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# Eastpoint blaze consumes family's trailer

Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

About 2 p.m. Nov. 26, a fire broke out in the home of Michael and Allison Brown on South Bayshore Drive in Eastpoint, completely destroying the trailer and additions in a matter of minutes.

The Browns discovered the blaze on returning home from work and called firefighters, but witnesses said the structure was completely engulfed by the time fire trucks arrived.

South Bayshore was closed to traffic for more than an hour as firefighters worked to contain the inferno.

According to Eastpoint Fire Chief George Pruett, the homeowner said the fire probably was started by a fireplace in a newly added addition to the trailer.

"We want to thank everybody for all of the help we received fighting this fire, Apalachicola, too. They showed up and handled one flank of it. Everybody worked real well together," Pruett said. "The Sheriff's

Department blocked off the road, so we didn't have problems with a lot on rubbernecks. Progress Energy was on the site pretty fast, too. Everything went well, but the structure was already engulfed in flames when we got there.

"It was probably a back draft situation. The neighbors said it just blew up," he said. "We could really use more firefighters in the county right now. We are considering a countywide recruitment campaign."

Allison Brown said her family and their three dogs all escaped injury. She said the family lost everything but the contents of a chest freezer.

"At least we won't go hungry. We're trying to save everything we can," she said. "We're going to spend Thanksgiving at my mother's house."

In a later interview, Michael Brown said they wound up spending much of the holiday in Panama City buying clothing.



LOIS SWOBODA | Staff Writer

The Brown family and neighbors pick through the wreckage of their home. Allison Brown said the only thing salvaged from the wreckage of her family home was the contents of a box freezer.

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At the Weems Hospital open house, Haley, right, and Avery Scott peer into the helicopter while grandfather William Scott stands in back.

## Open hospital

A new mammography machine is in a room decorated by the Franklin Needs Inc., which sponsored the classic calendar that is now in great demand and has raised about \$35,000 to supplement the extended mammography options at the hospital.



### Weems spotlights improved treatment options

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Weems Memorial Hospital showed off its new look, complete with a growing array of treatment options, as it welcomed about 250 residents of Franklin County to an open house Nov. 16.

Greeting visitors on the front lawn was a helicopter, Air Medic Two, used to lifelight seriously injured and ill patients to trauma centers and tertiary care in the Panhandle.

Pilot Gary Glover, flight paramedic Charli White and flight nurse Joni Godwin answered questions and gave tours of the aircraft as it stood in the hospital's landing strip. The helicopter can land in such designated zones and even on roads if the need

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## Schools' dropout rate continues decline

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The Franklin County School District got good news last month regarding a slowing of its dropout rate, but it still has a ways to go regarding the percentage of students who eventually graduate.

According to Florida Department of Education statistics released last month, only 57.8 percent of the students who started high school as freshmen eventually graduated in four years, ranking it fourth-worst in the state behind Glades, Gadsden and Jefferson counties.

"We still have a lot of work to do," said Superintendent Nina Marks.

But she was able to point to statistics that

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## Eastpoint library site passes DEP scrutiny

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Construction on the site of the new Eastpoint library is continuing following a decision by a state environmental regulator last month that there were no wetlands violations on the site.

The issue became contentious at the county commission's Nov. 18 meeting after Joyce Estes, who is spearheading the project, and Linda Raffield, a concerned citizen active with the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, clashed.

Raffield had alerted county commissioners as well as state regulators as to what appeared to be the destruction of wetlands on the tract, which is on the east side of North

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## Carrabelle Art Club members honored at fair

Five members of the Carrabelle Artist Association entered works in the North Florida Fair this year, and all four came home winners.

Mary Ann Shields brought home a first- and a second-place ribbon as well as an honorable mention. Shields said she has entered for the last three years and brought home a ribbon every time.

Becky McIntosh entered for the first time this year and took a blue ribbon for her painting of a rooster. Mary Brown took a second-place award for a painting of an egret.

Potter Marion Morris won both a blue ribbon and an honorable mention, and Pat Moore of Carrabelle took an honorable mention.

The club is hard at work creating hand-painted Christmas cards, which they sell to raise money to buy art supplies for outreach work with local children.

— By Lois Swoboda



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Above, Becky McIntosh displays her winning painting of a rooster. At left, blue ribbon winner Mary Ann Shields delicately applies water colors to a Christmas card.

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# Coast Guard searches for missing plane

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Zach Schlitt, of West Palm Beach, youngest son of local realtor Pandora Schlitt, went missing over the Gulf of Mexico Sunday evening.

A small plane he was traveling crashed into Gulf of Mexico at approximately 6:45 p.m. The weather conditions at the time the plane went missing were 10- to 12-foot seas with 20- to 25-knot winds and strong thunderstorms.

The Coast Guard was forced to interrupt their search for the plane on Sunday evening due to bad weather, but, on Monday morning, it resumed searching for two people in the water near Yankeetown.

Petty Officer Robert Simpson at the Tampa Coast Guard station said that sea and weather conditions for the search have improved greatly.

A Coast Guard Station Sand Key 47-foot response boat, an Air Station Clearwater HH-60 Jayhawk rescue helicopter, an Air Station Clearwater HC-130 Hercules search plane and the Coast Guard Cutter Marlin, an 87-foot cutter homeported in Ft. Myers all joined in the search on Monday.

Rescue boat crews from Coast Guard Station Yankeetown and Coast Guard Station Sand Key, in Clearwater, along with an HH-60 Jayhawk rescue-helicopter crew and an HC-130 Hercules search-plane crew, both from Coast Guard Air Sta-

tion Clearwater, searched the water for Peckham and Schlitt or any sign of the aircraft on Monday.

Coast Guard rescue crews located two small debris fields within the search area on Monday afternoon, but have not located the aircraft or the men. They found a seat and a flight bag that contained aviation head phones among the debris.

The Marlin remained on scene on Tuesday and its crew members continued searching throughout the day. Members from Citrus County Sheriff's Office used side-scanning sonar equipment to search underwater for the plane.

Schlitt, 28 and his companion Darien Peckham, 35, both pilots according to the, are reported

to have been flying from Tallahassee to Vandenberg Airport in Tampa, when their 44 year old single-engine, fixed-wing Beechcraft Bonanza 35-B33 aircraft (tail number N945T) dropped off radar. According to the Tallahassee Democrat, Eagle Squadron Inc. of Tampa is the owner of the six passenger plane.

Schlitt was returning home after spending a holiday weekend with his family. Schlitt and Peckham had attended the Florida - Florida State football game together before departing on Sunday night. While the two men waited in Tallahassee for the weather to clear before departing, Schlitt logged on to his MySpace page and listed his mood as exhausted.



PHOTO FROM MYSPACE.COM

Zach Schlitt

# Help your family select the perfect Christmas tree

Well, it is that time of the year for many of us to make a major holiday season decision: Do we go with a fresh or an artificial tree? The latest statistics I've seen report that about 30 percent of homes will have a fresh tree while 70 percent will select an artificial Christmas tree.



WORLD AROUND YOU  
Bill Mahan

Although artificial trees have become very popular because of their convenience, many, people still prefer a real tree. So for all you traditionalists out there, here are some helpful hints to follow when you get your tree ready for Christmas.

Regardless of the type of tree you get, an imported fir, pine, spruce or native FL red cedar, freshness and good form are the two main characteristics that most people look for in their Christmas tree. Therefore, the early shopper will have an advantage in getting what they want.

The common types of trees that are available

include Scotch pine, white pine, red pine, spruces and fir. These pines all

tend to hold their needles well and come in a variety of needle lengths. The longest needles, grow on red pine, they are from four to six inches in length. The most popular tree is the Scotch pine that has needles ranging in length from one-half to four inches in length.

The spruces, which usually have needles less than an inch in length, do not hold their needles for more than four to five days indoors, so do not bring it inside too soon.

### What to look for

Freshness is the most important characteristic to look for in your tree. Check the needles to see how flexible they are. If they are brittle, or fall off easily, do not buy the tree. Also make sure you like the shape of the tree and that it is not too tall for your house.

### How to care for your tree

If you buy your tree before you plan to set it up, store it outdoors in a cool area, out of the sun, to help prevent it from drying out. When you get the tree home cut the butt end of the stump on a diagonal about one inch above the original cut and stand the freshly cut end into a container of water until you are ready to bring the tree inside. This creates a fresh wound that helps the tree take up water and stay fresh.

Once you are ready to bring your tree inside, square off your trunk and remember to keep the tree stand filled with water. It is amazing how quickly the water can disappear, so check the water level at least daily.

### Setting up your tree

Place your tree in the coolest part of room and keep it away from any heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators, heat ducts and even the television. The

heat from any of these sources can quickly cause the tree to dry out and drop its needles.

### Tree and lighting safety

Christmas is a beautiful, happy and thankful time of the year. However, it is also a very busy, hurried and tiring time. Therefore, it is especially important to think about safety during this time of the year. A good place to start is with your Christmas tree and lighting.

A freshly cut pine tree has as much fire resistance as any chemical treatment known. In fact, a freshly cut pine if difficult to burn and, if properly handled, will not be a potential fire hazard.

Before placing any lights on your tree or hanging them anywhere else around the house, check them carefully. Look for broken, cracked, frayed and

brittle wire insulation. Be especially careful to inspect the wire at the lamp bases and plug ends. Also, check the lamp sockets and cord plugs. If you see bare wire or metal on the outside of the sockets, throw the set away. It is usually not worth trying to fix them. Never use lighted candles or lanterns on or around your tree.

If you are buying new lights, look for the UL labels on the cord and fixtures. Be aware that there are many foreign imported Christmas decorations. This does not mean they are inferior products; however, it can mean they are not made to the same safety standards the U.S. manufactures use. Therefore, play it safe and check the labels for UL testing.

Also, be aware of the number of light strings you are hooking together when you are decorating.

Cords and plugs are usually light-duty. As a result, two or at the most three strings plugged end to end should be your limit. If you are using more lights than that, run a separate cord to power the next set of lights and do not overload your wall sockets with plugs. This will greatly reduce the electric load on each string and plug, making it much safer.

In addition, make sure the lights do not come in contact with drapes, cotton or paper materials that can catch fire. Finally, have fun, be safe, and never go to bed, or leave the house with your Christmas lights on.

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# Opinion

## Boyd weighs run for U.S. Senate

*"Right now, our state and our nation are experiencing challenging times. ... We need aggressive, bipartisan solutions to the economic, domestic, and foreign policy challenges that face the country."*

Sen. Allen Boyd

Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) said Tuesday that he may make a run for the U.S. Senate in 2010.

Boyd's statement followed a surprise announcement earlier that morning by Republican Sen. Mel Martinez that he will not seek re-election to the U.S. Senate in 2010:

"I have been considering a run for the U.S. Senate in 2010, prior to Sen. Martinez's announcement today," said Boyd. "I will continue to discuss the race with state and national party leaders and with my supporters in North Florida and throughout the state. Most importantly, I'll talk about this with my family, and I expect we'll make a final decision very early next year."

Boyd thanked Martinez for his service and gave an indication how his campaign for the office might shape up.

"I am a fifth generation Floridian with deep roots in the state, and I want to see the state I love and my fellow Floridians thrive," he said. "Right now, our state and our nation are experiencing challenging times. President-elect Obama and Sen. Bill Nelson will need a strong, steady partner in the U.S. Senate. We need aggressive, bipartisan solutions to the economic, domestic, and foreign policy challenges that face the country."

In announcing that he would not seek a second term as senators, Martinez said that he was making the announcement now to provide ample time for those who may seek the office.

"Some might try to characterize this decision in terms of political affairs. Some will say a re-election campaign would have been too difficult. But I've faced much tougher odds in political campaigns and in life," he said. "My decision was not based on reelection prospects, but on what I want to do with the next eight years of my life."

