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Lisa Mitchem, left, and Judy Denham, right, cut the ribbon opening the doors of St. James Health and Rehabilitation to the public. Behind them is Dr. Stephen Miniati, left, physical therapist Tom Brocato, center, and County Commissioner Smokey Parish, right. At far left is Director of Nursing Beverly Martin.

Nursing home opens doors

St. James to be largest private-sector employer

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

About three dozen people were on hand Jan. 8 when the new St. James Health and Rehabilitation Center officially opened its doors to the public with a ribbon-cutting.

The facility is at 239 Crooked River Road, east of Carrabelle, adjacent to the St. James Bay housing development.

"We're out here to celebrate the opening of this facility, which will provide a much needed service," said Commissioner Smokey Parrish, on hand for the ribbon-cutting. "This will increase and enhance the quality of life for a lot of people in Franklin County."

The new facility brings nursing home services to Franklin County for the first time since August 2002,



The dining room at St. James is bright and spacious.

when the Bay St. George facility in Eastpoint, no relation to the current St. James facility, shut down.

The St. James nursing home was built by Third Street Management LLC of Hickory, N.C., and is one of about 40 nursing homes owned and managed by the

firm.

"We want to provide a facility not only to put the community to work, but to provide a service to the community," said Joyce Denham, vice president for strategic development for Third Street. "Many of your health professionals are

driving to Tallahassee and Panama City to work. We want to bring those people back home."

Denham said St. James will employ 125 workers when it is in full operation and will house 90 residents, making it the largest private-sector employer in the county.

Linda McCord, assistant director of nursing, said interviews for the housekeeping and dietary departments and the office and the nursing staff will begin in mid-January. She said St. James will employ about 25 certified nursing assistants (CNA), and the facility will provide in-house training for CNA applicants.

"I'll be teaching CNA classes," she said. "The program prepares them to take the certification course. Classes will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., five days a week for two weeks, and there is no charge. We only ask that they stay and work with us for a year after they are certified."

McCord said applications to work at St. James are available at the Cham-



Tom Brocato of Apalachicola will oversee physical therapy at St. James Bay.

Pendleton's closes: A sign of the times

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Three service stations in the county closed their doors during the last quarter of 2008.

Two were victims of a struggling economy, while the third, one of the last full-service stations in the Panhandle, had a different reason for closing shop after more than half a century.

Latest to go under was the Chevron station at the intersection of Market Street and Avenue E in Apalachicola, which closed Jan. 1.

A sign reading "closed for winter" has been covered by a "for rent" sign. Owner of the Chevron franchise, Gary Jones of Ritz Stores, out of Crestview, said he does not plan to return and hopes the property's owner, John L. Miller, soon will find a tenant to take over in the last year of Ritz's five-year lease.

Jones said he has closed two of his 15 service stations and canceled plans to open two new ones. He told Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce Director Anita Grove he chose to close properties he leased but did not own.

He said his reason for the closures was simple.

"Economics," he said on Jan. 2, as he and fellow staffers cleared out inventory from the service station, which locals often refer to as "the Taco Bell" because of its previous status.

"We enjoy doing business in Franklin County and are members of the chamber, but these are tough economic times," he said.

Much of the equipment and goods was moved to the Ritz location in Eastpoint, which remains open. Jones said he acquired that store



'It wasn't due to any financial problem. We had a healthy business. It was killing me and my son. I stood it as long as I could, 54 years. I don't think anybody else could have stood it as long.'

Jimmy Pendleton
Owner, Pendleton's

from the former owner, "Mr. Cheap Butts."

The service station down the street from Jones' Eastpoint location, Rick's BP, closed late last year as well, victim of a bankruptcy.

Last full-service gas station in the county

Pendleton's in Apalachicola, the last full-service station in the county, shut down in October.

"Daddy decided he had had enough," said Tommy Pendleton, who operated the station with his father, Jimmy Pendleton. "He was ready to retire. He had been in business since 1954.

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ONDRACEK NAMED COUNTY LIBRARIAN



At the Jan. 6 meeting of the Franklin County Commission, Denise Butler, right, introduced Glenda Ondracek of Cape San Blas as the new director for Franklin County Public Library. Ondracek holds a master's in library, media and information studies from the University of South Florida and has more than 30 years of experience as a librarian. She has worked as a librarian in the Florida public school system and at the University of Tampa. She was also law librarian at the Gulf Correctional Institution.

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Officer commended for nabbing gang members

Apalachicola Sgt. Chet Turner tracked suspects for 18 hours

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

At the Jan. 6 meeting of the Apalachicola City Commission, Mayor Van Johnson presented Sgt. John Chester Turner Jr.

with the following commendation for outstanding police work:

"Your dedication to justice has led to several arrests and has created a safer community for all the citizens of our city. Through your actions, these subjects will no longer be a threat to the citizens of Apalachicola. You are an asset to your community, and it is an honor to have you as a member of the Apalachicola Police Department."

The commendation came after Turner spearheaded an investigation

that led to the arrests of two South Florida gang members who were charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Turner said the pair threatened a juvenile in Apalachicola with a handgun and kicked him repeatedly in the face after knocking him to the ground. They were interrupted by a neighbor who was able to give the police a tag number for a van that was driven by the attackers.

"I tracked them for 18 hours," said Turner.

"They ran and hid in the woods, and they threw the gun, a .38 revolver, off the Apalachicola Bridge. They threw the bullets into the woods, and I got those."

Turner said he was aided in the investigation by Apalachicola Deputy Spence Massey and Carrabelle Sgt. Craig Kincaid.

"We knew they were going to go pick up a girlfriend in Carrabelle, and we knew where the girl lived. Sgt. Kincaid went and waited for them, made the arrest and brought the two back to Apalachicola."

Apalachicola Police Chief Bobby Varnes said, "As a result of his investigation, we found out that some people who are now in jail are gang members from South Florida. The state's attorney said his work on this case is so good that there will almost certainly be prison time."



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Sgt. John Chester Turner of the Apalachicola Police Department.



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I devour the paper like a book, starting on the front page reading every story, picture caption, and column. I even read my own stuff, although I have written and edited it to the point where it is almost committed to memory. There is still the thrill of seeing my words in print. I read all of the legal ads (and now give a shiver at the number of foreclosures), all of the classifieds, and every display ad, (mostly real estate) and even the requests for bids from government entities.

The Times has been the paper of record for our Franklin County community for numerous decades. My earliest memories of the paper stem from the days when Joe Maloney was in charge, and his editorials appeared on the front page. Ironically, I was working at the Times as a food writer when he died in the Eighties. I was charged with writing the obituary, and I remember interviewing Ben Watkins for memories and insight into that irascible old cuss.

In this era of print panic, the Times seems a remarkably stable entity – kind of like an old predictable friend. We can count on coverage of the county and city commission meetings. Then we turn the page and see the birthdays, cards of thanks, church schedules, and incredible high school sports pictures. Local concerts are reviewed and new businesses get a bump with a feature story.

The fate of newspapers elsewhere is not so rosy. I have two acquaintances from Tampa who have been dismissed from the Tribune. One was a film critic and the other a

senior Metro columnist. Both are in their late fifties and neither has a job. Who will hire a newspaper person with 30 years experience in these tough times?

The Tallahassee Democrat has eliminated dozens of positions, some senior columnists, and downsized the paper Monday through Thursday. The Ocala Star Banner has shrunk the size of their paper. The Christian Science News Monitor will publish less regularly. The New York Times is even looking at bankruptcy.

My classroom receives around 30 Tallahassee Democrats every day. Other teachers grab a few, and my kids glom onto the sports pages and horoscopes. I read the Democrat online before I go to work, but there is still a real satisfaction turning the pages of a real paper every day.

I confess, I spend about half an hour every morning reading papers on-line. I go to the St. Petersburg Times (mostly for their education reporting), the Miami Herald (mostly for Carl Hassen), the London Times (for their international coverage and food writing), and the Huffington Post (for their liberal writing and links to other news sources.)

I adore reading papers on the Internet, and I think they have done a fairly decent job obtaining advertising to support that Internet effort. It is not the Internet that is debilitating newspapers. It is the loss of advertising. As retail and real estate falter, so do the funds for big display ads.

I am grateful for the Times. I have a good feeling that it is here to stay, bringing us the news and opinion important to our community. We live in a unique place with unique needs and values. The Times reflects our history and will document our future.

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RED WHITE AND ROUX
Denise Roux

Keyboard KLATTERINGS

A lesson in a life

To easy would it be to frame next week's celebration of the life of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

How difficult it must have seemed from a Birmingham jail or during a march from Selma or a Memphis garbage workers strike for King to see that such an event might happen in his lifetime.

King would be in his 80s had an assassin's bullet not cut him down in his prime and he might still be around to see what the movement he helped lead and mold had produced, a president of color.

But King was much more than a civil rights advocate and the times we face now, with economic troubles and people in desperate need, call out for the kind of words he wrote more than 30 years ago.

Following are portions of an essay King wrote in 1958 entitled "The Dimensions of a Complete Life," one essay in the book "The Measure of a Man" which provides insight into the philosophical and faith-based underpinnings of King's work.

The book, a mere 60 pages, was given to me by my father, who was before his time in advocating for civil and social justice while writing for the newspaper at which he spent much of his career.

I have treasured it for sentimental reasons, and look back at the words for reasons not easily captured in words.

King wrote, "Many, many centuries ago, out on a lonely, obscure island called Patmos, a man by the name of John caught a vision of the new Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God. One of the greatest glories of this new city of God that John saw was its completeness. It was not partial and one-sided, but it was complete in all three of its dimensions. And so, in describing the city in the twenty-first chapter of the book of Revelation, John says this: 'The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.' In other words, this new city of God, this city of ideal humanity, is not an unbalanced entity but it is complete on all sides.

"Now John is saying something quite significant here ... What John is really saying is this: that life as it

should be and life at its best is the life that is complete on all sides.

"There are three dimensions of any complete life to which we can fitly give the words of this text: length, breadth and height. The length of life as we shall think of it here is not its duration or its longevity, but it is the push of a life forward to achieve its personal ends and ambitions. It is the inward concern for one's own welfare. The breadth of life is the outward concern for the welfare of others. The height of life is the upward reach for God.

"These are the three dimensions of life, and without the three being correlated, working harmoniously together, life is incomplete. ...

"Now let us notice first the length of life ... Some years ago a learned rabbi, the late Joshua Liebman, wrote a book entitled Peace of Mind. He has a chapter in the book entitled 'Love Thyself Properly.' In this chapter he says in substance that it is impossible to love other selves adequately unless you love your own self properly ... So every individual has a responsibility to be concerned about himself enough to discover what he is made for. After he discovers his calling he should set out to do it with all the strength and power of his being ... No matter how small one thinks his life's work is in terms of the norms of the world and the so-called big jobs, he must realize that it has cosmic significance if he is serving humanity and doing the will of God.

"To carry this to one extreme, if it falls your lot to be a street-sweeper, sweep streets as Raphael painted pictures, as Michelangelo carved marble, as Beethoven composed music, as Shakespeare wrote poetry ... In the words of Douglas Mallock: If you can't be a highway, just be a trail; If you can't be the sun, be a star; For it isn't the size that you win or you fail – Be the best of whatever you are.

"But don't stop here; it is dangerous to stop here ...

"The breadth of life is that dimension of life in which we are concerned about others. An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individ-



TIM CROFT
Times News Editor

ualistic concerns to broader concerns of all humanity.

"So often racial groups are concerned about the length of life, their economic privileged position, their social status. So often nations of the world are concerned about the length of life, perpetuating their nationalistic concerns and their economic ends. May

it not be that the problem in the world today is that individuals as well as nations have been overly concerned with the length of life, devoid of the breadth? ...

"As long as there is poverty in the world I can never be rich, even if I have a billion dollars. As long as diseases are rampant and millions of people in this world cannot expect to live more than twenty-eight or thirty years, I can never be totally healthy even if I just got a good checkup at the Mayo Clinic. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be ... No individual or nation can stand out boasting of being independent. We are interdependent ... When we discover this, we master the second dimension of life.

"Finally, there is the third dimension. Some people never get beyond the first two dimensions of life. They master the first two. They develop their inner powers; they love humanity, but they stop right there ... They seek to live life without a sky.

"But if we are to live the complete life we must reach up and discover God. H.G. Wells was right: 'The man who is not religious begins at nowhere and ends at nothing.' ... In a real sense everything that we see is a shadow cast by that which we do not see. Plato was right: 'The visible is a shadow cast by the invisible.'

"Love yourself, it that means rational, healthy and moral self-interest. You are commanded to do that. That is the length of life. Love your neighbor as you love yourself. You are commanded to do that. That is the breadth of life. But never forget that there is a first and even greater commandment, 'Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul and all thy mind.' This is the height of life. And when you do this you live the complete life."

Letters to the EDITOR

Set an example, clean up our backyard

Dear Editor,
As a homeowner in Apalachicola, I'd like to add my two cents about the bay water issue.

I live just south of Lake Lanier. I have not watered my lawn or washed my car in two years due to our drought conditions and I'm happy to help as are millions of other Atlanta area residents.

The low levels have caused economic ruin for many businesses that serve the Lake Lanier area. I have been up many miles of the Apalachicola River and have never seen low river levels. Over 80 percent of the water that eventually finds its way to the Bay comes from SOUTH of Atlanta, not Lake Lanier, however the Corps is penalizing Atlanta and Lake Lanier. I see no change in the current release rates of the Buford Dam, however, keep in mind that although the growth of Atlanta contributes to the

water situation, the primary causation of the situation Georgia, Florida and Alabama faces is DROUGHT!

I am totally in love with the Apalachicola area and will eventually live there full time, the sooner the better!

As we know, the primary issue with water that enters the bay is flow. There is one other issue that should bring equal attention and that is polluted stormwater from the local region.

I have been to Scipio Creek Marina and seen very large oil slicks. I have been upriver and have seen the ILLEGAL houseboats that are dumping raw sewage into the river (how do they get away with THAT?). And, large areas of Apalachicola are a pig sty. Trash, junk cars, dilapidated buildings, and stray animals contribute greatly to the pollution of our bay. Can't the local governments of Apalachicola and Franklin County clean up

their own back yard and set an example for the municipalities upriver? It seems that the local area is a large contributor of a significant amount of pollution in the Bay that we all love.

I am a member of ABARK and the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper although I am by no means an environmental crackpot. What I am proposing here is that the surrounding bay area set in place a very intense "let's clean up our own backyard campaign." We do not need new laws; they are already on the books but they are being minimally enforced. "We do not have the resources" is a lame excuse. I'm involved in this very enforcement activity in my city that lies on the Chattahoochee River and the enforcement program more than pays for itself through fines.

I trust that this letter initiates some form of a clean up of the area.

Mike W.

Cutting Medicaid hospice benefit will cost more

Dear Editor:
Over the next few weeks, state lawmakers will be meeting to find ways to resolve Florida's looming budget deficit. Ironically, one of the cuts being considered – eliminating the Medicaid Hospice benefit to the state's most fragile citizens – will actually end up costing the state more money than it currently spends.

Last year, Florida's hospices provided care for more than 16,000 Medicaid patients. These patients were able to receive medical, emotional and social services in their residence (whether a private home or nursing home) instead of seeking care in hospitals and emergency rooms, which is much more expensive.

In a just-released survey conducted by the Moran Company for Florida Hospices and Palliative Care (FHPC), eliminating the Medicaid Hospice benefit for our most needy patients

at the end of life would have actually increased Florida's healthcare costs by \$3.7 million in 2007 alone.

But the real tragedy is the quality of care that these vulnerable and often over-looked citizens stand to lose. Hospice care is all inclusive; every home visit by a nurse, home health aide, family support counselor, chaplain, music therapist, physician and community volunteer is covered by one daily fee. That fee also covers prescription drugs, medical equipment and medical supplies associated with the patient's hospice diagnosis. Medicaid patients living in a nursing home have these additional services added to their care as well for one fixed fee.

