



Spirit of giving, **B1**

# Busy Thanksgiving buoys hope for holidays

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

A large number of tourist visitors to the county last week is lifting hopes among area business people that this year's Christmas season will be a marked improvement over last year.

The ample flow of families kept lodging sites full and restaurants and shops booming and couldn't have come at a better time for the beleaguered economy.

"We had a great, great Friday, very, very good," said Tom Daly, who works at the Tin Shed in downtown Apalachicola. "It was a wonderful crowd of people. I was impressed with how many people were downtown."

Anita Grove, director of the

## COMING UP

- Saturday, Dec. 5**  
Holiday Fresh Market, downtown Apalachicola
- Saturday, Dec. 12**  
Holiday on the Harbor and Boat Parade of Lights, Carrabelle

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, said her informal survey of the city's shopkeepers revealed a big thumbs-up.

"Most everybody I spoke to did better than they did last year," she said.

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Before the large crowd gathered to see Santa, Pam Nobles dances a Christmas merry-go-round dance with young students from her downtown Apalachicola studio.

DAVID ADLERSTEIN  
The Times

## DELEGATION HEARING



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State Rep. Leonard Bemby, right, addresses the delegation hearing as State Rep. Jimmy Patronis listens.

# Bronson defends oyster stance

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Minus State Sen. Al Lawson (D-Tallahassee), who was called away at the 11th hour to prepare for Thursday's special session of the Florida Legislature, Franklin County's two state representatives got a surprise visitor Monday afternoon at the legislative delegation hearing.

Charles Bronson, commissioner of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, made an unexpected trip to the annual hearing to outline steps his agency has taken in its fight to prevent the Food and Drug Administration from enacting a ban on the sale of raw Gulf of Mexico oysters during summer months.

"I've never backed away from the oyster industry. I'm there with you," Bronson said. "We're going to work these issues out."

Bronson, a Central Florida cattle farmer who plans to retire from political life when he leaves office next year after nearly a decade as commissioner, opened his remarks by telling the courtroom annex audience he wanted to personally address "not-substantiated rumors."

There has been murmuring in the local oyster industry that Bronson and his staff had been too willing to seek accommodation with the FDA regarding a policy to mandate post-harvest processing of oysters.

"I want everybody to hear from me, from my standpoint," he said.

Bronson said that after hearing from



Charles Bronson, state agriculture commissioner.

Michael Taylor, the FDA official who first announced the proposal to enforce a summertime raw oyster ban beginning in 2011, he signaled his response.

"I let him know right quick he would be getting an official letter from me," Bronson said. "I did not want us to overreact to 15 deaths a year."

"We can not legislate personal responsibility," he said. "I'm sorry, it's not going to work that way."

Bronson said he listened to FDA concerns and reiterated to the agency, which has since agreed to delay action on the ban, steps Florida had taken to notify pregnant women and people with chronic illnesses of the possible health

risks of consuming raw oysters.

"We have made sure those many signs are up in restaurants," he said, noting that warnings on cigarette packaging, but no outright ban, is the extent to which the FDA has gone to address that health risk.

Bronson said he told the FDA that Florida would be willing to work with them to tailor policies to further reduce illnesses caused by *Vibrio vulnificus*, "but to totally ban oysters from May to October was not an option, in my opinion."

Both State Rep. Leonard Bemby (D-Greenville), whose district includes the county east of the Apalachicola River, and State Rep. Jimmy Patronis (R-Panama City), whose district includes Apalachicola, voiced support for the widespread opposition that prompted the FDA to back off the ban.

"They have to know there's a real live chord they struck down here," said Bemby, noting that the health risks to some individuals from eating raw oysters "is a serious problem and is a problem we need to continue to work on."

Patronis noted that warnings are on all menus at Captain Anderson's restaurant in Panama City, which his family owns.

"Eggs kill a heck of a lot more people than oysters do," he said, describing the FDA's proposed ban as "an unreasonable approach."

Bronson said that while he expected the other Gulf states to "hang with us" against FDA, he worried about more

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# Allen emerges as seafood workers' benefactor

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Disclosures surrounding a review of financial transactions for the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association (FCSWA) show that Eastpoint businessman Bob Allen has played a pivotal role in funding the group.

Allen, 72, owner of the Sportsman's Lodge Motel and the White Eagle Restaurant in Eastpoint, has lived in Franklin County since 1974, where his two children, two grandchildren and one on the way now live.