"The thought of devoting more time to my roles as husband, dad, granddad, brother and son to the family I love and cherish, and to be 'Mel' to the friends I miss - makes this decision far easier than one might think," Martinez wrote.

The freshman senator opened his announcement by noting that "if there is one thing I have learned over the years, it is that life can have many wonderful detours from where you think you're going. These result from chance, adversity, and a call to duty."

Martinez described his growing up as a teenager in Cuba, where he "saw comfort and the rule of law replaced by tyranny and communist oppression" and told of how his parents sent him to America with the help of the Catholic Church.

He told of the Young and Berkmeier families. "good, decent, loving people who answered a call from the pulpit one Sunday to take in a boy they did not know, from a country they had never seen, who spoke a language they did not understand."

After reuniting with his family, Martinez went on to become a lawyer, settle in Orlando and raise three children and eventually be elected Orange County Mayor.

Later, he went on to serve in President George Bush's Cabinet and in 2004 won election to the Senate.

"The inescapable truth, for me, is that the call to public service is strong, but the call to home, family and lifelong friends is even stronger," he said. "There are big problems facing Florida and the nation, and I will continue to do what I think is in the best interests of the people whom I represent."

## Advice for wooing customers in tough times

All indications are that consumers will be more vigilant in their hunt for bargains this holiday season. In expectation of weak sales, retailers must find creative ways to get the attention of spendthrift customers. Your Better Business Bureau offers advice on inexpensive marketing techniques that could pay off this season.

A survey by the National Retail Federation found that consumers plan to spend an average of \$832 on holiday-related shopping this season, up only 1.9 percent over 2007. And according to a recent survey by Constant Contact, 76 percent of businesses surveyed are planning holiday promotions and last minute offers, up from 62 percent in 2007.

"Consumers and businesses alike will feel the squeeze this holiday season, and while some businesses might be tempted to reduce marketing costs, that may

not be the best place to cut," said Norman Wright, President/CEO of your BBB serving northwest Florida. "Consumers are looking for value from businesses and brands they trust. Even with minimal budgets, businesses can use marketing to successfully drive customers to their door."

Following are tips from BBB on holiday marketing with a limited budget:

### Cross promotion

Retailers, restaurants, grocery stores, shipping businesses and other industries all rely heavily on this season for a bump in sales. With cross promotion, two businesses work together to raise awareness of both companies, relying heavily on their separate strengths: retailers and restaurants may hold in-store happy hour events together where restaurants provide the food and drinks while retailers provide the location.

### Partner with a charity

This year is expected to hit charities especially hard. Partnering with a charity, either by supporting a fund-raising event or offering to donate a portion of sales, can be a source of good PR. Business owners might not have a lot of money to spare for contributions, but they can instead donate time and floor space and promote volunteering among the staff.

### Promote great customer service

When every business is cutting costs and offering bargain basement prices, making a sale may come down to superb customer service. Make sure that staff are equipped with the skills to handle frazzled customers and are educated on new and popular products.

### Cater to the faithful

Bringing in new custom-

ers is always more expensive than creating new sales with current customers. Consider creative ways of making faithful customers feel special. Hold a private sale or offer appreciation coupons or a little perk such as free shipping for return customers.

### Help customers help themselves

With consumers looking to save, businesses that create advantages will certainly have an edge this holiday season. Consumers will be looking for angles that save them money on that perfect gift or holiday meals. For businesses, the winners this year may well be those who can best meet customer needs, beyond just offering sale prices, in a tight economy.

For additional small business advice you can trust, start with [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

## Your VIEWPOINTS

### Corps needs valid assessment of users' needs

To the Editor:

*The following is a Nov. 17 letter to Col. Byron Jorns, the Mobile District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Mobile, AL. The letter from Mr. McLain was submitted as part of Stakeholder Comment on Environmental Impact Assessment of Proposed Update to ACF Water Control Manual.*

We want to take this opportunity as provided for under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to address some of the concerns we have with the proposed action of updating the Water Control Manuals that will govern the operation of water management of the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers.

First of all, the process: The Corps has responsibility to consider carefully the impact of the proposed action, the update of the master Water Control Plans (WCP) on the Congressionally approved project uses. We would assert you also have under NEPA the responsibility to consider carefully the broader impact on the social and economic fabric of the communities throughout the ACF Basin, and indeed on the survival, health and productivity of the waters that comprise this eco-system.

If the waters of that eco-system are depleted below the minimum required to sustain that system, all users lose. The ongoing EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) assessment must have, and be seen to have, a direct input into the shape and content of the WCM. A flowchart or some other form of audit trace should be constructed to demonstrate the influence of the stakeholder concerns on the WCM. A fair and equitable distribution of and public access to these waters must be an explicit aim of the proposed WCP.

Therefore the scope of your EIS/WCP assessment should have a historically and scientifically-verifiable baseline for impact comparison. We understand the Commander of the Corps' South Atlantic Division will meet with the National Research Council soon; he should discuss with them the NRC's active involvement in the WCM/EIS process. The credibility of the process would be greatly enhanced.

Secondly, the work product, the Water Control Manuals themselves: It would be

simpler and quicker for the Corps to accept the current Revised Interim Operations Plan (RIOP) with minor modifications as the updated Water Control Manual. After all, the RIOP has gone through a "Biological Opinion" review by the US Fish and Wildlife Service already. However, the RIOP and the Biological Opinion were limited to consider the impact of the reduced downstream flows on four endangered species - three mussels and the Gulf Sturgeon.

A "biological opinion" so constrained did not consider the impact of the drastically reduced flows on the health and productivity of the coastal fisheries and the NOAA-approved Coastal Zone Management plans, nor on the proper natural functioning of the floodplain, and the health and productivity of the downstream eco-system itself. Options like incorporating enforceable demand management and reduced consumption must be incorporated in the Corps' existing and proposed contracts with upstream water users to ensure sustainable freshwater flows. These are critical missing components in the current RIOP. On a basin of interstate waters, such as the ACF, these water contracts between the Corps and the variety of users of water stored in federal reservoirs must incorporate safeguards for downstream users of these interstate waters, and not be limited to upstream needs alone.

Finally, the Water Management structure for the ACF: The management objective for the interstate waters of the ACF Basin should be the identification, construction and enforcement of a water budget that recognizes and balances the competing needs of all riparian users. No such record of in-stream flow requirements for the ACF as a sustainable resource now exists. Fundamental inequities now exist in the water management structures and laws of the riparian states, and states' rights in managing the waters of their states are, and can remain, the governing management structure for waters that rise and fall in a single state.

But the management of the surface waters of the interstate ACF basin must be managed by joint agreement. Over 18 years of negotiation, mediation, and litigation have failed to achieve that objective. That failure will persist so long as an objective, scientifically valid assessment of the in-stream flow requirements of all users has not been

completed and institutionalized. The Corps' updated WCM can be a critical tool in achieving the interstate water management objective.

An updated WCM that is not grounded in the firm foundation of objective scientific water needs assessment sustains an unacceptable status quo and exposes the Corps to attack from multiple, competing users, including the Congress. An investment in empowering and funding such an assessment of in-stream flows for the ACF as part of the WCM/EIS process is highly recommended.

**Dave McLain**  
Coordinator Riparian  
County Stakeholder  
Coalition

### Free breakfasts aren't the problem

Dear Editor,

This letter I am writing in response to a letter from a man named Ray Walding which stated that "Free Breakfast is Part of the Problem". I read this letter over and over trying to make sense of it. It took me two weeks to come to the conclusion that there was no sense in the letter. The only part of this man's letter that I agree with is the first sentence that says and I quote "This letter will make me unpopular with the majority of the people in Franklin County, but if someone don't stand up for the other half, God only know where we are going."

I don't understand why or how "free breakfast" or "free lunch" for the 1000-plus students that we have coming to our new school at 7:30 a.m. every morning could even be considered a part of the problem. Research has proven that a good healthy breakfast is the most essential part of our student's day.

Some people who live in Franklin County were not fortunate enough to be born with a silver spoon in their mouths. We are the other half, the ones who have to work for what little money we get and with the prices of food nowadays we barely can afford to feed our children when they are at home. I have found myself working three jobs now trying to make sure that my two children have a half-way decent Christmas in these hard economical times.

Honestly, Mr. Walding, I thank God for these people that you have the gumption to call "parasites." I would really like to know why someone who raised his three boys in

Gulf County would find the nerve to belittle people who are trying their best to help others. Even God gave people free food when he gave them the manna that fell from heaven. What business is it of yours anyway?

I would also like to know what you (Mr. Walding) would have done had you been raising your three boys in Gulf County today, when there is no paper mill. You probably would have found some kind of work to do, but what if you were barely able to make enough to pay your bills? Would you have let your boys eat a free breakfast at the school if you could not afford to feed them? I would and I would also load up every other child in the neighborhood whom I thought needed a free breakfast and taken them with me to the school to eat a free breakfast.

For your information Mr. Walding, my two boys are the first ones in line every-day to get their free breakfast at school. This is not because I am too lazy to get off my butt and cook for them. I get up at 6 a.m. and drink me a cup of coffee and it's off to work I go. I am there at the school from 7:30 a.m. every morning until 6 p.m. making sure other people's children are safe and properly cared for and I dearly love the work that I do.

Some people are not looking for a handout Mr. Walding, they are simply looking for a hand up. It is up to us as human beings to be considerate enough to grab hold of their hands and pull with all our might. I pray that if I ever reach up for a hand to help me up that there is a "parasite" on the other end and not a "dog" like you. I am proud to live in a county full of "parasites" like Franklin County because it is not just my home it is my community and I Love It!

There should be more people like the "parasites" who care enough to try to make sure that every child in the school system has the same chance at a healthy breakfast. I am truly blessed to live in Franklin County where people still care for each other and they are not ashamed to eat a free meal. We are also not ashamed to be called a "parasite" because if it weren't for us parasites, you dogs would have nothing to do but lay around and lick yourselves.

Franklin County born,  
Franklin County bred,  
And when I die,  
I'll be Franklin County dead!

Thank you, Franklin County,

**April Dalton**  
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## Your VIEWPOINTS

### Alternate route a problem for local homeowners

To the Editor:  
I have followed the Times' coverage of the alternate route planned for U.S. 98 in Franklin County with considerable interest and concern.

This appears to be a thinly veiled attempt by the Florida Department of Transportation to abandon its responsibility to maintain U.S. 98 from Carrabelle to Apalachicola. Their reasoning assumes less maintenance of a more northerly route that would not be subject to erosion by wind-driven high water.

"Profiteering" by the St. Joe Company from the new planned route through land they own and would sell to the state is a factor that suggests "influence peddling" from them as I understand the article. I am aware that there is no direct in-

ference that U.S. 98 (as a strip of asphalt) would be physically moved north, but that seems to be the sleight-of-hand intent.

I am a homeowner in Franklin County and in addressing the maintenance costs for the existing U.S. 98 corridor between Carrabelle and Apalachicola, that factor may no longer be an issue it once was. The extensive placement of rock and steel barriers on the bay side of the road seems to have mitigated that problem with few exceptions.

But one serious remaining (and illogical) issue is a county-owned bayside parcel about 100 yards long approximately three miles west of Carrabelle Beach, where there is no revetment at all. Future erosion of the right-of-way and highway is a certainty awaiting the next wind and high-water event. I called DOT officials two years ago and reported it, but it was casually dismissed since the right-of-way

was not yet affected.

Moving U.S. 98 seems to suggest a very casual and arrogant disregard for the businesses and homeowners along the current U.S. 98 route. Permanent and part-time residents of Franklin County would have to assume the burden of repair and maintenance added to their county taxes. The average income for Franklin County residents is often not enough to cover existing obligations such as rent, house payments, gasoline and groceries, let alone assuming a road maintenance obligation that is currently the responsibility of the Florida Department of Transportation-where it rightfully belongs.

