



ST. VINCENT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE | Special to the Times

Elgin Wefing makes his way down a creek on St. Vincent Island. In this picture, the firebox of the Tumbler's steam engine is rounded and the gunwales are finished and enclosed. This is probably the early 1930s.



BRAD SHIVER | Special to the Times

Buttercup was Breanna Shiver's constant companion.

Pet horse killed in Eastpoint

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Breanna Shiver is heartbroken. She doesn't understand why her miniature horse, Buttercup has gone to join her dog in heaven and neither does her father Brad.

He appeared at the Feb. 3 meeting of the county commission to tearfully demand that somebody look into the large number of dogs wandering loose in Franklin County.

Miniature horses are valued at around \$1,000, some considerably more, but Buttercup was Breanna's Christmas gift two years ago. He has been her constant companion ever since, following her like a puppy.

The story began on Super Bowl Sunday. Shiver left his daughter's horse tethered to a small lead anchor in the back yard of his home at 737 Ridge Road. Buttercup could roam the yard, which is fenced on three sides. He

was frequently left outside on the anchor to graze. On this particular evening, the Shivers attended a Super Bowl party and when they returned home at about 10:30 p.m., Shiver forgot to put the horse in his shed. It was a mistake he still regrets.

He remembers, "About midnight, I sat up and said to myself, I'd better go check on Buttercup. When I went outside, everything was quiet, which was strange. Usually, if I walk out the door, he starts yelling for me. He's spoiled. He thinks you're going to feed him an apple or something."

Buttercup was gone. Shiver said he looked until 1:30 a.m. and then called the police. Deputies Kit Mashburn and Donnie Segree responded and helped him look until about 2:30 or 3 a.m.

"I thought somebody had found him and tied him up. He was a pet. He would have come to any-

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Audit completed in school billing fraud case

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Accountants hired by the architectural firm that built the consolidated school have completed their audit of an invoicing scandal last year that cost the project manager his job.

Forensic examiners Chris Poulos and Deette Preacher, both certified public accountants in Tallahassee, found that the \$130,583 in overcharges that Peter Brown Con-

struction repaid the school district in April 2008 covered the entire loss to the district.

The district last month handed the forensic audit over to the state attorney's office. In a Jan. 28 letter to School Board Attorney Barbara Sanders, Robert C. Hale, assistant state attorney, thanked her and said there may be criminal activity involved.

When the incident first surfaced last spring, the

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Who built the TUMBLER?

Maritime Museum seeks help for interpretive exhibit

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Do you remember the Tumbler?

If you do, the Apalachicola Maritime Museum is asking for your help.

On display at 103 Water Street in downtown Apalachicola is an old duck boat, once the property of Elgin Wefing. This remarkable boat was known to old-timers as the Tumbler. It was one of the earliest fuel-powered personal pleasure boats and may well have been the smallest steamboat in Florida, or for that matter the entire Southeast.

The Tumbler is built of heart cypress. Louis Van Vleet and George Wefing wrapped the boat in fiberglass in the 1960s because it was beginning to decay and open up at the joints.

The boat was designed to hunt and fish in the shallow wetlands of the barrier islands off the coast of Franklin County.

Dan Sangaree, of Apalachicola, who once worked for Wefing, put the age of the craft at 70 years or older.

Van Vleet, who worked at Wefing's Marine Supply Store for 39 years, remembered the boat well. He and George Wefing hunted and fished in it many times.

"My first dealing with the boat was when I was about 12 (Circa 1935)," he said. "My daddy and I were mullet fishing. I saw the boat had its engine in the front and I questioned by father about it. I said 'Look, the engine is pulling that boat instead of pushing it' but he said no, it had a long drive shaft down the middle of the boat that turned the propeller. It was an old boat the first time I saw it."

Dolores Roux, a close friend of George Wefing in school, thinks the boat may have been constructed in the 1920s, making it about 90 years old. She feels sure Elgin built the boat himself. She remembers he was a skilled woodworker.

"Knowing Mr. Elgin, I don't believe he would have trusted anybody else to build it," she said. "He could do anything he wanted to. I remember, when he was in his 60s, he had a stroke. He was left-handed and the stroke left him paralyzed on one side so he couldn't shoot his guns. He converted the stocks of all of his guns to he could fire them right-handed."

She believes the engines were fabricated in Lucious Allen's machine shop, adjacent to Wefing's Store.

Other people tentatively attribute the boat to the Marshall Boat Company and legendary Greek shipbuilder Demo George, who was active in Apalachicola around 1900.

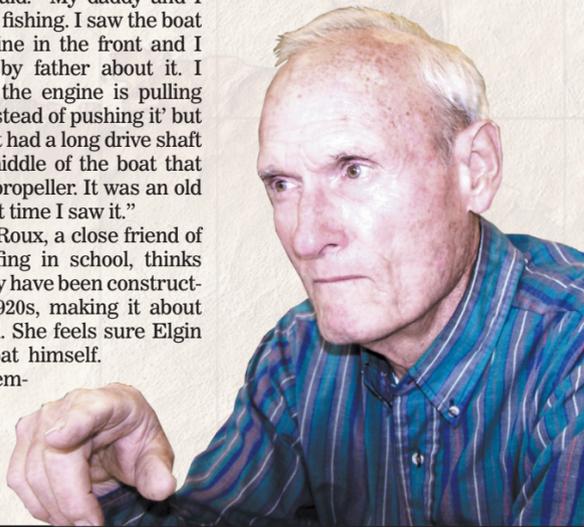
The earliest pictures of the Wefing duck boat show it fitted with a steam engine and a paddle wheel. Like his son George, Elgin was known for his love of machines and talent for manipulating them. It is possible Elgin converted a boat meant to be rowed or poled into a steam-powered vessel.

Pictures found in the collection of the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge show two different fire-

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LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Louis Van Vleet recalls memories of the Tumbler from his youth.



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This may be the earliest picture of the Tumbler. Here it is pictured with a squared firebox. Notice the gunwales are unfinished in this picture and lines carrying steam to the wheelhouse are visible. This picture probably dates from the late 1920s or very early 1930s.

WHEN SAILING WAS CHILD'S PLAY ON THE BAY

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

In the first half of the 20th Century, the children of Apalachicola were as at home in a sailboat as on a bicycle.

E.E. (Big Red) Sizemore shared this childhood adventure with the readers of the Times.

When Pete Harrell, Junior Montgomery and

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Chef's Sampler a feast for the senses

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

This year's banquet celebrating the outstanding cuisine of Franklin County and its environs was a huge success serving 250 diners including almost 50 volunteers. It was a sell out house on Sunday night.

Anita Grove, director of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce said "It went fantastic. We had wonderful talented people decorating the tables and the food was amazing. What else can I say?"

The entry to the armory glittered with a six-foot crystal replica of the Eiffel Tower and inside the main hall the magically decorated tables sponsored by local businesses and individuals were as much a treat for the eye as the extensive buffet was for the palate.

There were 19 tables decked out in an array of colors and themes. Pensive and Lemon Grass interiors created a dazzler with a sequined silver cloth and white orchids. Beverly Coxwell and Norma Hewell used flotsam and jetsam borrowed from the Tin Shed to create a nautical ambience. Joe and Jeanette Taylor used the Sampler as an opportunity to debut their new line of Made in Apalach art objects and the Green Door presented a pair of light hearted arty offerings.

Architect George Coon's oyster themed table was the talk of the evening. An ambitious garden table for eight



PHOTOS BY LOIS SWOBODA | The Times
Jim Kerley, president of Gulf Coast Community College, and his wife, Donna, were among the distinguished diners at the 2009 Chef's Sampler.

designed by Amanda Kollar of Garden's Inc. dominated the center of the room.

"I didn't have time to be very creative, I just went for elegance," said Lynn Wilson Spohrer, of the Coombs House Inn, displaying her glittering table themed "The Golden Touch."

Serving up samples in this year's event were Apalachicola Seafood Grill, AJ's Bar and Grill, Blue Parrot Oceanfront Café, Boss Oyster, Caroline's Dining on the River, Eddy Teach's Raw Bar, Magnolia Grill, Owl Café, Lulu's Sweet Expectations, My Caterer, Sunset Coastal Grill, Tamara's Café Floridita, That Place In Apalach,

That's A Moray, Up the Creek Raw Bar and Verandas Wine Bar and Bistro.

Beginning with pan roasted grouper with lump crab meat, lemon thyme, corn and roasted garlic from Caroline's, diners could work their way through crab stuffed flounder from the Grill, Apalachicola Bay chowder from the Owl to ceviche oysters from Boss Oyster. There was silky crab bisque from That Place in Apalach, pickled shrimp from Eddie Teach's and killer chicken soup from Café Floridita.

For those with a sweet tooth, there were pralines from Lulu's Sweet shop, chocolate bread pudding with bourbon sauce

from That's A Moray and a decadent key lime margarita cake with dark chocolate from the Magnolia Grill.

AJ's brought a variety of wings and dipping sauces. Up a Creek served tasty red beans and rice to their first Sampler. Suffice it to say there was something for everyone.

Grove said she wants to thank everyone who participated in this year's Chef's Sampler held at the Coombs Armory on Feb. 8. In addition to hours of hard work by a number of Chamber members, seven students from Cheryl Creek's Culinary program at the Franklin County Consolidated School helped out with the dishes and clean up. They were Lakota Humble, Russell Simmons, Maggie Langston, Hannah Schooley, Brianna Gordon, Kiarra Tolliver, Robert Henry, Savannah Salyer and Asenath Thomas.



Kacee Cruson of Caroline's on the River prepares pan roasted grouper with lump crab meat, lemon thyme, corn and roasted garlic, a new signature dish that debuted at this year's Chef's Sampler.



Architect George Coon designed his table around our local specialty, oysters.



Amanda Kollar lights garden candles suspended from a green umbrella in preparation for the Chef's Sampler.



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The Shriners are coming! The Shriners are coming!



Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN

The Shaddai Shriners of Panama City every year are the miniature car tail end of the Florida Seafood Festival parade.

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

At the Feb 5 meeting of the Carrabelle city commission, David Jackson, of Carrabelle, told the commissioners that the Shaddai Shriners of Panama City are coming to town for their Spring Ceremony on Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18.

Jackson, who is in charge of this year's ceremony, is one of 10 members of the Carrabelle Shrine Club, all of whom belong to the Shaddai Shrine.

"Normally, the Spring Ceremony would be held in Panama City. I convinced them to have it here and I want to show them up. We will probably have anywhere from 150 to 200 Shriners and their families in town for the weekend," he said.

He said the Spring Ceremony is when new candidates are inducted into the Shrine and is like an initiation.

The weekend will kick off on Friday with a ladies luncheon for Shrine wives to be held at the St. James Bay Gulf Club.

On Friday evening, the Shrine will host a "Fun with the Candidates Night" at the Carrabelle City Complex. This will be an adults-only event with food and a live band and is free and open to the public.

On Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. there will be a parade.

"It will probably be the biggest parade Carrabelle has ever seen. We have confirmed that units from Alabama, Florida and Georgia will attend," Jackson said.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a closed session when the last part of the new member initiation will take place.

On Saturday night there will be a cookout at C-Quarters Marina. The dinner will be open to the public with a cover charge.

"This will be an economic boon to the area," said Commissioner Jim Brown.

Ron Baas, treasurer for the Shaddai Shrine, said, "We are working with two hotels on accommodations. We hope to fill them up. The entire Divan (ruling body) of the Shrine will be spending the night. We also have people coming in from out of state and I don't think they'll be down just for the day."

He said that the Spring Ceremony was last held in Carrabelle in 1998.

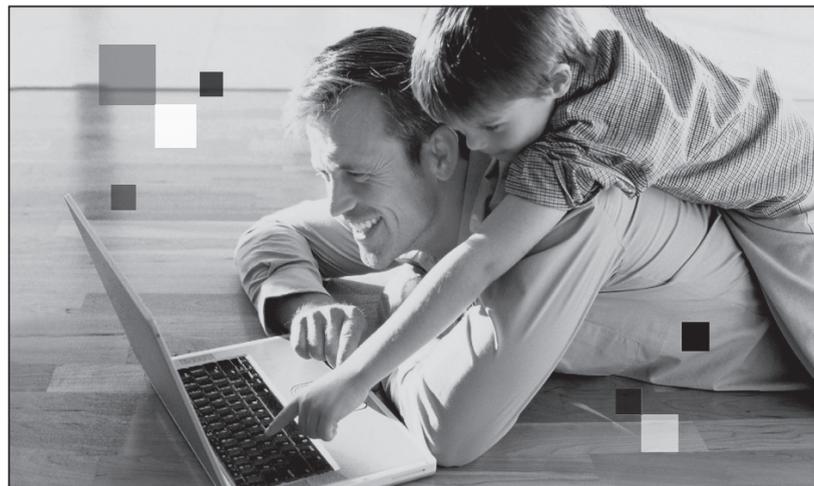
"It's been a long time since Carrabelle has been actively involved in the Shrine but I think now they are coming back strong and we're glad to see this," he said.

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Major victories accumulating for Apalachicola Bay

By Mike Sole

Special to the Times

Although efforts have been lengthy and complex, the state of Florida has never wavered in its efforts to protect the beautiful estuary known as the Apalachicola Bay and River. This ecosystem is known widely as the southernmost region of an Apalachicola, Chattahoochee and Flint (ACF) River basin that takes in eastern Alabama and central-southwest Georgia, encompassing 20,000 square miles.

Two years ago and in his first year in office, Gov. Charlie Crist hosted a tri-state meeting of the three states' governors in Tallahassee. Although an enormous amount of information was exchanged and good, high-level talks went forward with the three states and federal partners, consensus was unable to be reached on an operations plan for water management and the needs of the Apalachicola River and Bay.

