



General urges diplomacy Lauds 'Greatest Generation' for service in wartime

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

A retired Marine lieutenant general, whose 37-year career was forged in the crucible of Iwo Jima, urged county veterans last week to share with their churches and community a single message.

"You and I could not live as we live today if our veterans had not served as they did," said Lt. Gen. Lawrence Snowden, appearing as featured speaker at American Legion Post 106's annual appreciation dinner for World War II veterans, held at the Coombs Army in Apalachicola.

Snowden repeated the sentence several times, driving home the larger point of his message, that today's younger generation needs to gain a sharper understanding of this nation's legacy of large-scale sacrifice.

"It's been a virtual failure of leadership of the President that he hasn't asked our young people to do anything," said Snowden, a dapper man who looks several years younger than his age of 87.

"If you don't have a relative in the service, nobody's asking anything of you," he said. "Why aren't millions of young men and women stepping up to the plate? Ask them 'Am I suffering any inconvenience? Do I have any difficulty getting tires? Am I standing in line for ration stamps?'"

About 75 people gathered for the potluck dinner, with Snowden appearing following an invitation extended by Larry Hale, scoutmaster of Troop 22 on St. George Island and a former Marine who saw combat in Vietnam.

Hale's scouts presented the colors at the dinner, called to order by Legion Post Commander Al Mirabella. Sharon Philyaw sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and Chaplain Charles Scott, a Korean War veteran, gave the opening prayer.



Lt. Gen. Lawrence F. Snowden

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Before Snowden was introduced, Vietnam veteran Jimmy Mosconis, the long-serving county commissioner who spearheaded the creation of the Veter-

ans Memorial Plaza, spoke about a special program slated for this spring.

Following a slide show presentation of this summer's unveiling ceremony for the Three Servicemen Statue South, accompanied by a recording of soft piano music, Mosconis announced that from April 28 to May 3, 2009, the plaza would host a visit from the "Wall That Heals." This replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington will be accompanied by a small museum, and will visit over the same weekend as the annual Tour of Homes.

The evening also featured a slide show presentation of 88 of the county's World War II veterans, and the fallen heroes, put together by Patty Creamer, media specialist at the

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Christmas spirit



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Getting into the spirit of Christmas at Friday's Harvest Festival at the Franklin County School are, from left, first graders Morgan Malone, Allyson Emswiler, Shaylen Langley and Taylor Kilgore.

County receives hefty refund

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

At the Dec. 16 meeting of the Franklin County Commission, Craig McMillan of the Pat Thomas Agency presented the board with a check for almost \$74,000.

The Pat Thomas Agency is an affiliate of the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust. The Trust, sponsored and administered by the Florida League of Cities, provides workers' compensation, liability, auto, property and health insurance to governmental entities in Florida.

Owned by participating members, the Trust is one of the largest programs of its kind, covering 59 percent of the 412 towns, cities and villages in Florida.

In April 2008, the Trust announced it would refund \$10 million to its members in the form of premium adjustments. The check received by the commission is the county's share of this adjustment.

The program was limited to customers who had property insurance policies in 2006 and renewed their policies for the upcoming fiscal year. Recipients were offered the option of receiving a check or a credit.

According to the Trust's April press release, "These financial returns show what our customers already know; that there are clear benefits from dealing with a provider that stands on firm financial footing," said Michael Madden, managing director of the Trust. "Because the Trust is administered by a nonprofit organization, it offers benefits like this refund and provides its members with unparalleled financial security, peace of mind and value."

Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson said "The county has no definite plans for the money. It will be deposited into the board's account, possibly into the general fund. Hopefully this will make up for some of the revenue shortfalls."

McMillan said Apalachicola also received a check for approximately \$30,000 under the same rebate program. Carrabelle Clerk Keisha Smith said Carrabelle also received a \$35,000 rebate in the form a credit towards its insurance premium.



CRAIG MCMILLAN

Elections chief Gibbs honored upon retirement

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Last week Franklin County was proud to honor one of its favorite daughters at a series of celebrations on the eve of her retirement.

At the Dec. 16 meeting of the Franklin County Commission, Clerk of Court Marcia Johnson presented a plaque bearing a tribute to retiring Supervisor of Elections Doris Shiver Gibbs in commemoration of her 28 years of service to the county: (see sidebar)

"Listening to what she just read, I must be older than I am," said a tearful Gibbs after the resolution was read. "This is very touching and I certainly appreciate it."

"When I took office in 1981, we had one office and one desk and a typewriter that didn't even work. Now we're com-

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Doris Shiver Gibbs, centers, embraces her parents, Jeanette and Jamie Shiver, at the retirement reception at the Supervisor of Elections office Friday afternoon.

Scott confident in victory over blindness

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor



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Occupational therapist Linda Mangun, left, shows Veterans' Service Officer William Scott how to use a closed circuit TV device on his computer.

William Scott, an Air Force veteran of both Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf, sustained a massive wound earlier this year.

It wasn't from a mortar or a grenade explosion, and he wasn't engaged in warfare as he had been decades earlier.

It happened during peacetime, in the placid and scenic Smokey Mountains, at a craft show in Ellijay, GA, when the 60-year-old veterans service officer was selling hobby horses he makes by hand from wood and old tires.

Doctors refer to it as a central retinal arterial occlusion, which they commonly explain is a stroke in the artery of the eye.

It easily could have killed him. Instead, it took away his eyesight.

Since that day, Scott, a soft-spoken man with a love of

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National Guard decides to let go of Coombs Armory

County commission votes to take possession of historic building

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

On Dec. 16 the county commission voted unanimously to take possession of Coombs Armory.

Up until now, the state, which owns the Armory, leased it directly to the Florida National Guard and the Guard then subleased the building to the county.

Mark Curenton, assistant county planner said the Guard determined they no longer need the Armory. He said the quartermaster's office of the Florida National Guard has decided to cancel the state lease for Coombs Armory

and Franklin County will become the holder of a new long-term lease.

"The Department of Environmental Protection's division of public lands will prepare the paperwork and send it down for us to sign," he said.

County Planner Alan Pierce said an environmental assessment of the building, done by the Guard and provided the county, does not indicate any public health issues.

"The building does have some lead paint on the walls, and does contain some asbestos-containing material," said Pierce. "Both of these are to be

expected in a building of this age. The Armory has been in public use since it was built in 1902 and at this time no public health issues have ever been traced to these materials at the Armory."

Curenton said no date has been set for transferring ownership of the Armory into county hands, and that the county does not anticipate any change in the nominal cost of the lease. He said it was possible responsibility for some aspects of building upkeep might change but day-to-day upkeep has always been the county's responsibility.



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A view of the Coombs Armory.

News BRIEFS

Abbott elected United Firefighters president

By Lois Swoboda

The Franklin County United Firefighters Association met on Dec. 3 at the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Station at 7 p.m. with St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jay Abbott presiding. Five of the seven volunteer fire departments in the county were present; Carrabelle and Apalachicola did not attend.

John Murphy handed over documents from the archives at Alligator Point relating to the association to Jay Abbott.

Abbott was elected president, while George Pruett, chief of the Eastpoint fire department, was elected vice president and Mike Rundel, chief of the Lanark Village fire department, was elected secretary/treasurer.

"The group will meet monthly until things are back on track," said Abbott, noting that the association plans to identify problems, share ideas and improve communications between local firefighting agencies.

Pruett and Abbot called for renewed solidarity among county firefighters.

In a later interview, Rundel said the association was disbanded for

some time prior to this meeting. He said members of the group hope to galvanize the county's firefighting network.

The biggest problems facing the firefighters were lack of personnel and funding, he said, explaining that insurance was the single biggest expense faced by volunteer firefighters.

The Alligator Point Volunteer Fire Department is currently searching for funds to meet their insurance premiums.

Speaking at the Dec. 16 meeting of the county commission, Abbott urged the commissioners to visit the fire departments and see what they are doing."

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Speed asks for return of assistant superintendent post

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Speaking in the same room that now bears his name, retired Apalachicola educator Willie Speed appealed to school board members Dec. 11 to reinstate the post of assistant superintendent.

Following the retirement of Mikel Clark last fall, the board eliminated the position as a cost-cutting move prior to the general election.

"I thought that was a huge mistake because an assistant superintendent is needed in any school system," said Speed, who began his remarks by outlining his career as a student, teacher, administrator and school board member in the district.

"Apalachicola is my hometown," he said. "I was born and raised there. I'm an old oysterman myself and an old shrimp. I worked with my grandfather."

After his education and early years as a teacher, Speed at one point left to teach in Ocala, but was lured back to Franklin County after the school board was willing to match the pay he was getting in Marion County.

"When I came back here to work, we had an assistant superintendent and he did a wonderful job. He brought in a lady who served a few years and then appointed Catherine Floyd. She did an outstanding job for several years as assistant superintendent," said Speed.

Upon Floyd's retirement,



Willie Speed



Susan Hoffritz

Speed was appointed to the post and after completing 42 years in the school system, he retired and was succeeded by Clark.

After thanking Speed for his coming before the board, Chairman Jimmy Gander said "I don't think it was ever the intent of the board to do away with the position. We intended to abolish vacant positions so the superintendent can do re-staffing."

Speed said he hoped Superintendent Nina Marks recommends the re-establishment of the position soon. "She needs some kind of help now, not next year," he said.

Also appearing before the board was Susan Hoffritz, co-chairman of the county's Relay for Life, to follow up on a request to

use the football fields for the annual event, with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.

Hoffritz had secured permission to use the football fields several months ago, but since that time the board increased the usage fee and Principal Freddie Hargett, who arranged the deal, had left his position.

Hoffritz said the Relay for Life would be able to provide some of the services that are covered by the usage fee. She said Sheriff-elect Skip Shiver has reassured her that deputies would be on hand to provide security, and said the American Cancer Society can show proof of its insurance coverage.

"We have no problem paying for power," she said.

The board unanimously approved a motion by David Hinton to waive the entire fee, and stipulated that their action was "because it's in the public interest and due to a prior obligation

before the fee change."

In other business:

- Mark Mercer, representing the booster club, asked for the opportunity to have the boosters handle preserving sports memorabilia from Apalachicola and Carrabelle high schools. "If nobody is taking up the task, would you let us take it and make it a project for 2009? If ya'll are up for it, we'd like to take it on as a project," he said, and was granted the opportunity.

- Pastor Barry Hand, from Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, inquired as to how athletic department funds are used and disbursed, and was told that "historically, all athletics are funded through school internal affairs." Superintendent Marks said that she would like to institute more explicit procedures regarding approval of athletic department trips, noting that while the recent basketball teams' trip to Columbus, GA was covered

by the teams' own fundraising, "we need some proper guidelines in place. There are a lot of things that need to happen prior to a trip taking place."

- The board approved two change orders to Peter Brown Construction. They involved a \$68,000 increase for a new freezer; generators and electrical work, which was combined with a \$9,076 decrease in charges, for a total increase of about \$58,000.

- The board approved the hiring of Cathy Borders, a teacher from Georgia, to replace Dale Millender as high school math teacher; and of Jimmy Marshall, from Blountstown, to replace Bill Parrish as high school science teacher.

- The board agreed to a contract with L & R Land Development of Eastpoint, for \$4,000 to cover landscaping, weed control, and chiller and propane tank enclosures at the consolidated school. L & R is owned by Linda and Randy Richards.

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These year-end actions can cut taxes

December is the year's busiest month for many people, with holiday-related shopping, socializing and travel cutting into already hectic schedules. It will be tough, but try to set aside some time before year's end to consider taking a few actions that could seriously lower your 2008 tax bill.

Maximize tax-deferred retirement savings

December 31 is the 2008 contribution deadline for employer-sponsored 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plans. Remember, pretax contributions can lower your taxable income and thereby lower your federal and state income tax bills.

And, if your employer matches a portion of your contributions (a common

match is 50 percent on the first 6 percent of income saved) and you don't contribute at least that amount, you could be forfeiting hundreds – or thousands – of dollars in free money. Ask your Benefits department if you can increase your December paycheck deduction to boost your 2008 contribution.

The same strategy for reducing taxable income also works for Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), although you have until April 15, 2009, to open or contribute to an IRA for 2008 tax advantages.

Use up Flexible Spending Account (FSA) balances

If you participate in employer-sponsored health care or dependent care

FSA's that use pre-tax dollars to pay for expenses, timing is important: You must spend your account balances before your employer's deadline (sometimes up to 75 days into the following year) or you'll forfeit the balances. Double-check the deadline with your human resources department.

If there's money left in your Health Care FSA, consider qualified purchases you could make before the deadline, such as eyeglasses, contact lenses, braces, or over-the-counter medicines. IRS Publication 502 provides a complete list of allowable expenses (www.irs.gov). If you've already exhausted your 2008 FSA account balances, think about which elective expenses you could postpone



JASON ALDERMAN

until early 2009.

To learn more about 401(k) plans and FSA's, visit Practical Money Skills for Life, Visa's free personal financial management site (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/benefits).

Charitable contributions

If you itemize deductions on your federal income tax, most charitable contributions made to IRS-qualified, tax-exempt organizations by Dec. 31 are tax-deductible. (See Publication 78 at www.irs.gov for a complete list.) Remember, you need to obtain receipts for all contributions, including small cash donations, and only

donated items in good condition are deductible.

Financial gift strategy

By law, you may make financial gifts up to \$12,000 (\$24,000 if married and making joint gifts) per person, per year, without impacting any estate taxes in effect when you die. So if you're planning to leave money to your children, family members or anyone else and can spare the cash right now, this is a good way to avoid estate taxes later on. Check with your financial advisor for details.

Prepay property taxes

Homeowners who itemize deductions can increase their 2008 deductions by prepaying 2009 property taxes before December 31, 2008. If property taxes are included in your monthly

mortgage payment, ask your lender to determine if this is feasible.

Prepay your mortgage

Another way to increase 2008 deductions is to pay your January 2009 mortgage amount this month. This is especially effective for relatively new mortgages where the bulk of the monthly payment is tax-deductible interest. Again, ask your lender how this might work for you.

By taking a few minutes out of your busy schedule now, you can potentially save a bundle on your 2008 taxes. You'll thank yourself come April 15.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To sign up for a free monthly personal finance e-Newsletter, go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/newsletter

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Carrabelle celebrates coming of Christmas

To the editor:
Our community put on its party dress Saturday, Dec. 13 and joyfully celebrated the coming of Christmas, 2008.

But there was more than just the beauty of the seasonal music, lights, decorations, good food, bands, Santa, the whistles of toy trains and real boats, bright luminaries, the festive parade, Christmas trees, church choirs and heartfelt wishes of "Merry Christmas" heard on the streets.

For-profit vendors provided good food and opportunities for everyone to see and sample their wares. Donations of food and toys helped to offset the price of admission to the music venue area in a special attempt to help bring more Christmas to everyone this year.

But perhaps the most important part of the celebration was made possible by the personal contributions from a core of generous volunteers of all kinds. Some brought their non-profit groups to life selling Franklin County Breast Cancer Calendars with the help of a dog-walking, clever sandwich board

advertisement. Others showcased stray and abandoned animals that needed new homes.

Some provided hot cider and chocolate, cookies, trees, gardening and Crooked River Lighthouse information, and promoted important other good causes such as the local Food Pantry and the community-sensitive, Carrabelle Cares improvement group.

Many volunteers gave literally hundreds of hours of organizational time to plan, promote and implement the day and evening of community celebration. Restaurant owners, the Chamber, many city employees, train conductors, boat decorators, Apalachicola Maritime Museum plus skilled river tour guides and so many others all joined hands to give Carrabelle area people and visitors the best gift of all this Christmas. They gave of themselves to ensure the joy of others in this season of giving.

There are no "Thanks" great enough for such a gift. But to all of you, we are very, very grateful.

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Preserving Apalachicola's athletic heritage

The year almost slipped by without anyone mentioning that 2008 marked the 40th anniversary of the 1968 Chapman High School 2A Class C State football championship team.