A comparison of maintaining U.S. 98 on the West coast with U.S. A1A on the East coast should suggest to even a casual observer that the scenic drive must be worth it in both cases.

**R.L. Dugger**

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indicate the district last year put a major dent in its dropout rate, which is a snapshot of a given year that indicates how many students have obtained parental permission to leave school.

"The district is happy to report that school dropout rates in Franklin County have decreased from 13.3 percent in 2005-2006 to 6.7 percent in 2006-2007 to 2.0 percent in 2007-2008," wrote Brenda Wilson, director of school improvement and special programs.

Wilson wrote that two years ago, the district worked with school staff to conduct a study to determine the causes of students dropping out of school. A review of student data revealed that a number of these students continued their education at the adult school in order to get a high school diploma or the GED.

Other students received a high school diploma the following school year as a result of FCAT retakes given in the summer and fall after graduation. As a result, they were not in-

cluded in the cohort rate of students who were tracked during a four year period from grade 9 to 12.

A spokesman for the Florida Department of Education said students who withdraw from high school to attend an adult education program and who graduate with a GED-based diploma must do so within four years of their initial enrollment in grade 9 to be counted as graduates in the state's current graduation rate formula.

But, the spokesman also said graduates are counted only if their data is reported to the DOE's student database by the district in which the adult program is administered.

Wilson said the school district provides innovative programs such as the Academy for Credit Recovery, Information Technology Core Program, Construction Program and Culinary Arts to motivate at risk students to stay in school. New reporting procedures have been implemented in order to track information for students who chose an alternative approach to achieving a high school diploma.

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arises.

Godwin said the helicopter, owned by Air Methods Florida, can fly from its base to Eastpoint in about 24 minutes. The flight to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) takes about 20 minutes, and it is about 75 minutes to get to Shands Hospital, outside Gainesville.

The price to fly a patient from Apalachicola to Tallahassee runs about \$13,000.

Visitors could enjoy a buffet of tasty hors d'oeuvres from Chef Eddie's Magnolia Grille under the front awning and then tour the facility, beginning with the newly refurbished Henry Dallas Shiver Chapel.

The Rev. Dr. John Sink said the chaplain's association that serves the hospital now includes nearly a dozen volunteers, including himself, the Rev. Rob Barks, from First Assembly of God in Carrabelle; the Revs. Harolyn and David Walker, from Covenant Word Christian Center in Apalachicola; Father Roger Latosynski, from St. Patrick Catholic Church in Apalachicola; Pastor James Lee, from Franklin County Church of Christ; the Rev. Themo Patriotis, from the Apalachicola/St. George Island United Meth-

odist Cooperative Parish; the Rev. Casey Smith, from the Eastpoint Church of God; Valentine and the Rev. Thomas Webb, from the Independent radio Ministry of Apalachicola; and the Rev. Kay Wheeler, a retired Episcopal deacon.

The hospital showed off the first of what soon will be 25 new hospital beds, as well as new furniture and a flat screen TV in the emergency room waiting area.

Apalachicola cardiologist Dr. Shezad Sanaullah is expected to soon start implanting pacemakers in the hospital's rejuvenated surgery suite, which also is slated to begin serving area doctors who wish to do minor surgeries soon. The hospital is looking to rotate subspecialists in to handle such surgeries as gall bladder and orthopedics.

"We're going to get busier with the nursing home," Weems CEO Chuck Colvert said, referring to the new nursing home soon to open near St. James Bay, which will use the hospital for lab work, X-rays and patient visits.

The hospital's day clinic has become a thing of the past, but the hospital now boasts several doctors and

one physician assistant on staff, including Sanaullah, Dr. Helen Nitsios, podiatrist Dr. Tamara Marsh, Dr. Stephen Miniati, Dr. Paul Hart, Dr. Pat Conrad, Dr. Tim Adamczyk, Dr. David Pierce, Dr. Todd West, Dr. Nancy Chorba and Larry Appleby, P.A. The hospital's director of nursing is Candi Fox, R.N., and its pharmacist is Julie Shiver.

On Nov. 17, Chorba began serving as the doctor seeing patients at Weems' outreach to the eastern end of the county. Located in the Carrabelle Municipal Complex at the site of the old Carrabelle School, the clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Fridays and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Perhaps the brightest spot on the tour was the hospital's Senographe DMR, a mammography machine the hospital recently acquired

for \$50,000.

Hospital CEO Chuck Colvert said the machine should last at least seven years and should be operational after the first of the year. Two technicians, Charlotte Williams and Jeannie Sorrell, are being trained in conjunction with the hospital's partnership with TMH.

"We're providing a service in the county that's never been provided," he said. "To me, the biggest thing is it will be hopefully get people to get mammograms who aren't doing it now."

"The hospital's governing board and staff were very gratified to see this show of interest in and support for Weems," said Gayle Dodds, chairwoman of the Weems board. "We were anxious for the people of Franklin County to see the many improvements to the appearance of the hospital that have been

made in the last few months. We also wanted to share the knowledge with our fellow citizens that Weems is acquiring high-tech medical equipment and will continue to augment the hospital's capacity to bring quality medical care to our communities."

Dodds said much of the hospital's progress is directly related to the passage of the one-cent sales tax earmarked for health care in Franklin County.

Topping the list of Weems' priorities is to build a stand-alone urgent care facility in Carrabelle on land adjacent to the health department that it acquired for \$100,000. Colvert said the new facility likely will run about \$1 million.

The hospital employs more than 100 employees, 80 of whom work full-time in the hospital and another 20

or so who are employed by the ambulance service.

Colvert said the hospital has been blessed with an availability of nurses but has gaps in other areas.

"The biggest need is in the tech fields," he said, citing respiratory and X-ray technicians.

He said the hospital averages about six patients per day, with close to 700 emergency room visits per month during peak months.

Dodds said she was grateful many folks took the opportunity at the open house to sign up for the new volunteer service group at the hospital, Weems Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She also extended a special word of thanks to Chef Eddie of the Magnolia Grill and Tom Brocato of Apalachicola Physical Therapy for furnishing the delicious refreshments and cake.

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold a Special Meeting, December 18, 2008 in the Regency Room of the Ramada Inn North, 2900 North Monroe St., Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T. The meeting will be open to the public.

### NOTICE

Doris B. Pendleton, CFA, Property Appraiser for Franklin County has given final certification of the 2008 Franklin County Tax Roll to the Franklin County Tax Collector as of November 1, 2008 Excluding the decision of the Value Adjustment Board.



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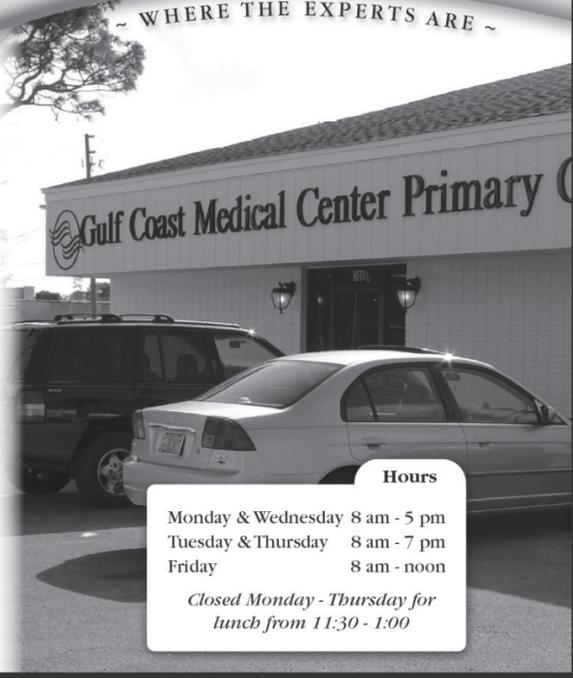
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# County CALENDAR

## Thursday, Dec. 4

**Carrabelle City Commission Meeting.** Franklin County Senior Center, 103 Ave F, Carrabelle. 6:30 p.m. Call 697-2727.

**Apalachicola Planning and Zoning Commission.** Regular Meeting 6 p.m. at City Hall. For info call 653-8715.

**Wandering Star Quilting Club.** Chillas Hall Lanark Village. 1 to 3 p.m. Call Christine Hinton 697-2551.

**Luncheon and Information Specials at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle.** Noon. \$3 donation. Call 697-3760

## Friday, Dec. 5

**Breakfast at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle.** Coffee at 7:30 a.m., meal at 8 a.m. \$2 donation. Call 697-3760.

**Lighting of the Lights on St. George Island.** Santa arrives by fire truck. 3 p.m. County park at island center. Call 927-7744.

## Saturday, Dec. 6

**Eastpoint Christmas Parade.** US 98. 10 a.m. Call 653-7401.

**Holiday Fresh Market in Apalachicola.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of Dixie Theatre. Why fight the crowds and traffic at the malls? Come for the day and buy hand-crafted Apalachicola specialties from fresh seasonal wreaths, baked goods and jams and jellies to oyster shell ornaments, handknit and crocheted items and vintage European glass bead jewelry. Your gift shopping has never been easier. Call 653-9419.

**50-Plus dance Night.** Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Bring your own refreshments. Donations accepted. Call 670-5951.

**The Christmas Shoes.** Area churches collaborate to produce a holiday musical. Dixie Theatre 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Call 653-3200.

## Sunday, Dec. 7

**Texas Hold'em Charity Tournament.** 2 p.m. Spoonbill Lounge. \$20 buy in. There will be other raffles and fundraisers at the event. Prizes include gym membership and a two night stay on St. George Island. For more information, call Mike at 653-8737. All proceeds go to support St. Jude's.

**The Christmas Shoes.** Area churches collaborate to produce a holiday musical. Dixie Theatre 7 p.m. Call 653-3200.

**Big Bend Hospice and the Franklin Advisory Council, Carrabelle,** will host a Service of



The Holiday Fresh Market will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in front of Apalachicola's Dixie Theatre.

**Remembrance at 2:30 p.m.** at Tillie Miller Park, 102 NW Avenue F, Carrabelle. Service will feature music, words of comfort and a special candle lighting ceremony where the names of loved ones may be said aloud as the candle is lit. Refreshments will be available, free and open to everyone in the community. For information, contact Pam Allbritton at (850) 508-8749 or pamal@bigbendhospice.org

## Monday, Dec. 8

**Breakfast at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle.** Coffee at 7:30 a.m., meal at 8 a.m. \$2 donation. Call 697-3760.

**Computer classes at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle.** Call Joyce Durham 670-5951 and set up a time.

**Apalachicola Blood Drive at the Natural Medicine Shoppe.** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All donors will be entered into a weekly drawing for a \$50 gift card. Call 747-6570.

**GED Testing Retakes Only.** 6 p.m. Franklin County school district office.

Registration will be held daily until the test date. Call 670-4481 or 653-8831 ext. 107.

**Big Bend Hospice and the Franklin Advisory Council, Carrabelle,** will host a Service of Remembrance at 2:30 p.m. at Tillie Miller Park, 102 NW Avenue F, Carrabelle. Service will feature music, words of comfort and a special candle lighting ceremony where the names of loved ones may be said aloud as the candle is lit. Refreshments will be available following the ceremony, free and open to everyone in the community. For information, contact Pam Allbritton at (850) 508-8749 or pamal@bigbendhospice.org

## Tuesday, Dec. 9

**Community Gardens meeting.** 6 p.m. at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. For info call 653-9419.

**Art Club at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle.** 2 to 4 p.m. Call 697-3760.

## Thursday, Dec. 11

**The fourth annual Apalachicola Bay Derelict Crab Trap Cleanup.** This is an Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve organized event approved by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Call 670-4785 ext. 125.

# FRANKLIN COUNTY ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

The following is the Franklin County Elementary School Honor Roll for the first nine-weeks grading period.