The former Marine is also an important figure in the seafood workers' funding.

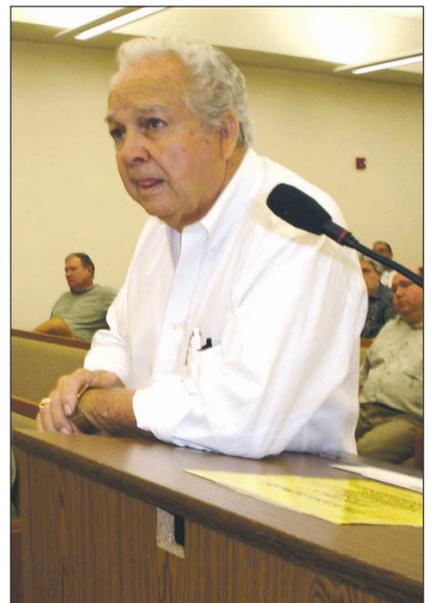
"Without Bob Allen, a lot of the funds in question would not have been available to the Seafood Workers Association," said Mark Friedman at the FCSWA's Nov. 12 meeting, when he shared his findings from an informal review of the association's records.

"Why did he do this? We don't know. Maybe it was to get on the good side of the seafood workers association," he said. "I'm not here to be positive or negative about Bob Allen. I will say this: Bob Allen did not get back in benefit what he put in."

Friedman, of Roberson and Friedman of Port St. Joe, reviewed the financial records of a two-year period from Aug. 1, 2007, to Aug. 31, 2009, when FCSWA President Johnny Richards and then-Secretary Linda Raffield had exclusive possession of, and were authorized co-signers of, the association's checkbook.

At the Nov. 12 meeting, Friedman told FCSWA members there is no paper trail to document how thousands of dollars in association money were spent.

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# Gulf Coast Workforce Board state's top performer



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Patrick Jones

Special to The Times

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board held its annual meeting and luncheon at the Callaway Arts and Conference Center.

At the meeting, Executive Director Kim Bodine announced that out of the 24 workforce regions around the state, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board has been the top performing board for the past six years. According to data released by Workforce Florida Inc, the Gulf Coast Workforce is on track to be the top performing board again for the 2008-09 program year with top rankings in key performance measures for job seekers and disadvantaged customers.

"We owe our great performance to our hardworking staff, our dedicated volunteer board members and our service providers," Bodine said.

The service providers for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board include Bay District Schools, Bay STARS; Haney Workforce Training Center; Friends of the Franklin County Library, TIGERS Program; Gulf Coast Community College, Workforce Center; Gulf Coast Community College, Workforce Training Center; and Royal American Management.

Individuals from each of the service providers

along with their case manager were recognized for successfully completing their workforce program. From Franklin County both Patrick Jones and Bri'anna Gordon were honored for their participation in the Friends of the Franklin County Library TIGERS Program.

At the meeting the board also voted on a new slate of officers for 2010. Alisa Kinsaul, senior communications specialist for Applied Research Associates was reappointed to serve a second term as chairman of the board.

Other board members elected as officers were Vice-Chair Gary Ross (Gulf County); Past Chair Ted Mosteller (Franklin County), and Executive Committee Members Lisa Thompson (Bay County), Ruth Phillips (Gulf County) and Betty Croom (Franklin County).

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board is a public/private partnership chartered by the State of Florida to administer workforce development programs in Bay, Gulf, and Franklin counties. Their mission is to provide leadership, oversight, guidance and assistance to institutions and agencies delivering training and workforce services in order to meet the economic development and employment needs of the three counties.

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### *Our Mission:*

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The Franklin County Health Department offers a variety of health care services to our community during business hours, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The following are some of the services we provide at both locations in Franklin County.