I was only 9 at the time but remember the year vividly, since having the events of that phenomenal season replayed repeatedly in my ears by my older brother Abe, who played full-back that year, as well as others who played on that team. I've also heard frequent recollections of that year by those who were on opposing teams and noted, whether teammate or opponent, all recall with fondness that exciting year.

The legendary William "Pop" Wagoner coached the team that year, leading the Sharks into the record

books, and enshrining the Apalachicola team into the memories and hearts of the Florida Panhandle for many years to come.

Because of Wagoner's leadership, the Florida High School Athletic Association currently lists Chapman High School as holding the high school football record for allowing the fewest net yards on defense in any championship game. To underscore the timeliness of that year, in April of this year, I met newly elected Circuit Judge Charles Dodson and he shared his memories of how the '68 Chapman Sharks subjugated Sneads High during his second year of high school.

In their 22-0 win over Moore Haven High, the tenacious defense of Chapman allowed 0 yards rushing and

only 20-yards passing in their route to the only state championship in the history of high school sports in Apalachicola. The Sharks traveled to Moore Haven with only 776 in attendance after advancing to the championship game with a 26-0 win over Sarasota's Cardinal Mooney in the Class C semifinals.

As a tribute to those fine student-athletes of yesteryear as well as to all student-athletes (including cheerleaders) who played at Dunbar, Quinn, Chapman and Apalachicola high school, the city of Apalachicola would like to establish a High School Athletic Hall of Fame for Apalachicola and we need your help.

The goal is to preserve the rich heritage of Apalachicola's student-athletes and to establish a repository for all memorabilia acquired. Therefore, if you

have any high school sports memorabilia that you would like to donate to the High School Athletic Hall of Fame for Apalachicola, we would really appreciate it. You can drop them off at City Hall at 1 Bay Avenue in Apalachicola. Staff will keep the items in a secured place while we finalize plans for a suitable location for the Hall of Fame.

Although, there will never be another prep game played in the City of Apalachicola because our schools are now consolidated into one and located in the Eastpoint community, through this endeavor, the establishing of this physical tribute to the dedicated student-athletes of Apalachicola, the memories that each of us own of those days gone by, can be shared and preserved forever.

Van Johnson is the mayor of Apalachicola.



VAN JOHNSON

Cooperation, generosity helping build library

By Joyce Estes
Special to the Times

News reports about the construction of the new Franklin County Public Library have drawn public attention and questions. Everyone involved welcomes this desire for information. Building a new library has been a remarkable community cooperation, a model in many ways for uniting county government, private businesses, nonprofit groups, library staff, citizens, and visitors - almost all volunteers. People came together because the project improves the literacy, education, and natural environment of our community. And we still need your help!

The Need. The Franklin County Public Library (FCPL) is a county entity, with paid staff and an advisory council appointed by commissioners. Since beginning in 1992, the library has flourished. Employees and volunteers serve three locations: a county-owned library building in Carrabelle, rented library space in Eastpoint's Point Mall, and a rented youth center in Apalachicola. In a county of 10,000 residents, the FCPL serves more than 5,200 borrowers, provides computers for research, and conducts numerous programs on- and off-site. It is an award-winning small library.

It also has major growing pains that the county budget can't remedy. Even the Carrabelle building, a wonderful achievement in 2002, is crowded. The Eastpoint branch is bursting - and was never designed for a library. Some years ago, library ad-

vocates envisioned a new building and began looking for land and funding.

The Friends. The guiding group is the Friends of the Franklin County Public Library, a nonprofit (501c3) support organization which I chair. Our mission is to assist the library in its goals and programs through fundraising and volunteers, and our major effort today is the new building. We work closely with the Advisory Council and library staff. Some 150 people have joined the Friends (\$10 individual membership) and also contributed generously to the building fund. The Friends' annual meetings and monthly board meetings (second Wednesdays) are open to anyone and well attended.

Many thousands of dollars in pro bono services have been donated for the new library, as I will describe. Total needed funds are approximately \$302,000. The Friends have raised \$192,000, and a fundraising campaign is ongoing for the remaining \$110,000.

The Site and Acquisition. The beautiful 13-acre site of uplands and wetlands is on Ferrydock Road in Eastpoint, an area known as Indian Creek. It was purchased from Ben Watkins, a long-time proponent of building a library in Eastpoint.

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve first brought Indian Creek to my attention as deserving of wetlands protection. I was a member of the boards of the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the Eastpoint

Water and Sewer District. I learned that purchasing the property was not appropriate for the Water Management's acquisition plan.

However, it could award a purchase grant - requiring wetlands protection - to another government entity. Eastpoint Water and Sewer agreed to accept the grant; it would buy and then convey the property to the nonprofit Friends of the Franklin County Public Library, with the same environmental conditions. Mr. Watkins, with these agreements in place for building a library, accepted a low purchase price of \$100,000 for his valuable land.

From the beginning, then, the library and environmental protection have been entwined. A library on the uplands protects the wetlands. Every site step has met environmental regulations, and the Friends are working with the Apalachicola Riverkeeper on grants to create boardwalks along the wetlands (no entry allowed until then) and educational programs. No rezoning was required because the facility is a community-use building.

The Friends own the property and will own the building. They will lease the building to the county (like the current Point Mall leasing, except that rental payments will help support the library). Another advantage of coordinating through the nonprofit Friends and seeking private donations is lower construction cost. A state bidding process could have tripled the expense.

Building, Site Plan, Progress. The generosity that allowed the project is truly amazing. Dan Garlick Environmental Services did a

thorough wetlands delineation. Preble-Rish, Inc. donated the civil engineering and paid for permitting. Architect Ivan Johnson, known for public libraries, designed the 5,000-square-foot building for a reduced fee. C.W. Roberts is donating excavation for the site, road, and parking. Wayne Thomas Construction is volunteering as contractor. The Hoffer Trust donated \$20,000. Other important businesses are Gulf State Community Bank, Baskerville Donovan, Green Point Construction, and Taylor's Building and Supply. The county has assisted with expertise and with debris removal. Hundreds of individuals have contributed money and time - whatever they could.

We have also thought ahead. Preble-Rish's plan allows, on the uplands, other 10,000-square-foot of construction. Library expansion and a community/art center are possible. The people of Franklin County have a remarkable resource.

But first we want to open this new main library in the spring. Soon we will start erecting the purchased steel building, using the donations in hand. We need some \$100,000 to finish and to equip the building.

Libraries enrich people and place. They are vital. So many of your neighbors have already acted on this belief. We hope you will too. To donate, volunteer, or join the Friends, please visit or call the Eastpoint library branch at 670-8151. Contributions are tax-deductible, and credit cards are accepted.

Joyce Estes is president of the Friends of the Franklin County Public Library.

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A resolution of appreciation for Gibbs

By Joseph A. Parrish, Chairman

Franklin County Board of County Commissioners

WHEREAS, Mrs. Doris Shiver Gibbs has served with distinction as Supervisor of Elections for Franklin County since 1981; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners to give appropriate acknowledgement and recognition to Mrs. Gibbs for the invaluable service she rendered in behalf of the citizens of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gibbs was born in Apalachicola, lived most of her youth in Eastpoint and attended Carrabelle High School, where she graduated in 1969. She is married to Sam Gibbs and they have four children and seven grandchildren. She is the daughter of Jamie and Jeanette (Moses) Shiver of Eastpoint; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gibbs is a former of Gorrie Chapter #192, Order of the Eastern Star having served as Worthy Matron in 1976, 1986 and 1997; she also held many other offices since becoming a member in 1972. Doris is a member of the United Baptist Church of Eastpoint; and

WHEREAS, prior to being elected Supervisor of Elections, Mrs. Gibbs was employed at George E. Weems Memorial Hospital, Eastpoint Elementary School and worked for several years in the seafood industry as her family has done for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gibbs was first elected in 1980, was sworn in January of 1981, was re-elected thereafter without opposition, and has just completed her seventh term as Franklin County Supervisor of Elections; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gibbs has received her State Certification as a Supervisor of Elections since 1985; and

WHEREAS, during her term of office, Mrs. Gibbs has served in several statewide positions, including Chairman of the Small County Supervisors, District Two Legislative Representative, the Canvassing Board, the Administrative Rules Committee, and served on the "Vision" committee of the Florida State Association of Supervisor of Elections; and

WHEREAS, during her term of office, Mrs. Gibbs served as President, President-Elect, and Secretary of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections. As an active member of this Association, she served on the Legislative Committee, was Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, and served on the Board of Directors and many other committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners conveys its deepest and most sincere expression of gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Doris Shiver Gibbs for her invaluable contributions and commitment to the citizens of Franklin County during her many years of selfless service as Supervisor of Elections.

This RESOLUTION adopted this 16th day of December, 2008.



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Doris Shiver Gibbs accepts her plaque at the Dec. 16 meeting of the Franklin County commission.

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Franklin County School.

Snowden praised Apalachicola in the opening of his remarks, sharing how he came down for the dedication of the Three Servicemen Statue. "There was great community spirit as you celebrated that park that will live forever," he said.

"I had a front row seat"

Snowden touched on a number of topics in his remarks, beginning by ticking off statistics regarding today's veteran populations.

He said that even with World War II veterans passing away at the rate of 1,800 per year, there are still over two million from that war.

The waiting time to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery has increased to several weeks, he said, prompting him to recall a story when he worked at Marine Corps headquarters in Washington. He was relaying a message from Marine Commandant David Shoup, who was then Fiscal Director of the Marine Corps, and Major Gen. William P.T. Hill, regarding the issuance of field jackets to Marines out in the field.

Snowden's own service dates back to Feb. 1942, when he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve following an education at the University of Virginia and Northwestern University.

He went on active duty in May 1942, and after being commissioned as a Marine second lieutenant at age 23, saw combat as a company commander with the 23rd Marines, in the capture of Roi-Namur in the Marshall Islands, the capture of Saipan and Tinian and the assault on Iwo Jima.

Now the senior survivor of the Iwo Jima landing, Snowden was wounded in battle during the island invasion, evacuated to a Navy ship and treated for his wounds and then returned to the front lines, in what became a fight that lasted 36 days and left 6,800 American soldiers dead and 22,000 wounded.

"I had a front row seat," he said. "They earned that reputation as 'the greatest generation.' I thank all you vets for your service. We can never repay the debt we owe to our veterans."

Snowden contrasted the slaughter of 2,000 American soldiers killed on the first day on the landing on Iwo Jima with the current casualties in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, which is just over 5,000.

"We as victors had more casualties than who we defeated," said Snowden of Iwo Jima. "We are not suffering the same kind of war now than we did in World War II."

He said that while the nation has more than 200,000 men and women fighting overseas, and its casualties are still "big numbers," they are "pretty low numbers when compared to 16 men and women in uniform during World War II, and 12 million in uniform the day the war ended.

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puterized. That old desk is still circulating around the courthouse somewhere. We traded it in for two little ones so that Ida (Elliott) and I could each have a desk," she said.

"I want to thank my husband; he is here with me today. We have been through a lot over the years. We lived through 2000. People say that we have just lived through a historic election, but the election of 2000 was historic too," Gibbs said. "This is the county I love and I'll never leave it. I want everyone to know I will only be a phone call away."



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

American Legion Post 106 Commander Al Mirabella, left, presents certificates of appreciation for longtime Legionnaires, from left, J.V. Gander, William Wagoner and Red Sizemore.

"There are still young people in America willing to step up to the plate," Snowden said. "These days our younger generation now has a hard time coping with (injuries). The cost of treating veterans is going to be staggering in costs."

He said with an U.S. veterans population now more than 25 million, 1.8 million of whom are women, and the nation generating thousands of new veterans every year, "this has put a different kind of burden on the Veterans Administration to support."

Praises Obama, urges diplomacy

Snowden ventured into politics in his remarks, noting that he foresaw American troops in Iraq at least until the end of next year and likely beyond.

"We're going to be there at the end of 2009," he said. "We'll have a sizeable troop presence in the Middle East for several years"

He also was clear in his praise of President Obama, lauding him for his appointment of Marine Gen. Jim Jones to be national security advisor.

"He so far has pleased me," said Snowden. "I wish him well. I didn't vote for him (but) he's going to have my complete support until he proves to me he doesn't deserve it."

He said he did not support instituting a draft but felt it was important to have young people register at age 18 "so if we need them, we'll call them."

Snowden drew on his experiences in Lebanon following the 1983 bombing of the Marine barracks to share his sense of the Middle East.

The general was there to investigate the causes of the bombing, and was visiting the wounded in the hospital when he talked with the Lebanese chief of police.

He told the general that all the terrorists he interviewed had denied involvement, but "they always said 'I'm ready to take on the next suicide mission.'"

"We don't understand the Middle East, and those who have hijacked the Koran," said Snowden.

He said that American forces have had success in Iraq, mainly because the civilian population has tired of the violence. "People in Iraq have driven off insurgents from large areas of Iraq. They longer wanted that kind of violence," said Snowden.

He called for more "personal human intelligence" from within the Arab tribal ranks, and urged greater "diplomacy, economic policy and understanding of the American people."

"We need time, patience and a tremendous amount of diplomacy," he said. "We can have a friendly relationship to all those citizens in the Middle East."

Economic assistance will also be called for, just as it was after the occupation of Japan.

"I think it is quite possible for it to happen," he said. "After we toppled the Japanese, we were the first ones to help them rebuild. We sent them money and we sent over those who could teach them to rebuild their country."

Snowden, who following World War II saw duty in Korea, Vietnam and later as Chief of Staff of U.S. Forces in Japan, recalled how GIs who went through Japan and Korea on their tours of duty would return home with items stamped "serling silver," an indication of the Japanese's clumsy attempts to copy American products.

"Over time the Japanese learned that it's really quality that counts," he said.

Snowden closed his remarks by noting that he prefers not to just say "God bless America."

"God has blessed America," he said. "I prefer to say 'God, please continue to bless America.'"

Among the many in attendance at the dinner were World War II Army vets Levy Cooper, A.J. Philo, Harry Buzzett, Freddie Fagan and Alia Mirabella; Navy vets Milfred Butler, J.V. Gander and Red Sizemore; and Coast Guard vet William "Pops" Wagoner.

Al Mirabella presented a plaque of appreciation to Gander for his 63 years as member of the American Legion Post, and to Wagoner and Sizemore for their 50 years as members of the Legion.

an honor to serve Franklin County. I won't be gone away. I'll be just across the bridge."

Her father, Jamie Shiver, told a smiling audience, "We've always been proud of her. She stayed at home 'till she was 18. We had more trouble after she was married than before."

Jamie Shiver and his wife of 58 years, Jeannette, were both on hand at a reception held at the Supervisor of Elections office that afternoon, where still more of Gibbs friends and coworkers gathered to bid this outstanding public servant farewell.

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County unemployment shoots up in November

Franklin County's unemployment rate rose by six-tenths of 1 percent last month, up to 5.3 percent, and nearly 2 percentage points worse than a year ago.

According to preliminary labor market statistics released Friday by the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, 250 people out of a county labor force of 4,744 were jobless in November.

A month earlier, in October, the labor force was larger, with 4,831 people, and the jobless rate was lower, at 4.7 percent, as 227 people were without jobs.

November's numbers were 1.7 percentage points worse than a year ago, when the county's jobless rate was at 3.6 percent, with 173 people unemployed out of a slightly larger labor force of 4,785.

Still, the county remains among the best for jobless numbers among Florida's 67 counties.

Last month, Alachua and Liberty counties had the state's lowest unemployment rates at 4.9 percent, followed by Walton County at 5.0; Sumter County at 5.1 percent; Leon County at 5.2, and Franklin at 5.3 percent.