## Kindergarten

**Good Citizens -** Austin Gray and Malia Topham  
**All A's -** Austin Gray, Dawson Hooker, Katie Grace Newman, Emma Pace, Clinton Rester, Charlee Winchester, Sean Nichols, Lyndsey Stiefel, Logan Waller, Wilson Roberts, Tressie Edwards, Shyne-Adam Faircloth and Brycin Huckleba.

**A/B -** Makayla Varner, Alaina Wilson, Justice Smith, Colson Shelley, Brooklyn Turner, Hollie Larkin, Layla Chisholm, Kelson Smith

## First grade

**Good Citizens -** Krista Fuller, J'Necia Penamon, Tristen Segree,  
**All A's -** Cale Barber, Dyna Edgecomb, Amber Francis, Mikel Register, Jacob Shirley, Shelby Thompson, Darcy Kelly, Isaiah Barber, Kynsie Erickson

**A/B -** Kaleb Foley, Nicolas Hutchins, Bruce Keith, Adam Smith, Krista Fuller, Xzanthia Mason, Hayden Mock, Jesse Ray, Susie Richardson, Chasity Ard, Hunter Anderson, Austin Atkins, Allyson Emswiler, Shaylen Langley, Payton Linville, Morgan Malone, Shayden Pearson, Patrick Tipton, Kyron Wheeler, Kristianna Wilson

## Second grade

**Good Citizens -** Autumn Nichols, Madison Coulter, Austin Cammarano  
**All A's -** Colby Boatwright, Autumn Nichols, Jessica Rudd, Hunter Kelley, Tonner Segree, Beyla Walker, Austin Cammarano, Fisher Edwards  
**A/B -** Kiana Foley, Hannah Hogan, Haleigh Mann, Lorenzo O'Neal, Makenzie Shuman, Edgar Ceron Mikalin Huckleba,

Ethan Riley, Breanna Murray, Mitchell Sand Robyn Suiter

## Third grade

**Good Citizens -** Justin Arellano  
**All A's -** Josie Kriss, Emily Owens, Harper Westbrook, Makayla Parker  
**A/B -** William Lee, Hannah Westbrook, Timothy Schuler, Anastasia Smith, Madison Smith, Allison Yowell, Myah Hunnings, Ana Aguilar, Tylyn Gillikin, Morgan Griffin, Jade Johnson, Braxton McKnight, Elizabeth Paul, Shayna Richards, Dalyn Sheridan

## Fourth grade

**Good Citizens -** Natasia Robinson, Jackson Copley-Subbarao, Colby Estes, Tony Gallegos, Adriana Butler  
**All A's -** Scout Segree, Jackson Copley-Subbarao, Tyler Banks, Charles Petty, Adriana Butler, Thomas Copley-Subbarao, Melody Hatfield, Bobby Kilgore  
**A/B -** Abby Harris, Corbin Rester, Conner Smith, Matthew Drennen, Colby Estes, Reese Hersey, Dylan Lance, Chelsea Register, Taylor Millender, Marty Sawesky, Alexis Segree, Levi Spruill, Tyanna Townsend, Jeremiah Millender, Tylor Novak, Tiffany Tindell

## Fifth grade

**Good Citizens -** Cayce Daniels  
**All A's -** Lael Parker, Kendall Meyer, Amelia Newman, Hollie Shiver  
**A/B -** Robert Edwards, Shadowrun Earl, Brittany Wilson, Kris Schoellas, Savannah Alday, Tiffany Bentley, Riley Brown, Victoria Cook, Caycee Daniels, Rebecca Kearse, Jared King, Jaylynn Lyston, Brandon Walker, Chantelle Ducker, Ricky Edgecomb, Jessica Schmidt, Faletta Davis, Gerald Messer, Krista Martina, River Banks, Kaleigh Hardy, Anna Riley

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Sun, Dec 07	65°	43°		10%
Mon, Dec 08	68°	52°		10%
Tue, Dec 09	71°	54°		60%
Wed, Dec 10	72°	54°		60%

## TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

	High	Low
Cat Point	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27a

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	High	Low
Bald Point	Minus 9:15	Minus 0:03

## APALACHICOLA

12/04 Thu	02:05AM	0.9 L	06:33AM	1.2 H
	02:01PM	0.0 L	09:23PM	1.3 H
12/05 Fri	03:21AM	0.8 L	07:50AM	1.0 H
	02:41PM	0.2 L	09:47PM	1.3 H
12/06 Sat	04:35AM	0.6 L	09:30AM	0.9 H
	03:25PM	0.4 L	10:11PM	1.4 H
12/07 Sun	05:39AM	0.3 L	11:28AM	0.9 H
	04:15PM	0.6 L	10:35PM	1.4 H
12/08 Mon	06:34AM	0.0 L	11:29PM	1.0 H
	05:11PM	0.9 L	11:01PM	1.5 H
12/09 Tue	07:26AM	-0.3 L	03:12PM	1.1 H
	06:11PM	1.0 L	11:32PM	1.5 H
12/10 Wed	08:17AM	-0.5 L	04:30PM	1.3 H
	07:11PM	1.2 L		

## CARRABELLE

12/04 Thu	05:08AM	1.9 H	11:48AM	0.0 L
	07:58PM	2.1 H		
12/05 Fri	01:08AM	1.3 L	06:25AM	1.6 H
	12:28PM	0.3 L	08:22PM	2.1 H
12/06 Sat	02:22AM	1.0 L	08:05AM	1.4 H
	01:12PM	0.6 L	08:46PM	2.2 H
12/07 Sun	03:26AM	0.5 L	10:03AM	1.4 H
	02:02PM	1.0 L	09:10PM	2.2 H
12/08 Mon	04:21AM	0.0 L	12:04PM	1.6 H
	02:58PM	1.4 L	09:36PM	2.4 H
12/09 Tue	05:13AM	-0.5 L	01:47PM	1.8 H
	03:58PM	1.6 L	10:07PM	2.4 H
12/10 Wed	06:04AM	-0.8 L	03:05PM	2.1 H
	04:58PM	1.9 L	10:45PM	2.6 H

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**CARRABELLE READIES FOR HOLIDAY BASH**



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The whole area is gearing up for holiday celebrations, and Rod Gasche is hard at work on this year's model train display for Carrabelle's Holiday on the Harbor and Boat Parade on Dec. 13. A new addition to the model village is this scale model of a Ferris wheel complete with sparkling lights.

**Legion to honor World War II veterans**

American Legion Post 106 will be having an appreciation dinner in honor of all World War II veterans.

The covered dish dinner will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the armory.

All veterans, young and old, are invited to help in paying tribute to those men and

women of the greatest generation and to share in the community's appreciation for their service.

If you or a family member were not included in the last booklet the legion made in honor of these World War II vets, call Al Mirabella at 653-5838.

**Mahr withdraws Bayou George proposal**

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

During a public hearing Tuesday morning, developer George Mahr withdrew his request to rezone a 357-acre tract of land north of Carrabelle amid opposition from environmentalists, seafood workers and commissioners.

Mahr and wife Pam proposed a development on Bayou George north of Carrabelle off County Road 67. The site is zoned one residential unit per five acres of land with increased setbacks from wetlands for both septic tanks and structures. The development was to boast onsite aerobic wastewater treatment.

Mahr said his Mariner's Harbor development in the Plantation of St. George Island was the first to attempt to minimize pollution there.

"I think I have shown in the past that I am environmentally sensitive," he said.

Mahr sought to sweeten the deal by donating 25 acres of adjacent land to the county for affordable housing.

Riverkeeper Dan Tonsmeire praised Mahr for his attempts to build environmental safeguards into the project but said, "East Bay is the primary nursery of Apalachicola Bay and needs to be protected. We should always have that little nursery area that would allow the bay to regenerate itself. I think this

sets a bad precedent for rezoning." Paul Riegelmayr of St. George Island said, "I don't think we need any more residential lots in Franklin County. We have hundreds, if not thousands, platted already. A tree farm is a good use for this land."

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders said, "Juniper Creek, where I was born, is a very special place. There has never been any development on it that I know of. I think you have too many environmental issues. I want to entertain a motion to deny this."

Mahr and environmental consultant Dan Garlick argued briefly that the tract has been disturbed because it was planted in timber in the 1960s but then Mahr abruptly withdrew his arguments.

"I think you can see from the public today that there is not a great desire for this type of project in that area," Commissioner Pinki Jackel said. "More density there is not what we need. We've put this on the agenda and put time and money into it this morning. Do you plan to take this back to planning and zoning?"

Mahr replied that "At this time, I have no intention to bring this back to planning and zoning. I don't really want to close all of the avenues until I spend more time researching this. I don't think my plan is adequate at this time."

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“We want to thank everybody for their help and all of the donations,” he said. “We have plenty of clothing, and we have shoes now. We’re trying to save some money for a trailer. We’re looking at some. We just haven’t had the chance to get up with the people about it. Right now, we don’t have any place to put furniture or household goods or anything like that.”

At the Dec. 2 meeting of the Franklin County Commission, Commissioner Bevin Putnal said Michael Brown told him there might be zoning issues if the family attempts to rebuild on the site.

“We’re trying to help these people who

have lost everything,” said County Planner Alan Pierce. “They had no insurance, probably because this was an older trailer. The land is now zoned for houses, not trailers, but they will be able to put a trailer back temporarily. Then we will try to get them some help constructing a new house from Habitat for Humanity or SHIPP”

Pruett said, “Allison is a sweetheart. When we’ve had flooding and other disasters, she’s been on the four-wheeler up in the woods making sure people had food and water and what they needed. I hope people are going to reciprocate. If somebody wants to help them rebuild, I will chip in.”



Linda Raffield, left, and Joyce Estes are at odds over construction work being done on the new Eastpoint library.



**LIBRARY** from page A1

Bayshore Drive, and southwest of Hickory Dip Road, in Eastpoint.

Estes charged that Raffield was harassing workers on the site, all of whom were working without compensation on behalf of the project to eventually build three buildings on site for a total of 15,000 square feet.

Out of an abundance of caution, County Planner Alan Pierce had ordered all work stopped in anticipation of a formal decision by Tom Franklin, who handles dredge and fill permitting for the northwest district of the Florida Department of Environmental protection.

Estes pleaded with commissioners to allow the construction work to proceed, stressing that a supply of sheet metal to build a one-story 5,000 square foot building was gathering dust and slowly deteriorating at Taylor’s Building Supply.

Estes said Raffield had gone on the site, which belongs to the county, and harassed workers as she took photos of the construction work. Estes also alleged Raffield had done so in concert with Bob Allen, owner of Sportsmen’s Lodge, which is just across from the library site. Allen has feuded with Estes over the proposed project ever since it first was announced several years ago.

“We have one violator in the county who continues to harass the library,” Estes said. “He’s probably the biggest violator in the county. I’m talking about Bob Allen.”

Estes said contractor C.W. Roberts has pulled his work crew off of another job to do the Eastpoint work and now is being affected by the work stoppage.

“I have told people from the start I would not do this (project) unless it’s done right,” said a tearful Estes. “If you want me to quit, I’ll quit. I’m tired; I don’t usually get this emotional.”

When Raffield rose to speak, she took exception to the charges that she had harassed anyone on site and said her investigation into what she saw as wetlands desecration was prompted by her personal concern.

“No one was harassed,” she said. “I’m concerned with any wetlands being destroyed, as we all are. If you had been there out there yesterday and seen what I saw, it looks like a war zone.

“It’s nothing personal against anybody. I wouldn’t care if it was Jeb Bush’s property, or George Bush’s. It doesn’t matter to me whose property it is. It’s not that I’m against the library,” she said.

“I’m not the only one concerned that if you allow one thing to go in and be built, you’re going to be allowing something else,” Raffield said. “My concern is wetlands and pictures are worth 1,000 words. I was doing the right thing for the right reasons, and she took it personally.”

To smooth things over, Commissioner Pinki Jackel, in whose district the project will be built, invited the public to come by the site Nov. 20 and observe as Franklin investigated the project on behalf of DEP.