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## Franklin County Health Department H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu) Update



**Clinic Location: 155 – Avenue E, Apalachicola, FL 32320**

**Clinic Location: 106 NE 5th Street, Carrabelle, FL 32322**

• **WHO WE WILL VACCINATE:** The Franklin County Health Department is offering the 2009 H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu) vaccinations as long as supplies permit at two locations: Apalachicola and Carrabelle. Clinics are on a walk-in basis - no appointment necessary. The vaccine is free of charge. You do not need to bring any documentation with you. We are currently offering the vaccine to:

- Pregnant women
- Children 6 months through 24 years
- Household contacts & caregivers for infants less than 6 months of age
- Healthcare workers & emergency personnel with direct patient contact
- People with chronic health conditions ages 25 to 64 years
- Beginning November 30, 2009, H1N1 Vaccine will be available to the general public during regular clinic hours.
- **LOCATION:** Franklin County Health Department  
 155 Avenue E, Apalachicola, FL 32320
- **CLINIC DATES/HOURS:**
  - o Regular Clinic Hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
  - o A Special H1N1 Clinic will be offered on Saturday, December 5th from 8 A.M. – 12 P.M.
- **LOCATION:** Franklin County Health Department  
 106 NE 5th Street, Carrabelle, FL 32322
- **CLINIC DATES/HOURS:**
  - o Regular Clinic Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. and Friday 9:00 A.M. – 12 P.M.
  - o A Special H1N1 Clinic will be offered in Carrabelle on Friday, December 11th from 1 P.M. – 4 P.M.

**CONTACT INFO:** For more information about the clinics, call 850-653-2111 or 697-4121.

**Dates for vaccination clinics to provide the second dose of H1N1 in the Franklin County School District will be announced in the near future.**

## Time for making new, less perfect holiday memories

I had a glorious Thanksgiving and that got me thinking about the composition of a great holiday.

When I was younger, it had to do with familiar food and structure. I remember one of my first Thanksgivings away from home. I was living in Blacksburg, Virginia. Some old friends from Tallahassee had moved to Richmond and invited us over.

They tried. But, as skinny people, they didn't get the largesse thing. The stuffing was made of white bread and dried fruit. I cried myself to sleep that night. Where was the cornbread dressing?



**RED WHITE AND ROUX**  
Denise Roux

Now, it is not about the food. It is about the people. I find myself looking for the oldest folks in the room. I want to ask them questions and hear what they have to say. This fixation may come from some kind of orphan syndrome. Most of my friends' parents are gone, but some are still around. I want to know everything they can share. I want them to tell me what they did during the big war, and

tell me how they fell in love. I want their memories and their recipes. I can feel their personal histories slipping away too quickly. Everyday heroes of that era will soon be gone.

This Thanksgiving I had the opportunity to talk to an engineer who worked with NASA in the very early days, a World War II Merchant Marine, and the widow of a state senator from the Sixties. How cool is that?

All I had to do was show some interest and ask a few questions. The anecdotes flowed. I didn't take notes; I just listened, and I am the richer for it.

Now, as we head into the frenzy of the holidays, I am redefining what is important. In the past I worked to create the perfect atmosphere and the requisite Aha! moments on Christmas morning. I went into debt and strung myself out so that others would have a lifelong memory. Somewhere along the way joy gave way to obligation, and the smiles of the holiday were filtered through a fugue of fatigue.

No more. I am not putting up a tree this year. I will not unpack the boxes of heirloom ornaments. The paper chains from my son's primary school years. The glass globes from Mama and Daddy's first tree. Or the many "first this" and "first that" moments memorialized in decorations.

I will take my clippers and walk around my yard gathering green leaves and branches. I will cut holly with red berries, loquat with blossoms, magnolia branches, cedar, and whatever that stuff is that grows on the corner of my home.

I will gather together four or five large cheap vases, and I will spend a Saturday clipping and arranging to my heart's content. I will place the arrangements all around the house and breathe a sigh of contentment that I have done my part to acknowledge the season and the holiday.

I will not be tired.

I will be joyously thankful for peace of mind and thankful for the memories of those who precede me.

Denise Roux is a regular columnist for the Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times. To reach her, email her at rouxwhit@mchsi.com.



### Orman House offers delightful Christmas experience

It's early in the season, but I've had a delightful Christmas experience I'd like to share with Times readers.

A small group of women with no money or agenda, took a little time and tossed around some holiday ideas...the "flow" began, and...

Welcome to the spontaneity of Christmas at the Orman House! Please come and visit in the month of December (open Thursday through Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with new parking areas off Market Street). Whatever your schedule is, don't miss the gorgeous natural cedar Christmas tree that touches the 14-foot ceiling in the living room. I'm hoping children and your out-of-town guests will declare it the most beautiful "real" tree in the county!