Meanwhile, Florida always has been confident in the merits of its legal claims. Now that all the various lawsuits have been consolidated in one court before one judge, activity during this past year has picked up considerably and continues forward.

February 2008: The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., invalidates a 2003 agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state of Georgia, Southeastern Federal Power Customers Inc. and a group of Georgia water supply providers. The decision is a victory for Florida in protecting water flows to the Apalachicola River and the ecosystem. The ruling squarely supports Florida's position that the Corps and Georgia cannot agree between themselves to reallocate storage in the Lake Lanier reservoir for water supply without Congressional approval.

May 2008: The same court denies Georgia's petition for a rehearing.

Jan. 12: The U.S. Supreme Court denies Georgia's petition to review the two activities above; this leaves the previous ruling as standing in law.

These developments and milestones represent an enormous amount of effort by lawyers and scientists

working to protect our state's natural resources.

Just weeks ago, on Jan. 23, Florida and Alabama filed a new joint motion with the judge hearing the now-consolidated case. Based on the legal activities above, Florida and Alabama have challenged the Corps' operation of Lake Lanier (a federal reservoir) solely for the benefit of Georgia municipal and industrial water supply rather than the three authorized purposes approved by Congress: hydro-power generation, navigation and flood control.

Florida and Alabama have asked the court to find that the Corps' actions are unlawful reallocation of storage in Lake Lanier and that the Corps has implemented its draft 1989 water control plan, including its "action zones" (regarding the "triggers" at which the Corps uses to supply water out of the federal reservoir). We believe these actions are in clear violation of the procedural requirements contained in numerous federal laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act, the Water Resources Development Act and the Water Supply Act, as well as the Corps' own regulations.

The city of Apalachicola, which made a decision to devote resources to the lawsuit back in 2007 as a lawsuit participant, adopted Florida and Alabama's motion and memoranda.

The court now has scheduled oral arguments on this motion in May.

Recent months in the courts have reaffirmed Florida's position, and we appreciate our continued partnership with Alabama on comprehensively addressing these legal questions.

As we move forward, the state of Florida remains as committed as ever in protecting this important ecosystem, the water resources, the Bay estuary and the long-standing quality of life for the people of the region.

To keep up with the ACF issue and to receive occasional e-alerts from the DEP, go to www.dep.state.fl.us/mainpage/ACF.

Michael Sole is secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



MIKE SOLE

To quote a phrase, it's time for action

"I'm going to shoot from the hip" (to make a snap decision in a matter of seconds) in writing this article today because I am going with my first instincts and choosing to react quickly about our given situations.

I have tendencies of "lollygagging around" (to fool around or dawdle, primarily to avoid actual work or to start other unappealing activities), but there is no time to waste or weigh possible options. It is time to speak up and choose a wise course of action for a desirable outcome. It is time to get to work and do what might seem unappealing, but what is a very necessary task.

My experiences make it possible for me to arrive at the proper course immediately. That course is action.

Someone once wrote a story about a starving man who, when asked did he believe if he ate some food set before him, then he would be filled and live, he replied, "Yes, I am no fool; sure if I ate the food, I would live."

Well, he did not eat the food and died instantly. That man's belief was not enough; he needed to do something. That is what I write today: Our belief is not enough; we have to do something.

I know "I'm preaching to the choir" (trying to make believers out of people who already believe), but as I said earlier, our belief is not enough. You might say, "You're wasting your time trying to convince people who already agree with you instead of going out and talking to the people who need to be convinced."

Certainly, it is possible to "preach to the choir" in a way that simply wastes my time and that of the person I'm speaking to in hopes someone else who is reading might know they are not alone and maybe become ignited by that fact.

I realize people who attend meetings and read newspapers are the ones who are informed and doing. Many of you wrote me and told me last week's article was motivational and inspirational. Maybe, just maybe, in doing this, we will enlarge the choir!

Maybe I'm just "a glutton for punishment" (to willfully take on difficult or disagreeable tasks that might be very uncomfortable) because I say to myself, why are you so burdened with this? Why are you so willing to put yourself out there like this?

Then I look at the lives of so many risk-takers like myself and say: "What if this is the purpose of my life? What if this is the only thing I was sent here to do?" When we celebrated Dr. King's birthday last month, I thought long and hard on why him. Why was he remembered in such a way? I concluded it was because he chose to fulfill his purpose. I am inspired by the likes of Dr. King. No, not to start another civil rights movement, but a "knowledge" rights movement.

"No bones about it" (discussing or stating something in a very open, clear way, which leaves little room for dispute or argument), there are some people and things that have to be exposed and confronted in order

for us to move forward. We cannot "dance around the truth" (to avoid speaking truthfully outright or to evade truth by lying). We have to "hit the nails on the head" and address the issues.

"It really gets my goat" (extremely irritated) to have to "walk on eggshells," but I think it's time we take it "to the hilt" (all the way), "the whole nine yards," (roughly taken to mean everything or all of it) or it will be "back to square one" for us. Sometimes it seems like progress is on a "slow boat to China" (usually means that something is taking a very long time).

Maybe we should decide to take "the road not taken," even though we might regret a choice in life or simply wonder what would have happened if we had chosen to make a different choice at one point. On the other hand, I might make a single choice that will enrich my life and the life of others tremendously, and that a path I did take will "make all the difference" in a positive way.

"Through thick and thin" (describes pressing on through any obstacle or sticking with something to the very end) and "to each it's own" (each person is entitled to his or her own personal tastes and opinions). So let us be on our way, "chop chop" (hurry up and be about a specific task).

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TEMOLYNN WINTONS
Staying in Tune

Letters to the EDITOR

Two cents on the black bear

Dear Editor:

I would like to put my two cents in about the black bear in Florida.

I want you to know that I am not as educated as the scientists, researchers and biologist who conducted these studies. They used their higher education to get the power to be, such as governors, legislators and the FWC commissioners, to believe that everything they reported was factually accurate.

Walter McCowen, out of the FWC office in Gainesville, directed me to the information I needed. The last question I asked was, "What number must the bear population need to get to for them not be classified as threatened?" His answer: "We don't know."

All of the information I read came from the FWC. I was dazzled with complex calculations explaining why they placed bears on the threatened list, but some of the information is a tad confusing.

The first report was titled "Statewide Assessment of Road Impacts on Bears in Six Study Areas in Florida from May 2001-September 2003."

Pages 17-18 indicate "that 2,129 hair samples were analyzed using DNA methods."

Page 20, titled "Bear Population Estimates," states, "In total 23,887 hair samples were collected across six study areas from May 2001-September 2003."

On Page 27, researchers state, "The Florida black bear has declined since the 1500s from 11,000 bears to 1,282 bears in 1998." I could not locate



CANDI BOONE

A female black bear looks on as her two cubs explore last month on a tall pine tree outside Carrabelle.

records for bear census the Black Bear Management."

Maybe if the other 21,758 hair samples of the total 23,887 had been analyzed, the researchers may have found out there could be more than 2,042 to 3,213 bears in the study areas. With 23,887 hair samples, until all are tested, there may be more than 20,000 bears in Florida.

Pages 54 through 59 show computerized maps of the study areas in Florida. This equals to approximately 2,400 square miles. Florida covers about 54,252 square miles. The FWC counted the bears in about 4.4238 percent of Florida.

Page 54 shows the three year study area within the Apalachicola National Forest.

In this study, the FWC calculated the black bear total for Florida as:

A total of 2,042 to 3,213 bears in the Apalachicola National Forest, Big Cypress, Eglin, Ocala, Osceola and St. John combined.

Move up to Sept. 17, 2008 and Kipp Froelich's report, FWC "Update on

the Black Bear Management."

Page 4 is titled "Black Bear Distribution in Florida."

A total of 2,042 to 3,213 bears were found in the Apalachicola National Forest, Big Cypress, Eglin, Ocala, Osceola and St. Johns.

Page 11 states "515 bears had been killed by vehicles from 2003-06."

It's amazing that from Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2008, there has been no increase or decrease in the population of bears in Florida.

I have never wanted to hunt bears and don't think that I ever will. I feel that if the numbers of bears can be miscalculated, then maybe deer, turkeys, how about bream? They may be next if a researcher can't catch one in a river. Scientists, researchers and biologists have already done this with red snapper and mullet. Hey, how did they conduct the census for red snapper and mullet in the gulf?

The FWC needs our help. Please e-mail any pictures and all pictures of bears that you may have

to the FWC.

Mickey Larkins
Bristol

Obituaries ought to be posted

To the Editor:

I think the people of Apalachicola should be able to post an obituary on the door of the post office. It was always a tradition and I would like to see it done again because there are a lot of people that look for that and half the time they don't know somebody's dead until after they're buried.

Faye Sharit

Former Apalachicola resident

Editor's note: After an inquiry made to postal officials, the Times has learned the U.S. Postal Service plans to reinstate the longstanding practice of allowing obituaries to be posted on the post office door. Bill Tyler, postal spokesman for the North Florida district of the U.S. Postal Service, said he spoke on Tuesday to Shirley James, who is serving as temporary postmaster, and to Cathy Watts, who remains officially as the postmaster but has taken a temporary position in Panama City as she prepares for her retirement March 31.

"It appears to be a local option that the local post office has determined has been a customer service issue," said Tyler. "It's been a rule of thumb that the funeral home would post those and give out virtual real time information. (Both James and Watts) are in agreement it's a procedure that should remain in place and we'll continue business as usual."

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Legislative delegation hearing set for Apalachicola

State Rep. Leonard L. Bemby (D-Greenville), chairman of the Franklin County legislative delegation, has announced the annual local public hearing will be held on Feb. 19 beginning at 5 p.m. in the Franklin County Commission Chambers, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola.



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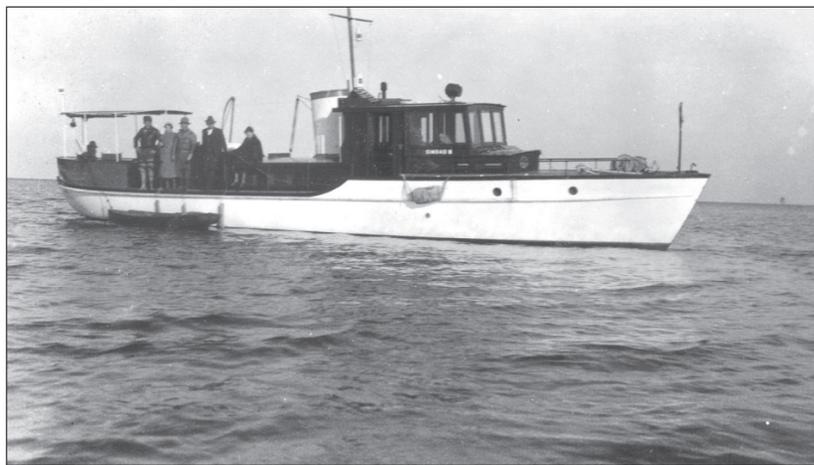
State Sen. Al Lawson (D-Tallahassee), State Rep. Jimmy Patronis (R-Panama City) and Bemby look forward to meeting with citizens and elected officials in a town hall meeting to discuss issues of interest to both elected officials and the general public.

More specifically, the purpose of

these meetings is to bring up local issues and any proposed local legislation.

To ensure full participation and accessibility for all meeting attendees, according to the Americans with Disabilities Act, please let us know of any special accommodations you might require by calling Bemby's Tallahassee office at 850-488-7870.

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ST. VINCENT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE | Special to the Times

This picture is dated both 1932 or 1933 in the album at St. Vincent, but the sleek lines of the Tumbler suggest it may be the late thirties. The Tumbler is in tow of the Sinbad III, Wefing's motor yacht. There is no steam engine on the Tumbler as seen here.

boxes mounted on the boat. One, probably the older of the two, was squared off. The second is sleek and round.

Sometime in the 1930s, Elgin Wefing converted the boat from a steam engine to a two-cylinder, gas-fueled, inboard motor. At the same time the paddlewheel was replaced with a small propeller that did not clear the base of the stern, possibly the same one that can be seen on the boat today. The propeller was designed to push the boat through very shallow water without catching in weeds or debris.

A letter from George Wefing to Pam Vest, curator of the former Apalachicola Maritime Museum, states that Elgin Wefing built the inboard motor. The current engine is housed in the front of the Tumbler and connected to the propeller by a long steel driveshaft to make the flat-bottomed boat sit perfectly flat in the water.

"He could do things like that," said Van Vleet.

"He was very mechanical. There was a full-blown machine shop in the back of Wefing's store. They had the craftsmanship and the ability. That engine had a unique firing system. Most engines have a built-in ignition.

This boat had a long propeller shaft. About halfway back, he put a cam on the shaft and that was what opened and closed the points to fire the coil. The coil was a set in a manufactured wooden box. At that time, they used that type of coil on a lot of engines," he said.

Later, Wefing made a further change to the inboard. He took it out and cut the block in half converting it to a single-cylinder engine.

Pictures of the Tumbler from the early 1930s show a peculiar raised housing on the bow that was probably to accommodate the two-cylinder inboard motor. A picture from the late '30s or early '40s shows the lines of the bow returned to their more aerodynamic original

form. This probably reflects the conversion of the motor to the smaller one-cylinder configuration.

The inboard engine was water cooled and everyone familiar with it remembers the peculiar "poof poof poof" sound it made when it ran as bursts of water jetted out of the stern of the boat.

Elgin frequently towed the boat behind his 37-foot motor yacht, Sinbad. He was the caretaker of St. Vincent Island, property of his family for several generations, and spent much of his time on the island hunting and fishing.

Spiro Buzier said the Sinbad was routinely docked at the Gulf dock in Apalachicola when Elgin was not on St. Vincent.