Hendry County, at 11.9 percent, had the state's highest unemployment rate in November, followed by Flagler, St. Lucie, Hernando, Hamilton and Okeechobee counties, each with worse than 10 percent. Hendry's high jobless rate is due mainly to seasonal slowness in agriculture and related industries with the other areas being impacted by construction and manufacturing declines.

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate last month was 7.3 percent, which translates to 680,000 jobless out of a labor force of 9.3 million. This rate was higher than the October rate of 7.0 per-

cent and up 2.9 percentage points from the Nov. 2007 rate.

Florida's Nov. 2008 unemployment rate is the highest since June 1993, also 7.3 percent, and higher than the national unemployment rate of 6.7 percent.

"Obtaining additional federal funds to enhance employment services for Florida's jobseekers is one of the Agency's top priorities, and we continue to focus our efforts on communicating Florida's needs to our federal partners" said Monesia Brown, director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation. "We are also achieving success in working with our economic development and workforce partners to create employment opportunities for Floridians."

For more information on Agency for Workforce Innovation programs, go to www.FloridaJobs.org.

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- The number of jobs in Florida is down 206,900 in November 2008 compared to a year ago.

Construction, reacting to declines in the housing market, lost 80,800 jobs over the year (-14.2 percent). Construction losses account for 32.5 percent of job losses in the state.

- Professional and business services (-59,800 jobs, -4.5 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (-55,500 jobs, -3.4 percent); manufacturing (-22,900 jobs, -6.0 percent); financial activities (-17,400 jobs, -3.2 percent); information (-8,000 jobs, -5.0 percent); and leisure and hospitality (-3,900 jobs, -0.4 percent) have over-the-year declines. This was the first month of negative over-the-year change since early 2002 in the leisure and hospitality industry.

- The industry job declines are partially due to weakness in employment services; general merchandise stores; fabricated metal product manufacturing; credit intermediation; publishing; and accommodation and food services.

- Education and health services gained the most new jobs among Florida's major industries, expanding by 40,400 jobs over the year (+4.0 percent). Much of this increase is due to growth in ambulatory health care services.

- Total government (+1,000 jobs) and other services (+100 jobs) account for the remainder of job gains. Local government increased over the year by 2,500 while declines in other government sectors offset much of the gain. Other services contains many types of repair and personal services such as automotive repair, hair and nail salons, laundry, and religious and civic organizations.

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"Florida Realtors feel privileged to be able to help deserving young people continue their dreams of a college education," said 2009 FAR President Cynthia Shelton. "There is no better investment in the future of our communities, our state and our nation than to invest in young people and help them realize their potential. Our successful scholarship program, now in its ninth year, is just one way that Florida Realtors give back to their community."

FAR's scholarship program benefits students from across the state, with first-place winners honored in each of the Association's 13 districts in the state. Students turning in the top district-winning essays will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship award. The 13 district-winning essays will go on to compete to win three \$5,000 FAR scholarships on the statewide level, for a total of \$28,000 in scholarship awards.

All essays, along with an official Essay Cover Form, must be postmarked before or on Feb. 9, 2009, and mailed to the Florida Association of Realtors, 7025 Augusta National Drive, P.O. Box 725025, Orlando, FL, 32872-5025.

To obtain an application kit and essay cover form for FAR's 2008-2009 Scholarship/Essay Contest for High School Seniors, check with the Franklin County High School guidance office, go to the media section of FAR's Media Center Web site, (<http://media.florida-realtors.org>) to download the scholarship/essay contest application kit, official cover form and list of FAR District Vice Presidents, or stop by the Realtor Association of Franklin & Southern Gulf Counties at 78 Eleventh Street in Apalachicola and pick up the application kit.

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The Board reserves the right to reject any/or all proposals.

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techno-thriller novels and non-fiction accounts of military history, has handled his situation by setting an example for the many veterans he helps with disability claims.

"You don't think that much about blind people until you become one," he said. "I use the word blind all the time. It is what it is. It's not a stigma. I didn't realize that until I became one."

"I'm at peace with it," Scott said. "I'm pretty dog-gone lucky to be alive."

On the day of this interview, Scott was working closely with Linda Mangun, an occupational therapist with the Eye Center of North Florida whose specialty is working with low-vision people.

She works comfortably with Scott, showing him how to operate the closed circuit television attachment to his computer that enables him to enlarge the handwriting and type on the documents he must review.

"He's already overcome the biggest barrier and

that's acceptance," said Mangun. "He's the most adjusted visually-impaired person I've ever worked with. It's an incredible testament to the ability to recover."

"Many men have the hardest time," she said. "They identify themselves with their jobs and that is a huge blow to their ego."

As a legally blind person, with visual acuity worse than 20/200, Scott's eyes are trying to use his remaining peripheral vision to do the function of his lost central vision, or what Mangun explains as using "where" vision to do the "what" function.

Mangun's job (she works for Scott's health care provider in a collaborative effort with the VA) is to enable Scott to remain independent, whether at home, at work or in the community.

In addition to closed circuit TV, she's taught Scott how to handle scanning and reading documents, how to use a computer software that zooms in on text, and how to manage telescopic lenses, various sunglasses and a variety of other adaptive tools and walking aids.

Mangun said most of her clients have suffered vision loss due to diabetes or macular degeneration, or to a lesser extent due to congenital eye disease.

Both the Florida Division of Blind Services, and the VA, can assist the blind with an individualized program, as they strive to provide "reasonable accommodation" so that the disabled can continue to remain independent and on the job.

"It gives an employer confidence," said Mangun.

But, she adds, the Panhandle remains lacking in many of the tools and services found in other parts of the state. "We're very behind in the low-vision field," she said. "There just isn't a lot that's out there. There's not a cohesive network for veterans and the elderly."

As stalwart as Scott has been in the face of his blindness, he has no illusions



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Occupational therapist Linda Mangun, left, helps Veterans' Service Officer William Scott learn to handle a pair of telescopic lenses.

about the future.

"I'm not going to be totally independent," he said. "As a blind person I've come to understand you have to have some eyes sometimes. There are some things you can't do."

"Driving's over with," Scott said. "My wife sold my car."

For the last couple months, Heather Holman, a fulltime employee on loan from the property appraiser's office, has been Scott's eyes in the office, and he has nothing but praise for her work.

"She's excellent," he said. "She learned fast, and she gets along with the veterans. I couldn't have gotten a better person. I can't say enough for her."

The challenge, however, is that Property Appraiser Doris Pendleton needs Holman back in the office Jan. 15, and the question before the county commission is how they will handle her replacement, particularly given a hiring freeze in place throughout county government.

At the Dec. 16 meet-

ing, Commissioner Bevin Putnal asked about getting someone in there who could become trained and knowledgeable in the event Scott should decide to quit. "I don't want that to happen," said Putnal.

Scott said replacing him would call for someone with a college degree and wartime experience, in addition to the required VA training.

"We do a lot of things; we get some calls for counseling every day," he said. "I don't think you'll find someone to do this job for 30 hours a week with no benefits. I would like the option to increase what you give them in a year or so, just to give them an incentive."

He said the office has 44 new claims, and over 100 existing claims. "Doing claims is just a small portion of it," Scott said. "We set up people on the Internet to get prescriptions online, and we call when they have a problem with medications, or have an appointment or miss an appointment."

Because of the confiden-

tiality of personnel records, Scott said it would not be feasible to rotate county employees into the office to assist him.

The commission decided to refer the matter to County Attorney Michael Shuler, and labor attorney Lucy Turner, and then advertise either for a part-time or fulltime position depending on the advice of counsel.

"I thank God I see as well as I do," Scott told the commission. "I don't want to be blind but it's not an issue in my life anymore."

Scott said he has been amazed at the variety of adaptive tools, such as tape players, magazines on tape and descriptive videos, that the blind can obtain for free from the federal government.

And he has marveled at Mangun's dedication in working with him, and identifies with her brush with vision loss as a child that motivated her on her career path.

"I kind of relate," she said, adding with a laugh "It's like the blind leading the blind."



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Occupational therapist Linda Mangun, left, helps Veterans' Service Officer William Scott navigate the courthouse steps with his cane and wearing a pair of telescopic lenses.

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GCCC offers new class formats

Like most Americans, college students find that they are busier than ever. The shift to non-conventional classes, such as distance learning or weekend courses, has helped somewhat ease this burden, but has not solved it completely.

From this need for more class flexibility, as well as from factors of the recent economic downturn, Gulf Coast Community College has chosen to reformat its on-campus class scheduling beginning in spring 2009.

The conventional academic schedule, utilized by GCCC for many years, consists of classes either being offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 50 minutes each meeting, or on Tuesday and Thursday for an hour-and-15-minute meetings. This schedule required students to attend campus more frequently and for shorter time intervals, which could be a burden for a student who must fit the school schedule alongside work, family, or other schedules. This old schedule also provided a "free hour" where no classes were offered at 10 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, which detracted from the time a student could be in another class instead of waiting for their next class to start.

The new schedule adopted by GCCC begins Jan. 8 and students will have the option to attend Monday/Wednesday classes for one hour and 15 minutes and Tuesday/Thursday classes for the same time interval. This schedule will leave Friday open for extended classes, such as labs and higher credit hour courses.

By utilizing this schedule, most students, in general, will not have to drive back and forth to class as often, which will help them economically, and they will be better able to schedule other commitments around their school schedule.

Not only will this new format provide more flexibility for the student, it will also allow GCCC to offer more afternoon classes, something many students have been interested in for some time. This scheduling option will still provide a version of the "free hour" from the older schedule which gives clubs and organizations time to meet. In this schedule the "free hour" will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. and a light load of classes will still be offered at that time. All classes available during that hour will also be offered during a different time during the week so that students do not miss the chance to participate in a club or organization because of scheduling issues.

"Gulf Coast will closely monitor the outcome of this scheduling change and make any necessary adjustments as issues arise," said Dr. George Bishop, vice president of academic affairs and learning support. "More than anything, we just want to offer flexibility and ease for our students and prospective students."

This change has been greatly supported by the GCCC administration, faculty, staff, and the academic council, and should make attending college classes much easier for students within the community.

Poloronis Construction to build Eastpoint boat ramp

By Lois Swoboda

At the Dec. 16 meeting of the Franklin County Commission the Poloronis Construction Company of Apalachicola was awarded the contract to build the proposed Eastpoint Boat Ramp after bidding \$380,000.

Jack Husband of Bailey Bishop and Lane, the engineering firm that reviewed the bid proposals, said another company, Ben Withers, Inc. of Panacea, presented a lower bid, but failed to provide appropriate documentation.

Commissioner Pinki Jackel said the Poloronis' bid 'is significantly lower than the grant money we set aside for this project.'

County Planner Alan Pierce confirmed the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conser-

vation Commission grant funding the project was for \$480,000, about \$100,000 more than the bid proposal received from Poloronis. He said the money can only be used for the Eastpoint project and that the county is investigating ways to use the available funds to enhance the boat ramp, including "identifying the edges of county property with a fence or adding lighting."

Commission says no to federal land, water grant

By Lois Swoboda

At the Dec. 16 meeting of the Franklin County commission, Director of Administrative Services Alan Pierce told the board the application period for the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, financed by the Trust for Public Land, will open from Feb. 16 to 27, 2009.

This grant may be used to acquire property, but there is a 50 percent match requirement. Pierce told the board that the available funds were not sufficient to acquire any of the parcels of waterfront land the county wishes to purchase. The commission voted not to pursue this grant.

County employees offered Aflac plan

At the Dec. 16 meeting of the Franklin County commission, Jerry Alford, a representative of Aflac Inc, a supplemental health and life insurance company, told commissioners of the availability of the section 125 "cafeteria plan."

This program is a book-keeping change that allows employees to pay their health insurance premium before taxes are deducted from their pay. For example,

if an employee earns \$1,000 per week, his or her taxes are approximately \$220 per week. If \$100 is deducted for health insurance prior to taxation, the employee is taxed on only \$900 and pays about \$198 in taxes.

The program is voluntary and employees wishing to participate must sign up for the cafeteria plan at a set time each year, usually at the time of insurance renewal. They are then committed to participate for the entire unless they have a change of family status or job.

In a later interview, Alford said that any business with three employees or more can sign up for this program. "Basically what we've done is free up some money they can either take home or apply to their insurance. Maybe some employees who can't afford family insurance will be able to now," he said.

WORLD AROUND YOU

Keeping your Christmas poinsettia healthy

By Bill Mahan

Have you received a poinsettia for the Christmas Holiday and are wondering what to do with it? If this sounds like your situation, please read on. The following is some background information on poinsettia and some helpful hints to keep your plant health throughout the holiday season and with any luck for many holiday seasons to come.

The poinsettia is a member of the spurge family and is native to Mexico. It was first introduced in the United States around 1830 by Joel R. Poinsett of Charleston, South Carolina who at the time was the U.S. Minister to Mexico.

The flowers of the poinsettia are actually the small green and yellow clusters found at the top of the plant. All of the showy color (red to pink, white or mixed) surrounding the true flowers are provided by modified leaves known as bracts.

Poinsettias grow well in

a wide range of soil types, including sand muck, marl, rocky soil and clay. However, the keys to keeping your plant happy are proper temperature, watering and fertilization.

When you first get your plant keep it indoors in a cool, sunny location that is protected from sudden changes in temperature. Ideally, your plant should have daytime temperatures around 70 degrees F and nighttime temperatures of not less than 60 degrees F. Temperatures of 50 degrees or less may cause the plant's leaves to wilt and the bracts to fall off. In addition, keep your plant out of direct sunlight and drafty areas.

As for watering, when the soil feels dry to the touch, the plant should be watered thoroughly. The correct amount of water is critical since both under and over-watering will cause the leaves to wilt and drop off. If your pot is wrapped in decorative foil, be sure that there are enough holes in the bot-

tom of the foil to allow excess water to drain away from the roots.

After the danger of frost has passed, your plant can be used as a shrub in your landscape. This is not normally recommended for the North Florida region due to the possibility of freezing. However, a number of people in Franklin County have been successful in growing poinsettias outdoors by planting them on the South side of their home in a protected spot away from drafts and outside lighting sources because if the plant gets too much light at night the colorful bracts will not develop.

So if you decide to give this a try, dig a hole one foot wider than the root ball and backfill the hole with a rich compost and soil mixture so that the top of the poinsettia's root ball is level with the surface of the surrounding landscape. Water the area around the plant thoroughly to remove any air pockets around the root ball and then place mulch around the

plant to help conserve moisture and control weeds.

Fertilize your poinsettia with a complete fertilizer such as 6-6-6 or 8-8-8 at a rate of about a pound per 100 square feet of area. Usually three applications of fertilizer are recommended per year; the first one when new growth begins in the spring, the second in June and the last in late fall after the bracts have set. This last application promotes large bracts with good color and aids with root growth during the winter.

To keep your poinsettia compact and leafy, it is recommended that you regularly pinch-back the new growth. This can be done anytime from now until mid-August. Then just let the plant fill out and set its bracts.

Bill Mahan is a FL Sea Grant Agent and the director of the Franklin UF-IFAS Extension Program. Contact him at 653-9337 or 697-2112 x 360.

Franklin County, Christmas pageants light up Carrabelle

The Miss Franklin County and the Miss Forgotten Coast Christmas Pageant, held Nov. 16 at the new City Hall in Carrabelle, formerly the old Carrabelle School, turned into a double success.

There were 29 contestants, with most of the girls and boys entered in both pageants. Bonnie Segree was honored during the event for her outstanding 40 years directing the Franklin County pageant. She received many gift certificates from local businesses, awards, roses and a crown.

Segree selected Georgette Colson as new director for the Miss Franklin County Pageant and her first year started out with a blast. "Even though it was a lot of work, I loved every minute of it, most all seeing every girl receive a crown," she said.

With a new look for the pageant world, Colson has created an example she believes will encourage girls to come out, have fun, dress up and received awards.

