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Group to try new tactic for voting

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Concerned Citizens of Franklin County signaled Saturday at their annual meeting they plan to try a new approach to securing countywide voting, long one of their top priorities.

A budget watchdog group, which is no stranger to confrontation with the county's elected officials, the Concerned Citizens (CCFC) said it plans in the next couple months to empower a separate, arms-length group to address the voting issue.

The new entity will gather the required signatures of registered voters to place a binding referendum on

the ballot by November 2010.

The move would seek to bypass the county commission, who the CCFC contends has dragged its feet on countywide voting ever since voters approved a non-binding referendum in November 2006, by a better than 2-to-1 margin.

"This is going to be our major passion for this year, to get it done," said Allen Feifer, who was re-elected by acclamation as the CCFC's chairman.

Also approved to sit on the board for the upcoming year were Frank Gibson, Ken Osborne, Delores Roux, Sandy Howze and Gail Riegelmayr, who is acting secretary. Her husband,

Paul, serves as the CCFC's treasurer but does not sit on the board of directors.

The group also announced two other major priorities for the upcoming year: to continue ongoing participation in the decision-making process for the county's upcoming 2009-10 budget and to step up monitoring of the property appraiser's office in regard to its property valuations.

But pursuing countywide voting, in which individuals are elected from each of the five county commission and school board districts but are voted on countywide, remains at the



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Moderator Gail Riegelmayr addresses the CCFC's annual meeting while Paul Riegelmayr, left, Frank Gibson, center, and Allen Feifer listen.

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Renowned artist shares passion of pastels

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Apalachicola is privileged to host a workshop this week led by Albert Handell of Santa Fe, N.M., who is widely honored as the greatest living pastel artist.

He was the first artist elected into the Pastel Hall of Fame and Pastel Society of America and is one of only three living artists to receive that honor.

Fifteen students from across the United States have gathered from March 29 through April 4 to learn from Handell. Gina Campbell traveled from Scotland by plane and from Panama City by taxi for the workshop.

Alice Jean Gibbs and her daughter, Lynn Spohrer, close friends of Handell, invited him here to instruct.

"Alice and Lynn started

working with me when they came to a class in Taos, N.M.," said Handell. "We have formed a great friendship. Now I come here every year to teach. This is my fourth or fifth year, and I love it here. It feels like coming home."

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1937, Handell began playing with chalks at an early age, creating art on the city streets. He began formal studies of drawing and anatomy at the age of 16.

In 1954, he enrolled at the Art Students League of New York City to study drawing and anatomy. From 1961 to 1965, Handell lived and traveled in Europe. Since 1961, he has had more than 30 one-man shows and received over 70

prizes and awards. He now spends much of his time traveling within the United States and abroad teaching. He has co-authored five books and

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Above, Gina Campbell traveled from Dundee, Scotland, to attend the Handell workshop. At right, Albert Handell taught a class on drawing trees at the Chestnut Street Cemetery.



Apalachicola might buy Pierce home for library

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Apalachicola city officials have begun talks to purchase a historic home adjacent to the municipal library on Avenue D and use it to expand the space available for its collection.

City commissioners voted unanimously March 3 to have City Attorney Pat Floyd begin discussions to purchase the home of Alan Pierce, at 87 Avenue D, behind the library.

Library board member Susan Clementson and Lynn Wilson, chair of the Patrons of the Apalachicola Library, backed the plan before commissioners.



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The Pierce house is landscaped with an abundance of greenery and flowers.

Clementson said the library intends to use the Pierce property for its main collection and for a separate children's room. Wilson said there is sufficient parking

space for about 20 cars and suggested the city might close off an alley to accommodate the project.

"There are two lots, and we see the possibil-

ity of adding to that," said Clementson. "We serve all sorts of purposes and we're growing, and we need more space."

The 2,300 square foot house is on the market for \$479,000, Pierce said. He is represented by real estate agent Shaun Donahoe, who was at the city commission meeting.

The wood frame house, etched to look like stone, has three bathrooms, two bedrooms and space to house the library's collection.

Built in about 1907, the house was turned around and renovated in 1927 by the same individual who built the downtown post office, Pierce said.

He has offered the city the property, which encompasses two lots, for \$350,000, and a financing plan over five years. Conversion to a library use would require a special exception because the land is zoned residential.

Clementson said the library saw 973 patrons in February, with the librarian, volunteer and workforce staff logging 155 hours.

The city commission also approved the submission of an application for a Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) grant, which library board member Carrie Kienzle said is an operational grant targeted for the city's underserved population.

County jobless rate highest since '97

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

More people out in the workplace but fewer of them holding down jobs than previous months is why the county's unemployment rate in February was nearly double what it was one year ago.

According to preliminary labor market statistics released Friday by the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, the county's jobless rate rose to 7.6 percent in February, with 349 people, out of a county labor force of 4,611, without jobs.

This marks the highest percentage of jobless in the county since July 1997 when the unemployment rate stood at 8.2 percent.

The February 2009 unemployment rate was up four-tenths of 1 percent from January's rate of 7.2 percent, when 323 people were jobless out of a smaller workforce of 4,492.

One year ago, in February 2008, the labor force stood at 4,516 people, but only 176 were without jobs, for an unemployment rate of just 3.9 percent.

The county's unemployment rate placed it as 12th best in the state in February, just behind Miami-Dade. Liberty County had the state's lowest unemployment rate at 5.5 percent, followed by Alachua, Monroe, Leon and Jackson counties, all between 6 and 7 percent.

Union, Wakulla, Bradford, Okaloosa and Jefferson counties also posted better unemployment numbers than Franklin. There were 27 Florida counties with double-digit unemployment rates in February. Franklin's 7.6 percent jobless rate for February is nearly two percentage points better than the state average of 9.4 percent, which represents 874,000 jobless out of a labor force of more than 9.25 million. Florida's jobless rate was six-tenths of a percentage

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Possible flooding as river levels remain high

Local officials are preparing for possible flooding along the Apalachicola River, as persistent rains keep water levels high.

Alan Pierce, the county's director of administrative services, said the emergency management office has made sandbags available for public use at the state yard on Bluff Road, at the Lanark Village volunteer fire department, and at Eastpoint.

"We've done everything short of declaring a local state of emergency," said Pierce. "The sandbags are for public use if they feel their house may be threatened. People who need them are those threatened by river rise, those on the river itself. This is not a coastal flooding, or a storm surge."

Residents of the Womack Creek area of Tate's Hell State Forest were asked to evacuate beginning Wednesday morning.

Pierce said the Army Corps of Engineers is releasing water to avoid inundation, and plans to max out the flood level in Blountstown at 24 feet. He said river levels are expected to crest Friday at 23.9 feet, with the Ochlocknee cresting on Friday also at 24 feet.

"It takes a couple days for the water to get here," he said. "River levels will stay up through the weekend. Because of the rain locally, there could be flooding beyond that because of rainfall south of the dams."

Area rains had exceeded 3 inches by Wednesday morning, and were expected to continue through the end of the week.

Pierce said flood stage in Franklin County is about 14 feet, with the most historic flood about 27.5 feet. He said it starts flooding in low-lying areas of the county when levels are at 20 feet in Blountstown.



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Pre-registration continues

The school is holding its first registration for students in all grade levels beginning Monday, March 30 and continuing through Wednesday, April 8.

In the past, registration has been held only for students entering pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes.

Elementary guidance counselor Wanda Teat said "Pre-registering students will enable our school to have programs set and ready to go at the beginning of the next school year. It allows parents to review what their child signs up for and to finalize any changes made to their coursework."

Oehlert encouraged parents to take advantage of pre-registration to learn

about all that the school has to offer. "We have free breakfast and lunch and free after-school programs," he said. "We have highly qualified, certified educators as well as academic coaches who work with children in math, reading and science."

The school has special needs classrooms, research-based curriculum, science labs for grades 5-12 and computer labs for grades K-8 as well as year-round intensive reading and math remediation, Oehlert said.

Parents are encouraged to find out more about clubs, sports and other organizations they'd like their children to be part of during the 2009-2010 school year, Teat added.

Pre-K, elementary and middle school pre-registration

Kindergarten through eighth grade pre-registration will begin Monday, April 6 and continue through Thursday, April 8.

Pre-kindergarten and ESE pre-kindergarten registration will also be held April 6 through 8 at the Franklin County Learning Center. For more information, see Dr. Kay Cadwalader, director, or call 670-8458.

Voluntary Pre-kindergarten registration will be held at the Early Learning Coalition. For more information, call Donna Wood at 653-4304 or 1-866-269-3022.

A PENNY INVESTED IS A LESSON LEARNED



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The state PTA hosted a rally in Tallahassee March 18 that brought thousands of parents and students to the Capitol urging lawmakers to spare education from budget cutting. Carrying signs and chanting "No more cuts- Save our generation," 3,000 people stood on the Capitol steps and presented 15,000 pounds (worth about \$20,000) of pennies, including 12,500 pennies from Franklin County. Catherine Wood, president of the Franklin Teachers Association, said the consolidated school, the Learning Center at Brown and the ABC School all pitched in and collected pennies to represent children and staff in the county.

The Franklin County group, who also included Deedee Dasher, president of Franklin Support Staff, and bus drivers Liz Frye and Liz Roper, pictured above with pennies, visited representatives and senators. "They were very receptive and listened to our concerns," said Wood. "Each time we were told that the State of Florida is in a very serious financial crisis. We suggested that a penny sales tax increase for the next three years could generate over \$3 billion for education. The Florida Education Association is working very diligently to have our politicians to make education in the state a priority." The group later met up with Superintendent Nina Marks, who was in meetings all morning with other superintendents.

FSU professor sinks sharks' teeth into students

By Joan Matey
Special to the Times

The Franklin County Public Library after-school program, KIT, discovered a different sort of celebrity, living right here in our own backyard.

On March 26, Dr. Dean Grubbs of the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory had a captivated audience of KIT ("Keeping it Together") students for his presentation on sharks. Scientists are always special celebrities in my book and one look at some of Dean's film clips taken during "routine" research makes him more than eligible for an episode of America's most dangerous jobs.

Recently on the National Geographic channel, Grubbs and a team of other scientists are shown hauling up a huge six-gill shark and tagging it for tracking purposes. Charts can be made from these studies, showing the diving habits of these huge creatures: the depths and distances and daily routines.

Students were able to carefully handle an ar-



JOAN MATEY | Special to the Times

Dr. Dean Grubbs of the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory captivates KIT students with sharks' teeth at Carrabelle library.

ray of dried shark's jaws in various sizes. Those scary rows and rows of eternally replaced teeth (as they wear out, new ones grow) definitely conveyed how theirs is a life of serious eating.

We learned the similarities between sharks and stingrays and heard stories of unfortunate injuries that Grubbs had experienced; unavoidable when spending years and years researching creatures in the wild.

Preserved (formerly alive) specimens of small sharks were brought in a large bucket to show a va-

riety of local shark types, including the alien-like hammerheads and bonnet heads, and the more common black tips, to mention a few. Their skin felt rough but at the same time, sort of velvety.

Grubbs travels the world studying sharks and has potentially discovered a new, never-before-seen species of deep water shark in Hawaiian waters.

KIT students loved this program and when asked who might consider shark research for a career, there were several brave responders!

Library students to honor special women Sunday

Students in the Franklin County Public Library's TIGERS and KIT programs will be honoring the special women in their lives at a celebration supper this Sunday, April 5 beginning at 4 p.m. at the Apalachicola Community Center at Battery Park.

Honoring Women in our Students Lives - Women Who Inspire is the culmination of Women's History Month activities at the program sites. Nadine Kahn, guest speaker at the

event, will address stress relief for women.

There will be a Youth Rally on Monday, April 13 at the Apalachicola High School Baseball field from 1 to 6 p.m. The Anti-Tobacco Program for Today's Hip Hop Generation theme is "STEP (Smoking Tobacco Equals Pain) in the name of life and snuff out tobacco."

All students from 10 years old and up are welcome to attend this energetic rally. There will be something for

everyone including: music, workshops, contests, food, giveaway items, and prizes. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

Students are also invited to take part in the anti-tobacco poster contest and a writing contest based on this year's theme. Submit entries of posters, essays, or poems to the Library branches in Eastpoint and Carrabelle and to the new Program Center in the old Apalachicola High School Field House no later than April 9.

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The way young minds work still fascinates

I am on the last day of spring break, and I have just finished grading a massive pile of literary analysis papers, poetry projects and senior research papers. I did it right this time. I spread everything out on the dining room table and graded for an hour or so a day. I had the leisure to write long notations and ponder recurrent writing weaknesses.

Will they ever stop writing "alot"? It is two words, not one, my dears. Will they ever keep tenses and point of view consistent? Will they ever learn how to use a semi-colon? Will they ever believe I actually read everything they write and stop cutting and pasting from articles and essays on the Internet? After 15 years in the classroom, the evidence points to the contrary.

After all this time, I am still fascinated by the way their minds work. New research indicates their brains don't reach full reasoning maturity until the mid-20s. I believe it. Their decisions often reflect an amazing naivete.

For example, the 10th-grade Reading FCAT features two 80-minute sessions. I agree that it is grueling and that many of the passages are mind-numbing. However, this is the test they must pass for graduation. Too many kids say, "Oh, I just got so bored that I gave up and marked any answer."

Excuse me, you couldn't concentrate for less than three hours on a test so important to your future? Do you have to be constantly entertained?

Of course, this doesn't apply to all students. Many are self-motivated and will try their hardest out of a sense of personal honor. Thank God. I have to teach whomever walks into my classroom door. Their test performance reflects directly on me and our school.

Now that FCAT is over and done with, many students want to believe the school year also has cranked to a halt. "Come on, Ms. Roux, let's just take it easy now; the test is over."

