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Progress' response time questioned in Carrabelle crash

By Lois Swoboda and David Adlerstein
Times Staff Writers

County officials expressed anger Tuesday morning at the timing of Progress Energy's response to a one-car collision Saturday morning that left an 18-year-old Carrabelle man in a coma.

Joshua Michael Davis, 18, remained in critical condition after sustaining life-threatening injuries when his 1999 Ford F-150 truck rammed into a utility pole at about 1:11 a.m. Saturday, on U.S. 98 about

a half mile east of State Route 65.

At issue is how long it took Progress Energy to arrive at the accident scene, and what could or could not have been done prior to the Progress crew's arrival.

"I think the safety of every citizen in Franklin County has been jeopardized by this plan (to move Progress Energy staff and equipment out of the county) that we didn't agree with," said Commissioner Bevin Putnal at Tuesday's county commission meeting.

"It took Progress En-

ergy two hours to respond. The first responders and other emergency personnel had to sit there all that time and watch that car burn to a crisp. That man was thrown out and they had to sit there and watch him. They couldn't tend to him," said Putnal.

"What if he had been in the car? I move we see what can be done about this. It's time we do something," he said. "Any one of their employees could have cut off the power. I asked them why they didn't do it and they said they weren't allowed."

Suzanne Grant, a Prog-

ress spokeswoman, declined comment on the matter. "As is customary any time there in an incident involving a member of the public who is injured, we do not comment," said Grant. "We are doing an internal investigation and until it's completed, we won't have any specifics. It should be completed in several days."

According to the accident report prepared by Florida Highway Patrol Trooper B.S. Roddenberry, Davis veered onto the south shoulder of the roadway, and lost control when he swerved back to reen-

ter the eastbound lane.

Davis' truck traveled the north, crossing both travel lanes, and onto the grassy shoulder, where its right front collided with a power pole and then a tree.

The truck went airborne, and its roof collided with the tree before coming to a stop, facing south near the area of collision.

Downed power lines fell on the rear of the truck, which then erupted in flames. Davis, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected.

Roddenberry, one of two troopers assigned to police a four-county region

at the time, arrived on the scene at 1:51 a.m. He said he was told by Deputy Lawrence Brannan that the vehicle was engulfed in flames when he had arrived on the scene minutes after the collision occurred. "He busted out a window and didn't see anyone in the vehicle," said Roddenberry.

The trooper said law enforcement officials knew the driver had been ejected, but were unable to locate him.

"You just can't go in there when there's hot

See **PROGRESS 5A**

Commission votes to lobby for stimulus funds

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

At Tuesday morning's meeting, the county commission waived the bid process and voted to pay Governance Services LLC \$20,000 to lobby for grant money from the federal stimulus package.

The agreement is subject to review of the contract with Governance by County Attorney Michael Shuler.

At the Feb. 17 meeting of the county commission, former Tallahassee mayor and state Democratic Part chairman Scott Maddox gave a presentation on lobbying services offered by Governance and designed to acquire stimulus money for rural Panhandle counties.

Maddox requested a \$20,000 fee in advance for a one-year contract with the county. Governance proposed to capture grant money by presenting a regional package to the funding agencies.

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Apalachicola traffic stop triggers tri-county chase

By Jonas Hogg and C. Brady Calhoun
Florida Freedom

A woman who allegedly led authorities on a three-county car chase was in guarded condition in the surgical intensive care unit at Bay Medical Center Tuesday, and authorities said she faces multiple charges upon her release.

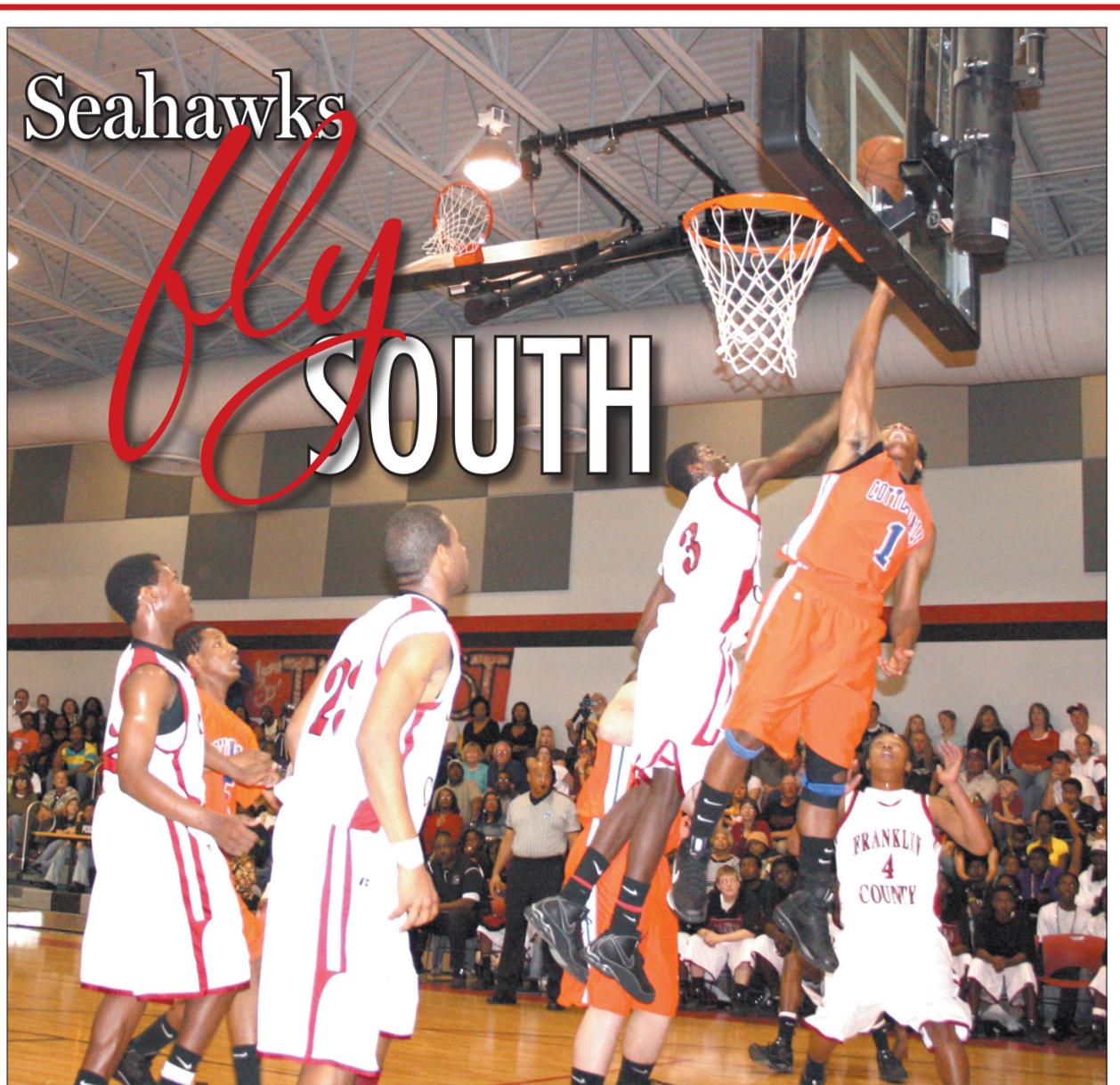
The woman, identified by Apalachicola police as Dorothy Planthaber, age unknown, faces charges of evasion and eluding in Franklin and Gulf counties, along with similar charges in Mexico Beach and Apalachicola, authorities said Monday.

Planthaber faces an additional

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SCOTT MADDOX



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Seahawks freshman Carlos Morris reaches high to block a shot by Cottondale's Dominique Webb, as Seahawks junior guard Arron Prince looks up, in Saturday's regional final.

Win over Cottondale earns first Final Four

By Tim Croft
Florida Freedom Newspapers

Franklin County's state championship dreams found nourishment at the Hawks Nest on Saturday night.

Before a packed, boisterous home crowd the Seahawks (26-5) jumped to a big first-half lead and kept Cottondale (19-11) at arm's length the rest of the way for a 49-39 victory.

The win earned a berth in the Thursday morning's state Class 2A semifinals in Lakeland against defending state champion Jacksonville Arlington Country Day (23-7).

Start of the game is at 11:30

a.m. and will be carried live on WOYS 100.5 F.M., with George Thompson doing the announcing.

The key Saturday night for Franklin County was a box-and-one defense that limited Hornet standout Marcus Humose's impact on the game as he managed just seven points.

"We shut down No. 2 (Humose), that was the difference," Seahawks coach Fred Drake said. "That was the plan. I put my best defensive player on him (Jeremy James) and from the start of practice this week the plan was we wanted to take him out of the game."

The Seahawks also enjoyed an advantage off the boards

(14-8) and in taking care of the ball, with five turnovers to Cottondale's six.

The most obvious advantage was with the rim and net, as neither team shot well, but Franklin County could at least boast shooting more than 30 percent, while Cottondale could not.

"We missed way too many easy layups and easy shots," said Cottondale coach Chris Obert. "We needed to be more efficient at the line. We didn't do that, either. But you have to give them credit. They had a great atmosphere for a ballgame."

The Seahawks' early run started in the opening minutes of the second quarter.

After the teams spent much of the first 10 minutes of the game trying to establish a rhythm, Cottondale closed a six-point first quarter lead to 13-9 with 6:17 left in the opening half.

At that point, the Seahawks reeled off 10 unanswered points with blocked shots from freshman Carlos Morris and junior Arron Prince and offensive teamwork. Two assists from senior Deshaun Winfield, who also had a team-high 12 points, led to easy baskets and 14-point lead.

The Hornets ended the run exactly four minutes later and

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A root beer toast for Dona Austin's 100th

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

It's official! Feb. 27 is Dona Austin Day.

Dona Austin, who reached the age of 100 on Friday, is believed to be the oldest woman in the county. Spero Buzier, who achieved a century on Feb. 11, is its oldest citizen.

In honor of Miss Dona's birthday, Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson named Friday Dona Austin Day in a public proclamation.

About three dozen friends gathered to sing Happy Birthday to Miss Dona at her home on Avenue E.

Franklin County ElderCare Director Bert Ivey brought her a tribute of root beer, her birthday wish, and a peppermint patty. Other well-wishers presented her with flowers, ice cream and a chocolate cake decorated with lavender roses.

"I belonged to the Order of Rebekah one time, a long time ago. Long as you know the Word, you can always get in. There's a word that will open any door in America."

Dona Austin
who turned 100 Feb. 27

"We have been friends for years," said longtime friend Ezella Hicks. "Somebody told me about her and I just came up and started talking, visiting. She's been one of the best friends I ever had. They are truly good people, her and Myrtie too. They're good honest folk."

Apalachicola natives might remember Austin and her sister, Myrtle Hinckley, as longtime employees of the Oasis Bar and Package Store.

Born in Mobile, Ala., Austin spent much of her life in Apalachicola and now shares a house in the historic district with Hinckley.

The sisters first moved to Apalachicola with their parents and five siblings on May 1, 1928, when the girls' father came to work for Sheip Lumber Company. Miss Dona was the oldest child.

Asked to comment on her 100th birthday, Austin said, "I belonged to the Order of Rebekah one time, a long time ago. Long as you know the Word, you can always get in. There's a word that will open any door in America."

Founded in 1851, The Order of Rebekah Lodge is a subsidiary of the Odd Fellows, and was the first lodge for women in this secret society.



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Dona Austin celebrated her 100th birthday Feb. 27.

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Two escape injury from Market Street fire

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Disaster was averted late Sunday evening after a fire began on the ground floor of a two-story building in downtown Apalachicola.

Crews from the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department were able to control the fire within a half hour, as smoke continued to pour from the first floor window and ceiling. The firefighters shot a cannon spray of water into the front window, and later, a crew from Eastpoint arrived to assist.

The fire was first seen behind a front window on the first floor of the 82 Market Street storefront that houses a souvenir and gift shop operated by John Lee. Three apartments are on the upper floor.

David Singley, who lives above the shop, said his wife, Edgie, was on the balcony of their apartment around 10 p.m. when she said, "I heard something pop."

"I came down and saw the flames," said David Singley. "I said, let's get out of here."

At the El Jalisco Mexican restaurant across the street, Georgette Colson, of Apalachicola, said she saw the flames sometime before 9:45 p.m.

"I smelled wire," said Colson. "I thought it was from the burrito."

"Then through the window I saw fire, and first I thought it was the glare from the kitchen. I stood up



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Firefighters from the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department extinguish the blaze Sunday evening at 82 Market Street.

and screamed and they're thinking I was crazy."

Restaurant manager Antonio Galegos said customers called 911 on the restaurant's telephone.

Colson and her husband said they ran across the street, yelling to stir anyone inside, and were relieved to see the Singleys safely outside.

Lee, owner of the 15-year-old building, which once housed the Apalachicola

Times, arrived on the scene around 10:30 p.m. after being summoned to the fire by Sheriff Skip Shiver.

"As long as David and Edgie are all right, that's all that matters," said Lee.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

In a telephone interview Monday, Jason Roberts, an investigator for the state fire marshal's office, said the cause of the fire

"was accidental, possibly electrical."

"There is nothing to indicate anything criminal. The fire damage was

minimal, mostly confined to some display cases," he said. "Several fluorescent light fixtures had fallen. There was extensive water

and smoke damage on the first floor. No one from our department has been to the upper floor but we expect to see smoke damage there."

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RED WHITE AND ROUX

Waste not,
want not, but
all for naught?

I have been pondering waste, plenty and frugality.

I am reminded of a time in Miami when I was only 7 or 8 years old. My grandparents, Steve and Johnny Roux, lived on a hand-built yacht moored in a marina there. Nana and I took walks in the evening, sometimes to the neighborhood bodega and sometimes just aimless meandering.