Families facing a life limiting illness often face non-medical crises as well, such as poverty, homelessness and complex family dynamics. Because hospice care deals with the emotional and practical needs of the

entire family, these potentially crushing burdens are addressed by the hospice family support counselor. Families without the safety net of the Medicaid hospice benefit will be forced to turn to already overwhelmed local social service programs instead of one of the 42 Florida hospices.

Quality end of life health care should not belong only to the powerful, wealthy and influential; it should be the right of every Florida citizen. Not only does eliminating the Hospice Medicaid benefit not make good financial sense, it takes a terrible toll on human beings. Get all the facts about the bottom line cost of hospice care before eliminating this important human service. A little research will show you can save both money and human dignity by maintaining the Hospice benefit to Medicaid patients.

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"If we could have found half-way decent help, we would still have it open," Jimmy Pendleton said. "It wasn't due to any financial problem. We had a healthy business. It was killing me and my son. I stood it as long as I could, 54 years. I don't think anybody else could have stood it as long."

Actually, Tommy still is doing repair work including brakes and tires at his home at 1199 Bluff Road. To call and set up an appointment, reach him at 653-6584.

Pendleton senior said fluctuating gasoline prices were an annoyance but not a factor in closing.

"You don't make anything on gasoline. It's something you had to have. Some days I actually lost money on it. The other two stations went under because of the economy," he said, pointing out that neither offered products that couldn't be obtained at their competition.

"We had the mechanic work," he said. "I still had people coming that were trading with me when I had the Gulf station where the NAPA store is now in the '50s. Their kids and grandkids traded with me."

The original Pendleton's gas station was also a full service facility located at 230 U.S. 98.

Born in Pensacola, Jimmy moved to Apalachicola to open the station with his brother, C.E. who was one year, one month and one day his senior. He moved down from Missouri, where he had been service manager at an automobile factory belonging to Ford Motors.

C.E. Pendleton met his future wife, Louise Nedley while driving a delivery truck between Pensacola and Apalachicola. He married her and moved to Franklin County. After a stretch in the service, C.E. asked his younger brother to move back to Florida and open the station.

Apalachicola was much smaller then, said Jimmy, with nothing beyond the cemetery on Brownsville Road but a couple of fish camps.

"Downtown there was an Austin men's store, a five-and-dime and a few little mom and pop businesses," he said. "When I first got here, I come in that night and I said 'What in



JIMMY PENDLETON | Contributed photo

Pendleton's Gulf on US 98 was the first service station of its kind in Apalachicola.

the world has my brother done to me?"

"After a couple of weeks and a trip up the river with a boy I met, I knew I'd fell in love. This was where I wanted to be for the rest of my life," he said.

Later, he met his wife, Sandra Miller, who grew up in Apalachicola. She was working as a waitress at the Dairy Freeze across the street from his station when the romance began.

'I just didn't like to go there anymore'

As the only station in town offering diesel fuel, the Gulf station thrived, employing five workers.

"We had a monstrous good business. We ran two shifts and the station was open from 6 a.m. till 10 p.m. We was closed one day a year. You know which day that was? Christmas," Jimmy said.

"I ran the day shift and did all of the repair work. We could overhaul motors and transmissions. My brother came on at night," he said. "There was two men that went to the front when a customer came. They cleaned your windshield and pumped the gas. One of them even swept the sand out with a little broom he carried in his pocket. We had a guy named Goldy who did all of the washing and detailed cars inside and out. It was the first gas station that offered that kind of service here."

When the station opened, a



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This Chevron station at the corner of Market and Avenue E is available for lease.

gallon of gas was 23 to 27 cents, and diesel was 11 cents. Oil was 35 cents a quart, and a grease job cost 50 cents. Tire repair or a complete inside-outside detail cost 75 cents, but, of course, salaries were \$25 to \$35 a week.

In 1961, tragedy struck unexpectedly when C.E. died, possibly of a stroke.

"I'm not much in politics, but my brother was," Jimmy said. "He was a county commissioner. He was very popular. He was just 33 when he died. He had been playing baseball that evening with some boys."

"He drove his jeep home, showered and had supper and then he walked down to the station. It was closed by then. He was sitting there talking to Milton Houseman, a policeman. He stood up and said 'God that hurts' and fell down dead," he said. "After that, I just didn't like to go to the station anymore, and my sister in law didn't like it. That's when we moved downtown."

Eight trophies a weekend, with a good following

There were good times, too. The Pendletons are motor sports enthusiasts, with dad a huge fan of Dale Earnhardt Sr. He has a collection of posters and memorabilia, and he and his son participated in many drag races, leaving home for Panama City, Tallahassee or Andalusia, Ala., on Friday night and making it back in time for work on Monday.

Many people have heard the story of the Dale Earnhardt coke machine that stood before Pendleton's for many years. Jimmy told the Coca Cola people to remove their machine from his property because they failed to keep it working properly.

Soon afterwards, Coca Cola came out with the Dale Earnhardt-themed machine. Pendleton agreed to reinstate the soft drink company only if they gave him a machine bearing the image of his hero. Obviously, he got what he wanted.

Pendleton said Chocolate Myers, Earnhardt's fuel man, once was staying at the Gibson Inn with his wife, when somebody told him to go across the street and see the memorabilia at Pendleton's.

"He had a fit," said Jimmy. "I talked to him and it turned out his wife had lived here and went to school with one of my daughters. The next day we all had breakfast together at Dolores's Sweet Shop. He sent me a letter giving me a private tour of Earnhardt Incorporated any time I wanted."

Pendleton said Earnhardt was killed soon after, and he never used the pass. He did meet his idol once after attending a race with Roger Flowers.

The Pendletons were racing stars in their own right.

"We had an awesome car. We won over 300 trophies. We won every weekend. We'd win about eight trophies in different divisions," said Jimmy. "A lot of people followed us, too. We had good support. Then the little local tracks started closing, and it got to where you had to drive too far for a race to make it back in time to work."

Like his days of racing, Pendleton's days in the auto repair business are finally over, although he does occasionally come to the rescue of stranded former customers. Now he says he mostly does yard work and fishing.

"I have to do something to keep busy. I've got too much nervous energy," he said. "I'd give anything to be back in business again. I miss it."

ST. JAMES from page A1

ber of Commerce offices in Carrabelle and Apalachicola. She encouraged anyone interested to apply. She said applications already submitted still are on file at St. James, and she will begin going through existing applications this week.

'Truly a wonderful facility'

Lisa Mitchem will be the administrator overseeing the operation. Originally from Georgia, she holds a degree in behavioral and social sciences from Brewton Parker College of Mt. Vernon, Ga. She said she has worked in Florida nursing homes for the last eight years and is a licensed nursing home administrator.

Some familiar faces are already on staff at St. James. Physical therapist Tom Brocato will oversee therapy in a new exercise center. He said the facility also is installing for residents a Nintendo Wii room, featuring the computer game that guides the player through sports, dance and other forms of exercise.

"They have Wii rooms at some of their other locations, and it's very popular," Brocato said. "There's a waiting list to use the game."

Dr. Stephen Miniati is medical director for St. James.

"This is truly a wonderful facility," he said. "These people have brought professionalism to the facility from the ground up."

Denham said St. James also is working closely with Weems Hospital.

"(Weems CEO) Chuck Colvert was one of the first

people I contacted when we got here," she said. "They're going to be providing a lot of services to our residents."

Variety of services

The 39,000-square-foot building has two wings that share a dining facility serviced by a spacious kitchen. The dining room is fitted with tables for four with hunter green table cloths. Brass chandeliers twinkle overhead.

There is also a formal private dining room for eight and private dining/activity rooms on each wing. There are several comfortable lounges, some furnished with big-screen televisions.

St. James has four private rooms and 43 semi-private with two beds. Every room has a window, and every room has a bathroom in addition to large bathing rooms fitted with whirlpool baths and a lifting chair found on both wings.

The atmosphere at St. James is quite inviting and cozy from the rocking chairs on the front porch to the nightlights to the pictures on the walls of every room including the bathrooms.

"Some color, some lighting and pretty pictures make it nice," McCord said.

Director of Nursing Beverly Martin said St. James will partner with a number of locals to provide enrichment activities for residents, including nondenominational church services on site. She said artist Joan Matey of Lanark Village and dance instructor Pam Nobles of Apalachicola already are signed up to



Assistant Director of Nursing Linda McCord shows off the assisted bathing area at St. James.

offer classes. Martin encouraged anyone interested in volunteering or partnering with St. James to contact the home at 697-2020.

St. James will offer a variety of services rang-

ing from traditional nursing care to rehabilitation for individuals who expect to regain independence. There will be occupational and speech therapists on staff. The home will provide hospice care and short-term "respite care" to give home caregivers a break for a weekend or a few weeks.

"I am so excited about this facility," said Bert Ivey, director of Elder-Care Services for Franklin County. "It's wonderful to have another option for seniors in the county. This will allow so many people to remain close to home and family."

Mitchem said the facility now is waiting for the

Agency for Health Care to inspect and certify the building so they can begin accepting residents.

"We have had a number of inquiries and have several people waiting to move in. There have been inquiries from Chattanooga and honestly just everywhere," she said, adding that a number of local families had dropped by or called to inquire.

"We're seeing a lot of people who want to bring family members closer to home. I've talked to families from Eastpoint, Apalachicola and Port St. Joe, but in my experience, the majority of locals inquiring live on St. George Island."



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Dixie kicks off 12th theatre season



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Ken Sizemore, the "Old Folkie."

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

On the weekend of Jan. 9 and 10, the Dixie Theatre in Apalachicola kicked off their 2009 season with performances by six outstanding artists.

On Friday, Ken Sizemore is an "Old Folkie" lit up the stage with a tour de force featuring the music of Glen Campbell, John Denver, Buddy Holly and Harry Belafonte to name just a few. The audience was enraptured when he led them through a sing along of "Puff the Magic Dragon." Sizemore, based in Panama City, was one of the first performers to grace the stage of the Dixie and is always welcome. In addition to performing classic folk and rock music of the 50's, 60's, and 70's, he performed original pieces like "Daddy was a Music Man."

On Saturday, Grant Peebles returned to the Dixie. Peebles was born in Tallahassee and now lives with his wife in Wakulla County. His song "Summer Camp," a stinging parody of the St. Joe development in



Lis Williamson told the crowd that Jan. 9 was only the second public performance for the new group, Lonesome Dove.

Franklin County, ruffled a few feathers. He was joined onstage by a new group called the Lonesome Doves. The Lon and Lis Williamson band and Curt Johnston opened the show with a special Gram Parsons tribute performance.

Cult figure Gram Parsons, born in Winter Haven, in 1946, was an American singer, songwriter, guitarist and pianist. A member of the International Submarine Band, The Byrds and The Flying Burrito Brothers, he was later a solo artist who recorded and performed duets with Emmylou Harris. Parsons died of a drug overdose at the age of 26. The birth of '70's country rock and the early '90's alternative country movement have been attributed to his influential songwriting.

During the second set, the Lonesome Doves accompanied Peebles and the four were later joined on stage by trained concert pianist Carrie Hamby of the Mayhaws.

This weekend of music is just the precursor to one of the Dixie's most ambitious seasons to date. Dixie Partington, who directs the theatre on behalf of the non-profit Dixie Theatre Foundation, said the theatre plans 40 performances over the next 80 days.

Next on the marquee is "Revolutionary Wizard: Ben Franklin," a new one-man play by Eric Peterson. The play will be performed Jan. 14, 16, 17 and 18 and reserved seats cost \$20.

Hear about some of Franklin's lesser known inventions such as the "air bath," and some of his maxims, as printed in his Poor Richard's Almanac, such as "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," "no gains without pains" and "he that lies down with dogs shall rise with fleas." This portrayal by professional actor David Poirier



Grant Peebles of Wakulla brought an edgy, political intelligence to the stage of the Dixie Theatre.

gives wonderful insight into the life and soul of a marvelously interesting American, for whom this county is named.

On Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m., The Florida Humanities Council will present a program in the "Look Where We Live!" series, Weeki Wachee, City of Mermaids. Lucinda Vickers hosts the presentation about one of Florida's longest running attractions. There will be general seating and the program is free to the public.

Author Vickers tells us of this wonderful Florida attraction, its history and future. She tells us of its mermaids and mermen, and her discussion captures the enduring appeal of this unique Florida landmark and reveals the remarkable history of a park that began as a local curiosity and became an international attraction.

Other upcoming performances include "Everybody Loves Opal," Lighthouses of the Big Bend, "Patsy - A Musical Tribute," starring Margo Anderson and Florida's Delicious History.

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News BRIEFS

Building Green comes to Carrabelle

New projects come every day, but the newest project seems to be a hit. Affordability along the coast is now a possibility. Building Green not only helps save the Earth and its resources, but offers superior energy efficiency by using eco friendly materials.

Not only will the new home's owner enjoy savings in energy costs, but new homes that are Green Certified and HOP (Housing Opportunity Partnership) compliant are also eligible for state and federal government allowances which give fantastic rebates on tax returns, Estimated at \$7,500 per home, they allow customers to now afford homes where they live.

An example is The Avenues at Keough's Landing in Carrabelle, now in the process of completing the first two homes of this nature in the 16-lot subdivision. Both homes will be H.O.P and Green Certified, allowing for the special funding and rebates. The

homes are being built by BEC & Co., owned by Barney Crutchfield.

These homes will be showcased in The Realtors Association's Open House Tour on Feb. 7 and 8. Call BEC & Co at 850-656-2608 or Jill Archer at 850-528-5804.

TDC holds public meetings

The following is a list of upcoming meetings, all open to the public, of the Tourist Development Council.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, the Marketing Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the St. George Island Firehouse.

On Thursday, Jan. 22, there will be a special marketing workshop at the St. George Island Firehouse from 9 a.m. to noon.

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, the full TDC council will meet at 3 p.m. at the Carrabelle City Offices, at the former high school at 1001 Gray Ave.

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Marketing Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the St. George Island Firehouse.

NOTICE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, Franklin County, Florida will consider application for the following position:

Temporary-Part Time Veteran's Affairs Assistant Veteran's Affairs Office

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Applications may be obtained from and submitted to the Board Secretary, Michael Moron in the Clerk's Office, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. (850) 653-8861, Ext. 100.

Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, January 27, 2009 by 4:00 p.m.

Lanark NEWS

The members of The Lanark Village Golf Club would like to thank all who came to the Hall and supported the Pancake Breakfast. There will be a Pancake Breakfast on the second Saturday of February, March and April. The doors at The Hall will open at 8 a.m., and serving will be until 11 am. Come on over and enjoy pancakes, French toast, sausage, orange juice and coffee with us. Your donation of \$5 will be collected at the door. Proceeds to benefit our golf course.

Chef Joe M. and other members of The Lanark Golf Club will cook up a Spaghetti Fest on Saturday, Jan. 24. See you at Chillas Hall at 4 p.m. Serving is until 7 pm. Your donation of \$8 will be collected at the door. Children under the

age of 10 can enjoy their spaghetti free. Hope you will join us.

Our next Second Saturday Dance with be on Hearts and Flowers Day, Saturday, Feb. 14. The Journey Band members will be on hand to keep us jumping. We will also have a dance on the second Saturday of each month.

Sure wish you would join us at The Hall on Wednesday evenings for Bingo for the Bus. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the games begin at 6:30 p.m. Soft drinks coffee, and homemade cookies are available — yum, yum!

Don't forget the Covered Dish Dinner will be this Sunday at The Hall. Bring a dish to share and a donation and join in the fun and fellowship, which begins at 1 p.m. We have entertainment once



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

again. Be good to see you!