I can't blame them. We put so much emphasis on testing skills; it's hard for them to fathom there are other valuable lessons to be learned. And, by the way, why should they learn anything that is not going to be tested?

I should add here, not only tested, but also counted for graduation. They only have to pass reading and math in the 10th grade to earn a diploma. Writing also is tested in 10th and then science in the 11th. Those scores count toward the school grade, and that's it.

If you want to see a bunch of sullen juniors, try administering the science FCAT one year. No amount of cajoling will put them in a good mood about taking a grueling test that does not count for them unless you consider the grade on their transcript.

I am not a lone voice in bemoaning this ridiculous test. Columnist Ralph De La Cruz of the Sun Sentinel wrote "Get rid of the FCAT" on March 6.

"Since its inception in 1998, it has stressed out our kids, changed the educational priorities in the classroom, wasted precious class time, forced good educators to leave the profession early and forced unnecessary changes in good schools.

"If the feds really want to stimulate us, change the federal No Child Left Behind law that requires every state to test third- through eighth-graders every year in math and reading, so that we can finally rid ourselves of the FCAT beast.

"In Florida alone, that would save \$51,577,368."

Believe me, that \$51 million is only a token figure. Much more money is spent on FCAT preparation materials, scoring and more. The only ones benefitting are the testing corporation giants like McGraw Hill.

I want someone important in the education world to look me in the eye and say that FCAT has improved education in Florida. The test has its defenders, but they aren't usually in the classroom.

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We can live without much, but not without hope

I received an email this morning Re: Sad News. It was from a family member up North attempting to inform family in the South of the suicide death of a family friend. Even though I had not been in contact with him in quite some time, I still could not help but wonder why he would do such a thing.

He had to have lost hope. I concluded he must have lost hope. He gave up.

The other day I was watching the Franklin County Commission meeting when all throughout I kept saying to myself, this is hopeless. Some of the decisions that are made, it seems like, "We just don't get it."

Here again, I thought about the phrase from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, "Government of the people, by the people, for the people..." Sometimes it does not seem, (to me) that this is what is going on.

After watching for over an hour, all the people, the people being governed, the people governing and the other people "for the people?" I was just about to give up when, all of a sudden, near the end there was this ray of hope. This hope came for me when Commissioner Jackel commented on being happy to be a part of the commission when they agreed to waive the building permit fee for churches.

It is not so much that issue but what she later said in reference to what her mother had told her: She said, "It is only what you do for God that really counts." I agree with her mom.

As governmental leaders, people who govern, there is hope for us, the people who are governed, if you would get and keep that thought in mind. Only what you do for God, for His name's sake, will really count in the end.



STAYING IN TUNE
Temolynn Wintons

Without mentioning the specific, but having in mind some recent financial decisions made by our county, I was thinking, if these type of decisions are made even though not everyone agrees, they are still made and nobody stands up against it, I too began to have thoughts of hopelessness.

Loss of faith and trust in the system, and the people who allow such things to be, plagues me daily. So being one of the people, instead of giving up, I began to pray a prayer of hope because we can live without a whole lot of things, but we cannot live without hope.

No matter how complex the problems we might solve or how high the mountains we must climb or how impossible to meet the demands that are made upon us everyday, we must have hope that some day the world will change. We must believe that the black skies will become blue skies and the Lord will make a way some how.

Nothing more demoralizes a person or a people like the feeling that there is no hope. In order for life to seem worth living, a person must have the prospect that there is a bright side somewhere.

No matter how dim or hopeless our situation might seem, all of us need to maintain healthy hope levels in our lives.

I have renewed my commitment to praying for our governmental officials and leaders, realizing that I can place my hope in God. As we pray this prayer by Dr. Charles Stanley, let's remember to:

- Pray that they would realize their personal sinfulness and their need for Jesus Christ.

- Pray that they would recognize their own inadequacy to fulfill their tasks and that they would depend upon God for knowledge, wisdom and the courage to do what is right.

- Pray that they would reject all counsel that violates spiritual principles, trusting God to prove them right.

- Pray that they would resist those who would pressure them to violate their conscience.

- Pray that they would reverse the trends of socialism and humanism in this nation, both of which defy man rather than God.

- Pray that they would be ready to sacrifice their personal ambitions and political careers for the sake of this city, county, state and nation if yielding them would be in the best interest of their country.

- Pray that they would rely upon prayer and the Word of God as the source of their daily strength, wisdom and courage.

- Pray they would restore dignity, honor, trustworthiness and righteousness to the office they hold.

- Pray that they would remember to be good examples in their conduct to the fathers, mothers, sons and daughters of this city, county, state and nation.

- Pray that they would be reminded daily that they are accountable to Almighty God for the decisions they make.

We can turn to Psalm 43:5: "Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God."

Hold on to hope as an alternative to giving up. Hope that where we are is not where we always will be. Hope that this nonsense will make sense one day. We can live without a lot of things, but we cannot live without hope.

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Letters to the EDITOR

Protect children's education from budget cuts

My purpose is not to alienate one group of citizens against the other. I am asking "What do we as a people consider most important?" I am attempting to ensure that what we value most, our children's education, is protected from a cut of over \$1 million to the school budget.

Recently, we (the voters) approved a salary increase to the educators of the Franklin County School District. Now we learn that due to projected budget cuts all this is in jeopardy. Why? I am not the finance director nor do I wish to debate where the money went for these pay increases.

I can't recall during an election when a politician — local, state and federal — did not use education as their number one issue. It's slogans such as "children are our future" are often used on us voters as an assurance to increase funding for education.

I graduated in 1973 in the first class from Apalachicola High School. We all know that over the years our schools have produced highly effective people: pilots who flew over Cuba; officers who attended military academies; heroes who fought and died for this great nation; medical doctors, lawyers, federal judges, teachers, professors, carpenters, plumbers as well as those in commercial seafood.

Those of you who know my family and me will remember that my father and mother did not send us to school as a burden to the faculty. I can honestly say that we were raised in a family with structure and discipline. On the rare occasion when we did get in trouble at school, my father did not blame the teacher and ask whose fault it was.

It was just "turn around and assume the position." Some may think this cruel but I do think we should support our teachers by giving them the benefit of the doubt.

So my question is what is most important to the citizens of the county. Truly children are our future and education should come first. I have been puzzled how county government continues to give pay raises to its workers when state employees have been stagnant for three consecutive years and this year will be no different. Talks of 5 percent cuts are in progress.

How did we as a society condone college graduates (teachers), with our future (children) in their classroom, making less money that those with on-the-job training working for county government? In these tough economic times it comes down to "What should government provide?"

It's easy for me "Children are our future" and we must invest in that future, not cut. Whatever it takes to provide funding should be on the table, no cuts. If county government doesn't seem to make cuts, then I am sure the school board can do the same.

I will close with the following quotes from our Founding Fathers: Benjamin Franklin - "A Bible and a newspaper in every house, a good school in every district — all studied and appreciated as they merit — are the principal support of virtue, morality and civil liberty."

Benjamin Rush - "By removing the Bible from schools we would be wasting so much time and money in punishing criminals and so little pains to prevent crime. Take the Bible out of our schools and there would be an explosion in crime."

Dan Parish
Apalachicola

Don't expand library into historic district

My wife and I have owned our house at 90 Avenue D since the winter of 2001. We have enjoyed spending time in Apalachicola over the past years because of the quiet ambience of the historic district. We were initially attracted to Apalachicola because of the quality of the historic district and the city's strict adherence to the integrity of the R-1 zoning that maintains this quality.

We both are strong supporters of the library. I am an architect specializing in historic restoration and my wife is a librarian in the Monroe County school system. We recognize the importance of improving services to the residents of Apalachicola, however, we both feel that the change of use and zoning at 87 Avenue D is incompatible with the surrounding single-family houses in our immediate neighborhood and will negatively impact our enjoyment of our house.

Below is a list of our concerns, as directed to the Apalachicola Planning and Zoning Commissioners,:

1. Parking. The present owner of 87 Avenue D is Allen Pierce. One of Allen's pastimes is gardening, and as a result he has created a very beautiful garden that surrounds all sides of his house. If his house becomes the library, where will the required parking be located and what part of his garden will be destroyed? Where will the required paved ADA parking spaces be located?

Even if the required parking is located away from the corner of Avenue D and 7th Street, library patrons will tend to park closest to the front entry in the Avenue D right-of-way at the front of the house. This street parking will significantly alter the residential character of the neighborhood. Also the

new parking lot, wherever it is located, will be required to have nighttime lighting which will also change the character of the neighborhood forever.

2. ADA Accessibility. If the existing house is converted into the library, major exterior changes will need to be implemented to adapt it to ADA requirements. A paved accessible route from the street to the entry, a ramp, and signage will need to be installed. Although we hope these changes will be designed sensitively, they will forever change the residential character of the house and neighborhood.

3. Air Conditioning Units. The new library use will require a more controlled interior environment to protect the collection. This system will be significantly larger than the existing air conditioning units for the house. They will run most of the year and most of the time. No matter where they are located on site, they will be loud and constant. This noise will severely impact the quiet ambience of the neighborhood forever.

I believe there are other and better alternatives for the expansion of the library and I would be happy to volunteer my professional services to the library board and the city to explore those alternatives. I support all improvements to the library, but not those that encroach on the R-1 zoning and the surrounding historic district.

Please consider our reasons for not wanting this change that will negatively impact our house. Please maintain the integrity of the R-1 zoning and the historic district by voting to deny this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,
Thomas and Phyllis D. Pope

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FWC offers grants to secure Dumpsters from bears

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The bear population is growing. An encounter with a treed sow and cubs at a Carrabelle restaurant and predation by a young male bear on caged birds in East-point put bears in the news this spring.

Happily, some local residents have learned to cope with furry neighbors and secure the garbage containers and other sources of food that act as bear magnets. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Bear Management Program is initiating a new plan that will help county residents to secure even more garbage containers against the powerful scavengers.

The program has secured a grant to cost-share the price of retrofitting dumpsters to make them more bear resistant. The program requires the waste handler (i.e. WastePro or Emerald Waste) and customer each pay one-third of the cost, and BMP will pick up the rest. Although cost estimates vary by size and design of canister, a retrofit could reasonably be expected to cost about \$300 per Dumpster, so each party would provide \$100. Waste Pro and Emerald Waste Services are aware of the program and willing to participate.

Wildlife biologist Adam Warwick said Emerald Waste, which serves part of the county, is investigating bear-proof containers but does not yet offer this option.

Ralph Mills, a spokesman for WastePro, a solid waste disposal company serving part of the county, said, "We can get bear proof Dumpsters for any business that desires one. For residential areas, where you have enclaves like St. Theresa, we can get the barrels, but it would be more cost-efficient to put a centralized dumpster in place."

He said individual bear-proof containers (\$195) cost about three times as much as regular trash barrels. The cost of bear-proof Dumpsters is only 30 percent higher than standard models, which is less prohibitive.

First come, first served

Because these funds are from a grant, this is a one-time opportunity. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The grant deadline is June 1, and all funds must be spent before that time.

If you are interested in the program, then call 697-3734 as soon as possible. Funding is available only to purchase and install bear-proof containers, not to pay continuing fees for trash pick-up. Retrofitting



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Ken LaPaz of Hog Wild Barbeque, 1593 U.S. Highway 98 in Carrabelle, retrofitted this Dumpster for about \$200. He said he invites anyone interested in his design to come by for a look, but not at lunchtime please.

can take some time and effort, so it is vital to act quickly if you want to participate.

Warwick and his associates are looking for areas where retrofitting will benefit the most people. Residential Dumpsters for trailer parks and apartment complexes and Dumpsters serving community resource centers, such as schools and churches, are high on the priority list to receive funds.

Dave Telesco, program coordinator for the FWC, said the matching funds program can be used to help subsidize the acquisition of a neighborhood Dumpster.

"If we can get the waste under control, you're going to see a dramatic drop in bear problems," he said.

"We recognize that waste from restaurants can significantly contribute to community conflicts, and so we would be amenable to cost-sharing with businesses where there is a clear link between their waste and neighborhood complaints," Warwick said. "We are looking at 2 to 8 yard Dumpster sizes, but keep in mind retrofitting larger Dumpsters is likely to be more costly than the smaller dumpsters, so the funds will help fewer locations."

Always a way to solve it

Some local merchants have already taken steps to secure their refuse.

Two Al's, west of Carrabelle,

has constructed an electric fence around their Dumpster, and employees say this has proved very effective.

Wildlife technician Ron Copely said the FWC lent the restaurant a fence to try out before they purchased one of their own.

"We've got equipment to lend in a case like this. We even have bear-proof trash cans for people to try out," he said.

Telesco said installing an electric fence is quick and economical in most cases. Fences generally cost less than \$200 to install.

Ken LaPaz, owner of Hog Wild, also in Carrabelle, retrofitted his own Dumpster. He drilled half-inch holes in the Dumpster and inserted I-bolts to hold a sheet of plywood in place, securing the lid.

"I came up with the idea through a little time and trial and error. It took me about two hours to do the work and cost about \$200," he said. "The bears still come back. There was one out here the other day, but it couldn't get in. Yes, it's a problem. I just don't like the idea of hurting the bears. There's always a way you can solve it without hurting the bears."

Gary Fritz of Alligator Point is offering his own version of a handcrafted bear-proof container for home trash cans. He said the bear baffle is a wooden box constructed out of 4 x 4s surrounded by 1 x

6s with a hinged latched door on one side.

"I built one for myself about six months ago, and it has solved my problem," Fritz said. "You can see where they have scratched at it, but they didn't get in. My pick-up guy from Emerald Waste just unlatches it, empties the can and closes it back up. It worked so well for me, I thought I'd try offering it to other people."