There was a house with a huge mango tree in the yard. Enormous, ripe mangos littered the ground, filling the air with the smell of their sweet rot and the buzz of humming wasps. As many mangos as a person could want were there for the taking, even if many were slightly imperfect. I look at the hard, green knots in the grocery store for \$1.79 each, and I yearn to gather up the largesse littering that yard in Miami.

I had a similar feeling this past week as I visited Apalachicola High School.

We got the announcement over the intercom on Monday: "Teachers, you have until 5 p.m. today to retrieve anything you might want from Apalachicola High School."

What? I had to work until 3 and drive there from Eastpoint. That gave me about an hour-and-a-half to tour the building, determine if there was anything of value and load it into my van unassisted.

I suspected it was a fool's errand. I had previously visited the Carrabelle school site in search of an erstwhile file cabinet.

A couple of months ago, I realized my accumulation of FCAT preparation material was just not to be found. I searched and meditated. Then I remembered a low wooden filing cabinet that had not been transported to the new school. After work, I drove to Carrabelle. The city government had taken over the space, but school property was stored in

the field house and the gym. I held out faint hope my file cabinet might still be found.

The city staff couldn't have been more helpful. I am forever grateful they didn't make me feel like a jerk. The charming lady from the front desk literally crawled over mountains of stored office furniture shining her flashlight into dim and dusty corners.

We were not successful.

I was speechless at what I saw. Bookshelves, chairs, file cabinets and desks piled to the ceilings. Computer keyboards, monitors and towers bunched together in a heap. Evidence that the gym had been compromised by break-ins. It was a depressing sight.

Therefore, I was somewhat prepared for my visit to AHS.

The doors were open that Monday afternoon, and a few vehicles were out front. It was "come one, come all" with no supervision. Computers and furniture littered the cafeteria, but the most sobering sight was the library.

I raced over to the fiction stacks. They were so crammed together I couldn't even squeeze between them. I some current titles and filled two boxes. The books were covered with dust, and I suspect mold and mildew spores.

The next day we were told that AHS would be open the entire week for our rescue operations. I was too demoralized to go back.

I know the after-school program, Project Impact, is poised to take over a portion of the building. I want to believe that what seems like tremendous waste will be recycled and reused rather than discarded and written off.

I can hope.

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RED WHITE AND ROUX
Denise Roux

Be sure to catch where
'local' shrimp are caught

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in response to the letter to the editor that was headlined "In search of local shrimp," which was published in the Feb. 19 edition of the Times. The only thing that was local was the establishment she bought the shrimp from.

I don't know what color the shrimp were that she bought, but if they were pink or a pinkish orange in color, they were what we call in the shrimp industry "pink shrimp."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If they had an ammonia taste, it was the iodiform, which is a natural occurrence found in shrimp mostly caught or produced in Key West waters and unloaded locally here off of boats that fished in those waters and only unloaded every 15 to 30 days.

The only thing local about these shrimp is that they were unloaded here, some off of boats, some off of trucks.

The shrimp that are caught here locally are either white or grayish green in color and were caught that night and unloaded the next morning, or were caught that day

and unloaded that evening, and therefore have no need for any chemical additive that extends the shelf life of the product.

As far as not being able to find an establishment that is known to handle only local caught shrimp, there is one located in the west end of the county. They only deal in locally caught shrimp. In fact, the sign out front states that "our shrimp slept in the bay last night." So when buying local shrimp, make sure they are caught locally.

Sincerely,

Steve Davis

WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?



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Naga Jolokia or the ghost pepper is the world's hottest chili with a rating of more than 1 million Scoville Units.

In search of the hottest chili pepper

The Chili pepper (chilli pepper, chilli, chili, chile) is the fruit of plants from the genus Capsicum. Like tomatoes, chilies are members of the nightshade family, Solanaceae. A chili is actually a berry or small fruit with seeds in the pulp.



LOIS SWOBODA
What's Bugging You?

Chili peppers originated in the Americas; they are now grown around the world because they are widely used as spices or vegetables in cuisine and as medicine.

The Black Habanero, also known as Chocolate Habanero and Habanero Negra, is thought to be the closest relative to the original peppers that grew wild in the South American coastal plains. It is known to gourmets but rarely available, in part because of its slow maturity.

Chili peppers have been a part of the human diet in the Americas since at least 7500 B.C. There is archaeological evidence at sites located in southwestern Ecuador that chili peppers were domesticated more than 6,000 years ago.

Christopher Columbus was one of the first Europeans to encounter chili peppers in the Caribbean. He called them "peppers" because of their similarity in taste, though not in appearance, to black pepper.

Diego Álvarez Chanca, a physician on Columbus' second voyage to the West Indies in 1493, brought the first chili peppers to Spain. He first wrote about their medicinal effects in 1494.

Chili peppers spread rapidly into the Philippines and then to India, China, Korea and Japan aboard the ships of the Spanish and Portuguese merchant fleets, where they were incorporated into the local cuisines.

Somewhere along the way, the chili reached Hungary, where it became the national spice in the form of paprika.

Capsaicin (8-methyl-N-vanillyl-6-nonenamide) is the chemical that gives chili peppers their heat, along with several related chemicals, collectively called capsaicinoids.

Capsaicin is the primary ingredient in pepper spray. Pepper spray will stop a grizzly bear in its tracks.

Capsaicinoids bind with pain receptors in the mouth and throat when eaten, which causes the lining of the mouth to sense heat. The brain responds to the burning sensation by raising the heart rate, increasing perspiration and release

TRUE OR FALSE?

- Hot peppers damage your stomach.
- Hot peppers cure ulcers.
- Hot peppers promote heartburn.
- Hot peppers lower cholesterol.
- Hot peppers cause cancer.
- Hot peppers help control weight.
- Hot peppers help you breathe better.
- Hot peppers can protect your home from termites.
- Hot peppers can reduce pain.



- False. David Y. Graham, M.D., of the Baylor College of Medicine put ground jalapeños through a tube directly into subjects' stomachs and took photos; there was no sign of erosion of the stomach lining or other harm. In fact, Graham said, research suggests hot peppers protect the stomach. His advice: "If it doesn't hurt you, eat them."
- False. Some medical researchers touted hot peppers as a new ulcer "cure" because cultures of *H. pylori*, the bacteria that causes most ulcers, growing in test tubes are killed by capsaicin. Unfortunately, this doesn't work in human stomachs. When people infected with *H. pylori* ate a meal laced with sliced fresh jalapeños, the peppers had no effect on the ulcer-causing bacteria. It appears hot peppers don't cause, cure or aggravate ulcers.
- True. Hot peppers do not cause new cases of heartburn but do worsen existing heartburn, found Sheila Stanley, Ph.D., of the University of Oklahoma. When people who had four or more heartburn attacks a week ate a sausage and egg breakfast spiked with cayenne, the pepper triggered

earlier and more severe heartburn.

4. False. There is no good evidence hot peppers fight cholesterol, but they might help combat heart disease by acting as a mild blood thinner. Capsaicin also fights inflammation, a newly identified villain in heart disease.

5. Probably false. Populations around the world who eat lots of peppers do not have more stomach cancer, so experts do not think it's a worry. In some test-tube and animal tests, capsaicin even had an anti-cancer effect slowing tumor growth.

6. True. Spicy foods, including hot sauce, speed up metabolism, burn extra calories and suppress appetite.

7. True. If you have asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, sinusitis, congestion from a cold or the flu, or other breathing problems, try eating hot peppers and hot sauce. Hot peppers break up phlegm. Red pepper tea is a traditional cure for respiratory ailments.

8. True. Researchers have found that wood treated with capsaicin is avoided by tunneling termites.

9. True. Hot pepper candy made with chilies relieves mouth

of endorphins (chemicals that create a sense of pleasure and well being).

The "heat" of chili peppers is measured in Scoville units (SHU). SHUs actually measure the amount of water in which chili extract must be diluted in order for it to lose its heat.

Bell peppers rank at 0 SHU, New Mexico green chilies at about 1,500 SHU, jalapeños at 3,000-6,000 SHU and habaneros at 300,000 SHU. The record for the hottest chili pepper was assigned by the Guinness Book of Records to the Naga Jolokia or ghost pepper, measuring more than 1 million SHU. By comparison, pure capsaicin measures 16 million SHU.

In 2000, scientists at India's Defense Research Laboratory reported a rating of 855,000 units on the Scoville scale, and in 2004 an

Indian company obtained a rating of 1.04 million units for the ghost pepper. This makes it almost twice as hot as the Red Savina pepper, the former record holder.

Professor Paul Bosland of New Mexico State University's Chile Pepper Institute was skeptical of these findings. He grew his own ghost peppers and found Naga Jolokia grown from seed in southern New Mexico to have a Scoville rating of 1.001 million SHU.

In February 2007, Guinness World Records certified the ghost pepper as the world's hottest chili pepper based on Bosland's research.

The heat produced by the ghost pepper is known to be linked to the climate where they are grown. The hottest peppers are produced in areas where rainfall is abundant.

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power lines,” said the trooper. “We knew there was an ejection, but we weren’t able to go search for a body.”

According to logbooks, a notation was made at 2:46 a.m., 95 minutes after the crash occurred, that Weems Hospital ambulance personnel were unable to get to Davis for a safe rescue.

“What prevented safe rescue was the live power line,” said the trooper. “Until that power truck arrived, there was nothing they could do. Prior to that there was no way we could get to the body, and we tried to do our best in calling it in.”

Roddenberry said that the 2:46 a.m. time notation corresponds to when emergency personnel first located the body. “We saw a boot move,” said the trooper.

Roddenberry said the log indicates a Progress supervisor arrived at 2:55 a.m. and Progress power trucks at 2:58 a.m. shutting the power off within minutes. “We continuously called Progress to speed them up,” he said.

After shutting down the power, Progress technicians had to make sure that no back-up generators at the consolidated school would kick in while they cared for Davis.

The young victim was transported to Weems, Roddenberry said, noting that he was informed at 5:23 a.m. that morning that Davis was stable but not yet awake.

Davis was later transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital’s intensive care unit.

FHP was assisted on scene by the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department, Carrabelle and Apalachicola police departments and the Eastpoint Fire Department.

County commissioners signaled Tuesday that they may take the matter to court. “When do you factor in the human safety factor? It’s time this big company understands we’re not going to take this lying down,” asked Commissioner Cheryl Sanders.

“Maybe we need to sue them,” said Putnal. “We need to be sure we get the same services as everybody else. It seems like we have been singled out to be abandoned.”

Commissioner Pinki Jackel asked County Attorney Michael Shuler what remedies were available to the commission.

“Even though they are a private company, Progress Energy has an obligation to the public trust,” Shuler answered. “It sounds to me like they’ve breached, or come close to breaching, that trust. I will investigate this.”

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Maddox invited the county to send representatives to attend a roundtable discussion among Governance and representatives of Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf and Washington counties to discuss the pro-posed lobbying package.

Governance is also negotiating to represent Wakulla and Gadsden counties.

The commission designated Commissioner Pinki Jackel and County Planner Alan Pierce to attend.

Jackel and Pierce reported on the meeting, held in Port St. Joe on Friday. They said Gulf and Jackson counties committed to the meeting to sign a contract with Governance. They said Governance guarantees no return for money spent on lobbying.

“I recommend we seek a partnership with Governance,” said Jackel. “My recommendation, based on all this information, has been difficult. If we spend \$20,000 and we don’t get a good return, we will look bad, but we may also feel left out if other counties do well in obtaining grants. My assessment of Governance is that they have the staff to keep up with funding as it becomes available and this is a very

fast-paced process. I don’t believe we have the staff to keep up with the stimulus funding.

“I feel comfortable making a recommendation that \$20,000 is a nominal fee for the services they are offering for one year. I think they are banking on success during the first year so they can come back and ask for more money next year,” she said.

Jackel said Apalachicola has already received \$2.5 million in funding for the new senior center based on pro bono efforts of Governance.

“This (lobbying contract) is at the discretion of the commissioners,” said Pierce. “The stimulus package is a once in a lifetime. There’s no way to know where it will go. I don’t know what the rules are. I have no idea if we are even eligible for any of it.”

Pierce said the first wave of stimulus money has been awarded and Franklin County did not receive any of it. He said Gulf County has already been awarded some funding for a health care project and that the stimulus will be distributed based on a population driven formula.

Sixty-eight percent of the money will be awarded

to the 10 most populous counties and cities. “The money is going where the votes are,” said Commissioner Bevin Putnal.

Another 32 percent may be available to counties with populations of less than 200,000.

Jackel said there is a state discretionary fund containing \$400 million in stimulus money, some of which may be available to the county.

Pierce and Jackel said that at Friday’s meeting, Governance representatives said they now plan to represent counties individually as well as formulating a regional package.

“They rethought their strategy and will work with us as counties as well as with the region,” Pierce said. “We can give them a list and they will tell us what’s eligible and help us fill out the applications if we need it. The county staff will have to provide the hard numbers for any grants written.”

Pierce said that Governance will also lobby for lo-

cal funding in Tallahassee and Washington.

“If we’re going to do this, we need to work a priority list up,” said Commissioner Cheryl Sanders. “They need to walk the halls for us with these issues.”

Projects mentioned by commissioners were expanding the jail and building a new Emergency Operations Center.

Jackel said it was important for the commission to make a quick decision on hiring Governance because lobbying for stimulus funding was already underway.

The commission voted unanimously to partner with Governance. “I’m really afraid of it, but I’m not going to stand against the whole board,” said Putnal. “I just don’t think it’s going to do any good. The state is going to grab that money and use it to solve their own problems. I don’t think we’re going to get any of it.”

Pierce said he will begin sending project ideas

to Governance immediately. “By the next board meeting, I’d like to be able to show the commission what I’ve submitted to Governance and what their feedback was,” he said.