Drive north from the blinking light in downtown Apalachicola, and we're on the left hand side of the road, opposite of Water Street Hotel and Scipio Creek Marina. Not only the house, but the roses are blooming, the kumquats are numerous, and the greens look luscious in the vegetable garden. Let us know what you think of this new

"gift" we put together for your holiday enjoyment, another event in our thread of wonderful communities.

Special thanks to this group for your spirit of openness and curiosity, and the constant stream of creativity...the best was learning to microwave Spanish moss for one minute to use as "tinsel" on the tree! (In a Ziploc bag, please)

See you in December, and Happy Holidays to all.

Jan Thomas

### Pit bulls make Eastpoint neighborhood unsafe

I live at 6 Third Street in Eastpoint.

On June 23, 2009 I witnessed a pit bull kill, in my yard, one of my precious cats that I'd had for 10 years. The dog had broken loose and jumped over my fence. Animal control came and removed the pit bull from my property. However the owner of the dog paid a fine and took the dog home with him, which is at a property on the corner of Third Street and US 98 next to my home.

I spoke with some of my neighbors and discovered a small dog in the neighborhood had been killed by an under-terminated animal. Also in

the past few months two other of my cats have disappeared. One of those cats was 10 years old and the other cat belonged to my daughter, who has Down's syndrome. She is very upset to have lost her pet of two years.

One of my neighbors had been charged by a pit bull and one neighbor had been nipped by a pit bull. Animal control has investigated the situation and notified me that for them to step in to have a problem dog removed from a property or "put down," the dog would have had to be involved in at least two incidents. At that point there were three pit bulls on the property at 98 and Third.

A week or so ago a fourth pit bull was introduced to the same property. I was reading the Apalachicola Times online and saw an article Lois Swoboda had written regarding a pit bull in Eastpoint that had killed someone's pet dog. The article said the pit bull had been relocated at a house on the corner of Highway 98 and Third Street in Eastpoint. I was already very disturbed about the recent addition of a fourth pit bull that is tied up to a live oak tree next to my home.

When I read Lois' article online not only was I disturbed, I became fearful that even more kill-

ings would take place in my once safe little neighborhood here in Eastpoint. Across the street on the other corner, there is a small child who rides his tricycle sometimes (accompanied by an adult) but after witnessing the killing of my cat by one of these pit bulls I know that child isn't safe. Does an innocent child or more beloved pets have to fall prey to one of the four pit bulls? Who will sort through which of the tied-up pit bulls got loose and attacked another innocent?

These pit bulls and their owners seem to have more rights than the other folks and their pets on Third St.

It is my opinion that pit bulls do not belong in a residential area, much less four of them! What can be done to protect life and property? Evidently not much, until we can prove that one of these four pit bulls on Third Street has attacked and injured or killed another beloved pet or person.

I read Lois' article in the hard copy of the Times. What more can be done at this point besides making us aware of this dangerous situation? Something, I hope, before this becomes even more of a tragedy.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Rhew

## What's wrong with feeding bears?

Special to the Times

The bear safety tip I would like to share with you today concerns the question, "Feeding bears doesn't hurt the bear or anyone else, so what's the big problem?" Well, unfortunately it does hurt the bear and could cause harm to you, your property, or even someone you may have never met.

A wild bear that sees you, me, or even a child will typically turn tail and run because it is not used to seeing people every day. Wild bears are naturally afraid of people, and they make their living eating food in the forest. A bear that is being fed by people quickly loses its fear and respect for people. Those bears have gotten used to seeing us because



**MARIA WILLIAMS**

they regularly walk through our yards to get their meals from us, either by being fed directly or from our unsecured trash can.

The more the bear sees us as providers of food, the less fear and respect they have for us. That is why it is so important that no one ever feeds a Florida black

bear. Remember, an adult male bear typically roams more than 65 square miles. A bear that has been fed could walk up to anyone in its range and demand food. If they don't get it, they might get frustrated and slap someone, or worse. I would not want that to happen to anyone, and I know you wouldn't either.

And remember, bears that hang around people don't live as long as wild bears because they have a bet-

ter chance of getting hit by cars, illegally shot or euthanized by our biologists because of safety concerns. So never ever feed a Florida black bear.

For more information on Florida black bears go to myfwc.com, or for a complete bear presentation with safety tips and more, e-mail me at mariafwc@gmail.com.

A seventh-generation Northwest Florida native, Maria Williams is an outreach specialist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Bear Management Program. Having grown up in black bear country, she genuinely cares about you, your child and your pet and wants to provide the very best information on how to live safely near Florida black bears.