Got a call from my longtime friend, Zelma Nolton Bailey. She called to let me know her sister-in-law, Ann Bailey, had passed away. She and her husband, Horace, who preceded her in death, lived in the village for many a year. They were members of The Community Church, and Ann was in the choir. She was also a past president of The Lanark Village Association. Pray for Horace and Ann's eternal rest and for strength for the family.

Be kind to one another and check in on the sick and housebound. Until next time, God bless America, our troops, the poor, homeless and hungry.

Area BRIEFS

Brick pavers granted to Chapman House owner

At the Jan. 6 meeting of the Apalachicola city commission, Helen Tudor, who recently purchased the historic Chapman House at 82 Sixth St., received permission to replace a section of city-owned sidewalk with brick pavers. The section of sidewalk runs next to the house parallel to U.S. 98. Tudor plans to restore Chapman House, and the brick pavers are in keeping with the historic appearance of the house and grounds.

Ulrich appointed to county planning and zoning

At the Jan. 6 meeting of the Franklin County commission, the commission voted unanimously to appoint realtor Jean Ulrich of St. George Island to fill the position on the planning and zoning board earmarked for a real estate professional. Ulrich will replace Bob Landis, whose resignation was announced at the same meeting.

Municipal library getting new funding

At the Jan. 6 meeting of the Apalachicola city commission, Susan Clementson, spokeswoman for the Apalachicola Municipal Library board, announced that the board has approved a monthly book budget of \$500 and a supply budget of \$200 for the library.

This funding will come from interest accrued from the Margaret Key estate's money market fund. The principal of the fund, which was established after a \$400,000 bequest from Key's estate, will remain intact. Clementson said in the future, the principal will be employed for improvements to the building.

She said the board plans to form a Friends group to support the library, and representatives will meet with Sandy Newell from the State Library to work on the charter. The Friends group will be a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization and will raise funds, provide volunteer support and act as a liaison between the library and the community.



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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Property Appraiser in and for Franklin County, Florida; as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the Real/Tangible Personal Property Assessment Roll for the aforesaid county is properly taxed so far as I have been able to ascertain; that the said roll was certified and delivered to me by the Value Adjustment Board on the 30th day of December, 2008; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the tax attributable to all taxable property included therein have been made pursuant to law.

I further certify that upon completion of this certificate and the attachment of same to the herein described Assessment Roll as a part thereof, that said Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Tax Collector of this county.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Jan 01	60°	32°	10 %
Fri, Jan 02	53°	29°	0 %
Sat, Jan 03	55°	41°	0 %
Sun, Jan 04	63°	43°	0 %
Mon, Jan 05	64°	47°	30 %
Tue, Jan 06	65°	48°	0 %
Wed, Jan 07	65°	44°	0 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

01/15 Thu	06:07AM	1.1 H	12:59PM	0.0 L
	07:15PM	1.1 H		
01/16 Fri	07:17AM	0.9 H	01:20PM	0.2 L
	07:32PM	1.2 H		
01/17 Sat	08:45AM	0.7 H	01:35PM	0.4 L
	07:54PM	1.3 H		
01/18 Sun	10:55AM	0.7 H	01:33PM	0.6 L
	08:21PM	1.3 H		
01/19 Mon	08:56PM	1.3 H		
01/20 Tue	09:41PM	1.3 H		
01/21 Wed	10:38PM	1.3 H		

CARRABELLE

01/15 Thu	04:42AM	1.8 H	10:46AM	0.0 L
	05:50PM	1.8 H	11:27PM	0.3 L
01/16 Fr	05:52AM	1.4 H	11:07AM	0.3 L
	06:07PM	1.9 H		
01/17 Sat	12:37AM	0.2 L	07:20AM	1.1 H
	11:22AM	0.6 L	06:29PM	2.1 H
01/18 Sun	01:53AM	-0.2 L	09:30AM	1.1 H
	11:20AM	1.0 L	06:56PM	2.1 H
01/19 Mon	03:09AM	-0.3 L	07:31PM	2.1 H
01/20 Tue	04:17AM	-0.6 L	08:16PM	2.1 H
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Winter harvest festival both fun and educational

On Fri, Dec. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon, the Friends of the Franklin County Public Library had a Winter Harvest Festival at the Franklin County School for the students.

They had a "Field Day" for the elementary students and the high school

and middle school students had a choice of workshops regarding different teen issues. When the day started, the elementary students were getting ready for their field day, while the high school and middle school students met in the gym to learn how the day was going to go.

Once everyone got the understanding of the workshops, we could choose to go to where we wanted and we were off. Some of the choices of the nine workshops we had were Conflict Resolution, Teen Alcohol Prevention, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Nutrition, Learning How You Present Yourself, Teen Violence, Effects of Tobacco and more. Each of these workshops had different issues that teens go through.



SEAHAWK TALK
Adreenah Wynn

The meaning of the workshops to me was to help us prevent the worst and overcome to be the best. We only had to go to six of the nine workshops. After we went to six of the workshops, we went to lunch. For lunch, they provided grilled hotdogs and hamburgers. At the end of the day, they gave out dozens of prizes including gift cards and MP3 players.

Overall, the workshops gave me a new way of seeing some of the issues my friends and I go through and I have a better idea of how to overcome them. I hope this won't be the last festival like this because my friends and I had fun while being educated. Thanks to everyone at the Franklin County Public Library.



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At the Dec. 19 Harvest Festival at the Franklin County School, David Walker, who directs the county's anti-tobacco program, at left, addresses high school students on the many health problems associated with using tobacco products.

Sliding down the new playground equipment at the Dec. 19 Harvest Festival at the Franklin County School are, from left, fifth graders Roberts Edwards, Lacey Hutchins and Jacob Montgomery. Standing at top are River Banks, left, and Brendan Hutchins.

Retired educators to take part in fifth grade essay contest

The January meeting of the Franklin/Gulf Retired Educators Association was held at Caroline's Restaurant in Apalachicola. Members reviewed recommendations shared previously by Daniel Hall, Florida Retired Educators Association District 2 Director.

F/GREA will participate in the fifth grade essay contest for the fourth year. The topic will be "What My Grandparent or Grandparent Figure Means to Me." Essays will be collected on Feb. 2. The unit award for the winner will be a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. The three top winners in both counties will also receive a \$5 certificate for Burger King or McDonald's. The state winner will receive \$25 and a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond.

F/GREA Unit Scholarships will be available again for graduating seniors who pursue a career in education. Information regarding the Florida Retired Educator Association Trustee Scholarship, which contributes toward expenses for four years of college, needs to be returned by Feb. 15. The Franklin County Retired Educator Scholarship representative is Babs Bailey and the Gulf County Representative is Martha Sanborn.

Documenting community service volunteer hours continues to be a priority for members. Awards are given to units if 40 percent or more members document their volunteer hours. The F/GREA Unit won a community service volunteer award last year. Babs Bailey is a former District 2 Florida Retired Educator Association



ARLENE OEHLER | Special to the Times

Daniel Hall, current District 2 FREA Director, left, and Beverly Kelley, former District 2 FREA Director find time to share ideas.

Community Service Volunteer Award winner.

Annada Fairecloth, membership chairman, will be inviting educators who have recently retired to join the organization.

After the business meeting, members shared names of books that they have enjoyed reading.

F/GREA membership is open to any person who has retired from the education field under the Florida Retirement System with five years or more of service or any person who has retired from the educational system of any other state or from any privately funded or parochial school with five or more years of service.

For information contact Margarita at 697-4200.

Library gets grant for claymation project

Carrabelle artist and educator Joan Matey is among three teachers from three North Florida schools and organizations to receive funding from Community Classroom Consortium.



JOAN MATEY

The award winners have received up to \$400 for their projects.

Matey, who works with the KIT (Kids In It Together) program at the Franklin County Library branch in Carrabelle, was awarded funds for a claymation (clay animation) project that will allow students ages 10 to 18 to create a short animated film. The project will provide opportunities for students, some of them at-risk, to create 3-D, stop animation films and develop writing and artistic skills, patience, dexterity, organizational and team skills.

"Each child is going to make a character out of clay on a wire armature, so they're kind of learning principles of sculpting. Every child is a natural for sculpting and they just love it," she said. "After they finish their character they'll

create a story about that character and then we'll weave it all together.

"They will also learn a great deal of patience because stop-action animation is very tedious," she said.

"We'll probably do it at 12 frames per second, rather than the usual 24 frames per second."

She said the Character and Heritage Institute of Tallahassee, which teaches Operation Filmmaker, will be editing the film once it's complete.

Also receiving grant funds was Brian McClain, Godby High School in Tallahassee, for a Technology in Earth Sciences project. The project will increase students' skills in graphing, graph analysis, and experimental design as well as content knowledge of local and state groundwater systems. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is a project partner.

In addition, Patricia McElhaney, Rickards High School in Tallahassee, was awarded funds that will allow students to participate

in The Memory Project, a unique initiative in which advanced high school art students create original portraits for abandoned, orphaned, abused, or neglected children. To do this, the art students receive pictures of children who are waiting for portraits, and then work in their art classrooms to create the portraits. Once finished, the portraits are delivered to the children, and the children are then invited to create drawings or write letters to send back to the art students.

The Community Classroom Consortium is a coalition of more than 30 cultural, scientific, natural history, and civic organizations in North Florida and South Georgia that provide educational experiences and resources to the public, especially K-12 teachers and students. It was established in 1989 through a grant from the Smithsonian Institution's "Regional Workshop Program," and offers two grant cycles to fund formal and non-formal educational projects each year. For more information, visit www.communityclassroom.com.

School BRIEFS

School Advisory Council to meet Tuesday

The Franklin County School Advisory Council meet at the new school in the library on Tuesday, Jan 20 at 6 p.m. "We have not had a quorum the last few times we have met. I would like to discuss new

members and spending issues. I hope to see most of you there," said Chairman Tress Anderson.

GCCC hosts financial aid workshop

Gulf Coast Community College will

be conducting a financial aid workshop at Franklin County High School in the library on Thursday, Jan. 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

This will be for all students wanting to attend post secondary school, not just those planning to attend GCCC.

On January 21 and 22 Gulf Franklin

Center will be giving the College Placement Test at the high school for juniors and seniors and for those sophomores who are dual enrolled.

FCAT Writes for 4th, 8th and 10th Grades will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10. Please make sure your child is in school that day.

COUNTY ROAD 376 S.C.O.P. PROJECT

PROJECT #7.079

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

COUNTY ROAD 376 S.C.O.P. PROJECT

Project is located in Franklin County, Florida and consists of approximately 5,100 linear feet of roadway resurfacing, shoulder work and striping.

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Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for the "County Road 376 S.C.O.P. Project".

Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. (EDT), on February 2nd, 2009, at the Franklin County Clerk's Office, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320-2317, and will be opened and read aloud on February 3rd, 2009 at the County Commission meeting at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, FL.

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$45.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgement will be in the best interest of Franklin County. All bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening.

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Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, (850) 227-7200. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

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Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$250.00 per day.

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Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. (EDT), on January 19th, 2009, at the Franklin County Clerk's Office, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320-2317, and will be opened and read aloud on January 20th, 2009 at the County Commission meeting at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, FL.

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$ 25.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

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Seahawk hoopsters win 4, but fall to St. Joe

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Strictly speaking, the first two weeks of January were a good stretch for the Franklin County Seahawks varsity basketball team.

The team won all three of its games at the Wakulla Holiday Tournament Jan. 2 and 3, edging out Arnold in overtime for the second win over the Marlins this season.

The next day they downed a 5A school out of Miami and then topped it all off by deftly handling host Wakulla High School. And last Friday at home, the Seahawks moved atop the Class 2A District 4 ladder with an easy win over Tallahassee Maclay, considered a chief rival this year for the district crown.

Four in a row is a pretty good start for the year.

But it all came apart when the wheels rolled off the wagon before a packed home gymnasium Saturday night.

For the second time this season, the Seahawks fell to archrival Port St. Joe, this time by a 61-54 score despite holding a six-point lead with less than two minutes to play in the game.

It isn't the loss that's so much on coach Fred Drake's mind, since he's been busy drumming into his players' heads that it's the district games, and reaching your peak in the playoffs, that make the difference.

"The rival game is for the players, my main concern is for the district," said Drake, whose squad now stands at 15-4 on the year and undefeated in district play.

"I want to win it but I'm not going to worry about it. We'll see them again and as long as we take care of it when it really counts, that's what matters," he said. "It's obvious we're the better team."

What has Drake concerned, though, is that his talented squad has let Port St. Joe get under their skin. "I'm worried that St. Joe has their mind mentally. Tradition and expectations can help you win the game. Those kids at St. Joe expect to win because of tradition," he said. "Some of our kids are trying to live up to community pressure, or are over-intimidated."

"I think some of the kids are trying to play Port St. Joe for family and friends and not themselves. They're trying to please too many family and friends and they're not playing their game," Drake said. "In their head it's a two-game season, which to me is not important."

Last Saturday's debacle, in which the Seahawks fell apart in the final minutes, may be an example of such a mind game at work.

Franklin County, especially the back court players, committed at least four turnovers in the final two minutes, part of a 10-turnover quarter for the Seahawks, and the Tiger Sharks were swift to capitalize on them.

"The guards had a perfect game the night before, and this was their second worst game of the year. It looked like a Cairo flashback, probably worse," said Drake, referring to the opening game of the Bay Barnstorm Classic over Christmas break in which the Seahawks were



COACH FRED DRAKE

outscored 20-12 in the final quarter after leading the entire game.

"They stunk it up in the fourth quarter against St. Joe. I hate to put blame on people but point blank they gave it away. Right now our guards are young and they are making too many mistakes," said the coach. He said the referees "made some ridiculous calls" but stopped short of blaming officials for the loss.

Drake is sensitive to the charge he is being overly critical of his three starting guards – senior Jeremy James, and junior Austin O'Neal and Arron Prince – but is convinced they can blossom under pressure.

"They're going to have to," he said. "You can't play college basketball if you can't handle high school pressure, especially when you're small. When you're under 6 feet, you have to be almost perfect."

"I just want them to run the offense and not turn the ball over," Drake said. "We have people who can score. Let's get the ball inside. The question is 'Can the guards get it there?'"

"That's the nature of the game. All the good teams have a good point guard," he said. "There's no way we can go deep (in the playoffs) if our guard play doesn't get better."

The coach has decided it may be time to make some personnel changes to see if he can strike the right combination for his team's strengths.

"I'm at a point now I have to shake some things up. I look at all four of our losses because of our guard play," he said. "We're fixing to make some changes; we need consistent guard play."

"We need some personnel changes even if it hurts some egos. I want to give some other kids a try," said Drake. The coach mentioned possible replacements as senior A.J. Williams and sophomore Marcus Allen, who as a junior varsity standout has been scoring around 20 points a game.

Three wins at Wakulla tourney

After a disappointing finish at the Bay Barnstorm Classic, the Seahawks swooped back to win three games at



A.J. WILLIAMS



ZAN SIMMONS

Wakulla High School's Holiday Tourney the weekend after New Year's Day.

After being tied 50-50 in regulation, the team outscored Arnold 6-4 in overtime period to win the opener. "We were mentally down from the St. Joe game (in Panama City) and we didn't play good," said Drake. "The main thing was we just needed a win. We didn't play good basketball, especially defensive transition."

Senior Deshaun Winfield led the team with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

The next day, the Seahawks defeated Class 5A Miami Mariner 53-50. "I knew coming into it they were probably going to be the toughest team, and they had some great shooters from the outside," said Drake.

The Seahawks trailed 42-37 going into the final stanza, but outscored their opponents 16-8 in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Franklin County closed the day by breezing to a 79-65 win over host Wakulla. "They had some athletes and they matched up with us," said Drake. "I think we just wore them out, we constantly ran them. Our top seven players were probably a little better than theirs. We basically took care of business like we were supposed to on paper."