The money to pay Governance will come from the county’s professional services account. Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson said the account currently contains \$168,000, earmarked in the budget to pay professional fees to attorneys and other consultants.

“You are gambling with money that has been already been budgeted,” said Pierce.

“Can we call it a calculated risk?” asked Jackel.

According to their website, Governance Services is a minority (woman-owned) consulting firm made up solely of former governmental officials specializing in finding solutions and services for governments and quasi-governmental agencies. Employees include a speaker of the house, mayor, chief of staff, county commission chairman, past president of the Florida League of Cities and former military liaison to the United States Senate.

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charge in Franklin County of grand theft auto, according to officials there.

The incident began at about 2:18 a.m. Sunday after Apalachicola police officer Anthony Croom noticed a 1999 Chevrolet truck matching the description of one recently reported as stolen by Planthaber’s brother-in-law, Alvin Newell, according to authorities.

Croom followed the truck and, together with Sheriff’s Deputy Ginger Creamer, tried to make a traffic stop. But Planthaber sped away, according to news releases from the Apalachicola Police Department and Franklin County Sheriff’s Office.

Croom ended up pursuing Planthaber at speeds of up to 100 miles per hour, he stated in a police report, until reaching WindMark in Gulf County. Once there, he deactivated his lights and siren but continued to follow to help authorities with identification of the suspect’s vehicle. Creamer had deactivated her lights and ceased pursuit at the Franklin/Gulf county border, and the Gulf County Sheriff’s Office and Port St. Joe police soon joined in the chase.

Gulf County Sheriff’s Deputy Ross Yowell heard about the pursuit at about 2:19 a.m., according to Croom’s report, and spike strips were deployed between

20th Street and 16th Street at the Tapper Bridge in Port St. Joe. The vehicle struck the spikes and punctured three tires, but that did not stop the chase, Gulf County Sheriff Joseph Nugent said. Once the vehicle entered Mexico Beach city limits, a Mexico Beach police officer assumed the pursuit, while Yowell followed for support, authorities reported.

Yowell and the Mexico Beach officer continued to pursue the suspect along U.S. 98 into Tyndall Air Force Base, where the chase eventually would end.

“It was actually just past what they refer out here as Silver Flag, near the drone launch runway,” said Mexico Beach Police Lt. Karry Kimbler.

Tyndall Security Forces received a call at about 1:50 a.m. Central Time from the Bay County Sheriff’s Office, which dispatches for Mexico Beach on nights and weekends, alerting them to the chase, according to a Tyndall news release.

“I noticed the Mexico Beach officer in the opposite lane in efforts to show oncoming traffic that we were in pursuit,” Yowell stated in his police report. “I noticed vehicles coming and saw (a) Mexico Beach officer get back in behind the vehicle. As we approached the headlights, I (saw) red and blue lights come on and vehicles crashing going everywhere.”

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— Gulf County Sheriff’s Deputy Ross Yowell



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Apalachicola Police Officer Anthony Croom

The suspect apparently crashed into Tyndall Security Forces vehicles, in the road with their lights off, that “were positioned in a serpentine manner as to allow the suspect vehicle to maneuver through (with the intent to slow or encourage vehicle to stop),” wrote Capt. J. Elaine Hunnicutt, 325th Fighter Wing public affairs, in an e-mail to The News Herald.

According to police, the woman was unconscious but breathing after the crash, and everyone else involved was “fine.”

Mexico Beach and Tyndall Air Force Base officials have launched investigations into the chase.

Mexico Beach Police Chief Brad Hall described the administrative review as a normal procedure after a wreck involving of-

icers. The chief said he did not know if the officers involved did anything wrong during the chase and expected investigators to have the matter wrapped up and on his desk before the end of the week.

“I will have the final say,” Hall said.

The Tyndall Safety Office also is investigating the incident, “as they do in any accident/incident to ensure that proper precautions were taken and to improve methods for similar future situation,” wrote Hunnicutt, adding that Tyndall officials would probably not be charging Planthaber in the case.

The Florida Highway Patrol also is investigating the incident and might have additional charges against Planthaber, officials there said.

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FIRESTARTERS

County a hot spot for specialist training

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Though most residents don't realize it, Franklin County is a kind of open-air training center and laboratory for elite firefighters from across the country and around the world.

Each year, hundreds of fire specialists come to the National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center (PFTC) in Tallahassee to increase their fire management skills. They learn the latest techniques of starting and controlling prescribed burns and train for certification as a burn boss, firing boss, fire effects monitor or other prescribed fire position specialists.

Trainees then are able to provide extra manpower for controlled burn programs in Florida and all across the Southeast, partnering with local fire specialists.

Florida is the ideal site for wildfire and controlled burn training because of its fire-friendly weather 12 months out of the year, and many who come to PFTC visit Franklin County as a part of their training. The



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Juan Caamano, visiting from Spain, will spend a total of three months in the U.S.: two in training and one snowboarding in the Rockies. Here, he assigns tasks to the igniters for the burn. At home, Caamano is a forestry engineer who oversees 200 firefighters and two helicopter crews.

county is convenient to the training center and, with 80 percent publicly owned and largely undeveloped land, it is in constant need of undergrowth maintenance through prescribed burns.

"Right now, many of us have five feet of snow on the ground," said trainee

Jake Akerberg, from Michigan's Upper Peninsula. "We have a limited window of opportunity for training. I can come here and train at the time of year I'm not needed at home."

Trainees such as the local Department of Forestry (DOF) fire specialists are part of the national firefighting community and a somewhat nomadic clan for that reason. Akerberg said he has fought fires in 20 states. Jeff Flick, of Moab, Utah, said he is away from home an average of 100 days a year. The group that just completed training in Tallahassee included firefighters from Idaho, Utah, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon and Granada, Spain.

Because of the long absences from home, most fire specialists are male.

"It's hard enough for kids to be without their father," Akerberg said.

"This is an interagency program," said DOF spokesman Todd Schroeder. "We bring in students from all over the country and even from foreign countries to work with our local firefighters. About a third of the people who live in Florida live in the interface between urban and rural land. That's considerable. We have a unique kind of fuel, too, so that's interesting for them to



Jim Durrwachter, center, and Erik Carlson, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, right, test prototype igniter Pyroshot while FWC fire specialist Joey Taranto of Apalachicola looks on from the truck.

see. They may be called on in the future to come back and fight wildfires in Florida, and we may be called on to visit their state.

"The Florida Division of Forestry is an all-hazard agency. We respond to many kinds of emergencies. Florida is usually called in when there's a major hurricane. We help supply relief and specialize in providing ice.

"I think that after 9-11 and Homeland Security, we really took a step up on the incident scene. We are not directly involved in Homeland Security, but we are using the same system, the Incident Command System. Everything is standardized now from state to state. Everybody knows how things are run," Schroeder said.

Benefits of burning

Another reason fire specialists come here to train is the quality of Florida's controlled burn program, one of the oldest and widely considered the best in the world.

"Here we learn to promote the ecological, sociological and cultural benefits of controlled burns," said trainee Erik Carlson, from Grand Portage, Minn. "People understand that here. We are all amazed about how calm the locals are about controlled burns. It's unique. At home, if there was smoke on the road, the roads would be shut down. Nobody would be driving. Everyone would be calling the sheriff's office, and every volunteer fire department in the area would be at the site. We want to bring the atmosphere you have here back home."

To maintain this sense of well being among residents, the DOF takes great care in preparing for prescribed burns. During the last week, the crew of trainees joined forces with the local DOF team to carry out burns in Gramercy Plantation and in a section of Tate's Hell west of Carrabelle, along Car Part Road. In preparation, trainees visited the sites to assess the fuel load and made detailed notes on weather patterns before and during the burns.

"We scope out the area and pay attention to places where smoke may be an issue," Flick said. "For instance, at Gramercy Plantation there was the school to consider."

Tools of the trade

On arriving at the scene of a planned burn on Car Part Road, Flick, in charge of reporting weather conditions, began taking measurements of wind speed (3 to 6 miles per hour) and direction (Northwesterly) and atmospheric humidity (73 percent).

"With a prescribed burn, we can choose when and where to have a fire," he said. "Hopefully there will be some action today. The weather's not quite right. We're working ahead of this front. Some of this may not burn exactly the way we want it to because there has been so much



Jake Akerberg of Michigan, a trainee visiting from the Controlled Burn Training Center, acted as fire boss during the Car Part Road controlled burn.



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Jeff Flick of Moab, Utah, uses a sling psychrometer to measure relative atmospheric humidity before the controlled burn.

rain. What will decide if we can burn is if the winds can overcome the high humidity."

The team employed a number of tools during the burn, including three fire engines from the Carrabelle DOF office on hand to provide a safety net. Igniters deployed handheld fire pots to dribble burning liquid fuel and create a fire line. The DOF's Leigh Shiver manned a truck pulling a large igniting device called a Terratorch on a trailer.

Jim Durrwachter, director of the Tallahassee training center, brought a prototype tool, the Pyroshot, a modified paintball gun designed to lob "Dragon Balls," tiny incendiary bombs with three-second fuses, into fuel rich forests. The Pyroshot, one of three prototypes in existence, was on loan from the designer, Field Support Services of Atlanta.

Just before the burn, Akerberg, the designated fire boss, called everyone together for a meeting. He diagrammed the burn area on a sandy patch of road and gave the team specifications for the fire: "flame lengths below 12 feet and minimum damage to the overstory."

He said the burn was designed to improve habitat conditions for the rare Red Cockaded Woodpeckers indigenous to the area and warned of potential hazards such as snakes or stepping in a hole.

Juan Caamano, a fire operations supervisor from Granada, Spain, was in charge of ignition and gave his igniters specific last-minute assignments.

Finally, once all assignments were complete, two men with firepots set out across the 75-acre burn area laying lines of flame

behind them. As they made their way to the far side of the tract, leaving a trail of dancing flames in their wake, Durrwachter and Carlson test-fired the Pyroshot further up the road.

In the end, only a portion of the prescribed burn area below a stand of small long-leaf pines actually ignited. Another section, populated by cypress, was simply too wet to burn.

"You can't burn water," Akerberg said jokingly.

The Pyroshot must be tested on another day as well. Part of the mechanism had been damaged, and Durrwachter will have to ask Atlanta to supply him with a replacement part, but everybody seemed happy with the day's operation. Things went smoothly and according to plan, and an evening shower arrived on time to extinguish any lingering sparks that might have "skunked" underground in the roots of a tree.

This week, March 1 to 7, is Prescribed Fire Awareness Week in Florida, its purpose to promote prescribed burning as a safe and effective means to reduce wildfire risk and ensure ecosystem health. Prescribed fire reduces the build-up of dangerous fuels from rapidly growing brush and forest litter, thus reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfires and increasing the measure of protection for human lives and property.

Fire is a reality, especially in a county with far more trees than people, but area residents can rest easy knowing professionals like these careful, talented fire specialists are on the job 365 days a year; supporting and supported by their brother and sister firefighters.

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Coach urges “positive support”

By Christy Thompson
Special to the Times

The Lady Seahawks played at Bay High on Feb. 25 and came up short, real short in a 5-1 loss. I think that we went into this game underestimating the Tornadoes and it got the best of us.

The girls made three crucial errors in the field that cost three runs during the fifth inning. The Seahawks just couldn't hit the ball to an unoccupied spot on the field. We had several hits, but they just seemed to find the gloves of the opponent. We will be better prepared for the Tornadoes when they visit us at home.

The following weekend, the Seahawks played in the Cougar Classic at Godby and matched up twice with Godby, and once with Bellview High. We tried to save our best efforts for the second game against Bellview and this proved effective. The girls played extremely well on both sides of the ball. Everything seemed to go right for us during this game. We had the momentum, motivation, strategies were in motion and working in our favor. It just all came together for the Seahawks and it felt good to see the team completely in the game.

The Bellview game was in our control, but in an instant a terrible, game-threatening call by the umpire changed all of that triumph. Megan Newell was called out while sliding into second base on an obvious error in judgment by the umpire. She was the game-tying run, but misguided direction sent her to the bench. This game was taken from the Seahawks in a 4-3 loss. The players and coaches from Bellview were truly apologetic in this feat against the Seahawks.

Nonetheless, the girls showed what they are capable of and in our hearts and minds, we won that game. The Seahawks played Godby twice during the tourney and it went downhill both times. We just weren't up for the second round with Godby after being beaten by them the day before. The girls were exhausted from the game against Bellview and this was apparent in our actions.

Even though we were unsuccessful over the weekend in claiming victories, it was not a total loss. The team hit better and played the best game thus far this season. The Seahawks faced Class 4A and 5A schools in this tournament. We are a junior varsity team and I think that this fact is forgotten by most spectators and even the girls at times. These girls are talented no doubt, but just give them a couple of years together and the true talent will have grown in each of them. This tournament was positive for our team no matter how you analyze the scores.

I hope that I can keep the team focused throughout the season to win the district title. I hope our spectators stop and think before they speak negative words. We need positive attitudes and support from start to finish. I'd like to challenge those around this team for their positive support. It takes more than criticism to raise a champion. Now jump on board and show these girls what positive words followed by positive actions can create.

Christy Thompson is the coach of the Franklin County High School Lady Seahawks softball team.

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Seahawks' senior Zan Simmons executes a pass during action in Saturday's regional final.

managed to stay within striking distance, heading into intermission at 27-15.

"We were trying to force it on the offensive end," Drake said. "Sometimes we got a little caught up with the energy, but overall we did a pretty good job."

The Hornets opened the second half on a 10-4 run that enabled them to creep to 31-25, as close as they had been since early in the second quarter. The Seahawks answered and padded the margin to 35-27 by the end of three quarters.

Defense ensured the win as the final quarter began.

The Seahawks did not allow a Cottondale field goal until 2:32 was left in the game and the

score was 45-29 by then, thanks to a 10-2 Seahawk spurt.