"Everyone is a winner, and is awarded a title and crown!" she said. "No group line ups. The most encouraging moment of the event is when each contestant is

individually called out on stage by herself and given that special attention during crowning and her space with videographer and photographer to capture those special memories being crowned and awarded personally, for her recognition."

Colson offered special thanks for all those who helped and contributed, and to all the local businesses in the community, contestants, parents and families. She thanked the City Hall facility, The Times for coverage, Oyster Radio for broadcasting, Royce Rolstad and Madeline Kidney for emceeing, Randy and Helen Cook for sound, Savannah Cook for her beautiful voice in song, Howard and Susan Reeder and Andrea for videography, Josh Russell for photography, Gloria William for hairdresser, Angela and Stephen Hopper for assisting, Jolene and Jolie Grace for crowning and assisting, and her husband, Larry Joe Colson, for his assistance.

"I am expecting to see you all at the next year pageant so bring a friend and receive a surprise!" she said. "I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!"

Miss Franklin County Pageant Winners

- Ultimate Grand Supreme Winner - Breanna Murray
- People's Choice Winner - Jacy Luberto
- Kings - Jhamere Rhodes and Chandler Topham
- Queens - Shaylee Martina, Kylee Smith, Jacy Luberto, Breanna Murray, Victoria Cook, Ciarra Moore, Kayla Shuler and Tiffany Boone
- Mini Queens - Kayleigh Leonard, Marina O'Neal, Madison Whitten, Morgan Vaughn, Brianna Garrett, Savannah Cook, Shelby Lipscomb
- Novice Queens - Kierstyn Newell, Destiny Garrett, Haleigh Ming and Patricia Golden
- Princess - Shyian Ward, Cynthia Duncan and Khrystal Davis
- Cinderellas - Mackenzie Register, Robin Segree and Candice Bright
- Sportswear - Chandler Topham, Shaylee Martina, Kylee Smith, Madison Whitten, Breanna Murray, Victoria Cook, Savannah Cook, Kayla Shuler, Tiffany Boone
- Photogenic - Kierstyn

Newell, Marina O'Neal, Jacy Luberto, Breanna Murray and Khrystal Davis

•Overall Photogenic - Breanna Murray

Miss Forgotten Coast Christmas Pageant Winners

- Ultimate Grand Supreme Winner - Breanna Murray
- Kings - Jhamere Rhodes and Chandler Topham
- Queens - Shyian Ward, Kylee Smith, Jacy Luberto, Breanna Murray, Brianna Garrett, Ciarra Moore, Shelby Lipscomb, Artie Leonard
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- Princess: Cynthia Duncan
- Christmas Wear - Chandler Topham, Shyian Ward, Marina O'Neal, Jacy Luberto, Breanna Murray, Brianna Garrett, Ciarra Moore, Shelby Lipscomb, Artie Leonard

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Temperature			
Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Dec 25	72°	60°	10 %
Fri, Dec 26	73°	60°	10 %
Sat, Dec 27	73°	60°	0 %
Sun, Dec 28	71°	53°	40%
Mon, Dec 29	65°	46°	60%
Tue, Dec 30	67°	47°	0%
Wed, Dec 31	65°	50°	10%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

12/25 Thu	09:20AM	-0.6	L	05:28PM	1.2	H
	08:29PM	1.1	L			
12/26 Fri	12:44AM	1.4	H	09:59AM	-0.6	L
	05:51PM	1.2	H	09:12PM	1.1	L
12/27 Sat	01:33AM	1.4	H	10:34AM	-0.6	L
	06:13PM	1.2	H	09:50PM	1.0	L
12/28 Sun	02:21AM	1.4	H	11:04AM	-0.6	L
	06:32PM	1.2	H	10:27PM	1.0	L
12/29 Mon	03:08AM	1.4	H	11:31AM	-0.5	L
	06:50PM	1.2	H	11:05PM	0.9	L
12/30 Tue	03:54AM	1.3	H	11:54AM	-0.4	L
	07:07PM	1.2	H	11:47PM	0.8	L
12/31 Wed	04:41AM	1.2	H	12:16PM	-0.4	L
	07:24PM	1.2	H			

CARRABELLE

12/25 Thu	09:20AM	-0.6	L	05:28PM	1.2	H
	08:29PM	1.1	L			
12/26 Fri	12:44AM	1.4	H	09:59AM	-0.6	L
	05:51PM	1.2	H	09:12PM	1.1	L
12/27 Sat	01:33AM	1.4	H	10:34AM	-0.6	L
	06:13PM	1.2	H	09:50PM	1.0	L
12/28 Sun	02:21AM	1.4	H	11:04AM	-0.6	L
	06:32PM	1.2	H	10:27PM	1.0	L
12/29 Mon	03:08AM	1.4	H	11:31AM	-0.5	L
	06:50PM	1.2	H	11:05PM	0.9	L
12/30 Tue	03:54AM	1.3	H	11:54AM	-0.4	L
	07:07PM	1.2	H	11:47PM	0.8	L
12/31 Wed	04:41AM	1.2	H	12:16PM	-0.4	L
	07:24PM	1.2	H			

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The Courthouse will be closed for the following days during the Holidays.

- December 24, 2008
- December 25, 2008
- December 26, 2008
- January 1, 2009
- January 2, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting for the City of Carrabelle has been rescheduled to January 8, 2009 at 6:30 PM at Carrabelle City Hall located at 1001 Gray Ave.

Seahawks win two, but lose to Godby

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Two out of three ain't bad, but it does spoil a perfect record.

The Seahawks varsity boys basketball team topped Jefferson County 68-60 in district play last week, and defeated Cottontdale 62-58 in the Langston Invitational Christmas Classic at Chipola College, to up their win total to 10.

But, for the first time this year, the team lost a contest, this time 49-44 to Tallahassee Godby, which remained undefeated in Class 4A play.

"To me it's not so much the loss," said Coach Fred Drake. "To me it's the up-and-down play of the guards. For us to win those guys have to play well."

On Dec. 18, the team traveled to Monticello to square off against Jefferson County, a district opponent that defeated the Seahawks last year at the buzzer.

"This was a big win for us," said Drake. "I tried to remind the guys about last year's loss. We couldn't take them for a joke."

The Seahawks opened a 31-20 lead at the half but then endured a terrible third quarter, in which they were outscored 25-12 by the

Tigers. "They were already pretty much worried about Godby. Their whole mindset was about Godby," said Drake.

Both senior Deshaun Winfield and freshman Carlos Morris played well, scoring 15 and 23 points respectively, and hitting 15-of-23 from the field and snagging 17 rebounds between them. Sophomore Austin O'Neal added 13 points and four assists.

On Dec. 19 at Chipola, the Seahawks went up against highly-touted Godby, and played tough before eventually succumbing.

Trailing most of the game, the Seahawks tied it at 39-all with 3:40 left in the game. The Seahawks fell behind by a couple points but then senior Zan Simmons missed a wide open layup that would have tied the game.

Still, Drake said the burden of the loss falls on the entire team's shoulders. "We missed so many free throws it was unbelievable," said the coach.

In fact, Simmons was the only players to hit both of his free throws, while the team as a whole went 6-for-13 from the charity stripe.

"A college scout from Alabama Southern said to me 'Y'all could have had it if not for those

free throws," said Drake. O'Neal led the team with 16 points.

"Even though they were looking towards Godby, the kids kind of feared them a little bit when they came up the court," said Drake. "They were a little intimidated before the game started."

"The guards didn't play well, they had too many turnovers," said Drake, noting too that the team was unable to counter Godby's aggressive man-to-man defense.

"We couldn't get in sync," he said.

The team finished the week on an upbeat note as they downed Cottontdale 62-58 to close out the tournament.

Morris scored 21 points to lead a quartet of players in double-figures, as Winfield added 14, O'Neal 11 and James 10.

After racking up a 14-point lead with 44 seconds in second quarter, 31-17, the Seahawks let Cottontdale crawl back into the game, as they outscored the Seahawks in each of the last two quarters.

"Deshaun (Winfield) was in foul trouble the whole night and that limited our offense," Drake. Winfield eventually fouled out with 7:17 left in the game.

"The guards were a little bit better but they still have a lot of work to do," said the coach. "I'm just looking for some type of consistent guard play."



DESHAUN WINFIELD



AUSTIN O'NEAL

Dec. 18 FCHS at Jefferson Cty.

Franklin 23 18 12 15 - 68
Jefferson 10 10 25 15 - 60
FCHS STATS: Deshaun Winfield 7/9 2s, 0/2 3s, 1/5 FTs, 15 pts; Carlos Morris 8/14 2s, 2/4 3s, 1/2 FTs, 23 pts.; Jeremy James 3/4 2s, 0/1 3s, 0/1 FTs, 6 pts. Austin O'Neal 3/10 2s, 0/2 3s, 7/8 FTs, 13 pts.; Zan Simmons 1/6 2s, 0/1 3s, 0/1 FTs, 2 pts.; Arron Prince 2/6 2s, 5/8 FTs, 9 pts.
Rebounds: Morris 10, Winfield 7, Simmons 5, O'Neal 4, Prince 3, Adam Joseph 2
Assists: O'Neal 4, James 2, Winfield, Simmons, Morris
Steals: Winfield 6, Morris 4, Simmons, O'Neal 3, Joseph, James
Blocks: Winfield 5

Dec. 19 FCHS vs. Godby at Langston Classic

Franklin 12 9 10 13 - 44
Godby 15 13 9 12 - 49
FCHS STATS: Winfield 4/8 2s, 1/3 FTs, 9 pts; Morris 0/6 2s, 2/7 3s, 2/4 FTs, 8 pts.; James 3/3 2s, 1/3 FTs, 7 pts. O'Neal 6/13 2s, 0/1 3s, 4/6 FTs, 16 pts.; Simmons 1/2 2s, 2/2 FTs, 4 pts.; Rebounds: Winfield 7, Simmons 6, Morris 5, O'Neal 4, Prince 2, James
Assists: Prince 3, Simmons 3, Morris 2, O'Neal
Blocks: Morris 2, Joseph, Simmons, Winfield

Dec. 20 FCHS vs. Cottontdale at Langston Classic

Franklin 17 14 12 19 - 62
Cottontdale 14 5 17 22 - 58
FCHS STATS: Winfield 6/8 2s, 0/2 3s, 2/3 FTs, 14 pts; Morris 7/14 2s, 1/9 3s, 4/5 FTs, 21 pts.; James 5/8 2s, 0/1 FTs, 10 pts. O'Neal 3/8 2s, 5/8 FTs, 11 pts.; Prince 1/1 2s, 1/2 3s, 0/1 FTs, 5 pts.; Marcus Allen 1/2 FTs, 1 pt.
Rebounds: Morris 12, O'Neal 8, Joseph, Prince, Winfield, James 2
Assists: O'Neal 5, James, Morris 3 Prince, Allen
Blocks: O'Neal

ABC Middle School hoops



PHOTOS BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN

The Apalachicola Bay Charter School middle school basketball team, standing, from left, eighth-grader Jon Rafnel, seventh-grader Christian Jones, eighth-grader LaDarius Rhodes, eighth-grader Seth Rogers, seventh-grader Dwayne Griggs, sixth-grader Travis Moore, and coach Shawn Biernat. Kneeling, from left, are sixth-grader Chase Taranto, sixth-grader Travion Turrell, seventh-grade Mercury Wynn, seventh-grader Graham Kirvin, sixth-grader Corey Bratton and sixth-grader Jake Richards.



The Apalachicola Bay Charter School middle school cheerleaders, back row, from left, are sixth-grader Trinity Henderson, eighth-grader and captain Dixie Oliphant, eighth-grader and co-captain Brittany Bryant and seventh-grader Ashley Butler. Front row, from left, are sixth-grader Alexis Philpotts, sixth-grader Brooke Frye, seventh-grader Holly Furr, sixth-grader Kaitlin Griner and seventh-grader Ashley Moore. Not pictured are sixth-grader Gracyn Butler, eighth-grader Christina Collins, eighth-grader Whitney Vause, and coach Traci Moses.

Lynn among first FSU medical school grads to practice

Dr. Joda Lynn, an emergency medicine physician at Weems Memorial Hospital, is among the 14 members of the first class of students at The Florida State University College of Medicine to have completed studies and medical training.

Lynn works for Southland Emergency Medical Services, which staffs the Weems' emergency room as well others in hospitals in North Florida and South Georgia.

When the students arrived at FSU as part of the inaugural class in 2001, they were taking a calculated gamble by choosing to be part of the first new medical degree program created in the United States in nearly a quarter-century.

Since their enrollment, physician workforce estimates in the U.S. have shifted dramatically from talk of a potential surplus to current projections of a severe physician shortage. In June 2006 the Association of American Medical Colleges called for a 30 percent increase in medical school enrollment by 2015, basing its position on several factors, including population growth, a doubling of the number of people over age 65 between 2000 and 2030 and an aging physician workforce in which one of every three active doctors in America is older than 55 and likely to retire by 2020.

Twenty-seven members of the original College of Medicine class graduated in May 2005. Because the length of residency program training varies depending on specialty, 13 members of the class continue training in specialties ranging from internal medicine to pediatric neurology and surgery. The 14 others completed residency training in July. Ten of the 14 are practicing in Florida, with five of those practicing in rural, medically underserved areas. Four of the 10 Florida physicians are practicing family medicine.

Witnessing the transition is especially rewarding for faculty members who helped recruit the College of Medicine's first class.



Dr. Joda Lynn

"The charge I gave to the admissions committee was to look for people who were ready to be pioneers," said Myra Hurt, who served as interim dean and director of the admissions process when the first class was admitted. "We didn't have facilities, and we didn't yet have accreditation, but these students believed in the mission and wanted to be a part of this medical school. As much as anything, they were our partners."

Six of the college's 14 alumni practicing physicians are working in or near Tallahassee. Two of those -- Drs. Christie Sain and Alex Ho -- have joined the College of Medicine as part-time faculty members who teach medical students.

"We are deeply proud of the academic and professional success of our students," said Dr. Alma Littles, senior associate dean for academic affairs. "We knew we had an educational model that would create the exemplary, compassionate, caring physicians that are now practicing in communities of need in the state of Florida and other areas of this country."

This Week with the Seahawks

Saturday, Dec. 27

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Dentist provides free services



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Apalachicola dentist Dr. James Padgett and his entire staff were busy Friday as they treated an entire day's worth of patients for free. "We did a lot of work. We started at 8 a.m. this morning and just slowed down," said Padgett. "Nobody was charged anything today." Drawing on referrals mainly from the health department, the staff saw 26 patients and performed all types of work, including sealants, extractions, examinations, and cleanings, such as that being provided Brandi Pridgen, above. Preparing Pridgen's smile for a sparkling clean Christmas holiday is Laurie Varnes, a certified dental assistant in Padgett's office.

Eagle takes flight in Carrabelle



PHOTO BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN

This newly-placed statue of a Bald Eagle, above, on display at Veterans' Park in downtown Carrabelle, was purchased entirely with private donations. Carrabelle Cares spearheaded the fundraising activities, with local businesses contributing \$1,700 toward the cost. American Legion Post 82 held a fundraiser and raised \$1,600. Private citizens donated a total of \$880 and Seaside Village matched the private donations. Carrabelle City Clerk Keisha Smith said the statue was the idea of former City Administrator John McInnis. "John wanted some kind of a flag in the park and eagle. When we found this at Statues.com, he said 'we have to have that.'" She said the city particularly wished to thank First Choice Real Estate, CDM Engineering, Inovia, Allen's Dockside Marina, St James Bay, Hartman, Curtin, & Way, P.A., Carrabelle Palms RV Park, and Gulf State Community Bank.



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Joy to the world



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | Times Editor

Sheriff-elect Skip Shiver and his wife, Julie, and family joined the Eastpoint Christmas parade Dec. 13 in their 1956 Chevrolet Belair.