The maritime museum is in the process of building an interpretive exhibit for the Tumbler. If you have pictures or further information about this boat, please contact Lois Swoboda at 653-5857 or email lswoboda@starfl.com.

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Sizemore were about 12, they had sailboats. These were really old wooden boats the boys rigged up with makeshift masts and sails made of chickenfeed or flour sacks. They spent hours on the bay racing in their boats.

Sizemore's boat was an old duck boat.

One day, the three decided to take their little ships for a spin. After some discussion, they decided all three would store their shoes in the bow of Sizemore's boat because he was a good sailor and less given to cutting up than the other boys.

"We were having a good time when the wind came along and flipped me over," recounted Sizemore. "All three pairs of shoes went to the bottom of the bay. The bridge attendant saw

what happened and he called Dorothy Rolstad's daddy, Salvatore Lichardello, who was working on his shrimp boat. He came out in his boat and pulled me from the water. I probably would have been alright anyway."

"Junior never forgave me for that and he didn't let me forget it for years. He said, when he got home, he got the whipping of his life. His daddy whipped the stew out of him because those were brand new shoes."

Sizemore's sailboat was eventually lost to a marsh fire.

"I left it dragged up on the bank and, when I came back, there was nothing left but the outline and the nails. That was the only boat I've ever owned. Boats are like women, always costing money," he said.



ST. VINCENT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE | Special to the Times

This picture shows Elgin and his second wife, Eunice, seated in the Tumbler. Notice the long drive shaft. The arched housing on the bow may have been added to accommodate the two cylinder engine. Delores Roux remembers that when George Wefing was a child, his father would seat him under the arch to keep him out of the wind. This photo was probably taken in the late 1930s.

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school board and Peter Brown both avoided mention of the employee involved.

But in his letter, Hale names project manager Casey Kelley as the individual who "admits the indiscretion" to Peter Brown.

At the time Kelley was let go, Peter Brown did not disclose his name. John Stewart, Peter Brown executive vice president, said only that "our client (the school district) has asked us to let them speak to this issue and we want to honor their request."

Hale's letter last month said that Kelley "implicates the owner of the company whose name appears on the fraudulent invoice." It also notes that Kelley's wife "also works (or worked) for this company."

Hale's letter describes the overcharges as being for "a security system that was never made a part of the project."

In Sept. 2007, the school district approved budgeting \$956,500 for a state-of-the-art security system on the consolidated campus, complete with 108 cameras, digital video-recording capabilities and card reader access.

"Are we buying a Rolls-Royce when we can get along with a Buick?" asked Chairman Jimmy Gander, after Kelley first unveiled details of the system. "My main concern is we don't buy a white elephant."

Kelley told board members in Sept. 2007 that So-

nitrol, of Tallahassee, was the low bidder, with Martin Security Agency, of Apalachicola, as one of its sub-contractors. Greg Williams Electric, of Cantonment, and Martin Security Agency had also submitted bids.

In Hale's letter to Sanders, he said that "Kelley's misappropriation of funds was not limited to this \$130,000 invoice and extended to other parts of the school project; however, the remainder of Kelley's activities did not impact the school board."

Hale noted that Peter Brown had not lodged a complaint with the state attorney's office as of the date of his letter.

Hale forwarded the school board's forensic audit to the sheriff's office with the suggestion that a crime had occurred. "At first blush it appears that a theft has occurred and the School Board and quite possibly the State of Florida are indirect victims in this matter," he wrote.

Hale said that as a prosecuting agency, and not an investigative agency, he was not in a position to conduct an investigation and said the sheriff's office was better equipped to do so.

"It's been referred to us and we're in the process of reviewing it," said Under-sheriff Joel Norred.

He said he expected "a protracted investigation" given the amount of documents and interviews involved in the case.

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Sat, Feb 14	68°	50°	40 %
Sun, Feb 15	64°	53°	30 %
Mon, Feb 16	64°	50°	30 %
Tue, Feb 17	65°	49°	40 %
Wed, Feb 18	65°	42°	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

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

APALACHICOLA

Date	Time	Height	Type	Time	Height	Type
02/12	Thu	05:18AM	1.2 H	11:50AM	0.1 L	
		05:43PM	1.2 H			
02/13	Fri	12:14AM	0.1 L	06:17AM	1.1 H	
		12:08PM	0.3 L	05:58PM	1.3 H	
02/14	Sat	01:05AM	0.0 L	07:23AM	1.0 H	
		12:23PM	0.5 L	06:18PM	1.3 H	
02/15	Sun	02:03AM	-0.1 L	08:45AM	0.8 H	
		12:35PM	0.7 L	06:44PM	1.4 H	
02/16	Mon	03:13AM	-0.1 L	07:17PM	1.4 H	
02/17	Tue	04:35AM	-0.2 L	08:00PM	1.3 H	
02/18	Wed	05:53AM	-0.2 L	08:59PM	1.3 H	

CARRABELLE

Date	Time	Height	Type	Time	Height	Type
02/12	Thu	03:53AM	1.9 H	09:37AM	0.2 L	
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02/13	Fri	04:52AM	1.8 H	09:55AM	0.5 L	
		04:33PM	2.1 H	10:52PM	0.0 L	
02/14	Sat	05:58AM	1.6 H	10:10AM	0.8 L	
		04:53PM	2.1 H	11:50PM	-0.2 L	
02/15	Sun	07:20AM	1.3 H	10:22AM	1.1 L	
		05:19PM	2.2 H			
02/16	Mon	01:00AM	-0.2 L	05:52PM	2.2 H	
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body. Finally, I went back to bed," Shiver said.

He said he got up the next morning and started searching the area in his truck. Then his neighbor, Henry Smith, called and told him to come home. He knew this was not good news. Smith had investigated a pond in Shiver's back yard. He threw a hook in and it snagged a rope. When he pulled on the rope, Buttercup floated to the surface.

"My buddy and I pulled him out," Shiver said. "We noticed his face was torn. The soft tissue from his eye to his cheek was peeled back. My buddy said a turtle had done it but Buttercup had only been in the pond a few hours. He had to have disappeared between 5:30 p.m. when my father-in-law saw him in the yard and midnight, when I went to look for him."

Shiver thought it looked like the horse had been in a struggle. Then he noticed blood on Buttercup's fur. On closer examination, he found two small round holes on the horse's neck. There were exit wounds on the other side. Buttercup had been shot.

Shiver also found Buttercup's hoof prints intermingled with paw prints of a large dog in an area near the pond.

"I assume the horse was attacked by a dog," said Shiver. "Then somebody shot it and threw it in the pond to hide what had happened."

"The anchor had been thrown way out in the middle of the pond to weight him down," he said. "He didn't fall in."

Shiver says there is a history of problems with dogs in the neighborhood. There are a number of dogs running loose on Ridge Road.

Michael Allen of Eastpoint said, "I can't even ride my bike down the street there."

Mentioning first that he did not intend to accuse anyone, Shiver brought up a problem with bull-dogs in the neighborhood. "They run loose. They have killed



BRAD SHIVER | Special to the Times

rabbits and chickens on my property. They tore into a rabbit hutch and pulled the rabbit out in pieces.

"I called the sheriff's department when one of the dogs, Jake, killed a hunting dog in the street in front of my house. By the time they got there, Jake was tied up and the deputy said he couldn't do anything. Jake killed a little brown dog one street over. The people who saw it happen thought it was my dog and called me."

"We had problems with the people who own the bulldogs throwing their garbage in the ditch in front of their house. We called the police. They came and sat over there and blew their horn but they couldn't get out of the car because of the dogs."

Reward for conviction of Buttercup's attacker

Shiver is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who shot Breanna's horse. He asks that anyone with informa-

tion contact the sheriff's department and not call him.

While he is not happy about the situation with loose dogs on Ridge Road, he said he feels some progress is being made.

"At least there's something being done now. Sheriff's deputies have visited the scene of the attack twice and Albert Floyd, the county dogcatcher, came and spoke to me. There's a lot fewer dogs running loose now than there was a week ago," he said.

"I don't believe in my mind that, if the dog hadn't caught the horse it would be dead. It never would have been shot. Everybody talks about budget problem. Let the dogcatcher pay his salary with fines. Let him start picking up loose dogs."

"Buttercup is dead and that didn't even rate an investigator. It rated a deputy. Everybody said they were appalled that this has happened. The deputy was real sympathetic. He said they had a problem with people shooting two pet pigs too. He said they thought it was kids. He said they didn't

know what they could do about it."

Undersheriff Joel Nored said the attack on the pigs occurred three or four years ago in Carrabelle and there is no reason to think it has any connection with what happened to Buttercup.

He said, "There is an ongoing investigation into this matter. We are investigating whether dogs or other

individuals are involved in the horse's death. A deputy did observe what appeared to be dog tracks around the pond and also observed what he thought might be bullet wounds in the animal's neck.

"There were no shell casings or other evidence of foul play found in the area. It is very difficult to determine if the horse was actu-

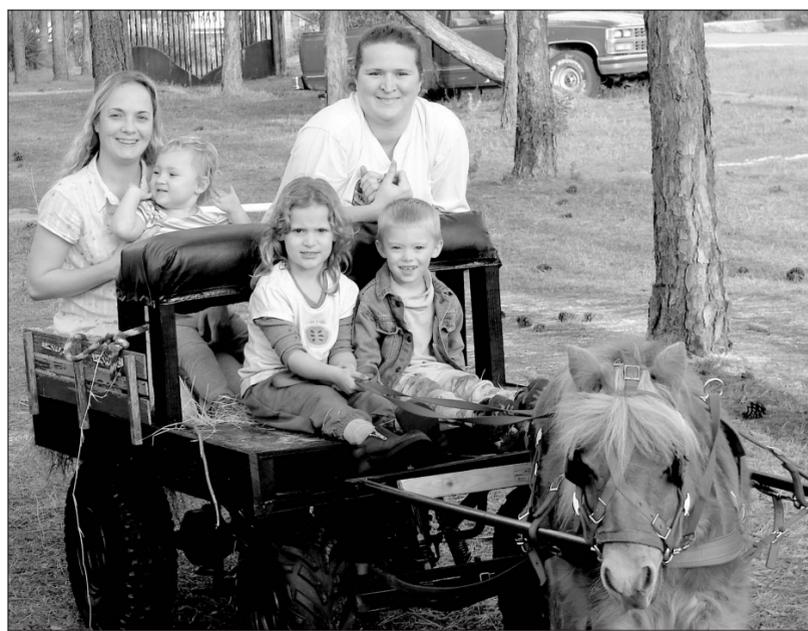
ally shot without an autopsy. We have had not reports of anyone hearing gunshots on the evening the horse disappeared."

Animal cruelty, defined as intentionally causing suffering to an animal for personal enjoyment, is a crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It is a felony in 43 states including Florida.

According to the National Association of District Attorneys, there is a definite link between animal cruelty and violent crime against human beings. FBI records show that the majority of serial killers abused animals in childhood or adolescence. Other studies found that there were reports of animal abuse in over 80 percent of homes where child abuse takes place; 70 percent of Massachusetts animal abusers also had a history of violent crime, drug abuse, and other problems; and every individual ever convicted of sexual homicide in Sydney, Australia, had a self-reported history of cruelty to animals.

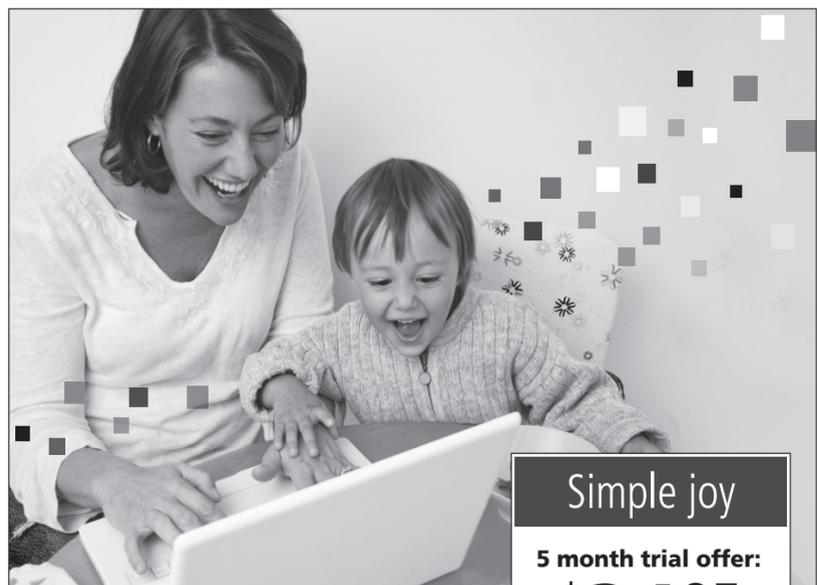
If you believe an animal is being abused, you should report it to the local authorities or visit www.pet-abuse.com.

If you have any information about Buttercup, please contact the Franklin County Sheriff's Department.



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Brad Shiver, who raised mules as a child, fashioned this red harness for Buttercup so he could pull a little cart for Breanna.



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Public Hearing of the City of Carrabelle City Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Carrabelle will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009, starting on or after 6:30 P.M., at the Carrabelle Municipal Complex, 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, Florida, to consider the following item, First Reading of:

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments and make decisions regarding the above matter. The plan amendment includes changes to the Coastal Management Element of the Comprehensive Plan no changes will be made to the Future Land Use Map.

ORDINANCE NO.: 438

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, SPECIFICALLY CITY-INITIATED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 7.G.1 OBJECTIVE 1.2 OF THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT, OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection at City Hall. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearing and be heard on this matter.