"I thought our guys were getting tired at the end, we really only play six guys," Drake said. "I thought we were a little winded, but we kept trying to force it."

Feb. 28 regional finals vs. Cottontdale
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SEAHAWKS: Deshaun Winfield 6/11 2s, 0/1 3s, 12 pts.; Zan Simmons 3/1 2s, 4/5 FTs, 10 pts.; Carlos Morris 2/12 2s, 1/2 3s, 4/6 FTs, 11 pts.; Jeremy James 2/2 2s, 0/1 3s, 4 pts.; Austin O'Neal 4/7 2s, 0/1 FTs, 0/2 3s, 8 pts.; Aron Prince 2/2 2s, 1/2 3s, 0/5 FTs, 4 pts.

Totals: 19/45 2s, 1/5 3s, 8/16 FTs
Rebounds: Winfield 14, Morris, Simmons 11, Prince 4, O'Neal, James 3
Assists: Winfield 5, Simmons, O'Neal 3, Prince
Steals: Winfield 3, Simmons, O'Neal 2
Blocks: Morris, Winfield 2
3-point goals: Morris

COTTONDALE: Dominique Webb, 6 pts., Marcus Humose 7 pts., Jacob Herring 11 pts., Terry Benbow 6 pts., Drew Bellamy 7 pts., Cody Saye 2 pts. **Totals:** 12 2s, 2 3s, 9/15 FTs, 39 pts.
3-point goals: Humose, Herring
Total fouls: Cottontdale 18, Franklin County 15. **Fouled out:** Cottontdale (Herring). **Technical fouls:** Cottontdale (Coach Obert).

'We can't let them intimidate us'

David Adlerstein
The Times City Editor

Seahawks coach Fred Drake plans to pull out of his tool chest some new machinery Thursday morning when his regional champion varsity boys basketball team (26-5) takes on state powerhouse Jacksonville Arlington Country Day in the state semifinals.

"Basically I got to make them frustrated and make them flustered and throw everything at them - gimmick defenses, presses, box-and-one, half court traps," said Drake. "We can't hold back."

The Franklin County High School entourage planned to leave 8 a.m. yesterday by charter bus, helped with donations from Apalachicola fans. After arrival in Lakeland, and after checking in to an area motel, the team will conduct a light practice at an area high school.

"We'll walk through our game plan. We're going to simulate the game," said Drake, who is dressing 15 players for the game.

Ever since Saturday night's win, he's been busy reviewing four game tapes of Arlington Country Day that he had FedExed to him from a coaching friend at Jacksonville Englewood.

The 23-7 team boasts of two Div. 1 signees, both headed for Kansas State, as the private school guns for a fifth state basketball championship.

Anchoring the team is 6' 8" post player Wally Judge, and 6' 4" shooting guard Rodney McGruder, both from Washington, D.C. "This coach (Rex Morgan) has some type of connection where he gets at least two students who transfer," said Drake.

McGruder "is who we got to stop. We've got to keep them off the boards and stop McGruder from scoring," said Drake. "We're going to start off in the box-and-one on him."

Drake said junior guard Aron Prince is nursing a jammed thumb, but should be fine for the game.

"We can't be satisfied, even though we accomplished all our team goals we set in the summer," said Drake. "Even though they're four time state champs. Anything can happen."

"We just have to be better this hour and half," he said. "We just got to be the better team and anything can happen."

Carrabelle to host canoe, kayak races

In conjunction with Carrabelle's Riverfront Festival, Expedition in Hell will be hosting kayak and canoe races at noon on April 25 and April 26. These races are open to teens and older; underage individuals must have signed waiver by parent or guardian.

The required race entry fee is \$25, and entrants must sign up no later than April 18. Forgotten Coast Paddling Club members will receive a discount.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third places. There will be two races, one to

Dog Island and the other a circumnavigation of Timber Island. Race courses subject to change.

For info, call Expeditions in Hell 697-2434 or send email to info@expeditionsinhell.com.

"Old-timers game" set for March 14

The basketball game, for players age 35 and over, that was originally scheduled for Feb. 28 was cancelled due to the Franklin County Seahawks' regional final game in Eastpoint against Cottontdale.

The game has been rescheduled for Saturday,

March 14 in the former Apalachicola High School gymnasium.

Organizer Granville Croom said he is looking forward to seeing a lot of support at the game. Contact him at 653-2010 or 653-7643 for more information.

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Chili cooks, are you ready?

Record field to stir at island's chili cook-off

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

There won't be any beans in their chili, but there will be lots of human beings on St. George Island this weekend, as a record number of entrants will take part in Saturday's Gulf Coast Regional at the St. George Island Charity Chili Cook-off.

The 27th annual event will pit at least 71 teams, in 62 different, brightly decorated booths, as they vie for a berth in the International Chili Society's (ICS) World's Championship Chili Cookoff in October.

"Last year I made a joke we can get 75 if we tried, and they said go for it," said Grayson Shepard, who oversees the island's chili competition. "We've always limited it to 50, and kept it inside the parking lot here.

"But last year we turned away about 10 different groups of people," he said, adding that every team turned down means fewer people who would otherwise come, spend money and have a good time.

"We were looking at what we were potentially losing," he said. "The bigger we make it, the bigger deal it's going to be."

Shepard said he's heard some good-humored grousing from veteran chili



judge Lee Edmiston, who is coordinating the work of about 50 volunteer chili judges, using the ICS's scoring rules. The larger field this year "makes it more difficult to judge," said Shepard.

With all proceeds going to fund the needs of the St. George Island volunteer fire department and first responders, Shepard made a push this year to spread word that the department's ladder truck was instrumental in quenching a devastating fire at a downtown Apalachicola bank last November.

"I knew it was going to be tough, with the way the economy is," he said.

In a letter to last year's participants, Shepard provided a link to Howard Reeder's video of the fire, complete with images of the ladder truck helping prevent a widespread conflagration downtown such as what leveled the city in 1900.

"The ladder truck was purchased three years ago with proceeds raised at the Chili Cookoff," he wrote to last year's field. "Without you guys, there would be no cook-off. In a roundabout way, you all helped save Apalachicola. That's your fire truck. Our people are responsible for that truck being there."

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Listed below are the list of participants for the Gulf Coast Regional competition, Saturday, March 7 at the 27th annual St. George Island Chili Cookoff.

Cooks	Team Name	City/State
1. Rex Humphries and Susan Gary	Owl Café	Apalachicola
2. Douglas Essing	Me, Myself & I	Brandon
3. Steve King	Funky Oyster Shack	Carrabelle
4. George Pruitt	Eastpoint Fire Dept Chili Team	Eastpoint
5. Steve Merrill	Blow & Go	Lynn Haven
6. Paul Nunn	Nunn Better Chili	Ft Pierce
7. Tim Nunn	Nunn Better Chili Two	MacClenny
8. Jonathan Joseph	Atlantic Coast Chili Co.	Titusville
9. Ken Burke	Dead Serious	Tampa
10. Bruce Gaylor	Dead Serious	Tampa
11. Doug Smith	Dead Serious	Clearwater
12. Larry Meitensieger	Dead Serious	Clearwater
13. Doug Roy	K.A.T.N. Chili	Clearwater
14. George Nelson		Crawfordville
15. Bobby Tyre	Tallahassee Parrotheads	Crawfordville
16. Richard Saucer	Lighthouse Chili	St. George Island
17. John Alexander	Emerald Coast Chili	Gulf Breeze
18. Chris Moore and Ted Bergquist		
19. Sandy Walker	The 19th Bowl	Tallahassee
20. Larry Hines	G.R.I.T.'s Chili	Tallahassee
21. Ron Humphries and Dana Kelly	Big Belly Chili	Tallahassee
22. Rick Peckham	Mad Cow Chili	Tallahassee
23. Chuck Stubbs	Peckerhead Chili	Tallahassee
24. Bill Avery	Blue Water Cooking Company	Tallahassee
25. Kim Poole and Dana Jones	Team Waterdog	Tallahassee
26. Chuck Markley	Hot Lips Chili	Tallahassee
27. Lee Harrison	White Dog Chili	Tallahassee
28. John Homan	White Dog Chili	Tallahassee
29. Matt Carson	Rajin Cajun	Tallahassee
30. Corey Clark	Decent Chili	Tallahassee
31. Chad West	Yellow Creek Swamp Sauce	Quincy
32. Mike Vowell	Yellow Creek Swamp Sauce	Quincy
33. Tracy Connors and Jim Long	Whistle Stop Chili	Panacea
34. Jim Fulton	Red Hot Chili Peppers	Panama City
35. John Kowals	Red Hots	Panama City
36. Holly Melzer	Beach Bums	Panama City Beach
37. Wanda Gangswich	Swamp Gas Chili	Panama City Beach
38. Douglas Essing	Three Sheets to the Wind	Panama City Beach

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Highlighting the cook-off's returnees are 2001 and 2004 winner Diane Melancon, of Double D Chili, out of Gonzales, LA; 2005 winner Ron Judson, of Great American Chili Co. Too, out of Red Bluff, CA; 2006 winner Bruce Gaylor, of Dead Serious Chili #3, of Tampa; 2007 winner Doug Smith, of Dead Serious Chili, out of Clearwater; and last year's champ, Paul Nunn, of Nunn Better Chili, out of Ft. Pierce.

The cook-off has expanded mightily since it started 27 years ago and, a few years following

that, decided to draw more participants by becoming official within chili circles.

"We joined the ICS as a way to get chili cooks to come," said Shepard. "And that worked out and this became part of the steppingstone for serious cooks to go on to the national championship.

In addition to a ticket to the world championship, competitors compete for a \$500 prize for first place, a \$300 check for second place, and a \$200 prize for third place. Plaques are also awarded to the best booth, best

showmanship and high yield, which means most money raised from \$1 cup sales that benefit the fire department.

The weekend gets underway Thursday morning with a golf tournament at St. James Bay Golf Course, with tee time at 11 a.m. Golfers are welcome to show up on day of tourney; entry fee is \$100 per golfer.

Friday's activities begin with an art preview from 5 to 7 p.m. in the civic hall of the Jay Abbott fire house on East Pine Street. Admission is a \$5 preview

donation.

On Saturday, the 5K Red Pepper Run gets underway at 8 a.m., under the direction of Susan Bassett.

Booth set-up begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 9:30 a.m. start of the amateur crock pot chili competition. These are chilies prepared at home, minimum one gallon, with no rules for competition. There is a \$5 entry fee, and all proceeds go to the charity cook-off.

The formal competition begins at 10 a.m. with chopping, slicing, marinating, and the like, with stoves lit officially at 11 a.m. Rules in effect

include no beans, pasta, etc. chili prepared on site from scratch, no prepackaged chili mixes, meat may be cut, sliced or ground in advance, but not treated or cooked except during competition.

The charity auction, conducted by Wade Clark and Harry Arnold, begins at 11 a.m. followed by booth and showmanship judging beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Ticia Lipscomb, the cookoff's treasurer, said the list of items to be auctioned off include a 2002 Ford Explorer "in excellent condition, with all the records from the

day it was bought."

Also being auctioned are a 1987 23' Proline fishing boat, a 22' sailboat, and a 17' aluminum canoe, as well over a hundred items ranging from unique art to gift certificates to vacation stays and more.

The Miss Chili Pepper and Mister Hot Sauce judging is between noon and 1:30 p.m., with chili judging at 2 p.m.

The "King Cotton Blues Band" will start playing at around 3 p.m., once the auction stops.

For more info on the chili cook-off, go to <http://www.stgeorgeislandchili.com> or call 927-3473.

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40. Larry Weltikol		Palm Coast
41. Jan Weltikol		Palm Coast
42. Rus Pishnery	Holly Tamales	Wewahitchka
43. Lynn Ellis	Bubba and Cha Cha's Chili	Acworth, GA
44. Mark Tolar	Atlanta Parrotheads	Atlanta, GA
45. Pete Zimheld and Jim Lambert	Team OAF	Atlanta, GA
46. Payton Nesmith	Chili Chokers	Boston GA
47. Steven Nelson	D & D Chili	Canton, GA
48. Lane Blair	Fatty Blair's Bowl of Red	Douglasville, GA
49. Gary Glass	Racing Good Chili	Fayetteville, GA
50. Don Simmons	4-Amigos	Hahira, GA
51. John Blackwell	Red Tail Chili	Kennesaw, GA
52. Julia Spires	Laughing Pepper 2	Lawrenceville, GA
53. David Dittmar	Laughing Pepper 1	Lawrenceville, GA
54. Chuck Reeve	Bus from Heaven, Chili from Hell	Lawrenceville, GA
55. Sabrina Reeve	Bus from Heaven, Chili from Hell	Lawrenceville, GA
56. Glenn Chandler	Outlaw Chili	Lawrenceville, GA
57. Connie Porter	Outlaw Chili II	Lawrenceville, GA
58. Jerry Harrell	Bulls Dozers	Macon, GA
59. Rocky Mills	Big Shots Chili	Macon, GA
60. Calvin Nolan	Tabasco Jacks	Valdosta, GA
61. Jim Fielding	Lowndes County Chili Steamers	Valdosta, GA
62. Gary Dorris	Team Toilet Bowl	Valdosta, GA
63. Ed Branch	Team Toilet Bowl	Valdosta, GA
64. Diane Melancon	Double D Chili	Gonzales, LA
65. Norman Melancon	Double D Chili	Gonzales, LA
66. Ron Judson	Great American Chili Co. Too	Red Bluff, CA
67. Rocky Rockwell	Buffalo Breath Chili	Rochester, NY
68. J.G. Carver	The Spice Boys	Hoover, AL
69. Charlie	Chile Charlie	Livonia, MI
70. Pete Skwiers	Haunted Chili	Livonia, MI