The coach was most pleased with the team's dismantling of Maclay 62-44 on Jan. 9.

"I was a little surprised myself. Our guards stepped up to the challenge and outplayed them," he said. "They didn't turn the ball over. We came out and played man-to-man defense. I said 'we're just going to keep it simple.'"

One bright spot for the team was the return of senior Zan Simmons, after he had sat out the road trip. "It was a coach's decision not to play Zan. He had some personal issues he needed to take care of, and so he didn't travel with us," said Drake. "Zan came in and played the way I expect him to play."

Seahawk fans are invited to come out Friday to the gym to enjoy Senior Night, for both the girls and boys senior players. There are three games that night – boys junior varsity, girls varsity and boys varsity and the Senior Night ceremony will come between the two varsity games, likely some time around 7 p.m.

Jan. 2 vs. Arnold at Wakulla Holiday Tournament

Franklin 13 20 8 9 6 - 56
Arnold 20 11 5 14 4 - 54
SEAHAWKS: Arron Prince 1/5 2s, 2 pts.; Carlos Morris 2/7 2s, 4/6 3s, 3/6 FT, 19 pts.; Deshaun Winfield 10/17 2s, 4/7 FTs, 24 pts.; Austin O'Neal 1/3 2s, 2 pts.;

Jeremy James 3/7 2s, 1/4 FTs, 7 pts.; Dalin Modican 1/3 2 pts.
Totals: 18/42 2s, 4/8 3s, 8/21 FTs
Rebounds: Winfield 10, Morris 7
Assists: Morris 6, O'Neal 4, Winfield 3
Blocks: Winfield 2

Jan. 3 vs. Miami Mariner at Wakulla Holiday Tournament

Franklin 8 16 13 16 - 53
Mariner 7 16 19 8 - 50
SEAHAWKS: Prince 2/4 2s, 4 pts.; Morris 6/13 2s, 1/2 3s, 1/2 FT, 16 pts.; Winfield 7/12 2s, 2/4 FTs, 16 pts.; O'Neal 6/10 2s, 12 pts.; Modican 2/3 2s, 1/2 FTs, 5 pts.
Totals: 23/45 2s, 1/6 3s, 4/9 FTs
Rebounds: Winfield 17, Morris 11, O'Neal 6, Prince, Modican 5, James 3
Assists: O'Neal 5, Morris 4, Winfield 2, Prince, James
Blocks: Morris 3, Winfield 2, Modican

Jan. 3 vs. Wakulla at Wakulla Holiday Tournament

Franklin 16 21 18 24 - 79
Wakulla 12 12 16 25 - 65
SEAHAWKS: Prince 1/1 3s, 1/2 FTs, 4 pts.; Morris 5/12 2s, 4/9 3s, 1/2 FT, 23 pts.; Winfield 4/6 2s, 1/2 3s, 1/2 FTs, 12 pts.; O'Neal 5/9 2s, 1/2 FTs, 11 pts.; Modican 3/5 2s, 6 pts.; James 3/5 2s, 2/3 3s, 1/5 FTs, 13 pts.; A.J. Williams 1/3 2s, 2 pts.; Marcus Allen 3/3 2s, 6 pts.; James Winfield 1/1 2s, 2 pts.
Totals: 25/47 2s, 8/16 3s, 5/16 FTs
Rebounds: Morris 8, James 5, D. Winfield 4, Joseph 3, O'Neal, Modican 2, Prince, Allen
Assists: O'Neal 7, D. Winfield 3, Prince 5, James 4, J. Winfield

Jan. 9 home vs. Maclay

Maclay 9 7 10 18 - 44
Franklin 14 16 16 16 - 62
SEAHAWKS: Prince 2/4 2s, 1/2 FTs, 3 pts.; Morris 4/10 2s, 2/3 FT, 10 pts.; Winfield 9/16 2s, 2/3 3s, 3/6 FTs, 27 pts.; O'Neal 3/8 2s, 3/5 FTs, 9 pts.; Modican 1/2 2s, 2 pts.; James 1/1 2s, 2 pts.; Zan Simmons 2/5 2s, 3/5 FTs, 7 pts.
Totals: 22/46 2s, 2/7 3s, 12/21 FTs
Rebounds: Simmons 12, Winfield 11, Morris 8, James 2, O'Neal 3, Modican 4, Prince 4
Assists: O'Neal 4, D. Winfield 8, Morris 4, Prince, Simmons 2, James 3,
Block: Winfield 2, O'Neal, Morris, Simmons
Steals: Winfield 3, O'Neal, James, Simmons 2, Modican

Jan. 10 home vs. Port St. Joe

PSJ 13 11 11 26 - 61
Franklin 18 11 15 10 - 54
SEAHAWKS: Prince 1/3 2s, 3/6 FTs, 5 pts.; Morris 6/9 2s, 2/9 3s, 18 pts.; Winfield 6/10 2s, 1/3 3s, 8/10 FTs, 23 pts.; O'Neal 2/7 2s, 4 pts.; Simmons 2/4 2s, 4 pts.
Totals: 17/36 2s, 3/12 3s, 11/17 FTs
Rebounds: Simmons 11, Morris 8, James 3, Winfield 12, O'Neal 7, Modican 2, Prince 5
Assists: O'Neal 6, Prince 3, Simmons 3, James 3, Winfield, Morris
Block: Morris 2, Winfield
Steals: Winfield 4, Morris 3, Prince 2

Soccer team debuts at home Friday

The public is invited to the first home match for the charter members of the Franklin County High School soccer team.

Admission is free for the game, slated for the high school stadium on Friday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. The team will be completing the first year with a match against Port St. Joe.

Though this is the first year playing soccer for much of the team, the Seahawks' enthusiasm and commitment to learning the game is compensating well for the lack of experience. This season has set the groundwork for the 2009-2010 season which will include both a Lady Seahawk and a boys' Seahawk team with a full round of 10 to 12 matches for each team.

Friday provides an opportunity for the Franklin County community to enjoy an entertaining match and support these hardworking Seahawks.



SOCCER SEAHAWKS: Charter members of the Franklin County High School soccer team are, front row, from left, Hunter Shiver, Jessica Dempsey, Emerald Norris, Carla Lewis, Megan Newell and Shelby Lipscomb. Second row, from left, are Charles Goggins, Derick Rhodes, Derek Salyer, Casey Sapp, Frank Gerking, William Sapp and Javeon Winfield. Third row, from left, are Coach Robert VanSickle, Oscar Godinez, Andrew Waller, Jordon King, JJ Golden and Coach David Cox. Not pictured are Briana Whittington and team manager Tommielee Dowden. Photo courtesy of Sue Cox.

THIS WEEK WITH THE SEAHAWKS

Friday, Jan. 16

Seahawks JV and Varsity, and Lady Seahawks Varsity, Basketball play at home against Jefferson County in district action. First tipoff is at 4:30 p.m., followed by 6 and 7:30 p.m. games. Seniors will be honored at Senior Night ceremonies between the two varsity games.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Seahawks JV and Varsity, and Lady Seahawks Varsity, Basketball play at Port

St. Joe. First tipoff is at 4:30 p.m., followed by 6 and 7:30 p.m. games.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Seahawks JV and Varsity, and Lady Seahawks Varsity, Basketball play at home against North Florida Christian in district action. First tipoff time is at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22

Lady Seahawks Varsity Basketball plays at home against Altha. Tipoff time is at 6 p.m.

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COX NEW KEEPER OF CROOKED RIVER LIGHT

At the Jan. 8 meeting of the Carrabelle city commission, former city attorney Dan Cox was named lighthouse keeper of the newly restored Crooked River Light. In a telephone interview, Cox said, "I volunteered to do it because I live near by. The lamp constantly has to be repaired because it sticks. It will be OK for a few weeks, and then it sticks again. I'm glad to help out in any way I can."



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Members of the Wandering Star Quilt Club display the "puzzle quilt" they are raffling off to benefit the Lanark Golf Club.

Lanark fundraisers under way to raise money for golf course

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The Lanark Village Association and the Lanark Golf Club both are involved in fund drives.

On Saturday, Jan. 10, Lanark Village hosted a fundraiser breakfast in support of Lanark's six-hole golf course, followed by a golf tournament.

At the breakfast, the Wandering Star Quilting Club displayed a quilt the members have created to be raffled in aid of the golf course. Club member Jean Sewell said members would continue to sell tickets until they collect \$1,000 and then hold a drawing.

President Ward Godburn and the vice president are working hard to revitalize the course and create interest in the club.

"We're trying to get more play on the golf course. We just don't have the membership we used to have," Courage said. "Our greens are in the best shape in years, and we're buying a bush hog to keep the grass cut, mostly with donations. Carrabelle has made it possible for us to store our tractor in the old water board building."

Courage said the club has 55 members. He said anyone can join for

\$50 a year. Member can play all day for \$2, and nonmembers pay only \$5 for a day pass.

The club is sponsoring tournaments every other Saturday. Entrants play in teams of three, and it costs \$5 to compete. If you want to compete, call Joe or Joyce Manzanera at 697-5146.

"This is a great place to compete for a little fun and a great golf course to learn on," Courage said.

The Lanark Village Association also is raising funds to repair a bus that will be used to transport elderly residents to shop, to the library or for appointments. Currently, the association is hosting Bingo for the Bus from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Chillas Hall.

Barbara Lasher said cards are three for \$2. She said coffee and cookies are on sale during the game, and there is a pie raffled off each week.

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January 20, 2009 – (Tuesday) Administrative Committee, SGI Firehouse 1:30 pm

January 22, 2009 – (Thursday) SPECIAL MARKETING WORKSHOP, SGI Firehouse 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

February 3, 2009 – (Tuesday) Full Council, Carrabelle City Offices, 1001 Gray Ave (Old High School), 3:00 pm

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WORKING WITH WATER

Painter in search of a labor force fading in the South

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

On a sunny afternoon last month, Wade Barber sat patiently on the edge of a concrete wall behind an abandoned oyster house at Two Mile with his chin up as he squinted over the placid water, his white boots rested on a pile of shells.

A few feet away, the sun at her back, a tall woman with a ball cap on and straight brown hair cropped across her shoulders stood behind an easel with a paintbrush in her hand.

She worked without delay, diligently applying watercolors from a palette of bright choices. Her jaw, like Barber, was relaxed as she worked, her long fingers moving nimbly in sync with her deliberate glances at the oysterman.

There was little to be gained by her dawdling.

The nine days she allotted for her stay in Franklin County were drawing to a close. She needed to complete her work before Barber vanished.

It was not that Barber had plans to go anywhere. No doubt he would be out on the bay the next day, possibly wearing a flannel shirt like the one he had on that Dec. 8 afternoon and probably the same red knit cap.

But how long will it be before there are no more Barbers tonging oysters in the bay?

How soon will it be until the last of them disappears, falling away like the sun that slowly unfurled a darkened orange glow as it sunk below the horizon?

That is the deadline Mary Whyte is working against.

Mill closure stirs the artist

Whyte, a distinguished watercolorist and illustrator with nearly two dozen books to her credit, arrived in Apalachicola Dec. 1 to be-

gin work on Florida's segment of a three-year project to capture in a series of paintings the "Vanishing Industries of the South."

Her curiosity had been sparked by a handful of newspaper articles about Apalachicola's threatened oyster industry and Florida's ongoing conflict with water users upriver in Georgia that she read in her hometown newspaper, The Post and Courier in Charleston, S.C.

The industry's plight resonated well with a project she has begun to set her brushes to, prompted by a discussion with a bank president in Greenville, S.C., who sat for a portrait by the nationally recognized artist whose works grace hundreds of corporate, university and private collections. "The headline in the local newspaper was that one of the major mills was being shut down. He said to me in five years, these mills will be gone, at least the majority of them," said Whyte.

The article's photo of a woman in front of a loom caught the artist's eye. Whyte wondered whether a series of drawings on workers would become her next project, an even more socially conscious undertaking than her last, a book titled "Alfreda's World," about Gullah women who live on a barrier island off the South Carolina coast.

Three years ago, Whyte compiled into the paperback (published in 2005 by Wyrick and Company) 10 years of drawings and sketches done after she and her husband, Smith Coleman, closed their gallery on the mainland and moved to Johns Island to live and work in the African American community populated historically by descendants of slaves.

It was there Whyte befriended Alfreda Gibbs Smiley LaBoard and the other people of the Hebron Zion St. Francis Senior Center. "It was quite by accident,"



she said. "I needed models and met Gullah women and started painting them. I think that's what brought a lot of attention to my career. Nobody had really told that story in that way."

From ferry captains to gravediggers

As Whyte's current project evolves, she wants to tell another story, this time of men and women whose livelihoods are fading about as fast as inexpensive imports flood American markets and old-fashioned ways of doing things are replaced by more modern and impersonal methods of operation. "First, there were textile workers," said Whyte. "From there, I'd been driving along in central South Carolina and saw a museum on the cotton industry. I got one of the cotton pickers."

"While I was there, I went to a mom-and-pop diner and did a painting of a woman, now in her late 70s, who still goes in every day to cook," she said.

Another time, Whyte encountered five men, their tattooed bodies covered with black soot, who travel the South cleaning industrial factory equipment. "They're cleaning the equipment that makes Coca Cola cans, and these factories are shutting down," she said.

"I found one of the last shoeshine guys in New Orleans and a guy who sold vegetables out of the back of a pickup. His father had sold them out of a wheelbarrow, shouting, 'I got tomatoes; I got cucumbers,'" she said.

Whyte has ventured as far north as Kentucky, last summer traveling to Valley View to do a portrait of ferry workers with the oldest business in the state, which had been granted a franchise by the Virginia legislature in 1785.

She painted workers for the Valley View Ferry Authority — the vessel is now owned and operated by three neighboring counties — as they managed the small, rudderless cable ferry capable of carrying no more than three cars at a time.

"It's the same ferry that took Lincoln and his troops," she said.

With intellectual curiosity to match her artistic talents, Whyte stayed at a bed and breakfast there that raised goats, and she painted a woman who quilted all her life.

"One has led into an-

other," she said. "I'm looking into researching drive-in movie theaters. And I'd like to find maybe someone still digging graves by hand somewhere in the South."

Exhibition to open in spring 2011

Whyte found what she wanted in Apalachicola while staying at a rented house west of town owned by Centreville, Ala., optometrist David Allgood.

Darrell and Connie McKinley, who take care of the house, were fascinated by the project and lent Whyte their knowledge. "It was really Darrell," said Whyte. "He spent an entire day with me driving me around to different sheds, talking to the oystermen."

Barber captured the artist's eye, and he agreed to sit, both for photos and for his portrait. "I was taking photos, researching, thinking about it, going back to my makeshift studio. Pictures help me remember his temperament and coloring," she said. "This will probably be at least a 3' to 4' painting. I hope to have it done by the middle of February."

Whyte's plans to assemble 30 of her major works, ranging from 3' to 7', together with 20 smaller studies at an exhibition slated for spring 2011 for the Greenville County (S.C.) Museum of Art.

The last painting will be completed by summer 2010, and each will be reproduced in her book, scheduled for release when the first show opens. She won't start writing for several months, though.

"I wanted to hold off on the writing," Whyte said. "Originally, I thought I would be doing lengthy interviews. I found something profound about their face and features. I didn't think it was necessary to get to know them personally. It's more of an artist's journey, in some ways haphazard, throughout the South with people I have had the good fortune to meet."

A native of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Whyte has been a dedicated artist, able to make a living at it, back to her middle school years when she sold her first painting. "The very first painting I ever sold, I was in eighth grade. I was visiting an aunt in New Jersey, was bored and did a pen-and-ink of a rambling old-restaurant and bar.