Fritz is marketing his bear-proof boxes for \$475.

Check with service provider

"If you can make it bear-proof yourself, then I'm for it, but we're trying to take the track of going to your waste management provider before you make any changes to be sure they will still service you after you make changes," Telesco said. "Sometimes, it may be better just to allow them to do the retrofit."

LaPaz said one reason he made his own change to his Dumpster is because his female employees might not be able to lift the heavy metal lid of a bear-proof container.

Telesco said the best way to deal with that problem is behavior changes. He suggested the lid to the container might be left open for only part of the day or that there might always be a designated person on site to deal with the heavy metal lid.

Come out for food, friends

Got home from the hospital last Friday. Had a pretty good week at home so far. I really appreciated all the cards, calls and visits. Thank you.

You have been to the Legion Post 82 for hamburger night, haven't you? It is really catching on, and they have decided to do away with birthday night and leave the hamburger night. Of



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

course, we will be glad to see you on Wednesdays and Sundays for pizza! Eat in or take out; just call 697-9998 to put in for one to go.

You also are welcome to join us Saturday night for dinner. All the servings begin at 5 p.m. and end at 9 p.m., so come on down and enjoy the evening with us. These meals, along with the breakfasts, lunches and dinners at Chillias Hall, are always open to everyone.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 11. Members of the Lanark Golf Club will cook and serve the last pancake breakfast for the season; they will resume in October. Thank you for your continued support. Keep the second Saturday open; it might continue through the summer months!

Don't forget the big yard sale at The Legion for Tonya's Hope. The sale opens at 9 a.m., and at 12:15 p.m., a roast pig lunch will be served, including side dishes for your donation of \$8. Of course, Thomas Lee Brannan will roast the pig.

Please keep Tom Shields in your prayers, and strength and comfort for MaryAnn and their family. We also need to keep William "Bill" Lane and his family in our prayers. And, of course, all the departed. Pray for their eternal peace.

I am not quite clear about the school budget cuts. I figure all that money from the lottery would pick up the slack. You reckon it accidentally could have been diverted to another department?

Be kind to one another and check in on the sick and housebound, and remember volunteers make it happen! Become one today.

Until next time, God bless America, our troops, the poor, homeless and hungry.



Employees say an electric fence around the trash area solved the bear problem for Two Al's Restaurant at 1 Gulf Beach drive in Carrabelle.

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Susan Kiss, of Tallahassee, displays her "backpack" of pastels.

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is about to release his third DVD.

"Pastels were once considered a secondary medium, but it has undergone a renaissance, thanks to me and some of my friends," he said. "Up until about 30 years ago, pastelists stayed indoors. Working with pastels on location is brand new. It's become a movement and I'm a part of that."

His paintings are in numerous private and public collections and museums.

For a period of 15 years, 1960 to 1975,

Handell's pastels were included in every book published on pastels in the U.S.

His pastels enjoy international reputation.

He is well known for his painting workshops. He is now represented by the Ventana Fine Art Gallery in Santa Fe; the Howard Portnoy Gallery in Carmel, Calif.; and the Third Canyon Gallery in Denver.

Students of Handell are urged to acquire a large palette of chalks.

"With 10 colors of pastel, you can draw, but you can't paint," he said. "I like to paint."

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Art Walk to celebrate palettes and palates

By Lois Swoboda
 Times Staff Writer

From noon to 6 p.m. April 4, Apalachicola hosts its third annual Art Walk, featuring local cuisine and art and wines from around the world.

Potters, painters, photographers and more will display their work at downtown businesses. More than 40 artists plan to exhibit this year. Among those artists expected on Saturday and their locations are:

- Petunia's: Stained glass artist John Devault of Mexico Beach

- Blue: Plein Air Paint Out veteran Sara Beth Fair, exhibiting her paintings alongside the darkly humorous ceramics of Apalachicola's Leslie Wallace Coon.

- Owl Café: Apalachicolan Emily Mikkelson

- Café Floridita: Beth Appleton will sketch

- The Grady Market: Jeweler Liz Smith, stained glass artist Lori Bluni, potter Mark Fletcher, oriental water colorist Ann Kozeliski and glassworker Darcy Abbott.

- Garden's Inc.: Folk artist Anne Hempel

- Downtown Books: Painter Sue Atkins, of Carrabelle, will demonstrate technique of applying oils to linen

- Riverlily: Wooden flute maker Kenyon Wilson

- The Frame Shop: Watercolorist Penny L. Anderson, of Carrabelle, pastel artist Mary

Brown, photographers Ron Dickey and Charlie Sawyer, and painter Neil Smith Willow, of St. George Island, will display work.

- Chamber of Commerce offices: Potter Jonathan Rudloff

- Avenue E: Folk artist Ridley Stallings, Christina McDermott who works in watercolors and creates photo collages, and painter Davey Bonar

- The Honey Hole: Collage artist Claudia Howat

An exhibit of children's art at the Cotton Warehouse on Water Street will be from noon to 4 p.m.

These artists and more will be scattered downtown and through the bowery district, including local artists Kristin Anderson, Lane Autrey, Richard Bickel, Alice Jean Gibbs, Katherine Neill, Lynn Wilson, Gerry Garlick and Amy Friedman.

While browsing the artistic offering, visitors can also enjoy a taste of local cuisine. Six dozen downtown eateries will pour wine and serve samples of signature dishes throughout the afternoon. The Apalachicola Seafood Grill, Owl Café, Tamara's Café Floridita, Up the Creek, and That Place in Apalachicola will participate. Sometimes

Go to any of the six locations Saturday and purchase a special wine glass to use in the tasting. Each of the participating restaurants will offer a special entree following the Art Walk and David Carrier will be the guest chef at Café Floridita that evening.

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top of the list.

New political committee would seek 1,000 signatures

Feifer said the CCFC is interviewing individuals to serve on a political committee to be formed by June 1. The committee would secure signatures of about 1,000 voters on a petition to hold a binding referendum. This would allow for a cushion beyond the 774 signatures, or 10 percent of registered voters, which the law requires.

The CCFC would help fund the new political committee and turn over all its research to it, but the two would remain separate, Feifer said.

Once the petitions were certified by Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott, she would assign a date for the election.

Feifer said the earliest election in which the entire county participates would be November 2010; both Apalachicola and Carrabelle have municipal elections this fall. He said organizers might ask for a mail-in ballot, but it is too soon to say.

With Gail Riegelmayr serving as moderator for the meeting, Feifer outlined the CCFC's research into the countywide voting issue, stressing the group has opted for a binding referendum as an alternative to legal action.

He said 37 of Florida's 67 counties have countywide, also known as at-large, voting, while 23 have single-member voting, six have a hybrid of the two and one has a unique system.

Feifer said following the non-binding referendum, the county commissioners paid lip service to voters' wishes, but let the matter drop. In addition, he said, they declined to instruct County Attorney Michael Shuler to seek a legal opinion from the Florida attorney general's office as to how countywide voting might bear on a federal judge's ruling in the mid-1980s that created single-member districts as a remedy for past discrimination.

Apalachicola's African-American community has been outspoken in its opposition to at-large voting, arguing it would return the county to an era when blacks could not be elected to positions in county gov-

ernment.

Gail Riegelmayr, however, took a different view Saturday, arguing much has changed over the past two decades, as evidenced by the election of African-Americans to Apalachicola mayor all the way up to the president.

She said racial demographics have shifted in the county commission district that encompasses the Hill, which Noah Lockley now holds, to the point where it is now a white majority district that, if it pursued strictly racial politics, could elect a white county commissioner.

"It's not a race thing anymore," she said.

Riegelmayr also sought to clarify what she called a major confusion surrounding the issue. She stressed that under countywide voting, each of the five commissioners would still have to live in the district in which he or she is running, so there would continue to be geographic representation. The only difference would be that the voters in the entire county would be entitled to vote for each of these commissioners.

Problems alleged with property appraiser's office

With slides outlining the CCFC's position projected in front, about two dozen people listened to an argument framed by a stark statistical narrative that began by asserting that "people are hurting in Franklin County and beyond" and that is "not a Democrat or Republican issue, not a rich or poor issue."

The data asserted that the county trails the state in economic development, with an average income of \$27,179, well below the state's average family income of \$39,776.

Nearly 14 percent of the county's workforce works for local government, which is one of the highest, if not the highest rates of government employment in the state, it said.

"Our seafood industry is a shadow of what it once was with no hope of returning to the glory days," read the slide. "Construction jobs are scarcer still; retail stores and restaurants are closing on a regular basis."

The presentation said high property taxes scare off new business and stifle

job creation and that "inequities in how properties are assessed creates mistrust and hurts economic development."

Feifer said the CCFC has researched dozens of assessment inequities that violate state law. "We have a war chest of properties improperly assessed," he said, noting that the CCFC has researched vacant properties claimed as homestead exemptions, in violation of state law, as well as land reverted to agricultural or timbering uses that lowers tax revenues.

"The CCFC believes the value of under-assessed property is a very large number, and as a consequence, the county doesn't realize the revenue it ought to receive," Feifer said. "We've got dead people who own homesteads. We have seven motels that were 100 percent homesteaded."

He said the CCFC is seeking "to have the whole county reappraised to get a new baseline, and we're starting from there."

School system criticized, economic development sought

The CCFC presentation included a harsh portrayal of the county's schools, describing "a dismal school reputation as demonstrated by low graduation rates and bottom of the rung test scores that rob our children of a decent future."

The slides zeroed in on the county's high dropout rate and low percentage of college-bound graduates and high percentage of school suspensions when compared to the state average.

"Yet our teacher/pupil ratio may be the lowest in the state, at one teacher for every 8 1/2 students," they said, noting a declining enrollment for the consolidated school, which they said is now at about 825. "Our \$55 million school is the most expensive in the state on a cost per student basis."

The CCFC also was critical of a lack of organized economic development. "Why is working for the county, city or hospital the best job anyone can hope to find in Franklin county?" they said. "Nearly 700 people work for local government, and their average wage is over \$5,000 more than you can find in

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point higher than the January rate of 8.8 percent and is up 4.2 percentage points from one year ago.

The state's current unemployment rate, highest since April 1976 when the rate was also 9.4 percent, is 1.3 percentage points higher than the national unemployment rate of 8.1 percent.

Florida has lost almost 400,000 nonagricultural jobs over the past year, continuing the trend of over-the-year declines that began in August 2007 primarily due to declines in construction jobs.

Gov. Charlie Crist has signed on to an infusion of \$165 million in federal economic stimulus funds to directly benefit both job seekers and businesses.

"These funds will provide critically-needed training and job placement services including summer employment opportunities for young people and assistance for Floridians at One-Stop Career Centers around the state," said Cynthia Lorenzo, interim director of the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation.

Additionally, the agency has available nearly \$1.4 billion in federal stimulus funds for Florida's unemployment compensation program, including benefits for unemployment compensation recipients. The agency began mailing and electronically depositing an additional \$25 weekly in federal stimulus funds for qualified unemployment compensation recipients last week.

Floridians are encouraged to utilize the Employ Florida Marketplace, an online tool that provides comprehensive workforce services at no cost. Employers can post job openings and job seekers can post resumes at www.employflorida.com.

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

the private sector and with much better benefits."

Because of a lack of political will, "an attitude to keep the status quo," county government maintains "an unequal playing field that favors some over others in hiring, land use changes, zoning and a pattern of inside dealing resulting in undervalued property assessments," the CCFC said.

The CCFC also took issue with what it termed "the highest incarceration rate in the state (with) 9.3 percent of our citizens are locked up or are on probation."

Some in the audience expressed concern with becoming publicly involved in the CCFC because law enforcement might look the other way if they were subject to retaliation. Feifer said that beginning with former Sheriff Mike Mock and continuing with Sheriff Skip Shiver, there's been "a major difference in tone and temper" that has reassured his group.

"A few years ago, when we were formed, it was scary," he said. "Now it's much more subtle."

In his report, treasurer Paul Riegelmayr said membership rolls are kept confidential since the group is a 501 (c) 4, but that means dues and contributions are not tax deductible.

He said about one-third of the 500-member group is local, with the other two-thirds property owners who have a permanent residence elsewhere. "The trend is more and more local," said Feifer.

The group outlined a strategy for next year, including urging creation of a plan to create private sector job, asking the schools to set "higher but attainable goals for our students and make those goals public knowledge," and calling for "lower property taxes on everyone to create tax fairness and save families' homes and livelihoods."

Feifer said the CCFC may have an easier time this year in its scrutiny of the county budget. "The economic situation as a whole is on our side this year," he said, noting that Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson has asked county departments not to spend "any money they don't have to" for the remainder of the fiscal year.

For more information on the CCFC and its plans, call 653-5571.

Seahawks down Jefferson Co., Aucilla Christian

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Franklin County got on the winning side Tuesday, March 24 vs. Jefferson County. The Seahawks pitchers, Bo Hardman and Jason Thompson, scattered seven hits while striking out 12 to led the Seahawks to a 16 - 11 victory at Seahawk Field.

Leading hitters for the Hawks were Gary Larsen 1-for-2, Steven Babb 2-for-4 with two home runs, Thompson 2-for-5, Cole Lee 1-for-4 with a double, and Hardman, who helped his own cause by going 2-for-3.

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Franklin Co. 2 0 0 3 0 0 x - 5

Franklin County stayed on the winning track Monday vs. Aucilla Christian. Steven Babb was on the mound and almost pitched himself a no-hitter. Backed up by some stellar defensive plays, he kept the Aucilla hitters baffled at the plate until the top of the seventh inning. Babb gave up three hits in the top of the seventh inning, one of which was a solo homerun, but the Seahawks held on to win 5-3.