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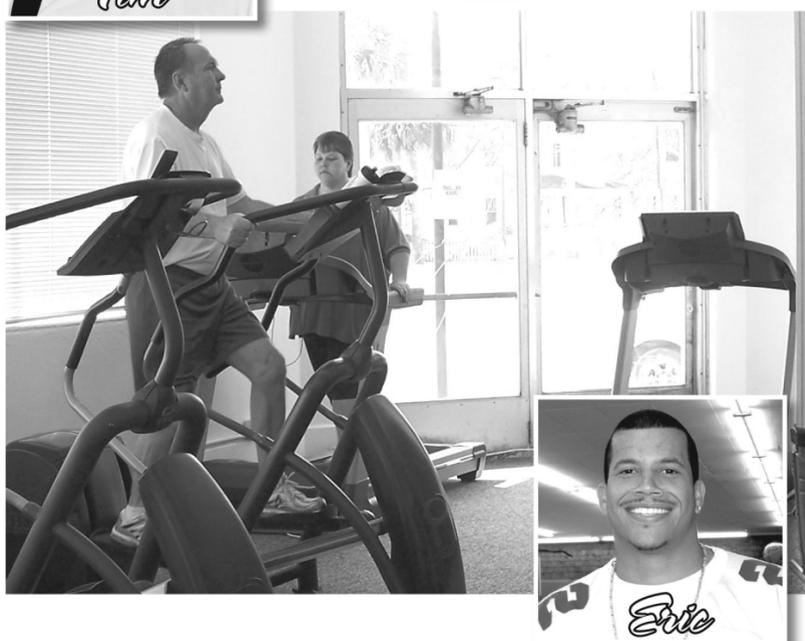
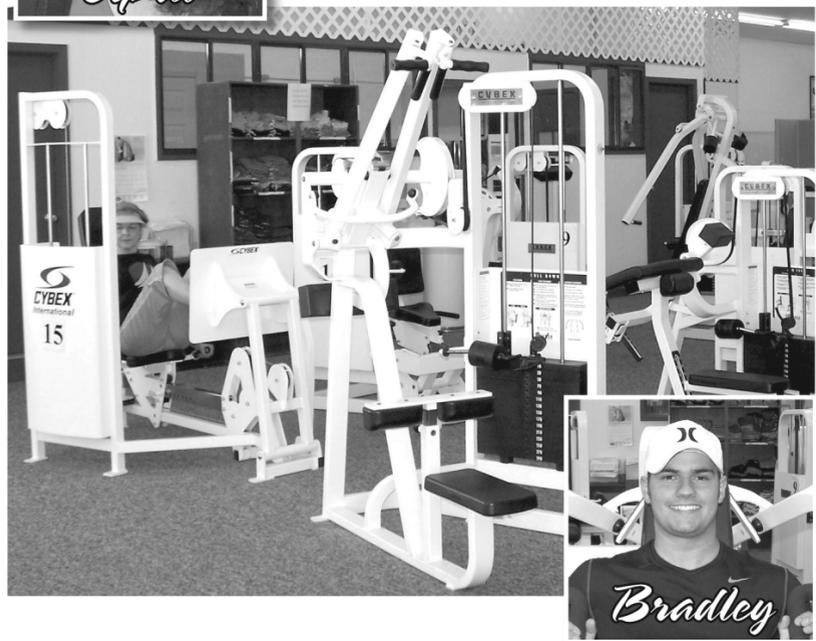
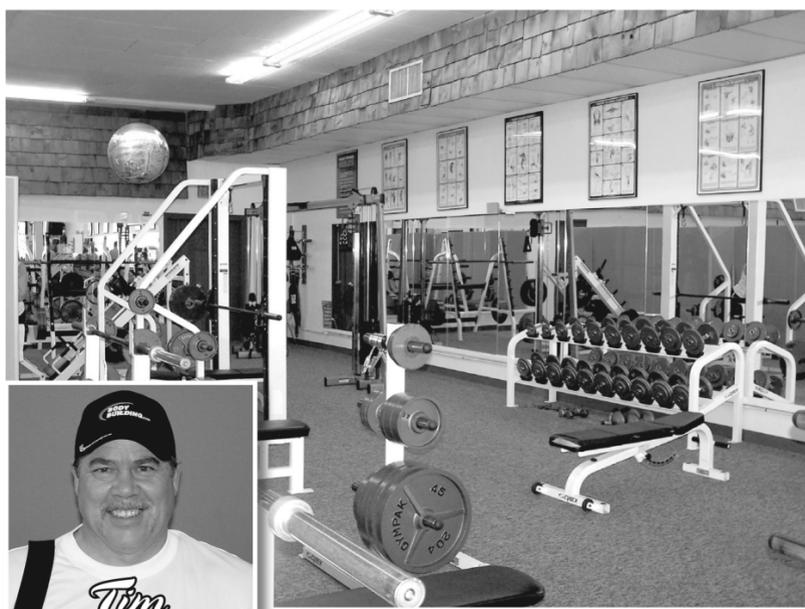
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Birthdays

Brianna Standiford turns 5



Brianna Theresa Standiford celebrated her 5th birthday on Feb. 18, 2009.

She is the daughter of Brian and Christol Standiford of Marianna. Maternal grandparents are Chris and Teresa Howard of Eastpoint. Paternal grandparents are Wayne and Sharon Arnett of Marianna and the late Theresa Standiford.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mary Jo and Buford Jones, and the late W.T. and Irene Moses of Eastpoint.



Tristan Howard turns 2

Tristan Reid Howard celebrated his second birthday on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009.

He is the son of Reid and Kady Howard of Eastpoint.

Maternal grandparents are Tony and Lucy Tindell of Destin. Paternal grandparents are Chris and Teresa Howard of Eastpoint.

Maternal great-grandparents are Harry Papadopoulos and Granny Tia, and the late Curley and Jeanie Tindell of Carrabelle. Paternal great-grandparents are Mary Jo and Buford Jones, and the late W.T. and Irene Moses of Eastpoint.

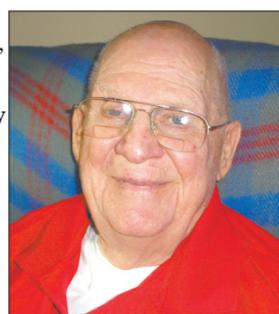
Happy 90th birthday, Mr. Bud Flowers!

Gewin Flowers, Mr. "Bud," was born March 8, 1919, in Birmingham, Ala. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech University and the University of Georgia and worked for the Army Corps of Engineers for 25 years.

He married Hope Porcher in 1946. She went to be with the Lord in 2002.

They had three daughters, April of California, Holly of Apalachicola and Mayre of Montana; and one son, Philip, of Alabama. Mr. Bud is blessed with eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren!

If you would like to send him a card to wish him a happy birthday, you can mail it to 14 Adams St., Apalachicola, FL 32320.



Ta'Shawn and Robyn Jones celebrate birthdays

Ta'Shawn Jones will celebrate his fourth birthday on Monday, March 9, 2009, and his sister, Robyn Jones, will celebrate her first birthday on Sunday, March 15, 2009.

They are the children of Julie Jones and Marcus Howard.

Grandparents are Patricia Jones, Catherine Nelson, the late Pearl Mae Rochelle, Marie Rochelle, Gwendolyn Howard and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.



Christopher Russell turns 2

Christopher Lee Russell Jr. marked his second birthday on Sunday, March 1.

He is the son of Chris and April Russell of Eastpoint.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Becky Banks, and paternal grandparents are Carlos and Christine Russell, all of Eastpoint.

His great-grandfather is Bill Banks, also from Eastpoint.

Christopher celebrated his birthday on Saturday, Feb. 28, with a party at his home on Ridge Road in Eastpoint.



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Dakota Shiver turns 4

Dakota Allen Shiver turned 4 on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009.

He is the son of Allen and Brittney Shiver and has one brother, Austin.

Grandparents are Kelly and Louise Shiver, and great-grandparents are Charles and Mary Lou King, Alme Shiver and the late Buddy Shiver, and the late Otis Russell.

Great-great-grandmother is Blanch Caldwell.

My sweet grandson, your Daddy, Allen Shiver, was my first grandson, and you were my first great-grandson. I love you both and am very proud of you both. Happy birthday, my love, and God bless.

Granny Mary Lou King

Weddings and ENGAGEMENTS

Herman Lee, Consuila Harris to marry

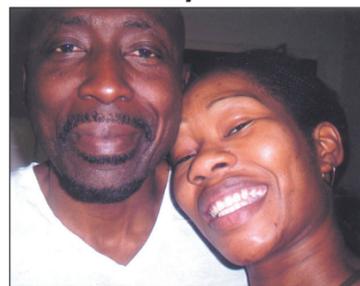
Herman Lee and Consuila Harris will join their lives to become one on Saturday, March 7, 2009.

The wedding will take place at 3 p.m. at St. Paul AME Church in Apalachicola.

Mr. Lee is the son of the late Mr. Clyde Ray and Mrs. Ida Mae Lee. Miss Harris is the daughter of the late Mrs. Eddie Mae Harris.

All family and friends are invited. A reception will follow at the Apalachicola Community Center at Battery Park.

The couple is registered at JC Penney.



Latesha Hubbard, Carlon Price to wed

Latesha Hubbard and Carlon Price are pleased to announce their forthcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Susan B. Wright and the spiritual daughter of Pastors L.D. and Shelia Martin. The bride-elect, a 1993 graduate of Apalachicola High School, is employed at the Bay County Sheriff's Office.

Her fiancé is the son of Peggy Price. He is a 1990 graduate of Miami Jackson High School and is employed as a police officer with the Panama City Police Department.

Both are members of Love and Worship Center Church, where the general overseer is Apostle Shirley White.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Love and Worship Center Church with reception to follow. Everyone is invited to attend.



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If dressing us up like chicks wasn't bad enough, she took us to the beach and posed us in all sorts of humiliating poses.

We have sand in places no Peep should have sand.

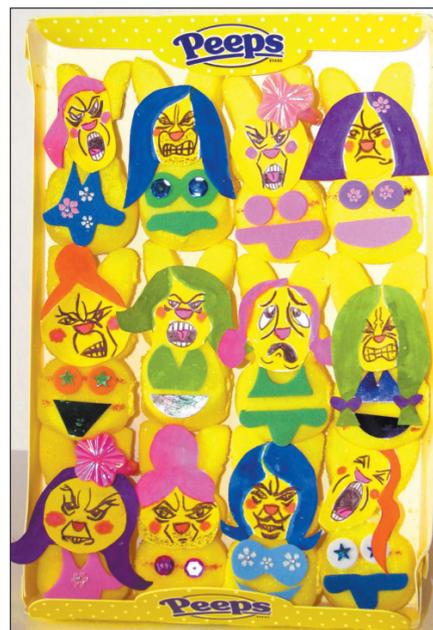
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We don't know what passes for news these days, but if humiliating Peeps is your game, you've messed with the wrong marshmallows.



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Lanark NEWS

Like I said, the lasagna dinner was a hit. However, after I had finished, I went to the coat rack to get my cigarettes and lighter for my after-dinner smoke outside. I went back in and went to put my lighter back in my coat pocket. The hanger was empty. I figured it was taken by mistake, but it has been over a week. So maybe it was a practical joke, and if so, I am not amused. The coat was a Christmas present with my name on it, and I want it back.



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

Hope you also can join us at the welcoming reception March 13 at Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 here in the village. Fun starts at 6 p.m. or when you walk in the door.

There will be tours of the old camp, which is Lanark Village, and other points of interest. The dinner/dance will be held in the old high school cafeteria. Hope you have a fun filled learning weekend.

We had a nice gathering for The Stations of the Cross and the Meatless Soup and Sandwich dinner last Friday. Father Joseph has decided to hold this each Friday during Lent. The stations will begin a 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 2653 Highway 98, Lanark Village, or call 697-3669 for further information. We hope you will join us.

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.

On March 7, the members of The Lanark Golf Club will serve a pancake breakfast at Chillas Hall from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Come on over and enjoy. The breakfast is being held this Saturday because next Saturday, March 14, the members of Curfew Lodge will have their breakfast right before the big parade! Serving starts at 7 a.m. See ya there!

Free tax help available

AARP Tax-Aide has been serving taxpayers in Franklin County at the Carrabelle Branch of the Franklin County Library since Feb. 3.

This free service will continue to be available from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through April 14. Volunteers 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 IRS and AARP.

For more information, contact Darrel Acker at 349-9593 or dnacker36@bright.net.

WHEN YOU COME FOR A TAX CONSULTATION, PLEASE BRING:

- A valid picture identification 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; sales and original purchase information from any assets sold; 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 '08
- 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

Volunteers needed for Carrabelle clean-up

Volunteers are being sought for the Carrabelle Watershed Clean-up to be held from 8 a.m. to noon. March 21.

Volunteers are asked to meet between 8 and 8:30 a.m. at Gully Branch landing in Tate's Hell State Forest or the Pavilion on Marine Street in Carrabelle.

Volunteers should wear sunscreen; protective clothing, such as hats, lightweight long pants and long sleeve shirts; and work shoes that protect your feet from sharp objects and can get wet and muddy.

Volunteers will be provided insect repellent, drinking water, trash bags and protective gloves for picking up debris.

Sponsors are American Rivers, Franklin County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling - Keep Franklin County Beautiful, City of Carrabelle, Carrabelle CARES and Friends of the Carrabelle Waterfront.

For information and to sign up, call 697-2141 or e-mail carrabellewfp@fairpoint.net.

Big Bend Hospice recognizes area pharmacists

During the month of February, Big Bend Hospice has been delivering home baked cookies to local pharmacists to thank them for the important role they play in meeting the needs of hospice patients. Hospice volunteers baked cookies and packaged them along with a note of thanks to let pharmacists know how much they are appreciated.

When Big Bend Hospice has an after-hours admission or a family needs a stronger medication for pain management, local pharmacists are the ones who stay open late or make special arrangements for patients so they do not go without needed drugs.

