies, like Barney's, that are said to be racially profile. Not to be outdone, evidently just days ago, the supposedly vegan Beyonce showed up at an event wearing a fur coat and suede shoes. Ummm...maybe not.

Among the many nonviolent principles along which Mahatma Gandhi operated, the concepts of truth and authenticity rank near the top. Gandhi recognized that even his detractors might soften

their positions if his actions echoed his words, his diet followed his espoused beliefs, and his consumption patterns were consistent with what he preached. In short, living what you believe is an essential component of nonviolent social change.

I believe the world would be a better place were authenticity to be widely valued and taught. Although we are all works in progress, I call on all adults to work diligently to be those role models — in both what we say and what we do — that our youth so desperately crave.

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CDC looks back at 2013 health challenges, ahead to 2014 health worries

Top achievements this year, five health threats in 2014

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's job is to detect health threats, stop outbreaks, and prevent illness and injury. As 2013 comes to a close America's health protection agency looks back at top five health concerns in 2013 and previews the five health threats that loom for 2014.

CDC's most important achievements in 2013 are the outbreaks that didn't happen, the diseases that were stopped before they crossed our borders, and the countless lives saved from preventable chronic diseases and injuries.

"While our biggest successes may be the bad things that did not happen, careful assessment of what we did well — and what we might do better — is essential for continued success," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.

CDC's top accomplishments included the life-saving Tips tobacco education campaign; a pilot study supporting the technologies and methods of the proposed Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD) initiatives; the Million Hearts® Initiative to prevent a million heart attacks; progress in curbing healthcare-associated infections; and contributions to the U.S. President's Plan for Emergency AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which prevented the one millionth baby from being infected with HIV.

However, much more needs to be done. CDC sounded the alarm about the potential loss of antibiotic protection from bacterial infections, the slow uptake of the anti-cancer human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, the growing epidemic of prescription opiate addiction, the perfect storm of emerging infectious disease threats, and the final push for global polio eradication.

CDC's 2013 accomplishments include:

- Demonstrations that new AMD technologies and methods can detect outbreaks sooner, stop them faster, and prevent them better. Through piloting AMD technologies and methods, the use of whole-genome sequencing allowed CDC to quickly track and trace a *Listeria* outbreak from contaminated cheese.

- Progress in efforts to prevent a million heart attacks and strokes:
 - Tips from Former Smokers ads increased calls to quitlines far beyond CDC's ambitious goals.

- With CDC support, the FDA published its tentative determination that partially hydrogenated oils — the primary source of dietary trans-fat — is not "generally recognized as safe." Its removal from the food supply could save up to 7,000 lives and prevent up to 20,000 heart attacks a year.

- CDC learned from providers around the country about how to improve blood pressure control, and is now working with federal, state, and local partners to scale up effective approaches.

- More than 12,000 facilities now track healthcare-associated infections using CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). CDC has found that bloodstream infections in patients with central lines have decreased by 44 percent and surgical-site infections have decreased by 20 percent since 2008. Following CDC protocols could cut some dialysis-related bloodstream infections in half.

- 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of the U.S. President's Plan for Emergency AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). In 2013, PEPFAR prevented the one millionth baby from being infected with HIV and has 6.7 million people on treatment, with HIV incidence falling in nearly all PEPFAR countries.

- CDC published its first estimates of which foods were causing foodborne illnesses in the United States, referred to as Attribution Estimates. These estimates help regulators, industry, and consumers more precisely target and implement effective measures to prevent food contamination, and allow people to use it to help guide their own food safety practices.

- CDC scientists traced the newly discovered Heartland virus that infected two men from northwestern Missouri to populations of lone star ticks in the region. This discovery helps CDC stay one step ahead of what could become another public health threat carried by ticks.

- In conjunction with public health officials in Eurasia's Republic of Georgia,

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gifts are wrapped in shiny paper and decorated with ribbon and bows.

There are many intangible gifts of the heart we can share with those who deserve special recognition and attention — for who they are, what they do and the important role they play in our lives.

Here's my 20-item Emotional Gift Guide, which I hope will be meaningful for you in this season of celebration. Please share it with family, friends and colleagues:

- To yourself — respect, confidence, faith and fortitude.

- To a family member — communication and understanding, even if there has been pain.

- To a friend — a heartfelt and caring spirit.

- To our natural world, animal and plant life — protection and preservation.

- To a good cause — generosity of time and treasure and ardent advocacy.

- To a traveler — an open door of hospitality.

- To our military forces, first responders and their loved ones — honor, support and appreciation.

- To the ill and hurting — conscientious concern and healing comfort.

- To the hungry and homeless — compassion, emergency services and creative community solutions.

- To the abused, neglected and abandoned — representation, security and hope.

- To someone with a special challenge — recognition and acceptance.

- To the addicted and troubled — a positive path to recovery.

- To an infant and toddler — attention, attachment and safety.

- To a child or teen — patience, guidance and a positive example.

- To a parent in need — a helping hand and guidance.

- To an elder — reverence, gratitude and dignified care.

- To a customer or client — excellent service and lasting value.

- To everyone you see, friends and strangers alike — a warm smile, acts of kindness and positive energy.

- To people of every age — unconditional love.

- To all the peoples of the world — justice and peace.



Holiday surprise

The wreaths were crafted by Ms. Rackley and Mrs. Gwendolyn Bradwell. Photos submitted

GTI gives to Riverchase residents



'Tis the season for giving! Gadsden Technical Institute surprised several residents at Riverchase Care Center on Dec. 9 with holiday cheer in the form of Christmas wreaths.

The wreaths, crafted out of newspaper and wire hangers, were beautifully decorated with holiday colors, ribbons, bows and Christmas ornaments. Wreath hangers and Christmas cards rounded out the surprise and were delivered to residents by Ms. Debra Rackley, GTI Director; Ms. Delores Reynolds, Riverchase Activities Coordinator; and Ms. Demonica Hayward, Riverchase Director of Nursing.

Mr. Herbert Kuhns, pictured alongside Ms. Rackley and Ms. Reynolds, was the first resident to receive a Christmas wreath.

SJES Junior Beta Club Induction



St. John Elementary School Junior Beta Club inductees pose for a photo. Photo submitted

St. John Elementary School held its annual Junior Beta Club Induction Ceremony. The National Beta Club is the nation's largest independent, educational, non-profit, youth organization. Our purpose is to encourage and reward academic achievement and to promote those qualities of character that brings forth good citizenship. Our members learn to lead others by serving others.

We had 10 students inducted into the chapter of the National Junior Beta Club on Dec. 10. The Junior Beta Club has been a tradition at SJES since 2005. Many accomplishments and

achievements have been produced thru our school's Junior Beta Club throughout the years. Mrs. Cynthia Hagins is the co-sponsor for the SJES Junior Beta Club. The co-sponsors for the SJES Junior Beta Club are Mrs. Carolyn Green, Mrs. Andrea Kindell, Mrs. Cynthia Kenon, Mrs. Debra Lewis-Safford, Mrs. Delores Fields and Mrs. Katherine Lee. Our students were selected for induction due to their commitment to high academic achievement and participation in school and community service activities.

Congratulations to Ma'Koia Anderson, Terrell Bryant, Zuri Burroughs, Seanette Harri-

son, Sha'Niyah Henderson, De'Carlos Hogue, Nyla Jackson, April Moore, Gloria Pena and Markey Rivers for a job well done. We would like to send a special thanks to our guest speaker Mrs. Joann Kimble, Program Specialist for Title I and Federal Programs for her dynamic message. She encouraged all students to be the best that they can be and soar for higher heights in academic achievement. We would like to thank our parents, Americorps workers, administrators, faculty and staff for helping to make our induction a success as we continue to strive for excellence in education.

Praise the Lord



Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church "The Grove" is at 3510 Atwater Road, Chattahoochee. Photo by Cheri Harris

Event to spark Christmas spirit

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church at 5775 Ben Bostick Road, Quincy, with Elder A. Louis Ivey, Pastor, will host its annual Community Bonfire at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. The public is invited to come out and join in an evening of "Fun — Food & Fireworks" as well as sitting around the fire singing Christmas carols and hearing about the birth of Jesus. There will be games, hayrides, giveaways, hot chili, hot dogs, hot chocolate and much more.

Church planning revival in Midway

Advancing the Kingdom of God 50 Nights of Anointed Revival" presented by Presiding Elder Prophet Anthony J. Sanders and The West Florida Diocese Church of Christ Written in Heaven will be through Jan. 19 at Whosoever Will Church of Christ Written in Heaven, 587 East Brickyard Road, Midway at noon Healing School & Prayer and 7 p.m. Nightly Worship Service. For information, call Prophet Anthony Sanders, 850-567-1902.

Celebrating 60 years for Mother English

The First Restored Church of Jesus Christ Inc., 867 Joe Adams Rd., Quincy, will host an Appreciation/60th Birthday Program for Mother Shirley English, "A Beautiful Lady of God." The program will be at 3p.m. Dec. 21. There will also be a celebration after the program. The pastor Min. Hattie Harper, assisting Pastor Marcus Reed and congregation welcomes the public. The

event is sponsored by Hope for Women Organization.

Fifth Sunday plans set

The 5th Sunday Coalition between Union Chapel, Oak Grove, Steward Temple and Greenshade AME Church will be held on Sunday December 29, 2013 @11:00 am, where the Rev. Kevin Robinson is the pastor. The Rev. Debra Love, Pastor of Oak Grove AME Church will be delivering the sermon. Everyone are invited to come out to this joyful occasion where Church School @9:30am and Worship Service @11:00.

Missionary program planned for Oak Grove

The Ruth T. Porter Women's Missionary Society program at Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church "The Grove" located at 3510 Atwater Road, Chattahoochee, Fl. invites everyone to the Annual Evening In White program at 4:00 pm, January 12, 2014. The guest speaker will be The Florida Conference WMS president Sis. Lucy Haynes Pride of Flipper Chapel Chapel AMEC (Rev. Willie Merrick, pastor) of Tallahassee, Fl. The Grove, Rev. Debra Love, pastor Vernett M. Nicholson, WMS president.

MLK musical plans set

MLK Pre-Holiday Celebration starts at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at Mt. Calvary Primitive Baptist Church located in the Robertsville Community in Quincy.

Choirs and groups giving back! Come one, come all, you are welcome to join us for our Annual MLK Pre-Celebration at Mt. Calvary. Just to name a few of the amazing groups and choirs performing the first Sunday in January: Solid Rock, Highway 12 Community Choir, Mt. Calvary Male Chorus, Second Elizabeth Male Chorus, Open Door Choir, Pianist/soloist Mr. Johnnie Mac Tatum, Soloist Annie Alls Holloman, Three Angels of Bainbridge, St. John AME Church Choir, The Starlets, Truth Mie Ministry, New Zion Choir, Liberty Hill Women Choir, Greater Tanner Choir, New Bethlehem Gospel Singers & Rev. Mark Dudley & the Fantastic Soul Touchers, and more. The celebration will include a live rendition of one of Dr. King's speeches, door prizes, a Visa card drawing, food and much more! To participate, contact Daryl or Elaine Chavers.

Celebrate the song in her heart

An appreciation program for Marva Ann Alls, "Music is not what I do, it's what I am," is planned for 6 p.m. Jan. 18 at Mt. Zion P.B. Church of Quincy.

Mission update planned

Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church, located at 821 W. 4th St. Quincy, where the Rev. Teresa McMillon is Pastor, invites you to the 5th Sunday Missionary Program at 11 a.m. Dec. 29. The speaker will be Min. Mary Strong, Associate Pastor of Smith Grove M.B. Church, Attapulgus, Ga., where the Rev. Carter Hickman is pastor.

Getting home for Christmas

Flip on the radio this time of year and chances are you'll hear the same dozen or so Christmas songs, including "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," Mariah Carey's "All I want for Christmas is You" — and "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

Written in the 1940s, it's from the point of view of a homesick World War II G.I.

fighting overseas somewhere, "dreamin' of a place I love, even more than I usually do. And although I know it's a long road back, I promise you, I'll be home for Christmas ... if only in my dreams."

As Christmas songs go, this is not holly jolly, ho-ho-ho or even joy to the world. This one is melancholy and wistful, sadly wistful. He wants to be home.