At this hearing, the City Commission will accept public testimony and will consider the adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendment 09-01

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and comment upon the Plan Amendments or submit their comments in writing to the City Commission. Further information concerning the proposed amendments can be obtained from the City Clerk at City Hall, at 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, Florida, or by calling (850)697-2727, between the hours of 8:30 A.M and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk at City Hall, at 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, Florida, or by calling (850)697-3618, no later than three (3) days prior to the proceedings.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at (850) 697-3618 as soon as possible.

Keisha Smith
City Clerk

Drake wants intense focus on district opener

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Franklin County Seahawks should have one thing and one thing only on their minds Friday night.

Taking care of an opponent that would rather go up against them than their chief rival.

"We kind of take it as an insult that Jefferson wanted to play us," said Coach Fred Drake, still pained and put out that the district tournament folks in Jefferson County relied on a coin toss, via a telephone call, rather than the more usual practice of seeding co-champions in the district based on total point scored against each other.

"When I was told Jefferson wanted to play us, I thought we're going to give them what they want on Friday," said Drake. "That's an insult to us. We're kind of fired up about that."

But, he continues in the same breath, the Seahawks have to take that insult seriously and not look toward a possible contest Saturday night against Maclay, the other district co-champ.

"We can't look ahead. We've got to be ready for Jefferson," said Drake, coach of a team that went 21-5 in the regular season (23 wins if you count pre-season).

Shutting down a Jefferson squad that boasts of a franchise player in sophomore guard Chris Mays means putting in a special game plan. "He'll see a lot of gimmick defenses that he hasn't seen all year," said Drake.

"That's what your life waits for," said the coach. "We played 20-some games to get ready for this one game that means the most. We know we're the better team on paper; we just have to prove it."

The Seahawks go into the post-season healthy, buffeted by five wins in a row as they eye a berth in Lakeland.

On Feb. 3, the Seahawks traveled north to take on FAMU High, one of the elite squads in Class 1A basketball that used to be year-after-year a rugged adversary



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Freshman forward Carlos Morris goes up against Jefferson County in Jan. 16 action at home. The Seahawks won that game 76-54 as Morris scored 19 points, and Coach Fred Drake wants a repeat performance from his team Friday night.

for the Class 1A Apalachicola Sharks.

But Franklin County, gelling around senior center Deshaun Winfield's leadership, shrugged off FAMU Div. 1 senior star Alex Williams, already signed with the University of Mississippi, and two Baby Rattler juniors already being recruited by Div. 1 programs.

Ranked no lower than seventh statewide in Class 1A basketball, FAMU spotted the Seahawks a 37-31 halftime lead before busting out a 22-15 third quarter to pull ahead 53-52.

"That's our weakness the whole year. We come out flat the third quarter after we have big leads," said Drake. "We have to learn to dominate when we have a team down."

The situation was complicated by Winfield having to sit out

the last two minutes of the third quarter because he carried four fouls. "That put a strain on us," said Drake. "We just managed to get by with it. Arron Prince came in and gave us a couple points off of the bench. I knew Deshaun couldn't play the whole eight minutes in foul trouble, so we ran a stall in the fourth quarter."

The Seahawks came back to eke out a 73-70 victory, a sweet boost of confidence as Franklin County eyes the cream of one Florida division up from Class 1A in the days ahead.

But a dismal shooting night against FAMU from outside the arc, a bleak 2-of-19, has Drake serving notice that now is not the time for fancy desserts, but for the solid food of outsprouting, outshooting and out hustling their opponents.

"We're going to get away from

that three-point line altogether. We've missed shooting it well all year," he said. "It has to go in the post. I'm not even authorizing anyone to shoot the three but one person."

The Seahawks closed the season on the road with an 81-71 win against Panama City Mosley, their second win against that squad this year.

Winfield and freshman forward Carlos Morris both hit for 26 points in that game.

Drake is hoping that the Seahawks will rely on what has brought them so far this year, teamwork and careful play.

"I've tried to break it down on their individual roles. This is not the time to experiment on your basketball," he said. "We're emphasizing the ball goes inside the post, stay away from turnovers and play great defense."

FEB. 3 AWAY VS. FAMU

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FAMU 21 10 22 17 - 70
SEAHAWKS: Deshaun Winfield 11/14 2s, 0/3 3s, 3/6 FTs, 25 pts.; Zan Simmons 4/6 2s, 4/4 FTs, 12 pts.; Carlos Morris 6/8 2s, 1/7 3s, 3/4 FTs, 18 pts.; Jeremy James 2/4 2s, 1/7 3s, 1/2 FTs, 8 pts.; Austin O'Neal 3/8 2s, 0/1 3s, 2/3 FTs, 8 pts.; Arron Prince 1/4 2s, 0/1 3s, 2 pts.
Totals: 27/44 2s, 2/19 3s, 13/19 FTs
Rebounds: Simmons 11, Morris 9

FEB. 6 AWAY VS. PANAMA CITY MOSLEY

FCHS 17 21 14 29 - 81
Mosley 12 16 19 25 - 72
SEAHAWKS: Winfield 9/13 2s, 1/5 3s, 5/8 FTs, 26 pts.; Simmons 4/8 2s, 1/2 FTs, 9 pts.; Morris 5/9 2s, 4/11 3s, 4/8 FTs, 26 pts.; James 2/4 2s, 0/3 3s, 1/3 FTs, 5 pts.; O'Neal 3/9 2s, 0/1 3s, 8/11 FTs, 14 pts.; Prince 0/2 2s, 1/2 FTs, 1 pts.
Totals: 23/45 2s, 5/21 3s, 20/34 FTs
Rebounds: O'Neal 13, Morris 11, Winfield 10

Take me out to the ballgame

The following are the remaining games in the month of February

2009 Seahawks high school baseball

- Feb. 12-13: Away at Classic Tournament in Bristol. First pitch at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 17: Away vs. Port St. Joe. First pitch at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 20: At home vs. East Gadsden. First pitch at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 26: At home vs. Liberty County. First pitch at 4 p.m.

2009 Lady Seahawks high school softball

- Feb 13: At home vs. Wewahitchka. First pitch at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 17: Away vs. Maclay. First district match-up. First pitch at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 19: At home vs. R.F. Munroe. First pitch at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 25: Away vs. Bay High. First pitch at 6 p.m.
- Feb. 26-28: Cougar Classic at Godby. Opponents to be announced.

2009 Lady Seahawks middle school softball

- Feb. 16: At home vs. Tolar. First pitch at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 17: At home vs. Maclay. First pitch at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 20: Away vs. Blountstown. First pitch at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 23: Away vs. Port St. Joe. First pitch at 5 p.m.

Lady Seahawks fall in district tournament

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Lady Seahawks varsity girls basketball team finished the 2008-09 season just below the .500 mark, falling in the opener of the district tournament in Jefferson County on Friday.

The team fell 54-35 to eventual district champion Maclay, ending the season at 8-11, a respectable showing given the struggles of recent years.

"We had a rough start playing a lot bigger schools," said Coach Justin Long. "Five of our first six games were monster schools. By the time you come back from that, you're fighting a losing battle. We



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definitely played well against all the teams that were our school size and competitive level."

Long said the team's inability to score consistently cost the Lady Seahawks a shot to upset Maclay.

"We played really well. But at the end of the first half, we fell

apart," he said. "We don't have very many scorers and it hurts us."

After they jumped to an 8-6 first quarter lead, the Lady Seahawks were down 26-13 at halftime and were unable to make up the lost ground.

Sophomore guard Tasia Simmons led the team with 9. Senior guard Quanteka Croom, senior center Khrystal Davis, freshman guard Oneika Lockley and senior forward Ashley Myers each scored 6 points. Freshman forward Megan McLain had 2.

Sports SHORTS

Dixie youth league continues registration

The Franklin County Dixie League is currently accepting applications for the 2009 season at three locations throughout the county.

Signups are at D.W. Wilson Sports Complex in Apalachicola, Vrooman Sports Complex in Eastpoint and Will Kendrick Sports Complex in Carrabelle.

From 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 12, sign-ups will be at all three locations. Sign-up will be repeated on Feb. 14 from 10:30 to noon also at the three locations.

To be eligible for the

2009 season, your child must be 5 years old before May 1. Participation fee for the 2009 season will be \$40.

For your child to be eligible to participate, we must receive a completed form and copy of his/her birth certificate and non-refundable participation fee. Late registration fee after March 1 will be \$50, no exceptions.

For more information, call 653-9557.

Booster Club offers spirit bus Saturday

The Seahawk Booster Club Inc. is sponsoring a "spirit" bus to the boy's varsity game in Monticello on Feb. 14, con-

tingent, of course, on the results of Friday night's district tournament opener, in which Franklin County will face Jefferson County.

The cost of the spirit bus is \$25 per person; however, you can receive a \$5 discount if you board the

bus wearing a "Seahawk" shirt.

Individuals must be at least 18 years or older to travel alone or at least 16 accompanied by someone 21 years or older to attend the game on the spirit bus, no exceptions.

Boarding will begin

promptly at 3:45 p.m. and depart at 4:30 p.m. from the Franklin County school campus in front of the gym.

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Throwing V♥LENTINES



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Joined by Jan Thomas, center, and June Dosik, right, Candace Springer pours a cup of tea at Trinity Episcopal Church's Valentine's tea, held Monday in the rectory of the Rev. Martha Harris. Attendees received Valentine shaped invitations "thrown" the old-fashioned Apalachicola way.

By Despina Williams
Florida Freedom Newspapers

An old tradition

Long ago, an army of Cupids roamed the streets of Apalachicola, minds fixed on a single purpose.

They crept stealthily to the front porches of their best friends and schoolmates to perform an annual Valentine's Day ritual.

Before curtains parted and their deeds were discovered, they gave a quick knock and dropped a calling card on the porch floor.

The trick in this Valentine's Day trick-or-treat was to not get caught red-handed.

Running for cover, the young cherubs loosed a cry that reverberated throughout the city. "Valentine!"

In planning Monday's Trinity Episcopal Church Valentine's tea, Susan Clementson was inspired by the lost tradition of "throwing Valentines."

She'd been among a generation of Apalachicola children who took to the streets on Valentine's Day afternoon, delivering cards to close friends.

"Your mother usually took you around, and you had your box of Valentines," said Clementson, who can still recall the proper pronunciation of the Feb. 14 greeting.

"You had to say it with inflection, 'VAL-en-tine!'" she said.

With the help of her fellow Episcopal churchwomen, Clementson crafted invitations to the Valentine's tea out of construction paper, doilies and candy hearts.

Clementson delivered the Valentines just as she had in the 1950s - by throwing them door to door.

Many longtime Apalachicola residents smiled with recognition at Clementson's Valentine's surprise.

Though long dormant, the tradition of "throwing Valentines" extends back at least 80 years in the city, with children of pre-school and elementary school age the chief participants.

Clementson's uncle, Harry Buzzett, 85, travelled throughout Apalachicola by foot or on bicycle to deliver Valentines as a boy.

"We didn't do it in school," Buzzett remembered. "We went to the Catholic school and the nuns wouldn't put up with that nonsense."

Like all of her school friends, Buzzett's wife, Cathy, 80, dressed in a festive Valentine's Day shirt on Feb. 14.

She delivered Valentines that she purchased at one of Apalachicola's two 10 Cent stores.

"They had books you could get that had the little punch outs. They had little doilies, things to make Valentines with," said Buzzett, noting that they were much less sophisticated than the Valentines of today.

"Mostly they were simple - they said, 'Would you be my Valentine,'" she remembered.

Buzzett's friend, Dorothy Hannon, 89, purchased her Valentines for a penny apiece. "They were just ugly Valentines," she laughed. "We thought they were pretty."

Hannon, now a Port St. Joe resident, delivered her Valentines accompanied by a posse of 10 school chums, including Port St. Joe's late pharmacist, Gannon Buzzett.

"We'd walk in the middle of the street," Hannon recalled. "We had a good time. We had a wonderful crowd, all about the same age."

An adult always accompanied the group on their jaunts through the neighborhood.

"Usually the parents would send us with some older person. We didn't know it was a chaperone, but that's what it was," said Hannon.

Helen Quackenbush, 79, another Port St. Joe transplant, delivered her Valentines with sister, Dorothy Hill, and father, G. Rodman Porter.

The trio set out before dark on foot.

"It was nothing to walk in those days. Most people didn't have cars," said Quackenbush, whose father did not buy an automobile until after she departed for college.

In addition to their Valentines, Hill and Quackenbush carried oyster shells, which they tossed at doors to get their friends' attention.

Quackenbush was always anxious to get back home in time to surprise her Valentine-wielding friends.

"It was easy to catch them because they came up that long front walk," she said.

The tradition of "throwing Valentines" continued with the subsequent generation.

During his time in the Army, Harry Buzzett, a retired colonel, was stationed on military bases throughout the world, and his children delivered Valentines door-to-door wherever they lived.

Quackenbush's daughter, Lynn Todd, delivered her first Valentine at age three, and continued well into her elementary school years.

Just like a kid

Though Clementson always enjoyed throwing Valentines as a kid, she abandoned the tradition when she became a teenager.

She set her sights on loftier goals, like receiving the prettiest box of Valentine's candy from the towering display at Buzzett's drug store.

Drug store owner John Joe Buzzett always set out the candy in January, stacking the boxes on shelves behind the soda fountain.

The candy stayed there until Valentine's Day, with shoppers reserving boxes for their sweethearts in advance of the big day.

"If you had a boyfriend, you'd say, 'I hope he gives me that one,' and you didn't know until Valentine's Day which box of candy you got," remembered Clementson.

"We went from throwing Valentines in elementary school to getting Valentine's candy in high school."

Just as it is not exactly clear when throwing Valentines became a trend in Apalachicola, it's also not clear when it ended.