## Rebuilding after bankruptcy

Special to the Times

No one takes the decision to declare bankruptcy lightly. Besides being an expensive, time-consuming and awkward process, bankruptcy can have serious and long-lasting impacts on your credit score, which in turn may affect your ability to borrow money, rent an apartment or even get a job.

Whether you are emerging from bankruptcy, paying off accumulated debt or just starting out financially and looking to avoid future mishaps, there are several steps you can take to build — or rebuild — stronger credit:

Monitor your credit. Negative information such as late payments, tax liens and foreclosures can remain on your credit reports for many years — up to 10 years for bankruptcy. On the other hand, once you reestablish sound credit habits, such as paying bills on time and lowering balances owed, your credit score should start rising within months.

To ensure your improved credit behavior is being reported properly, periodically review your credit reports from the three major credit bureaus: Equifax (www.equifax.com), Experian (www.experian.com) and TransUnion (www.transunion.com). You can order one



**JASON ALDERMAN**

free report a year from each bureau through www.annualcreditreport.com.

Reestablish creditworthiness. One way to demonstrate your ability to repay debt properly (thereby later qualifying for more favorable lending terms) is to open a secured credit card linked to a savings account

you maintain. Typically, you can only charge up to the amount on deposit, which prevents you from charging more than you can afford.

Look for a secured card:

- That will convert to an unsecured (regular) credit card with more favorable terms after you've made several on-time payments
- That has zero or low annual and application fees and a low interest rate
- Whose lender will consider reporting your payment history to all three credit bureaus

Be mindful of monthly usage fees and other charges that can deplete your balance. Try your credit union or go to Web sites such as www.bankrate.com, www.cardratings.com or www.indexcreditcards.com to compare rates and terms.

Secured loans from a credit union or bank work in a similar manner: You take out a loan backed by a savings account. Your loan's interest rate will be higher than the savings account earns, but suc-

cessfully paying it off should boost your credit score.

Pay on time. The single most important thing you can do to improve your credit is to always pay at least the minimum due on all bills on time. Consider signing up for automatic payments from your checking, savings or credit card account if this is a recurring problem.

Curtail amounts owed. Another major credit-scoring factor is credit utilization, which measures how much of each account's credit limit you tap, as well as how much you've borrowed as a percentage of your total available credit. Aim for 30 percent utilization or less, even if you pay off balances each month.

Educate yourself. Often creditors will refer customers experiencing debt problems to financial education courses like Money Choices, an online program sponsored by Visa Inc. (www.moneychoices.com), where they can learn step-by-step how credit works, budgeting, credit repair tips, debt collectors, financial hardship planning, and much more. Money Choices is free, self-paced and can be accessed by anyone.

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

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# Sea Oats gardeners plan future plantings

Sea Oats Garden Club members met on Nov. 18 at the Crooked River Lighthouse Museum.

President Harriett Beach reviewed the budget for the rose garden planting that was completed at the Carrabelle Welcome Park. The planting includes lantana plants raised by Garden Club members. William Massey, the City of Carrabelle's grounds supervisor, and Lee Norris, board member of the Sarracenia Chapter of the Native Plant Society, helped prepare the Welcome Park flower bed.

Garden Club members also plan to provide a garden for the Franklin County Public Library Branch at Carrabelle and a Habitat for Humanity house.

The December meeting will be a Christmas dinner at the Lanark Boat Club on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Call Lafeise at 697-8062 or Harriett at 697-8571 for information regarding the December dinner meeting.

Garden Club members toured the Crooked River Lighthouse Keeper's House Museum and grounds after the November business meeting.

## News BRIEFS

### Seniors to host dance

There will be a free dance held this Saturday evening, Dec. 5, at the Carrabelle Senior Center.

The dance starts at 7 p.m. and will feature classic Big Band dance tunes and mellow pop hits presented by local disc jockey Ron Vice.

The Senior Center is located at 201 Avenue F, on the corner of 1st Street and Avenue F in downtown Carrabelle.

For more information, go

to [www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com](http://www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com)

### Clinic holds shoe drive

The Coastal Foot and Ankle Clinic is holding its ninth annual shoe drive. Dr. Tamara Marsh said folks can drop off shoes that are in reasonable condition at her podiatry office at 221 Avenue E in Apalachicola.