Several years ago, I met a man named Gator who also wanted to be home. I was working on a story about an amazing woman named Lynda who feeds homeless and hungry people every single week. Gator was one of the homeless, living in a camp in the woods.

He had come to Lynda's weekly dinner in the park, and when he saw my notebook and pen he wanted to tell me his story.

He said at one time he had a home, but because of circumstances, which he didn't elaborate



Nancy Kennedy
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on, he had to leave it. Not just his house, but his home.

Home is where you feel safe and sheltered and connected. It's your security. It's your place, your warm bed and hot water, your TV with all your favorite shows, your fridge where you can store your lunch for the next day, keep your ice cream from melting and your milk

from spoiling.

It's where you go to get away from the mosquitoes and the heat and humidity, the cold and the rain. It's where you have a closet for your coat, an attic to store your Christmas ornaments, a garage for your car.

Gator told me about his camp, about how everyone looked out for each other and shared with each other because they were all in the same boat; they were all homeless together.

Every night they'd build a fire to stay warm. He said it wasn't too difficult to get food, although very difficult to get a shower. He really, really wanted to take a shower.

When I met him he had been homeless for about six months. He said it wasn't too bad, although he immediately added, "I hate it."

I think I first met Gator in 2009,

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Computers donated to local school



Leap of Faith Global Ministries Inc. CEO Nancy Gee recently donated six computers to Carter-Parramore Academy. The donation was in partnership with an Atlanta-based foundation. According to Gee, A Leap of Faith looks forward to a working partnership with CPA this school year and many years to come. Gee said the computers were donated in the memory of her godmother, Ms. Rosetta Mitchell. Photo submitted

CDC

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CDC helped identify a new poxvirus (related to smallpox) that sickened shepherds in Akhmeta, Georgia. The successful investigation shows that rapid detection saves precious time during response to emerging health threats.

■ CDC researchers found that two new antibiotic regimens using existing drugs successfully treat gonorrhea infections. This is especially important given growing antibiotic resistance and dwindling treatment op-

tions for gonorrhea.

■ CDC's core public health values are saving lives and protecting people. This can't be done if the agency isn't trusted — and in 2013 two national polls found CDC to be the most highly regarded of all federal agencies.

A major CDC priority in the year ahead is to improve America's ability to detect diseases, both at home and abroad, before they become widespread outbreaks. AMD — the use of super computers and forensic DNA identification of infectious agents — is a key part of this effort. Improved AMD will enable faster and more effective infectious disease

prevention and control.

"Investment in world-class technology is a wise investment in U.S. health security," Dr. Frieden said. "American lives, and America's economic stability depend on CDC quickly detecting and fighting superbugs."

Technology is only one of the tools needed for global health security. CDC and its partners are building a global health security infrastructure that can be scaled up to deal with multiple emerging health threats.

Currently, only 1 in 5 countries can rapidly detect, respond to, or prevent global health threats caused by emerging in-

fections. Improvements overseas, such as strengthening surveillance and lab systems, training disease detectives, and building facilities to investigate disease outbreaks can make the world — and the United States — more secure.

"There may be a misconception that infectious diseases are over in the industrialized world. But in fact, infectious diseases continue to be, and will always be, with us. Global health and protecting our country go hand in hand," Dr. Frieden said.

Today's health security threats come from at least five sources:

■ The emergence and

spread of new microbes

■ The globalization of travel and food supply

■ The rise of drug-resistant pathogens

■ The acceleration of biological science capabilities and the risk that these capabilities may cause the inadvertent or intentional release of pathogens

■ Continued concerns about terrorist acquisition, development, and use of biological agents.

"With patterns of global travel and trade, disease can spread nearly anywhere within 24 hours," Dr. Frieden said. "That's why the ability to detect, fight, and prevent these diseases must be devel-

oped and strengthened overseas, and not just here in the United States."

In addition to being crucial for global health security, AMD is a key element in one of CDC's priority initiatives for 2014: combatting the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Several multidrug-resistant superbugs already threaten a throwback to the pre-antibiotic era.

CDC is the nation's health protection agency, working 24/7 to protect America from health and safety threats, both foreign and domestic. CDC increases the health security of our nation.

Getting on swimmingly



The Havana 4H is bringing home the gold. The Havana 4H submitted 21 projects to the North Florida Fair this year. The projects were in several categories. Benedra: Horticulture, photography and sewing; Sha'Daija: Horticulture, photography and sewing; Shaun: Horticulture, Photography and crafts; Alexandra: Photography; Lanya: Photography; Karesha: Horticulture, photography and sewing; Lahmya: Horticulture, photography and sewing; Hakeem: Horticulture; Alexis: Horticulture, photography and sewing. This is the fourth year the group has participated in the North Florida Fair competition. The group knows how to bring home the first place blue ribbons. The group also participated in the hay bale decoration competition. The North Florida Fair will provide one (1) round bale for each participating Club to decorate. The Havana 4H exhibit featured a scene from Nemo. The exhibit was awarded a second place rosette. The Fair is boasting of a record crowd this year and Havana contributed to those accolades. The picture shows the group leader Linda Jones and a few of the kids along with Nemo ("Just keep swimming"). Photo submitted

Dad of quadruplets shares coping secrets

Larry Katzen forged an ambitious career as a leader at one of the world's most prestigious accounting firms.

But he has been equally ambitious with his family life; he's the father of quadruplets — three sons and a daughter. And he felt it was important to serve his community, sitting on more than 10 boards of directors.

"It was an incredible challenge and I don't regret one minute of it!" says Katzen, author of "And You Thought Accountants Were Boring - My Life Inside Arthur Andersen" (Larrykatzen.com), a

look at working in one of the world's most historically important accounting firms while nurturing bonds with his wife and children.

"The quadruplets were born April 22, 1974, before multiple births became fairly common, so we were front-page news and featured on all the national TV news shows," Katzen says.

"But that also tells you there weren't many other parents who could give us advice, and certainly no internet forums to turn to!" At the time, Katzen was also working his way up the ladder and taking on new chal-

lenges at Arthur Andersen, one of the "Big 8" accounting firms. How did he and his wife, Susan, manage?

"It comes down to sticking to some basic principles: doing the right thing, for one, and listening to your heart," Katzen says.

He draws on his 35-year career and family life to offer these tips for working parents with multiple children:

Cultivate support systems! One of the wonderful things about Arthur Andersen was the people who worked there, including his bosses,

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and I'd occasionally hear from him after that. I had given him my phone number at work, and he'd call to check in. He had a part-time job, and he was glad for that.

But he wanted a home.

Home is the place you want to be when you feel lost and afraid, sick or hurt. Or cold, tired, hungry, angry, overwhelmed, bruised or battered.

I don't think there are too many people who don't long for a safe place, for home. Not just a house, but a home.

The story of Christmas is the story of home, of the place we long for, deep inside ourselves. It's as if God created us with a sense that this planet on which we live is not truly our home, but that home is somewhere else — and it is.

But we've been separated from it, and as hard as we might try to get there on our own, we can't. Instead, God sent His Son to get us, to pave the way — to bring us home.

The way home is through the Cross.

"For God so loved the world that

he gave his only Son...not to condemn the world — and us — but to put it and us right again and to offer us a forever home" (John 3:16-18, my paraphrase).

If you Google "home for Christmas" more than 12,600,000 results come up. It's the title of a 2010 movie and Christmas albums from Susan Boyle, 'N Sync, Sheryl Crow, Hall & Oates, Amy Grant and Celtic Woman.

The song, "I'll be Home for Christmas" has been recorded by Bing Crosby and Josh Groban, Carrie Underwood and Michael Buble, Blake Shelton and Brad Paisley.

It's the longing of the heart to be home.

The good news is: Jesus himself is our home, our "home for Christmas" and beyond, and not merely something that's only in our dreams.

P.S. I heard from Gator several months ago. He called to say he wasn't homeless any longer.

Nancy Kennedy is the author of "Move Over, Victoria — I Know the Real Secret," "Girl on a Swing," and her latest book, "Lipstick Grace." She can be reached at 352-564-2927, Monday through Thursday, or via email at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com.

Elective class



On Oct. 21, Alexis Kelly, a student at James A. Shanks Middle School spent the day learning about the functions of the Supervisor of Elections office. Alexis spent the day working with Mrs. Shirley Knight and her staff. This was a great learning experience for the middle school student since she will one day be a voter and she will know what to do and what a privilege it is to have this right. Alexis was selected to participate in this activity by her history teacher Catherine Jackson. Photo submitted

License to learn



Jayla Veneszen spent the day at the tax collector's office. She is a student in Catherine Jackson's World History Class, James A. Shanks Middle School. On Oct. 23, 2013, she had the opportunity to spend the day with Mr. W.D. Summerford and his staff. Jayla had a wonderful time learning about the day-to-day operation of the tax collector's office and working with his staff. She also got the chance to do some hands on activities to make and bring back to share with her classmates. This was a on the job training experience for this middle school student, one she will always treasure. Photo submitted

Emissions at historic low?



The Port Westward Natural Gas Powered Electricity Plant in Clatskanie, Oregon. Photo courtesy Portland General Electric

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Dear EarthTalk: How can it be that carbon dioxide emissions are the lowest they have been in the United States in 20 years despite the fact that we have no binding federal legislation limiting them? — Jason Johnson, Port Chester, N.Y.

Dear Reader: Carbon dioxide emissions are indeed lower than at any time since 1994, according to data recently released by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). But if you think that the rise of the hybrid car, our embrace of public transit, walking, biking and those new windows on the house are behind the trend, think again. According to the EIA, in-

creased energy efficiency has played a role, as have recent warmer winters and the recession, but the key driver has been the swapping out of coal at power plants and industrial facilities across the country for cleaner-burning and now more abundant natural gas.

The reason so much natural gas is around is the rise of hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”), a technique whereby drillers inject water and chemicals into underground shale rock deposits to free up otherwise trapped natural gas. Fracking has allowed U.S. oil companies to access huge natural gas deposits from the Marcellus Shale in the Northeast and elsewhere. The increased supply has brought natural gas prices down so that it

has been cheaper than coal during the last few years. Our carbon footprint benefits because burning natural gas to generate electricity generates about half the carbon emissions of coal for every megawatt hour of power generated.

But Americans might not want to pat themselves on the back for too long, as the positive trend won’t continue indefinitely. “Replacing coal with natural gas reduces smokestack emissions of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and mercury, but natural gas production and distribution comes with a host of problems, including methane leaks, contaminated water supplies, destroyed streams and devastated landscapes,” says Dan Lashof of the Natural Resources De-

fense Council (NRDC), a leading environmental group. “And while gas-fired power plants have lower carbon dioxide emissions than coal-fired ones, their emissions are still far too high to be considered a global warming solution.”

Furthermore, EIA says our energy-related carbon emissions are already rising again given recent increases in natural gas prices that have steered some utilities back to coal. The EIA anticipates U.S. energy-related carbon emissions rising 1.7 percent in 2013 and another 0.9 percent in 2014. The most important remaining question, says Lashof, is whether or not the U.S. will continue to reduce its CO2 emissions to achieve the president’s 2020 goal of a 17 per-

cent reduction from 2005 levels—and eventually the 80 percent or more reductions needed to prevent the most dangerous risks of climate disruption. The target is within reach, he says, but power plant carbon pollution standards, among other changes, will be needed.

Lashof adds that the only way to keep the ball rolling is via a coordinated effort including stricter federal carbon and energy efficiency standards, new state renewable energy and energy efficiency incentives and reworked zoning and transportation policies that discourage the use of private automobiles. “We can build the clean energy future we need, but we aren’t there yet and it’s not going to happen by itself.”

Also, even if Americans can mobilize to get their emissions in check, will it matter? During 2012, energy-related carbon emissions fell by some 3.7 percent in the U.S., but rose 1.4 percent overall around the world. Indeed, global carbon emissions are on an unrelenting upward march as developing nations acquire the taste for the extravagant fossil-fuel-driven lifestyle perfected in the U.S.

Contacts: U.S. Energy Information Administration, www.eia.gov; NRDC, www.nrdc.org.

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Grant funding to assist DEP and local governments restore Florida water bodies

Projects to benefit Indian River Lagoon, Wakulla Springs, others

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has selected nine projects that will benefit from an expected \$6.14 million in federal grant money to assist governments with the protection and restoration of Florida’s water bodies. The money will be used to implement projects and best management practices that reduce runoff and work to restore Florida’s impaired waters.