LOIS SWOBODA | Staff writer

Dishing up dinner for about 150 at the Christmas luncheon in Carrabelle are, from left, Dorothy Mathes, Henry Reed, Barbara Merrell and Pan McLaughlin.

Students come caroling for county seniors

By Lois Swoboda
Staff writer

There was fellowship fun and food at the Franklin County Senior Center to ring in the holiday season.

About 150 attended the annual Christmas luncheon in Carrabelle Dec. 11. There was turkey, ham and all of the trimmings served up by volunteers under the guidance of President Sue Reed.

The kitchen was staffed by Bert Robinson and Bob and Pauline Franklin who prepared six hams, six turkeys, potatoes, stuffing, gravy and veggies.

The entertainment began with a recital of traditional carols by the band from the Franklin County Consolidated School under the direction of Carl Lester. Before each carol, a member of the student band read a history of the song. The band performed very well especially considering this was a debut recital for the group.

A group of students from the Apalachicola Bay Charter School came over from Apalachicola to perform more musical numbers including the ever popular "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas." The youngsters sang and danced, led by Temolynn Wintons, musical director for the ABC School, and accompanied on the piano by Bobby Wintons Jr.



Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | Times Editor

Photos clockwise from top: Letting their hair down on the new playground equipment at Friday's Harvest Festival at the Franklin County School are, from left, fifth graders Lael Parker, Destiny Maples and Bre Barrack. Khali McNair, left, and Malic O'Neal take in the chilly weather Dec. 13 as they watch the Eastpoint Christmas parade go by. Metia Yur of Carrabelle enjoyed turkey and trimmings at the senior center Christmas luncheon. An elf from El Jalisco restaurant in Eastpoint throws out Christmas candy during the Dec. 13 Eastpoint Christmas parade.



LOIS SWOBODA | Staff writer

Below, Temolynn Wintons leads a group of ABC School students in dances and song for the entertainment of Carrabelle seniors.



An Unforgettable Christmas

On Thursday, Dec. 11, pre-kindergarten students at the Franklin County Learning Center starred in their Christmas program, "An Unforgettable Christmas."

In addition to performances by the children, relatives and special friends were invited to perform.

The program featured songs and dances by each class.

The class of Mrs. Williams, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Shiver and Ms. Thomas sang and danced to "The Reindeer Pokey," accompanied by Mrs. Swiney, one of the parents on the keyboard.

The class of Mrs. Miller, Ms. Sewell and Ms. Woods played instruments to "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer."

Miss Anne Birchwell from the

library, who volunteers at the center, accompanied the last three classes on the guitar.

Mrs. Kulick's and Mrs. Buzier's class played drums to "The Little Drummer Boy." Mrs. Murray's and Mrs. Horst's class sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The class of Mrs. Sasnett and Mrs. Segree sang "Jingle Bells."

Special relatives and friends who performed included Ronnie Segree, a grandfather to one of the children; Miss Anne, who sang and played guitars; and the trio, Casey Nash, Sonja Creamer and Karen Brannan, who sang a medley of Christmas songs.

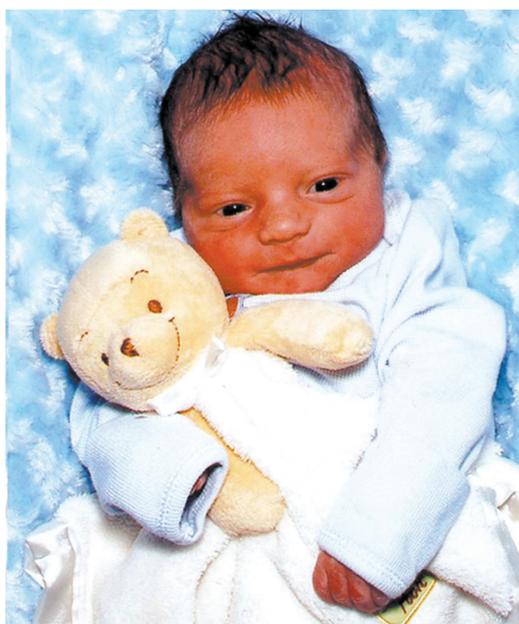
Mrs. Swiney entertained everyone with an interactive version of "Must Be Santa."



HELENE SQUARE | Contributed photo

Above, Mrs. Kulick's and Mrs. Buzier's class played drums to "The Little Drummer Boy." At far left, pre-Kindergartner Slayde Cain waits for his chance to sing.

Ryder James born Happy birthday, Granny Gray



Shelly and Greg James would like to announce the birth of their son, Ryder Allen James, on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008.

He weighed 6 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 19 1/4" inches.

He was welcomed home by his big sisters, Brianna Whittington, Tiffany James and Brittany James.



Happy 90th birthday Granny Marie Gray, from your family.

Setting sail for sweet life together

PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA



Apalachicola Riverkeeper board member J.R. Middlemas, of Panama City, and Kay Young, of Tallahassee, were among the guests on board the Apalachicola Maritime Museum's sailboat Heritage for the Riverkeeper's special morning sail Saturday, Dec. 13. The couple is planning an extra special holiday season this year. They will be married on Dec. 28. Young, who lived on a sailboat for five years as a graduate student, said Saturday's trip was wonderful. The couple is considering using this photo taken during their Heritage Cruise on next year's Christmas cards.

PET OF THE WEEK



Diamond and Spirit

Diamond and Spirit, 6-week-old puppies, arrived at the Adoption Center with their two siblings. They are adorable, playful, healthy puppies waiting for loving homes.

Call Kam 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 to see more of our adoptable pets.

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CaLayia Jones turns 4 Landrick turns 3

CaLayia Sedria Jones celebrates her fourth birthday on Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008. She is the daughter of Sedric and Coleia Jones of Apalachicola. Maternal grandparents are Harrison and Bonnie Jones, of Apalachicola. Paternal grandparents are Balinda Preston and the late James Daniels, of Albany, GA. Maternal great-grandparents are Eugene Russ and the late Lela Russ, of Apalachicola, and Harrison and Louise Jones, of Albany, GA. Paternal grandparents are Dorothy Lyons of Bakerton, GA, and Bennie Terry, of Jacksonville.



Landrick celebrated his third birthday Saturday Dec. 20, 2008. He is the son of Katie Moore and Fred Cargill. Maternal grandparents are Pam and Rocky Moore. Maternal great-grandparents are Maxie and Willie Fred Carroll. Maternal great-great-grandmother is Marie Gray. Happy birthday from Uncle Victor, Aunt Ashley, and Madison, Gracie and little 'cuz Brenon.



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Bay Cares presented Blue Foundation Sapphire Award

In recognition of Florida nonprofits successfully addressing health care disparities across the state, The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida, the philanthropic affiliate of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida (BCBSF), announced its 2008 Sapphire Award honorees at a ceremony in Orlando.

The Sapphire Award, established in 2005, is the only Florida statewide award that recognizes and rewards nonprofit community health programs that have demonstrated success and high merit and have a record of improving the health of their community through measurable outcomes.

Bay Cares, Inc. has received statewide recognition for demonstrating excellence and impact in improving the health-related outcomes of Florida's uninsured and underserved residents of Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla,



Following the 2008 Sapphire Award honoree ceremony in Orlando are, from left, Charles Mahan, MD, Sapphire Award selection committee chair; Aleksandra Schippnick, Julia Ruschmann, Marilyn "Duke" George and Mike Hill, Bay Cares; Randy Kammer, president, board of directors, The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida; and Cyril Blavo, D.O., Sapphire Award selection committee member.

Walton and Washington counties.

The organization received an Award of Dis-

inction and \$75,000 during the ceremony. Bay Cares, operated out of Panama City, provides

specialty medical care referral and treatment coordination, chemotherapy and prescription

medications at little to no cost to the uninsured and underserved.

"We are proud to honor nonprofits making a significant positive impact on the health and wellbeing of people in our state," said Susan Towler, executive director, The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida. "They are truly models of success when it comes to providing essential health services to our underserved and uninsured neighbors who might otherwise go without care."

To be eligible for The Sapphire Award, organizations must be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the federal tax code; officially reside and be incorporated in the state of Florida; and have programs that are involved with health-related services. Programs are nominated by three persons familiar with the organization and are reviewed by an independent selection commit-

tee made up of medical, public health and health communication experts from across the country and Florida.

Including the 21 nominees this year, a total of 188 nonprofits and health programs have been nominated for excellence in community health programming. Of that number, nine Winners, five Awards of Distinction, seven Honorable Mentions and four Finalists were recognized and shared \$1.425 million in award funds.

The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida is a separate, philanthropic affiliate of BCBSF incorporated in Florida. Both the foundation and its parent, BCBSF, are independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies. For more information, visit www.bluefoundationfl.com.

Need support over the holidays?

Thursday, Dec. 25
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. 26
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. 27
Alcoholics Anonymous. Eastpoint Methodist Church. 7:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

Sunday, Dec. 28
Alcoholics Anonymous. Eastpoint Methodist Church. 7:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

Monday, Dec. 29
Alcoholics Anonymous. Apalachicola. Trinity Episcopal Church. 7:30 p.m. Call 653-2000.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 30
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. For more information, call 697-2837.

Wednesday, Dec. 31
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, Jan. 1
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.

Philaco, Gherardi partner for yuletide cheer



PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA

Voncille McCloud was one of the three 50-year Philaco members honored at the musical.

On Dec. 11, the Philaco Woman's Club of Apalachicola presented a musical Christmas program at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Eugenia Watkins organized the program. The Philaco chorus performed a half-dozen traditional hymns including "Joy to the World" and "Angels We Have Heard on High," accompanied by Bedford Watkins.

Students from the Martha Gherardi School of Music were also on the program. Bianca Huber performed "Silent Night," on the piano. Jacob Shuler played "The First Noel" and "Angels We Have

Heard on High," and Lenny Ward wished the audience a merry Christmas with the keyboard.

Maranda Moses' interpretation of "Ave Maria" on the violin was especially moving. Bedford Watkins performed "Balustrade" on Trinity's organ.

Joyce Estes honored Philaco's three 50-year members, Jean Gander, Olga Nichols and Voncille McCloud, by presenting each a pink Poinsettia. After the concert, everyone adjourned to the fellowship hall for light refreshments prepared by club members.

By Lois Swoboda

CARD OF THANKS

Sanders Family

The family of Lionel Sanders would like to thank everyone for their support, whether it was shown with food, flowers, cards, monies or prayers, during our brother's sickness and passing. We would like to give a special thank you to Kelley's Funeral Home and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. And to Bishop Horace Solomon and the New Life Tabernacle Church Family, it is very difficult to put into words our feelings for all of your love, support and hospitality you demonstrated to our family during this time of mourning. It is time like this when you realize what wonderful people you are. May God continue to shower his many Blessings upon you, as you have shown much Brotherly and Sisterly Love to our Family.

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FSU professor seeks caregivers

A Florida State University researcher is seeking African-American adult caregivers who care for a loved one with dementia at least six hours a day and have a strong need to reduce their stress.

Rob Glueckauf, professor of medical humanities and social sciences at the Florida State University College of Medicine, is researching the best way to make sure caregivers receive some care, too. His research will compare the effects of telephone-based versus in-person skills building and support for African-American dementia caregivers on changes in emotional distress and health status over time. The study is a collaboration of FSU, Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Tallahassee

Memorial Hospital and Florida International University.

The responsibility of being a primary caregiver for a loved one with dementia often comes with a heavy cost, especially for African-American caregivers, who are substantially more likely than other caregivers to perform the most demanding tasks, including bathing and toileting, and spend a disproportionately higher percentage of their monthly income for the care recipient's needs.

Interested participants should call the project staff at (850) 645-2745 or (866) 778-2724 (toll-free), or e-mail william.davis@med.fsu.edu. Caregivers are eligible to receive up to \$100 for their participation in the study.

OBITUARY

Louis Smith

Louis A. Smith (Smitty), a longtime resident of Apalachicola, passed away after a long illness, at Harbor Breeze Assisted Living Facility in Carrabelle, on Dec. 2, 2008, at the age of 86.

He was born Dec. 7, 1921, in Troy, AL, to the now late Annie E. and James W. Smith. He served in the United States Navy as Ship's Cook 3rd Class, from 1943 to 1946.

After his discharge from the Navy, "Smitty" worked in the seafood industry for 50 years before retiring at the age of 70.

He was married to his beloved wife, Lucille, for 56

years, when she preceded him in death in 1996.

He is survived by two daughters; Judy Thompson, and Fay (Charles) Thompson, both of Apalachicola; one sister, Helen Wynell Weeks, of Apalachicola; and two brothers, Robert Smith, of Panama City, and Hugh "Hamp" Smith, of Apalachicola.

He is also survived by five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 6 at Kelley's Funeral Home with the Rev. Donnie Crum officiating. Burial was at Magnolia Cemetery.

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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.

Dec. 15

Sandashia K. Thompson, 19, Tallahassee, failure to appear (FCSO)

Dec. 16

Cindy L. Smith, 51, Apalachicola, sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

Albert L. Hartsfield Jr., 35, Crawfordville, violation of probation (FCSO)

Dec. 17

Leikeisha L. Lemon, 32, Panama City, violation of probation (FCSO)

Jerome D. Russ, 30, Apalachicola, battery by an inmate (FCSO)

Charles D. Gray, 20, Carrabelle, battery by an inmate (FCSO)

Dec. 18

Robert A. Hill, Jr., 18, Apalachicola, trespass on property after warning (APD)

Joseph L. Chastain, 36, Moultrie, GA, violation of injunction (FCSO)

Curtis A. Baucham, 46, Stone Mountain, GA, failure to appear (FCSO)

Richard E. Sand, 37, Carrabelle, violation of probation (FCSO)

Museum coordinates support for soldiers in Iraq



Visitors to the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum were asked to join with the museum in donating necessary, and useful, items that soldiers were in need of while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. A contribution box and donation jars were placed at city businesses as well as the museum itself. Information posted on the Internet, under "any soldier.com," allowed the museum to select a specific soldier, sailor, marine or airman and send a package to that individual's unit. The museum sent three packages; one to a marine unit in Afghanistan and two to army units in Iraq. Items included toiletries, sun block, cigars, instant flavoring to add to bottled water, chewing gum, children's toys for Iraqi children and snacks of all kinds. Two of these units have returned home. Pictured above is "Team Nightmare," still serving in Iraq. This unit, stationed with Iraqi troops, does not have immediate access to American military commissaries. Their only sources of American goods are those supplied by their families and generous people. The museum welcomes everyone to join in efforts to support the troops. For more information go to www.campgordonjohnston.com and click onto "support our troops."

FHP announces vehicle inspection checkpoints

Lt. Patrick Murphy, of the Florida Highway Patrol, has announced that members in Troop H, Quincy district, are authorized to conduct driver license/vehicle inspection checkpoints during daylight hours next month at the following locations in Franklin County:

- **Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009:** State Route 30, SR 30A and SR 65
- **Jan. 2 to 8, 2009:** SR 384, SR 67, SR 377 and SR 385
- **Jan. 9 to 15, 2009:** County Road 370, CR 157 and CR 59
- **Jan. 16 to 22, 2009:** CR 374, CR 30A and SR 300 (St. George Island Causeway).
- **Jan. 23 to 29, 2009:** SR 30, SR 30A and SR 65
- **Jan 30 and 21, 2009:** SR 384, SR 67, SR 377 and SR 385

All personnel participating in the checkpoints will be responsible for following the procedures outlined in Chapter 17.12 of the Florida Highway Patrol Policy Manual regarding driver license and vehicle inspection checkpoints.

November's global temperatures near-record warm

The year 2008 is on track to be one of the 10 warmest years on record for the planet, based on the combined average of worldwide land and ocean surface temperatures.

According to a preliminary analysis by NOAA's National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C., this was fourth warmest November all-time globally, for the combined land and ocean surface temperature. The early assessment is based on records dating back to 1880.