Many of the Baby Boom generation threw Valentines as children, but their children are mostly unaware of the tradition.

The majority of those interviewed for this article had not even thought about throwing Valentines in decades.

Though Clementson said she was not trying to revive a lost tradition in throwing her Valentine invitations, she had fun while it lasted.

"I felt just like I did when I was a kid," she said.



1960s era Valentines courtesy of Mary Williams and Despina George of Apalachicola



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

This sign available at Garden's Inc. on Commerce St. is the work of Tallahassee artist Ann Hempel. A small work of romantic art could turn this Valentine's Day into a memory that will last for decades.

Love locally

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Need a Valentine's treat or sweets for the sweet? Think locally. The truth is you couldn't be in a better spot to steal his heart or capture her fancy. For one thing, this is the oyster capital of the world and nothing encourages loving like those tasty tidbits from the bay.

A dozen oysters, on the half shell, steamed or baked is a great way to kick off a romantic interlude. Papa Joe's, Oyster Bay Bar and Grill, The Blue Parrot, Wicked Willie's and, of course, Boss Oyster, all specialize in preparing oysters the old Florida way. You can suck shellfish in a variety of settings and at a range of different prices.

Want a fancier dining experience for that particular girl or guy? Chef Eddie's Magnolia Grill and Café Floridita both have special menus planned for Valentine's. "We're planning a heavy tapas for that evening," said Chef Danny Itzkovitz, at Tamara's. "We'll be serving lots of aphrodisiac specials like oysters, asparagus, avocado and Viagra glazed pork loin."

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Births and BIRTHDAYS

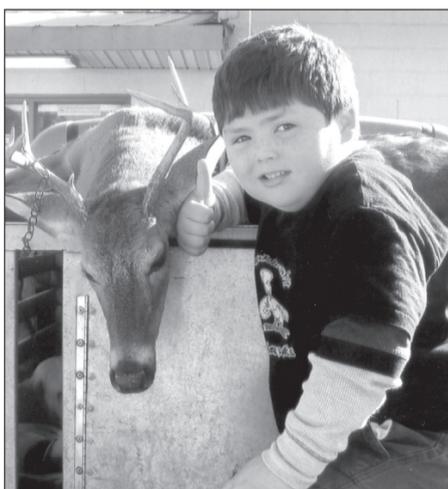
Happy birthday, Ruth Varner



Ruth Varner will turn 92 on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009. Happy Birthday, Mom!

Nancy, Thelma and Buddy

Kelson Smith turns 6



Kelson Tyler Smith celebrated his 6th birthday on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009. Happy birthday, We love you!

Mom, Hunter and Kylee

Haven RyLee Johnson born

Denim Johnson and Timothy Custer would like to announce the birth of their son, Haven RyLee Johnson.

Baby Haven was born Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008 at 2:15 p.m. at Capital Regional Medical Center. He weighed 5 pounds and 5 ounces and was 18 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents

are Angie Johnson and the late Pete Johnson. Paternal grandparents are Debbie Velasquez and Otis Russell.

Great-grandparents are Mary and Harvey Daughtry, Jean and Billy Lolley, and Faye and Orlando Velasquez.

He is also the nephew of aunt Jessica Johnson Williams.



Anniversary



Happy anniversary, Terri and Eddie

Terri and Eddie Woodall will celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 14.

We love you, mom and dad!

Theresa, Daniel and Wade

Dean's LIST

Erica Sapp makes Dean's List

Erica Sapp, Eastpoint, has been named to the fall 2008 Dean's List at Lee University, Cleveland, Tenn.

To make the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 in a given semester.

Sapp, a 2008 graduate of Franklin County High School, is the daughter of Paula Sapp and Jimmy Sapp.

She is a freshman at Lee University, a comprehensive four-year liberal arts university about 25 miles north of Chattanooga. Founded in 1918, the accredited Christian university has an enrollment of more than 4,000 and offers degrees in 42 majors in more than 100 programs of study, as well as 14 graduate programs.



Elizabeth Butler makes Dean's List

Elizabeth Dantzer Butler of Carrabelle has been named to the Dean's List at the University of the South for the Advent 2008 term. She is the daughter of Eugenia D. and David K. Butler.

To earn a place on the Dean's List, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.625 on a 4.0 scale.

The University of the South, popularly known as Sewanee, is an independent liberal arts college on 13,000 acres atop the Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga and owned by 28 Southeastern dioceses of the Episcopal Church. It is consistently ranked among the top tier of national liberal arts colleges.

Sovereigns of Avenue E

Jerry Hall, as King Rex, and Dixie Partington, as Princess Pearl, rule over the Habitat for Humanity's Mardi Gras festivities Saturday night. The night was less lavish than in years past but every bit as raucous, as the local chapter raised money to complete its third house. The crowd was up on its feet for the music, which included Slim Fatz, pictured at right, the Tate's Hell Blues Band, featuring guitarist Stephen Holt and vocalist Candi Robertson, and guitarist Allen Garry.



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FSU talk to address invasive plants

The Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory will host "Ecological and Evolutionary Misadventures of Invasive Spartina," the next lecture in the lab's ongoing series of free public lectures on coastal and marine conservation, from 7-9 p.m. today, Feb. 12.

The talk will be given by Prof. Donald R. Strong, a biologist from the ecology and evolution department at the University of California-Davis, whose research includes salt marshes, biological control of weeds and insect-plant interactions.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the lecture.

Overlooking St. George Sound in St. Teresa, the marine lab is at the intersection of highways 98 and 319, halfway between Panacea and Carrabelle.

For more information on future public lectures at the Marine laboratory, visit www.marinelab.fsu.edu.

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Work camp inmates moved lumber that had been recycled from the dock at Veteran's Park (now Riverfront Park) to the garden site, where it is being used to define the plots for the Food Pantry and the Charter School.

Community garden begins to sprout beds

By Karla Ambos
Special to the Times

What a month it has been at City Square Community Garden! If you haven't taken the opportunity to visit the site, you really should. It is, of course, a work in progress. Who knew change could look so good?

The first and most obvious change in the landscape was the arrival of yet more topsoil. Then, within the past two weeks, raised beds have been sprouting like dollar weed. The garden can now broadly boast a total of 14 beds. The initial bed design was determined by several able-bodied volunteers, Bill Kollar, Andrew Kahn, George Watkins, Charlie Kienzle, and Dieter Ambos.

After completing the first three beds, the work camp inmates built an amazing nine beds in a little more than a day. The garden volunteers have been busy filling the beds with topsoil, as time and weather permit. And, on a recent weekend, they moved lumber that had been recycled from the dock at Veteran's Park (now Riverfront Park) to the garden site. It is being

used to define the plots for the Food Pantry and the Charter School. The exterior borders of those plots were outlined that same day.

The next step toward completion of those plots involves moving topsoil within the quadrants, then placing more recycled lumber around the interior borders. Additionally, the installation of water taps began recently. If you happen to see someone working at the site, stop and tell them what you think about the project.

The following is a partial listing of what remains to be done: completion of the rest of the raised beds, perimeter fencing, gates, and signage. Of course, planting will begin prior to completion of all those tasks.

There has been a lot of activity behind the scenes, also. The steering committee has been meeting weekly since the first of the year to make sure that this project comes to fruition in a timely manner. Fundraising is an ongoing process; grant proposals have been written and submitted. You may have seen several members taking pictures of gardens and of people admiring their gardens; these are

necessary to support and document the written proposal.

Collaboration with outside resources is being investigated. A couple of interesting ideas came from one of these conversations: trying to collect local heirloom seeds from long-time gardeners that may have been passed down through families, and including a Southern heritage vegetable garden as part of the project. The committee members are pursuing both of these ideas. If you have any interest or information about these, the garden can be contacted by e-mail at citysquaregarden@gmail.com.

City Square Community Garden will have an informational booth at the upcoming H'COLA festival. For those of you who have already requested a garden bed, we would like for you to stop by to see one of the volunteers that day to complete the paperwork for participation in the garden. If you don't much about this new project, this is a perfect opportunity to learn and become a part of this exciting development.

Karla Ambos is the chair of the new community garden.

Card of thanks - Eubanks Family

We would like to thank Covenant Hospice and a special thanks to Miss Linda and Miss Dee for the all the care and compassion and the days they made her laugh.

Thanks also to the First Baptist Church of Eastpoint, especially

Pastors Gary Kent and Sonny Crosby. Thanks to all the friends and family for all the flowers, food, and prayers in this difficult time. A special thanks to Aretha Nowling.

The Family of Sallie Mae Eubanks

Church BRIEFS

Covenant Word to focus on banishing cancer

Covenant Word Christian Center, at 158 12th Street in Apalachicola, will share an Evening of Praise and Worship this Sunday, Feb. 15.

All are welcome to join us at Covenant Word, beginning at 6 p.m., for an evening of praise, worship and prayer, featuring local voices. The Prayer Focus will be that the spirit of cancer be broken off from this region and from the lives of individuals.

All donations will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Franklin County.

Weems to host Gracie Vaughn benefit

Weems Memorial Hospital will host a benefit luncheon for longtime employee Gracie Vaughn on Friday, Feb. 20 at the hospital.

The hospital plans to set up an outdoor tent, decorated with festive balloons, to help in offsetting the cost of Vaughn's treatment for chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP).

The benefit will feature boiled shrimp, fried fish and barbecued chicken, which includes side orders of cole slaw, baked beans, hush puppies and dessert. Plates are available for a donation of \$10.

For more information, call Jennifer Brandon at 653-8853 ext. 101.

Knights of Columbus to host spaghetti dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop O'Sullivan Council #1648 will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 15, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 27 Sixth Street, Apalachicola.

Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until all the food is sold out. Price per ticket is \$7, eat-in or carry-out, and includes spaghetti with meat sauce, coleslaw, Italian bread and iced tea.

The money raised is used in our community to support the charitable functions of the Knights. For more information, call 653-2100.

Chosen Generation to present musical service

The Chosen Generation Youth Ministry presents "Blacks in HIS-tory" and "Marks of Distinction" Service on Sunday, Feb. 22 at the Love Center, in Apalachicola.

The service will be a musical dramatic presentation and recognition of community members whose efforts have assisted with the advancement of the African-American community.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Obituaries

William Scott Lindsey

William Scott Lindsey, 53, born Dec. 29, 1955 in Valdosta, GA and died Jan. 20, 2009 in Tallahassee.

He graduated from Florida State University College of Law in 1981 with honors, and was a partner in the law firms Lindsay & Williams, and then Boyd, Lindsey & Sliger, in Tallahassee before founding the Lindsey Law Firm in Tallahassee in 2006.

He was a member of the Tallahassee Bar Association since 1984, and actively participated in the association's pro bono program, personally handling a variety of family law and civil cases at no charge for those who could not afford legal counsel.

He helped to finance and redevelop the riverbank area in Carrabelle, and loved the outdoors, often spending free time on his boat with friends along the Gulf Coast and the St. Marks and Carrabelle rivers.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Suber Lindsey, of Tallahassee; daughter, Andrea Lindsey

Barber (and husband Mark Barber) of Villa Rica, GA; stepchildren, Miller Gay, of Broomfield, CO, and Stephanie Bubien, of Pensacola; and grandchildren, Berkley and Bryce Gay, and Shelby Bubien.

He is survived by his parents, Dr. William Frederick Lindsey and Mrs. Jimmie Moore Lindsey, of Tallahassee; sister Fredda Lindsey Ellis, of Malibu, CA; brothers Robert Burton Lindsey, of Tallahassee, David Moore Lindsey, of New York City, and John Brett Lindsey, of Birmingham, AL; as well as eight nephews and nieces.

Family and friends met in honor of his memory at the Fellowship Hall at Faith Presbyterian Church, Jan. 24, 2009. The family asks that contributions be made in Scott's name to the Children's Lighthouse, 7771 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32309, or to the Leon County Humane Society, 413 Timberlane Road, Tallahassee, FL 32312.

Dr. Jackson McNeil

Dr. Jackson "Jackie" Malcom McNeil, 75, Lynn Haven, died Monday morning Feb. 9, 2009, at Satilla Regional Medical Center, Waycross, GA.

He was a native of Apalachicola, and had resided in Lynn Haven since his retirement in 1990. He retired as a professor of business education at Savannah State College. He spent 25-plus years as an educator at the college and high school level. He educated students at Savannah State College, Macon Jr. College, Lenior Rhyne in NC, Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, GA and Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City.

He was a 1951 graduate of Chapman High School, served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, did undergraduate studies at Troy State College, master's studies at The University of Mississippi, and doctoral studies at Auburn University. He was a proud member of the F & A M and Shriners, taking pride in aiding children.

He is predeceased by his wife, Mary Anderson Booe

McNeil and four siblings, L. Fred Meyer, John B. Meyer, Lena M. Gustafson, and Conrad D. Meyer, all natives of Apalachicola.

Surviving are his son, John Anderson McNeil, and daughter-in-law, April James McNeil, and four grandchildren, John Anderson McNeil, Jr., Harrison James McNeil, Mary Margaret McNeil, and Benjamin Jackson "Jack-Jack" McNeil, all of St. Mary's, GA.

The family extends a special thank-you and blessing to all family, caregivers, and medical professionals that have aided Jackson through his fight with Alzheimer's disease.

Services will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Apalachicola, on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, Feb. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kelley Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements will be jointly overseen by Miles-Odum Funeral Home, Waycross, GA and Kelley Funeral Home of Apalachicola.

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County CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 12

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

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

The Florida Humanities Council Series "Look Where We Live!" returns

to the Dixie Theatre with a program entitled "Perceptions of Paradise: How Artists Have Helped Shape Florida's Mythic Image." Mallory O'Connor, author and teacher, degreed in painting, American history and art history, presents this program. Admission is free. Call the theatre at 850-653-3200 for more details.