These grants, funded through the United States Environmental Protection Agency, help fund important projects that specifically address nonpoint source pollution. Nonpoint source pollution comes from oil, pet waste, pesticide, herbicide, fertilizer, sediment and other contaminants that end up on the ground naturally or from

human activity. Rainwater picks up these contaminants as it washes over yards, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, roads and fields and deposits them into surface waters.

“The State of Florida addresses stormwater head on through the Department’s stormwater and water quality restoration programs,” said Drew Bartlett, DEP Deputy Secretary for Water Policy and Ecosystem Restoration. “This funding allows the Department to provide local governments additional targeted financial assistance for these needed projects.”

Florida is a national leader in tackling the challenging problem of nonpoint source pollution. As one of the first states in the nation to implement a stormwater management program starting in the 1970s, it is also one of the first states in nation to directly address agricultural and urban nonpoint source in its restoration program.

Grant funds are designated for nine watersheds that are consid-

ered a high priority for restoration. Specifically, the projects selected will continue the Department’s partnership with local efforts to restore the Indian River Lagoon, St. Lucie Estuary, Pensacola Bay, Wakulla Springs, and lakes in the Ocklawaha and Winter Haven chain of lakes. The funds will be used to implement structures such as stormwater ponds and to implement best management practices in beaches and coastal areas to reduce amount of nitrogen and phosphorus going into the waterbodies.

Information on the projects can be found here.

“These funds create the opportunity to partner with local stakeholders to directly affect water quality in Florida,” said Bartlett. “The competitive funding opportunity allows communities to identify projects that are locally important to make their waterbodies better.”

In addition to the federal funds, more than \$8.4 million will be contributed by the communities them-

selves, far exceeding the 40 percent match required by the EPA. The investment demonstrates local communities’ desire to improve water quality in Florida. This grant funding is also used for education and other types of environmental outreach programs.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is the state’s principal environmental agency, created to protect, conserve and manage Florida’s environment and natural resources. The Department enforces federal and state environmental laws, protects Florida’s air and water quality, cleans up pollution, regulates solid waste management, promotes pollution prevention and acquires environmentally-sensitive lands for preservation. The agency also maintains a statewide system of parks, trails and aquatic preserves. To view the Department’s website log on to www.dep.state.fl.us.

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Katzen says. “They knew the physical and financial struggles Susan and I faced caring for four babies and, because I never gave less than my all at work, they did what they could to work around my situation,” he says. That included a heftier-than-usual annual pay raise that Katzen learned only years later was approved because the firm’s partners knew he would need the

extra money.

Susan reached out to moms of multiples to develop her own support system, and the couple hired a recent high school graduate to help care for their rambunctious brood a couple days a week.

“There’s no glory in not asking for support and help,” Katzen says.

Combine business and family. Katzen traveled frequently for his job and, when his children were 9 years old, a business friend suggested he bring them along, one at a time, on his trips.

“The first was my daughter, Laurie. We flew to New York on a Friday and spent the weekend shopping, dining, taking in a show. For the first time ever, we were alone together without any disruptions,” Katzen says. “Neither of us ever forgot that weekend.”

Consider buying a small vacation home. Traveling with four young children was extremely difficult, especially nights in motels, where the family would split up into two rooms — one parent and two children in

each.

“When we discovered Sun Valley, Idaho, the children were 6. On our first trip there, they quickly learned to ski, and they clearly loved the snow — we could hardly get them to come inside,” Katzen says.

The family so enjoyed the vacation, they looked into the prices of condos.

“We found a furnished condo at a very affordable price and for the next 13 years, we enjoyed summers and winters in Sun Valley,” Katzen says.

“It may sound like a big investment, but when you consider the costs of motels and dining out for a family of six, it works out well — and it’s a lot more comfortable.”

After graduating from Drake University in 1967, Larry Katzen started working at Arthur Andersen and quickly rose through the ranks to become the Great Plains Regional Managing Partner. An honorable, hard-working man who devoted his life to Arthur Andersen, Larry was there from the company’s mete-

oric rise to its unjust demise. He stayed with the firm for 35 years, serving clients globally until 2002. In his new memoir, “And You Thought Accountants Were Boring — My Life Inside Arthur Andersen,” Katzen details the political fodder in the government’s prosecution of Enron; how the company was unjustly dismantled for its supposed connections to the corruption; its vindication and why it came too late, and the devastating impact it had on 85,000 employees.

Feast of Guadalupe



Bishop Gregory L. Parkes, bishop of the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese, pictured second from left, celebrates an outdoor Mass on Friday, Dec. 13, in honor of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe. Photos by Cheri Harris



Bishop Gregory L. Parkes blesses a picture of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe.



Singers and musicians lined the porch outside St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Quincy.



These ladies share a smile for the camera while making pupusas.



Bishop Gregory L. Parkes blesses a child.

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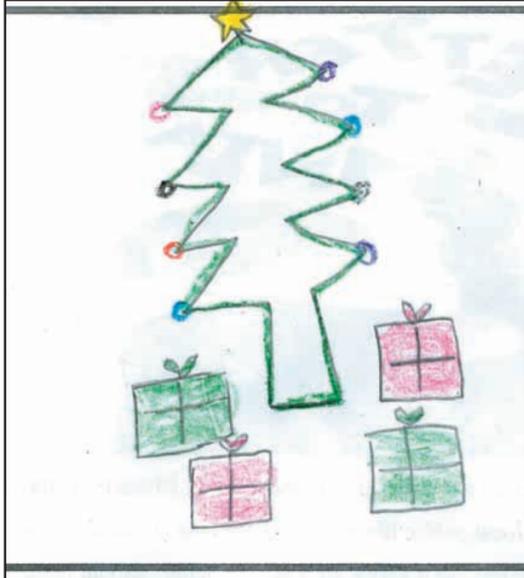
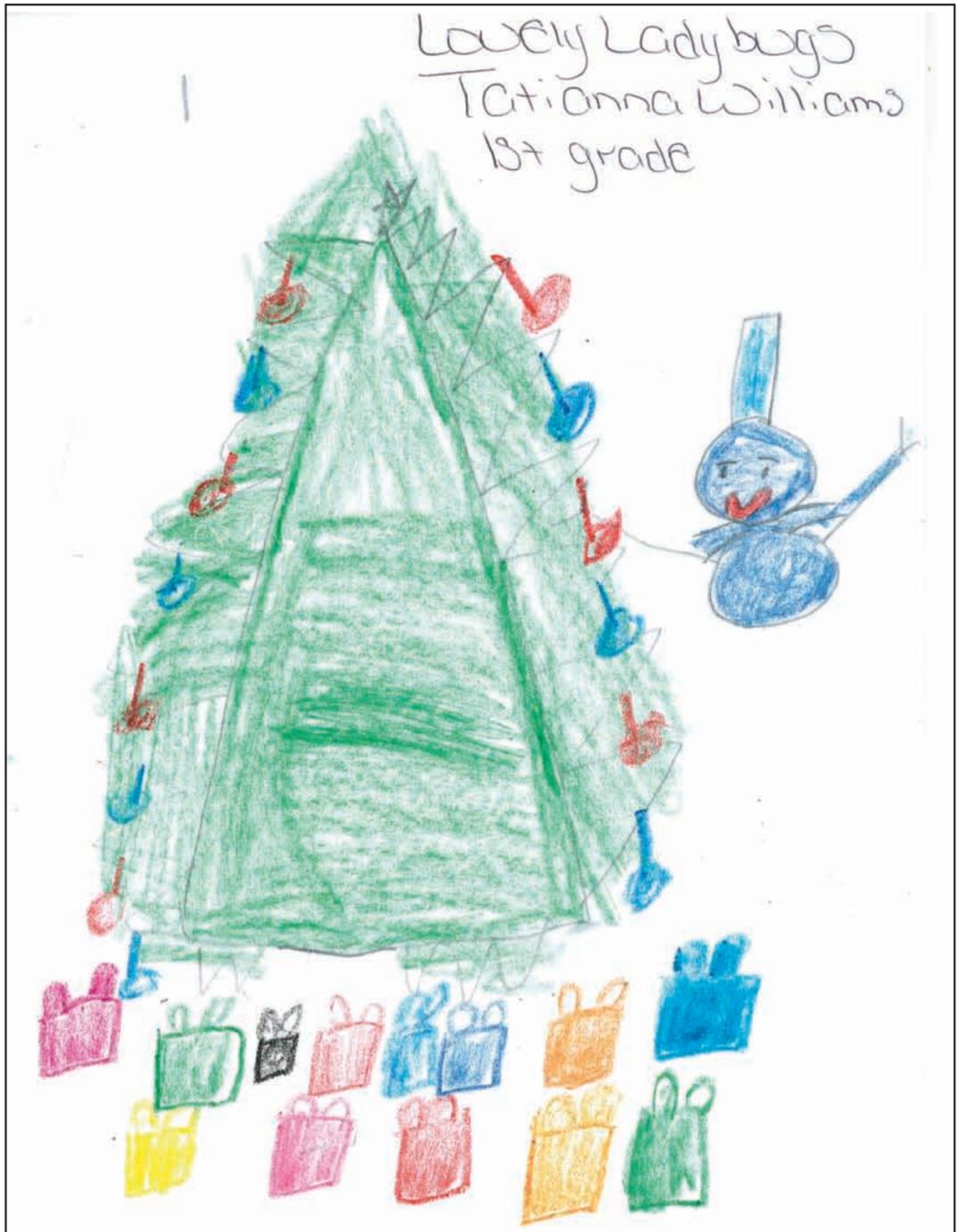
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LETTERS TO SANTA

The Gadsden County Library System has collected a number of letters from local children to Santa Clause. Every child who dropped off a letter to Santa received a free book.

These letters included what each child hopes Santa will bring and a picture of the perfect Christmas. Here are just a few of the letters. See more on page B4 and look for more in the Dec. 26 edition of *The Gadsden County Times*.



Dear Santa,
I AM so glad it is almost time for Christmas. I want you to bring me a Road Master Bicycle, x-Box 360, Madden 25 game, Florida State helmet and two pair of Jordan tennis shoes.

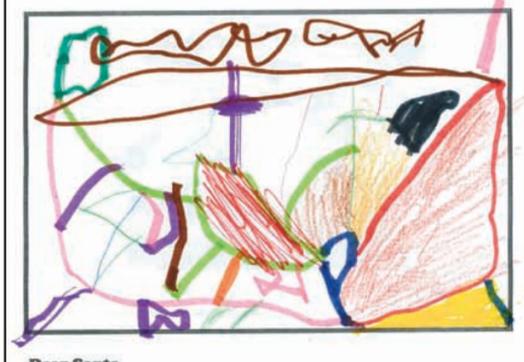
Love, Pavel Dixon
7 Years old

Dear Santa
why is Christmas special
I would love to have
a karaoke machine
Fairy doll that can fly
dock mick stuffin kit
a bike
barbie doll set
and a Play cooking set



Dear Santa,
I want a Hello Kitty, Minnie mouse and Tinker Bell. Thank You

Love,
Ziyanni Lurry
Age 4



Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a policeman and a firetruck.

Age 4
J'Mycheal Jones

Love,
JIMYcheal

I want a remote control
Love,
Myles Black

Rural Free Delivery



MAIL TEAM, SKENNA RIVER, BEFORE RAILROAD CAME.

In some areas, mail was delivered by dogsled during winter. Photo courtesy United States Postal Service

Rural postal delivery continues to link urban centers and country homes

MARILYN JONES
GRIT magazine

On Oct. 1, 1896, five men on horseback set out to deliver mail along 10 miles of rugged rural terrain in the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains. What took place that day in the countryside outside of Charles Town, Halltown and Uvilla, W.Va., was the beginning of Rural Free Delivery, opening the door to universal service for every American citizen. Within a year, 44 routes were being covered in 29 states.

Up to this point, American farmers had been isolated from the outside world. And this was not an insignificant proportion of the population – in 1890, 65 percent of all Americans lived in rural areas. There were no radios, telephones or newspaper deliveries, and the nearest neighbors were often miles away. To get any news – or mail for that matter – folks had to travel into town by way of unstable roads, sometimes waiting weeks to make the trip when weather was poor. So when Rural Free Delivery came along, it dramatically changed the landscape of early American life.