The November combined global land and ocean surface tempera-

ture was 1.06 degrees F above the 20th century mean of 55.2 degrees F. The global land surface temperature was fourth warmest on record and was 2.11 degrees F above the 20th century mean of 42.6 degrees F. The global ocean surface temperature was 0.68 degree F above the 20th century average of 60.4 degrees F.

The 2008 Atlantic hurricane season was the third most costly on record in current dollars, after 2005 and 2004, and the fourth most active year since 1944. This was the first season with a major hur-

ricane (Category 3 or above) each month from July through November. Globally, there were 89 named tropical cyclones, with 41 reaching the equivalent of hurricane strength (74 miles per hour), and 20 achieving the equivalent of major hurricane status (111 mph or greater) based on the Saffir-Simpson scale.

The United States recorded a preliminary total of just under 1,700 tornadoes from January to November. This ranks 2008 second behind 2004 for the most tornadoes in a year, since reliable records be-

gan in 1953. Persistent severe to exceptional drought plagued portions of south central Texas and the Southeast U.S. in 2008. Based on the Palmer Drought Index, the 2008 percent area of the lower 48 states experiencing moderate-extreme drought peaked at 31 percent in June-July. Northern Hemisphere snow cover in November was 12.66 million square miles. This is 500,000 square miles below the 1966 to 2008 Nov. average. Northern Hemisphere snow cover extent has been below average for most of 2008.



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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF
STORMWATER APPLI-
CATION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes and Chapter 62-346, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the following application for an Individual Stormwater Permit has been received by the Northwest Florida Water Management District:

Application #551, received on December 15, 2008, from the Florida Department of Management Services for construction of a new office building for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission on Graham Drive, Carrabelle. The project includes paved parking, paved drives, and stormwater management facilities.

Interested persons may comment upon these applications or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ERP Office, 800 Hospital Dr., Crestview, FL. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. within 14 days from date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding these applications. Persons wishing to remain advised of further proceedings or to receive a copy of the Technical Staff Report should request that in writing to the address above or by e-mail to ErpPermits@nwfwmd.state.fl.us.

Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
December 25, 2008

9421T
In The Circuit Court Of The Second Judicial Circuit In And For Franklin County,

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Florida
Superior Bank, a Federal savings bank,
Plaintiff

vs.
MARY SMITH (Deceased), ANNIE BROWN, BRENDA CUMMINGS, BRENDA BENJAMIN, JAMES DONNELL, AUSTIN, DARRON SMITH, WILLIE SMITH and unknown parties of the above named Defendants, including any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that defendant, and TENANT #1 and TENANT #2 representing any unknown tenants who may be in possession Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000020CC

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MARY SMITH (Deceased), ANNIE BROWN, BRENDA CUMMINGS, BRENDA BENJAMIN, JAMES DONNELL, AUSTIN, DARRON SMITH, WILLIE SMITH and unknown parties of the above named Defendants, including any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that defendant, and TENANT #1 and TENANT #2 representing any unknown tenants who may be in possession, and To All Others Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following parcel of real property located in Franklin County, Florida, described as follows:

THE NORTHEAST HALF (1/2) OF LOT NUMBER TEN (10), BLOCK NUMBER ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE (165), OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID CITY IN COMMON USE, THE SAID PARCEL FRONTING FIFTY (50) FEET ALONG AVENUE "L" BY SIXTY (60) FEET ALONG THE ALLEY IS SAID BLOCK.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Steven L. Applebaum, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Post Office Box 9454, Panama City Beach, Florida 32417, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth & Bowden P.A. 1300 Thomaswood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308 December 25, 2008

January 1, 2009

9427T

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

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

VS.

ANNE ANDERSON, REX ANDERSON and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000152-CA

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 24, 2008, and an Order

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so, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Witness my hand and seal of the Court on this 24th day of October, 2008.

Clerk of the Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 11, 18, 25, 2008 January 1, 2009

9426T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

VS.

RONALD W. MILLER, BRENDA G. MILLER and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants,

CASE NO. 08-000282-CA

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 24, 2008, and an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered in Case No. 08-000282-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and RONALD W. MILLER, BRENDA G. MILLER and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front door of the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on January 15, 2009, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 43, LAKES ON THE BLUFF, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 33, 34, & 35.

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

DATED: December 11, 2008.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth & Bowden P.A. 1300 Thomaswood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308 December 25, 2008

January 1, 2009

at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on January 15, 2009.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of December, 2008.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of December, 2008.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered in Case No. 08-000152-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and ANNE ANDERSON, REX ANDERSON and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front door of the Franklin County courthouse in Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on January 15, 2009, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3, LAKES ON THE BLUFF, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 33, 34 & 35.

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

DATED December 11, 2008

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

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at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on January 15, 2009.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of December, 2008.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of December, 2008.

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

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Steve M. Watkins, III FBN: 0794996 41 Commerce Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 (850)653-1949 December 18, 25, 2008

9523T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK Plaintiff,

VS.

JOHN BELLEW and SONIA BELLEW, husband and wife; APALACHICOLA STATE BANK, a Division of COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK; and COASTAL BUILDING SUPPLY, Defendant(s)

CASE NO: 07-000235-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Amended Final 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:

Lot 3: Commence at a concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida and run South 00 degrees 45 minutes 8 seconds West 661.35 feet to a re-rod (marked #5826) lying on the Southerly right of way boundary of Twin Lakes Road; thence run North 89 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds West 646.04 feet to an iron pipe; thence leaving said right of way boundary run South 00 degrees 28 minutes 22 seconds West 214.87 feet to a re-rod (marked #4261) marking the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning continue South 00 degrees 28 minutes 22 seconds West 104.95 feet to a re-rod (marked #4261); thence run South 89 degrees 42 minutes 40 seconds East 418.95 feet to a point lying on the center line of a 60.00 foot wide access and utility easement known as (Bear Run Road); thence run North 03 degrees 12 minutes 28 seconds West along said centerline 105.15 feet; thence leaving said centerline 42 minutes 40 seconds West 412.20 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A 60.00 foot wide access and utility easement lying over and across the Easterly 30.00 feet there of.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of December, 2008.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of December, 2008.

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

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225.26 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning continue North 89 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds West along said R/W boundary 60.11 feet; thence leaving said R/W boundary run South 02 degrees 56 minutes 27 seconds East, 448.22 feet; thence run South 02 degrees 10 minutes 31 seconds East, 560.74 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 42 minutes 40 seconds East, 560.74 feet; thence run South 89 degrees. 42 minutes 40 seconds East, 60.13 feet; thence run North 02 degrees 10 minutes 57 seconds West, 563.69 feet; thence run North 02 degrees 56 minutes 27 seconds West, 444.60 feet to the Point of Beginning.

at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on January 15, 2009.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of December, 2008.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Steve M. Watkins, III FBN: 0794996 41 Commerce Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 (850)653-1949 December 18, 25, 2008

HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-2, Plaintiff,

VS.

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST CLYDIE MAE RUSS A/K/A CLYDIA MAE RUSS DECEASED; ALVIN K. BAKER; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-000459-CA DIVISION:

NOTICE OF ACTION

THE (UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST CLYDIE MAE RUSS A/K/A CLYDIA MAE RUSS DECEASED

Last Known Address: Unknown

Current Address: Unknown

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on December 12, 2008.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF THE COURT By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Blvd, Suite 307 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 354-3544 Facsimile: (954) 354-3545

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, Telephone (407) 836-2303 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

December 25, 2008 January 1, 2009

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

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY,

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ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN SAID PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED

Last Known Address: Unknown

Current Address: Unknown

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

All of Lot Number Five (5) of Block Number One Hundred Fifty-Four (154) of the City of Apalachicola, according to the map or plat thereof in general use.

Being the same property conveyed to Clyde Mae Russ from Hilda F. Marl, widow, by Warranty Deed dated September 16, 2003 and recorded on September 17, 2003, in O.R. Book 756, page 143 and recorded among the Land records of Franklin County, Florida.

This property is located at the Street address of: 250 10th Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1701 West Hillsboro Blvd., Suite 307, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This Notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Apalachicola Times.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on December 12, 2008.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF THE COURT By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Blvd, Suite 307 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 354-3544 Facsimile: (954) 354-3545

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on December 12, 2008.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF THE COURT By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Blvd, Suite 307 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 354-3544 Facsimile: (954) 354-3545

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on December 12, 2008.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF THE COURT By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Blvd, Suite 307 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 354-3544 Facsimile: (954) 354-3545

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on December 12, 2008.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF THE COURT By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Blvd, Suite 307 Deerfield Beach, FL 334

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the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 1, TRACT 42: A parcel of land on St. George Island lying and being in Fractional Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida, and being more particularly described as:

Commence at the most Easterly corner of St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Unit No. 2, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, at Page 15, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida, and thence run North 18 degrees 37 minutes 19 seconds West 150.00 feet, thence run South 71 degrees 22 minutes 41 seconds West 20.00 feet, thence run North 18 degrees 37 minutes 19 seconds West 410.00 feet to the centerline of State Road No. 300, thence run along said centerline as follows: North 71 degrees 22 minutes 41 seconds East 416.89 feet to a point of curve to the right, thence Northeastly along said curve with a radius of 5729.58 feet, thru a central angle of 05 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds for an arc distance of 599.31 feet, the chord of said arc being North 74 degrees 22 minutes 28 seconds East 599.03 feet, thence North 77 degrees 22 minutes 16 seconds East 1848.92 feet, thence leaving said centerline run North 12 degrees 37 minutes 44 seconds West 732.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 12 degrees 37 minutes 44 seconds West 421.86 feet more or less to the approximate mean high water line of Apalachicola Bay, thence run along said approximate mean high water line as follows: North 73 degrees 51 minutes 44 seconds East 19.64 feet, thence North 85 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds East 85.83 feet, thence leaving said approximate mean high water line run South 12 degrees 37 minutes 44 seconds East 44 seconds East 410.69 feet more or less, thence run South 77 degrees 22 minutes 16 seconds West 104.56 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 11th day of December, 2008.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON
Clerk of the Court
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michelle Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk
December 25, 2008, January 1, 2009

**9570T
REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS**

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board is seeking qualifications from independent Certified Public Accountants to provide audit services in accordance with Government Auditing Standards for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, with options to renew. Interested parties should request an RFO package via email dbentley@gcwb.org or download it from our website www.workforcecenter.org/au_wb_pc.asp Responses are due by 4:00 pm CST, January 30, 2009, December 25, 2008

9589T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
PLAINTIFF

VS.

KAREN BETH MILLENDER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN BETH MILLENDER, IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION DEFENDANT(S)

CASE NO: 07-000468-CA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 12, 2008 entered in Civil Case No. 07-000468-CA of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Apalachicola, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at ON THE FRONT STEPS at the FRANKLIN County Court-house located at 33 MARKET STREET in Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of January, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 3 BLOCK 4, LANARK

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VILLAGE SUBDIVISION PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 14-14A OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 17th day of December, 2008.

MARCIA JOHNSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation should contact COURT ADMINISTRATION, at the FRANKLIN County Courthouse at 9 0 4 - 6 5 3 - 8 8 6 1 , 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN, P.A., ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
400 South Pine Island Road, Suite 400
Plantation, FL 33324-3920
(954)233-8000
December 25, 2008
January 1, 2008

9603T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE,
PLAINTIFF,

VS.

CHESTER N. KRAWCZUK, ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(S).

CASE NO: 19-2008-CA-000372

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: CHESTER N. KRAWCZUK AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHESTER N. KRAWCZUK

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 5, BLOCK "B", RANGE 4, PICKETS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ALSO LOT 6, BLOCK "74", (B4), PICK

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ETTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK Z, PAGE 20 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DAVID J. STERN, ESQ. Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 900 South Pine Island Road 11400, Plantation, FL 33324-3920 no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this notice of action and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at FRANKLIN County, Florida, this 11th day of December, 2008.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation should contact COURT ADMINISTRATION, at the FRANKLIN County Courthouse at (850) 653-8861, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
900 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD SUITE 400
PLANTATION, FL 33324-3920
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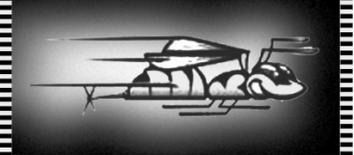
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DEAR SANTA



Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a mb3 playr, a calendars, a watch, a real puppy, a nootbook. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Kaleb

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have Gior, Deg, Wen. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Madison Lee Shiver

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have M-eplayer, Irman mask. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Caden

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a x-box, and a makeup to and We all love you and a Hannah Mountanna wig. Merry Christmas. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Shaylen Langley

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have heElies, skateboard, Barbie dll, karaoke, cookies, milk. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Tristin

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have Playstation 2 I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Patrick

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a dirt bike, four wheel and a motrsikle I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Adam Smith

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have I wish I can have a baby dinosor to take of I will leave you milk and cookies
Love,
Damion

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a toy Godzilla, and a toy game. I wish I wuz a sock. I am happy. You r nice. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Darcy

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a mamith and a erpplan from HessTrachs. How dow you doow. I howp you are good. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Mikel

Dear Santa,
I want the horse that eats cerits, plastachun game with the puppy and caterpillars that turns in to butterflies.
I love you,
Chastity Ard

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have Santa I wot a bik, Santa I wot a satbod, Santa I wot a remote car tom, anta I wot a slingshot. I will leave you milk and cookies,
Love,
Austin

Dir Santa,
Can I get a presents. Can I see you and your elves to.
Dyna

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have Intendo DS, laptop, monkeybearoom. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Allyson

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have Harzoj, big Brat hoysse. ILY Santa. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Trinity

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a four wheeler, new swing set. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have m3ay, Bakugn, Ben 10 watch, Ben 10, Imroman figt. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Camron

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have Bratz magic haircolor, computer, tapping shoes, perfume. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Stormie

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a black rocket with wings. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Joseph

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a pool, Hanna Montha, Barbies and sneakers, Razor. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Rayha

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a watre baby, a baby that swims, a cell phone, pretty church clothes, Hannah Montan dresses. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Krista

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have Hannah Montanta shoes, Hannah Montana, heeley, camo four whell. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Kelsey

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a Barbie doll that I can tack evrewere. I want a wig. Ples I whote Hannah Motan doll and shoes. Ples and a macafon. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Susie

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have 2 4 wilf kemriog. Ples I wont a pol. Ples dinso oys, Bagigon sats. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Hayden Mock

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a bath buzzerd and candy in my stoking. I wunt a wig and a play every thing of grils. IN a bog ox and t no ferget to put them in a box with dressups. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Xzanthia Rayn Mason
Plese Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a Bagugon fooier, in a pube, in a indinin Jons toy knife, in a cup and Bagigon. Bid cence cenn. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Jimmy

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a paynt gun, a Jon Dire tractor, WWE cover, a for willre and a doge. Pleyse Santa. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Jesse

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have a dionusor and I whant a car and a giant candy chan and a rell ben ten wash. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Isaiah

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have treid to be good. This year I would like to have Hannah Montana smll good, heeliars, cell phone,

4 wheller. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Chelsie

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have tried to be good. This year I would like to have motorcycle, tinkr bell doll, Hannah Montana doll, Hannah Montana dress up clothes, shoes, and wig. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Llynsie

Dear Santa,
I rilily want a hamster for Christmas and a rele star and sun books. I gess that is it. Oh tell every budey I said hi. I'm gowing to leve you milk and cookies.
Love,
Amber

Dear Santa,
I want to see your elves and reindeer. I want a baby doll and I want make up and I want a telephone that works. And I want jewelry. I want coloring book and crayons. I want new shoes and pans and that's all.
Love,
Alexis

Dear Santa,
Guess what. I wish for Christmas a city with a batman action figue and a sonic unleash vido game Bacugons Wii game. X box 360, a GPS for Christmas
Love,
Nicolas

Dear Santa,
This is my Christmas wish. I would like a bat man toy. And Megagens and the movie Star Wars.
Love,
Jacob