Friday, Feb. 13

Apalachicola History, Culture and Arts Board meets at 8:30 a.m. at Apalachicola City Hall. For info call 653-8715.

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.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Bob Milne's annual concert at the Dixie Theatre. Bob is regarded by many to be the best living ragtime piano player on the planet. But he does more than just play the music, he brings it alive with stories and anecdotes from the barrel houses and brothels this uniquely American music sprang from. Bob's shows are always full of laughs as he puts the music into its historical perspective. Bob's tours in Japan have been such fantastic successes that he was designated a "Musical Ambassador" by the U.S. State Department. Bob now enjoys a successful career as a concert pianist in concert halls, opera houses and arena stages from coast to coast. He has published 10 albums of piano rags and boogies and is an author of four books. Call the Dixie box office for tickets at 653-3200.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Bob Milne's matinee

concert at the Dixie Theatre. Call the Dixie box office for tickets at 653-3200.

Supporters of St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge will hold annual meeting from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Indian Pass Raw Bar. Agenda includes board of director elections, refuge update with Complex Manager James Burnett and guest speaker archeologist Nancy White, a University of South Florida professor, discussing the long history of human use of St. Vincent Island. Lunch features Gants BBQ. For more info call 653-3904 or email supportstvin@hotmail.com.

Monday, Feb. 16

Apalachicola Library Board. Special Meeting at 5 p.m. at the Library. For info call 653-8715.

Breakfast at 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.

Billiards 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. Call 670-2800.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

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mission regular meeting at 9 a.m. in the courthouse annex. For info call 653-8861.

Apalachicola Community Gardens meeting at 6 p.m. at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. Call 653-9419.

Apalachicola Community Redevelopment Authority at 5:30 p.m. at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. For info call 653-9419.

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

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

Wednesday, Feb. 18

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

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

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

GED classes are offered at the Franklin County School from 3 to 6 p.m. every week in Building 1100, Room 1105. Call 670-2800.

Apalachicola Traffic Safety Team meets at 5 p.m. at City Hall. For info call 653-8715.

The Dixie Theatre

opens its 12th professional season with "Visiting Mr. Green," the story of Mr. Green, an elderly, retired dry cleaner, played by David Poirier who wanders into New York traffic and is almost hit by a car driven by Ross Gardiner, a young corporate executive, portrayed by David Caldwell. The young man is given a community service of helping the recent widower once a week for six months. What starts as a comedy about two men who do not want to be in the same room together becomes a gripping and moving drama as they get to know each other, come to care about each other, and open old wounds they've been hiding and nursing for years. Expect fireworks from this one. The show runs until March 1 with matinees on Wednesday and Sunday and evening performances on Friday and Saturday. Call the Dixie box office for tickets at 850 653-3200.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Apalachicola Community Pride meets at 6 p.m. at City Hall. For info call 653-8715.

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

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

PET OF THE WEEK



Pepper, a 5-month-old tabby kitten, arrived at the Adoption Center with his three siblings four months ago. They are all beautiful, affectionate, playful kittens waiting patiently for a loving home.

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.

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

Don't forget the Bow Wow Ball at the Armory in Apalachicola on Saturday, Feb. 14. Cocktails are from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. Happy Valentine's Day

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Lanark NEWS

We had a sad start for last weekend. Our longtime friend and neighbor, Henry "Bucky" Lee passed away. Pray for Bucky's eternal peace and for strength for this family. We will miss him.

Monday night was the monthly meeting for members of the Lanark Village Association. Had a good meeting and our commissioner, The Honorable Cheryl Sanders, was there. She gave us a rundown on the budget crunch for our county. The stretch in the village is on the list for paving.

Our sidewalks could use a little attention! After the meeting we had a friend and neighbor trip and fall on her way home.

The Soup and Sandwich was a big success last Tuesday, lots of support. Sheriff Shiver came to join us. Thanks to all who supported the lunch and thanks to all who helped. Thanks to our sheriff; hope to see you often.

For the senior citizens in the area who need help with their

taxes, Darryl and Gordon will be at our library every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. to assist you. Darryl and Gordon are the tax men from AARP. They will be glad to assist you.



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

Wednesday night Bingo for the Bus, Chillas Hall, fun starts at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and we could use some support from Carrabelle, please!

Had a great lunch Thursday at the Senior Center. Big crowd on hand to enjoy it and visit with our friends and neighbors. They could use some more help in the kitchen. Talk to Sue Reed if you can help out.

I hear that there was a good crowd on hand to enjoy the Valentine's Day Dance last Saturday and the music provided by deejay Ron Vice. I just know you had a good time. Thanks for your support.

Don't forget about the Valentine's Day Dance at Chillas Hall this Saturday. Fun starts at 7 p.m. when you walk in the door. Better line up an extra pair of

dancing shoes. The Journey Band will keep you hopping. See you there!

Join us for lunch after church, Sunday, for our covered dish. Chillas Hall, at 1 p.m. is where you can have a great lunch and fellowship, right after Rev. George Briesacker blesses the food.

Hope you make it to Chillas Hall this morning, 8:30 a.m., because the bus committee will hold a bake sale and not only that, there will be goodies on the counter for you to enjoy. Supervisor of Elections Ida Cooper will be there to explain voter registration to us, and field questions regarding homestead exemption in the property appraiser's office. She also furnished the goodies.

Saturday, Feb. 14, at Chillas Hall, from 8:30 to 11 am, the Lanark Village Golf Club will have a pancake breakfast. A donation will be taken. Everyone welcome.

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.

News BRIEFS

County hits record cold for Feb. 5

On Feb. 5, the temperature at the Apalachicola Airport plunged to a record 23 degrees Fahrenheit. That broke the longtime record of 31 for this date, set in 1947. The average low temperature for February is 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

Camp Gordon secures Google grant

The Camp Gordon Johnston Museum in Carrabelle has received a grant from the Google search engine through the Google Grants program.

The program helps nonprofit organizations promote their cause via advertising on Google. Google AdWords ads appear when users search on Google, and when someone clicks on one, they are brought to the Web site being advertised, which in this case is www.campgordonjohnston.com.

When Google users search on keywords related to an organization such as the museum, an ad appears next to relevant Google search results under the Sponsored Links sections. Museum director Linda Minichello said the museum provided Google with a long list of keywords when they applied for the grant, including phrases like "world war" and "fishing village."

Because this is an in-kind grant, Google will not contribute funds to the museum.

"We will be able to do fundraising through Google for our future museum," Minichiello said. "People who want to donate money will be able to give through their charge card over the Internet, and since we have the grant, there will be no cost to us. Otherwise we would have to pay a percentage. The executive board will meet to discuss our fundraising strategy."

Using a Google grant account, museum work-

ers also will be able to review the performance statistics of the ad campaign and see the number of times an ad is viewed.

"Fundraising was the main reason we applied for the grant. We were thrilled to death to get the publicity that's going to go with it," Minichiello said.

She said she plans on activating the account this week, which must be done before the ad for Camp Gordon Johnston will appear on the Google Web site.

School, library honored as partners

The Capital Area Community Action Agency honored two Franklin County institutions at its annual volunteer recognition dinner Jan. 28 at the Ramada Inn Hotel in Tallahassee.

The Franklin County School District won the Outstanding Education Partner award for providing space to place portable classroom and use of facilities for the agency's

Head Start.

The Franklin County Public Library was the recipient of the Outstanding Community Partner for their classroom time at Head Start, reading good books to the children and training parents on use of the library.

The Zonta Club of Tallahassee won the Outstanding Community Partner of the year for creating the Keys in Her Hand Service Project to help single, female-headed households with training, employability skills, financial literacy, mentoring, and job shadowing. The mission of Zonta International and Zonta Club of Tallahassee, a professional women's service organization, is to improve the status of women in communities throughout the world.

RiverTown Church in Blountstown partnered with the agency by providing monthly funding to assist low-income residents to meet their utility bill. They were honored as the Outstanding Faith-based Partner.



DEBRA ELLIOTT | Contributed photo

Attending the Reading by the Bay conference were, front row, from left, Cassandra Davis, Tara Ward, Stacey Herrington, Traci Moses, Brittanie Thompson, Lena Allen, Karen Ward, Jennifer Vaughn and Tanya Joanos. Seated are Kathy Varnes and Beth Childress. Not pictured are Whitney Martina, Heather Friedman and Lindsay Bockelman.

ABC teachers attend Reading by the Bay

Teachers from Apalachicola Bay Charter School attended the 24th annual Reading by the Bay conference, "Fiesta of Reading," on Jan. 31 in Panama City.

Each year, the Bay County Reading Association presents the Bob McSpadden Award to the county outside of Bay County that has the highest number of registrants at the conference. This

year, the award was presented to the ABC School. Previous winners were Gadsden County in 2006 and Jackson County in 2007 and 2008.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Roger C. Farr. He has written several national and state standardized tests and discussed the validity of them. He was very energetic and inspiring. There were many other excellent speakers

and presenters on a variety of topics including Willie Spears, a motivational speaker. He spoke on "Reaching the Unreachable Student." Also, April DeCesare gave a presentation on "Smart Centers" and "Writing Portfolios."

All of the teachers enjoyed the conference and learned a great deal that can be brought back to their classrooms.

Franklin County School HONOR ROLL

Franklin County School would like to congratulate the following students for achieving all A's for the first semester of the 2008-09 school year:

Middle school

7th grade: Laura Gallegos
8th grade: Carla Lewis

High school

9th grade: Tiffany Varnes and Jessica Dempsey
10th grade: Shelby Shiver, Kaleigh Harper, Isabel Pateritsas, Ashley Moseley and Breanna Cook
11th grade: Kendyl Hardy and Russell Simmons
12th grade: Alana Hutchins, Jami Giametta, Derek Salyer, Paula Cheree Whiddon and Zachary Ward

Franklin County School would also like to commend the following students for earning all A's and Bs for the 1st semester grade:

Middle school

6th grade: Morgan Martin, Bria Walker, Summer Medley, Macey Hunt, Zoie Lance, Tressie Buffkin, Aaliyah West, Samantha Hand, Erin Riley, Samantha Marxsen, Chance McLead, Curtis Gordy and Julie Diestelhorst

7th grade: Selina Kahn, Deborah Dempsey, Austin Martina, Cynthia Duncan and Leonard Ward

8th grade: Katie Wood, Chena Segree, Kyndyl Schoelles, Miranda Pilger, Morgan Kelley, Taylor Herrington, Chelsea Cash and Stephanie Marxsen

High school

9th grade: Kristine Thompson, Jordan King, Caroline Campbell, Deanna Quick, Tanner Klink, Carli Klink, Sami Coulter, Chance Buffkin, Adreenah Wynn, Megan Newell, Emerald Norris, Anne Marie Brown, Adrian Hendels, Maranda Moses and Cierra Russell

10th grade: James Winfield, Nai'Kycia Mitchell, Lakota Humble, Nicholas Koch, Jessica Galloway, Robbie Dale Butler, Tiffany Carroll, D'Andre Robinson, Lenanya Morris, and Jimmy Goggins

11th grade: Josh Dooley, Shelby Nowling, Jessica Velasquez, Miranda Kilbourn, Cecillia James, Damien Davis, Dustin Putnal, Maranda Coatney and Heather Kemper
12th grade: Chelsea Soderholm, Angie Ochala, Andre McQueen, Tomilee Dowden, Katrisha Williams, Tevin Ray, Elodie Pierdona, Patrick Jones and Whitley Wilson

REACHING OUT TO WOMEN'S HEARTS



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

To raise awareness among local women that heart disease is their No. 1 health threat, Franklin County Health Department organized a Heart Health Expo from 8-10 a.m. Feb. 6 at the Apalachicola Fitness Center. Visitors were able to look at models of the heart and arteries, pick up brochures and take home a Healthy Heart Kit.

"Our Heart Health Expo is a great opportunity to reach out to women in our community and alert them to their personal risk factors for heart disease," said Nadine Kahn, the county's health educator consultant, pictured above. "By joining together, we can raise awareness locally about heart disease and help lead women on the path to prevention."

Apalachicola watershed to highlight UF symposium

The University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning will host the National Academy of Environmental Design's Water and Sustainability Symposium Feb. 16-17.

The symposium will bring academics and professionals together with scientists and engineers to identify needed legislation and other action for reducing water demand and improving water flow and quality.

The two days of discussions will address how patterns of human settlement, cities and their infrastructure and buildings and their plumbing have changed the historic quantity and quality of water flow.

The Apalachicola watershed will be used as an exemplary case study. This watershed and its rivers extend from North Georgia and eastern Alabama into Florida and discharge into the Gulf of Mexico. Rapidly growing urban areas in the watershed, including the Atlanta metropolitan area, are placing increased pressure on the finite available water supply and diminishing water quality. The result is increased competition

among the region's human populations, natural systems, and energy and agricultural interests.

The National Academy of Environmental Design gathers experts in the environmental design disciplines to discuss critical sustainability issues and give advice to government and to the public.

The UF symposium is part of a series the academy has planned for 2009 at major research universities to identify the country's key sustainability issues and make recommendations for further research and Congressional action.

"We are privileged to sponsor this national gathering of experts from academic and professional backgrounds focusing on the critical issue of water use," said Peggy Carr, the college's associate dean for undergraduate students and academic affairs. "All the decisions we make in the built environment from land use to plumbing fixtures affects the quality of human life and the health of natural systems. It's time for the design community to become a major contributor in determining responsible strategies for water use."

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Project is located in Franklin County, Florida and consists of approximately 33,500 linear feet of roadway resurfacing, shoulder work, and striping.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, (850) 277-7200. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

All bidders shall be FDOT qualified per Section 2-1 of the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition.