The long and winding road

Indiana Grange President Milton Trusler may have been the first to demand an answer to why city dwellers received mail delivery to their homes when rural customers did not. Farm families – who paid the same postage rates as the rest of the nation – began to complain as well, and the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry came to their aid, advocating for rural mail delivery on their behalf.

But Congress was reluctant to act, fearing the United States was simply too large for free rural delivery to be anything but a financial disaster. Although today's postal service operates as an independent business, at the time, tax dollars supported the Post Office Department. Private express carriers also protested, thinking free rural mail delivery would eliminate their business, and many town merchants worried the service would reduce farm families' weekly visits to town to obtain goods and merchandise.

Rural residents found a longstanding ally in Postmaster General John Wanamaker, a merchant who according to the U.S. Postal Service "became one of the most innovative and energetic people ever to lead the Post Office Department." He argued that it made more sense to have one person deliver the mail rather than making 50 ride into town and collect it, citing business logic as well as social philosophy.

While Wanamaker blazed a trail for Rural Free Delivery, his proposed mail system never came to pass under his watch. Instead, Congress appropriated \$10,000 to experiment with what was called "village free delivery" in 1890, but farmers who lived farther away from town were still without service, and the test died.

In 1895, however, the tides began to turn under the leadership of a new postmaster general, William L. Wilson. Although he agreed with his predecessor, Wilson S. Bissell, that rural delivery was not practical, he was willing to attempt it if Congress made funds available. Finally, with \$40,000, there was enough money for the Post Office Department to begin its Rural Free Delivery research.



Delivery time significantly decreases with the automobile in 1930. Photo courtesy United States Postal Service

Then, in 1902, following more than 10,000 petitions from postal customers asking that routes be established, Rural Free Delivery became a permanent service of the U.S. Post Office Department. At this time, there were about 8,500 rural carriers. They sold stamps and money orders, and were considered traveling post offices. Carriers also supplied their own transportation – usually horses and wagons until 1929, when the Post Office Department noted that improved roads had led to "almost a complete change in rural delivery from horse-drawn vehicles to motor cars." Rural Free Delivery had finally met the modern age.

21st-century rural delivery

Today, nearly half of the nation's 104,718 full- and part-time rural carriers still use their own vehicles to deliver the mail on 73,461 routes, serving more than 40 million customers. Rural carriers drive 3.5 million miles every delivery day in 50 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Rural routes range from 10 to 175 miles, and the average route has more than 400 stops and 550 boxes.

"Rural communities are a tight-knit group of people," says Henryville, Ind., rural carrier T.J. Murphy. "My customers are my family. And as is always the case with any family, you try to be there for support whether it's a sickness or an unexpected death – you feel their grief and pain."

The legacy of Rural Free Delivery is still apparent today. In 2006, rural letter carriers served almost 37 million homes and businesses, and that



A mailman on horseback stops outside a small post office in the early days. Photo courtesy Library of Congress

service continues to provide a link between urban mail centers and country homes.

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Creating a kitchen free of harmful chemicals

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Most of us strive to make healthier choices in the kitchen every day by taking small steps such as choosing organic food, eliminating refined sugars or increasing our intake of whole grains. But what

about the way we cook and store food? Although we may not put as much thought into the items we use to prepare our meals and store our leftovers, those pots, pans and storage containers could be undermining our best efforts at choosing healthier food by potentially increasing

the amount of toxins we consume and causing adverse effects on our health and the environment. Here are some of the most common hazardous chemicals that can creep into our food via cookware, dinnerware, and food packaging and storage containers – and the simple steps you can

take to avoid them and keep a healthy kitchen. **Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)**

What it is: Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) is a polymer found in Teflon coating and other nonstick cookware, as well as fast food wrappers, pizza boxes and the lining of microwave popcorn

bags. It belongs to a toxic class of chemicals known as perfluorochemicals (PFCs), which are widely used to repel grease, water and stains on many products including food packaging, clothing and carpet.

Potential dangers: At high temperatures, Teflon and other non-

stick surfaces can break down and release potentially hazardous fumes and particles into the air, which can trigger flulike symptoms in humans and kill pet birds. PFCs have been linked with low-birth-weight babies, elevated cholesterol,



Sweet Potato Pie with Fig and Pecan Topping

Makes 8 servings

Pie:

- 1 ready-made refrigerated pie crust
- 1 can (15-ounce) sweet potatoes
- 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 3/4 cup whipping cream

Topping:

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup stemmed, chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon brandy or water
- 1/2 cup chopped, toasted pecans

Preheat oven to 450°F. Let pie crust stand at room temperature 15 minutes; unroll and press against side and bottom of 9-inch pie pan (glass recommended). Fold excess crust under and press together to form thick crust edge; flute.

Drain sweet potatoes; mash or whirl in food processor until smooth (potatoes should measure 1 1/8 cups). In medium bowl whisk together sweet potatoes, brown sugar, spice and salt. Whisk in eggs, one at a time, and cream. Pour filling into crust. Bake pie 15 minutes; reduce heat to 350°F, shield edge of pie with a ring (or strips) of foil to prevent overbrowning, and continue baking for 25 to 30 minutes or until center moves slightly when shaken. Remove pie to wire rack to cool.

For topping, in small saucepan stir butter and brown sugar over medium heat until melted. Stir in figs, maple syrup and brandy. Bring to a simmer and cook, stirring constantly, 2 minutes or until reduced to a thick, glossy syrup. Remove from heat and stir in pecans. Spoon evenly over warm pie. Cool. Chill for up to 8 hours before serving.



HOMEMADE HOLIDAYS

Bake Festive Fig Desserts

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Whether you're hosting a family dinner or making a dessert for a friend's party, bring something special to the holiday table with these amazing dessert recipes. Each delicious bite stars the unique flavor only found in figs.

With their rich honey-like sweetness and delightfully crunchy edible seeds, figs take foods from good to great. Available year-round from Valley Fig Growers, California dried figs are ready to eat right out of the package or can be easily diced, sliced or poached for cooking and baking. For more holiday recipes, visit www.valleyfig.com.

German Chocolate Cake With Broiled Fig and Coconut Topping

Makes 2 single-layer cakes

Cake:

- 1 18 1/4-ounce German Chocolate Cake Mix (Check cake mix for additional ingredients — oil, eggs, water)

Fig-Coconut Topping:

- 1 cup stemmed, chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 6 tablespoons whipping cream
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped, toasted pecans

Follow package directions and prepare two 8-inch round cakes. Bake and cool as directed.

For topping, in medium saucepan combine figs, sugar, butter and cream.

Stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a simmer. Simmer 1 minute, stirring constantly. Stir in coconut and pecans. Spread warm topping on top of each cake layer, dividing evenly.

Place one cake at a time on baking sheet or heatproof pan. Broil 4 to 5 inches from heat for 15 to 30 seconds, or until topping bubbles, watching constantly. Remove from oven. Repeat with second cake. Cool. Transfer cakes to serving plates to serve.

Chocolate Fig Crinkles

Makes about 30 cookies

- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup stemmed, finely chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
- 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar

Beat brown sugar and butter with electric mixer on medium speed until blended. Beat in melted chocolate. Beat in eggs, one at a time, and vanilla.

In medium bowl, stir together flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt. On low speed, slowly beat into chocolate mixture. Stir in figs. Cover bowl and chill 3 hours.

To bake, preheat oven to 350°F. Form 1-tablespoon portions of dough into balls. Roll in confectioners' sugar. Place balls, 2 1/2 inches apart, on greased baking sheet.

Place sheet in center of oven and bake cookies 7 to 9 minutes, until crackled on top and set around edges. Cool on wire rack.



Chocolate Ganache Tart With Glazed Figs and Nuts

Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 1 refrigerated pie crust, at room temperature
- 1 cup packed (6 ounces) Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs, stemmed and halved*
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons almond-, hazelnut- or orange-flavored liqueur
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
- 1 cup unsalted or lightly salted mixed nuts (omit peanuts and select hazelnuts, cashews, Brazil nuts, almonds and pecans)
- Whipped cream, optional

Preheat oven to 450°F. Unroll pie crust and press into bottom and up side of 10-inch tart pan with removable bottom. Prick all over with fork. Bake until light brown, 9 to 11 minutes. Cool on rack.

In small saucepan, combine figs and water. Bring to boil over high heat, then reduce heat and simmer until liquid is reduced to 1/4 cup, about 2 minutes. Stir in brown sugar and simmer, stirring, 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in liqueur. Let steep 10 minutes. Strain figs through fine-meshed sieve, reserving syrup.

While figs cool, in small saucepan, bring cream to simmer over medium heat. Remove from heat, add chocolate and stir until smooth. Spread over baked crust. Refrigerate 5 minutes or until chocolate begins to firm up but is not set. Alternate fig slices and nuts in concentric circles on tart, pressing slightly into chocolate to secure. Chill 2 hours or up to 1 day. To serve, brush figs and nuts with reserved syrup. Remove side from tart pan and place tart on platter. Cut into wedges. Top with whipped cream, if desired.

*Cut large figs (greater than 1 1/4-inch diameter at the base) into three lengthwise slices.

Chewy Ginger-Molasses Fig Cookies

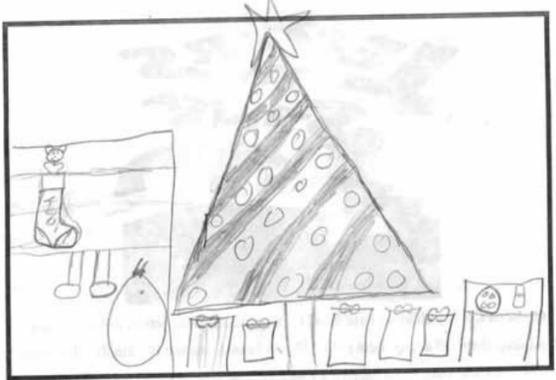
Makes about 30 cookies

- 2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 large egg white
- 3 tablespoons light molasses
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup stemmed, finely chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Beat brown sugar and oil in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until blended. Beat in egg white and molasses.

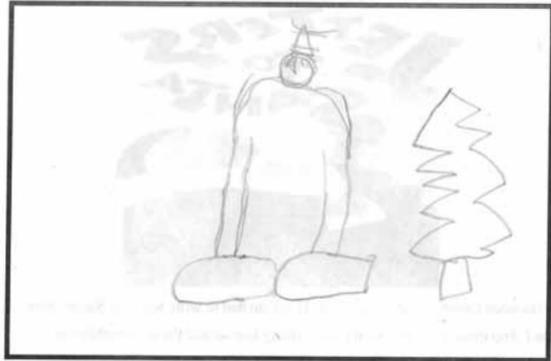
In separate bowl combine flour, ginger, soda, cinnamon and salt. On low speed, slowly beat in flour mixture until combined. With spoon, stir in figs.

Shape 1-tablespoon portions of dough into balls. Roll in granulated sugar. Place 2 1/2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Place sheet in center of oven and bake cookies 7 to 9 minutes, until crackled on top and set around edges. Cool on wire rack.