Dear Santa,
I wot pixose for Christmas. Mack lots ure toys me and the reindeers.
Love,
Shelby

Dear Santa,
I want a 4 wheeler and it's got two wheel drive. And I want Baclugons and two packs. I want a truck with remote control and a DS and a Wii game.
Love,
Bruce

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you plect bring me some new video games. A new four wheeler, and a new pair of shoes.
Sincerely,
William Lee

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please hles and a puppe and a cat.
Sincerely,
Evangelina Goodson

Dear Santa,
I would be pleased if I could get a bike with pegs, a cupcake maker. I realy would be pleased because some people around the world don't get clothes and toys. I would like if they could get one.
Happy Holiday Santa,
Your friend,
Brianna Rutherford

Dear Santa,
I would like you to by my brother and me a lmpthree player Santa. Me and my sister want phones so bad. Do not forget my mom or dads present. She wants a ring, my dad needs underwear, so does my brother. I want my parints to have the best Christmas ever.
Love,
Payton Edwards

Dear Santa,
I have been good thirs year. Will you please get me moon shoes and a bike. A picerphone, a cupcake maker, a Wii a lant a elv hat to. I love your elvs and you Santa.
Love,
Summer Amerson

Dear Santa,
I whont a transform bumble bee and a salfon lazer and a pixr cars bed.
Love,
Ethan Frazier

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a razar phone. Will you please bring me a x box 30. Will you please bring other children lots and lots of toys because they might not get any.
Your friend,
Hannah Westbrook

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bet my baby brother a toy for Christmas and get me a laptop, a four a where and a bike and a slide phone and my sister a bike to and brother and big brother so we can ride them.
Your friend,
Audrianna Penamon

Dear Santa,
Sence I have been good this year can you bring me a brand new bike, a new puppy, a swing set and all of the littlest pet shops.
Sincerely,
Josie Lynn Kriss

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a scoop phone and a car club and a butter 500 \$bees that have red dime on it and macnino highhills tha are red and I want a game and a I pod to.
Your friend,
Natalie Cooper

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me some heelys airs or spinners I wold like a lipstick or a pare of shoes or a bike I wold like a ipod or a mpe player.
Your friend,
Hayli Mock

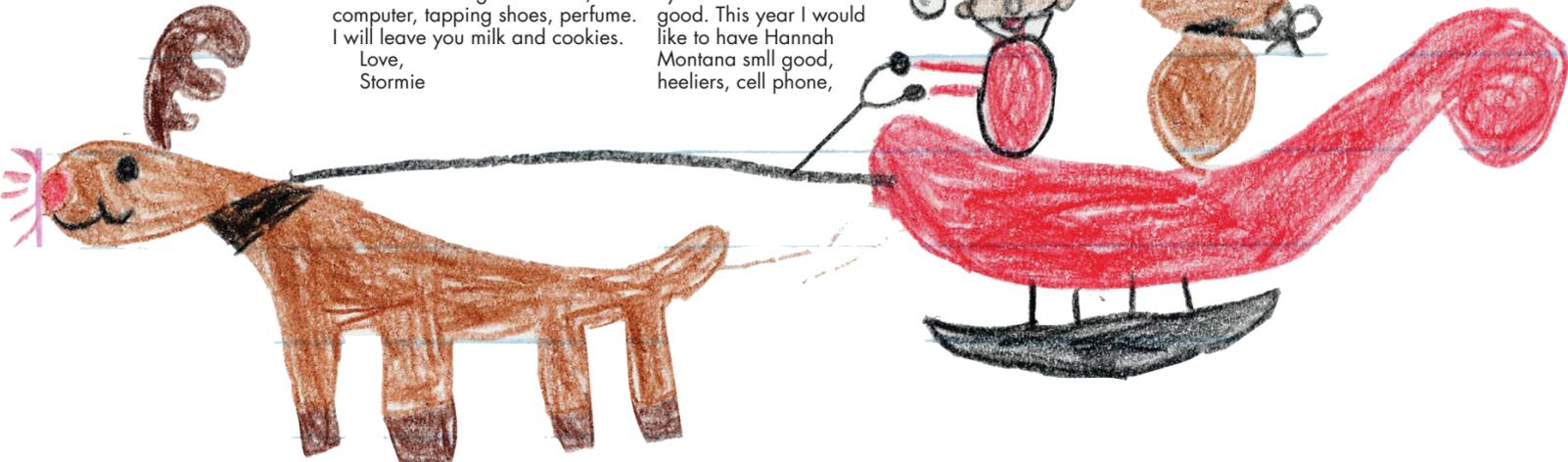
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please give me a cell phone like my momes cellphone and give me a present for my Mom and Dad because they been good this year like you give my mom and dad a movie last year my dad lik it last year.
Year friend
Elizabeth Emswiler

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please get your elves to pay more time working for kids that need food.
Love,
Morgan Anderson

Dear Santa,
I have beengood this year. Will you please give me a football and wii.
Love,
Justin Arellano

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year will you please gite me a lot of fun stufe and I hope it is sumtehing I can play inside or ride on out side or like or a remoat controwl car or boat or a gater football or truck,
Sintderely,
Colton Evans

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DEAR SANTA from page B7

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please give my little sister a toy baking set and bailey a rip stick and me a wii.
Sincerely,
Athar Dempsey

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Will you please bring me a razor phone for Christmas. And a crash nebula video game. And some brand new roller blade skates. Do you know all of the knotty kids will I think they should at least get something like a ball or a hoola hoop.
Thank you,
Emily Owens

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. Can you please bring me Nintendo DS, a puppy and a wii and a fourwheeler.
Merry Christmas,
Love,
Your friend Allison Register

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. Can you please bring me a wii and drum and ipod and cell phone.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Your friend Hannah Sweet

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. Can you bring me a Nindo DS and a wii and a fourwiler.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Your friend Justice Barfield

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. Can you please bring me a wii
Merry Christmas
Love
Your friend Alyssa Robinson

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. Can you please bring me a hose and a frog hose.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Your friend Cassidy Raffield

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. Can you please bring me a pony and a horse?
Merry Christmas
Love,
Your friend Quanteria

Dear Santa,
How are you. Ive been good this year. Please bring me a dog.
Love,
Maxwell Burke

Dear Santa,
How are you? Ive been good this year. Please bring a toy motorcycle and a four wheeler.
Love,
Micah Enfinger

Dear Santa,
How are you? Ive been good this year. Please bring me a dirt bike.
Love,
Levi Rowland

Dear Santa,
How are you? Ive been good this year. Please bring me a pink jeep.
Love,
Haley Couch

Dear Santa,
How are you. Ive been good this year. Please bring me an ipod and a phone.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jamela Ray

Dear Santa,
How are you? Ive been good this year. Please bring me a four wheeler.
Love,
Schuyler Donahoe

Dear Santa,
How are you? Ive been good this year. Please bring me heelys.
Love,
Michael McKee

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. Can you please bring me a basketball goal.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Your friend Travis Turrell

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. Can you please bring me a real phone, like my mamas and a laptop.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Your friend Kiersten Prince

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. Can you please bring me an electric scooter and a bike and a laptop.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Your friend Lamarius Martin

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. Can you please bring me an ipod and a basketball goal.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Your friend Jewane O'Neal

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me eake reindeer to ride on.
Love,
Your friend Julian

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me motor dog, motorcycle.
Love,
Your friend Star

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me a DS, dog and a cat.
Love,
Your friend Theresa

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me 4-wheeler, dirt bike, motor.
Love,
Your friend Brandon

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me a D.S., kitty, pony.
Love,
Your friend Leslie

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you bring me a toy.
Love,
Your friend Jacob

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early o

Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me a 4 wheeler, wii, PSP, Tattoo ipod.
Love,
Your friend A'Jaris Joseph

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Ever. Can you please bring me a hamster, monster truck, a car.
Love,
Your friend Devon Daniels

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me D.S., Phone.
Love,
Your friend Haley

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me a motorcycle and a train.
Love,
Your friend Austin

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring be a phone, hampser, DS
Love,
Your friend Kaylee Hicks

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Ever. Can you please bring me a doll, game, kitten.
Love,
Your friend Lyndsey

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me a DS, PS3, Dirt bike.
Love,
Your friend Logan

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me a kitten, DS, pet.
Love,
Your friend Cox

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me a pet, DS, doll
Love,
Your friend Livia

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How are things at the North Pole? I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Can you please bring me a dirt bike, DS, motor.
Love,
Your friend Bradley

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is tree things. A MP3 player, for all lpeople to have a wonderful Christmas, for all people to know the true meaning of Christmas
No Name

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. I am good. I have been good. I want a transformer, a DS and another transformer.
Love,
Cade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have ben good. How are al of your raindeer. I have ben vere good for my dad and my mom. What I whont for Christmas. I want a wii and a selphone. A DS and a laptop to.
Love,
Elah

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. For Christmas I want a bike, I want a for wheeler, I want a play Jeep, I want a babedoll, I want my best behavior givn my best frind. MoMo well bet my babedoll down.
Love,
Abigail

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. How are you doing. I was good this year. I want a dige, a game boy a ipode a clone army for Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Brock

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. How is Ms. Santa. I want for Christmas a wii and a DS with some baby games to go with it. I want some spy gear. I want a real four wheeler and I want a spa factory, sel phone and I want an easybake over. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Kalahn

Dear Santa,
How are you. I have been good. I want pig house pet.
Love,
Daylyn

Dear Santa,
How is all of you. I have been very good. I want a wii, another psp, transformer game, Indiana Jones. How is your reindeer. Before I forget I want cellphone, wii games, laptop, phone games to download., Xbox 360, and a forweller. I have been good.
Love,
Connor

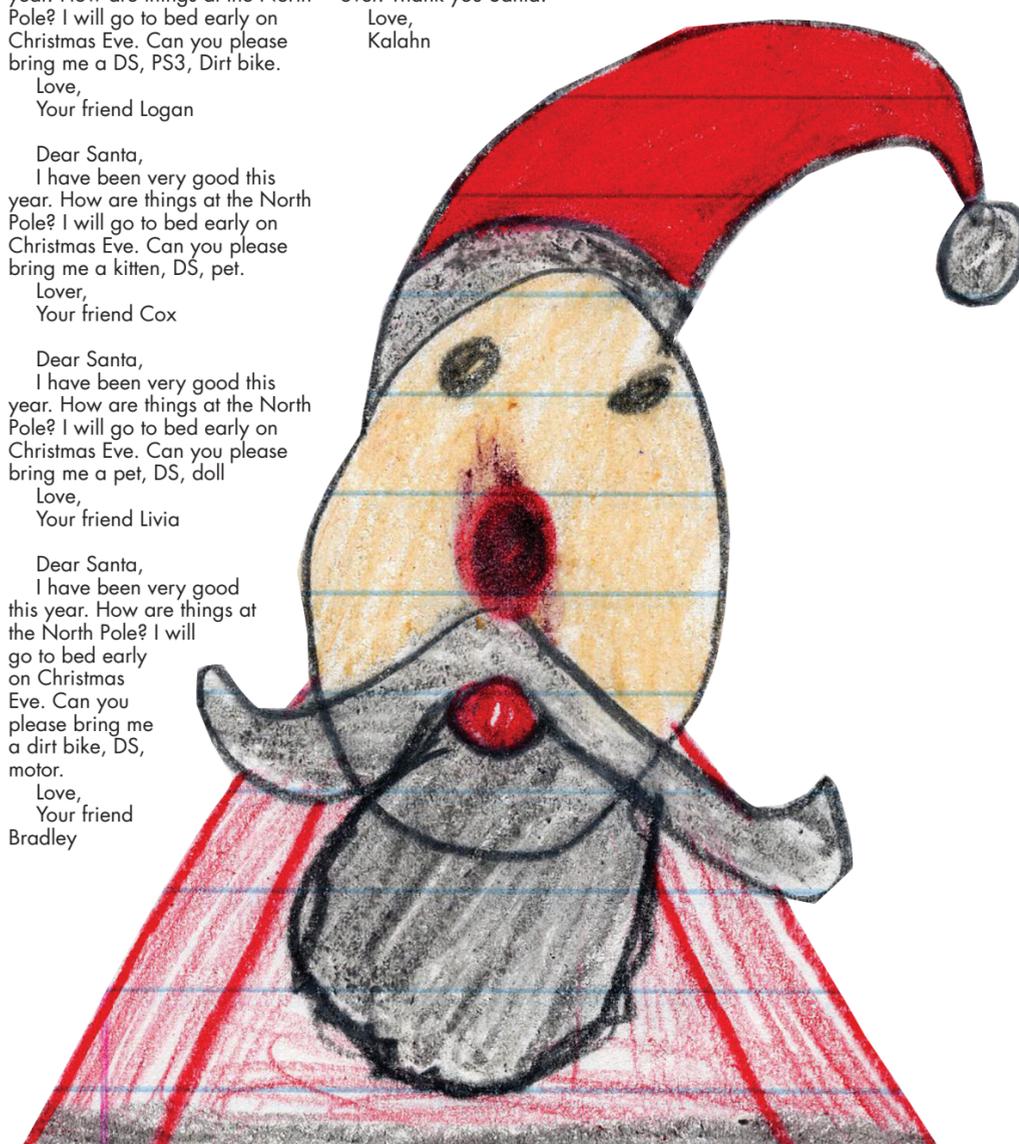
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Rudolph? I have been a very good child this year. The things I want for Christmas is an American girl doll, lap top, spy gear, one webkins, one mypet a puppy, a build a bear, build a bear clothes, magic tree house, book, and some animal books.
Love,
Becca

Dear Santa, How are you. I have been good. For Christmas I want a tripstick, a jumpin forweeler and a bike.
Love,
Kwnewai

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. For Christmas I want a DS and spy gear.
Love,
Cody

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. For Christmas I want spidy toy, dog, black spiderman.
Love,
Colin

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DEAR SANTA from page B8

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. For Christmas I want a DS and a four wheeler, dog and ca.
Love,
Davis

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. For Christmas I want a ripstick, soccer ball, pencil box, animal book.
Love,
Skye

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I binn a good boy. This is want I want for Christmas. A DS, two star wars the first star wars game is Star Wars Jedi Alliance, the next one is Star Wars force and bolt. This is what I want for my Christmas presents.
Love,
Jayden

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. For Christmas I want dog named Biscitit, I dog, dog hose.
Love,
Martina

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I have been nice to my sister. I do what she wants me to do. She is mean to me but I am nice to her. How are your reindeers. I want nail glitter and gyms for Christmas and I want an Amercene girl doll. I want an build a bear to also I want a Christmas hat to.
Love,
Scout

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. Christmas I want bike, cat, ball.
Love,
Nadia

Dear Santa,
How are doing this Christsmas? I have been very good this year because I am kepping my room clean. Oh I forgot to ask you how your reindeer are doing? Any way I have some things I want. One of the toys is Amercene girl doll. Another thing I want is a big stuffed elfent that I can ride on. I have one more thing that I want Santa that thing is I want to be a wizard.
Love,
Eden.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. I for Christmas I want a DS, wii, laptop, sell phone, xbox 360, play station 3, DS games.
Thank you very much, ripstick.
Love,
Alex

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. For Christmas I want toys.
Love,
Jon

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. For Christmas I want some spay gag HS and my two front teeth. I rely want a soft bear stuff animal, a DS and a leapfrog and a computer for my sef and a socker ball, a bebedoll and more toys.
Love,
Gillian

Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas this year is a razor cell phone and a computer and make-up set and a mesas and a pazzwod journal and a cell phone holder, computer case, shoes, clothes, and that is all I would like

for Christmas.
Love,
Alyssa Creamer

Dear Santa,
I really want a lot of stuff this year. I want a cell phone, skateboard, portable dvd player, a new DS, four wheeler, playsation 2, psp, a big bag chair, an xbox, a wii, a computer, new shoes (Pastrys) clothes, a helmet, knee pads and elbow pads, my hair cut buitifully and a new bike.
Sincerely,
Monique Garner

Dear Santa,
I wont a xbox 360 for Christmas. Games like left for dead, Halo 3m Amary of 2, feshon, left for dead posters. Brother am for xbox 360, Pokemon card.
By:
Christian Page

Dear Santa,
Digital camera (purple), I-dog soft, real diamond neckless, a box of sharpies, a big pillow in purple. These are some of the things I want for Christmas. Can you please, please, please, ge me them.
From,
Haley

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a lg glarmous cell phone, dress, Pokemon cards, a dog, Nentods light a holes, a new bed, a elevator for my room, dark blue paint, CSi poers, testing tubes, CSi videos, a CSi trainer, a desk, rolling and longing chair, a CSi bed set, CSI books, highheels, a secret treehouse, a new friend, non algric julery, care bears, hot tub.
Sincerely,
Brooke

Dear Santa Claus,
I know your probablystarting on your rounds and I been nice this year, kinda. But all I want for Christmas is three DS games. There names are Badyz girls, Petz dogspack, Petz monkey house. That's all I want for Christmas this year. Oh, year also \$200. And a wiifit with Raymon TV video game and Raymon the first, also and new wii controller. Aso please help all of the war to help us win.
Love,
Raven Carr

Dear Santa,
I don't want much just DS games. So that's bascly. I want Pokemon Ranger: shadows Almia Pokemon dimond, and Pokemon peard. That Basiclyly it. I hope things go well for everyone else.
Sincerely
A.E.E.