Leaders at the plate for the Seahawks were Gary Larsen 2-for-4, Jared Mock 2-for-3, Babb 2-for-3, one a home run, his fourth of the year, Gene Anderson 1-for-3, and Caden Barber 1-for-4. This brings the Seahawks record to 4-9.

The Seahawks played host to the Blountstown Tigers on Tuesday afternoon. The Friday, April 3 game vs. John Paul II has been rescheduled due to John Paul's Spring Break.



Photo by DAVID ADLERSTEIN

Senior Steven Babb nearly had a no-hitter Monday, as he hurled the Seahawks to a 5-3 win over Aucilla Christian.

Lady Seahawks rout Maclay, stay atop district

By Christy Thompson
Special to the Times



Photo by DAVID ADLERSTEIN

Lady Seahawks freshman center fielder Chena Segree, shown above pitching last month against Jefferson County, had a great game defensively against Maclay on March 19.

The Lady Seahawks cruised past district rival Maclay March 19 to become an impressive 4-0 in the district.

The girls turned up the heat and shut down Maclay 10-0 within five innings of play. Centerfielder Chena Segree let nothing get by her, making a total of four catches in the air to wrap this one up tight for the Seahawks. Defensively the girls did not let up and committed only one error during the game. This determination carried over at bat for the Seahawks with a team effort of nine hits.

Freshman Morgan "Noodle" Newell led the team with two singles on the day, three RBIs and one stolen base. Nearly every member of the Seahawks' roster recorded a hit on the day to easily put this district rival back on the bus.

It definitely makes a difference on the field when each and every girl is having a successful game. The Lady Seahawks are hard to handle when everyone is on their game. This season is right on track, with no plans of ever looking back.

The girls are working hard and being number one in the district is no easy feat, but it is being done. The team is determined to continue to be undefeated in the district and win the district. It will happen and those that are a part of it will forever remember this season as a Lady Seahawk.

The Lady Seahawks are soaring high and nothing will pull this bird down! The focus still remains the same and that is to make history in Franklin County by claiming the district championship.

Christy Thompson is the coach of the Lady Seahawks softball team.

Cape St. George Light Day to be celebrated Saturday

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners has declared April 4, 2009 to be Cape St. George Light Day in an official proclamation passed unanimously at their March 17 meeting.

The proclamation also commemorates the dedication of the Cape St. George Light and St. George Lighthouse Park, which will take place on that day.

The commissioners noted in the proclamation that "the people of Franklin County rallied to rebuild the historic lighthouse (which) now stands in St. George Lighthouse Park as a beacon of hope for residents and visitors alike, and will once again be a guide to mariners."

The lighthouse will be dedicated in a ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island. Keynote speaker at the ceremony will be lighthouse historian and author Neil E. Hurley, whose involvement with Florida's lighthouses dates back to his days in the U.S. Coast Guard. His most recent book, "Florida's Lighthouses in the Civil War," was published in 2007.

Hurley was instrumental in researching original construction details of the Cape St. George Light, which helped enable the historic structure to be rebuilt accurately. He served as an informal consultant to the St. George Lighthouse Association during the early days of the salvage and reconstruction effort.

Also on the program will be Fred Gaske, director of the Division of Historical Resources for the Florida Department of State. The division administered the \$398,000 in grant money which helped



NEIL E. HURLEY

fund the project.

Representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, owners of the lighthouse, will be Lee Edmiston, director of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas. A St. George Island resident, Edmiston was involved with the Cape St. George Light during his tenure with the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Also in attendance will be many descendants of former Keepers and Assistant Keepers of the Light, as well as representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard, which assumed control of the lighthouse in 1949, when the U.S. Lighthouse Service was absorbed into the USCG.

Following the dedication program, a fundraiser for the future construction of the Lighthouse Keeper's House Museum will feature a chicken barbecue lunch, hot dogs prepared by local Boy Scout Troop 22 of St. George Island, music by "Sax Man" Karl Dappen and Tallahassee band Eclectic Acoustic, and a silent auction of more than 70 works of arts and other unique items.

Auction items can be previewed on April 1, 2, and 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sea Oats Gallery on East Pine Avenue, St. George Island. A wine reception on Friday, April 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. will close the preview, and the silent auction will resume after the ceremony on Saturday.

The lighthouse will be open for free climbing Saturday afternoon.

For more information, please contact Terry Kemp at 927-2000, or the St. George Island Visitor Center & Lighthouse Museum at 927-7744.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The Franklin County Public Library in Eastpoint's spring book sale of hardbacks and paperbacks continues at \$1 a bag. Selections include fiction and nonfiction, best-sellers and classics. Included with the sale are the Franklin County Public Library T-shirts and totes for \$8 each.

The Eastpoint and Carrabelle Branch of the library will be closed Friday, April 10 in observance of Good Friday.

The library advisory board will begin meeting on the third Thursday of each month starting, Thursday, April 16. April's meeting will be held at the Carrabelle Branch, at 5:30 p.m. the public is invited. The May meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 5:30 p.m. at the Eastpoint library.

Hungry for free computer instruction? The Wilderness Coast Public Library is offering free computer classes in the three-county area for the next several months. Contact the Carrabelle Library at 697-2366 to register for computer

classes.

Classes this month will begin Friday, April, 17 starting at 9:30 a.m. with Excel Level 1, and at 1:30 p.m. for Windows XPA. Funding for this program is provided by a Library Services and Technology Act grant administered by the State Library of Florida.

The Carrabelle Branch will hold its monthly book social on Thursday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m. This month's guest will be Cindy Neel, author of "The Potter's Wife." The public is invited to this special book event and the opportunity to greet and meet Neel.

Construction continues on the new Franklin County Public Library building Eastpoint, on North Bayshore and Ferry Dock Road. Crews have poured the concrete foundation and will soon be ready to erect the building.

For more information about the Eastpoint library or Carrabelle branch of the library, call 670-8151, 670-4423 or 697-2366 in Carrabelle.

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Carrabelle to host Tartan Day celebration

Everyone is invited to celebrate America's Scottish heritage on Tartan Day this Sunday afternoon in Carrabelle.

"Fiddles and Thistles" will be held at 3 p.m. April 5 at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle, at the corner of Avenue F and First Street East.

Entertainment for this seventh annual Tartan Day celebration will feature a program of traditional Scottish music hosted by the Lanark Scottish Fiddle Orchestra, and featuring

members of the group.

Highlighting the performances will be 11-year-old Scottish highland dancer Savannah Barrier from Panama City and the world famous "The McIlroys," Scotland's musical ambassadors, with bagpipes and song. This will be a homecoming for them since they helped start the Lanark Scottish Fiddle Orchestra eight years ago.

Also, there will be a presentation by Profs. Arnold and Rebecca Burkart, about the history of Scottish music

from 1780 to 1820, as it relates to Scotland's musical contribution to the American and Canadian tradition.

April 6 officially was declared National Tartan Day in America by Congressional action in 1998, to celebrate the many contributions of Scots to the nation. This date was chosen to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Arbroath on April 6, 1320, in Scotland, which was the model for America's Declaration of Independence.

If you are one of the 11 million Americans who claim Scottish, or Scottish Irish roots, or if you just

love good music and want to be Scottish for the day, come and enjoy the program. The Big Bend area is a natural place to celebrate Scotland's contributions to America's history. Wear your tartan, plaids or argyle socks! Join the fun.

Voluntary donations of \$5 at the door support the continuation of Scottish music and highland dancing in our area. Refreshments will be served.

For details, contact Cal Allen, music director; 697-8380 or calallen@att.net.



THE MCILROYS

City, schools partner for Project Impact

The City of Apalachicola and Franklin County School Board have partnered to provide after-school and summer camp programs through Project Impact.

The programs are offered at three sites including Franklin County School in Eastpoint, Apalachicola Bay Charter School and the new City of Apalachicola recreational site at the former Apalachicola High School. The Project Impact office is co-located with the Franklin County Library Tigers Program at the field house of AHS.

The building has been refurbished to include a classroom and computer lab for Project Impact, with the gymnasium reopened for students from 3 to 6 p.m. and available for public use from 6 to 9:30 p.m. weekdays. It is managed by volunteers on the weekends. The gym will be available for special programs upon request by contacting the City of Apalachicola at 653-9319.

Project Impact initiated the city's after-school program in February and is continuing to accept students from elementary through high school. Free after-school services include homework help, targeted tutoring, educational enhancement, recreational activities, and arts education.

A full-time program will be offered in the summer with the first session running from June 15 to July 2, and second session running July 13 to 30. Enrollment for the city's Summer Camp program will begin after spring break and is accessible online at www.projectimpactfcs.org or you may contact the program office at 323-0231 or the coordinator of each site.

Summer programs will be offered at all three sites, with the ABC site focusing on recreation and academic enrichment, the high school site focusing on credit recovery and enrichment, and the City of Apalachicola site focusing on academics and an enriched arts and culture program.

Project Impact is funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant program to support creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

For information, contact Faye Johnson at 323-0231.

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Home of the SEAHAWKS!

Wedding ceremony caps Segree family reunion

Story and photos by David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The annual Segree family reunion last month added some more new members even before it was over.

Held March 14 at the Eastpoint Fire Department, the reunion once again a delicious array of homemade foods and family fellowship, all topped off with musical accompaniment.

But this year it culminated in a marriage ceremony, as Frank Archideane Segree III and Yolanda Lynn Davidson were wed by County Judge Van Russell.

Segree, son of Inez and Frank Segree, Jr., of Eastpoint, has followed in his father's footsteps, working as a captain for the Army Corps of Engineers. He is master of the Dredge Hurley, flagship of the Corps' dredging fleet in the Mississippi River, while his new wife directs a home health care agency in Vicksburg, MS.

The Segrees, a large extended Eastpoint family whose roots in Franklin County date back to the 19th century, spent the morning swapping stories about their education at "The University of Cat Point," and recalling their youth back in an era when a turnstile bridge that connected Eastpoint and Apalachicola was a new development.

The eldest, R.D. Segree, was there, as well as several of the older cronies that are part of Eastpoint's rich history, Roy David Daniels, Steve Daniels, J.T. Boatwright and Collie Watkins.

As the family members gathered, on stage was a quintet of string musicians who played a repertoire that blended classic bluegrass songs with old-time Gospel numbers, calling themselves "three old men and a boy."

"And I'm the boy," joked Willard Vinson, who sang and played guitar. "But it's OK, I'm legal to be here."



Left, performing at the Segree reunion are, from left, George Creamer, Edward Smith, Miles Creamer, Willard Vinson and Ronnie Segree. Below, Enjoying some bubble blowing with his granddaughter, 4-year-old Emaleigh Segree, is Frank Segree Jr. Bottom left, Angela Fletcher, of Panama City, cuddles her 2-year-old son, Wyatt, at the Segree reunion.

Vinson was accompanied by Ronnie Segree on the mandolin, Edward Smith, from Carrabelle, on the acoustic guitar, George Creamer on the electric guitar and his son, Miles Creamer, on the electric guitar.

Ronnie Segree and other younger men in the Segree clan - Larry, Freddie, Donnie and Brad - had all helped bring in the fish and fry it up, as well as serve up and shuck two bushels of oysters.

Faith filled the firehouse like the sweet aroma from a barbecue smoker, as Vinson sang

such songs as "Friends at the Old Country Church."

Brother Randy Montgomery once again sang and offered an extended blessing, reminding everyone to remember those passed away this past year, the new additions who were born "and all our old men and women.

"We're headed that way," said Montgomery.

Ilse Newell concert blends faith with fun

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Seventeen members from the extended families of the three Bowles sisters, daughters of the late Rev. Samuel and Eugenia Bowles, blended the sacred and the irreverent Sunday afternoon at the Apalachicola Area Historical Society's Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts series.

The concert featured vocals, instrumentals and surprises as the families of area residents Eugenia Bowles Watkins, Ruth Bowles Eckstine and Matilda "T" Bowles McLain came together for a memorable, musical afternoon.

Eugenia Watkins' husband, retired music professor Bedford Watkins, on piano, and their son, the Rev. Thomas Wyatt Watkins, an American Baptist minister from Indianapolis, opened the concert. They performed "Stone Table Dance," and then the selection "Spring" from Antonio Vivaldi's "The Seasons." They closed with the bluegrass fiddle classic "Orange Blossom Special." Tenor Greg McMillan, son-in-law of retired Presbyterian minister Rev. Joe and Ruth Eckstine, then performed "A Simple Song from Mass," by Leonard Bernstein.

T. McLain's husband, retired Army colonel Dave McLain, then appeared as a wall as he led a troupe of actors in a hilarious rendition of the scenes out



of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" that feature The Rude Mechanicals doing a performance of "Pyramus and Thisby."

Appearing as Bottom (playing Pyramus) was the McLains' grandson, Joe Diez, and as Flute (playing Thisby) was the McLains' son-in-law, Donovan Diez. The McLains' daughter, Mary, was Philostrate (as Stage Manager) while granddaughter, Mimi Diez, was Quince (playing Moonshine), and grandson David Diez was Snug

(playing Lion).

Dave McLain then sang "Get Me to the Church on Time," a song out of the musical "My Fair Lady."

Watkins and his son, McLain and McMillan then combined as the "One-Night-Stand Barbershop Quartet" as they sang "My Wild Irish Rose."

The Eckstines' daughters, Randi Hamner and Virginia McMillan, sang a duet "Sisters" by Irving Berlin, and then were joined by their mother, and two aunts, Eugenia Watkins and T. McLain, for a spirited

number in brightly-colored boas. A black-and-white photo of the three sisters, at the seashore when they were in their late teens, greeted concertgoers upon their arrival.