"Having a relationship with the community pharmacists makes our job so much easier," said team manager Regina Compton. "They know the families and understand

the importance of making sure medications are available as needed."

Team member and Community Outreach Coordinator Pam Raker Allbritton delivered the cookies and was met with smiles and surprise. "It's great to give back to the people who give to us, a great way to say thank you," said Allbritton, who also helped organize the cookie delivery.

Big Bend Hospice serves Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties providing compassionate care to people with a life-limiting illness, comfort to their families and emotional support to anyone who has lost a loved one.

The Big Bend Hospice's Franklin County office is at 207 S.E. Ave. B, Carrabelle. Call 697-3231 to find out more about care and services.

Chosen Generation hosts Youth Rally

At 6:30 p.m. March 20, Love Center's Chosen Generation will present its annual Spring Break Forward March "Armed Forces Youth Rally."

Expect hundreds of youth from around the region. Land, air or sea, God's got you covered! Friends, food and fun in the Son.

Any youth group or individuals wishing to participate should contact us at myspace.com/lchozengeneration or e-mail lchozen@yahoo.com.

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Sunday Bible School - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Live Worship - 11:00 AM

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To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say.

But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.

I'm writing this from Heaven. Here I dwell with God above.

Here, there are no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love.

Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight.

Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night.

That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through.

God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you."

It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.

As far as your dearest family, they'll be here later on.

I need you here badly, you're part of my plan.

There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man.

God gave me a list of things, which



Katherine Robinson

he wished for me to do.

And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.

And when you lie in bed at night the day's chores put to flight.

God and I are closest to you...in the middle of the night.

When you think of my life on earth

and all those loving years.

Because you are only human, they're bound to bring you tears.

But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.

Remember there would be no flowers unless there was rain.

I wish I could tell you, all that God has planned.

If I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.

But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is over:

I'm closer to you now than I was before.

There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;

But together we can do it by taking one day at a time.

Mother Katherine Robinson
March 9, 1930 - Dec. 2, 2008
Happy 1st Heavenly Birthday

Love you,
Patricia, Kathy
and the Family

In Memory

Clifford Earl Carroll Sr.

Nov. 19, 1939 - Jan. 16, 2009

To the friends and family of Clifford, we would like to thank you for the cards, phone calls, flowers, food and monetary gifts. And the ladies that served before during, and after his services. Clifford loved life and fought so hard to live. He fought harder than most people with his condition. I have seen him wake so sick he couldn't hold his head up, but after a while, he would get in his wheelchair and sit under the cedar tree in the front yard by 98 and watch the traffic go by.

To those of you who pulled over and talked with him or waved as you went by, thank you, for this was his way of keeping in touch with the world. To the nephews, thank you for serving as his pallbearers; he would have been proud to know you did that for him. He loved all of you. Family meant so much to him.

Karen Brannon and Steve Boatwright, your singing was perfect, thank you. To Bro. Bobby and Bro. Monroe, your eulogy could not have been better. You knew him better than anyone else. Thank you for your phone calls and visits to him. If you missed a day, he was wondering what was wrong.

I would like to personally let Kelley's Funeral Home know how much I appreciate the professional and caring service they gave our family.

From the heart of
Evelyn Carroll and Family

Obituary

Thomas Gaskill

Thomas "Tommy" Allen Gaskill, 48, of Apalachicola, passed away Feb. 26, 2009, in Panama City.

He had lived in the area for 30 years, coming from Tennessee. He was a member of the Eastpoint Church of God.

He is survived by one son, Jason Gaskill (Tasha) of Eastpoint; his former wife, Kathy Raffield, of Apalachicola; his companion, Mary Summers, of Apalachicola; two brothers; two sisters; and a grandchild, Lillie Grace Gaskill.

Services were held Sunday, March 1, at the Eastpoint Church of God with burial in Eastpoint Cemetery. Harvey-Young Funeral Home, Crawfordville, handled arrangements.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis

Carrabelle United Methodist Church
Worship Services 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
"Celebrate Recovery" Mondays 7-9 p.m.
Healing service first Friday of each month
102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672
Pastor: Julie Stephens

Eastpoint United Methodist Church
Worship Service 10:00 a.m. every Sunday
Prayer 9:15 a.m. Waffles & Wisdom 11:15 a.m.
Healing Service every first Fridays of the Month at 6:30 p.m.
317 Patton Dr. (corner of David St.) - 670-8825
Pastor: Rev. Beth White

St. George Island United Methodist Church
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10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
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Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis

Area BRIEFS

Gulf Council seeks panel applicants

The Gulf Council is recruiting applicants for its Advisory Panels, Scientific and Statistical Committees, Stock Assessment Panels (SAPs) and Socioeconomic Panel.

The two-year appointments will be made during the April 14-17 council meeting in New Orleans.

Membership provides upi an opportunity to become more involved in the decision-making process. Submit a letter of interest to the council office indicating the committee and/or panel of interest. Please include a current résumé or description of qualifications. You may apply to more than one panel or committee. However, appointments to APs are limited to a maximum of two standing APs.

Letters should be mailed to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607; faxed to 813-348-1711; or e-mailed to phyllis.miranda@gulfcouncil.org by March 16.

Positions are unpaid. Depending upon the level of activity for a given fishery management plan, each panel or committee meets from zero to four times per year except for the standing SSC, which meets four or more times per year.

For more information, call 888-833-1844.

FSU to present lecture on turtle survival

The Florida State University Coastal and Marine Lab will present a free lecture on "Sea Turtles: A Race for Survival" from 7-9 p.m. March 12 at the marine lab auditorium.

Speaker Rudloe will provide an overview of the biology of sea turtles, glob-

ally and in Florida, and look at the conservation threats faced by these endangered species as well as hopeful signs of recovery.

Rudloe did her doctoral work at FSU. As a staff member at Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory in Panacea, she has published research on sea turtles, horseshoe crabs, electric rays and other species. She is the author of two books plus articles on natural history in National Geographic, Smithsonian Magazine and other national magazines.

Find more at www.marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach or 697-4095.

FWC officers conduct oyster detail

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers conducted an oyster detail last week in Apalachicola Bay.

Lieutenants Charlie Wood and Scott Pearce and Officers Percy Cook, Steven Cook, Travis Huckeba, Don Walker, Chasen Yarbrough, John Allen and Chris Jones and Reserve Officer Pat Mahoney conducted the detail, which centered on untagged bags of oysters, size tolerance for oysters, license requirements, vessel hull identification numbers and vessel safety equipment.

The officers boarded 42 vessels and inspected 114 harvesters. Four resource citations were issued for license violations and possession of untagged bags of oysters. Four uniform boating citations were issued for hull identification number violations, expired vessel registration and insufficient vessel safety equipment. Twenty-four written warnings were issued for violations pertaining to vessel safety equipment and vessel registration issues.

Fireman Putnal honored by Red Cross



JANA AND ERIC PUTNAL

Eric Putnal, fireman with the Venice Fire Department, was one of six 2009 Hero Award recipients recognized for acts of bravery and everyday generosity beyond the call of duty.

Putnal, a 1992 graduate of Carrabelle High School, garnered glowing praise from his boss, who said "the decision to nominate him was easy."

A good role model, Putnal was chosen for his intelligence and ability to deal compassionately with people devastated by trauma and disaster, said Venice Fire Chief John Reed.

"Eric is very well respected," Reed said. "It made it an easy choice."

"Often, victims are locked in

their homes and you have to knock down their doors. Eric goes to great lengths to do as little damage as possible."

The award was given by the American Red Cross chapter, which covers Sarasota and DeSoto counties. Putnal, son of Buz and Genevieve Putnal, of Carrabelle, was accompanied at the ceremony by his wife, Jana Ritch Putnal.

Others receiving awards include Erik Bass with the Sarasota Police Department; Col. John Saputo, president of Anheuser-Busch Gold Coast Eagle Distributing; Andy Cratty, who won the Good Samaritan award; and The Dart Foundation, which won the Philanthropy Award.

Sheriff's REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests are made by the following 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. 23: Richard Murray, 54, Carrabelle violation of probation (FCSO); Diane H. Davis, 42, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked (APD)

Feb. 24: Randy D. Grimes, 52, Bristol, violation of probation (FCSO)

Feb. 25: Richard M. Tucker, 41, Lake Park, GA, failure to appear (FCSO); Alysa M. Richards, 20, Lanark Village, aggravated battery with a

deadly weapon and violation of probation (FCSO)

Feb. 26: Roger D. McDaniel, 42, Tallahassee, violation of probation (FCSO)

Feb. 27: Xaviera M. Rutherford, 27, Carrabelle, disorderly intoxication (CPD); Jerome D. Russ, 30, Apalachicola, shooting into occupied dwelling and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (FCSO); Desiree F. Martina, 28, Apalachicola, retail theft (FCSO)

Feb. 28: Derrick E. Kennedy, 36, Carrabelle, driving while license suspended or revoked (FCSO); Talmage D. Turner, 33, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO); Kenneth R. Craddock, 30, Dothan, AL, no valid driver's license, DUI and refusal to submit to breath test (FCSO); Glenda M. Ferrell, 33, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)

March 1: Tina Kilgore, 33, Carrabelle, failure to appear (FCSO); William H. Hoffmire, 47, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)

Carrabelle to honor World War II veterans

Carrabelle will pay tribute to America's veterans this month when the Camp Gordon Johnston Association hosts its annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days on March 13-15.

The event is a reunion of veterans who trained for World War II at Camp Gordon Johnston, a training base so large it included St. James Island (excluding Carrabelle), Dog Island and St. George Island.

Since the reunion's inception in 1996, the three-day event has evolved into a commemoration of all military veterans, not just those who trained at the camp during World War II.

Events include a social mixer, a parade and an evening dinner dance, military exhibits, re-enactments and tours of the former Camp Gordon Johnston Base camp.

The museum is located in the Carrabelle City Complex on Gray Avenue in Carrabelle. For info, call 697-8575.

Troopers to conduct vehicle inspections

Members in Troop H, Quincy district, of the Florida Highway Patrol plan to conduct driver license/vehicle inspection checkpoints during daylight hours at the following locations in Franklin County:

- Friday, March 6 through Thursday, March 12: SR 384, SR 67, SR 377 and SR 385

- Friday, March 13 through Thursday, March 19: County Road 370, CR 157 and CR 59

- Friday, March 20 through Thursday, March 26: CR 374, CR 30A and SR 300 (St. George Island Causeway).

- Friday, March 27 through Tuesday, March 31: SR 30, SR 30A, and SR 65

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will be accepting separate sealed Request for Proposals for the following:

SEAFOOD LANDING PARK PROJECT

Project is located in Franklin County, Florida and consists of constructing four pavilions, canoe/kayak launch, observation pier, and removal of and rebuilding a dock.

Plans are on file in the office of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320.

ATTENTION BIDDERS: A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference shall be held at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, FL (850) 653-9783 at 10:00 am Eastern Time, March 12, 2009.

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 16, 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 17, 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 "SEAFOOD LANDING PARK PROJECT".

The owner reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any of 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 opening. Franklin County is an equal opportunity employer and encourages participation by certified minority enterprises and women's business enterprises.

All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and Local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the State of Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

JOSEPH PARRISH, CHAIRMAN

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The department of Environmental Protection announces a public hearing to be held in Carrabelle, Franklin County, to which all interested persons are invited. The purpose of hearing is to receive public testimony from affected property owners, and other interested parties pertaining to the proposed reestablishment of the Franklin County Coastal Construction Control Line, Specifically on Dog Island, prior to the amendment of rule 62B-26.014, Florida Administrative Code. The time, date and place of the hearing is shown as follows:

TIME AND DATE	PLACE
6:00 p.m. March 10, 2009	City Meeting room, 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, Florida

Copies of the aerials showing the proposed line will be on display during regular office hours until the time of the public hearing at the following location:

- Clerks Office, 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, Florida Environmental Specialist III, The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station #300, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, (850)488-7815, or you may e-mail her at: rosaline.beckham@dep.state.fl.us.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER COUNTY ORDINANCE

On March 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. (ET) the FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS intends to consider enacting an ordinance entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LOCAL BIDDER PREFERENCE AND BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS; REGULATING CHANGE ORDERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The hearing on the ordinance shall take place at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida in the County Commission Meeting Room. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected in the office of the Clerk of Court in the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Florida.

Publication Dates: March 5, 2009
March 12, 2009.

Bay Area Choral Society to share 'Magic of Broadway'

The Apalachicola Area Historical Society's Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts series will present a concert this Sunday afternoon featuring the Bay Area Choral Society with a program devoted entirely to the magic of Broadway musical.

The society, conducted by Merel E. Young, will be accompanied by pianist R. Bedford Watkins.

The show, featuring the works of Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, will open with selections from the musical "Paint Your Wagon," arranged by Jacque C. Rizzo. Songs include "I'm on My Way," "Wand'rin' Star," "There's a Coach Comin' in," "I Talk to the Trees," "I Still See Eliza," and "They Call the Wind Maria."

Next will be selections from "Brigadoon," arranged by Merel E. Young, which include "Down at Mac Connachy Square," "Almost Like Being in Love," "Come to Me, Bend to Me," "Waitin' for My Dearie," and "Go Home with Bonnie Jean."

Following a 10-minute intermission, the next featured musical will be "Camelot," with an arrangement by Clay



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Merel Young conducts the Bay Area Choral Society during practice last spring in preparation for the 2008 concert with the Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts.

Warnick. Selections include "Camelot," "I Loved You Once in Silence," "How to Handle a Woman," and "If Ever I Would Leave You."

Following two selections, "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" and "I Remember it Well" from the musical "Gigi," the society will close with selections from "My Fair Lady," arranged by Carl Strommen. These include "Get Me to the Church on Time," "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" "The Rain in Spain," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face,"

"On the Street Where You Live," "Show Me," and "I Could Have Danced All Night."