**DEP inspection takes place two days early**

As it turned out, Franklin paid a visit to the site on Wednesday morning, Nov. 19, conducting the field inspection ahead of schedule.

“He found no violations, and he told us to continue work as permitted,” said County Engineer Dan Rothwell. “He and I walked the site together and thrashed our way through the woods.”

Rothwell noted that Franklin based his conclusions on state DEP criteria that take into consideration such things as soil type, foliage and plant type and standing water.

“The areas delineated as wetlands, there’s no construction near them,” he said. “The construction is on the uplands.”

Rothwell said Franklin looked over

the areas where workers had excavated ponds to construct retention ponds, designed to retain water and treat it for water quality.

“That water does not normally flow out of it, but beyond a certain height, it will percolate in the ground,” he said.

This type of pond differs from a detention pond, which detains water and allows it to release from the pond at a given rate, usually not to exceed the rate prior to development, Rothwell said.

Raffield said she accepted the decision by DEP but had several questions about it.

“I still don’t think it’s right.. I don’t have a whole lot of choice in the matter but to accept it,” she said, adding that she felt DEP’s decision to come two days ahead of schedule was wrong.

“My question with that if there’s nothing wrong with it, then why then was it done on Wednesday? And why wasn’t the public invited?” she said. “I’m afraid that if there were more people who saw what I saw, they might have been in agreement with me.”

Wayne Thomas, owner of R.W. Thomas Construction, who is the contractor on the project, said the present work includes putting in a road, stabilizer and berms, as well as two holding ponds and drainpipe. “Then we’re going to start the foundation,” he said.

He said steel for the building was part of a donation worth more than \$20,000 from the estate of the late Tom Hoffer. Before his death, Hoffer had plans to build a movie theatre in Eastpoint, but that project since has been shelved, and the steel was part of the initial purchase for that construction, Thomas said.

Taylor had been holding the building materials until the grading was done.

“It’s been sitting over there for almost a year now,” Thomas said. “We have had this approved a year ago to do this project, after Dan Garlick (did the environmental work), Preble-Rish designed the site and Johnson and Peterson did the building’s architecture.”

Raffield said she was within her rights to question the accuracy of Garlick’s work. “Not everybody agrees with Dan as to what is wetlands and what is not,” she said.

Thomas said the recent delays occurred when the construction crew, which is doing the work pro bono, asked the county to haul away debris to landfill, and the county volunteered to help.

“It has taken free work to make this come true,” said Rothwell. “Part of the county function was to help haul off construction debris. There were some soils that had too much biological entity in them that the county hauled for them, so the library didn’t have to pay a contractor for that.”

Thomas said the delay was uncalled for. “Miss Linda trespassed and looked over and started harassing guys on tractors, that they were digging in wetlands,” he said. “All of a sudden it got to be a big issue. But the DEP never said for us to stop work. We were not outside our boundaries and that was totally wrong to stop us and interrupt what we’re doing.”

Thomas said the project is being done in stages, with the current stage taking about another two months. “We’ll have to get donations again,” he said. “We have a long ways to go. We want to get this building up before anything happens.

“Everything that’s being done here is being donated,” he said. “All donated labor, gas, money. It didn’t come out of Franklin County people’s pocket. I talked to a second homeowner and they think it’s a wonderful thing to benefit all of Franklin County.”

Eventually the project will include boardwalks and pavilion, and a deck overlooking wetlands. Thomas said he understood that the Apalachicola Riverkeeper was in the process of getting a grant to complete this work.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED RULE BY THE EASTPOINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT SETTING RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS AND ESTABLISHING A SURCHARGE FOR USERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT’S SERVICE AREA BUT OUTSIDE THE TAXING BOUNDARY OF THE DISTRICT**

In accordance with Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, the EASTPOINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT (“the District”) hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt rules related to the rates for water and sewer customers and a surcharge for customers outside the taxing boundary of the District, but within the District’s service area.

The purpose and effect of the rule is to provide a method for the District to (i) set rates for water and sewer base facility charges and usage charges, (ii) determine the appropriate percentage surcharge to impose on water and sewer customers outside the taxing boundary of the District but within the District’s service area and (iii) establish late fees and disconnection procedures. Specific legal authority for the rule includes the District’s Charter and Section 120.54 Florida Statutes.

The rates proposed for adoption are as follows:

**Water Service User Rates**

**a. Base Facility Charge.**

User Category	Monthly Rate
Residential	Base Facility Charge: \$11.40
Commercial	Base Facility Charge: \$14.40
Industrial	Base Facility Charge: \$14.40

**b. Water Usage Rates.** In addition to the Base Facility Charge, each customer shall be charged an additional water usage fee based on the following rates:

Gallons Used	Rate
0-4000	\$1.50/1000 gallons
4001-8000	\$1.75/1000 gallons
8001-16,000	\$2.00/1000 gallons
16,001-32,000	\$2.25/1000 gallons
32,001-64,000	\$2.50/1000 gallons
645,001 +	\$2.75/1000 gallons

**c. Sanitary Sewer Services User Fees**

User Category	Monthly Rate
Residential	\$12.40 + \$1.50 per 1000 gallons of water usage.
Commercial (Retail establishments and professional offices)	\$19.50 + \$2.50 per 1000 gallons of water usage
Industrial	\$19.50 + \$3.50 per 1000 gallons of water usage.

**d. Surcharge for connections outside the District Limits**

A surcharge of 40 percent (40%) will be added to the water sewer user fees of those users outside the district boundaries.

**TIME AND DATE:** Tuesday, December 16, 2008  
4:00 p.m.

**PLACE** District Office  
40 Island Drive  
Eastpoint, Florida 32328

If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at a public hearing held in response to a request for such a public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is based. Anyone needing special accommodations in order to participate in the meeting should contact the District offices at the number below to make arrangements prior to the meeting.

One or more Supervisors may participate in the public hearing by telephone. At the above location, if a public hearing is requested, there will be present a speaker telephone so that any interested party can attend the public hearing at the above location and be fully informed of the discussions taking place either in person or by speaker telephone device.

A copy of the proposed Rule and Statement of Estimated Regulatory Cost may be obtained by contacting the District Office, 40 Island Drive, Eastpoint, Florida 32328 or by calling (850) 670-8177.

# Seahawks open at home with win over Mosley

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Led by a threesome of seniors, the Franklin County Seahawks varsity boys basketball team opened the 2008-09 season with a 78-43 win over Mosley at home Nov. 25.

Senior Jeremy James scored 24 points, senior Deshaun Winfield added 21 and senior Zan Simmons came off the bench to kick in a dozen as the Seahawks played their first ever regular season game in the new gymnasium.

Coach Fred Drake's squad came out running and burst to a 17-2 first quarter lead. "I wanted to speed the tempo up so we started out pressing full court, man-to-man. That played to our strength where we can speed the game up and we can run back and forth," he said.

The Seahawks outscored their opponents 25-15 in the second quarter to stake a 42-17 halftime lead.



JEREMY JAMES

DESHAUN WINFIELD

ZAN SIMMONS

"We pushed the ball real well. They looked good," said Drake.

Mosley outscored the Seahawks 14-13 in the third quarter but it had little effect on the eventual outcome. "At times in the third quarter we came out a little sluggish on defense," said Drake. "I guess with that big lead we had we came out sluggish out of the gate."

The defense came alive in the fourth quarter for Franklin County, as they outscored Mosley 21-12 to seal the 35-point win. "I was

impressed with our defense in the first half and the fourth quarter," said Drake.

The 49 points out of the three Seahawks seniors were augmented by those generated by two other players, freshman Carlos Morris and junior Austin O'Neal. O'Neal finished with 13 points and five rebounds, while Morris tallied 13 points, nine rebounds, eight steals, two blocks and four assists. "He was close to a triple double," said Drake.

Winfield added six rebounds, Simmons three rebounds and two steals and James four assists. Mosley's Fred Brown scored 13 points, Darryus Stewart had 11 and Ryan Seiler added nine.

While Seahawks junior Arron Prince didn't add much scoring, "he did a good job of running the offense," said Drake. "His main job is running the offense and not to turn the ball over. The point guard play was decent."

The coach said he also found a lot to like in the team's play on the boards. "We've been rebounding well," he said. "Our boxing-out is

fundamentally sound, making us able to get the rebound."

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, the Seahawks were at home against Panama City Arnold, a Class 4A squad in the same district as Godby, Bay, Rickards and East Gadsden.

"This is going to give us a picture of what we're going to see against Maclay," said Drake. "Everybody is going to be big, and this will be an early season measuring point of where we stand."

On Thursday, Dec. 4, the Seahawks were slated to travel to Tallahassee to face North Florida Christian, although with North Florida still in the playoff hunt for a state football championship, there was a possibility may be rescheduled.

Drake said he remains concerned about how all the Seahawks will fare against teams that feature both height as well as tough defensive pressure. "I won't get to find out until we play good teams that play that," he said.

## TOUGH FINISH FOR A TOUGH TEAM



Photo by DAVID ADLERSTEIN

Freshman Chris Granger takes a knee in the Seahawks' final game of the season against Walton County earlier this month. For the second year in a row, the Seahawks were winless, but with a core of young players like Granger coming up, who have braved the tough losses and come back strong, next year's fortunes look brighter.

## This Week with the Seahawks

Thursday, Dec. 4

**Seahawks Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball** at Tallahassee North Florida Christian. First district match-up. JV tipoff 4:30 p.m.; varsity 7:30 p.m.

**Lady Seahawks Varsity Basketball** at Tallahassee North Florida Christian. First district match-up. Varsity 6 p.m.

**Middle School Girls and Boys Basketball** at home vs. Tolar. Tipoff 3:30 p.m.

**ABC School Eagles Middle School Boys Basketball** at home against Wewahitchka. Tipoff 5 p.m.

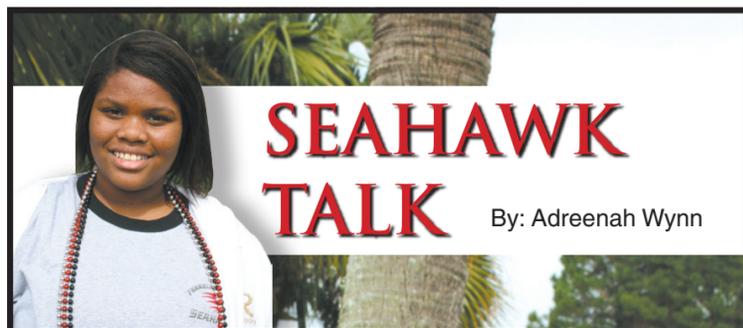
Friday, Dec. 5

**Middle School Girls and Boys Basketball** away at Port St. Joe. Tipoff at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8

**Seahawks Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball** at home vs. Blountstown. JV tipoff at 6 p.m.; varsity 7 p.m.

**ABC School Eagles Middle School Boys Basketball** at home against Tolar. Tipoff 4 p.m.



## Meet the teams

On Friday Nov. 21, the Seahawks had a "meet the team" rally in the gym, so we could meet the upcoming players. With football ending and basketball starting we have good things to look forward to. The boys varsity basketball team is doing good so far and the team consists of Arron Prince, Marcus Allen, Carlos Morris, Brandon Hand, Adam Joseph, AJ Arnold, Deshaun Winfield, Tyron Wynn, Alexander Simmons, Michael Turner, Austin O'Neal, Zach Peters, Jeremy James, Dalin Modican, and AJ Williams. Let's make a comeback.

The girls varsity basketball team is also coming together and the players are Khrystal Davis, Ashley Myers, Quanteka Croom, Oneika Lockley, Haley Lemieux, Joy Carrino, Patricia Golden, Monet Moron, and Tasia Simmons. Go GIRLS! The varsity teams are doing well.