Completion date for this project will be 120 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

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

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

Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. (EDT), on March 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 March 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 reserved 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 judgment 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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If you have any question, please call Clay Kennedy at (850)227-7200.

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Proposals must be received in the office of the Franklin County Clerk of the Court 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 by 4:30 P.M., EST, on March 2, 2009. Each proposal must be sealed and clearly labeled. The sealed proposals will be publicly open and read aloud at 10:30 A.M. EST, on March 3, 2009, in the County Commission Meeting Room located in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. For further information, contact Nikki Millender, Coordinator Franklin County Parks & Recreation Department, at (850) 653 8277. Email: fcprd@fairpoint.net

Bidder shall provide an original and one copy of each proposal in a sealed envelope of container, plainly marked "WILL S. KENDRICK SPORTS COMPLEX TENNIS COURT PROJECT".

The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all proposals.

ATTENTION BIDDERS: Franklin County is an equal opportunity employer and encourages participation by certified minority enterprises and women's business enterprises.

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JOSEPH PARRISH, CHAIRMAN

County unemployment continues to rise

Franklin County's unemployment rate continued its steady rise since last summer, topping 5.6 percent last month, two percentage points worse than one year ago.

According to preliminary labor market statistics released Jan. 23 by the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, 264 people out of a county labor force of 4,707 were jobless in December.

A month earlier, in November, the labor force was larger, with 4,755 people, and the jobless rate was lower, at 5.3 percent, as 254 people were without jobs.

December's numbers were 2 percentage points worse than a year ago, when the county's jobless rate was at 3.6 percent, with 169 people unemployed out of a

smaller labor force of 4,683.

Still, the county is among the better for jobless numbers among Florida's 67 counties. Last month Franklin ranked fifth, just behind Liberty County at 5.0 percent, Alachua's 5.2 percent, Leon's 5.4 percent and Sumter's 5.5 percent.

The state unemployment rate last month was 8.1 percent, seven-tenths of a point higher than the November rate of 7.4 percent and up 3.6 percentage points from one year ago.

Florida's unemployment rate - nearly 1 percentage point worse than the national rate of 7.2 percent - is the highest since Sept. 1992, when the rate was 8.9 percent.

"Every day the people of our agency are touching the

lives of hundreds of thousands of Floridians seeking assistance in weathering these challenging economic times," said Monesia T. Brown, director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation. "We are encouraged by the many efforts of our state and local partners as together we pursue federal funding and generate new job opportunities to advance Florida's economy."

The Florida Legislature recently approved an economic stimulus plan proposed by Governor Crist that provides \$10 million in loans and support services for businesses of 10 to 50 employees. The stimulus plan will help create long-term growth through capital purchases, employee training and salaries for new jobs.

Students crash at entrance to consolidated school

A two-car crash Friday afternoon on the entrance road to Franklin County High School sent four students to the hospital with minor injuries.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report prepared by Trooper S. T. Wilson, Kylie Erickson, 16, was leaving the school grounds with passenger Jessie Hicks, 16, in a 2005 Chevy four-door at about 2:54 p.m.

Wilson said Erickson was traveling southbound in excess of the posted speed limit of 15 miles per hour when she failed to negotiate the curve.

The right front of her vehicle struck the left front of a 1995 Chevy Suburban driven by Glenn Richards, 19, with passenger Bo Hardman, 17, headed northbound into the school grounds.

Erickson's vehicle continued in a southerly direction and struck the black chain link fence. The impact caused Richards' vehicle to be knocked on to the east shoulder, also striking the fence. Both ended up facing south on the east shoulder of the entrance to the Franklin County School, Wilson said.

"It was one heck of a smack," said the trooper. "I have no ideas

why she was going that fast. She didn't negotiate that curve and went straight and nailed him on that curve."

All four individuals were transported to Weems Memorial Hospital and treated for minor injuries.

The trooper said Monday he planned to cite Erickson for careless driving. He said that based on what hospital staffers told him about the nature of her injuries, he concluded that Erickson was not wearing a seatbelt. He said he did not know for certain whether the other individuals involved in the crash were wearing seatbelts.

FREE TAX HELP AVAILABLE IN CARRABELLE ON TUESDAYS

The AARP Tax-Aide will be serving taxpayers in and around Carrabelle, on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Carrabelle branch of the Franklin County Library.

Volunteers will provide information and assistance and prepare income tax returns for low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. All Tax-Aide volunteers have been trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service and AARP.

Please bring with you a valid picture I.D., and Social Security numbers for the taxpayer and all dependents, all W-2 forms, all 1099 forms showing interest, dividends, and Social Security and other retirement income, plus sales and original purchase information from any assets sold.

Taxpayers should also bring 1099 MISC forms showing any miscellaneous income for 2008, all forms showing any federal income tax paid, evidence of property taxes paid, evidence of any Economic Stimulus Payment received in 2008, dependent care information (name, address, employer ID or SSN), all receipts, cancelled checks and other supporting documents if itemizing deductions.

A copy of last year's tax return(s) would be helpful. If you have questions, please call Darrel Acker at 850-349-9593.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Feb. 3 (FCSO)

Curtis D. Whiddon, 21, Lanark Village, criminal mischief, leaving the scene of an accident, and violation of probation (CPD)

Craig R. Whiddon, 22, Eastpoint, violation of probation (CPD)

Bobby C. Martin, Jr., 29, Carrabelle, trespass on property after warning and disorderly intoxication (CPD)

Feb. 5

Bobby C. Martin, Jr., 29, Carrabelle, violation of probation (FCSO)

Feb. 7

Christopher E. Everett, 22, Apalachicola, trespass on property (APD)

Rodney S. Shiver, 19, Eastpoint, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

Feb. 4

Warren Aiken, Jr., 21, Crawfordville, felony criminal mischief

Feb. 8

Earl A. Mitchell, 24, Lanark Village, retail theft (CPD)

FWC Fish and Wildlife REPORT

FWC enforces deer, duck and oystering rules

Officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission last month enforced rules regarding unlawful hunting practices of deer and ducks, along with several oystering violations.

On Jan. 18, Officer Steven Cook received a complaint of an antlerless deer being killed in the Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area. The complainant described the hunter's vehicle and Cook located the antlerless deer, and within a short period of time also located the hunter.

The hunter admitted to shooting the deer and was issued a misdemeanor citation. His firearm was seized.

On Jan. 23, Officer Carmon Brownell received a complaint in reference to a pair of individuals harvesting oysters from a closed oyster bar in Apalachicola Bay. Brownell located the two harvesters "hogging" (harvesting by hand) oysters on the closed oyster bar, but due to the size of

Brownell's vessel, he was unable to approach the harvesters in the shallow water.

When the harvesters recognized the patrol vessel, they immediately fled to the shore where they loaded their oysters into a vehicle and left the area. With assistance from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the harvesters were stopped and directed to an area boat ramp where Brownell was waiting.

The harvesters were issued six misdemeanor citations for oystering in closed waters, no saltwater products license and no Apalachicola Bay oyster harvest permit. The harvester's eight bags of oysters were seized and returned to the water alive.

On Jan. 25, Officers Woody Cook and Steven Cook were working in the area of Lanark Reef when an inspection of three duck hunters revealed several violations. The hunters were issued three citations and three warnings for no non-resident hunting license, possession of lead shot and hunting migratory birds with unplugged shotguns.

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A plate of fresh shucked Apalachicola oysters makes a perfect Valentine's Day snack.



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

LOVE LOCALLY from page B1

Valentine's Day at the Magnolia Grill will feature live music by Alan Gary and Carol Harris. Specials for the evening include roast rack of lamb with rosemary dijon and mint jelly, quail stuffed with peanuts and currants, oysters Rockefeller and prime rib. Reservations are suggested.

Owl and Riverlily can make up a gift basket at a moment's notice designed to tickle the fancy of your mate whatever their special interest may be. Riverlily has All You Need is Love soap in stock for the occasion.

Romantic Retreats and Nights on the Town

Perhaps a romantic retreat is in order. The Witherspoon Inn, The Bryant House and the Coomb's Inn all offer cozy honeymoon suites for an evening's intimate diversion. Jasmine by the Sea plantation and butterfly garden in Carrabelle is another spot that specializes in romance with a honeymoon suite available for short or long term rentals and a private beach. Fickling Vacation Rentals on St. George Island is offering a 10 percent discount for Feb. 13 and 14 for available beach homes so why not spend a dreamy weekend at the beach?

In the mood for some entertainment? Margo Anderson will appear at the Dixie Theatre on Feb. 13 in "Patsy," her musical tribute to songstress Patsy Cline. You can sit and snuggle or slow dance to her sultry voice.

You could give a Valentine's gift that serves double duty as a charitable donation. Why not take your honey to the annual party for supporters of St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday Feb. 15? For \$20 you and your main squeeze can join the Friends and stay for lunch and a lecture at the Indian Pass Raw Bar. The meal will be catered by Paul Gant Barbeque and Dr. Nancy White will speak on the ancient inhabitants of St. Vincent Island. Call 653-8808 for more information.

Last, but certainly not least, don't forget about the Bow Wow Ball. The annual dance to benefit the Franklin County Humane Society will be held on Valentine's Day at the Coombs Armory. There will be music, dancing, prizes and more. A prime rib dinner will be catered by Harry A's. Tickets are available at the door.

With all these options why would you choose to spend Valentine's Day anywhere but here in Franklin County, Love Capital of the Western Hemisphere? Love locally!

Valentine's Day Babysitting Service

Wondering what to do with the kids? The eighth graders at the Apalachicola Bay Charter School can help. They are offering a Valentine's Day babysitting service for children ages two through ten at the First United Methodist Church in Apalachicola from 6 to 10 p.m. The first child is \$12 per family and the charge is \$8 for each additional youngster. Kids will participate in supervised games and watch movies. Call Heather Friedman at 653-1222 for more information or email friedmanabc@gmail.com.

Want to try something a little different? How about attending a partner massage workshop at the Waterstreet Hotel? There will be full day sessions on both Saturday and Sunday. Not into a group experience? How about a gift certificate for a massage from a local therapist like Hollie Stott or Riverfront Massage? Local salons and tanning studios also offer gift certificates. Le Debut offers a variety of facials, manicures and pedicures and will even tint your eyebrows for the gift that keeps on giving.

The Lazy Daisy, Bayside Gallery and the Seahorse Florist and Gift Shop are all offering specials for the big day and make a great alternative to online floral delivery services for petals with a personal touch. Chef Jeanine at That's a Moray is preparing heart-shaped cookies, chocolate dipped strawberries and cheesecake on a stick. Garden's Inc. has heart-shaped topiaries in stock. Artemis is offering heart-shaped sterling silver pendants created by renowned local jeweler Kristin Anderson.

Many local businesses, including the Apalachicola Chocolate Company, the Honey Hole, the Stuffed

Happy ENDINGS

Shy Sylvester's story

This story comes from Gina and Eddie Woodward, of Tallahassee. The Woodwards e-mailed me to say they had adopted two Franklin County cats from the shelter and wanted to share their own happy ending with the readers of the Times. I was especially touched when I read this because their first cat, Sylvester, was not a kitten but a special needs adult cat. My own sweet boy, Cyril, was a shy adult when I brought him home, and he is truly a treasure. Though kittens and puppies are cute, adopting an adult animal can be just as rewarding, and a grown cat or dog is often in even greater need than a cuddly infant. Make adoption an option, and consider an adult companion animal.

Dr. Lois Swoboda



GINA WOODWARD | Contributed photo

Sylvester and Henry

We moved to Tallahassee in February 2007, and our beloved, black and white cat Hubert passed away in August 2007. He passed away at home with both of us by his side, and though it was so painful and sad and we could not imagine our household without him, we were thankful that it happened in this way.

The day he passed away, we did not know what to do with ourselves other than cry and talk about him, but we decided what we needed to do was drive to St. George Island, our favorite place, where we vacationed with Hubert every year starting in 2000 on our honeymoon. We lived in Virginia prior to Tallahassee, and Hubert made that long drive with us and was always a real trooper, so we felt we needed to be there where the three of us spent many happy times.

Six months passed before we even considered adopting a new cat. We always said when we got a new cat, it would be from the Franklin County Humane Society because we wanted a cat from our favorite area. One day, I was looking at their Web site and saw a black and white kitten named Henry and told Eddie about him. We decided this was the cat for us. We drove to the shelter on a Saturday, but when we got there, it was closed, so I called the number listed on the sign and left a message about Henry. We went to Apalachicola to walk around and to see if we would get a call back.

We did get a call but were told Henry had been adopted but that there was another black and white cat named Sylvester that had been at the shelter for most of his life (he was almost 2) but that he was very shy and spent most of his time

hiding. We had seen his picture on the Web site, so we knew about him. We said we would think about him and went home and quickly decided that the next weekend, we were going to get Sylvester because it sounded like he really needed a good, loving home, and without children and other pets, we could really devote time to him.

We took time off of work on a Friday afternoon and drove down and met Kam Marxsen, who introduced us to Sylvester. When we first saw him, we looked at each other and smiled because he was such a handsome, big cat, and we liked him right away. When Eddie went to take him from Kam's arms, he squirmed away and ran as fast as he could to a large kennel in the other room. Although he was leery of me, he did let me scratch him through the kennel as I talked to him. Kam told us when his litter mate was adopted as a kitten, Sylvester became depressed and lost most of his hair, and this is when he started being so shy. We finished the paperwork and drove home with him. He was a good traveler and did not make a peep on the way home.

We learned quickly that Sylvester was not going to just walk out of the cat carrier and start living in his new home! I felt very anxious about how to make him comfortable and even wondered if it was good for him to be taken away from the only home he really knew. After asking some questions to people who knew about cat behavior, we put him in our room with food, water and the litter box so he could get accustomed to his new surroundings in a smaller space.