Soloists for the afternoon include sopranos Virginia Harrison, Frances Campbell, Megan Lamb, Carla May, Sharon Philyaw and Leslie Coon; altos Ginny Griner, Beth Childress and Tamara Marsh; tenors Scott Kinkead, Patrick Leach, Paul Marxsen and Liz Sisung; and basses Merel Young, David McLain, Tom Loughridge, Don West, and Gordon Adkins.

Members of the society

also include sopranos Shirley Adams, Janyce Loughridge, Connie McGinnis, Ann Sizemore, Dorothy Slaght, Hollie Stott, Eugenia Watkins and Helene West; altos Suzanne Chapple, Susan Galloway, Barbara Hartsfield, Sue Leach, Judi Little, Ina Margaret Meyer, Fay Phillips, Janis Ramos, Audrey Schmidt, Shirley Taylor and Judy Whaley; tenors Tom Adams, Joan Cozens, Fred Genter, Mike Whaley, Mary F. Willock and Jack Zurawka; and basses Dick Derby, Ron Dickey, Bill Hamilton, and John Nagy.

Lynn Wilson Spohrer will be the featured artist at the reception at Benedict Hall following the concert.

The Ilse Newell Fund is funded primarily by the generous contributions of committed sponsors, patrons, associates and friends. A suggested donation of \$2 is asked of concertgoers to support the series, administered by The Apalachicola Area Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving the rich history of Apalachicola and the surrounding area.

For more information, call 370-6201.

ABC School announces open enrollment

The Apalachicola Bay Charter School is a public school of choice and as such is open, free of charge, to all Franklin County students in grades Kindergarten through eight.

The open enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year is Monday, March 30 through Thursday, April 9 with "Kindergarten Roundup" on Friday, April 3. There is a free after-school program available to all students who attend the ABC School.

Parents interested in having their children attend the ABC School are welcome to come by for a tour of the campus and/or to pick up an enrollment packet. The school is located at 350 Fred Meyer Street in Apalachicola. Call them today at 653-1222.

After open enrollment students are admitted on a first come, first served basis if space is available. If space is not available, students are placed on a waiting list in the order that enrollment forms were received.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

APALACHICOLA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Apalachicola Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday March 9, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center, 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, FL to discuss the following special exception request.

The Property owner of Block 176 Lots 6-10 (203 7th Street) is requesting a special exception in order to operate a Senior Center at the Holy Family School site. The Apalachicola Land Development Code allows for the issuance of a special exception in certain circumstances.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to Cindi Giametta at apalachbuild@gtcom.net or 653-9319.

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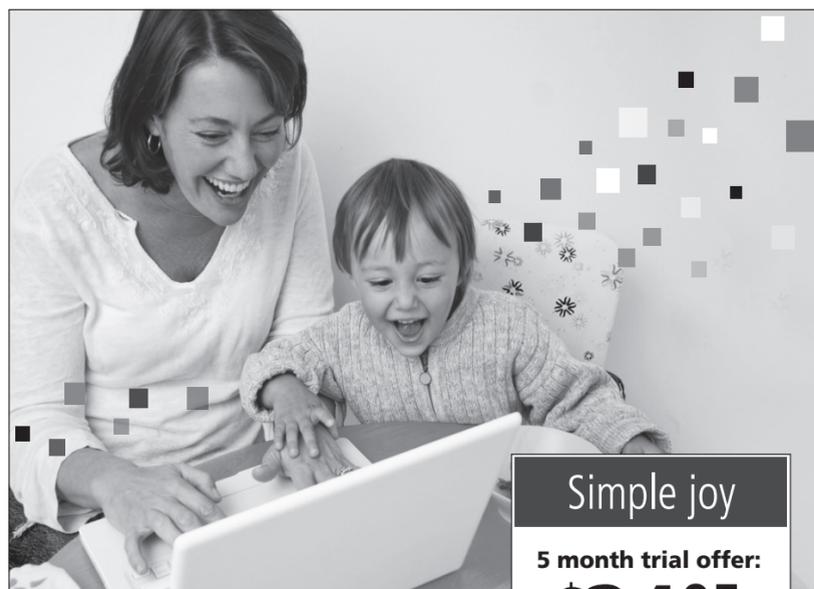
School to host Spirit Day before FCATs

The Student Government Association and SAC committee are hosting a relaxing and fun-filled spirit day at the consolidated school March 9.

Organizers are asking for donations of cans of shaving cream, family size box of chocolate pudding, family size box of

strawberry Jello, packs of Gummy Life-Savers, packs of gummy worms, bags of powdered sugar, bottled water, caffeine free sodas and sour gum balls.

Items may be dropped off at the school. Call Stephanie Howze at 653-2800 for more information.



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ABC School to lay off five paraprofessionals

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Financial constraints have forced the Apalachicola Bay Charter School to lay off five paraprofessionals, beginning March 15.

Principal Don Hungerford said the decision to retain just five teaching assistants after starting the year with 12 was prompted by tight finances.

"We're just running out of funds," he said. "Our funds are just diminished; we've had two major cuts this year alone and spending cuts the last two years for the entire state. We can't continue to use up our reserves."

He said the layoffs will realize a savings of \$54,000 through the end of the year.

Hungerford said the release of the five teaching assistants, following the

completion of the FCAT and Stanford testing early this month, will mean the school will have a more typical ratio of teaching assistants to classroom teachers.

"We're one of the few schools in the Panhandle that makes such prominent use of teacher assistants," he said. "We're going to be back to doing what a lot of schools do anyway."

"A number of schools laid people off last fall, and what we did is we held on as long as we could," said Hungerford.

The ABC School began the year with 12 teacher assistants, with the kindergarten through fifth grades each having either a full-time teacher assistant or a shared assistant.

The paraprofessional ranks first were reduced down to 10 at Thanksgiving.

Hungerford said the two assistants let go were in less critical positions, one as a "floater" between classrooms and the other a physical education assistant.

The multi-age classes will continue, by design, to have teacher assistants, although each will work 30 instead of 40 hours a week. "The multi-age classes will be affected minimally," said Hungerford. "The other classes will have a person going to classes for reading."

Enrollment at ABC School this year totals 302 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Hungerford said he and the board are continuing to monitor possible statewide education cuts and drawing up contingency plans.

"We're watching it very carefully," he said. "Who knows what we'll have to do."

County CALENDAR

Thursday, March 5

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

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

Friday, March 6

Art preview for 27th annual Charity Chili Cook-off on St. George Island. From 5 to 7 p.m. in the civic hall of the Jay Abbott fire house on East Pine Street. Admission is \$5 donation. For info, call 927-2322, ext. 7163

A school dance for adults will be featured at the Coombs Armory from 7 to 11 p.m. For \$10 per person and \$15 per couple, there will be plenty of dancing and music from the 1960s until today. All proceeds will go to the Apalachicola Bay Charter School's eighth-grade class to cover cost of their upcoming trip to the Smokey Mountains. Beer, wine and soft drinks available for a donation. A silent auction

will be held with art and assorted items from local businesses. For tickets, call Heather Friedman or Tara Ward at 653-1222, or ask an ABC School eighth-grader.

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, March 7

27th annual **Charity Chili Cook-off** on St. George Island. For info, call 927-3473.

Monday, March 9

Apalachicola Board of Adjustment at 5 p.m. at City Hall. For information, call 653-8715.

Apalachicola Planning and Zoning public hearing and regular meeting at 6 p.m. at City Hall. For information, call 653-8715.

Franklin Cultural Arts Council will meet at 6 p.m. at the Carrabelle City Hall Complex, 1001 Gray Ave.

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, March 10

Franklin County School Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the Willie Speed board room at the former Chapman Elementary School. For info call 653-8831.

The **Carrabelle Historical Society** meets at 6 p.m. at the Carrabelle Library. March is Archaeology Month. Charles Millender will talk about "local" archeology in Carrabelle and show examples of pottery and arrowheads from our area.

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1367 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

JIMMY W. MEEKS, Defendant.

CASE NO. 08-000496-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Stipulated Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 23, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-000496 CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, SUPERIOR BANK, and the Defendant, JIMMY W. MEEKS, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 19th day of March, 2009, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

COMMENCE AT A ROD AND CAP MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 10 OF CRYSTAL LAKES SUBDIVISION, A

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SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 32 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID POINT ALSO MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF LAKE MCKISSACK LANE WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF AIRPORT ROAD; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 26 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST 200.00 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 26 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST 67.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 26 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST 35.92 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT; HAVING A RADIUS OF 281.33 FEET; THENCE NORTH WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE FOR 42.64 FEET, THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 08 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 06 SECONDS, CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING NORTH 30 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 42.60 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST 282.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST 67.87 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 322.51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED this 24th day of February, 2009.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michelle Maxwell As Deputy Clerk March 5, 12, 2009

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1184T THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

KAREN A. MURPHY, ROY K. LODDESOL, SCOTT S. LODDESOL, and GARY A. LODDESOL, Plaintiff,

vs.

W. RUTH URBAN, if alive, and if deceased, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against her; and all unknown natural if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other persons parties claiming by, through, under or against those unknown natural persons, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporate, or whose exact legal status unknown, claiming under any of the above names or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands described in complaint, Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-000315-CA

NOTICE OF ACTION

You are Notified that an action to Cancel a Mortgage and Note on the following property in Franklin County, Florida:

Lots 14,15 and 16, Block 8 (192) Keough's Second Addition to The City of Carrabelle as per the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 20, Franklin County, Florida.

Has been filed against you and you are required to

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serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Thomas M. Shuler, Plaintiff Attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 850, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, on or before March 23, 2009, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk February 19, 26, 2009 March 5, 12, 2009

1240T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FL

DONALD J. MASON and DEBORAH JEANNE MASON Plaintiffs,

vs.

PIRATES COVE MARINA, LLC. LAWTON M. CHILES, III, UNIDENTIFIED JOHN DOES AND UNIDENTIFIED JANE DOES Defendants.

Case No. 08-000419-CA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

(a) The real property located in Franklin County, Florida, and more particularly described as:

That certain Condominium Unit of Pirates Landing at Timber Island composed of Unit Number H-45, H-46, H-47 and H-48, and the undivided 1/48 interest in the Common Elements

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appurtenant thereto, in accordance with and subject to the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, recorded in Official Records Vol. 879, Pp. 348-372 and Declaration of Condominium of Pirates Landing at Timber Island, recorded in Official Records Vol. 879, Pp. 373-541, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

(b) All easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the real property described above;

(c) All rents, issues, profits, revenue, income, condemnation awards, insurance proceeds and other benefits from the property described above;

(d) All improvements now or hereafter erected on the property described above in (a);

(e) All equipment, personal property and fixtures owned by Mortgagor located on said real property;

(f) All licenses, permits, development orders, regulatory approvals and other governmental approvals used or required in connection with the development, construction on and use of said real property;

(g) All leases of said real property, or any portion thereof, now or hereafter entered into and all right, title and interest of Mortgagor thereunder, including, without limitation, cash or securities deposited thereunder pursuant to said leases, and all rents, issues, proceeds and profits accruing with respect thereto;

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Front Steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on March 19, 2009. Any

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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.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of Circuit Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk February 26, 2009 March 5, 2009

1300T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST RICHARD EDGAR A/K/A RICHARD STEPHEN EDGAR A/K/A RICHARD S. EDGAR, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 07-000448-CA DIVISION:

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST RICHARD EDGAR A/K/A RICHARD STEPHEN EDGAR A/K/A RICHARD S. EDGAR, DECEASED

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE

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DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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

LOT 9, BLOCK "V", PENINSULAR POINT, UNIT NO. 6, A SUBDIVISION IN THE WEST HALF OF FRACTIONAL SECTIONS 6 AND 7, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH RANGE 1 WEST, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 2 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P. L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the The Apalachicola Times.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 10th day of February, 2009.

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

Florida Default Law Group, PL.

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PO. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F07056323 March 5, 12, 2009

1301T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

RBC CENTURA BANK, Plaintiff

vs.

WAHL, MICHAEL J., et al., Defendants

CASE NO. 19-2008-CA-000517

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MICHAEL J. WAHL AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL J. WAHL

RESIDENCE: UNKNOWN

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 4 FREDMEYER STREET, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320 3663 PRESERVE BLVD, PANAMA CITY, FL 32408

AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s)

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

BEGIN AT A 5/8 INCH ROD AND CAP MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 250 OF GREATER APALACHICOLA AS PER MAP AND PLAT. THERE OF RECORDED IN DEED BOOK M PAGE 437 FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST

RIGHT OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF A 50.00 FOOT ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 209.94 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP. THENCE LEAVING

has been filed against you, an you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, PA., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and the file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 9th day of February, 2009.