Dear Santa,
I hope I've been good this year. I hope you get me at least a few. I want 3 packs of Pokemon cards. I want a PS3. I want a few games for it. I want a blackberry storm. Christmas is my favorite season. I hop you get me at least a few of those presents. You are my favorite Christmas character. My favorite character of the year. You are my friend Santa.
Sincerely,
Dallas Shiver

Dear Santa,
How is it going in the north pole? It's boring in Apalachicla. Cause there is nothing to do. Do you want to see my wishlist? Here it is. Wii, LG scoop black (Alltel), Scooter (foot peddler!) Jordan B-1s.
Sincerely,
Maliek

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Hannah Montannah dvd game, Hannah Montannah Christmas doll, Hannah Montannah beach house. That's about it.
Love,
Amber Henning

Dear Santa,
I want a PS3 for Christmas and games, skateboard, razor skate, and money and other stuff and ripstick,
Sincerely,
Gavin

Dear Santa,
This what I want for Christmas is a four whiller, PSP, Plastation 3, rubik's cube. Istill have that Nintendo DA and I want smackdown vs Raw 2008 for Nintendo DS.
Sincerely,
Kobe Myers

Dear Santa,
I want a for-wheeler and a big tent and I wish that I was rich and wish that my mom had a car and some money and my sister De'lara and Dasia.
Your friend,
Nykia

Dear Santa,
Santa I wish you a Merry Christmas and I want you to make me a dirt bike for Christmas and am I on the naughty or nice list. I want you too write me back and tell me and there is one more thing I want from you is a wii and some fun games too and I got a movie of you and it is called Santa Claws 2 and every night I go too sleep I watch it and on Christmas night I will have some cookies and some milk on the table just for you and tell the elves I said hay for me pleas and please tell you elves too please build me a wii gotocart and a dirtbike.
Love,
Ethan Vonier

Dear Santa,
I have been good. For Christmas can you get me a real vaccum and a DS and a broom and rag. I also want hair spray and a new brush. I want a green one and I want a pet chicken. I also want a sweet pet monkey that does not pull my hair. I also want three dollars. I want a hot tub. I also want a pet humming bird and a pet squirrel. Happy Christmas
Our friend,
Rebekah Michelle Lee

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Tribot from wow-we robotics the robot can do almost anything. Second a Indiana Jones movie. Last any Nintendo DS game. By the way how is Mrs. Claus is she sick, healthy, sad. I can't wait until Jesus's birthday.
Sincerely,
Ethan Jared Moses

Dear Santa,
I want a brown lab webkins, a rubiks cube and petz dog for my

nintnedo DS. I've tried to be good this year.
Love,
Shaylee Crews

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. So for Christmas I want a PS3, a blue or red PSP, a golfcart, shoe, and lots and lots of clothes and I want you to get my cellphone and tak a picture.
Your friend,
Shilo Pittman

Dear Santa,
I don't want that much stuff for Christmas because all I want for Christmas is a couple Nintendo DS games and a laptop, but here are the seting ones at toys R'Us. So Santa that is all I want for Christmas
Love,
Sara Gibbs
PS Well if you love me or not I've been good.

Dear Santa,
leve been good and please can you get me a new wii remote and all the stuff on my list
Senserly,
Micah Patriotis

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a wii, a puppy for my own toc are for and spraydon of the dragon plus a big house and a gocart.
Sincerely,
Amanda Butler

Dear Santa,
I've been good please bring me a gocart and a rabik's cube and Maddon 09.
Love,
Jack Harris

Dear Santa,
Pleas give my family a good Christmas that so I wont except a DS and a baby olive and pock race car a brat.
Love,
Mallorie Guthrie

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is no pink braces or flower dresses. Thanks for my walke talke last year, but I would like a new one because my sister dropped it in the pool. Also a four wheeler. I've been very good. I've been torturing my sister just 1,267 times but tats all. You should not give my sister Gillian any presents she's been naughty.
Your friend,
Natalie Terhune

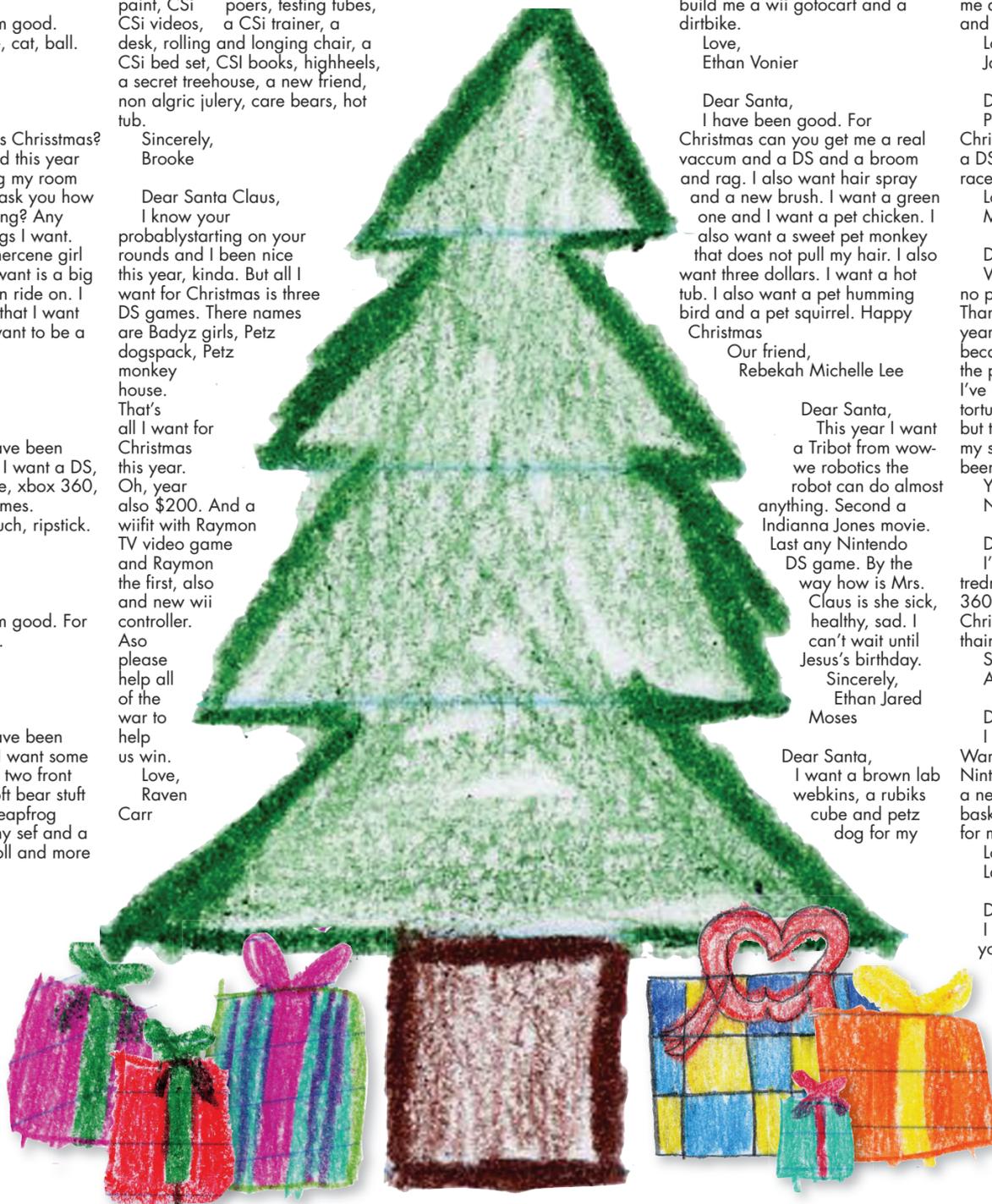
Dear Santa,
I've been good. I want a treadmill, a car, PS3, a new xbox 360, tv, and a four-wheeler for Christmas. Plesse give all of the things that I sad.
Sincerely,
Anthony Couch

Dear Santa,
I want the PS2 game Lego Star Wars, the video game, a new Nintendo DS, a dart bike and a nerf football, a soccer ball a basketball and a basketball stand for my football, and a new bike.
Love,
Landon Nash

Dear Santa,
I love you so much. How are your rane deer. Can I have a toy, a wii and a ndw DS game too. Ilove you. Goodbye.
Love,
Faith Cooper

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I would like an ipod and a phone. I love to play Santa.
KimberlyTurrell

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DEAR SANTA from page B9

Dear Santa,
I want a new skateboard for Christmas the kind of skateboard is bamcore. I also want a pet monkey. Have I been good this year?
Your frind
Nick Joahas

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo D how are your eight rindeer. And you. Are you going to remember Christmas? I've been waiting for you to come how old are you? I am six ears old.
Love,
Camille Williams.

Dear Santa,
I want a wii and levery Lego Star Wars. I also want a Nerf cannon
Love,
Wesley Benoit

Dear Santa,
I want a wiifit and a chouwa and a DS and a pink bike and a Merry Nick and a cell phone.
Love,
Hailey Gay

Dear Santa,
I wanta Nintendo ds, a computer, and 100.000 dollars,
Love,
Kevin Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a DS, wii, babyolive, pink bike, real cash, a babydoll, my xbox 360, Batz stakes size 2, pink scooter, and a pink stakeboard reale.
Karolyn Myers

Dear Santa,
I want a new DS. A new bike. I want a blue one. A guitar hero. And moon sand. And a xbox 360 and a wii fit.
Love,
Sophia Kirvin

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeers doing because I want t know. I've been nice the hole year. I wish I could see you but my mom wouldn't let me because she said to not scare you. I hope not. Santa I want a DS, paper doll, and a puppy but I know you don't have one because I just want it please and if you give it tome I will say thank you. Santa in my stocking can you give me 2 chocolates and a toy please.
Love,
Alexus Johnson

Dear Santa,
How is Dasher. What I want for Christmas is a wii.



gameboy, bike, monkey house of DS, phone but not a trackphone and Attle phone, a Play Baby, and rela yorkie dog.
Love,
Lexi Holland

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo DS, a gameboy a guitar hero. OH DS , a wii star wars clone wars game, a R2D2.
Love,
Charlie Carter

Dear Santa,
I want a DS and a xbox 360 a football and rudof some money and a gittarhero, no school, a football game, a fourwiler and a wii.
Love,
Christopher Newell

Dear Santa,
I would like a shotgun, clone squad and blaster. I would also like a clone republic gunship, royal guards, Captain Panaka, droids, R2D2, C3PO, pod racers, gungnan army, royal speeder, droid tank, droid transport, clone army, clone A.T.T.E., DS polemon ranger shadows of omia, clone fighters, lego general grevious, speeder bike, gango fett and boba fete. I hope you can get all of his stuff for me.
Love,
lan

Dear Santa,
How are you and the raindeer? You know what I want for Christmas I want a PSP and I want a laptop and PSP games I want the Simpsons game and glitter land and paint set.
Love,
Alyssa Martina

Dear Santa,
I would like a hamster for me and my brother Chase Taranto and I woud like a lasertag and a real boat and a real reindeer. How are you and Ruidolph.
Love,
Brandon Taranto

Dear Santa, How are you doing at the North Pole? I would like a power wheels car.
Love,
Vincent Guidry

Dear Santa,
How ar you and roodoff. I want a xbox 360 for Christmas and the Simpsons game.
Hunter Davis

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rudolph? I love you and Rudolph.
Adrian Pruet

Dear Santa,
I like you because you are a good man.
Lovr,
Summer Granger

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I want a Nintendo DS
Love Talon Etheridge

Dear Santa,
I want a wii and Merry Christmas to Rudolph. I would like a hamster if you have one.
Love,
Bailey Herrington

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Are they doing fine? Are you doing fine? I want a laptop, hamster and a phone for Christmas.
Love,
Savannah Parker

Dear Santa,
How is Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen and rulopfh. I want a lpod Shuffle.
Love,
Jaiden Hill

Dear Santa,
Santa can I barraw your raindeer for Christmas? Il will nat give it back on Christmas eve because I am game to ride it all day and I am game to be ride my teacher Mrs. Schaffer and Mrs. Border.
Love you Santa.
Thank you,
Tyler Farmer

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Are they ready to fly? Are you happy because I am being

good. OK Since I am being good I want a four wheeler and a reindeer, and some toys. And one more thing my family to be happy and to have a good Christmas. And I want to be happy to and a good Christmas. Will you do that Santa?
Love,
Ashley Thompson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Well, I have been a very good girl every year so I would like you to get me a fourwheeler, littlest pet shop, my parents to get a house, a littlest pet shops hotel, a new bookbag, new shoes, new cloths, and a purse. I want a very lot of things but you do not have to get all of them. Have a great Christmas!
Sincerely,
Myah Hunnings

Dear Santa,
How are you? I've been good. Do you know want I want for Chrismas a toy slam gun for Chrismas after that I want a skateboard for Christmas
Thank you for this
Love,
Jonathan Kuhne

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please get me everything on my list and I have been a good boy by doing things like listening to my teacher,

picking up trash, and helping the community. And please get me a xbox 360.
Thank you,
John Pateritsas

Dear Santa,
I want to get a video games and some snow. Let it snow. I have been good all year long. Please bring me a four wheeler and an xbox 360.
Love,
Rufus Townsend

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? You need to go on a diet. You also need to polish Rudolph's nose. I hope it's not foggy. I've been very good this year. Can I please have a BabyBorn, a floaty, a tube, a Tommy 20, a Hannah Montana Christmas doll, some Littlest Pet shops and a Brats doll.
Your friend,
Harper Westbrook

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like to have a phone, four wheeler, and littest pet shops. I hope that you have a Merry Christmas and say hi to all the reindeer and to Rudolph to. Chocolate chip
Love,
Tiffany Glass and Chocolate Chip

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are you having a good day. I hope you have a good Christmas just like all the other people have. If you where not here alive today no one would get any presents from you. Please don't listen to Harper Westbrook about you going on a diet. I like your stomach big, you look cute with your stomach like that. Can you please give me some little pet shops, one of your rein deer, bakugans, a nother par of fourwheeler key, a toy helicopter with a remote, and make it snow.
I love you and thank you
Amber Moseley

Dear Santa,
I want a toy cart
Love,
Christopher

Dear Santa,
I would like a playstation with little toy cars.
Love,
Kelson

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle.
Thank you
Love,
Kiani

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