"She said 'I bet they



ABOVE: The 37.5" x 45.5" watercolor on paper entitled "Spinner" was done in 2007 by Mary Whyte of a textile mill worker in Gaffney, SC.
TOP: Wade Barber and Mary Whyte

would buy that,' and she goes and walks over and she comes back three minutes later and puts a \$20 bill in my hand. I went 'Wow; it never occurred to me they'd actually pay me to draw something," Whyte remembered.

The 55-year-old artist has come a long way since then, with the average price of her watercolors now in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range. She and her husband, who met during her first week at Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia, now own a gallery in Charleston.

Whyte is among about a half-dozen featured artists at the gallery, Coleman Fine Arts, where her husband works as a gilder, restoring frames for museums and collectors using gold leaf, each one hand carved, gilded, toned and signed by him.

With high-end portrait commissions coming her way — "the mayor of Charleston, a lot of deans and doctors and that type of thing" — Whyte's livelihood as an artist is secure, but she still has that realist's yearning to capture the world as it is, without privilege or prejudice.

"To paint a senator is nice, but I think it's a lot more interesting to paint the person who cleans the senator's office," she said.

Cancer prompts change in couple's life

The couple's career together began after they started a gallery outside Philadelphia after graduation "that sort of sputtered along."

Their lives changed radically in about 1990, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer and they decided to relocate to Charleston.

"It certainly changes your priorities," she said. "You may not have forever to fool around and may not get to what's important in life."

"We closed the business, packed up and moved down. Had it not been for that, I don't think we'd have been so brave," she said.

With Whyte's expert drawing skills and desire to paint people more than landscapes, she's embraced watercolors, a translucent medium particularly conducive to capturing skin tones.

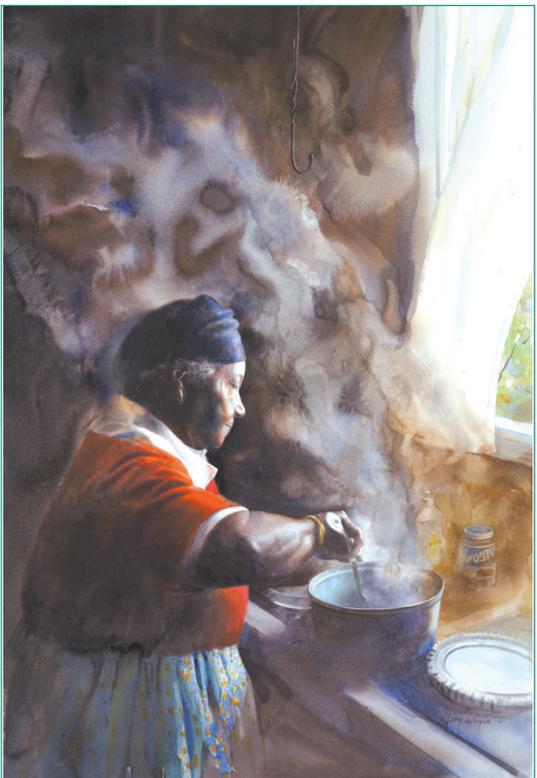
"Watercolor is not forgiving," she said. "If you make a mistake, you can't paint over it without making a pile of mud. You can't really hide what's underneath it. You need sound drawing skills; you only get one shot at it."

Because of her battle with cancer, Whyte is now focused each day on making her work deeper and richer than the children's books she illustrated so successfully. "My health's great now," she said. "I think at that time and since, it made me want to make my work more meaningful."

"I want to make it engaging. I want to engage people who might not otherwise want to look at paintings," she said.

In a recent exhibition of Andrew Wyeth and his contemporaries, she recalled that the mother of one of her subjects dragged her husband to the gallery to see Whyte's work. "It engaged people who might not otherwise consider paintings," she said.

When she offers to paint people, such as Barber, she finds their initial reaction is often one of surprise. "Their initial reaction is 'You want to paint me?' They're amazed," she said. "I think that's where you find real humanity, in people."



A 27" by 18" painting of Sister Heyward, done in 2001 by Mary Whyte and found in her book "Alfreda's World."

'The Star-Spangled Girl' brightens January

"The Star Spangled Girl" is the second production in The Panhandle Players' 2008-09 Dinner and a Show season. A romantic comedy written by Neil Simon and directed by Dan Wheeler, the play entangles three characters in a red, white and blue love triangle.

Protest and patriotism, noble ideals and intellect all collide with sex appeal and romance in three performances, Friday and Saturday evenings, Jan. 23 and 24, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday afternoon, Jan. 25, at 3 pm, at the Eastpoint Firehouse's "little theatre" on 6th Street, Eastpoint. Call for tickets or additional information 670-8200.

Andy Hobart (Ben Bloodworth) and Norman Cornell (David Bowen) are radicals who barely make a living working on their protest magazine, "Fallout," which is dedicated to fighting "the system" and corruption in America. So-

"The Star Spangled Girl" tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and \$5 for children under 12. "Dinner and a Show" season tickets are still available.

phie Rauchmeyer (Megan Lamb), a former Olympic swimmer, is an all-American, Southern girl who moves into the apartment next door.

It's love at first encounter for Norman, who is the brains behind "Fallout." He may be one of the best writers in America, but he is a helpless, hapless adolescent once he meets Sophie. Unfortunately, his feelings are not reciprocated.

Norman's obsession with Sophie makes Andy, who is trying to stay ahead of the bill collectors, hire her just to keep the magazine going. Then Sophie falls for Andy, though they

are at odds politically, threatening to destroy the magazine and the men's friendship.

"The Star Spangled Girl" has "charm, brightness, deft inventiveness and capacity for good, honest hilarity" — New York Post

"Mr. Simon can do wonders ... with casually tossed-off fantasies that pop up from nowhere and whistle as they go by." — The New York Times

Suitable for young people, "The Star Spangled Girl" tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and \$5 for children under 12. "Dinner and a Show" season tickets are still available for \$24 for two Panhandle Players productions and 10 to 15 percent dinner discounts at participating restaurants for season ticket holders. Call 670-8200.

The production is funded in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.



Ben Bloodworth, left, Megan Lamb and David Bowen rehearse for upcoming performances of "The Star Spangled Girl," Jan. 23, 24 and 25, at the Eastpoint Firehouse "little theatre."

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PET OF THE WEEK



LOST & FOUND!

A 15 year old blind poodle was dropped off at the Adoption Center about one week ago. He was found around the old high school in Apalachicola. If you know who this dog belongs to, please call 670-8417.

December was a very successful adoption month. We had puppies being adopted all over Florida from Pensacola to Lakeland. I even put one on a plane to Tucson, AZ. Unfortunately, the older puppies and adult dogs are still waiting to be adopted. All of them are leash trained and some are housebroken. Please consider an older and wiser lifelong companion.

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

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Allison Yowell turns 9

Allison Yowell turned 9 years old on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009.

She is the daughter of T.J. and Amanda Yowell, of Eastpoint, and Carman Horton, of Apalachicola. Her brother, Steven Dalton, and sister, Audry Yowell, celebrated with her.

Grandparents are Sheila and Billy Ray Hall, of Sumatra, and Phyllis and Tony Yowell, of Sumatra, Diana and Don Lanier, of Mexico Beach, and Howard Horton, of Apalachicola.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late

Herbert and Elizabeth Shiver.

She was joined by friends and loved ones and all had a great time. We love you girl!



Dewayne Page turns 1

Dewayne Allen Page celebrated his first birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008.

He is the son of Donald D. Page and Jasmen Yon.

Maternal grandparents are Debbie Velasquez and James Yon. Paternal grandparents are Nelda Smith and Durwood Smith.



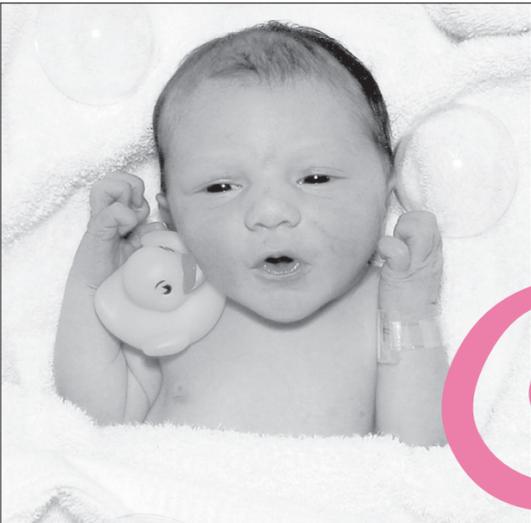
Lillie Gaskill born

Tasha and Jason Gaskill would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Lillie Grace Gaskill, on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Panama City.

She weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs and was 20" long.

Maternal grandparents are Lucretia Taylor and Shorty Shiver, both of Eastpoint.

Paternal grandparents are Kathy and Ronnie Raffield, and Tommy Gaskill, all of Apalachicola.



Weddings and ENGAGEMENTS

Linda Munroe, Terry Hughes engaged

Mr. Perry Lawrence, Jr. and Ms. Betty Johnson, both of Tallahassee, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda L. Munroe, to Terry Nelson Hughes.

Terry is the surviving son of the late Charles Hughes and the late Mildred Edenfield, both formerly of Tallahassee.

Terry proposed to Linda on Sept. 2, 2007. After a long, happy engagement the loving couple will marry on March 21, 2009.



Bridal shower for Heather Osburn on Saturday

A bridal shower will be held for Heather Osburn on Saturday, Jan 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Carrabelle City Hall meeting room.

All friends and family are invited.

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Hospice to host tag-burning ceremony

For most, the holidays mean family, home-cooked meals, and celebration. The holidays can also be a time when we miss loved ones no longer with us the most.

For 14 years, Big Bend Hospice has hosted the Tree of Remembrance at the Tallahassee Mall, offering the community a means of writing a message of love and taking a moment to reflect on the love we hold for family and friends long after they've journeyed on. Messages attached to the ornaments are the community's testament to the power of remembering. Big Bend Hospice thanks all who have generously supported the Tree of Remembrance these many years.

The special tags attached to over 2,000 ornaments on the 30 Trees of Remembrance in the eight-county Big Bend area this year are so poignant and sacred that

to discard them would be terribly wrong. Big Bend Hospice has annually conducted a tag-burning ceremony with staff and volunteers. After the tags have burnt to ash, they are scattered in the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House garden at Big Bend Hospice.

On Friday, Jan. 23, the public is invited to participate in the tag-burning ceremony for the first time. The service will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Elaine C. Bartelt Hospice Center, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. A reception will be held immediately after the ceremony.

Anyone may attend; you don't have to have used Big Bend Hospice's services or donated to the Tree of Remembrance. For more information, please contact Laura Glenn at (850) 701-1341 or (850) 878-5310 or laurag@bigbendhospice.org.



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Love Center to celebrate Dr. King holiday

The Love Center Ministries Worldwide "Community 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday" celebration will be held Monday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Love & Worship Center Church, 151-10th

Street, in Apalachicola.

The national theme for this year is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! - A Day On... Not A Day Off." The keynote speaker for this event is Pastor Delwynn G. Williams, senior pas-

tor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Panama City.

This event is open to the public. All individuals and groups that would like to participate in the celebration are asked to

call the church at 653-2203 or contact Apostle Shirley White, celebration coordinator at (850) 896-0650.

The celebration culminates with a memorial motorcade and reception.

Clergy invited to breaking bread gathering

Big Bend Hospice chaplains invite area clergy and other leaders in the congregation to attend a special luncheon at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee.

Come enjoy a complimentary meal and fel-

lowship with community clergy.

"We have planned a very special time for our clergy to gather, fellowship and to discuss issues that impact them in ministering to those who are dying," said Rev. Candace McKibben, Big Bend Hospice's pasto-

ral care coordinator.

At this quarterly meeting, Wendy Vargo, MSW, Big Bend Hospice's grief and loss department manager, will speak on "Meeting the Bereavement Needs of Your Congregants." The meeting is open to all clergy in Leon,

Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla, Franklin, Liberty and Gadsden counties.

Please RSVP to Candace McKibben if possible by Jan. 30 at 878-5310, ext. 250 or candace@bigbendhospice.org. Please feel free to invite other clergy or leaders.

Area BRIEFS

Bay Medical pours praise on big blood donors

Aimee Palmer, of Bay Medical Blood Donor Center, sent her congratulations to Susan Richardson, of Apalachicola, and Michael Allen, of Eastpoint.

During the December blood drive, Richardson donated her eighth pint of blood reaching the milestone of one gallon donated. Allen donated pint number 32, reaching a lifetime donation record of four gallons. "I wish a more people would do it. It helps people. It's an easy donation to make. It doesn't hurt and it doesn't cost anything," said Allen, in a telephone interview.

There are many reasons to give blood, not the least of which is knowing your donation may save a human life. Actually, a single

pint of blood may save up to four lives.

There are also health benefits to donating blood. Each time you give blood, you remove some of the iron stored in your body. Some research seems to show that high iron levels in the blood increase the possibility of a heart attack.

Blood donation is also believed to stimulate the production of strong, new red blood cells. In addition, you burn about 650 calories when you donate blood and lose a pound.

The next Franklin County blood drive will be on March 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about donating blood, call the Bay Medical Blood Donor Center at (850) 747-6570 or contact the Southeastern Community Blood Center at (850) 877-7181 or check out SCBC's website at www.scbcinfo.org.

Relay for Life opens registration

Susan Hoffritz, chair for this year's Franklin County's Relay For Life, is invite local residents to join them on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 5:30 p.m. for a team meeting and volunteer registration. It will be held at the Realtors Assoc. of Franklin and Southern Gulf Co. office located at 78 11th St., Apalachicola.

This year's Relay will be held Friday, May 15 and 16, beginning at 6 p.m. through the night ending at noon on Saturday. Our relay will be held at the new Franklin County School in Eastpoint, and we are very excited about this great location! The reason it is through the night is because cancer never sleeps.

The committee has been working hard to reg-

ister teams, recruit volunteers, plan the entertainment and events at the Relay BUT they still need your help. "We are hoping to have the best year ever in our fundraising efforts to help our fellow neighbors in Franklin County with monies raised," said Hoffritz. "We are asking for survivors and caregivers to contact us so that we may honor and celebrate you at the Relay. We all realize that in these extremely difficult economic times, fundraising seems like the last thing that we might be able to accomplish; but it is especially at these times when people need help the most.

"Remember, sometimes the smallest of acts makes the greatest difference in a person's life," she said.

For more info, call her at 323-0560.

Cards of THANKS

Sarah Gay Family

Thank you so much to our wonderful community who responded with your prayers, visitations, food and flowers during our Mother's lengthy illness and recent passing. A special thank you to Dr. Nitsios, Dr. Sanaullah, physician assistant Larry Applebee, Dr. Marsh, and physical therapist Tom Brocato, for your care and devotion.

Thank you to the staff of Weems Memorial Hospital. Thank you to Rev. Lois Long, Rev. James Wiley and Rev. Dave Fernandez of Port St. Joe. A special thanks to Kelley's Funeral Home for the wonderful job from beginning to end. Thank you again to Jerry McClain, Felicia Boone, and all of the home health care staff. Thank you Sue Bodiford, Kathy Jones, and Danielle Martina for making Maw Maw even more beautiful with the hair, makeup, and nails. Also, to any we may have missed, we love and appreciate you all!

The Family of Sarah Gay

Katherine Robinson family

The family of the late Katherine Bennett Robinson would like to express our sincere thanks to you for your acts of kindness during the illness and passing of our beloved "Nana."

Minnie Lee Clark Family

The family of Mrs. Minnie Lee Clark would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the entire community for the kindness that was shown to us during her passing. Be it food, flowers, cards, telephone calls, or prayers, we thank you.

We would like to offer a special thank-you to Kelley Funeral Home, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Work Camp, Franklin County High School, and Apalachicola Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. During times like this, we realize the wonderful community we reside in. For all you did, we thank you from the bottom of our heart.