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SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 99.71 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 209.91 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF 8TH STREET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you, an you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, PA., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and the file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 9th day of February, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson As Clerk of said court By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (01891.0215) March 5, 12, 2009

1316T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

APALACHICOLA STATE BANK, a Division of COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

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LANIER PROPERTY.COM, INC., A Georgia Corporation, ROBERT A. CARRINO and BRENDA A. CARRINO, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000367-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure on real property in Franklin County, Florida dated February 23, 2009, and entered in Civil Case No. 08-000367-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein APALACHICOLA STATE BANK is the Plaintiff and LANIER PROPERTY.COM, INC., ROBERT A. CARRINO and BRENDA A. CARRINO are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Franklin County courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. EST, on the 18th day of March, 2009, the following described property situated in Franklin County, Florida and set forth in the Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

Parcel 4, Tract 22, East End Saint George Island being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the most Easterly corner of St. George Island Gulf Beaches Unit No. 2, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 15, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida and thence run North 18°37'19" West 150.00 feet; thence run South 77°22'16" West 410.00 feet to the centerline of State Road No. 300, thence run along said centerline as follows: North 71°22'41" East 416.89 feet to a point of curve to the right, thence Northeasterly along said curve with a radius of 5729.58 feet; thru a central angle of 05°59'35" for an arc distance of 599.31 feet; the chord of said arc being North 74°22'28" East 599.03 feet; thence North 77°22'16" East 277.72 feet to a point of curve to the left, thence Northeasterly along said curve with a radius of 5729.58 feet; thru a central angle of 05°59'35" for an arc distance of 599.31 feet; the chord of said arc being North 72°41'44" East 934.07 feet; thence North 68°01'12" East 2526.78 feet; thence leaving said centerline run South 21°58'48" East 280.09 feet; thence run North 68°01'12" East 126.21 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning continue North 68°01'12" East 126.22 feet; thence run South 21°58'48" East 348.79 feet to the approximate mean highwater line of the Gulf of Mexico; thence run South 69°28'55" West along said approximate mean highwater line 100.92 feet; thence run South 71°01'00" West along said approximate mean highwater line 25.37 feet; thence run North 21°58'48" West 344.86 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to a Beach Easement over and across the Southerly part thereof:

Together with that certain Easement of Ingress and Egress over Parcel 1 as granted in that certain instrument recorded in O.R. Book 204, Page 131, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities need special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 33 Market St. Apalachicola, Florida 32320 or Telephone (850)653-8861 prior to such proceedings..

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

Witness my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, on this 24th day of February, 2009.

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

Costin & Costin
Charles A. Costin
413 Williams Ave.
P.O. Box 98
Port St. Joe, FL 32457
850-227-1159
Florida Bar No. 699070
March 5, 12, 2009

1325T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ELLIOTT FANN and FREDERICK STUART WHITE, JR., both married persons, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and CHASE BANK USA, N.A. Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 08-000499-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order

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of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

Lot 9, Block 65, according to that certain plat known as St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Unit 5, Franklin County, Florida. The same being recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 16-17 in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida.

a/k/a 705 Randolph Street, St. George Island, Florida.

at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on April 2, 2009.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 24th day of February, 2009.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By:
Deputy Clerk

Steve M. Watkins, III
FBN.: 0794996
41 Commerce Street
Apalachicola, FL 32320
(850) 653-1949
March 5, 12, 2009

1341T
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

OAKTREE, LLC, MICHAEL J. WAHL, and THOMAS FEUERBORN Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-000233-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 2th, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-000233-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (eastern Time) on the 19th day of March, 2009, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lots Number Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17) in Block Number Two Hundred Seventy (270) and Lots Number One (1) and Two (2) in Block Number Two Hundred Seventy Nine (279), Greater Apalachicola, Florida, according to the plat thereof on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida; excepting therefrom the right of way U.S. Highway 98 extending in, upon and running across said Lots One (1) and Two (2) of Block Number Two Hundred Seventy Nine (279) of Greater Apalachicola, according to the map or plat thereof in general use;

ALSO: All of Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteenth (14), and Fifteen (15), of Block Two Hundred Seventy (270), in Greater Apalachicola, according to the map or plat thereof now in general use;

ALSO: Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block 270 of Greater Apalachicola, according to the map or plat thereof in general use;

AND BEING OTHERWISE DESCRIBED AS AND INCLUDING all of the PRESERVE AT BAY'S EDGE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 893, Page 1, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida;

LESS AND EXCEPT Units No. 3 and No. 4, THE PRESERVE AT BAY'S EDGE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 893, Page 1, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 23rd day of February, 2009.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON
Clerk of the Court
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk
March 5, 12, 2009

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given:

Jason S. Knapp
139 E. Gulf Beach Drive
St. George Island, FL 32328

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William J. Shirley
44 Baxley Lane
Apalachicola, FL 32320

Henry Lee
P.O. Box 161
Carrabelle, FL 32322

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Apalachicola, Florida no later than (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.

Ilda C. Elliott
Franklin County
Supervisor of Elections
47 Ave F
Apalachicola, FL 32320
March 5, 2009

1362T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

VISION BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

KAY W. EUBANKS, STEPHEN K. MCDANIEL AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF CLAYTON T. EUBANKS, LINDA L. PALMER, RYLAND PALMER MUSICK a/k/a RYLAND PALMER MUSICK, EUBANKS-SANDERS, LLC, NW FL LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC, JEFFREY SCOTT SANDERS, and DUANE PANKRATZ, Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-404-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, pursuant to a Final Judgment entered in this cause, will on the 26th day of March, 2009, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property located in Franklin County, Florida:

Lot 7, Carraway Bay, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 37, in the public records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 25th day of February, 2009.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON,
CLERK
By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk
Jeffrey P. Whitton
P.O. Box 1956
Panama City, Florida
32402
March 5, 12, 2009

1366T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

PEOPLES FIRST COMMUNITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

PIRATES COVE MARINA, LLC, WILLIAM H. LINDNER, LAWTON CHILES, III, A/K/A LAWTON M. CHILES, III, PIRATES LANDING AT TIMBER ISLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-000585-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 26, 2009 entered in Case Number 08-000585-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein PEOPLES FIRST COMMUNITY BANK is the Plaintiff and PIRATES COVE MARINA, LLC, WILLIAM H. LINDNER, LAWTON CHILES, III, A/K/A LAWTON M. CHILES, III, and PIRATES LANDING AT TIMBER ISLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, Franklin County, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, on the 19th day of March, 2009, the following described property situated in Franklin County, Florida, and set forth in the Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND ON TIMBER ISLAND, IN FRACTIONAL SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST IN THE M.A. WILLIAMS SURVEY, LYING WEST OF THE CARRABELLE RIVER, IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST BANK OF THE CARRABELLE RIVER, OR WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS TIMBER ISLAND, SAID POINT BEING 3799.4 FEET SOUTH AND

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738.5 FEET EAST OF AN OLD IRON PIN AND CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE ONE-HALF MILE CORNER OF THE EAST BOUNDARY OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 19 (EAST OF THE RIVER), TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST (WHICH CONCRETE MONUMENT IS ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH OF THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA), FROM SAID POINT RUN THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES EAST 106.8 FEET ALONG THE WEST BANK OF THE CARRABELLE RIVER TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 24 MINUTES EAST 289.2 FEET ALONG THE WEST BANK OF THE SAID CARRABELLE RIVER TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 05 DEGREES 10 MINUTES WEST 542.7 FEET ALONG THE WEST BANK OF SAID CARRABELLE RIVER TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD S-367, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 84 DEGREES 58 MINUTES WEST 139.5 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, SAID CONCRETE MONUMENT BEING ON A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT, THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 1005.366 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 09 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 41 SECONDS, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 161.3 FEET (THE CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING NORTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 161.46), THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY RUN THENCE NORTH 05 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 312.96 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 300.44 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 05 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 300.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN NORTH 03 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 20, A DISTANCE OF 790.75 FEET TO THE SOUTH-EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD NO. S-376 SAID POINT BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 905.37 FEET (THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 45 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 41 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 715.73 FEET CHORD BEING NORTH 72 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 697.24 FEET) TO A POINT OF TANGENCY, THENCE RUN NORTH 05 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 100.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (RLS #4261) MARKING THE POINT OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD NO. S-376 SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 1005.37 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 09 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 41 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 161.63 FEET (CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING NORTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 161.46 FEET) TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (RLS # 4 2 6 1) THENCE RUN NORTH 05 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 312.96 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (RLS # 4 2 6 1) THENCE RUN SOUTH 84 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 363.44 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE WESTERLY RIVER'S EDGE OF THE CARRABELLE RIVER; THENCE RUN SOUTH 09 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 2 SECONDS WEST 300.97 FEET, MORE OR LESS ALONG SAID RIVER'S EDGE TO SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD NO. S-376, THENCE RUN NORTH 84 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 0 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY 178.15 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT: CONDOMINIUM UNIT NUMBERS: A-2, 3 AND 4 B-5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 12 C-13 AND 21 D-19, 20, 17, 23, 24, AND 26 E-30 F-33

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Court Administrator's Office no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, 32320 Telephone: (850) 653-8861; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, on this 26th day of February, 2009.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
FRANKLIN COUNTY
By: Michele Maxwell
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Photo by LOIS SWOBODA

Architect Guy Yaste at the site of the groundbreaking of the new Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission office on Timber Island.

FWC breaks ground for new Carrabelle office

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

On Feb. 24, local officials and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission employees from across the Panhandle broke ground for a new FWC office building to be constructed on Timber Island.

The 3,519-square-foot office will serve the needs of 34 FWC field officers and administrative staff serving Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, Franklin, Wakulla and Jefferson counties. It will house six offices, plus squad and training rooms.

"This will be a huge improvement over the space we're in now," said FWC Capt. Craig Duval.

The current FWC office is a 1,100-square-foot doublewide trailer that's almost 20 years old. Just what will become of the trailer is unsettled at this point, but Duval said he hopes another state agency will want it.

Ken Haddad, FWC's executive director, said "the FWC moved here in 1991 and has been waiting ever since for a permanent building."

Cost of the new building is \$789,000. Architect for the project is Guy E. Yaste III of Caldwell Associates of Pensacola. Culpepper Construction Co. of Tallahassee, the general contractor, anticipates completing the building by mid-July.

John Griffin, project manager for Culpepper, said, "This will be a LEEDS (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building, although we will not know at what level for about a month. The structure will have two- to three-foot overhangs for sun control, a metal roof for energy efficiency and durability, and energy efficient lighting that will minimize light pollution.

"A lot of LEEDS certification is in the construction techniques," he said. "We make the building tight and en-

ergy efficient and circulate air using fresh air exchange."

The structure will be able to withstand winds of up to 160 miles per hour.

Numerous local officials were on hand for the groundbreaking, including State Rep. Leonard Bembry, Sheriff Skip Shiver, County Commissioner Cheryl Sanders, former State Rep. Will Kendrick, Carrabelle Mayor Curly Messer and Carrabelle Commissioner James Brown.

"Will Kendrick is largely responsible for this facility. He has been a great asset to this community, just as this building will be," Bembry said in a speech before the groundbreaking.

"I started working on this several years ago. It was one of my last projects while in office," said Kendrick. "I was afraid special sessions would wipe it out somewhere down the line. I am very happy to see ground broken today."

Weems faces crunch, reduces some staff hours

Alan Peirce, the county's director of administrative services, reported Tuesday Weems Memorial Hospital has seen a drop-off in revenues.

"Because of the economic downturn, hospitals across Florida are experiencing fewer admissions, and doctor's offices are seeing fewer patients," he said.

"The hospital board is acutely aware of the need for the hospital to operate on its own finances. To that end, some hospital employees are seeing some reductions in hours when the patient census is low. But the hospital is trying to increase revenue opportunities," he said.

In terms of the new Carrabelle clinic, staffed by Dr. Nancy Chorba, the

facility saw 94 patients in January, with 35 percent of them from Carrabelle.

"The hospital board is trying to develop strategies that will allow East-point and Apalachicola residents to get primary medical care in their own communities, which will free up the Carrabelle clinic for Carrabelle residents and those on the eastern end of the county," Pierce said.

Pierce said the hospital board discussed federal stimulus money at its most recent meeting. "It appears there is money to increase reimbursements to hospitals serving lower income areas, which should benefit Weems. When and how much Weems will receive is unknown," he said.

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Date	Temperature		
	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Mar 5	68°	51°	0%
Fri, Mar 6	71°	54°	0%
Sat, Mar 7	69°	56°	0%
Sun, Mar 8	69°	57°	0%
Mon, Mar 9	69°	55°	0%
Tue, Mar 10	69°	54°	10%
Wed, Mar 11	68°	55°	30%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

03/05 Thu	05:45AM	-0.3 L	08:55PM	1.5 H
03/06 Fri	06:57AM	-0.4 L	03:28PM	1.2 H
	05:52PM	1.1 L	10:36PM	1.4 H
03/07 Sat	07:55AM	-0.4 L	03:26PM	1.2 H
	07:17PM	1.0 L		
03/08 Sun	12:16AM	1.4 H	09:43AM	-0.3 L
	04:36PM	1.2 H	09:14PM	0.8 L
03/09 Mon	02:38AM	1.4 H	10:23AM	-0.2 L
	04:46PM	1.2 H	10:02PM	0.5 L
03/10 Tue	03:46AM	1.4 H	10:56AM	0.0 L
	04:56PM	1.2 H	10:46PM	0.3 L
03/11 Wed	04:45AM	1.4 H	11:24AM	0.2 L
	05:05PM	1.2 H	11:28PM	0.1 L

CARRABELLE

03/05 Thu	03:32AM	-0.5 L	07:30PM	2.4 H
03/06 Fri	04:44AM	-0.6 L	02:03PM	1.9 H
	03:39PM	1.8 L	09:11PM	2.2 H
03/07 Sat	05:42AM	-0.6 L	02:01PM	1.9 H
	05:04PM	1.6 L	10:51PM	2.2 H
03/08 Sun	07:30AM	-0.5 L	03:11PM	1.9 H
	07:01PM	1.3 L		
03/09 Mon	01:13AM	2.2 H	08:10AM	-0.3 L
	03:21PM	1.9 H	07:49PM	0.8 L
03/10 Tue	02:21AM	2.2 H	08:43AM	0.0 L
	03:31PM	1.9 H	08:33PM	0.5 L
03/11 Wed	03:20AM	2.2 H	09:11AM	0.3 L
	03:40PM	1.9 H	09:15PM	0.2 L

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and arrowheads from our area.

The Apalachicola Community Gardens committee will meet at 6 p.m. at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce office on Commerce Street. 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, March 11

Scipio Creek Advisory Committee will meet at 5 p.m. at Apalachicola City Hall at Battery Park.

For info, call 653-8715.

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

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

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