Joe and David Diez each performed on the piano, and were followed by the three Watkins' grandchildren, Seth, Sarah and Rebecca, who performed the song "Oye," in Spanish, accompanied by their dad on tambourine, and their grandfather on the maracas.

Rebecca Watkins then sang the traditional



Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

song "Scarborough Fair," as arranged by Simon and Garfunkel, with vocal accompaniment from her dad, and guitar accompaniment from her mom, Donna Watkins.

The barbershop quartet returned to sing "This Little Light of Mine" with "Do Lord," arranged by Val Hicks.

Mimi Diez then recited the poem "The Orange," by Wendy Cope, followed by her and her father doing the classic comedy routine "Who's On First?" made famous by Abbott and Costello.

The afternoon closed with all three families

taking the stage to sing the hymn "For All the Saints," in memory of the Rev. Samuel P. and Eugenia H. Bowles.

The reception that followed in Benedict Hall featured works of area potter Geri Anderson, with all monies raised going to a charity to bring wheelchairs to those people throughout the world who are unable to afford them/

The Ilse Newell Fund will close its 2009-10 series on Sunday, April 26 with a concert in Lafayette Park featuring a steel band under the direction of Kayleen Kerg. Bring a lawn chair, and kick back and relax.

Birth

Callie Varnes born

Don and Cheryl Varnes are excited to announce the birth of their precious daughter, Callie Lynn Varnes.

Callie was born 5 1/2 weeks early on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 in Tallahassee. She weighed 5 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 18" long.

After spending nine days in the neonatal intensive care unit, she was able to come home, where she was welcomed by her brothers, Ashley and David, and one very proud Nana.

Maternal grandparents are Marie Wimberly and



the late JY Wimberly, and the late David Barfield, all of Sumatra. Paternal grandparents are the late Cecil and Delores Varnes, of Apalachicola.

Obituary

MARION ECKSTEIN

Marion Eckstein, 90, a resident of Pelican Rapids, Minn., died Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at Pelican Valley Nursing Home.

Marion Juanita Nelson was born Oct. 27, 1918, in Killam, Alberta, Canada, the daughter of Frederick and Laura (Smith) Nelson. She graduated from Washburn High School in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1937.

On Sept. 10, 1942, she joined the U.S. Navy serving during World War II. She married Harold Anderson in 1943, and they lived in Mahanomen, Minn. Marion and Harold eventually were divorced.

In 1958, she married Warren Eckstein and they resided in Florida. In 2003, Marion moved to Pelican Rapids, Minn.

She was an avid doll collector and restorer. She enjoyed playing cards and spending time on her computer corresponding



ECKSTEIN

with friends, new and old.

She is survived by four sons, Bruce (Nick) Anderson, Ammon, Idaho, Wayne (Patti) Anderson, Detroit Lakes, Minn., Jeff (Karen) Anderson, Webster City, Iowa, and Warren

(Genie) Eckstein, Murray, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jim Nelson, Webster City, Iowa; and one sister, Barbara Thompson, Menomonie, Wis.

Marion was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Warren; sister, Beatrice; and two daughters, Kathryn and Karen Anderson.

No funeral services are planned as per Marion's wishes.

Larson Funeral Home, Pelican Rapids, Minn., handled arrangements. Her online guest book is available at www.larsonfuneral.com

Congratulations



Terry Kemp: A woman you need to know

Lois Swoboda
The Times

Congratulations to Terry Kemp of St. George Island, for having been chosen one of "25 Women You Need to Know" for 2009.

The "25 Women You Need to Know" celebration is a program of the Tallahassee Democrat newspaper. A reception for the winners this month will be sponsored by the law firm Holland & Knight. The program, now in its third year, attracted more than 150 nominations.

In the March 1 announcement, Kemp's profession is listed as community volunteer. She has been a tireless worker for the restoration of the

Cape St. George Light and is active in the Franklin County Humane Society and the conservation committee of the Philaco Women's Club.

According to the announcement, the nominees reflected a wide range of backgrounds, ages and experiences. Some of the women had worked many years in their professions or areas of business. There were successful company owners and others with great achievements in managing nonprofits and civic organizations. All demonstrated a commitment to their neighbors and to supporting community causes.



Greene named Apalachicola librarian

Caty Greene, of Apalachicola, has been selected as the new librarian at the Apalachicola Municipal Library.

She worked with her mother at the History of Science Library at Harvard University and held a library job during college. Greene has lived in Franklin County for going

on six years.

The library also is seeking to fill a 20-hour a week Workforce position. Applicants must be over 55 years of age and have no other work income, but may be receiving up to \$1,300 a month in Social Security benefits. Applicants are not required to have a college degree.

Wedding



Jackielee Hollon, Zack Thompson to wed

We would like to announce the upcoming wedding of Jackielee Hollon to Zack Thompson.

Jackielee is the daughter of Denise and Skip Barwick, and Bruce Hollon. Zack is the son of Kristy and

Randall Mauney, and Jay Thompson Sr.

The wedding will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 5 p.m. at 999 Mill Rd, Carrabelle, on the banks of New River.

All family and friends are invited.

Happening

Nutrition kits help feed fitness

As March was National Nutrition Month, Nadine Kahn, the county's chronic disease educator, was on hand at the Apalachicola Fitness Center on the morning of March 18 giving away nutrition kits stocked with vegetable and herb seeds.

"I'm doing a health expo at the fitness center every month in addition to my other projects," she said.

National Nutrition Month is a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually by the American Dietetic Association. The



campaign is designed to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

Happy BIRTHDAY



Happy birthday, Tim

Timmy Shuler celebrated his ninth birthday on Sunday, March 15, 2009.

He celebrated with friends and family on a giant water slide and had

a Tim Tebow #15 football jersey birthday cake.

Happy Birthday Timmy!

We love you, Daddy, Mommy, Bubba and Sissy



Valerie Creamer turns 9

Valerie Joyce Creamer celebrated her ninth birthday on Monday, March 30, 2009.

She is the daughter of Diane Creamer, of Carrabelle, and Joey

Creamer, of Apalachicola.

Maternal grandparents are Dinah Taunton and the late James Taunton.

Paternal grandparents are Junior and Shirley Creamer, of Apalachicola.

Jhamere turns 3



Jhamere Rhodes turned 3 on Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

He is the son of Quinnaland and Felicia Rhodes, brother to Dy'Quan Lake, Maliek, Brannon, Quinnaland Jr., Tobias and Shannon Rhodes.

He is grandson of Irestine Bouie, Iris Hamilton and Darlene (Walter) Pugh, and godson of Leon and Felicia O'Neal.

I'm 3, Uncle Shawn. Happy Birthday Jhamere! We love you!

Shower

Carranza shower

Victor and Tamra Carranza are having a Boy! A baby shower will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 5 at the Eastpoint Firehouse. All friends and family are invited to attend.

PET OF THE WEEK



Mario and Pepper, pictured above, are two of the seven gray tabby kittens currently at the Adoption Center. Because they have all been here since October, we are reducing their adoption fee. These sweet, affectionate kittens have been spayed and neutered, are up-to-date on their shots and are waiting for a loving home.

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

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

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Obituaries

VIOLET ANDREWS

Violet Evangeline Andrews passed away Friday, March 6, 2009, surrounded by her family after a battle with cancer.

Vi was born Sept. 27, 1933, to James (Canoe Jim) and Martha T. Putney in Newport, N.H.

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, John L. Andrews of St. George Island; and her four children, Lewis Andrews of St. George Island, Marty Wiggins and husband, Ed, of Claremont, N.H., Joanne Andrews Stevens of New London, N.H., and Betty Ann Andrews of Joplin, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She also is survived by her three sisters, Betty Beland, Martha Murgatroy and Linda Putney; one brother, James Putney, all of New Hampshire; two aunts, Margerie "Sis" Thomas and Madeline "Red" Shepard, also of

New Hampshire; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Vi moved to St. George Island in 1991, and quickly became very active in the annual Chili Cook-off, where she ran the sweet booth for 13 years. She affectionately was known by some as "The Bag Lady" for her artistically, beautiful purses that she made each year for the Quilting Club, to be donated and sold to benefit the St. George Island Fire Department.

Vi also loved to cook and will be well remembered for her breads and Biscotte. In compliance with Vi's wishes, a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the St. George Island Fire Department. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

LILLIE MAE CROOM

Lillie Mae Croom of Apalachicola was called home to be with Jesus at the age of 89 on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

She was residing in the Panama City Nursing Center in Panama City. She was born Aug. 17, 1919, in Moultrie, Ga.

Croom is survived by nine children, Cydell Wilson, Granville Croom Jr. (and wife, Delores) and Marvin B. Croom, all of Apalachicola, Bertha Mae Rhodes (and husband, Ruffin Rhodes) of Austin, Texas, Betty J.C. Wright (and husband, Robert Lee Wright Jr.) of Oklahoma City, Okla., Evelyn Goss of Houston, Texas, Lawrence E. Croom of Panama City, Deborah A. Croom (and husband, Allen Thompson Sr.) of Fort Lauderdale and



CROOM

Lowery Croom of Miami.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Granville Croom Sr.; and son, Wallace "Tootsie" Croom.

She is also survived by 31 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren, a goddaughter, Claudette Hamilton, a special "son," Tyrone Evans, and a host of relatives in the Port St. Joe and Carrabelle area.

Viewing and wake services will be held Friday, April 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kelley Funeral Home, 149 Ave. H, Apalachicola.

Services will be held Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m. at the Love Center, with interment at Snow Hill Cemetery.

WILLIAM 'BILL' LANE

Brother William Anthony "Bill" Lane, was born May 11, 1955, at Tyndall Air Force Base to William J. and Marie Lane. He passed away Friday, March 20, 2009.

Bill graduated from Apalachicola High School in 1973, then enlisted into the United States Marine Corps. He served his country for 12 years and, following an honorable discharge, returned to his hometown of Apalachicola, where he began to work for the St. Joe Paper Company for 10 years.

It was during that time he met his wife, Patricia Weaver, and they were united as one on July 26, 1999. After the closing of the paper mill, he began his career with the Department of Corrections. He worked at Gulf Correctional Institution in White City, at Franklin Correctional Institution in Carrabelle and finally at the Bay City Work Camp as a sergeant until the time of his passing.

Bill's greatest pleasure and happiest moments came from spending time with his family and friends at the ponderosa in Lanesville.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Patricia Lane; parents, William and

Marie Lane; daughters, Keneidra Williams (James) and Sheneidra Cummings; brothers, Patrick J. Lane (Doris) and Jonathan R. Lane (Philinda); sister, Monica Moron (Michael); grandchildren, Zyon and Zymarion Williams; and mother-in-law, Bernice Weaver.

He also leaves behind aunts, Marion Long (James), Mattie Ruth Lane, and Eula Rochelle; brother-in-laws, James Bennett (Debra), Wendall Weaver (Katherine), and Anthony Weaver (Valerie); sisters-in-law, Bonnie Russ and Linda Russ; nieces and nephews, Tameka Lane, Patrick Jamal Lane, Erika Lane, Jonathan Lane, JR, Jasmine Lane, Marti Moron, Monet Moron, Tory Lane, and Courtney Bell; special friends, Sherman Siples, Harold Byrd, Darion Dawson, and Wayne O'Neal, Jr.; and a host of cousins, other family and friends.

Funeral services were held March 27, at New Life Deliverance Tabernacle by the Sea with burial in Magnolia Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Kelley Funeral Home, 149 Ave. H, Apalachicola. Condolences may be sent and viewed at www.KelleyFuneralHomes.com.

MAUREEN BEARDEN

Maureen Joyce Walker Bearden passed away Sunday, March 22, 2009, at age 26.

Born Dec. 1, 1982, Maureen was a lifelong resident of the area. She loved life and enjoyed spending time in the outdoors, fishing and boating.

Maureen was a devoted wife and mother. She loved her family and enjoyed spending "family time" together. She will be missed by all.

Maureen was preceded in death by her father, Randy Robert Walker of Panama City.

She is survived by her best friend and loving husband, James A.

Bearden of Panama City; two daughters, Elizabeth and Brooke of Panama City; mother, Tammy Leigh and husband, Ritchie Dean Golden, of Eastpoint; two sisters, Toni Leigh Hutchison and April Renee Walker; both of Eastpoint; and one brother, Fredrick Hieber.

She also leaves behind to cherish her memory her grandparents, Jimmy and Maureen Barns of Callaway; and grandmother, Pat Hutchinson of Eastpoint.

A celebration of life was held Thursday, March 26, at Brock's Home Town Funeral Home chapel in Callaway.

SHELLY GALLOWAY

Shelly Mauldin Galloway died in Tallahassee on March 24, 2009, after a long battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Jeffrey Stuart Galloway; daughters, Katherine Elizabeth Galloway and Jessica Leigh Galloway; son, Ryan Christopher Galloway; parents, Guy N. and Sharon A. Mauldin, all of Eastpoint; sister, Tracy M. Johnson (Mrs. Timothy) of Alpharetta, Ga.; brother, Matthew W. Mauldin (Rebecca) of Cumming, Ga.; four nephews; a niece and a number of devoted cousins.

She was born in Alpharetta, Ga., on May 6, 1964. She graduated from Milton High School in Alpharetta and from North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, Ga. She taught pre-school in Georgia for a number of years.

She moved to Franklin County with her family in 2001. Over the past several years, she was a devoted member of the Apalachicola United Methodist Church. She was an outspoken

advocate for the fight against breast cancer. She was actively involved in the American Cancer Society's Annual Relay for Life, and was awarded that organization's Courage Award in 2008. Her positive attitude, her strength and determination in the face of adversity and her passion for life were an inspiration to everyone whose life she touched.