Dear Santa,

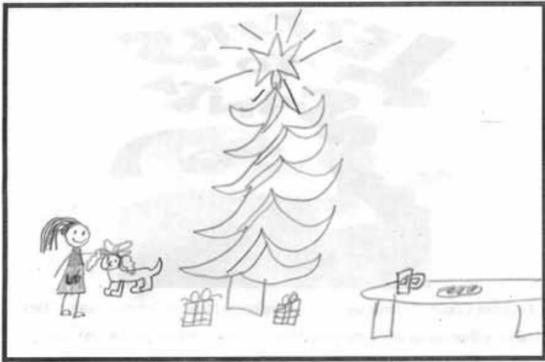
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Love, Jake 9 years old



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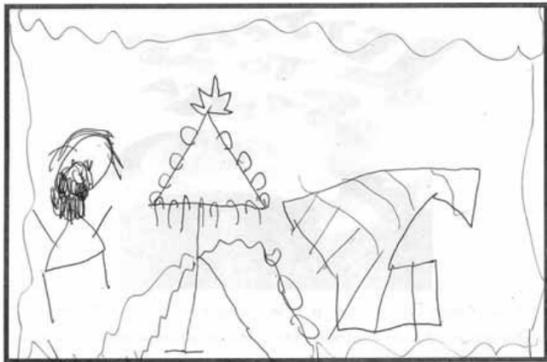
Love, Havannah 6



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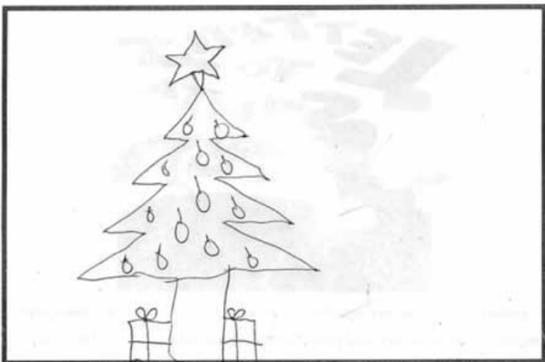
Love, Mekylah Francis



Dear Santa,

I love you Santa a reb

Love, ZDer age 4



Dear Santa,

I would like Trixie, princess Twilight sparkle, Equestria and Monster High dolls.

Love, Rayne Price Moore



Dear Santa,

all I want is flat screen tv in a year I would like a IPhone I would like love from you. Santa I got big a present her it come LLL

Love, ZYehudi Tamarck

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GREAT GIFTS

FOR YOUR FAVORITE FOODIE



Go Gourmet with Non-Stick Cookware

Want a special gift for your favorite cook? This cookware set, available in copper or bronze colored nonstick interior, features a black high-fired porcelain enamel exterior. Learn more at www.NothingMessesWithIt.com. Made in USA, the premium DuPont™ Teflon® Platinum nonstick interior coating provides easy cooking and cleanup. The cookware is also compatible with gas, electric and ceramic glass cook-tops and oven safe up to 350°F.

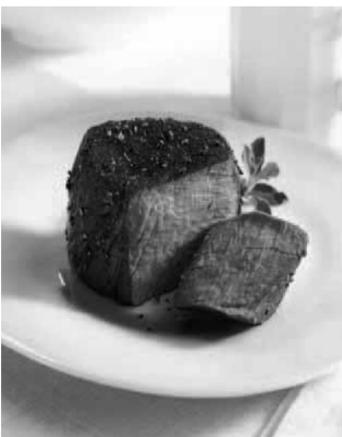
Give a Toast to Wine Enthusiasts

Need the perfect hostess gift or something special for the wine enthusiast in your life? Wines crafted with grapes grown in single vineyard offer enhanced aromas and flavors in the glass. Consider Noble Vines 446 Chardonnay which comes from San Bernabe Vineyard in Monterey. This elegant wine offers enticing aromas golden delicious apples, pineapple and apricots. Medium-bodied with a creamy mid-palate, 446 Chardonnay exhibits flavors of peach and hints of toasty vanilla spice. Enjoy this delightful wine on its own or with soft cheeses, roasted fowl and baked yams. A suggested retail price of \$12.99 makes it perfectly priced for any gift occasion. Find out more about 446 Chardonnay or Noble Vines at www.noblevines.com.



Electric Kettle Elevates Tea Making

The KitchenAid Pro Line® Series Electric Kettle quietly boils water in minutes and has variable temperature settings for more delicate drinks, such as green and white teas. Easily set precise temperatures with an external lever and get a true reading from the built-in gauge. Dual wall construction helps keep the water temperature hotter, longer while keeping the outside of the kettle cool to the touch. The electric kettle is available in candy apple red, frosted pearl white and onyx black. Visit www.KitchenAid.com.



Gift Savory Grain-Fed Beef

Make everyone on your list happy with The Ideal Gift Assortment from Omaha Steaks. This assortment features everyone's favorites, including two filet mignons, two beefy top sirloins, four boneless pork chops and eight juicy Omaha Steaks burgers. The value combo also includes four stuffed baked potatoes and a 6-inch chocolate lover's cake to complete any meal. For more flavorful grain-fed beef and gourmet gift ideas, visit www.omahasteaks.com/holiday2013.

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Want to give that special someone the trendiest gifts and gadgets of the season? Head over to the nearest kitchen store or gourmet grocer. The hottest gifts this year are for foodies. From the ultimate electric kettle to premium cookware to a delightful wine for any occasion, this gift guide has everything you need to make someone's holiday very merry.



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Just Kidding

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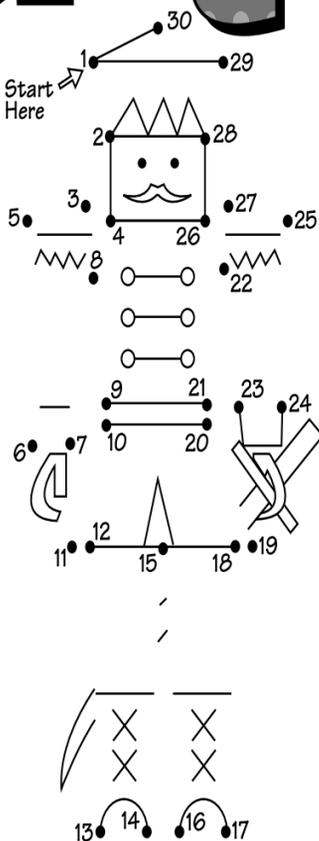
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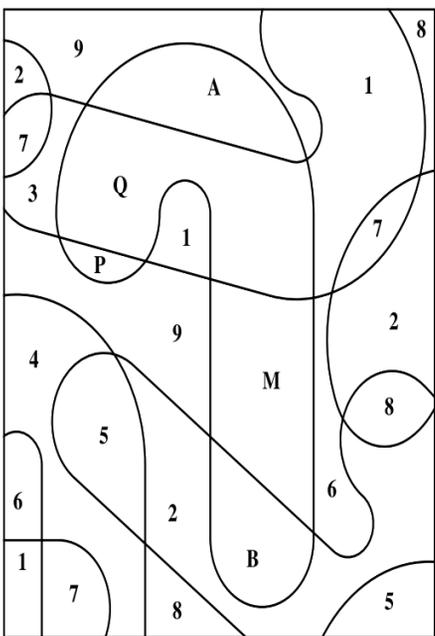
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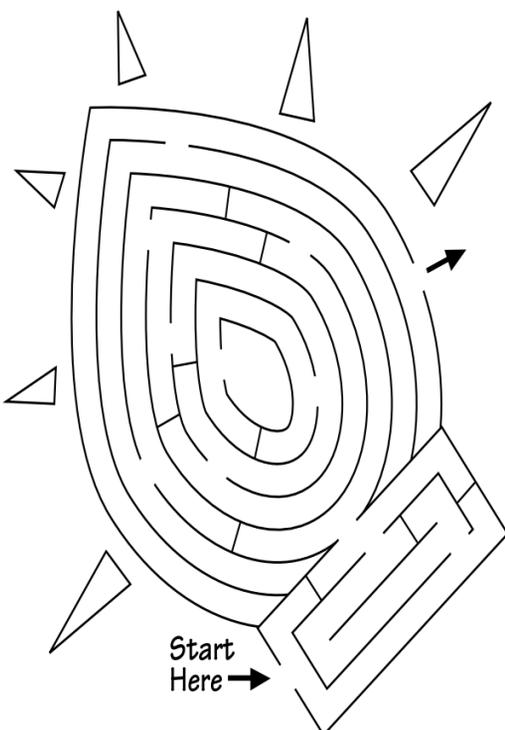


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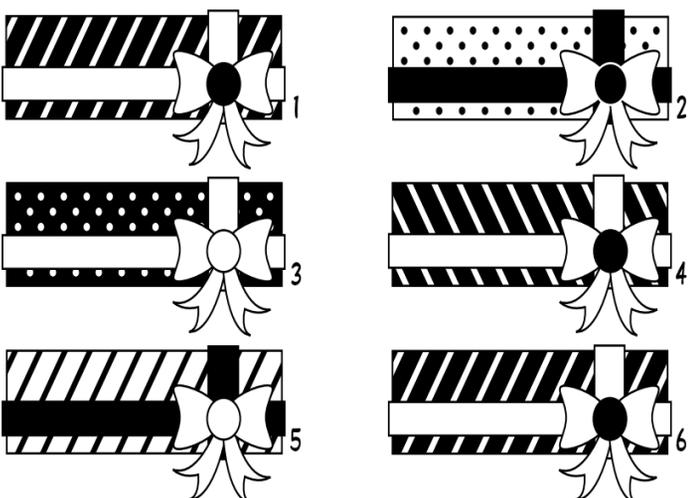
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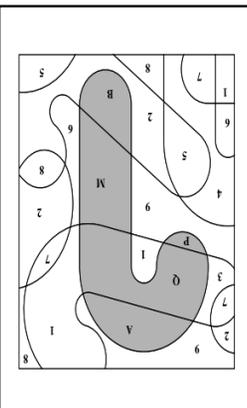
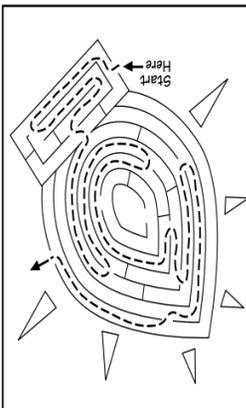
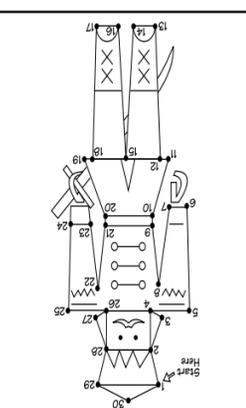
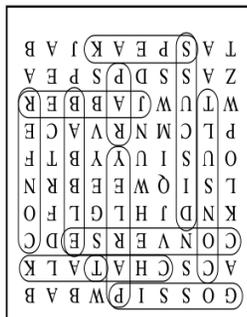
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ANSWERS



Holiday Web Sites

Celebrate your holidays with some fun, food and festive Web sites!

Holiday site—Christmas. Visit this site to learn about the story of Christmas and see how Santa dresses in other countries. There are pictures to color and crafts. With an adult's permission, you can dress up your computer for the holidays.
<http://www.holidays.net/christmas/>

Holiday site—Hanukkah. Learn about Hanukkah and the special menorah, listen to a cantor sing holiday music or make your own gift wrap and boxes. You can send an electronic Hanukkah card from here, too.
<http://www.holidays.net/chanukah/>

Kids' domain—Christmas. Find holiday games, puzzles and software to download. Get great ideas on Christmas gifts and decorations you can make, or you can send an e-card.
<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/xmas/>

Kids' domain—Kwanzaa. Learn all about Kwanzaa with music, games, activities and more. You can even use the ancient Nubian language to decode a message.
<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/kwanzaa/>

Kids of all ages—Christmas. This fun Christmas site has games, an Advent calendar and all kinds of fun things to make for the holidays. You can build a snowman, too.
<http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/Christmas/Christms.htm>

Kids of all ages—Hanukkah. Spin the dreidel and learn what each letter means. Print and make your own dreidel and ornaments. There are Hanukkah games, too.
<http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/hanukkah/hanukkah.htm>

Kids of all ages—Kwanzaa. Do you know what the seven principles of Kwanzaa are? Find out here. In addition, print and use Kwanzaa stationery for your letters and greetings.
<http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/kwanzaa/kwanzaa.htm>

Three-holiday site. This site includes information on the three December holidays. Learn about Hanukkah and its celebrations, and find out how to make *latkes*. Then there's the story of Christmas and a recipe from a Laura Ingalls Wilder book. Or learn how to greet people during Kwanzaa and how to make benne cakes.
<http://harperchildrens.com/holiday/>

Just for girls. Visit A Girl's World site for the December holidays of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. You can read about family traditions, pick up holiday activity ideas and link to other Christmas Web sites.
<http://www.agirlsworld.com/amy/pajama/winter/index.html>

How long 'til Christmas? Find out how many days, minutes and seconds there are until Christmas day. You can also listen to Christmas songs and e-mail Santa.
<http://Christmas.com>

Christmas around the world. Click anywhere on the world map to learn about Christmas there. Find out what the symbols of Christmas—tree, star and holly—mean. Learn how to say "Christmas" in other languages.
<http://Christmas.com/worldview/>