The boys junior varsity team players are Deandre Robinson, Chance Bufkin, Lakota Humble, Adrian Hendels, AJ Allen, Marquez Williams, Austin Larkin, and Makenzie Wilson.

Middle school is also showing us what they've got. The middle school boys basketball team players are Skylar Hutchinson, Roy Williams, Zach Howze, Jamie Golden, Leonard Green, David Butler, Tyler Rowell, and Teran Allen. They have good games to come.

The middle school girls basketball team is also ready to start the season off. Their team consists of Dixie Bach, Ashley Carroll, Andrea Cupid, Katarena Davidson, Julie D, Carla Dean, Keaton Hersey, Anna Lee, Samantha Marxsen, Stephanie Marxsen, Meagan McClain, Haleigh Ming, Shelby Myers, Myesha Campbell, and Dysheriah Key.

Some upcoming home games are Dec. 4, Middle School Boys and Girls play Tolar at 3:30 p.m.; Dec. 8, JV/V play Blountstown at 6/7:30 p.m.; Dec. 12 Middle School Boys and Girls play ABC at 5 p.m.; Dec. 16 high school girls play Wakulla at 5:30/7 p.m.; Dec. 19 high school girls play Mosley at 5:30/6 p.m.

Please support our Seahawks. We are making a comeback. Keep up the good works SEAHAWKS!

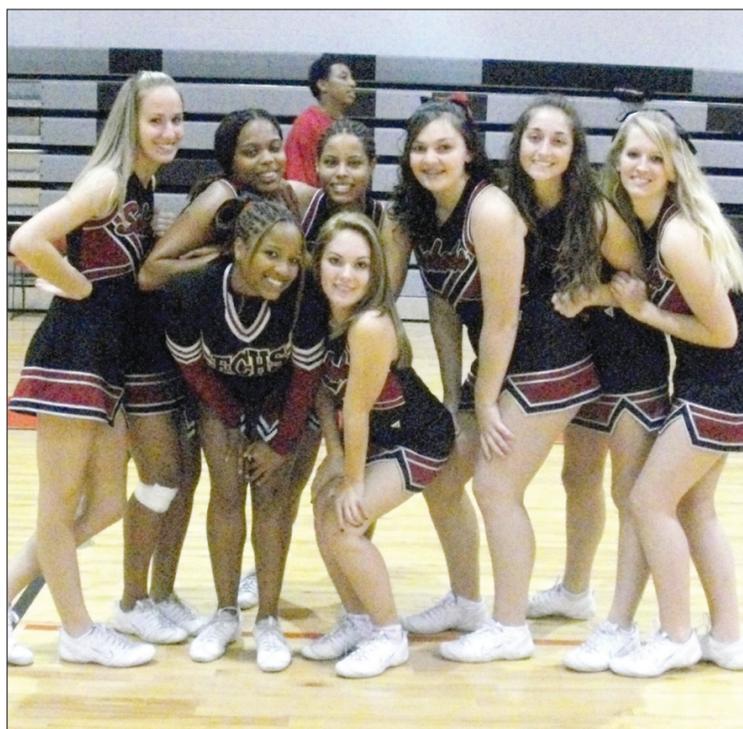


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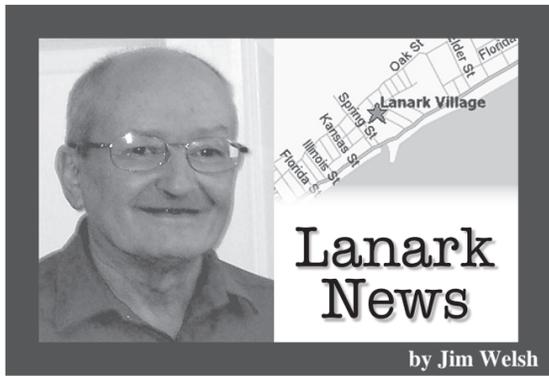
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# Lanark News

by Jim Welsh

Church in the village years ago. Was good seeing them. Martin and Jesse Yur and David and Elizabeth Demastis also joined us. Earline Massey won a door prize, a lap quilt and Margaret Stitts won a cruise. Bud Godburn won the Christmas Quilt, made and donated by Jean Sowell. Thanks for the turkeys, Cheryl. After dinner and clean up, Rick, Barbara, Jack, JR, went back to the hall to start on the floor. Be kind to one another and check in on the sick and housebound, and keep Christ in Christmas. Until next time, God Bless America, our troops, the poor, homeless and hungry.

Did that cold snap we had earlier, put you in the holiday spirit? Chillas Hall is looking good! New paint job inside and new floor. The windows will be next. Drop by for coffee some morning.

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving. There were 60-plus at the hall for dinner. The food was great and we all enjoyed the afternoon. David and Janet McGrath joined us. David was the pastor at Community



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**BIRTHDAY FISH:** Local dance studio impresario Pam Nobles went fishing on her birthday, Thursday, Nov. 20 and got a gift from the sea. Capt. James Maxwell took Pam out fishing and when they were close to Bird Island near St. Vincent, Nobles caught this 39 1/2 inches Bull Red Fish. The fish weighed an estimated 30 lbs, but in keeping with the law, Nobles released the fish back into the water. What a way to celebrate!

**NEWS HERALD SUNDAY**  
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## BLACK FRIDAY, *silver lining*



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Top left, Trey (left) and Monty Miller of Apalachicola waited in line on Friday night to whisper their wishes in Santa's ear. Top right, Santa Patriotis and elf reminded everyone of the upcoming performance of "Christmas Shoes" Dec. 6-7. Bottom left, Elias Cherrier-Vickers of Eastpoint carried a little early favor with the big guy by bringing along a pizza for Santa to snack on. Bottom right, carolers from the Panhandle Players serenaded the children waiting in line for Santa.

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Despite dire predictions and looming concern over the economy, many Franklin County merchants were satisfied with Black Friday sales this year.

Black Friday refers to the day after Thanksgiving, so called because many retailers begin to turn a profit on that day, moving from "red ink" to "black ink." Sales for the day are seen as a key harbinger for the overall holiday season.

Harry Arnold, owner of the Tin Shed, said that Friday, Nov. 29, "was probably the store's best day ever. We had people steadily coming through all day and when we shut down after 7 p.m. there were still people in here."

The Owl Cafe reportedly served up more than 300 meals.

Joe Taylor, owner of Avenue E and Blue, in downtown Apalachicola said

sales were down about 30 percent from last year, but "given the state of the economy, I'm pleased with that."

Anita Grove, director of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, said Taylor echoed the sentiments of many local business people she had spoken to.

Sales here were undoubtedly bolstered by the influx of people attending the Historic Apalachicola Annual Christmas Celebration. Several hundred children, many from out-of-state waited in line on Friday evening to sit on Santa's knee, and this year, the old elf made a return visit on Saturday, arriving by fire truck in spite of the bad weather.

"We've been coming here for at least 10 years for the celebration," said Bill Hopkins, of Atlanta. "As long as we have kids of the right age, we'll continue to come."

This year, in addition to the tree lighting and caroling, there were booths set up all over town. The Humane Society

was on hand with kittens and puppies in need of a home. Three Soldiers Detail sold t-shirts and BBQ. Author Evelyn Gilmer of Tallahassee set up a tent to tout her book, "Maggie the beagle with a broken tail." The Honey Hole served warm canapés and offered shoppers sips of wine and vodka.

The Franklin County experience seems to echo national reports on the big shopping day. ShopperTrak, a firm specializing in tracing retail sales and predicting trends, said in a report Saturday that preliminary sales for Black Friday totaled \$10.6 billion.

"This year's rise in sales, while lower than the 8 percent increase seen for the day last year, comes despite plummeting consumer sentiment data and other economic turmoil," ShopperTrak wrote. "Retailers should be cautiously optimistic as deep discounts drove consumers en masse to various retail locations to spend, despite myriad economic pressures seen over the last two months."

## History of the Christmas tree

The idea of sacred trees or groves is an ancient one harking back to pagan times.

Patron trees like Thor's Oak held special significance for the ancient Germanic tribes, appearing throughout historic accounts as sacred symbols and objects. In Scandinavia the Germanic pagan kings sacrificed nine males of each species at the sacred groves every ninth year.

Throughout all the ages, evergreen plants were used for decoration in the winter, including laurel, mistletoe and conifer. Trees had a cultural importance like the maypole. In Europe, when the practice of setting up evergreen trees originated in pagan times, the tradition was associated with the Winter Solstice, around Dec. 21. Tree decoration was later adopted into Christian practice after the church set Dec. 25 as the birth of Christ, thereby supplanting the pagan celebration of the

solstice.

Tradition credits Saint Boniface with the invention of the Christmas tree. The Oak of Thor at Geismar was chopped down by Boniface in a stage-managed confrontation with the old gods and local heathen tribes. A fir tree growing in the roots of the Oak was claimed by Boniface as a new symbol. "This humble tree's wood is used to build your homes: let Christ be at the centre of your households. Its leaves remain evergreen in the darkest days: let Christ be your constant light. Its boughs reach out to embrace and its top points to heaven: let Christ be your Comfort and Guide."

The modern custom of erecting a Christmas tree can be traced to 16th century Germany, though neither an inventor nor a single town can be identified as the sole origin for the



Photo by LOIS SWOBODA

This tree decorated with treasures from the garden by Amanda Kollar of Gardens Inc. in Apalachicola's bowery and local artist Leslie Wallace Coon is on display with four others at the Raney House Museum.

See TREE B3

## Don't let holiday hazards ruin celebration

The holiday season is here and along with it comes food, fun, festivities, and decorations. These busy moments coupled with excited children, rushed parents, a change in routine, and entertaining holiday guests may set up potentially dangerous poisoning situations.

Since food is an important part of the holiday celebrations, the staff of the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center - Jacksonville wants you to be aware of the potential for bacterial food poisoning that may pose a threat during this time.

Bacterial food poisoning is a mild illness that usually develops within a few hours but may also be delayed up to a few days after eating the contaminated food. Symptoms include fever, headache, diarrhea, stomach pain and vomiting, and usually do not require any special treatment. These symptoms generally will go away in 12 to 24 hours. The bacteria is normally asso-

ciated with meat, fish, or dairy products that have been allowed to thaw improperly, that have come in contact with dirty work utensils or work areas, or with unwashed hands.

•Turkey is a traditional favorite food during the holiday season, but if not prepared properly, can be a haven for bacteria. Simple precautions to take include:

•Do not thaw turkey at room temperature; this allows for bacterial growth. Thaw the frozen turkey in the refrigerator unwrapped allowing one day of thawing for every four to five pounds of turkey.

•Do not partially cook turkey one day and continue roasting the next day.

•Refrigerate separately turkey, gravy, stuffing, and other leftovers after the meal; room temperature is not sufficient. Use leftover turkey, stuffing

See HAZARDS B3

## Renae Martina, Christopher Bridges to wed



Alvin and Kathy Martina, of Apalachicola, would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Betty Renae Martina, to Christopher Benarr Bridges, son of Denise Johnson, of Bristol, and Bernarr Bridges, of Altha.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008 at 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 46 Ninth Street, in Apalachicola. A reception

will follow at the Fort Coombs Armory.

The bride is the granddaughter of Red and Betty Hilton, of Eastpoint, and the late Buddy and Evelyn Martina, of Apalachicola.

Groom is the grandson of Bruce Bridges and the late Quinon Bridges, of Blountstown, and the late William and Lora Ann Barfield, of Bristol.

All friends and family are invited.

## Congratulations, Briana Garrett

Congratulations to Briana Faith Garrett. She won Supreme Queen and Best Sportswear in her age group, for girls 9 to 11 years old, in the Forgotten Coast Christmas Pageant.



## Congratulations, Destiny Garrett



Congratulations to Destiny Grace Garrett. She won Mini Queen and Best Sportswear in the Forgotten Coast Christmas Pageant in her age group, for girls 5 and 6 years old.