We paid lots of attention to him. I started brushing him, and slowly, slowly we all started to bond. After two weeks, we let him out of our

room, and he very slowly began making his way into each room until he finally came into the family room, where we spend most of our time.

Now the family room is his favorite place, full of his toys and comfy places to nap. He is such a happy, sweet (but still a little shy around strangers) cat who loves to sit on our laps to sleep or be brushed, which he loves and I am happy about because he is a medium, longhaired cat. After having him almost a year now, we are still amazed at how far he has come from the shy boy he was when we first got him.

Because we are gone all day and Sylvester loves to see the neighborhood cats who come to our door, we thought that maybe another cat in the house would be good for him. Although I really did not want to take all my attention away from him, I went to the Franklin County Humane Society's Web site once again to see what cats they had. And lo and behold there was another black and white kitten named ... Henry!

So, two weeks before Christmas, we went to adopt him, and within no time, Sylvester and Henry were playing and snuggling up together to sleep. Henry is affectionate, fun and a purr machine. They are best buddies and make us laugh like crazy when they are running through the house chasing each other.

We feel like Sylvester's story deserved a Happy Endings!

Lois Swoboda is archiving success stories of animal adoptions for her series "Happy Endings" for The Times. To share a story for "Happy Endings," please e-mail Lois at lswoboda@starfl.com.

METAL ROOFING FL15-3 MALONE, FLORIDA
FL15-12A AND 15-12B CARRABELLE, FLORIDA
FL15-18 JASPER, FLORIDA

DOCUMENT 00100

INVITATION FOR BID

Bids for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and services required for the Work known as Metal Roofing @ FL15-3 Malone, Florida, FL15-12A & FL15-12B Carrabelle, Florida and FL15-18 Jasper, Florida will be received until **2:30 PM** local time on **26 February 2009** at the office of the Housing Authority (PHA) indicated below. At this time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Without force and effect on the Bidding Documents and the proposed Contract Documents, the work required is briefly described as: Partial modernization of forty four (44) Dwelling Units and two (2) Non-dwelling Units at four (4) sites known as FL 15-3 Malone, Florida, FL 15-12 A & FL 15-12 B Carrabelle, Florida and FL15-18 Jasper, Florida. The work consists of, but is not limited to, providing deck sheathing repair, thirty pound (30lb) felt, one inch by four inch (1"x4") yellow pine lathing, two foot (2') on center over existing asphalt shingles secured to rooftops with three inch (3") screws secured into the existing trusses, new metal roofing, new drip edge, rake trim, new plumbing flashings, range hood caps and flashings and heater & water heater flues at all existing roof penetrations and associated work.

The work required is fully described in the Bidding Documents consisting of the Project Manual and the Drawings.

Proposed Contract forms, Drawings and Project Manual are on file in the office of the Consultant, Mr. Randall O'Barr, Post Office Box 357, Baldwin, Georgia 30511, telephone (706) 206-1725 or (678) 231-0675. Bidding Documents may be obtained by providing a NONREFUNDABLE payment of \$35.00 per set of Documents to the Consultant, do not contact the PHA. No partial sets will be issued. Checks should be made payable to Mr. Randall O'Barr and mailed to the above address. Information regarding this Project, including a list of the Plan Holders will be provided upon request.

Each bid shall include Bid Guarantee in an amount equal to five percent of the Bid. Provide as a certified check or bank draft payable to the PHA; U.S. Government Bonds, or as a properly executed Bid Bond with surety acceptable to the PHA. A Surety Company executing the Bid Bond must be authorized to transact business in the Project State, and must appear on the most current U.S. Treasury Department's Circular No. 570. The successful bidder is required to provide satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds prior to execution of the Agreement.

Refer to provisions for equal employment opportunities and payment of not less than minimum salaries and wages indicated in the Project Manual.

Each bid shall include THE SIGNED ORIGINAL AND TWO CONFORMED COPIES of the following:

1. A properly executed Bid Form.
2. A properly executed Bid Guarantee.
3. A properly executed Non-Collusive Affidavit.
4. A fully completed Form HUD-5369-A, "Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Bidders".

Small businesses and minority firms are urged to submit proposals. Certification as a Minority-business Enterprise (or number of partners, shareholders, employees who are members of minority classification or are women) should be included in the Bid proposal. Refer to Articles 38, 39 and 40 of The General Conditions.

The PHA reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive irregularities and formalities in the bidding. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of sixty days subsequent to the opening of bids without PHA consent.

Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority
Post Office Box 218 (5302 Brown Street)
Graceville, Florida 32440

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PALMER PHILYAW | Contributed photo

Members of the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department held a dinner Feb. 2 at City Hall and presented an award to one of their own, Alfia Mirabella, who has served for more than 50 years and is still an active member of the department. Fire chief Burt Simmons, right, presented a plaque to Mirabella for his many years of tireless service and dedication to the department.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DAVID A. OMAN
Deceased.

File No.: 09-00002-CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of David A. Oman, deceased, whose date of death was November 11, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 09-00002-CP the address of which is The Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unliquidated, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unliquidated, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS February 5, 2009.

Personal Representative:
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P.O. Box 349
Gilbertsville, New York 13776
Attorney for Personal Representative:
CHARLES A. CURRAN
Franklin County Bar No.: 274380
P.O. Box 549
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(850) 697-5333
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February 5, 12, 2009

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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IN AND FOR FRANKLIN
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CIVIL DIVISION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS COWAL, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-45T1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-45T1 Plaintiff,

vs.
STEVEN E. FLING, et. al.
Defendants.

Case No.
19-2008-CA-0171
Division

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to an Ex Parte Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida. I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, AND RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 50 MINUTES WEST 95.16 FEET ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 32 TO A POINT OF THE SOUTH SIDE OF STATE ROAD #370 (OR ALLIGATOR POINT ROAD) THENCE NORTH 55 DEGREES 14 MINUTES WEST 1144.84 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SAID ROAD TO A POINT WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED AND CONVEYED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 36 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 276 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATERS OF ALLIGATOR BAY, THENCE RUN IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION, MEANDERING THE WATERS OF ALLIGATOR BAY, TO A POINT WHICH IS NORTH 55 DEGREES 14 MINUTES WEST 85 FEET FROM SAID LAST POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 30 DEGREES 36 MINUTES EAST 276 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 55 DEGREES 14 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF SAID ROAD 85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PARCEL OF LAND FRONTING 85 FEET ON SAID STATE ROAD #370 (OR ALLIGATOR POINT ROAD) AND RUNNING BACK TO THE SAME WIDTH TO ALLIGATOR BAY.

and commonly known as: 676 ALLIGATOR DRIVE, ALLIGATOR POINT, FL 32346 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door steps of the Courthouse, at 33 Market St., in Apalachicola, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on February 19, 2009.

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

Dated this 13th day of January, 2009

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

Michelle Garcia Gilbert
Kass, Shuler, Solomon,
Spector, Foyle & Singer,
PA.
PO Box 800
Tampa, FL 33601-0800
February 5, 12, 2009

1041T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
FRANKLIN COUNTY,
FLORIDA

WAKULLA BANK, a Florida
banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
OLIN CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC., OLIN R.
GRANTHUM, and JIMMIE
CROWDER,
Defendants.

Case No. 08-000237-CA
**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN pursuant to a Final
Summary Judgment of
Foreclosure dated January
26, 2009, entered in Case
No. 08-000237-CA of the
Circuit Court of the Sec-

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POINT LYING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 370, THENCE RUN NORTH 55 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 1144.84 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 30 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 309.63 FEET TO THE APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE OF ALLIGATOR HARBOR, THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 30 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 36.31 FEET, NORTH 52 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST 33.60 FEET, NORTH 74 DEGREE'S 25 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 19.36 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE, RUN NORTH 30 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 07 SECONDS, EAST 299.72 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919) LYING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 370. THENCE RUN SOUTH 55 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 85.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.58 ACRES OR LESS.

Less and except any ownership interest in the name of Jimmie Crowder in Lots 10 and 11, Block 46 (Old Block 25) Kellys Plat of the City of Carrabelle, as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 20, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 28th day of January, 2009.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
As Clerk of said Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
February 5, 12, 2009

1046T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
FRANKLIN COUNTY,
FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION

WASHINGTON MUTUAL
BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON
MUTUAL BANK, F.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
KAREN BETH MIL-
LENDER, et al.,
Defendant(s).

CASE NO.:
19-2008-CA-0191
DIVISION:

**NOTICE OF
RESCHEDULED SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN Pursuant to an Order
Rescheduling Foreclosure
Sale dated January 26, 2009,
and entered in Case No.
19-2008-CA-0191 of the Circuit
Court of the Second Judicial
Circuit in and for Franklin
County, Florida in which
Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a
Washington Mutual Bank,
F.A., is the Plaintiff and Karen
Beth Millender, Tenant #1
n/k/a Nicki Kilby, Tenant
#2 n/k/a Robert Beldin,
are defendants, I will sell
to the highest and best
bidder for cash in/on,
Franklin County, Florida at
on the 28th day of February,
2009, the following described
property as set forth in said
Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 4, BLOCK 2, GULF
TERRACES, UNIT NO.
ONE, ACCORDING TO
THE PLAT THEREOF, AS
RECORDED IN PLAT
BOOK 3, PAGE 3, OF THE
PUBLIC RECORDS OF

FRANKLIN COUNTY,
FLORIDA.

A/K/A 139 APALACHEE
STREET, CARABELLE, FL
32322

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

Dated in Franklin County,
Florida this 28th day of
January, 2009.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

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FRANKLIN COUNTY,
FLORIDA.

A/K/A 139 APALACHEE
STREET, CARABELLE, FL
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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Franklin County,
Florida this 28th day of
January, 2009.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
(813)221-4743
08-05474

In accordance with the
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days prior to this proceeding.
If you are hearing or voice
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February 12, 19, 2009

1047T
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 FOR MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-5 PLAINTIFF

vs.
GARY FOGLEMAN A/K/A
GARY R. FOGLEMAN; REBECCA
FOGLEMAN; AMY WRIGHT
A/K/A AMY E. WRIGHT,
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMY
WRIGHT A/K/A AMY E. WRIGHT
IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN
PARTIES CLAIMING BY,
THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST
THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL
DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT
KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE,
WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES
MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS
SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES,
GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS;
JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS
UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION
DEFENDANT(S)

CASE NO. 07-00178CA

**RE- NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN pursuant to an Order
Granting the Motion to
Reset Foreclosure Sale
dated January 26, 2009
entered in Civil Case No.
07-000463-CA of the Circuit
Court of the 2nd Judicial
Circuit in and for FRANKLIN
County, Florida, I will sell
to the highest and best
bidder for cash at on the
front steps of the court-
house of the FRANKLIN
County Courthouse, 33
Market Street, Apalachicola,
Florida, at 11:00 a.m.
on the 28th day of February,
2009 the following described
property as set forth in said
Summary Final Judgment,

LOT 8, BLOCK 11, OF THE
CITY OF APALACHICOLA,
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN
AND STATE OF FLORIDA,

to-wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK N, ST.
GEORGE ISLAND GULF
BEACHES, UNIT NO. 2,
ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED
IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 15,
OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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CASE NO. 07-000463-CA

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

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, a State-Chartered Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

JADAR PROPERTIES, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, APALACH RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, JAMIE D. CRUM, DANIEL W. HARTMAN, and CHARLES RAY WEBB, II Defendants.

CASE NO: 08-000543-CA CIVIL DIVISION

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Consent Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 26, 2009, in the above-styled cause, I will

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sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., the following described property:
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Lot 2, Block "B", Gulf Wynn, a Subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, at Page 64, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida,
SECOND PARCEL - owned by Defendant APALACH RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC
Lot 47 Rivers Edge Phase II, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 19, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.
DATED ON February 4, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of court
By: Renee Stone
As Deputy Clerk
Counsel for Plaintiff
Mary Ellen Davis, Attorney
Penson, Duchemin & Davis, PA.
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Philaco arts competition uncovers hidden talents

Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

On Jan. 15, the Philaco Ladies Club held their annual arts and crafts competition at the St. George Island United Methodist Church.

The show was judged by local painter Marilyn Bean of St. George Island and by Professor of Fine Arts Henry Vyfvinkel and his wife, Junie, who are visiting the island from Kingston, Ontario. During his annual winter visits to St. George, Vyfvinkel conducts workshops in painting at the Sea Oats Gallery.

Of about a dozen entries, five club members walked away with blue ribbons.

Once again Celeste Wall, who took a blue ribbon at the state level for her needlework last year, won a first for a cross stitch representation of a Christmas tree.

Barbara Padgett was a double winner with hand-woven baskets and a Pysanky egg. Padgett said her daughter piqued her interest in egg dyeing and she now makes

one egg a year.

Pysanky is an ancient and beautiful form of folk art from the Ukraine. It consists of decoration of eggs using beeswax and dyes. The design begins by drawing on a plain white egg with hot beeswax. These lines will protect the white when egg is dyed. When the designs to be white are complete, the egg is dipped into yellow dye and then dried. The process continues, alternating waxing designs and using dyes that progressively get darker until the egg receives a final dip into black pigment.

Janet Christianson took the blue ribbon for a cool, earthy watercolor of a forest stream.

Dawn Radford's photograph of succulent plants in an arid landscape is vivid with an unusual eye-catching color palette.

Winners of the Philaco Arts and Crafts Show will go on to compete in the district Arts and Crafts Festival to be held in Panama City on February 21.



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Barbara Padgett took blue ribbons for her skill in basket weaving and the unusual art of Pysanky egg decoration.

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