Hanukkah for kids. Lots of fun graphics tell the story of Hanukkah and Judah the Maccabee. Light the menorah, enjoy games, and print and color pictures for the Festival of Lights.
<http://www.torah tots.com/holidays/chanuka/chanuk.htm>

Kwanzaa fun and more. How did Kwanzaa start? Find out here along with what the holiday's symbols mean. Then you can learn how to say Kwanzaa words and how to celebrate the holiday.
<http://www.afroam.org/children/fun/kwanzaa/kwanzaa.html>

Fun and GAMES

POPEYE

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

Henry

BY DON TRACHTE

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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7 White rat, e.g.
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27 Be shown on TV
28 "A Simple Plan" director Sam
30 Vagrant
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54 Quick AOL exchanges
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67 Thunderpeal
68 Seat of Fayette County, Iowa
69 Truckloads
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76 Library array: Abbr.
77 Very long time period
78 Banned thing
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81 Geraint's title
82 Big Mac part
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93 iPad extras
94 Big name in pizza crust
97 Stylist's goop
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104 Leisure top
105 Made lighter
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107 Erupted rodent
111 Angle measure in math
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117 Reluctant
118 It's often left in a will
119 Study of verse writing
120 Buoyed (up)
121 Pianists' dexterity exercises
122 Misstep
123 Maui neckwear

13 Bushy-tailed
14 Oil well firefighter
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16 Coffee type
17 Free-swimming jellyfishes
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34 California's La — Tar Pits
35 Contend
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37 Rival of JVC
38 Vodka alternative
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46 Urban rec facility
50 Ice cream portions
51 "Step right up!" shouter

52 New —, Minnesota
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54 "By the Time — Phoenix"
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57 Provo native
58 One of the Jackson 5
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88 Dir. from Reno to L.A.
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90 Disregards
91 Greasy of football
92 Convene again
94 Bopped on the noggin
95 Syllables of meditation
96 Amy "Stacy" Alive singer
100 Flat contract
101 Intense
102 "That's What Love —" (1991 Amy Grant hit)
103 Stiff — lip
108 Cry loudly
109 "— homo!"
110 Actor Amaz
112 Bug greatly
114 Beatie buddy
115 Just a —
116 Unlock, to bards

Salome's Stars

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special pre-New Year's party just for them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do your best, which sometimes causes you to be critical of those who don't live up to your standards.

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top 10 movies

- The Hunger Games: Catching Fire**(PG-13) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson
- Frozen** (PG) animated
- Thor: The Dark World** (PG-13) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman
- The Best-Man Holiday**(R) Monica Calhoun, Morris Chestnut
- Homefront**(R) Jason Statham, James Franco
- Delivery Man**(PG-13) Vince Vaughn, Chris Pratt
- The Book Thief**(PG-13) Sophie Nélisse, Geoffrey Rush
- Philomena**(PG-13) Judi Dench, Steve Coogan
- Black Nativity**(PG) Forest Whitaker, Angela Bassett
- Last Vegas**(PG-13) Robert De Niro, Michael Douglas

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The Garden Bug

Road salt damage

Salt is commonly used to de-ice roads in winter, but its long-term effects are a problem. It corrodes metal finishes on vehicles and damages concrete structures. It contaminates roadside waterways, raising the salinity of the water. It harms vegetation, organisms in the soil, wildlife and domestic pets. Safer alternatives are sand, ashes, kitty litter or commercial products such as EcoTraction.

Source: water.greenventure.ca
- Brenda Weaver

super crossword

FREE

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abnormal thyroid hormone levels, liver inflammation, early menopause and reduced immune function. Nonstick coatings can also contain residues of perfluorooctanoate (PFOA), a likely human carcinogen that is extremely persistent in the body and environment.

How to avoid it: Eight companies, including the makers of Teflon nonstick cookware, have agreed to phase PFOA out of their products by 2015, but PTFE remains a concern. A well-seasoned cast iron skillet is a safe alternative. With proper maintenance, cast iron develops a wonderful nonstick surface.

If you do continue to use nonstick cookware, use these tips to reduce your PTFE exposure: Cook on the lowest heat possible; never leave an empty pan on a hot burner; use wood or bamboo utensils to avoid scratching the surface; handwash pots and pans; and never use abrasive cleaning products.

Eliminate or cut back on fast food and other greasy foods that come in PFC-treated wrappers. Immediately remove food from wrappers and transfer it to plates or glass storage containers. Pop popcorn on the stovetop; microwaveable popcorn bags are often treated with PFCs.

Lead

What is it: Lead is a highly toxic metal. Although the most common source of exposure is from paint in homes and buildings built before 1978, lead can also be found in the kitchen. Lead is used in the glazing on some ceramic dinnerware and pottery, and it can leach into drinking water through plumbing materials.

Potential dangers: Lead accumulates and stays in the body for a long time, and even small amounts of lead can be harmful — especially for fetuses and young children. Lead poisoning in children has been linked to learning disabilities, developmental delays and lower IQ scores. In adults, symptoms include high blood pressure, headaches, memory loss, muscular weakness and abdominal pain.

How to avoid it: The FDA regulates the sale of dinnerware that leaches lead, but

To confirm that your dishes are safe, use a lead-testing kit. Lead testing kits are also available for tap water.

if you want to be extra safe, ask manufacturers if their dishes meet the stricter standards set in California Proposition 65. If you're aiming to eliminate lead, be especially cautious with the types of ceramics and pottery most likely to contain it, which include items that are handmade; antique; excessively worn or damaged; orange, red or yellow; or made in other countries. To confirm that your dishes are safe, use a lead-testing kit (available at hardware stores or online). Until you're in the clear, do not use questionable dishes to heat or store food or to serve highly acidic foods and drinks such as spaghetti sauce, salad dressing, orange juice and coffee.

Lead-testing kits are also available for tap water. If your water contains levels higher than 15 parts per billion, you should take action to minimize your exposure (learn more at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). The EPA makes the following recommendations to reduce lead exposure: Use cold water to prepare food and drinks; flush water outlets used for drinking or food preparation; and clean debris out of outlet screens and faucet aerators on a regular basis. You can also read more about lead and water filters that may help protect your drinking water in A Guide to Safe Drinking Water for the Home.

Triclosan

What is it: Triclosan is an antibacterial chemical found in many kitchen products including cutting boards, countertops, dish towels, plastic food storage containers, sponges and liquid hand soap.

Potential dangers: Triclosan accumulates in our bodies and is linked to skin and eye irritation, liver toxicity and hormone disruption. Triclosan can also accumulate in waterways, killing beneficial bacteria that contribute to healthy ecosystems. For a healthy kitchen, the American Medical Association advises against using triclosan in the home because it may contribute to the increase in antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

How to avoid it:

Avoid antibacterial products, which may be labeled with terms such as "antibacterial," "fights germs," "protects against mold," "odor-fighting" or "keeps food fresher, longer." Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with plain soap and water. Skip antibacterial cutting boards, which are often made with petroleum-based plastics and are required by the EPA to carry a warning statement such as, "This product does not protect users or others against food-borne bacteria." Sustainably harvested bamboo or FSC-certified wood cutting boards are good alternatives. Dedicate one cutting board for chopping produce and another one for cutting meat. Scrub all surfaces that contact food (such as cutting boards, utensils and countertops) with hot, soapy water. Use vinegar to disinfect.

Aluminum

What it is: One of the most abundant elements on earth, aluminum is found throughout the kitchen in cookware, foil, flatware, canned foods and beverages, reusable metal water bottles and antacids, as well as in salt additives present in cake and pancake mixes, self-rising flours, pickles and processed cheese.

Potential dangers: Exposure to high levels of aluminum has been linked to neurological problems and has been found to disrupt the central nervous system. During the 1960s and '70s, aluminum emerged as a possible cause of Alzheimer's disease, but study results have been inconclusive. Once ingested, excess aluminum can accumulate in various tissues in the body and may weaken bones by depleting the body of calcium.

How to avoid it: Although very little aluminum enters our bodies through everyday sources, they can have a cumulative effect. To err on the side of caution, reduce your aluminum exposure by choosing stainless steel cookware and glass baking dishes. Anodized aluminum cookware, which has a hard coating that prevents food from reacting with the metal, is safer than



Avoid toxic chemicals in the kitchen by using glass containers for food storage and avoiding nonstick cookware and antibacterial cutting boards. Photo by Thomas Gibson

traditional aluminum, but make sure it is PFTE- and PFOA-free. Store leftovers in glass containers rather than foil; drink beverages packaged in glass bottles instead of cans; and make sure reusable water bottles are made of stainless steel — not aluminum. You can also help keep aluminum out of your food by making cakes and pancakes from scratch with aluminum-free baking powder and avoiding processed foods.

Bisphenol-A (BPA)

What it is: Bisphenol-A (BPA) is a synthetic estrogen found in thousands of products including reusable polycarbonate (#7 plastic) food and beverage containers; the lining of canned goods; PVC (#3 plastic); and on receipts and money.

Potential dangers: BPA can leach into food and beverages. Exposure to trace amounts of BPA have been shown to disrupt the endocrine system and have been linked to a wide range of disorders including breast cancer, reproductive system damage, heart disease and obesity. BPA poses the highest risk to devel-

oping fetuses and babies.

How to avoid it: BPA is found in the lining of nearly all canned foods and beverages. A few companies, among them Eden Organics, offer food in BPA-free cans, and several other companies are working to eliminate BPA from linings. While it may be difficult to totally eliminate canned foods and beverages, at least try to avoid those for which you have fresh or frozen alternatives, as well those known to contain high levels of BPA. A 2009 Consumer Reports study found the highest levels in Del Monte green beans, Progresso vegetable soup and Campbell's chicken noodle soup. Researchers from the Environmental Working Group (EWG) have found that canned meats, pasta and soup also contain high levels.

Also avoid polycarbonate plastics. Polycarbonate plastics are hard and clear — the plastic most often used to make baby bottles and children's sippy cups; look for the number 7 on the bottom of the con-

tainer or the letters "PC." They break down easily and can leach BPA, especially when they are heated, washed with strong detergent, or come in contact with fatty, salty or acidic foods. Store and heat food in glass containers instead. Stainless steel is another good storage option. Buy BPA-free stainless steel water bottles, and glass or stainless steel baby bottles and sippy cups, and wash your hands after handling receipts or money.

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TO: Maurice Lashon Whaley
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4964-1226 GCT (Cert# 506)

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CERTIFICATE NO: 506 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
OR 731 P 1933 OR 633 P 164; OR 426 P 1624 DB 119 P 77 DB 102 P 131 LOTS 1 BLK "F" IN CARVER HEIGHTS.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2353N2W03200000F010
 Name in which assessed: **Annie Farmer Garett**
 Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 5th Day of March, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
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4965-1226 GCT (Cert# 706)

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CERTIFICATE NO: 706 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
OR 119 P 580; BEGIN AT A PT. 610 FT. N. OF SEC OF SW 1/4, RUN N. 88 FT. W. 88 FT. S. 88 FT. E. 88 FT. TO P.O.B. IN SECTION 14-3N-4W.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2143N4W0000003440200
 Name in which assessed: **LOUVENIA SAILOR**
 Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 5th Day of March, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
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4966-1226 GCT (Cert# 1816)

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1816 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
DB 118 P 32 - BEGIN 300 FT. N. OF N.W.C. OF KING & 9TH STS. N. 112.5 FT. W. 150 FT. S. 112.5 FT. E. 150 FT. TO P.O.B. IN SECTION 12-2N-4W.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3122N4W000001211500
 Name in which assessed: **William Finley McMullen**
 Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 5th Day of March, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
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4967-1226 GCT (Cert# 1320)

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1320 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
OR 487 P 3 PLAT BOOK 2, P 31-33 LOT 9, BLOCK "C", LAKE YVETTE ESTES, UNIT #4.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3312N2W05840000C0090
 Name in which assessed: **Auburn E Ford Jr and Chaunda A Ford**
 Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 5th Day of March, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
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4968-1226 GCT (Cert# 1277)