Visitation with the family was Thursday afternoon, March 26, at the Apalachicola United Methodist Church, 69 Main St., Alpharetta, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Shelly Galloway Memorial Fund, Apalachicola United Methodist Church, 75 Fifth St., Apalachicola, FL 32320.

GRACE M. PROSSER

Grace M. Prosser, 93, of New Martinsville, W.Va., formerly of Lanark Village and Tully, N.Y., passed away Friday, March 27, 2009, in her home, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be sadly missed.

She was born Oct. 23, 1915, in Syracuse, N.Y. She was a retired secretary with Dr. Callahan, DDS; a member of the Red Hat Society; and an Episcopalian by faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bessie and Jack Kries; her husband, Floyd Prosser; a daughter, Judith Prosser; and a brother, Francis Kenyon.

Survivors include a son, Gary (Barbara) Prosser of Wilbur, W.Va.; and two grandsons, Mark (Greta) Prosser and their children, Jacob and Alexis Wade, and Emily and Noah Prosser, all of St. Clairsville, Ohio, and Joel Prosser and his fiancée, Jennifer Peck, and her children, Jessica, Donald, and Stephanie Peck, all of New Martinsville, W.Va.

A memorial service was held March 30 at the Alma Ripley Chapel United Methodist Church with Rev. Donald M. Thomas officiating. Interment will be held in Tully, N.Y., at a later date.

Grisell Funeral Home, New Martinsville, W.Va., handled arrangements.

Cards of Thanks

JIMMY TRAWICK FAMILY

The family of Jimmy Trawick wishes to thank our many friends and family for everything that was done for our family during our loss. The prayers, visits, food, and flowers were greatly appreciated and meant so much to all of us. A very special thanks to Brother and Sister Barks for the wonderful service. May God Bless every one of you.

Martha, Jamie, Nita, Rod, Preston, Dakota, Devin, and Claudia

AMERICAN FLAGS

Franklin County School would like to make known their great appreciation to the AMVETS Post 107 in Carrabelle for purchasing American flags to be displayed in the classrooms at the new Franklin County School site.

Ministry BRIEFS

Hospice sponsors plant swap

On Friday, April 3, the Big Bend Hospice Franklin County Advisory Council will sponsor a memorial plant swap at The Farmers' Market in Apalachicola from 3 to 5 p.m.

Please bring a beautiful flower or plant in honor or in memory of a loved one and swap it with others who are remembering their loved ones at this time of year.

Special "Hands for Hospice" windsocks will add a touch of whimsy to any garden and have been hand-made by Karla Ambos and Bev Hewitt. The "Hands for Hospice" windsocks make a great gift for any garden lover and are available for a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds go directly to providing care to patients and families in Franklin County.

Please come and join Council members: Bev Hewitt, Donnie Gay, Pam Mahr, Joe and Jeanette Taylor, Sandra Smith, Karla Ambos, Judy Cook, Ella Speed, Betty Croom, and Paula Harmon at the farmers' market in front of the Medicine Shop in Apalachicola and swap beautiful flowers or plants in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Please contact Pam Raker Allbritton at 508-8749 for additional information.

Dinner to benefit mission

The First United Methodist Church of Apalachicola will host a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday to benefit the Guatemala Mission Team.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for children and will be sold at the door.

Takeout is available.

Churches to pray for schools

Clergy from throughout Franklin County have united behind a plan to keep churches open on Maundy Thursday, April 9, to host a prayer vigil on behalf of the schools.

The clergy plan to keep their churches open all night on Maundy Thursday to anyone to come and pray for the county's schools, students, staff, faculty and school board.

Hospice invites clergy to dine

Big Bend Hospice Chaplains invite area clergy and other leaders in the congregation to attend a special luncheon at noon April 16 at Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee.

Come enjoy a complimentary meal and fellowship with community clergy.

At this quarterly meeting Rabbi Jack Romberg and the Rev. Jack Stroman, will speak on "Finding Meaning in Suffering." The meeting is open to all clergy in Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla, Franklin, Liberty and Gadsden counties.

RSVP to the Rev. Candace McKibben as soon as possible at 878-5310, ext. 250 or candace@bigbendhospice.org.

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102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672
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Harvester arrested after pulling a gun

An oyster harvester who had pulled a gun in a dispute over leased oyster bottom was arrested last month by officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement.

Officers Travis Huckeba and John Allen were dispatched to the west side of Apalachicola Bay to investigate the alleged trespass and harvest of oysters from leased oyster bottom. It was discovered that a firearm had been pulled

on the legal harvesters who had confronted the alleged trespasser/harvester.

The firearm-wielding harvester was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Another harvester involved was arrested on an open warrant filed earlier in the year by Officer Chasen Yarborough for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On the evening of March 18, Officer Steven Cook was dispatched to a vessel harvesting oysters in

the prohibited waters of the Apalachicola River channel. Cook made contact with two harvesters actively engaged in harvesting oysters from the prohibited waters.

Six misdemeanor citations were issued for violations pertaining to harvesting oysters from prohibited waters, harvesting oysters at night and possession of oyster tongs on the water at night. Six warnings also were issued for insufficient vessel safety equipment and license violations.

Sheriff's REPORT

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

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

March 24

Jonathan L. Berry, 23, Dothan, Ala., violation of probation (FCSO)

Jessica M. Vanderford, 39, Panama City, felony DUI and driving while license suspended or revoked (FCSO)

March 25

Mark P. Sanders, 30, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Jermaine T. Fedd, 34, Apalachicola, four counts sale of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a church and two counts sale of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of public

housing (FCSO)

Dondrell Ducker, 29, Apalachicola, failure to appear (FCSO)

March 27

Alvin Cummings, 46, Apalachicola, two counts sale of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a church (FCSO)

Jonathan G. Pace, 31, Apalachicola, violation of probation and failure to appear (FCSO)

March 28

John T. Rhear, 44, St. George Island, DUI (FCSO)

William R. Johnson, 28, Carrabelle, violation of domestic violence injunction (FCSO)

Elex D. Pugh, 31, Panama City, violation of probation (APD)

March 29

Vernon Thompson, 51, Carrabelle, violation of probation (FCSO)

Mateo Esteban, 27, Apalachicola, no valid driver's license (APD)

March 30

Ronnie Hopps, 53, Apalachicola, trespass on property (FCSO)

George M. Gilbert, 35, Apalachicola, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

Easter egg hunt planned April 11

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office will host its annual Easter egg hunt at noon April 11 on the field adjacent to the sheriff's office at 270 State Road 65 in Eastpoint.

All kids are invited to come out and participate in a wonderful day of egg hunting with lots of prizes to be given away.

The sheriff's office will be grilling hot dogs for the occasion free of charge. Come out and enjoy the fun!

For more information, call 670-8500.

News BRIEFS

Benefit blood drive

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 7, the Bay Medical Center Bloodmobile will be at the Franklin County Consolidated School in Eastpoint for a blood drive to benefit longtime Weems Memorial Hospital employee Gracie Vaughn of Apalachicola.

Vaughn suffers from chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, and one treatment for the disease is intravenous high-dose immunoglobulin infusions, which require large amounts of blood to produce.

If you wish to donate

blood, first report to the front office of the school for a campus pass. For more information, call Aimee Palmer at 747-6570.

Jordan Bayou plan

At the March 4 city commission meeting, Tamara Allen, program manager of the Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership, asked the commission for approval to develop a plan for improvements to publicly held land at McKissack Beach and Jordan Bayou, also known as Old Carrabelle Beach.

Allen said the partnership would like to see the

land preserved as a nature park. Proposals for improvements include restrooms, an interpretive kiosk, a boardwalk to protect wetlands and barricades to prevent access to the area by off-road vehicles.

Commissioners said they were supportive but urged Allen to be sure any proposal would fall within the guidelines of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Leslie Cox, who is working with Allen on the project, said all proposed improvements were based on past projects that had received DEP approval.

— By Lois Swoboda

Trades & Services



Officials reexamine seafood park bids

At their March 17 meeting, county commissioners opened bids for a contract to construct a deck, dock boardwalk and picnic pavilions at the new Seafood Workers Park on the Lombardi property at the west end of Apalachicola.

The high bid was \$130,000, from Larry Joe Colson of Apalachicola. Low bid was \$80,000, from

Eastern Coastal Construction of Chipley.

County Planner Alan Pierce said all four bids received were above the \$70,000 in grant money dedicated to this portion of the park project.

Commissioners asked County Engineer Dan Rothwell to reexamine the project and find a way to reduce the cost of construction.

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 Public Hearing of the City of Carrabelle Planning and Zoning Board
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Carrabelle Planning and Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 16, 2009, starting on or after 4:30 P.M., at the Carrabelle Municipal Complex, 1005 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, Florida, to consider the following item, First Reading of:
 The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments and make decisions regarding the above matter. The plan amendment includes changes to the Coastal Management Element of the Comprehensive Plan and to Future Land Use Maps I-14 and I-16. A copy of the Maps as amended is attached to this notice, below.
 ORDINANCE NO: 439
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, SPECIFICALLY CITY-INITIATED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO 7.G.2 POLICY 1.1.1 AND THE DEFINITION OF "COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREAS" FOUND IN SECTION 10 OF THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT; AND THE AMENDMENT OF FUTURE LAND USE MAP SERIES, MAP I-14 AND I-16, OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CONFORM TO STATE STATUTE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 A copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection at City Hall. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearing and be heard on this matter.
 At this hearing, the Planning and Zoning Board will accept public testimony and will consider the adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendment 09-02.
 All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and comment upon the Plan Amendments or submit their comments in writing to the Planning and Zoning Board. Further information concerning the proposed amendments can be obtained from the City Clerk at City Hall, at 1005 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, Florida, or by calling (850)697-2727, between the hours of 8:30 A.M and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
 Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings, and for this purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. The City of Carrabelle does not provide or prepare such record pursuant to F.S. 286.0105.
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk at City Hall, at 1005 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, Florida, or by calling (850)697-2727, no later than three (3) days prior to the proceedings.
 Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at (850) 697-2727 as soon as possible.
 Keisha Smith
 City Clerk
 April 16, 2009

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It's already been a year now,

The time has just passed me by;
I still can't believe I lost you,
I often ask why.

I still ache for your touch,
I miss your smile each day.

Your music has gone silent here on earth,
The angels get to hear you play.

Your voice still lingers in my heart,
I can still hear you speak;
It helps me when I'm down,
And when I'm feeling weak.

Friends and family offer comfort,
I guess they understand.

How hard it's been since you left,
You were such a special man.

It seems life must go on,
I know this is true,
But it isn't the same now,
Daddy, I still miss you,
It's been a year,
But it still feels like yesterday.
We still miss you.

Youth enlist in Lord's army

Excitement radiated through the air as all roads led to Love Center's Chosen Generation annual Spring Break "Armed Forces Youth Rally" on March 20.

Nearly 300 youth, youth leaders, family and friends attended from across the region and from churches in and around the community.

The theme centered on being young soldiers in the army of the Lord and answering His call to enlist in His service. Group after group participated in and presented an array of ministry arts expressions including songs, dance, drama, stepping and even rapping.

The roll call included youth from Tallahassee, Crawfordville, Carrabelle, East Point, Apalachicola, St. George Island, Port St. Joe, Panama City, Marianna, Blountstown and all in between reporting for duty.

Pastors L.D. and Sheila Martin gave an opening prayer and welcome to all who attended.

The included a Hula Hupe praise, Bible drill, dancing and singing.

Chosen Children, age 3 to 10 gave a special dance presentation "I am not forgotten" which was coordinated by Min. Lafayette Brown.

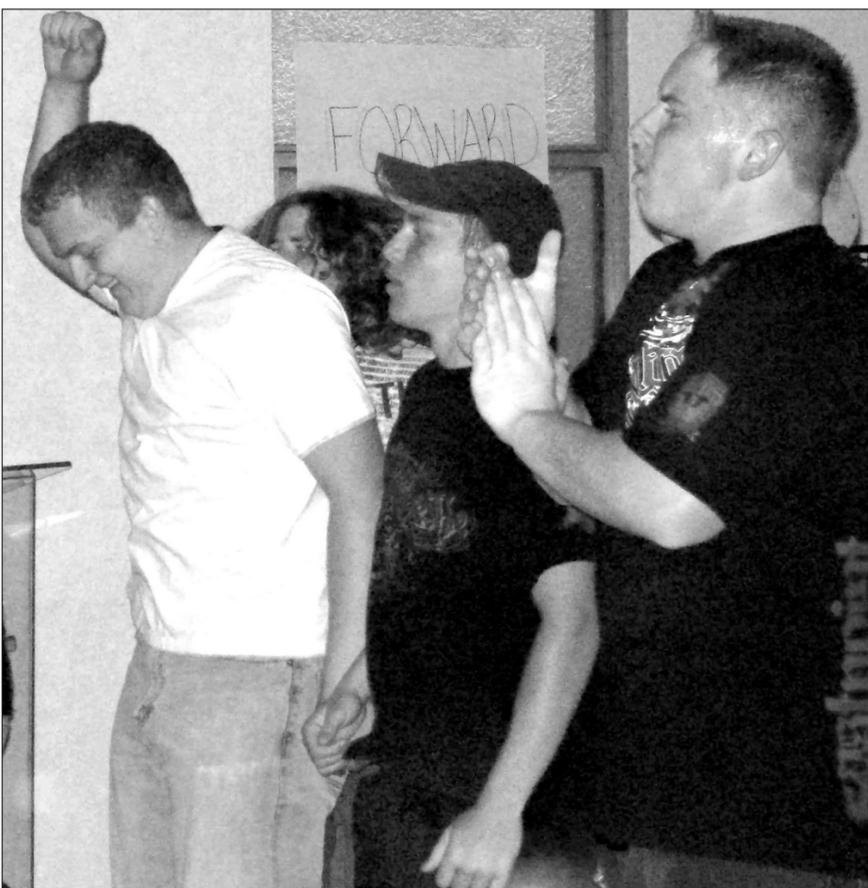
Next up Carrabelle Christian Center's Free Fire got things heated up dancing to "It could've been me." This dance provoked the "Dance like David Danced" dance contest, coordinated by Joel Williams. Youth representing various ministries were able to show off their dance skills as the crowd cheers on the extreme moves by the participants. The dance-off ended in a tie and each youth receive a prize valued at \$5.