## Happy birthday, Dolores Croom



Dolores Croom will celebrate her birthday on Friday, Dec. 5.

Wishing a happy birthday from her husband, Granville. I love you.

## PET OF THE WEEK



### Henry

Henry, a 3 1/2 month old kitten, arrived at the Adoption Center with his five siblings seven weeks ago. He is an exquisite, affectionate, playful boy current on his shots and has been neutered.

Call Kam at 670-8417 for more details or visit the Franklin County Humane Society at 244 State Route 65 in Eastpoint. You may log onto the website at [www.forgottenpets.org](http://www.forgottenpets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets.

Remember, when you adopt a friend for life, you not only save the life of that pet, you make room for us to save the life of one more abandoned dog or cat!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We are always in need of volunteers to spend time with the animals. The cats and dogs would love any spare time you have to give.

## Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership says 'Thank you' to volunteers

The Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership hosted a "Thank You Carrabelle" meeting Nov. 20 to celebrate and appreciate all of the hard work and efforts of hundreds of volunteers to create a vision plan for the Carrabelle Waterfront.

Now that many of the proposed projects are underway, there is a renewed sense of pride and excitement. Many of the projects are starting to gradually improve environmental protection, historic preservation and public access.

Lee Norris, an environmental scientist from Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc gave a presentation on the new projects to continue along the City Wharf area including a restroom, benches, bike racks, trash cans, an historical kiosk, a floating dock to help seniors and people with disabilities get on their boat are a few examples.

Implementation of drainage and storm water projects by the city continues to improve the quality of the water going out into the Bay. Invasive non-native plants are being eradicated along the waterfront and native saltwater plants have been installed along the seawall to stabilize the shoreline.

Beth LaCivita from Historic Florida Consulting discussed the methodology she would be using to survey the historical structures and archeological sites in Carrabelle. She has begun her research and is very excited about



Carrabelle celebrates its waterfront partnership last month. Pictured above, from left, are front row Barbara Butz, Tamara Allen, Georgia Russell, Suzanne Zimmerman, Dan Rosier, Arlene Oehler and Lee Norris. Back row, from left, are David Butler, Sheila Hauser, Mary Claire Lovell, Steve Allen, Mel Kelly, Andy Smith, Lisa Spooner and Joe Stephens. Photo courtesy of the Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership.

the project. There are extensive Native American mounds throughout this area demonstrating that this has been a desirable place to live for thousands of years. She will be seeking permission from property owners to survey locations identified in the research. This project is being paid for by a grant the Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership got for the City from the State Division of Historical Preservation.

Special appreciation was extended to the city commission and city administrator for their support the waterfront

projects. They have cleverly woven together a series of grants from a wide variety of sources to improve the city within the Waterfront District for its residents.

The Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership will continue projects and activities into 2009 with the second year of funding from the Department of Community Affairs, Environmental Protection and NOAA. Citizens interested in working on new projects in the coming months should contact the Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership at 697-2141.

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**Classified line ad:**  
Friday, Dec 19th - Close of business

**Early Deadlines for:**  
**Thursday, January 1st Issue**

**Ad with proof:**  
Friday, Dec 19th - 11:00am EDT

**Ad without proof:**  
Tuesday, Dec 23rd - 11:00am EDT

**Classified line ad:**  
Friday, Dec 26th - close of business

**Early Deadlines for:**  
**Thursday, January 8th Issue**

**Ad with proof:**  
Wednesday, Dec 31st - 11:00am EDT

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**Classified line ad:**  
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**George T. Butler Jr.**

George T. Butler, Jr., a longtime resident of Fishkill, NY, died unexpectedly at the age of 58 on Nov. 11 at St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh, NY.

He was born Sept. 29, 1950, in Yonkers, NY, to Doris Wallwork-Butler, now of Beacon, NY, and George T. Butler, Sr., of Apalachicola.

George was a graduate of Marist College, ultimately earning his master's in psychology. Before his retirement, he had a private practice in Fishkill.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sister, Darlene Ray, of Beacon, two half-brothers, Rhett Butler



George Butler Jr.

and his wife, LaDonna, and Shane Butler, both of Apalachicola; aunt and uncle, Joan and John Czech, of Ossining, NY; uncles, Milfred, Freddy and Raymond Butler; and aunts Sally Cummings, Nancy Coker and Betty Scott.

Also surviving are his niece, Alexis Ray, of Beacon, NY, and nephew, Michael Bradle, of Maryland; a cousin, Colleen Mullen, of Peekskill, NY; and brother-in-law, Timothy Bradle, of New Milford, CT. Numerous other nieces and nephews also survive him.

Funeral services were held Nov. 15.

**12-Step PROGRAMS**

**Thursday, Dec. 4**  
**Apalachicola Narcotics Anonymous.** 6 to 7 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church. Call 323-0974.

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** St. George Island Methodist Church. 7:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

**Friday, Dec. 5**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous.** Apalachicola. Trinity Episcopal Church. 5:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

**Carrabelle AA Group Meeting** at the Elder Care Services Building at 7:30 p.m. For information call 697 2837.

**Saturday, Dec. 6**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous.** Eastpoint Methodist Church. 7:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

**Sunday, Dec. 7**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous.** Eastpoint Methodist Church. 7:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

**Monday, Dec. 8**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous.** Apalachicola. Trinity Episcopal Church. 7:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

**Al-Anon Apalachicola** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church. Call 653-3153.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9**  
**Apalachicola Narcotics Anonymous** at Trinity Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. Call 323-0974

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** Apalachicola. Trinity Episcopal Church. 5:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

**Carrabelle AA Group Meeting** at the Elder Care Services Building at 7:30 p.m. Call 697 2837

**Wednesday, Dec. 10**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous.** Apalachicola's Trinity Episcopal Church. Women's Group at 6 p.m. Men's Group at 7:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

**Thursday, Dec. 11**  
**Apalachicola Narcotics Anonymous.** 6 to 7 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church. Call 323-0974.

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** St. George Island Methodist Church. 7:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

**Christmas shoes at Dixie Theatre this weekend**

The Cooperative Parish of First United Methodist Church and St. George Island United Methodist Church present "Christmas Shoes" at the Dixie Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m.

"Christmas Shoes" is a universal story of the deep meaning of destiny, of

sharing humanity, and carries an important message that sometimes the smallest things in life can make all the difference so don't wait for the big, materialistic opportunities in life. Open your eyes and you will believe in miracles!

Experience the sights and sounds of Christmas in this beautiful Broadway-

type production. Solos by Smokey Parrish, Jathan Martin, Katie Galloway, Temolynn Wintons, April Patriotis, Dusty Turner, Frances Campbell, Tamara Marsh, and Cynthia Rhew, along with the combined choirs of First United Methodist Church of Apalachicola and St. George Island United Methodist Church highlight

this musical production. Tickets are on sale at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce or by calling Missy at 927-2088 or 653-9530. Tickets will also be available at the Dixie Theatre box office before each show. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.



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**A MEMORABLE HOLIDAY MEAL:** It was a memorable Thanksgiving for more than 100 elderly and homebound Franklin County residents, as the Meals on Wheels program once again teamed up with Apalachicola's Owl Café to make sure a festive meal was on their tables. Owl Café owners Susan and Cassie Gary and staffers cooked up a delicious meal of roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy and pumpkin pie, and with the help of about a dozen volunteers, made sure the meals arrived hot at homes throughout the county. In photo above, from right to left, Ron Gempel, from Carrabelle Junction, Anita Grove, from the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, and Sally Williamson serve up the meals into containers in the dining area of the Owl Café.

**LOVE CENTER HOSTS CHRISTMAS PAGEANTRY**

The Love and Worship Center Church, 151 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Apalachicola, will host a pageantry and dance service on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to take part and to come join in "His Glory One Night With the King."

This Christmas event is coordinated by Sister Betty Stephens.

For more information, call 653-2203.

**Carrabelle holds home, business decorating contest**

It's time to untangle the lights, bring out the staple gun and let your imagination and decorating talents run wild.

The Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce announces their annual holiday decorating contest for area homes and busi-

nesses. Residents from St. James Bay Golf Course to Lighthouse Estates, plus local businesses, can obtain an application from the Chamber of Commerce office at 105 St. James Avenue and mail it to: Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce, P O Draw-

er DD, Carrabelle, FL 32322.

Winners will be announced Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Holiday on the Harbor bandstand, and the awards can be picked up at the Chamber Office on Dec. 15 or later. Deadline for signing up is Dec. 8. Please

contact the Chamber Office at 697-2585 or email chamber@netally.com for further information. Judging to be the night of Thursday, Dec. 11.

Cash prizes for homes and public recognition signage for businesses. Please help light up our city!

**TREE from page A1**

tradition, which was a popular merging of older traditions mentioned above.

In the early 19th century, the custom became popular among the nobility and spread to royal courts as far as Russia. Princess Henrietta of Nassau-Weilburg introduced the Christmas tree to Vienna in 1816, and the custom spread across Austria in the following years. In France, the first Christmas tree was introduced in 1840 by the duchess d'Orléans.

In Britain, the Christmas tree was introduced when George III married Queen Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz but the custom did not spread much beyond the royal family. Queen Victoria as a child was familiar with the custom. In her journal for Christmas Eve 1832, the delighted 13-year-old princess wrote, "After dinner... we then went into the drawing-room near the dining-room...There were two large round tables on which were placed two trees hung with lights and sugar ornaments. All the presents being placed round the trees." After her marriage to her German cousin, Prince Albert, the practice of erecting a Christmas tree became even more widespread.

Several cities in the United States with German connections lay claim to that country's first Christmas tree: Windsor Locks, Connecticut, claims that a Hessian soldier put up a Christmas tree in

1777 while imprisoned at the Noden-Reed House, while the "First Christmas Tree in America" is also claimed by Easton, PA, where German settlers purportedly erected a Christmas tree in 1816.

August Imgard, a German immigrant living in Wooster, OH, was the first to popularize the practice of decorating a tree with candy canes. In 1847, Imgard cut a blue spruce tree, and had the Wooster village tinsmith construct a star. He placed the tree in his house, decorating it with paper ornaments and candy canes. The National Confectioners' Association officially recognizes Imgard as the first ever to put candy canes on a Christmas tree; the canes were all-white, with no red stripes. Imgard is buried in the Wooster Cemetery, and every year, a large pine tree above his grave is lit with Christmas lights.

The United States' National Christmas Tree is lit each year on the South Lawn of the White House. Today, the lighting of the National Christmas Tree is part of what has become a major holiday event at the White House.

Traditionally, Christmas trees were not brought in and decorated until Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), and then removed the day after twelfth night (Jan. 6); to have a tree up before or after these dates was even considered bad luck.

**Card of Thanks — Langley Family Benefit**

I would like to personally thank everyone that helped make the benefit for Billy Ray Langley such a success. Without the help of our tight knit community, this would not have been possible and I am proud to say that we raised \$4,351, enough to pay his funeral bill. There are so many people that I would like to thank for your help and donations of supplies, some we asked and others just stepped up.

I would like to give a special Thank You to Ricky and Brandy Banks, Barbers Sea-

food, Mark at ACE Hardware, Sherril McCalpin, Bonnie Langley, Taylor's Building Supply and The Church of God in Eastpoint. It is times like this that make you realize just how many friends and family that you have and how everyone comes together to help out when you need them. We would also like to thank John Golden for the Net he donated to be raffled off.

God Bless you all for your help in Cecil and Star's time of grief.

Sincerely  
**Vickie McCalpin**

**HAZARDS from page A1**

and gravy within three days of cooking.

Also during this season, be mindful of common holiday poisoning hazards that could be dangerous to your children. Remind your holiday guests to keep medications up and out of reach and sight of young children.

As you trim the tree and host your party, remember the following:

**DECORATIONS**

Family heirlooms, antique ornaments as well as older, artificial Christmas trees may contain lead.