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1277 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
OR 383 P 1157-LIFE ESTATE; BEGIN AT THE NEC OF SECTION 14-2N-2W AND RUN S 161.70 FT; S 84 DEG 01' 53" W 352.43 FT TO W/LY R/W OF POWER EASEMENT; N 23 DEG 56' 08" W 255 FT; S 85 DEG 37' 34" E 455.30 FT TO POB.SUBJECT TO 100 FT POWERLINE.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3142N2W000001100300
 Name in which assessed: **BOBBY JOE CHAMBLISS AS TO LIFE ESTATE INTEREST, MARIENA CHAMBLISS AS TO REMAINDER INTEREST**
 Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 5th Day of March, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
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4969-1226 GCT (Cert# 2748)

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CERTIFICATE NO: 2748 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
OR 482 P 258 COMMENCE AT THE NEC OF LANDS PER OR BOOK 436 P 1447 AND RUN S 66 DEG 34' 53" E 202.16 FT; S 59 DEG 55' 29" E 81.15 FT TO BEGIN; THENCE S 59 DEG 55' 19" E 58.99 FT; S 60 DEG 28' 30" E 451.58 FT; S 18 DEG 34' 43" W 2.00 FT TO RD 65-B; N 71 DEG 25' 17" W 510.57 FT; N 23 DEG 58' 39" E 99.95 FT TO THE POB. IN LOT #73 LITTLE RIVER SURVEY
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 50L0R0S0000733000060
 Name in which assessed: **Joaquin Jimenez and Lucero M Jimenez**
 Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 5th Day of March, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
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4970-1226 GCT (Cert# 1723)

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1723 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
OR 533 P 1983 OR 120 P 158 - OR 326 P 611 - OR 345 P 1084 - BEGIN 1811.1 FT EAST AND 975 FT NORTH FROM THE SW CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4; RUN N 93.60 FT; N 38 DEG 59' WEST 459.74 FT; S 486.87 FT; N 82 DEG 55' E 291.50 FT TO THE P.O.B. LESS ANY PREVIOUSLY SOLD. IN SECTION 5-2N-4W.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3052N4W000001320100
 Name in which assessed: **Wanzella McCray; Melvin Charles McCray**
 Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 5th Day of March, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
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4971-1226 GCT (Cert# 533)

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CERTIFICATE NO: 533 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
OR 444 P 20 COMM AT A POINT 210 FT. S & 230 FT. W. OF NEC OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4, RUN W 777.7 FT. TO BEGIN; RUN W. 91.3 FT., S 238.65 FT. E. 91.3 FT., N. 238.65 FT TO THE P.O.B. IN SECTION 3-3N-3W.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2033N3W00000420300
 Name in which assessed: **Margaret B Gordon, or the Lawful Heirs of Her Estate**
 Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 5th Day of March, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
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4972-1226 GCT (Cert# 594)

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CERTIFICATE NO: 594 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
OR 494 P 1615 OR 487 P 1742 OR 476 P 970 DB 107 P 159 COMMENCE AT THE SEC OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 30-3N-3W AND RUN N 00 DEG 04' 48" W 1369.55 FT; S 89 DEG 43' 48" W 460.25 FT TO BEGIN; THENCE S 89 DEG 43' 48" W 243.75 FT; S 00 DEG 13' 01" E 355.82 FT TO TILLMAN RD; S 89 DEG 57' 44" EAST FOR 121.04 FT; S 88 DEG 12' 58" E 122.78 FT; N 00 DEG 13' 01" W 360.87 FT TO THE P.O.B. IN SECTION 30-3N-3W.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2303N3W000000241000
 Name in which assessed: **Clintoni Y Swain**
 Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 5th Day of March, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
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4973-1226 GCT (Cert# 860)

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CERTIFICATE NO: 860 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
OR 461 P 619 OR 111 P 271-OR 117 P 249 OR 263 P 102- BEGIN AT THE NEC OF LOT 1 BLK 42 TOWN OF GREINA THENCE RUN S/WLY ALONG THE S SIDE OF CEDAR ST 66 FT THENCE S/E/4LY PARALLEL TO THIRD ST 66 FT THENCE N/E/4LY PARALLEL TO CEDAR ST 66 FT THENCE N/WLY ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF THIRD ST 66 FT TO POB SAID LOT 1, 66 FT., S/WLY PARALLEL WITH SAID CEDAR ST. 66 FT. TO SAID ST., N/WLY ALONG STREET 66 FT TO P.O.B. OR 299 P 898.
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2323N4W0430000420011
 Name in which assessed: **Stephanie Elaine Faison and Patricia Ann Faison**
 Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate

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shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 5th Day of March, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
 Dated this 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013
 NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gadsden County, Florida
 By: Glenda McPherson, Deputy Clerk
 Dec. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2013.

Notices to Creditors/ Administration**Notices to Creditors/ Administration****Notices to Creditors/ Administration**

4996-1226 GCT

Custer, Carolyn Inez 13000429CPA Notice to Creditors

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. 13000429CPA Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF CAROLYN INEZ CUSTER a/k/a LYNN CUSTER
 Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Carolyn Inez Custer, deceased, whose date of death was October 18, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gadsden County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 19, 2013.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Charles W. Custer
 41 Timber Run, Havana, FL 32333

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Jana McConaughay Florida Bar No. 0995487
 Email Addresses: jana@mcclawgroup.com michelle@mcclawgroup.com
 Waldoch & McConaughay, P.A.
 1709 Hermitage Blvd., Suite 102, Tallahassee, FL 32308
 Telephone: (850) 385-1246

December 19 & 26, 2013

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices**Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices****Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices**

4974-1219 GCT

vs. Anderson, Samuel J. 20-2013-CA-000373 Notice of Action

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 20-2013-CA-000373 DIVISION:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-RF3,
 Plaintiff,

vs. SAMUEL J. ANDERSON, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, SAMUEL J. ANDERSON ALSO KNOWN AS SAMUEL JAMES ANDERSON,

DECEASED
Last Known Address: Unknown Unknown
Current Address: Unknown Unknown

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Gadsden County, Florida:

LOT 8 BLOCK "A" FOREST HILLS, A SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT OR MAP THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 215 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA. (AS TO PARCEL A)

ALSO:

A PART OF LOT 9 BLOCK "A" FOREST IDLLS SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 215 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 9, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN SOUTH 50 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTHEASTLY BOUNDARY OF LOT 9 A DISTANCE OF 504.11 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 68 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 330.12 FEET TO A 1/4 INCH IRON ROD, THENCE RUN NORTH 25 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 210.59 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF FOREST CIRCLE (60' R/W) SAID POINT BEING ON A CURVE LYING CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 130.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 34 SECONDS FOR AND ARC DISTANCE OF 7.81 FEET (CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE-NORTH 40 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 7.81 FEET) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (AS TO PARCEL B)

A/K/A 752 FOREST CIR N HAVANA FL 32333-3509

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before January 11, 2014 service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Gadsden County Times.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 26 day of November, 2013.
 NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Charlotte Willeby, Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law, P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623,

**See the Americans with Disabilities Act

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Gadsden County Clerk of Courts at the Gadsden County Courthouse 10 E. Jefferson St., Quincy, FL 32351, telephone numbers (850) 875-8601 for voice or (850) 875-8612 for fax, within two working days of your receipt of this document. To file response please contact Gadsden County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 1649, Quincy, FL 32353.

December 12 & 19, 2013 PH - 015745F01

4975-1219 TWN

Vs. Holloman, Sandra 2012CA003826 Notice of Foreclosure Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA,
 CASE No. 2012CA000826

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HOLLOMAN, SANDRA, et. al,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 2012ca000826 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for GADSDEN County, Florida, wherein, Plaintiff, and, HOLLOMAN, SANDRA, et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, South Front Steps, Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 E. Jefferson St., Quincy, FL, at the hour of 11:00 AM, on the 31 day of December, 2013, the following described property:

LOT 19, BLOCK A, GREINA ESTATES, UNIT NO. 2, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 10A OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 25 day of November, 2013.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk Circuit Court

(SEAL)

By: /s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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 the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, 301 S MONROE STREET, ROOM 225, 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.

December 12 & 19, 2013.

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4976-1219 GCT

Vs. Brown, Jennie 20-2011-CA-001348 Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 20-2011-CA-001348

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JENNIE BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIE BROWN; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AQUA FINANCE, INC., A CORPORATION, AS ASSIGNEE OF DISCOVERY MARKETING & DISTRIBUTING, INC.; FARMERS FURNITURE; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY;

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 7, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at South Door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351, at 11:00 A.M. on February 11, 2014 the following described property:

LOT 13, OLD FEDERAL RANCH, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 91, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT MOBILE HOME, VIN #FLHML3F158025613AB.

Property Address: 85 EAGLE DRIVE, QUINCY, FL 32351

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.

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices**Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices****Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Danny Davis, Court Technology Office, Office of Court Administration, 301 S Monroe St, Rm 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.

WITNESS my hand on 9 day of October, 2013.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Circuit Court

(COURT SEAL)

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

Dated at Quincy, GADSDEN COUNTY, Florida, this 19 day of September, 2013.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of said Circuit Court

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, As Deputy Clerk

c/o Phelan Hallinan, P.L.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff
2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-462-7000

4981-1219 GCT
vs. Brown, Willie J. 20-2010-CA-000873 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN 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-000873

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIE J. BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIE J. BROWN; SUSAN J. BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SUSAN J. BROWN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; FARMERS FURNITURE; RUSTLING PINES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, WHETHER UNDER, OR AGAINST 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 23, BLOCK "A" RUSTLING PINES, A RECORDED SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 110-OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 692 Rustling Pines Blvd., Midway, FL 32343

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 January 14, 2014.

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 19 day of September, 2013.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(seal)

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:
Law Offices of Daniel C. Consegua, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff

4982-1219 GCT
Vs. D Amico, Peter J. 20-2012-CA-000919 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 20-2012-CA-000919 Division:

CENLAR FSB
Plaintiff,
vs.
PETER J. D'AMICO A/K/A PETER J. D'AMICO A/K/A PETER JOSEPH DAMICO, SILVIA D. AMICO A/K/A SILVIA D. A'MICO A/K/A SILVIA D'AMICO AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/ OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on November 15, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gadsden County, Florida described as:

LOTS 18 & 19 TALQUIN PLANTATION, PREVIOUSLY A RENTAL SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS WILDWOOD MOBILE HOME VILLAGE, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 44, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 50 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 KYRINE BLYDD MOTOR HOME MOBILE HOME, VIN(S) 8D610326LA, TITLE# 76320261 and VIN 8D610326LB, TITLE# 76320262.

and commonly known as: **67 CARLENE LN, QUINCY, FL 32351**; including the building, appliances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, South Front Door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, on December 31, 2013 at 11 AM.

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

Dated this 25 day of November, 2013.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(COURT SEAL)

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

4981-1219 GCT
vs. Crombie, William Lawrence 20-2013-CA-000568 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-000568

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
v.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE CROMBIE A/K/A WILLIAM L. CROMBIE A/K/A WILLIAM CROMBIE; JEAN CAROLE CROMBIE A/K/A JEAN C. CROMBIE; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 18, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Gadsden County, Florida, described as:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 03 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 690.50 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 139.41 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF A COUNTY ROAD WHICH RUNS GENERALLY IN A NORTH-SOUTH DIRECTION, THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF AN UNPAVED STREET 555.92 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 25.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID STREET, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF SAID STREET 1 99.60 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 SECONDS WEST 436.37 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 199.60 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 436.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE ROADWAY EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE 20.00 FEET THEREOF. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1993 DESTINY WINDZONE II TRIPLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN # 032274A, TITLE # 63691609, VIN # 032274B, TITLE # 63691610, AND VIN # 032274C, TITLE# 63691611, WHICH HAS BEEN RETIRED

a/k/a 121 OCHLOCKONEE RIVER RD., HAVANA, FL 32333-5086.

at public sale to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the courthouse square, on the South side, facing US HWY 90, at the Gadsden County Courthouse located at 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351, on January 7, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dated this 25 day of November, 2013.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(Seal)

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A., 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716
PHONE 727-536-4911 FAX 727-539-1094

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY WHICH REQUIRES ANY ACCOMMODATIONS IN ORDER FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK AT (850) 875-8601 OR WRITE TO HIM AT P.O. BOX 1649, QUINCY, FLORIDA 32353 WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771.