There is a bin in the lobby, and outside if the office is closed. Call 653-3338 for information.

## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Free computer classes continue at the Carrabelle Library and the Eastpoint Library.

Want to build a website? Attend the Building Websites with Dreamweaver Part 1, Monday, Dec 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Carrabelle Library. Build a test website using Adobe Dreamweaver and then take home the skills necessary to develop personal sites of your own. Call the Carrabelle Library at 697-2366 to sign up.

Ever buy from EBay, and now you want to earn money selling your items? Learn how to select, sell, and set up eBay accounts at the Introduction to EBay computer class. This free exciting, informative class will be offered Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carrabelle Library. Learn how to set-up PayPal accounts,

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# Medal of Honor recipient to address veterans

The county's veterans are all invited to a Veterans Appreciation Dinner, hosted by American Legion Post 106, to be held Thursday evening, Dec. 3 at the Fort Coombs Army in Apalachicola.



GEN. JIM LIVINGSTON

The dinner starts at 6 p.m. Guest speaker is retired Marine Corps General James Livingston, a recipient of the Medal of Honor.

He entered the Marine Corps April 30, 1968. In Viet Nam, during a desperate series of battles where he was wounded three times, he led his decimated company on a daring

and successful rescue effort to save a unit that was surrounded by the enemy. His heroic actions that day earned him the Medal of Honor. In addition, he is also the recipient of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and numerous Purple Hearts.

Since retirement he has been very active in supporting the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans, and the Medal of Honor Museum near Charleston, S.C.

For additional information, contact Larry Hale at 653 5817 or Al Mirabella at 653-5838.

# Commissioners move to hire Carrabelle librarian

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer



GLEND A ONDRACEK (LEFT) AND DENISE BUTLER

At Tuesday morning's meeting, county commissioners voted to promote Latonia Granger to the post of manager at the Carrabelle Branch of the Franklin County Library.

Library Board Chairman Denise Butler and County Librarian Glenda Ondracek appeared before commissioners to request permission to advertise in the newspaper to find a replacement for former branch manager Carolyn Sparks, who passed away last month.

"If there's someone already working in the library who does a good job and is devoted to her work, can't we go ahead and hire her and advertise for an assistant to work under her?" asked Commissioner Bevin Putnal.

Butler told the commissioners the library board generally prefers to advertise for job openings in the

local newspapers. "It gives whoever wins the position the pride of knowing they were chosen and helps us be sure that everyone who is qualified is considered," she said.

Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Granger to the position and advertise for an assistant.

The commissioners also voted unanimously to appoint Sondra Furbee, of Apalachicola, Rhonda Swords, of Carrabelle, and Harrette Kennedy, of Eastpoint, to the Franklin County Library advisory board.



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Marisa Schroering, 5, left, and sister Mina, 8, from Tampa, share their Christmas dreams with Santa.

Grove said it appeared tourists came earlier in the week and didn't wait until Black Friday to pay a visit to downtown shops and restaurants.

"We had a good shopping week in general. It was a very busy Wednesday," she said. "They had good sales during the week, and on Black Friday, most all did better than last year."

While sales numbers are kept close to the vest, business people told Grove they liked what they saw.

"They'll go, 'Man, they're great' or 'I'm not sure, I've got to look at my totals,'" she said. "It depends on what they're selling."

With city workers having put up Christmas lights earlier in the month, and nearly all the downtown shops illuminated for the holidays, the stage was set to greet visitors all week. Even the somber-looking fencing that ringed the vacant downtown lot where the Apalachicola State Bank plans to rebuild was taken down before the

*"The more people shop locally, the more people support our economy."*

**Anita Grove**  
Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce director

week began.

The largest crowd appeared to be on Friday afternoon, when a queue of locals and tourists extended the length of Riverfront Park for an opportunity to spend time with Santa Claus. With the help of his longtime assistant Alex Moody and a bevy of elves, Santa patiently listened to children's wishes before handing them a stuffed animal, gathered all year from thrift shops by Moody and his wife, Laura.

"There were cars parked way up north of the downtown," Grove said. "It exceeded the boundaries of the normal parking areas. It felt like a good crowd."

The Bay Community School, which sold hot chocolate and glow necklaces across from the park, reported brisk sales as well, Grove said.

Daly said he found that visitors hailed from various places throughout the region.