Bubble lights may contain

methylene chloride which could be toxic if swallowed.

The use of artificial snow can cause respiratory problems if not used in a well-ventilated area.

Angel hair, made of spun glass, is irritating to the eyes and skin.

Lamp oils can be toxic if contents enter the lungs. Artificial tree scents and tree preservatives often contain alcohol and other irritants, and can be dangerous if swallowed or sprayed into the eyes.

Gift-wrap, hobby glues, and batteries can block a child's airway if swallowed.

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Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis

# State agencies partner to reduce number of truck, bus crashes

Colonel John Czernis, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, has announced the start of a statewide traffic enforcement operation aimed to reduce unsafe driving acts that contribute to crashes. The primary focus of the operation will be driving acts that cause crashes that involve large trucks and school buses.

The operation is a joint effort with the Florida Department of Transportation, Motor Carrier Compliance Office. It is part of a series of long-term enforcement efforts that focus on top priority traffic safety issues to help reduce deaths and injuries on Florida's roadways.

"During this operation, FHP troopers and Motor Carrier Compliance officers will be watching for unsafe drivers, especially those who contribute to collisions between passenger vehicles and large trucks or school buses," said Czernis. "We certainly recognize that the vast majority of commercial motor vehicle operators drive in a responsible and law abiding manner. However, because of vehicle size, weight and the type of cargo hauled by commercial vehicles, the potential for causing significant damage to other vehicles or property is very real. Therefore, it is imperative that commercial truck drivers obey state and federal laws and regulations meant to protect their safe passage and that of the motoring public."

Florida traffic data from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles show that last year commercial motor vehicles were involved in more than 18,000 crashes that resulted in 365 fatalities. Drivers of smaller vehicles, motorcyclists,

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Florida Highway Patrol Director

bicyclists and pedestrians are all at a considerable disadvantage when involved in collisions with large trucks.

For the operation, all available FHP personnel will be on the road tracking traffic law violators using laser, radar, video cameras, motorcycles, and unmarked patrol vehicles. FHP pilots will be on patrol spotting violators from the air and directing troopers on the ground to pull them over to initiate appropriate enforcement action.

FHP would like to remind all motorists to move over when approaching patrol cars, emergency vehicles or tow trucks parked on the roadside displaying flashing lights.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles offers safety tips on sharing the road, school bus safety and much more on the Safety First Web page at [www.flhsmv.gov/SafetyTips/](http://www.flhsmv.gov/SafetyTips/).

## ANERR hosts derelict crab trap cleanup

The fourth annual Apalachicola Bay Derelict Crab Trap Cleanup is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 11.

This is an Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) organized event, approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Apalachicola Bay is an essential habitat for blue crabs. From 1994 through Oct. 2008 approximately 4.82 million pounds of blue crabs and approximately 360,816 pounds of soft-shelled blue crabs were landed in Franklin County.

Blue crabs are harvested both recreationally and commercially year round using shallow water coated metal traps. These traps can become hazards to humans and marine life when the buoy is separated from its trap due to boat props, storms, vandalism, or abandonment by fisherman.

The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission estimates that 250,000 derelict blue crab traps are added to Gulf of Mexico waters each year. Once traps are separated from their buoys, they are difficult to see from the water's surface. Therefore, derelict traps can often be navigational hazards to boaters. A derelict trap continues

to trap marine life including blue crabs, stone crabs, commercial and recreational fish, and other marine life.

In the past three cleanup events, 894 derelict traps were removed from the Apalachicola Bay area. ANERR, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), FWC, and volunteers removed derelict crab traps. Traps were retrieved according to guidelines established in the FWC Commission Rule 68B-55.002, F.A.C. The retrieved traps lacked a buoy, a line, a current license, a required tag for identification and the endorsement number, or were non-fishable debris.

It is illegal to tamper with traps that do not belong to you. Tampering with traps or their contents, lines or buoys without express written consent from the trap owner or a pre-approved Commission plan authorizing removal or traps in a specific area could result in the permanent revocation of your fishing privileges, a \$5,000 civil penalty assessment by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and 3rd degree felony thru the judicial system.

To volunteer for the cleanup (by Dec. 5) or for further information, please contact Nicole at the ANERR office: phone 670-4785 ext.125; email [nicole.selly@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:nicole.selly@dep.state.fl.us)

# SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests are made by officers from the following county, and state law enforcement agencies: Apalachicola (APD), Carrabelle (CPD), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FLDOACS). All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### Nov. 21

Joshua I. Pilotti, 19, Apalachicola, failure to appear and no valid driver's license (FCSO)

Zachary J. Paul, 22, Apalachicola, sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

Johnathan B. Gay, 10, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis (FCSO)

### Nov. 22

Jimmy L. Ward, 39, Mexico Beach, disorderly intoxication and driving while license suspended or revoked (APD)

Glenn A Richards, Jr., 19, Eastpoint, possession of paraphernalia, (FCSO)

### Nov. 23

Rodney D. Mullins, 33, Carrabelle, driving while license suspended or revoked, and reckless driving (APD)]

### Nov. 24

Kenneth D. Turner, 48, Apalachicola, sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

William D. Coatney, 52, Sumatra, DUI, driving while license suspended or revoked, and giving false name or ID to an officer (FCSO)

### Nov. 26

William D. Snelgrove, 32, Valdosta, GA, violation of probation (FCSO)

John C. Cooper, 48, Carrabelle, failure to appear (FCSO)

### Nov. 28

Bianca Richardson, 29, Theodore, AL, violation of probation (FCSO)

### Nov. 29

Alvin T. Wilson, 19, Apalachicola, public affray (APD)

Clozell A. Richardson, 34, Apalachicola, public affray (APD)

Dallas B. Barber, 44, Carrabelle, burglary of a dwelling - person

assaulted, and battery (FCSO)

Cody B. Barber, 21, Carrabelle, battery (FCSO)

### Nov. 30

Joseph L. Chastain, 36, St. George Island, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, and introduction of contraband into a correctional facility (FCSO)

Rocco J. Scalone, 46, Largo, violation of probation (FCSO)

### Dec. 1

Paula M. Blan, 29, Apalachicola, criminal mischief (FCSO)

Demetrice Cummings, 35, Apalachicola, failure to appear (FCSO)

Kimberly P. Giddens, 25, Eastpoint, failure to appear (FCSO)

Claudette C. Mullins, 53, Apalachicola, violation of probation (APD)

Emory R. Ross Jr., 23, Apalachicola, battery, grand theft of a motor vehicle, and sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

# FWC cites deer dog hunters

Officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement have cited three hunters for running deer dogs out of season.

On Nov. 15, Officer Woody Cook and Lt. Charlie Wood were working in the Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area and the Apalachicola National Forest inspecting archery and small

game hunters.

While on patrol, they inspected 18 individuals. Three individuals were located running deer dogs outside the established season just west of the North Road in the Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area. The three individuals were each issued misdemeanor citations for the violation.

On Nov. 16, Officer Faris Livesay was performing

saltwater fishing license and fisheries inspections in eastern Franklin and western Wakulla counties. The inspections revealed violations with only two fishermen encountered by Livesay.

Citations and warnings were issued to the two fishermen for possession of undersized flounder, possession of undersized red drum, and over-the-bag limit of red drum.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Coastal Community Bank, d/b/a APALACHICOLA STATE BANK, a Division of Coastal Community Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.  
ERIC L. DATRY,  
Defendant.

CASE NO. 08-000274-CA

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 24, 2008, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-000274-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendant, ERIC L. DATRY, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 18th day of December, 2008, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Parcel 1: Lots 9 and 10 of Village Green By The Sea, Phase I, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 8, Pp. 10-11, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida; and

Parcel 2: Lot 69, Magnolia Shore Subdivision, more particularly described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Fractional Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida (marked by an old 6" x 6" concrete monument); thence run South 89 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds East along the South boundary of Fractional Section 19 for 810.3 feet to a concrete monument on the East right of way of North Bayshore Drive (State Road No. 65); thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes East along the East right of way of North Bayshore Drive 690.0 feet to a concrete monument on the North right of way of a 60 foot roadway; thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes East along the West right of way of North Bayshore Drive 690.0 feet to a concrete monument on the North right of way of a 60 foot roadway; thence run North 59 degrees 53 minutes West 524.46 feet to a point on the ordinary high water line on Eastern shore of Apalachicola Bay; thence run along the ordinary high water line in a Northeast direction to a point which is North 29 degrees 04 minutes East 172.8 feet; thence run South 59 degrees 53 minutes East 531.46 feet to a point on the West right of way of East Bay Drive; thence run South 31 degrees 34 minutes 30 seconds West

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along the West right of way of East Bay Drive 61.7 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; situate, lying and being in Fractional Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida; LESS AND EXCEPT: Commence at the Southwest corner of Fractional Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida; thence run South 89 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds East 810.30 feet to a concrete monument on the East right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive (State Road 65), thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East along the East right-of-way of north Bayshore Drive 2006.20 feet to a concrete monument, thence run North 59 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds West 80.00 feet to a concrete monument on the West right-of-way of north Bayshore Drive (right-of-way narrows from 100 feet to 60 feet at this point), thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East along the West right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive 690.00 feet on the North right-of-way of a 60.00 foot roadway, thence run North 59 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds West along the North right-of-way of said roadway 783.27 feet to the East right-of-way of East Bay Drive, thence run North 02 degrees 55 minutes 14 seconds East 126.28 feet to a concrete monument on the West right-of-way of said East Bay Drive, said point lying on a curve connect to the Southeast, thence run Southwesterly along said right-of-way boundary and along said curve with a radius of 11155.91 feet thru a central angle of 00 degrees 03 minutes 27 seconds for an arc distance of 11.18 feet, the chord of said arc being South 31 degrees 39 minutes 08 seconds West 11.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue Southwesterly along said right-of-way boundary and along said curve with a radius of 11155.91 feet thru a central angle of 00 degrees 03 minutes 27 seconds for an arc distance of 11.18 feet, the chord of said arc being South 31 degrees 39 minutes 08 seconds West 11.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue Southwesterly along said right-of-way boundary and along said curve with a radius of 11155.91 feet thru a central angle of 00 degrees 03 minutes 27 seconds for an arc distance of 11.18 feet, the chord of said arc being South 31 degrees 39 minutes 08 seconds West 11.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.  
JAN WAGENAAR, Defendant.

CASE NO: 08-000122-CA

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Summary Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

All of Block 4 of Kelley's Addition to the City of Carrabelle (a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 20, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida) lying West of Ridge Street, (also known as Block "32" of the Official Map of the City of Carrabelle.

Also: A parcel lying East of Ridge Street being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Intersection of the Easterly right-of-way boundary of Ridge Street with the Northerly right-of-way boundary of Avenue "D" (Osborn Avenue) and thence run North along the Easterly right-of-way boundary of Ridge Street 100.00 feet, thence run East 35.00 feet, thence run South 100.00 feet to the Northerly right-of-way boundary of Osborn Avenue, thence run West along said Northerly right-of-way boundary 35.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The undersigned surveyor has not been provided a current title opinion or abstract of matters affecting title or boundary to the subject property. It is possible there are deeds of records, unrecorded deeds, easements or other instruments which could affect the boundaries.

at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on December 18, 2008.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk November 27, December 4, 2008

**9337T REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board announces the availability of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) titled "Delivery of Specialized Program Services for Mandatory FSET Participants". The RFQ is to establish a contract between a professional firm to assist with the delivery and case management of the Food Stamps Employment and Training (FSET) program in Bay, Gulf, and Franklin Counties. It is intended that the contract will be negotiated for a period to be determined upon vendor selection.

The Board is seeking RFQ's from organizations capable of providing this service as expeditiously as possible and with the administrative capabilities to manage a comprehensive project, the ability to work closely with required community partners, and oper-

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