The Clark Family

Wallace Hill

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that so generously donated blood on my behalf during the recent Red Cross Blood Drive. I am so grateful to live in a community that really cares about their neighbors and is willing to help those in need. Again, I sincerely thank all of you.

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Obituaries

Joe Blan Sr.

Joe Byron Blan, Sr. was born Febuary 12, 1932 in Bagdad. He left us on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Blan; one son, Joe Jr.; six grandchildren, Milissa Varnes, Paula Medley, Joe Byron Blan III, Mitzi Coates, Ashley Lingo and Kayla Busbey; and

nine great-grandchildren. His daughter, Vicki Busbey preceded him in death.

The memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the First Baptist Church in Apalachicola, officiated by the Rev. Bill Plazarin. He was loved by many and will be missed greatly.

Joseph Vickery

Joseph Sim Vickery, 50, of Brunswick, GA, died Dec. 7, 2008, at Hospice of the Golden Isles.

Graveside service was held at St. Andrews Cemetery in Darien, GA.

His co-workers of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, served as honorary pallbearers.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Vickery; two sons, Buck Vickery and Jesse Vickery, all of Brunswick; and his father, Sim

Vickery and wife Donna, of Ocala. He was preceded in death by his mother, Virgie Howard Vickery.

A native of Glynn County, GA, he was a graduate of Apalachicola High School. He was employed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the past 33 years, most recently as the captain of the research vessel Marguerite, and was of the Methodist faith.

Chapman Funeral Chapel & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Clifford Nowling

Clifford William Nowling was born Dec. 12, 1943, in Jay to the now late Daisy and Curtis Nowling.

He died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008, in Apalachicola at the age of 65.

A long-time resident of Eastpoint, he retired from Franklin County as a heavy equipment operator. He was an avid hunter and loved being with his hunting buddies. He was a devoted member of Deliverance Tabernacle.

Nowling is survived by his wife; Aritha Smith, of Eastpoint; children, Terry Nowling (Sheila), Walt Nowling (Alice), and Sharon Odom (Ellis); brothers,

Riley Nowling (Virginia) and Jack Nowling (Bev-erly); eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his hunting crew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Betty Nowling; brothers, Leon Nowling, Roy Nowling, and Wayne Nowling; and great-grandson, James Ellis Paul.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, at Deliverance Tabernacle with the Rev. Larry Hatfield officiating. Burial was in Eastpoint Cemetery. Kelley Funeral Home handled all arrangements.

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Saveur magazine prefers Apalachicola oysters

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Saveur, a gourmet magazine that combines love of travel with love of food, has given the nod to Apalachicola.

Each year, Saveur publishes a list of the editorial staff's 100 favorite people, places and things in December. In January, the publisher throws a gala bash to celebrate the list. This year, one of the dishes featured at dinner was Shrimp and Oyster Perloo.

An editor for Saveur, Todd Coleman, has paid several visits to Apalachicola, and he decided that the only oysters good enough for the celebratory perloo were Apalachicola oysters. He requested Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Director Anita Grove help him acquire the shellfish, and she arranged to have Leavins Seafood FedEx a gallon of the local delicacy to New York City. The shellfish were served on the evening of Jan. 8.

Perloo is a Carolina low country specialty that evolved from the old world dish pilaf. The following is Saveur's recipe for perloo reprinted from issue 117.

Shrimp and Oyster Perloo

2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
½ lb. county ham, finely chopped
½ lb. kielbasa, cut on the diagonal into ¼-inch thick slices
2 medium onion, chopped
1 red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, and chopped

1 jalapeno, stemmed, seeded and chopped
3 tbsp. chopped flat-leaf parsley
1 tsp. dried thyme
½ tsp. cayenne pepper
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
3 medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 cup long-grain rice
¾ cup chicken broth
25 medium oysters, shucked (about 9 ozs.)
½ cup of their liquor reserved
35 large shrimp (about 1 ½ lbs) peeled
5 scallions, chopped, to garnish

In a 6-qt. pot, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add ham and kielbasa and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 5 minutes.

Add onions, peppers, jalapenos, parsley, thyme, and cayenne and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until soft, about 10 minutes. Add tomatoes and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until liquid from the tomatoes thickens, about 10 minutes. Stir in rice, chicken broth, and oyster liquor. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low, and simmer, covered, until rice is almost cooked through, about 20 minutes.

Stir in shrimp and oysters. Cover and continue to cook on medium-low heat until the shrimp are bright pink and the edges of the oysters have curled, about 10 minutes. Season with salt. Serve perloo sprinkled with the chopped scallions.



PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA

Steve Rash of St. George Island is another admirer of local oysters.

CHAMBER GETS A FACE LIFT



PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA

R. W. Thomas Construction of Eastpoint installed a new pergola on the face of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce building on Commerce Street. Chamber Director Anita Grove said that the pergola was paid for out of the chamber's regular operating funds. Chamber President Joe Taylor said the pergola has been planned for a year. When the work is completed, flowering vines will be planted to climb on the frame and benches will be placed underneath. "We wanted to soften the front of the building and provide some shade. The pergola will also allow us to have signage visible in three directions. We are doing renovation on the inside of the building to dress it up as a visitor center, too," he said. Taylor also said that work on the building's stormwater drainage is now complete.

TDC to host marketing workshop

The Franklin County Tourism Development Council will host a marketing workshop from 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 22 at the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department on Pine Avenue.

This workshop is designed primarily for grant recipients who have received TDC funding to promote tourism-related events in the county, but the public is invited to attend, as well.

The workshop will be

led by Helen Spohrer, a longtime real estate industry leader with an extensive marketing background. This year's workshop will focus on the marketing assistance available to TDC event-related grant recipients, as well as recommendations and tips on getting the most exposure from marketing efforts.

Cynthia Clark, owner of Bay Media Services, will assist in the workshop by outlining recommended

procedures to make the most effective use of the TDC marketing assistance program and the steps involved in creating individual marketing packages for grant recipients.

The next regular meeting of the TDC marketing committee is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the St. George Island Firehouse.

For additional TDC information, contact the administrative offices at 653-8678.

Winter gardening is difficult but rewarding

Winter is always the most difficult time to garden in our area for both the gardener and the plants. Rapidly-changing weather can be hard on tender plants, especially when a cold spell is preceded by warm weather that prevents plants from being completely dormant. These warm one day, cold the next periods can also confuse our fruit trees and winter vegetables. Extended periods of warm weather can cause our fruit trees to bloom too soon and cause our winter vegetables to "bolt" and go to seed.

Despite these difficulties, the winter is my favorite time to garden. The following gardening tips are just some of the information contained in the January/February Issue of the UF IFAS Gardening in the Panhandle Newsletter written by our Horticulture and Florida Yards & Neighborhood Extension agents who work in the region. The tips are provided by Theresa Friday, horticulture agent in Santa Rosa County.

Flowers

• Prune rose bushes in early February. For more information on how to grow roses, request the Growing

Roses in Florida publication from our Extension Office or visit <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/EP339>.

• There's still time to plant some cool season annual flowers, such as carnations, foxglove, nemesia, pansies, petunias and snapdragons. All need a well-drained site and four to six hours of full sun a day.

• Re-fertilize cool season flowerbeds, using a liquid or dry form of fertilizer.

• In February, prepare flowerbeds for spring planting by incorporating soil amendments like mushroom compost, manure or homemade compost. Till or spade the bed to incorporate the amendments with the existing soil to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. Allow the prepared bed to lie undisturbed for 3 to 4 weeks before planting.

This provides time for some important biological activity to take place, and new plants are less likely to suffer from stem and root rots as a result. Have a soil test done. Sometimes lime is needed. However, a lime application should be made only if the need is indicated by the test.

Vegetable Garden

• Cool season vegetables that can still be plant-

ed in the garden are beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, kale, kohlrabi, leek, mustard, bunching onions, parsley, English peas, Irish potatoes, radishes and turnips.

• Start seeds of warm season vegetables in late January in order to have transplants in March.

• Irish potatoes can be started from January through March by planting seed pieces 3 to 4 inches deep in rows. Always purchase certified seed potatoes.

• Prepare spring vegetable and herb beds for planting by adding and incorporating soil amendments like mushroom compost, manure or homemade compost. Wait 3 to 4 weeks before planting.

Next week, I'll cover trees and shrubs, fruit and lawns. If you would like a copy of the Gardening in the Panhandle Newsletter, please let me know, and I can mail you a copy or send it to you electronically.

Take care and happy gardening!

Bill Mahan is a Florida Sea Grant Agent and the director of the Franklin UF-IFAS Extension Program. Contact him at 653-9337, 697-2112 x 360 or via e-mail at bmahan@ufl.edu.



BILL MAHAN

The World
Around You

County CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 15

Wandering Star Quilt-Club. Chillias Hall Lanark Village. 1 to 3 p.m. Call Christine Hinton 697-2551.

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

Weeki Wachee, City of Mermaids. 7:30 p.m. General seating at the Dixie Theatre. Lucinda Vickers hosts a presentation about Weeki Wachee, one of Florida's longest running attractions. This Florida Humanities Council program in the "Look Where We Live!" series is free and open to the public. Call 653-3200.

Friday, Jan. 16

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

Revolutionary Wizard: Ben Franklin. Dixie Theatre. This is a new play and

this portrayal by actor David Poirier gives wonderful insight into the life and soul of a marvelously interesting American. 8 p.m. Reserved seating \$20. Call 653-3200.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Revolutionary Wizard: Ben Franklin. Dixie Theatre. 8 p.m. Reserved Seating \$20. Call 653-3200.

Sunday, Jan. 18

Revolutionary Wizard: Ben Franklin. Dixie Theatre. 3 p.m. Reserved Seating \$20. Call 653-3200.

Monday, Jan. 19

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

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

Billards Club at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. 1 p.m.

Call 697-3760.

GED classes are offered at the Franklin County School from 3 to 6 p.m. every week in Building 1100, Room 1105. Anyone who is interested in taking these classes should come to this class during these hours or call Linda Massey at 670-2800 ext. 2105.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Local Arts Agency Organizational Meeting. Apalachicola Community Center in Battery Park. 10 a.m. 323-0176.

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

The Franklin County School Advisory Council will be meeting at 6 p.m. in the Media Center at the Franklin County School. Parents and anyone else interested are invited to attend. Call 670-2800.

Bingo 7 p.m. St. George Island Fire Dept. \$1 per card. Proceeds go to St. George Island Civic Club. Call 927-4654.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Card Club. Franklin County Senior Center. 1 p.m. Call 697-3760.

Sea Oats Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. at the Carrabelle Branch of the Franklin County Library. For information, call 697-9790.

GED classes are offered at the Franklin County School from 3 to 6 p.m. every week in Building 1100, Room 1105. Anyone interested in taking these classes should come to this class during these hours or call Linda Massey at 670-2800 ext. 2105.

Bookmobile. Apalachicola Piggly Wiggly. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Eastpoint Apartments 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Call 556-1556.

Everybody Loves Opal by John Patrick at the Dixie Theatre. 3 p.m. Attempted murder wouldn't seem to be funny, but in John Patrick's magic hands, it is uproarious. It has been 10 years since this play was produced at the Theatre. It will be as much a hit now as then because of Patrick's timeless wit. Reserved seating \$25.

Bingo for the Bus. Chillias Hall in Lanark Village. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 697-9626.

Thursday, Jan. 22

Wandering Star Quilt-Club. Chillias Hall Lanark Village. 1 to 3 p.m. Call Christine Hinton 697-2551.

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

Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership Steering Committee meets at 1 p.m. at the Carrabelle Branch of the Franklin Public Library. 670-2366.

Friday, Jan. 23

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

Bocce Club. Franklin County Senior Center. 1 p.m. Call 697-3760.

Everybody Loves Opal by John Patrick at Dixie Theatre. 8 p.m. Reserved Seating \$25. Call 653-3200.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Apalachicola Riverkeeper and Franklin County Parks and Recreation will sponsor a free educational paddling program at Indian Creek Public Park. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A short educational talk will be followed by a 3.5 hour kayak/canoe trip led by experienced Riverkeeper staff and volunteers. Participants should bring water and lunch and be comfortable paddling open water, tidal streams and narrow creeks teeming with wildlife. Exact location of trip will be governed by weather conditions and skill level of the participants. Reservations required. Call 653-8936.

Everybody Loves Opal by John Patrick at Dixie Theatre. 8 p.m. Reserved Seating \$25. Call 653-3200.

Sunday, Jan. 25

Everybody Loves Opal by John Patrick at Dixie Theatre. 3 p.m. Reserved Seating \$25. Call 653-3200.

TO PROTECT AND SERVE

It was a busy day for new beginnings Jan. 6 as the county commission played host to the swearing in of the new constitutional officers. At right, Sheriff Skip Shiver, left, administers the oath of office to Undersheriff Joel Norred. Prior to that, County Judge Van Johnson swore in Shiver, Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson, Property Appraiser Doris Pendleton and Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliot.



LOIS SWOBODA | Staff Writer

After the ceremony, Shiver presented supporters with the following signed letter:

"Today is a new beginning for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Franklin County and to begin implementing new goals and objectives for this office," he wrote. "I am grateful to the citizens for believing in me to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Sheriff. Today will be shared with my family, friends and the employees of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office."

Withers protests award of boat ramp bid

At the Dec. 2 meeting of the Franklin County commission, county planner Alan Pierce opened bids for the contract to build the proposed Eastpoint boat ramp and turned the bids over to consulting engineers Bailey, Bishop and Lane of Port St. Joe for a recommendation.

Ben Withers of Panacea came in with the low bid at \$206,000, followed by Poloronis Construction of Apalachicola, at \$ 239,000.

At the Dec. 16 commission meeting, Bailey, Bishop and Lane recommended Poloronis

be awarded the contract because the submission packet from Withers was incomplete. They said it lacked a schedule of base bid prices and a detailed breakdown of pricing of items included in the bid. The commission then awarded the contract to Poloronis.

At the Jan. 6 meeting, Pierce said Withers has protested the award of the bid with a letter. He is represented in the case by attorney Nick Yonclas of Eastpoint.

"I have never been in this

situation," said Pierce, who thought a bid protest hearing would be necessary to resolve the dispute.

"We will speak with Mr. Poloronis, and I believe he will work with the county," said County Attorney Michael Shuler.

Pierce said the county still is awaiting several permits, so construction cannot begin immediately anyway. Commissioner Pinki Jackel requested Shuler investigate whether Withers' request was valid.

By Lois Swoboda

FWC REPORT

Officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement were busy last week searching out violators of oystering and net regulations.

Officer Carmon Brownell answered a complaint from an individual who said there was a still hunter hunting over bait (corn) in the Womack Creek Wildlife Management Area. When Brownell arrived, the hunter had exited the tree he was hunting from and was at his vehicle. Brownell found kernels of corn in the back of the hunter's vehicle. When asked, the hunter took Brownell back to the tree he was hunting from, which had bait scattered around it. He admitted to hunting over the bait. The hunter was issued a citation for hunting over bait in a wildlife management area.

Officer Chasen Yarborough was performing camp inspections in Franklin County. At Gardener's Landing, he encountered an 18-year-old consuming an alcoholic beverage. Further inspection revealed a water bong (pipe) in a vehicle at the campsite. The subject admitted the bong belonged to him, and Yarborough issued citations for possession of alcohol by a person under 21 years of age and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Jan. 5, officers Woody Cook, Travis Huckeba, Don Walker and John Allen conducted an oyster detail in Apalachicola Bay. The officers boarded nine vessels and inspected 21 harvesters. The inspections revealed several violations including oystering in con-

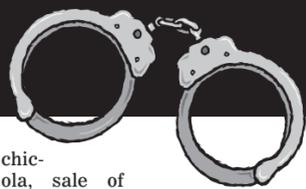
ditionally restricted waters, no saltwater products license, no Apalachicola Bay oyster harvest permit, no Apalachicola Bay oyster harvest permit numbers displayed on the harvesting vessel, no hull identification number on a vessel and various vessel safety equipment violations. Seven misdemeanor citations and two written warnings were issued for the violations.