Coming back to the stage, "I believe" and "Sing, sing, sing," were sung by the Rally's house band for the evening, "The Reel". They had the lights and youth jumping.

Following them was the "Donia Rappers" from Macedonia Baptist Church, Panama City. Coming to the stage, chanting "we ready" and free style rapping their various testimonies of how Christ changed their lives.

"I'm a soldier, in the army of the Lord," Love Center's Chosen teens sang as they got in formation for a step and speak-out written by the youth and directed by Dakaya Quan and coordinated by Min. Cydell Lockley.

Port St. Joe's House of Praise youth and Pastor Cardrella Garland were in the house



TEMOLYNN WINTONS

These young men from the Eastpoint Church of God youth group were among 300 young people who took part in the Love Center's Chosen Generation "Armed Forces Youth Rally" March 20.

and represented with a recitation of youth who found themselves in hell because they did not heed the invitation to salvation. The conclusion and title of the poem was "Hell is for Wimps."

Love Center's Junior High Group of about 20 youth presented a dance using flags and wearing war paint, "Waging War" choreographed by LaShonda Williams and under the coordination of Minister Teresa Martin.

Meanwhile Eastpoint Church of God prepared to minister in a drama titled "Too Late to Apologize," which told about three youth who, after being introduced to the truth of Jesus Christ and the church, decide to go out partying, when they are killed in a car accident and find themselves in hell. This thought-provoking drama was a reality check for the youth and a visual aid to get them thinking about their lives.

Following the skit, altar ministry was in order. "The Reel" ministered and the Free Fire worshipped with "Lord, You're Holy" as

dozens flowed to the altar for repentance and rededication.

Afterward, attendees were invited to more fun and fellowship, eating and enjoying delicious hamburgers, chicken, hotdogs, chips, cookies, popcorn and drinks organized outside by Carolyn Williams, Love Center's Children ministry coordinator, and supported by donations from community, parents and grandparents.

"Each group has its own distinct and unique flavor," said Pam Shiver, wife of Eastpoint Church of God's youth pastor.

"Yeah, matter of fact each Rally has had its own flavor and personality," Scott Shiver chimed in.

"We are grateful to God and to each one who came and participated in whatever way you did. Together we made it a success. God did exceedingly, abundantly above that which we could even ask or think," said Temolynn Wintons, the Love Center's youth pastor and the event's coordinator.

Tonya's Hope fundraiser against cancer Saturday

American Legion Post 82, 2316 Oak Street, Lanark Village, will host its third annual Tonya's Hope cancer fundraiser, on Saturday, April 4, to benefit residents of Lanark who have been stricken with cancer.

Activities start at 9 a.m. with a Treasure Sale; coffee and donuts will be served. At noon we will have a memorial service and a Celebration of Life ceremony for those living with or cured of cancer.

The pig, cooked by Thomas Lee Brannan, will be served at 12:15 p.m. Side dishes will include cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad or Tommy Larson's famous corn on the cob. You will have a choice of three sides for a donation of \$8.

Also at 12:15 p.m., we will have our favorite entertainers playing and singing for you enjoyment. Turk Leonard will sing your request and our own Carrabelle songbird Evelyn McAnally will be singing also. All

food and entertainment will be under our pavilion, weather permitting.

At 3:30 p.m. the fun will continue inside the lounge with a live auction featuring

Chuck Spicer as the auctioneer. He will have the most valuable and unique items to auction off. After the auction Evelyn and Company will be performing our famous Karaoke for the rest of the evening.

Tonya's Hope was started to help Tonya Bridges when she was so very ill. We continue with this very worthwhile project in her

memory and we thank her family for allowing us to honor her in this way. Any help and donations would be greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted at the Legion Post any day after 4 p.m. Contact the Post at 697-9998 or Kathy Ingersoll at 697-9533.

Contracts for Lanark residents who are in need of Tonya's Hope funds are available at the American Legion Post 82 in Lanark.



Tonya Bridges

2009 ROAD PAVING PROJECT PROJECT #7.080

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

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

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Project is located in Franklin County, Florida and consists of approximately 12 miles of roadway resurfacing, shoulder work, and striping at locations throughout the county.

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

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

Completion date for this project will be 210 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

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

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for the "2009 Road Paving Project."

Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. (EDT), on April 20th, 2009, at the Franklin County Clerk's Office, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203 Apalachicola, Florida 32320-2317, and will be opened and read aloud on April 21st, 2009 at the County Commission meeting at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, FL.

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$100.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

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

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1587T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

PILAR FLORES, et al, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 19-2008-CA-000380

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:
PILAR FLORES
Last Known Address: 45 Alan Dr., Apalachicola, FL 32320
Also Attempted Service At: 14324 S Skene Ave., Compton, CA 90220 and 400 Kings Point Dr., #430, North Miami Beach, FL 33160

Current Residence Unknown
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF

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PILAR FLORES
Last Known Address: 45 Alan Dr., Apalachicola, FL 32320
Also Attempted Service At: 14324 S Skene Ave., Compton, CA 90220 and 400 Kings Point Dr., #430, North Miami Beach, FL 33160

Current Residence Unknown

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

LOT 1, BLOCK 11, OF GULF COLONY UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33309 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice THE APALACHICOLA TIMES and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 or Telephone Voice/TDD (904) 653-8861 prior to such proceeding.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 4th day of March, 2009.

Marcia Johnson
As Clerk of the Court
By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk
08-10906
March 26, April 2, 2009

1628T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, a Charter County and Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, Plaintiff,

vs.

GWENDOLEN LETTS, and all other persons in possession of subject real property, whose names are uncertain, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-CA-2321

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose on a code enforcement lien on the following property in Leon County, Florida:

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corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 2 West, run thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes West for a distance of 1342.15 feet to a point, thence run North 02 degrees 02 minutes East for a distance of 1040.51 feet to a point thence run East for a distance of 120 feet to a point on the Western side of Frances Maples Drive, thence run North 00 degrees 02 minutes East along the Western side of Frances Maples Drive for a distance of 70.22 feet, thence run East 660 feet to a point on the Eastern side of Mark Charles Drive, thence run South 00 degrees 02 minutes West along the Eastern side of Mark Charles Drive for a distance of 90 feet, thence run East for a distance of 120 feet to a point which is the point of beginning, thence continue East for a distance of 225 feet to a point, thence run South 13 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 136.55 feet to a point on Beth Circle, thence run Northwesterly along a curve having a radius of 50 feet for an arc distance of 62.55 feet to a point, thence run North 46 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds West for a distance of 185.3 feet to the point of beginning, being LOT 20, BLOCK D, WHISPERING PINES SUBDIVISION, according to a map made by Apalachee Engineer and Land Surveyors, Inc. dated April 8, 1971.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Complaint for Foreclosure of Lien, twenty (20) days after the last date of publication on counsel for the Plaintiff, Leon County, Florida, whose name and address is: Laura M. Youmans, Esq., Leon County Assistant County Attorney, 301 South Monroe Street, Room 202, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the Complaint for Foreclosure of Lien.

This notice shall be published once week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Apalachicola Times.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Leon County, Florida, on this 19th day of March, 2009

BOB INZER,
CLERK OF THE COURT FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Yolanda Smith
Deputy Clerk

Laura M. Youmans, Esq.
Florida Bar: 14091
Assistant County Attorney
Leon County Courthouse
301 South Monroe Street,

ALSO:

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A 1971 Liberty Mobile-Home Model Southernaire; Serial No. G 5196, together with all furniture and fixtures therein; said Mobile Home being affixed to Lot 20, Block D, Whispering Pines Subdivision.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Complaint for Foreclosure of Lien, twenty (20) days after the last date of publication on counsel for the Plaintiff, Leon County, Florida, whose name and address is: Laura M. Youmans, Esq., Leon County Assistant County Attorney, 301 South Monroe Street, Room 202, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the Complaint for Foreclosure of Lien.

This notice shall be published once week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Apalachicola Times.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Leon County, Florida, on this 19th day of March, 2009

BOB INZER,
CLERK OF THE COURT FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Yolanda Smith
Deputy Clerk

Laura M. Youmans, Esq.
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Room 202 Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 606-2500 April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009

1642T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

Liquidation Properties Inc. Plaintiff,

vs.

Elizabeth Mullins and Rodney Mullins a/k/a Rodney D. Mullins, Wife and Husband; Defendant(s).

Case #: 2008-CA-0179
Division #:
UNC:

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order resccheduling foreclosure sale dated March 9, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-0179 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein Liquidation Properties Inc., Plaintiff and Elizabeth Mullins and Rodney Mullins a/k/a Rodney D. Mullins, Wife and Husband are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., April 9, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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ment, to-wit:

BEGIN AT THE TERRA COTTA MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 20 OF SOUTHLAND, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 4 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 31 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 330.20 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160), THENCE RUN NORTH 58 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 187.47 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160), THENCE RUN SOUTH 34 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST 330.63 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160), THENCE RUN SOUTH 58 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 51 WEST 206.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A 30.00 FOOT INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT AT TERRA COTTA MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER LOT 20 OF SOUTHLAND, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 4 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN NORTH 58 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 206.01 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160) MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 34 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST 30.05 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 58 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 125.45 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 58 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 325.88 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF 12TH STREET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 31 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 30.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 58 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 326.06 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #4111), THENCE RUN SOUTH 58 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 124.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 at Apalachicola, Florida, this 11th day of March, 2009

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP
10004 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Suite 112
Tampa, FL 33618
(813) 880-8888
March 26, April 2, 2009

1643T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

vs.

Karen Beth Millender; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

Case #: 2008-CA-0220
Division #:

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order resccheduling foreclosure sale dated March 9, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-0220 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Karen Beth Millender are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., April 9, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 6 AND THE NORTH 14 FEET OF LOT 7, BLOCK D (112), RANGE 10, PICKETT'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA, AS PER PLAT OR MAP THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida, this 11th day of March, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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March 26, April 2, 2009

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1644T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

LaSalle Bank NA as Trustee for Washington Mutual mortgage pass-through Certificates WMALT Series 2007-HY2 Trust Plaintiff,

vs

Larry E. Evans; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Terrace Mortgage Company; Defendant(s)

CASE NO 2008-CA-000275
DIVISION #: UNC:

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order resccheduling foreclosure sale dated March 10, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-000275 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein LaSalle Bank NA as Trustee for Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates WMALT Series 2007-HY2 Trust, Plaintiff and Larry E. Evans are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., April 9, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 3, BLOCK B, SEA DUNE VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida this 11th day of March, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP
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(813) 880-8888
March 26, April 2, 2009

1645T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

RBC CENTURA BANK, Plaintiff

vs

HENRIETTA BURNS A/K/A HENRIETTA DEROZARIO BURNS, et al., Defendants

CASE NO 07-000475CA

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CLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 07-000475CA of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida, wherein, RBC CENTURA BANK, Plaintiff and HENRIETTE BURNS A/K/A HENRIETTA DEROZARIO BURNS, A/K/A HENRIETTA DEROZARIO BURNS, et al., are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 33 MARKET STREET, FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, STE 203, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320, Florida, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 9th day of April, 2009, the following described property:

LOT 9 OF FAIRWAY PARK SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 15, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 10th day of March, 2009.

Clerk Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

Greenspoon Marder, P.A., TRADE CENTRE SOUTH, SUITE 700, 100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

IMPORTANT
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 301 S MONROE STREET ROOM 225, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301, 850-577-4401, if hearing or voice impaired, contact (TDD) (800) 955-8771 via Florida Relay System. March 26, April 2, 2009

1662T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.
DURL E. CHAMBERS, JR. and REBECCA D. CHAMBERS, husband and wife, and CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC. a foreign corporation Defendant(s).