December 12 & 19, 2013. 888130662

4984-1219 GCT
vs. Bailey, Brian K. 2010-CA-000672 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2010-CA-000672

US BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
BRIAN K. BAILEY; ANDREA BAILEY; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; RUSTLING PINES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 18, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Gadsden County, Florida, described as:

LOT 23, BLOCK "M", RUSTLING PINES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 132, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 54 PINE BARK TRAIL, MIDWAY, FL 32343-4202

4982-1219 GCT
vs. D Amico, Peter J. 20-2012-CA-000919 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 20-2012-CA-000919 Division:

CENLAR FSB
Plaintiff,
vs.
PETER J. D'AMICO A/K/A PETER J. D'AMICO A/K/A PETER JOSEPH DAMICO, SILVIA D. AMICO A/K/A SILVIA D. A'MICO A/K/A SILVIA D'AMICO AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/ OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on November 15, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gadsden County, Florida described as:

LOTS 18 & 19 TALQUIN PLANTATION, PREVIOUSLY A RENTAL SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS WILDWOOD MOBILE HOME VILLAGE, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 44, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 50 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 KYRINE BLYDD MOTOR HOME MOBILE HOME, VIN(S) 8D610326LA, TITLE# 76320261 and VIN 8D610326LB, TITLE# 76320262.

and commonly known as: **67 CARLENE LN, QUINCY, FL 32351**; including the building, appliances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, South Front Door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, on December 31, 2013 at 11 AM.

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

Dated this 25 day of November, 2013.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(COURT SEAL)

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

4981-1219 GCT
vs. Brown, Willie J. 20-2010-CA-000873 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN 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-000873

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIE J. BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIE J. BROWN; SUSAN J. BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SUSAN J. BROWN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; FARMERS FURNITURE; RUSTLING PINES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, WHETHER UNDER, OR AGAINST 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 23, BLOCK "A" RUSTLING PINES, A RECORDED SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 110-OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 692 Rustling Pines Blvd., Midway, FL 32343

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 January 14, 2014.

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 19 day of September, 2013.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(seal)

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:
Law Offices of Daniel C. Consegua, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff

4982-1219 GCT
Vs. D Amico, Peter J. 20-2012-CA-000919 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 20-2012-CA-000919 Division:

CENLAR FSB
Plaintiff,
vs.
PETER J. D'AMICO A/K/A PETER J. D'AMICO A/K/A PETER JOSEPH DAMICO, SILVIA D. AMICO A/K/A SILVIA D. A'MICO A/K/A SILVIA D'AMICO AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/ OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on November 15, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gadsden County, Florida described as:

LOTS 18 & 19 TALQUIN PLANTATION, PREVIOUSLY A RENTAL SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS WILDWOOD MOBILE HOME VILLAGE, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 44, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 50 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 KYRINE BLYDD MOTOR HOME MOBILE HOME, VIN(S) 8D610326LA, TITLE# 76320261 and VIN 8D610326LB, TITLE# 76320262.

and commonly known as: **67 CARLENE LN, QUINCY, FL 32351**; including the building, appliances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, South Front Door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, on December 31, 2013 at 11 AM.

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

Dated this 25 day of November, 2013.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(COURT SEAL)

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

4981-1219 GCT
vs. Crombie, William Lawrence 20-2013-CA-000568 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-000568

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
v.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE CROMBIE A/K/A WILLIAM L. CROMBIE A/K/A WILLIAM CROMBIE; JEAN CAROLE CROMBIE A/K/A JEAN C. CROMBIE; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 18, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Gadsden County, Florida, described as:

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Dated this 25 day of November, 2013.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(Seal)

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

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4984-1219 GCT
vs. Bailey, Brian K. 2010-CA-000672 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2010-CA-000672

US BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
BRIAN K. BAILEY; ANDREA BAILEY; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; RUSTLING PINES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.;
Defendants.

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LOT 23, BLOCK "M", RUSTLING PINES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 132, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 54 PINE BARK TRAIL, MIDWAY, FL 32343-4202

4982-1219 GCT
Vs. D Amico, Peter J. 20-2012-CA-000919 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 20-2012-CA-000919 Division:

CENLAR FSB
Plaintiff,
vs.
PETER J. D'AMICO A/K/A PETER J. D'AMICO A/K/A PETER JOSEPH DAMICO, SILVIA D. AMICO A/K/A SILVIA D. A'MICO A/K/A SILVIA D'AMICO AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/ OWNERS,
Defendants.

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and commonly known as: **67 CARLENE LN, QUINCY, FL 32351**; including the building, appliances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, South Front Door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, on December 31, 2013 at 11 AM.

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

Dated this 25 day of November, 2013.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(COURT SEAL)

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

4981-1219 GCT
vs. Brown, Willie J. 20-2010-CA-000873 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN 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-000873

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIE J. BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIE J. BROWN; SUSAN J. BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SUSAN J. BROWN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; FARMERS FURNITURE; RUSTLING PINES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, WHETHER UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)

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A/K/A 692 Rustling Pines Blvd., Midway, FL 32343

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 January 14, 2014.

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 19 day of September, 2013.
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(seal)

By:/s/ Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:
Law Offices of Daniel C. Consegua, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Tough week for Bobcat boys basketball

The Robert F. Munroe Boy's Varsity Basketball team endured another three-loss week, dropping games to North Bay Haven at home on Monday (61-52), Brookwood in Thomasville on Tuesday (57-46), and Grace Christian in Bainbridge on Friday (72-55). The Bobcats have still struggled with their offense and with rebounding. On the bright side, turnovers are not as prevalent as before and the team seems to be coming together defensively. "Jalyn Lewis has been

carrying the scoring load for us this season (32 points vs. North Bay Haven), but we need to get others involved to take some of the pressure off of him. Jalyn also needs to keep working on making his teammates better by kicking the ball out for open looks when he penetrates," said Bobcat Coach Joey Birdsong. "It's frustrating and I know the kids get a little down, but we are improving and we have some guys

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RIVALS

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second quarter, the Panthers jogged off the hardwood trailing by a score of 30-27. Too many missed opportunities at the free-throw line and the aggressive play of the Dukes were the two biggest factors that caused the Jaguars to lead the game at half-time.

The Panthers continued to struggle from the free-throw line in the third quarter, and Dukes continued to dominate the paint by scoring several baskets inside and coming up with big blocks on the defensive end of the floor. Midway through the quarter, the Jaguar's Keyran Black hit a shot from behind the arch, which gave his team a 39-32 lead. West Gadsden's unfocused play continued throughout the quar-

ter, which caused them to fall into a bigger deficit, and as the final quarter began, they found themselves behind by a score of 50-38.

In the beginning of the fourth quarter the Panthers attempted to increase their intensity, and with 6:23 left in the game, Marquis Foreman soared into the air caught an air-ball and threw down a two-handed reverse dunk, which caused the crowd to erupt. Less than a minute later, the Panther's big man Devonte Gibson went hard to the basket and put down a two-handed dunk, but the Jaguars still held a comfortable 52-42 advantage.

Despite their effort in the last quarter of the Jaguar's Keyran Black hit a shot from behind the arch, which gave his team a 39-32 lead. West Gadsden's unfocused play continued throughout the quar-

off the clock with some stationary dribbling, and as the final buzzer sounded, the East Gadsden players were all smiles as they began to celebrate their 63-52 win over West Gadsden.

After the game, Panthers Head Coach Andrew Moten shared his thoughts on the game: "This was a good one for us; a good loss will teach our players that they're not invincible. We'll rebound from this, regroup and get back."

In regard to the game, the Jaguars' leading scorer Bobby Dukes said, "I feel great. It was a good game; we played hard and won."

Parrish had this to say about what led his team to victory: "We played hard and did the little things; we took what West Gadsden gave us, slowed the ball down, made our open shots and made the game simple."

GIRLS

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Scott added 14 points.

MUNROE

The Munroe Lady Cats dropped three

games last week.

They dropped one to visiting North Bay Haven on Monday, losing 59-41. Karleebeth Perkins and Jeri Sloan had 11 points apiece in the loss. Perkins added 15 rebounds and Sloan 11 rebounds.

On Tuesday they travelled to Brookwood in Thomasville and lost to the Georgia school 34-22 in a low scoring contest. No Munroe players reached double figures but Sloan scored eight points.

On Friday the team got into foul trouble and lost key players, helping lead to a 51-43 loss at Grace Christian in Bainbridge. A 21-9 doomed the Lady Cats at the start.

Jeri Sloan and Kadejah Glynn each

scored nine points. Mary Pat Thomas pulled down 12 rebounds and she and Maddey Pappadakis had five steals apiece. The team dropped to 4-6 on the season with the loss.

WEST GADSDEN

The Panthers defeated Liberty County in a district matchup.

The Panthers jumped out to a 20-5 first quarter lead and despite being outscored in every other quarter, hung on for the win.

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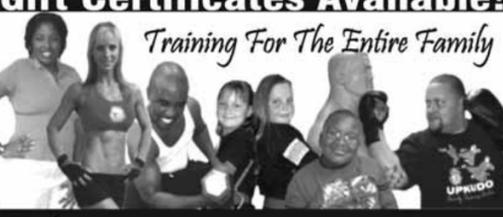
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GTI

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spa treatments such as waxing and facials at affordable prices.

"The facial treatments are quite a luxury," Kimbrell said.

The 240-hour course covers the basics of the trade, such as following rules of hygiene and safety. But Kimbrell said she also teaches life skills, time management, communication and marketing.

"The cosmetology industry, it's really a people thing," she said.

She teaches students how to set out inviting snacks for open house-style gatherings because they have to learn to draw customers in, "and food usually works."

Open enrollment for the Nail Technology program starts Jan. 6 and continues for two weeks.

Kimbrell said GTI is in the process of becoming federally accredited through the Coalition for Occupational Education, so eligible students will be able to use Pell Grants to pay tuition starting in the spring.

During a Dec. 12 visit to Kimbrell's nail salon classroom, Marcia Boynton had a holiday manicure from a pampering wax dip to freehand nail art in festive colors. Boynton is president of the program's advisory committee.

In the world of cosmetology, nail technology is the starting point. Kimbrell said li-



Marcia Boynton shows off her holiday manicure. Photo by Cheri Harris

censed hair stylists earn cosmetology licenses, which means they have training that encompasses other salon skills such as manicures and pedicures, facials and treatments that they may not use on the job.

Kimbrell said high school students who complete the nail technology program at GTI must wait until they turn 18 to take the state licensing exam.

Jasiman Powell of Quincy is a GED student and a cosmetology student in Don Gibson's class. During a visit to Kimbrell's class, she said she enjoys applying acrylic nails.

"I haven't tried nail art," she said. "I'm a little nervous about it but I think I can do it once I learn."

Kesha Thigpen started Boynton's pedicure and when she had to leave to go to another class, Kimbrell took over for her. Thigpen said she loves

being in Kimbrell's class. She is also working toward her GED.

In her efforts to build the program, Kimbrell said she has visited East Gadsden High School and Carter-Parramore Academy because buses arrive three or four times a day from other schools and Carter-Parramore is just across the street.

Kimbrell said high school students who complete the nail technology program and pass the state exam could have the opportunity to enter college with the professional skills they need to make a living while pursuing a higher education.

The nail salon at GTI is currently open from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. After the new semester begins, Kimbrell plans to offer services from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. as well. For information, call 875-8324.

Little ladies leaping

Legacy School of Performing Arts presented a Winter 2013 Music and Dance Recital on Dec. 14 at East Gadsden High School.

The production included students singing, playing violin, piano, guitar and other instruments as well as a number of young dancers.

Brian Richardson and Dr. Kimblin Nesmith emceed the show. Rasheen Jamison-Richardson is the school's executive director and founder. Photos by Cheri Harris



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starting to emerge. Sean Newton and

Bradley Klees really gave us some good minutes against Grace Christian and Joey Sloan has worked very hard as well. We have kept most of the games

pretty close of late. We just have to put it all together for once and good things will happen!"

Heading into the holidays, Munroe has

two games this week. Thursday, the Bobcats travel to Panama City for a rematch with North Bay Haven (7:30 pm EST). On Friday, the 'Cats take a short

trip to Tallavana Christian for a meeting with the home standing Lion (7:30 pm). "We'll rest the week of Christmas, but after that it's back to

work," says Birdsong. "We've got another half of the season to prepare for and we certainly want it to be better than the first half!"



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