Officers Michael Slotin and John Allen and Lt. Rama Shuster were on nighttime patrol on the offshore patrol vessel "Orion" when they observed a shrimp boat inside the three-mile line near Cape St. George. A closer pass at the vessel revealed three nets in the water.

The officers boarded the vessel and issued the captain a citation for using more than two nets in near shore waters. When concluding the boarding, the officers observed another vessel shrimping in near shore waters with three nets. While approaching the second vessel, the officers observed the captain run out on the back deck and attempt to pull the net up before the patrol vessel pulled alongside. The vessel was boarded, and the captain issued a citation for using more than two nets in near shore waters.

On Jan. 3, Slotin conducted a fisheries inspection on a vessel as it offloaded along the Carrabelle River. He observed several coolers being unloaded and carried to a truck. Among the day's catch were five red snapper. The captain was issued a citation for possession of red snapper during closed season.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT



Dec. 30

Donna J. Brandon, 44, Carrabelle, aggravated battery on a law officer (CPD)

Jan. 1

Gervane D. Hunter, 35, Tallahassee, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell and possession of paraphernalia (FCSO)

Dominique T. Stafford, 27, Tallahassee, felony fleeing or eluding, possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia (FCSO)

Michael W. Wright, 50, Tallahassee, DUI (FHP)

Ronnie D. Boozer, 58, Lanark Village, battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting with violence, shooting at, within or into an occupied vehicle, aggravated

assault with a deadly weapon and criminal mischief (CPD)

Jan. 2

Joey G. Banks, 23, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Jose C. Baraona, 27, Apalachicola, no valid driver's license and reckless driving (APD)

James E. Pilotti, 22, Apalachicola, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

Danny E. Holton, 38, Carrabelle, failure to appear (FCSO)

Alex P. Ramirez, 19, Apalachicola, leaving the scene of an accident, criminal mischief, and attaching an improper license plate (APD)

Jan. 3

Andre E. Jones, 33, Apalachicola, disorderly intoxication

(FCSO)

Keith A. Williams, Jr., 18, Royal Palm Beach, aggravated battery (APD)

Abigail Correa, 19, West Palm Beach, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated battery with great bodily harm (APD)

Jan. 5

John L. Glass, 31, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Justin M. Harris, 24, Tallahassee, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, and sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

Jan. 7

Helen Green, 20, Apalachicola, felony passing worthless bank checks (FCSO)

Harvey T. Daughtry, 37, Carrabelle, violation of probation (FCSO)

Stephanie R. Bongiovanni, 38, Panacea, arrested on charges out of Sarasota County of withholding child support and failure to appear (FHP)

Melissa Foster, 37, Eastpoint, sale of a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a legend drug without prescription and violation of probation (FCSO)

Jan. 8

Donald B. Jordan, 48, Lanark Village, DUI, (CPD)

Michelle D. Provenzano, 44, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Jan. 9

Frances E. Kahn, 69, Apala-

chicola, sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

Travis W. Hill, 32, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Mitchell Martina, 30, Apalachicola, domestic battery (FCSO)

Catherine R. Whatley, 25, Apalachicola, domestic battery (FCSO)

Jan. 10

Derrick E. Kennedy, 36, Lanark Village, attempted first degree murder, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, felony criminal mischief and driving while license suspended (CPD)

William R. Johnson, 28, Carrabelle, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and criminal mischief (CPD)



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9661T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. d/b/a BACFINANCIAL, Plaintiff,
vs.
JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY, et al. Defendants.

CASE NO: 08-000184CA
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a final judgment of foreclosure dated December 22, 2008, and entered in Case No. 08-000184-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. d/b/a BANCFINANCIAL, plaintiff and JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY et al., are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder and best bidder for cash at the front of the Courthouse steps at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, at 11:00 A.M. on February 12, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said order or final judgment, to-wit:

Lot 4, BAY COVE VILLAGE, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page(s) 18, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida

commonly known as 2027 Sand Dollar Trail, St. George Island, Florida 32328.

Dated at Apalachicola Florida this December 22, 2008.

MARCIA JOHNSON As Clerk, Circuit Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, shall, within a reasonable time prior to any proceeding, contact the ADA coordinator at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 or telephone 850-653-8861 not later than five (5) business days prior to such proceeding.

BLOCH, MINERLEY & FEIN, PL. Attorneys for Plaintiff 980 N. Federal Hwy, Suite 412 Boca Raton, FL 33432 561-362-6699 January 8, 15, 2009

9662T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.

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JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY, et al. Defendants.
CASE NO: 08-000185CA

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a final judgment of foreclosure dated December 22, 2008, and entered in Case No. 08-000185-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., plaintiff and JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY et al., are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder and best bidder for cash at the front of the Courthouse steps at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, at 11:00 A.M. on February 12, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said order or final judgment, to-wit:

Lot 29, CASA DEL MAR SUBDIVISION PHASE I, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page(s) 2, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida

commonly known as 2266 Sailfish Drive, St. George Island, Florida 32328.

Dated at Apalachicola Florida this December 22, 2008.

MARCIA JOHNSON As Clerk, Circuit Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

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BLOCH, MINERLEY & FEIN, PL. Attorneys for Plaintiff 980 N. Federal Hwy, Suite 412 Boca Raton, FL 33432 561-362-6699 January 8, 15, 2009

9712T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL DIVISION

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC., Plaintiff,
vs.

CLYDE OLIVER; KENNETH FRIENDLY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR PRIMARY CAPITAL ADVISORS, LC MIN NO. 1002293-3000020639-5; ONE CHARLESTON PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendants.

CASE NO. 192008CA000001XXXXX

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 23, 2008, and an Order Resetting Sale dated December 22, 2008 and entered in Case No. 192008CA000001XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC. is Plaintiff and CLYDE OLIVER; KENNETH FRIENDLY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR PRIMARY CAPITAL ADVISORS, LC, MIN NO. 1002293-3000020639-5; ONE CHARLESTON PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 at Franklin County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th day of February, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

NOTICE OF SALE

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

From a point of 10.5 feet due South from the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, run North 61 degrees 17.5' East along the North-south boundary of a public right-of-way 25.15 feet for the point of beginning; continue thence along said right-of-way 64 feet; thence North 28 degrees 42.5' West 200 feet; thence South 61 degrees 17.5' West 108.5 feet; thence Southeasterly on a line 200 feet equidistant from the old 60 foot Ferry Road for a distance of 205 feet to the point of beginning. Thus forming a tract in the NE 1/4 of said Section 31, fronting 64 feet on the right-of-way, running back 200 feet and measuring 108.5 feet across the back. To include a: 2005 Prestige VIN N812615A 95011617 2005 Prestige VIN N 812615B 95011673 A/K/A 375 Avenue A Eastpoint, FL 32328

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 at 11:00 AM, on February 5, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson As Clerk of the Court By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

Dated this 29th day of December, 2008.

9749T
PUBLIC NOTICE

The next meeting of The Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. CST at the Panama City Commission Chambers, 9 Harrison Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Corridor Authority at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Am-

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ber Perryman at (850) 215-4081 or by email at Amber.Perryman@hdrinc.com. January 15, 2009

9770T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs

DANA M. TAYLOR; CALVIN RAY TAYLOR; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CALVIN RAY TAYLOR; GERALDINE TAYLOR NASH; ELOISE TAYLOR MILLENDER; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELOISE TAYLOR MILLENDER; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

CASE NO. 08 384 CA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 23, 2008 and entered in Case No. 08-000334 CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST BANK, is a Plaintiff and JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendants.

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

From a point of 10.5 feet due South from the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, run North 61 degrees 17.5' East along the North-south boundary of a public right-of-way 25.15 feet for the point of beginning; continue thence along said right-of-way 64 feet; thence North 28 degrees 42.5' West 200 feet; thence South 61 degrees 17.5' West 108.5 feet; thence Southeasterly on a line 200 feet equidistant from the old 60 foot Ferry Road for a distance of 205 feet to the point of beginning. Thus forming a tract in the NE 1/4 of said Section 31, fronting 64 feet on the right-of-way, running back 200 feet and measuring 108.5 feet across the back. To include a: 2005 Prestige VIN N812615A 95011617 2005 Prestige VIN N 812615B 95011673 A/K/A 375 Avenue A Eastpoint, FL 32328

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 at 11:00 AM, on February 5, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson As Clerk of the Court By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

Dated this 29th day of December, 2008.

9771T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff, vs.

JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ et al. Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-000334 CA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 23, 2008 and entered in Case No. 08-000334 CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST BANK, is a Plaintiff and JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendants.

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

From a point of 10.5 feet due South from the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, run North 61 degrees 17.5' East along the North-south boundary of a public right-of-way 25.15 feet for the point of beginning; continue thence along said right-of-way 64 feet; thence North 28 degrees 42.5' West 200 feet; thence South 61 degrees 17.5' West 108.5 feet; thence Southeasterly on a line 200 feet equidistant from the old 60 foot Ferry Road for a distance of 205 feet to the point of beginning. Thus forming a tract in the NE 1/4 of said Section 31, fronting 64 feet on the right-of-way, running back 200 feet and measuring 108.5 feet across the back. To include a: 2005 Prestige VIN N812615A 95011617 2005 Prestige VIN N 812615B 95011673 A/K/A 375 Avenue A Eastpoint, FL 32328

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328 Attorneys for Plaintiff

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service. January 15, 22, 2009

9771T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff, vs.

JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ et al. Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-000334 CA

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From a point of 10.5 feet due South from the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, run North 61 degrees 17.5' East along the North-south boundary of a public right-of-way 25.15 feet for the point of beginning; continue thence along said right-of-way 64 feet; thence North 28 degrees 42.5' West 200 feet; thence South 61 degrees 17.5' West 108.5 feet; thence Southeasterly on a line 200 feet equidistant from the old 60 foot Ferry Road for a distance of 205 feet to the point of beginning. Thus forming a tract in the NE 1/4 of said Section 31, fronting 64 feet on the right-of-way, running back 200 feet and measuring 108.5 feet across the back. To include a: 2005 Prestige VIN N812615A 95011617 2005 Prestige VIN N 812615B 95011673 A/K/A 375 Avenue A Eastpoint, FL 32328

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 at 11:00 AM, on February 5, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson As Clerk of the Court By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

Dated this 29th day of December, 2008.

9772T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-AR4 PLAINTIFF

VS

JEFFREY D. ORMSBY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEFFREY D. ORMSBY, IF 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; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; BRIAN K. KRONTZ; LUCY H. KRONTZ; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION DEFENDANT(S)

CASE NO.: 08-000003CA
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 23, 2008 and entered in Case No. 08-000334 CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST BANK, is a Plaintiff and JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendants.

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DATED THIS 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008.

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 of the 29th day of December, 2008.

Marcia M. 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 (850) 653-8861, 1-800-955-8777 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service.

DAVID J. STERN, PA. 900 South Pine Island Road, Suite 400 Plantation, FL 33324-3920 (954) 233-8000 January 15, 22, 2009

9777T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs.

DANIEL SIMMONS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL SIMMONS; FRANCIS E. SIMMONS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCIS E. SIMMONS; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

CASE NO. 2008 332 CA

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: SUSAN T. GLADSTONE Whose residence is: 362 E BAY DR., EASTPOINT, FL, 32328 & 866 FOREST ACRES DR., NASHVILLE, TN, 37220 & 49 MUSIC SQ W STE 300, NASHVILLE, TN, 37203

TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SUSAN T. GLADSTONE Whose residence is: 362 E BAY DR., EASTPOINT, FL, 32328 & 866 FOREST ACRES DR., NASHVILLE, TN, 37220

IF alive, and if dead, all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against SUSAN T. GLADSTONE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SUSAN T. GLADSTONE and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT 'A' ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART THEREOF

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100

CIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs.

DANIEL SIMMONS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL SIMMONS; FRANCIS E. SIMMONS; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

CASE NO. 2008 332 CA

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 6, Block '2', Sun N' Sand Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 12, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida. To include a: 2006 Nobility Home Inc Manufactured Kingswood Model VIN N812956A 96596507 2006 Nobility Homes Inc Manufactured Kingswood Model VIN N812956B 96596567 A/K/A 642 Magnolia St Panama, FL 32346

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Front steps of Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 at 11:00 AM, on February 5th, 2009.

DATED THIS 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008.

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 of the 29th day of December, 2008.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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9780T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs.

SUSAN T. GLADSTONE, et al. Defendants

CASE NO 08000526CA

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: SUSAN T. GLADSTONE Whose residence is: 362 E BAY DR., EASTPOINT, FL, 32328 & 866 FOREST ACRES DR., NASHVILLE, TN, 37220 & 49 MUSIC SQ W STE 300, NASHVILLE, TN, 37203

TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SUSAN T. GLADSTONE Whose residence is: 362 E BAY DR., EASTPOINT, FL, 32328 & 866 FOREST ACRES DR., NASHVILLE, TN, 37220

LEGAL ADVERTISING
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CONCRETE MONUMENT LYING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF NORTH BAYSHORE DRIVE; THENCE RUN NORTH 30 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 0 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 2006.20 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN NORTH 59 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 80.00 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF SAID NORTH BAYSHORE DRIVE, THENCE RUN NORTH 30 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 0 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 690.00 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF ROSE DRIVE, THENCE RUN NORTH 59 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 0 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 392.30 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN NORTH 30 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 209.82 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED NO. 4261) MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 59 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 379.15 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKED NO. 4261 LYING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF EAST BAY DRIVE, THENCE RUN NORTH 31 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 3 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 139.97 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 59 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 375.56 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE RUN SOUTH 30 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 2 SECONDS WEST 139.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

al/k/a 362 E BAY DR. EASTPOINT, FL 32328

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Nwabufo Umunna, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 30th day of December,

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2008.
MARCIA M. JOHNSON
As Clerk of the Court
By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk

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This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information will be used for that purpose.
January 15, 22, 2009



2100 - Pets
2110 - Pets: Free to Good Home
2120 - Pet Supplies
2130 - Farm Animals/Supplies
2140 - Pets/Livestock Wanted

PETS
2100

Seasoned oak firewood. Reasonable price! Call 697-4677 or visit us at 150 Delaware St, Lanark.



3100 - Antiques
3110 - Appliances
3120 - Arts & Crafts
3130 - Auctions
3140 - Baby Items
3150 - Building Supplies
3160 - Business Equipment
3170 - Collectibles
3180 - Computers
3190 - Electronics
3200 - Firewood
3210 - Free Pass it On
3220 - Furniture
3230 - Garage/Yard Sales
3240 - Guns
3250 - Good Things to Eat
3260 - Health & Fitness
3270 - Jewelry/Clothing
3280 - Machinery/Equipment
3290 - Medical Equipment
3300 - Miscellaneous
3310 - Musical Instruments
3320 - Plants & Shrubs/Supplies
3330 - Restaurant/Hotel
3340 - Sporting Goods
3350 - Tickets (Buy & Sell)

BUSINESS EQUIPMENT
3160

Pizzeria equipment for sale, bakers pride brick oven, Hobart 60 qt mixer, 2 compartment coolers w/ worktop, meat slicer, beautiful hand crafted wood booths & tables. Complete set up for pizza business. call for more info, 850-227-8669 or 850-653-8578

FIREWOOD
3200

Seasoned Firewood
By the load or by the stick. 670-8808 or 670-8851

FREE: PASS IT ON
3210

NEW TODAY
5 Piece 100% MicroFiber Living Rm set complete w/tables;\$599, ALL NEW in boxes. Delivery available 222-7783

FURNITURE
3220

NEW TODAY
\$160 Brand Name Queen Mattress Set Unused with warranty (850) 222-7783

NEW TODAY
A New Queen Orthopedic Pillowtop mattress set in sealed plastic \$279. Full Warranty. Can Deliver. 850-222-7783

NEW TODAY
Cherry- NEW QUEEN, sleigh 7pc bedroom set. \$2400 value, must sell \$1,000. 425-8374. Delivery available.