CASE NO: 08-000549-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order 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:

EXHIBIT "A"

Commence at the Northwest Corner of Fractional Section 29, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida and run thence South 00 degrees 46 minutes 55 seconds West 594.0 feet along the West boundary of Fractional Section 29 to a point on the North side of Twin Lakes Road, said point being on a curve concave Southwesterly, thence run Southeasterly along said curve with a radius of 313.61 feet through a central angle of 87 degrees 50 minutes 56 seconds for an arc length of 480.84 feet (chord bears South 45 degrees 36 minutes 22 seconds East 435.11 feet) to a point on the Easterly, right-of-way of Otter Slide Road, thence run South 01 degrees 40 minutes 54 seconds East along the Easterly right-of-way of said Otter Slide Road 125.23 feet to the intersection of the Easterly right-of-way of said Otter Slide Road with the Northerly right-of-way of Ridge Road, thence leaving said Easterly right-of-way of Otter Slide Road, thence run North 69 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds East along the Northerly right-of-way of Ridge Road 1435.24 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING leaving said Northerly right-of-way run North 20 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds West 315.0 feet, thence North 69 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds East 137.99 feet, thence South 20 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds East 315.00 feet to the Northerly right-of-way of Ridge Road, thence run South 69 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds West along said Northerly right-of-way 137.99 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being Lot 11, Unit 2, Tarpon Shores Subdivision, according to the plat thereof on file in the Franklin County Planning and Zoning Office, Commerce Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apa-

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lachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on April 29, 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.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

Steve M. Watkins, III
FBN: 0794996
41 Commerce Street
Apalachicola, FL 32320
(850) 653-1949
April 2, 9, 2009

1680T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOHNSON PARK ASSOCIATES, LLC, Plaintiff,

VS.
DORIS V. WETHERINGTON, the unre-married widow of C.J. WETHERINGTON, a/k/a CHARLIE JOHNSON WETHERINGTON, WENDELL P. BURTON, the only heir of MIRIAM BURTON GIBSON, the surviving un-married widow of T.Y. GIBSON, JR., a/k/a THOMAS YOUNG GIBSON, JR., C.G. CHAPMAN, a/k/a C.G. CHAPMAN, SR., a/k/a CHESTER GRIGGS CHAPMAN, JR., FRANK R. REYNOLDS, ETHEL JANICE LANE MATTHEWS, MICHAEL PATRICK REYNOLDS, the heirs of F.C. REYNOLDS, a/k/a FRANK C. REYNOLDS, BROOKS GRIGGS, and ROLAND E. SMITH, if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all parties natural, corporate, or otherwise claiming interests by, through, under or against them, a majority of the surviving BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF C & G INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a dissolved Florida corporation, Defendants.

This application is being processed and is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Northwest District office at 160 Governmental Center, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5974. April 2, 2009

1625T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of ARRIE L. PARKER, Deceased.

File Number 03-000009-PR

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, pursuant to the Order of Sale entered in this cause will on April 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse at Apalachicola, Florida offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property in Franklin County, Florida:

Lot 3, Block 88, ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES, UNIT NUMBER 5, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 16 and 17 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida (the "Property").

Together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging. Provided that, the opening bid for the Property shall be \$128,000 (One Hundred

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title the following property in Franklin County, Florida:

Commence at an old concrete monument marking the intersection of the South boundary of Fractional Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 1 West, Franklin County, Florida, with the Easterly boundary of the 100 foot right-of-way of State Road No. 370, said point also being the Northwest corner of Lot 1 of Peninsular Point, Unit No. 7, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, page 3 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida, and run thence North 17 degrees 37 minutes 28 seconds East along the Easterly right-of-way boundary of said State Road No. 370, a distance of 943.13 feet, thence South 72 degrees 22 minutes 32 seconds East 372.44 feet to a concrete monument, thence continue South 72 degrees 22 minutes 32 seconds East 30.0 feet, more or less, to the shore line of the Gulf of Mexico for the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning run thence North 72 degrees 22 minutes 32 seconds East 30.0 feet, more or less, to the shore line of the Gulf of Mexico, thence Southwesterly along said shore line 80.0 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Barbara Sanders, plaintiff's at-

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torney, whose address is P.O. Box 157, Apalachicola, FL 32329, on or before the 1st day of May, 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 of the petition.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2009.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON AS Clerk of the Court
By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009

1702T
STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The Department announces receipt of an application from Curtis Monroe, File No. 19-0294405-001-DF, to recover pre-cut submerged timber beginning at Mile Marker 35.4, River Styx, and ending at mile Marker 15.4, Bloody Bluff, of the Apalachicola River. The timber recoveries will be conducted in Gulf, Liberty and Franklin Counties.

This application is being processed and is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Northwest District office at 160 Governmental Center, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5974. April 2, 2009

1625T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of ARRIE L. PARKER, Deceased.

File Number 03-000009-PR

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, pursuant to the Order of Sale entered in this cause will on April 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse at Apalachicola, Florida offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property in Franklin County, Florida:

Lot 3, Block 88, ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES, UNIT NUMBER 5, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 16 and 17 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida (the "Property").

Together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging. Provided that, the opening bid for the Property shall be \$128,000 (One Hundred

10 PROPERTIES - 2 DAYS

Friday, April 17th, 2:00 PM
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Commercial Property
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Building Lot, Panacea, FL
Residential Property
2 Bedroom Home Located At
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Sat., April 18th, 10:00 AM
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DATED: March 19, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
March 26, April 2, 2009



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Applicants should be available thirty (30) to (40) hours per week and be willing to perform duties on contract with the TDC, Franklin County or such organization as is designated by the TDC. Applicants should submit a resume and salary proposal. Proposals will be received until April 6, 2009 at 5:00 PM. In the offices of Bay Media, at 65 Ave. E., Apalachicola, Florida 32320.

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Franklin County Tourist Development Council

Administrative Service Package

The Franklin County TDC is accepting proposals from qualified firms to provide a package of administrative services to support the operations of the Tourist Development Council to include, but not be limited to the following:

- Serving as administrative staff for the FCTDC-scheduling and attend meetings, drafting agendas, taking minutes, handling all correspondence
- Maintaining an accessible public office/facility, maintain files and website.
- Response to requests for information about TDC programs
- Assist FCTDC in the preparation of procedural documents, request for proposals or bids, and contracts
- Collect information on tax revenues collected
- Process invoices and expedite payments with Franklin County Finance Office
- Financial-Draft and monitor budgets, create, present and interpret monthly financial statements and perform budget analysis
- Manage grant program including noticing grant program funds, conducting training sessions for applicants, oversee applications and contracts, monitor grantees and obtain follow up reports
- Maintenance and update of web sites
- Other administrative duties as requested by the FCTDC.

In addition respondents will include in their proposal administrative support and infrastructure to include:

- an ADA handicapped accessible office suitable for identification as the TDC offices, such office equipment as is necessary to equip an office including, but not limited to the following:
 - administrator's desk suite
 - clerical desk suite
 - filing cabinets
 - computers
 - fax and copying machines
 - facilities for meeting with the public and TDC grantees
 - appropriate signage to identify the TDC offices
 - office expenses to include:
 - utilities
 - internet access

Respondents should provide, in their proposal, a per hour pricing formula that would include provision of the above services and facilities. Proposals should be submitted to the temporary administrative offices at Bay Media at 65 Ave. E., Apalachicola, Florida 32320 by 5:00 PM, Monday April 6, 2009.

All work performed under this proposal will be the property of Franklin County, for whatever use and/or disposition may deem appropriate and shall have the full right to reproduce and/or use any products derived from the contractor's work under this proposal without payment of any royalties, fees, etc. The TDC reserves the right to accept, reject or modify any proposal submitted solely at their discretion.

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FLORIDA FORESIGHT, Inc.
REQUEST FOR JOB APPLICATIONS
Florida Foresight, a Wakulla County based non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, requests applications for the position of part-time Coordinator of the Big Bend Scenic Byway Corridor Management Entity.

A copy of the Scope of Services for this position and/or answers to questions may be obtained by contacting Florida Foresight, Attn: Bill Lowrie, P.O. Box 896, Panacea, Florida 32346; by phone (850) 962-4138 (daytime only); or by E-MAIL billowrie@embargmail.com. Resumes shall be accepted by postal mail or e-mail no later than 12:00 noon EST on Monday, April 13, 2009. Florida Foresight is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

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Bibliophiles sip champagne and sport chapeaux

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Spring was in the air Monday when a bevy of dazzling damsels turned out in their pre Easter bonnets.

It was standing room only as over 50 ladies lunched and shopped in support of the Franklin County Library branch now under construction in Eastpoint.

Ellen Ashdown, secretary of Friends of the Franklin County Florida Public Library coordinated the "Chapeaux and Champagne" event held at Sea Oats Gallery on St. George Island. She was assisted by Elaine Kozlowsky, of Eastpoint, Uta Hardy, of Carrabelle,



From left, one of the facilitators of the library benefit, Uta Hardy, of Carrabelle, served up strawberry crepes in one of the tie-dyed hats sported by volunteers. Debbie Ruffner, of Eastpoint, displays her program with its butterfly sticker proclaiming her a winner of one of the door prizes awarded at Chapeaux and Champagne. A guest at Monday's luncheon, Peggy Eckel, of Perry, displays her own creation, a hat and purse adorned with reproductions of her own paintings.

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and Jean Collins, of St. George Island. The menu featured a

grilled shrimp salad and crepes with strawberry ice cream but the high point of the afternoon was art.

This year's featured artists were Kathi Gordon, Jennifer Flemming and Joe Waitsman, of Pensacola; Joyce Estes and Cass Allen, of Eastpoint, and Denise Choppin, Claudia Howat, Ann Kozeliski and D. Majken Peterzen, of Tallahassee.

The objets d'art on display ranged from Kozeliski's sumi-e paintings to Peterzen's

textile images of women and goddesses to Choppin's painted images taken from vintage postcards.

Wearable art was the theme of the event and Gordon brought an array of jewelry that she and Waitsman, her son, had created. Also available were handmade jackets and bags by Flemming and painted silk saris created by Estes.

Mary Swinson, of Panama City, a fashion icon on the Panhandle, sent a display of the latest

in spring hats.

Denise Butler also lent her collection of vintage chapeaux to add to the afternoon's décor.

There was a raffle with items donated by businesses and individuals from both Franklin and Leon counties.

Ashdown said the event raised over \$2,000 for the library. She offered thanks to artists and donors of raffle items.

"It was obviously a success. Every seat was filled and people arrived

wearing fantastic and different hats. It was really a delight to see. Everyone was very thrilled with the raffle items," she said. "The artists take a portion of their sales, but all the rest goes to the building fund for the new library. Every penny of the raffle goes to the new building."

Ashdown sent special thanks to Scott Kincaid, music director of the St. George Island United Methodist Church, who entertained guests with classical keyboard music.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	Temperature		
	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Apr 02	75°	64°	80 %
Fri, Apr 03	74°	54°	30 %
Sat, Apr 04	75°	64°	20 %
Sun, Apr 05	75°	60°	60 %
Mon, Apr 06	71°	50°	30 %
Tue, Apr 07	72°	54°	0 %
Wed, Apr 08	74°	59°	0 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

04/02 Thu	04:55AM	-0.2	L	08:30PM	1.6	H
04/03 Fri	06:18AM	-0.1	L	02:36PM	1.3	H
	05:36PM	1.2	L	10:08PM	1.4	H
04/04 Sat	07:25AM	-0.1	L	02:45PM	1.3	H
	07:15PM	1.0	L			
04/05 Sun	12:05AM	1.4	H	08:20AM	0.0	L
	02:59PM	1.3	H	08:19PM	0.7	L
04/06 Mon	01:48AM	1.4	H	09:05AM	0.2	L
	03:12PM	1.3	H	09:11PM	0.5	L
04/07 Tue	03:09AM	1.4	H	09:43AM	0.4	L
	03:24PM	1.3	H	09:57PM	0.2	L
04/08 Wed	04:16AM	1.4	H	10:14AM	0.6	L
	03:35PM	1.4	H	10:38PM	0.0	L

CARRABELLE

04/02 Thu	02:42AM	-0.3	L	07:05PM	2.6	H
04/03 Fri	04:05AM	-0.2	L	01:11PM	2.1	H
	03:23	1.9	L	08:43PM	2.2	H
04/04 Sat	05:12AM	-0.2	L	01:20PM	2.1	H
	05:02PM	1.6	L	10:40PM	2.2	H
04/05 Sun	06:07AM	0.0	L	01:34PM	2.1	H
	06:06PM	1.1	L			
04/06 Mon	12:23AM	2.2	H	06:52AM	0.3	L
	01:47PM	2.1	H	06:58PM	0.8	L
04/07 Tue	01:44AM	2.2	H	07:30AM	0.6	L
	01:59PM	2.1	H	07:44PM	0.3	L
04/08 Wed	02:51AM	2.2	H	08:01AM	1.0	L
	02:10PM	2.2	H	08:25PM	0.0	L

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Date	Day	AM	PM	Rise/Set	Moon
04/02	Thu	m 11:00	m 11:35	6:49AM	☾
		M 4:30	M 5:20	7:19PM	
04/03	Fri	m 11:55	-	6:47AM	☾
		M 5:45	M 6:15	7:20PM	
04/04	Sat	m 12:30	m 12:50	6:46AM	☾
		M 6:40	M 7:05	7:20PM	
04/05	Sun	m 1:20	m 1:35	6:45AM	☾
		M 7:25	M 7:50	7:21PM	
04/06	Mon	m 2:05	m 2:20	6:44AM	☾
		M 8:10	M 8:35	7:21PM	
04/07	Tue	m 2:50	m 3:05	6:43AM	☾
		M 8:55	M 9:20	7:22PM	
04/08	Wed	m 3:35	m 3:45	6:42AM	☾
		M 9:35	M 10:00	7:23PM	



Art Walk

This Saturday, April 4th, 12-6!

Come and enjoy music and refreshments in a lovely setting while viewing our featured folk artist, Anne Hempel. Rain or shine, you will not want to miss it!

Tuesday-Saturday 10-5:30

Sunday 12-5

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ARTIST COOPERATIVE OPENS IN CARRABELLE



There's something new in downtown Carrabelle. Janice McFarland of Crawfordville is looking for local artists to join a cooperative and display their wares in the Bebo Gallery, originally the Carrabelle General Store, located at 103 US 98 in Carrabelle. The co-op kicked off during Camp Gordon Johnston Days and will now be open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Art by Suzette Quaas, Barbara Taillefer, of Crawfordville (whose artwork is shown above), folk artist Bebo, Joan Matey, of Lanark Village, and Shirley Cox, of Carrabelle, were on display at the grand opening. In addition, there were representatives of the Pampered Chef and Acai Mona Vie dietary supplements on hand.

McFarland said she is seeking other participants, especially local artists. If you are interested, call 933-8297.

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