NEW TODAY
Complete Solid Wood Bedroom Set. Brand New! Top quality. Dovetail Drawers. Beautiful. Must See. \$499 Can deliver 545-7112

GARAGE/YARD SALES
3230

NEW TODAY
AA: Carrabelle Beach, FL, 1953 Highway 98 W Carrabelle, FL, 3 miles west of Carrabelle; just before Crooked River Light-house, Saturday only, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Beach House Estate Sale: Everything must GO Living room, bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom furniture, tools, yard and garden and lots more. NO previews on Friday

GUNS
3240

NEW TODAY
Reuger Mini14 Stainless range rifle, latest model, many extra plus ammo, \$700 obo, 850-728-0975

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT
3280

King Kutter Post hole digger for 3pt-PTO, 40 in drilling depth, includes 9 & 12 in. bits, \$450 850-653-2897

MISCELLANEOUS
3300

STEEL BUILDINGS
5 Only 25x34, 30x48, 40x64, 45x86, 80x150 **Must Move Now!** Will Sell for Balance Owed/Free Delivery! 1-800-462-7930 x20



4100 - Help Wanted
4130 - Employment Information

HELP WANTED
4100

NEW TODAY
Administrative/Clerical
Receptionist
Busy medical practice has an opening for Receptionist. Full time with benefits. Please apply at Shoreline Medical Group, 419 Baltzell Avenue, Port St Joe, or call Linda at 229-8010. web id# 34022285

NEW TODAY
Customer Support
Cashier
Clerk needed at the mini convenience store (blue). Must be able to work nights and/or weekends. Call 927-2163 for more info

Other
Attention!!!
Home Computer work!!!, Flexible hours, great pay, will train, Call 727-865-6795

State of Florida-Franklin County Health Department Job Announcement
THIS POSITION IS BEING RE-ADVERTISED
Community Health Nursing Director - SES
Position Type: Full-Time
Position number: 64027996
Annual Salary: \$45,000.00 - \$70,000.00
Closing Date: 01/29/09

Educational Requirements:
A minimum of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) required. A Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) is preferred. 1 - 5 years of Public Health Nursing experience and previous supervisory experience preferred.

Licensure Requirements:
Licensed with the State of Florida Board of Nursing

This is an administrative nursing position requiring planning and directing of a public health nursing program in a county health department (CHD). The CHD serves a county population of approximately 11,000 inhabitants. The individual in this position exercises independent judgment in formulating policies and procedures which have significant impact on service delivery and accountability. The employee performs duties under the supervision and direction of the CHD Administrator, and may serve as the Acting Administrator in the Administrator's absence. This position is responsible for the integrity and confidentiality of data sets under his/her control. Incumbents may be required to perform emergency duty before, during, and/or beyond normal work hours or days.

The State of Florida is an AA/EEO employer. Veterans' preference will be given to eligible veterans and their spouses in accordance with Chapter 295 of the Florida Statutes. Notification to the hiring authority must be made in advance to allow sufficient time to provide the accommodation. Emergency Duties, Background screening and fingerprinting required.

Please, choose one of the following for submitting your application:
1. Online at <https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com/logon.htm>
2. Fax your application to People First Staffing - Attn: Data Entry. Put on the fax cover letter: "For position #64027996. Please, post to People First Web site."
Fax to: 904-636-2627.
3. Mail your application to People First Staffing Administration, PO Box 44058 Jacksonville, FL 32231.

HELP WANTED
4100

Other
Merchandiser
Part Time to service reading & sun glasses in Apalachicola. 2.50 hrs/month Home computer & auto required. Call Wendy 800-283-3090 x2378

Restaurant/Food Serv
•SERVERS
•COOKS
BLUE PARROT HIRING
Please apply in person between 9a-5pm 7 days a week@
Blue Parrott
St. George Island

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION
4130

POSTAL & GOVT JOB INFO FOR SALE?

caution
You NEVER have to pay for information about federal or postal jobs. If you see a job "guarantee", contact the FTC.

The Federal Trade Commission is America's consumer protection agency.

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BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL RENTALS
6100

1 br house c/h/a, w/d incl.
No pets. 850-653-9788 850-370-5113

Commercial Building
190 12th Street
850-653-9788
850-370-5113

NEW TODAY
Convenience store downtown Apalachicola, 47 Ave E. Call 850-899-4512 or 850-227-5052 for info.

NEW TODAY
For Rent Space available for small business or office. Utilities included. Downtown Historic Apalachicola. 29 Ave. E. (upstairs) For info call Carol 850-653-3871

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6110

1 br, 1 ba & 2 br, apartment. unfurn electric/water inc. Tile floors, part cypress panelling, private deck 1 block from beach 4 0 4 - 4 0 2 - 5 5 7 3 850-653-6459

1 br, 1 ba Efficiency, in Apalachicola, quiet, 2 blks from boat ramp, deck, AC, pet OK, \$600/mo+ first, last & deposit. Call 850-697-5000.

1 br, 1 ba, and 1 room efficiency, all utilities included, Apalachicola, no smoking, walk to gro store, furn, lease, 1st mo sec. req at signing. 653-6375

NEW TODAY
2 br, 1 ba, two units available
\$600 and \$800 per month 850-653-9087

3 br, 1 ba Lanark Village, \$700 mo +deposit, no smoking no pets Susan Jones Bluewater Realty Group (850) 566-7584

APARTMENT RENTALS
6110

51 Pine St, Lanark Village, 2 br 2 ba with large screened porch, end unit facing golf course & bay/w/s included. \$550 mo, \$300 dep. Call Mr Smith @ 850-927-2838 or 864-356-5949

1/2 Off First Month Rent!!!
2 br, 2 ba, Modern Apt with washer and dryer, central AC, Ave E, Apalachicola \$700 mo., + dep. Call 653-1240 or 670-1211.

NEW TODAY
1BR/1BA furnished apartment, downtown Apalachicola. satellite, WiFi, newly renovated, balcony, laundry on site. Short or long term rental. Call 850-653-8801

Apalachicola
1 br 1 ba apts. from \$400/mo. Call 850-381-7746

Furnished Loft Apt, in historic district. Cb/wtr incl 1100sf high ceilings, Private entrance and deck. No smkg/ pets. \$750 mo. +\$750 dep. 850-653-3838

NEW TODAY
Small Studio Apt. for mature, single person, \$500 everything furnished, Call 850-697-8623

BEACH RENTALS
6120

St. George Island
\$160 wk, elec. Satellite, Garbage included, pool table, 12'X65' deck with Beautiful view. Call 850-653-5114

CONDO/TOWNHOUSE
6130

Carrabelle
3 BR, 2 BA. Unfurnished, W/D, D/W, CH & A, Deck, Poolside. Covered boat parking. Long term. PRICE REDUCED. For appointment, Call 850-877-7696.

Snow Birds/ Lanark Village
1 br, 1 ba, Renovated/ furnished end unit, new kitchen and bath, mini. 4 month lease \$545/mo + dep., no smoking, pet considered. (850) 653-3838.

HOUSE RENTALS
6140

1, & 2, br
Apalachicola, FL. Call 850-643-7740.

3 br, 2 ba MH, Carrabelle area, Quiet, 6 mos lease, refs, and sec dep req. \$600 month 814-282-9933

NEW TODAY
2 br, 1 ba, house for rent in Apalachicola. Cntrl air, fireplace, W/D, D/W, sun deck, shady fncd in yard, work shed, ample parking \$800 mo, \$500 sec dep. Call Brenda 227-5380.

HOUSE RENTALS
6140

3 br, 2 ba, On The Carrabelle River. Garage, \$1,000 month \$500 deposit. 850-545-8813

NEW TODAY
Apalach Newer, 2 br, 2 ba, ch/a, dw, w/d, hkup, sm. pet ok w/dep \$750 mo + dep. Call 850-670-8266

Carrabelle, 3 br, 2 ba, W/D, large lot, \$700 mo. \$350 dep. call 850-545-8813.

Carrabelle Beach
3 br, 2 ba, large lot, w/d, deck, appliances, ref. \$750/mo. 860-233-0676 or email clappgarten@sbcblog.al.net

Carrabelle Fabulous Private!
4 br 2 ba w/FP, all appl incl dishwasher, w/d Pool, hot tub, sauna + guest apt with full bath \$1200/mo - 1 yr lease, security deposit, or check and ref required, Non-smokers 1-229-403-7701

St. George Island Home
Furnished 2 br, 1.5 ba ground level 3rd from beach o/s shower screened porch roof deck large living, and dining room, laundry \$800 month plus utilities Please Call Joe at 215-570-9977 avail. Jan4

Townhomes for rent, Jones Homestead-Ponderosa pines. End of year special. First month rent free with deposit and 12 month lease. 2 br and 3br units available. Call 850-227-8404 or 850-227-9732 for more information.

Year round rental on canal in SGI, 2 br, 2 ba, nice yard. Boats welcome! No pets. \$775 mo. Call 413-454-4253

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Why Rent When You Can Own A Brand New Home? THE AVENUES at KEOUGH'S LANDING. Green certified and HOP approved. Affordable Living on the Forgotten Coast 3 bdrm, 2 bath homes ranging from 1250-2000 sqft in Carrabelle's Newest Subdivision Only 1/4 mile from the Carrabelle River

Pricing from the \$100,000's Pick your Lot Choose Your Model. Only 8 lots left! BEC & Company, Inc. (850) 656-2608

MOBILE HOME/LOT RENTALS
6170

2 br, 1 ba
huge lot, 3 Rivers Area Carrabelle, \$495 mo+ utilities & dep. 850-653-3270

NEW TODAY
For Sale By owner, 2000 Buccaneer Zone 3 single wide 16x80 on 2 lots (30 x 100) great condition, 24 14th St. Apalachicola, FL, \$70,000, 850-653-9231

RENT TO OWN

Own your piece of paradise now. \$0 down, \$500 mo. 2 br, 1 left, MH, each with its own dock on Crooked River in Carrabelle, call 509-2460

VACATION RENTALS
6200

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Beach Homes-Condos www.BeachRealty.net Vacation Rental Homes Exclusively BY OWNER



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Let's Trade Houses
My beautiful \$275,000 home in Tenn., with low taxes and ins., or my beautiful \$170,000 home in North Carolina for your beautiful home in the Panhandle, Call 252-926-9525 or tomandritac@earthlink.net

NEW TODAY
Port St. Joe, St. George Island and St. James Bay Previously Bank Owned Property. Priced way below market value! Prices starting at \$35,000. Please call Counts Real Estate Group at 850-249-3615.

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Celebrating the Great Florida Birding Trail

Signs marking 78 designated birding sites along the 2,000-mile Great Florida Birding Trail began appearing in the Panhandle in December. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) hopes to have all the signs in place from Tallahassee to Pensacola by the end of this month. The FWC will celebrate with a sign-dedication event, complete with birding tours by FWC and

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff and volunteers, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17 at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. The sign dedication will take place at 1 p.m. at the Environmental Education cabin next to the Visitor Center. The Great Florida Birding Trail is a conservation program initiated by the FWC in response to the rapidly expanding activity of bird watching.

More than 485 exceptional sites throughout Florida have been chosen based on their quality and compiled into trail guides representing four geographic regions. The signs help bird watchers find the designated sites. Gateway sites at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, near Tallahassee, and Big Lagoon State Park, in Pensacola, provide extensive trail-related resources, with

loaner optics available on site. They also act as hubs of regional birding information. Field guides in English and Spanish also are provided to enable visitors to identify which birds they are viewing. Additional materials for beginning bird watchers also are available at each gateway site. The Florida Panhandle offers outstanding birding experiences and fewer crowds, with sought-after

species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker, swallow-tailed and Mississippi kites, snowy plover, Swainson's warbler, Sprague's pipit and a remarkable diversity of winter visitors (including hummingbirds) not typically found in the peninsula. The Panhandle's coastline is an important migration corridor for waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds and birds of prey.

Birding is big business in Florida, and the Great Florida Birding Trail is an integral part of the Sunshine State's \$5.2 billion wildlife viewing industry. More people travel to Florida to see wildlife than to any other state, and approximately 3.3 million residents and visitors watched birds and wildlife in Florida in 2006, according to a recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service survey.

Unusual owl, hummingbird spotted in county

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Alan Knothe, avid birder and environmental educator for the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve said two rare birds have been spotted recently in the county.

A burrowing owl was seen on St. George Island near Government Cut. While these owls range as far north as Canada in summer and to the southern tip of South America, they are not normally found in the Panhandle. Burrowing owls are small, long-legged owls, 10 inches tall that nest in holes excavated in the soil. The feathery visitor is reported to be living under a low boardwalk and observers have not determined if it has dug out a burrow.

In Apalachicola, Robin Vroegop noticed an unusual hummingbird at her feeder and called Knothe to have a look. He verified that what she spotted was a buff bellied hummingbird native to southern Texas and Central America.

The sighting was so unusual that Fred Bassett, a field ornithologist for the Hummer/Bird Study Group, traveled to the county to document and band the tiny creature.

The Hummer/Bird Study Group, a non-profit organization founded by Bob and Martha Sargent of Clay, AL, is dedicated to the study and preservation of hummingbirds and other Neo-tropical migrants (songbirds). The organization's research programs with hummingbirds and migrating songbirds have been under way since 1987. Each winter, Bassett and others like him band birds to study their life history and migratory patterns. Bassett was the first person ever to band a buff bellied hummingbird in the US.

The capture of a local hummer took place on Friday, Jan. 9. Bassett arrived in Apalachicola during a swing through the Panhandle.

After capturing the hummingbird in a trap hung around Vroegop's feeder, Bassett weighed it, measured its wingspan, tail and other aspects and photographed it from ev-



PHOTOS BY LOIS SWOBODA

Fred Bassett displays the unusual hummingbird for a fascinated crowd.

ery angle. He affixed a tiny band to its ankle, which he said was equivalent in weight to a wrist watch on an adult human being.

Vroegop's exotic visitor turned out to be a large, mature buff bellied male hummingbird weighing six grams. Bassett said it was possibly the largest he had handled.

After the bird was photographed in Vroegop's hand, she released it and it flew away. Bassett said it would probably be back at the feeder before he could pack up and leave.

He said that buff bellies are believed to live seven to nine years in the wild and have a high rate of return (16 percent) when migrating so Vroegop may well see her little traveler in years to come. Bassett believes that buff bellies, callioopes and other tropical hummingbirds have always been occasional visitors to the southeast, but their presence was not noticed until the Hummer/Bird Study Group began banding and keeping records.

Knothe asked that anyone who notices an unusual or unfamiliar bird contact him at 653-8068.



The tiny bird was placed in a soft sack to be weighed.



The V in the hummer's tail identifies it as a male.

Riverkeeper, county parks sponsor paddling trip

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper and the Franklin County Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the ninth in a series of free educational paddling programs at the county's newly acquired Indian Creek Public Park.

The park is located on North Bayshore Drive in Eastpoint; paddling trips are scheduled for the fourth Saturday of every month year round.

The upcoming trip is scheduled

for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24. A short educational talk will be followed by a three and a half-hour kayak/canoe trip led by experienced Riverkeeper staff and volunteers.

No boat? A limited number of kayaks, personal flotation devices, and paddles are available through the Apalachicola Riverkeeper. Participants should bring water and lunch and be comfortable paddling open water, tidal streams, and narrow

creeks teeming with wildlife. Participants should be prepared to use their vehicles as shuttles to water access locations.

The exact location of the paddle trip will be governed by weather conditions and the skill level of the participants.

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