"Nonresidents came into town from the island," he said. "There were a lot from Tallahassee, Panama City, Thomasville, Ga., and surrounding areas who seemed to be in town for shopping. It was appealing for a regional crowd."

Grove said that because the first two weekends of December tend to be a slower time for shopping and tourism, downtown merchants are hosting the



**TOP LEFT:** Olivia Carroll, 1, daughter of Jason and Mindy Carroll of Carrabelle, is all bundled up in the arms of Karen Smith. **TOP RIGHT:** Laney Whiting points out that she's 3 years old as she waits to see Santa with dad Matt Whiting, from Atlanta. **BOTTOM LEFT:** With a festive bow in her hair, Katie Ortiz, 17 months, smiles with her mom, Sarah Ortiz, from Anderson, S.C., as they await Santa. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Jathan Page, 5-month-old son of Daniel Page and Christy Smith of Apalachicola, is all smiles as he waits to see Santa for his first Christmas.

annual Holiday Fresh Market all day this Saturday, Dec. 5, to give locals and visitors a chance to peruse handmade holiday items and other Christmas specialties.

"It's to draw people to the area, maybe for another weekend stay or a day visit, during a normally slow time," Grove said.

In addition, Carrabelle

is preparing for its big day on Saturday, Dec. 12, when it hosts the annual Holiday on the Harbor and Boat Parade of Lights celebration.

"The merchants in town depend on both locals and tourists," Grove said. "If the locals go to Wal-Mart, there's big economic leakage. The more people shop locally, the more people support our economy."

## Franklin County School District GED Testing and Registration

The GED Test will be held December 7th and 8th at the Franklin County School in Media Center. Registration will be held daily until the test date. Testing will begin promptly at 6:00 pm each day. You may contact Nick O'Grady @ 670-2810, ext. 4100 or Maxine Creamer @ 670-4481 for more information.

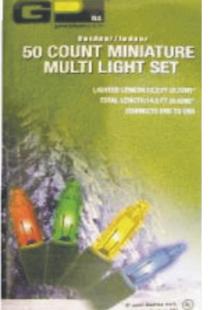
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Allen, who was not at the meeting, said he has never attended an FCSWA meeting.

"Everything I paid out in that time, I did for the working people, not for Vince or Linda (Raffield)," said Allen, who along with his wife, Edda, has owned the Sportsman's Lodge for the past 35 years. "Linda would come to me and say, 'So-and-so has a \$1,000 hospital bill,' and I would write a check."

Allen said he provided the FCSWA a house at 17 Washington St., renovated and furnished it and paid for utilities in an effort to provide the association with needed resources to operate.

"I thought it was going to be an office for the seafood workers. It cost me about \$1,000 a month, and I had a sign made for the office," he said. "I was told by Linda that the FCSWA was a non-profit organization and my donations would be tax-deductible. At the same time I first met with Linda, Bruce Rotella (vice president of the FCSWA) was there, and he had collected some money on the island. I think he believed the money was deductible, too, but that was not the case."

Allen said that after meeting Linda's husband, Vince, who is confined to a wheelchair, he realized that it would be difficult for him to make the trip from Apalachicola to Eastpoint regularly.

"So I had a special shower and a bed installed at 17 Washington St. so he didn't have to travel every day," he said. "I provided the Raffields with a car so they would have transportation to the office."

"That's what led to them moving in. In the end, I had to have legal help to get them out," he said.

Linda Raffield declined to comment on any of Allen's assertions.

## Many donations, loan of two boats

On numerous occasions, Allen donated to the FCSWA, totaling almost \$24,000, according to Friedman's report. His donations covered expenses that included \$1,000 used to pay Mamie Richards' \$700 water bill, \$500 to cover an overdrawn FCSWA bank account, \$1,000 for 501c3 filing charges, \$3,000 for "advertising, computer and website," and \$7,200 to lease a boat ramp for use by oystermen and money for T-shirts and signs.

Friedman reported that about \$3,800 was spent on T-shirts but that the ultimate fate of all the T-shirts is unknown. Friedman reported that many are unaccounted for and some might have been sold or given away at the White Eagle Restaurant where Allen employed Linda Raffield for a time.

"I don't know anything about the T-shirts," Allen said. "Yes, they were in the restaurant, but I don't know who paid for them or what happened to money from any sales."

Lots of computer equipment passed through the Washington Street property, and Allen paid for some of it. Friedman found that Linda Raffield bought a laptop computer online for \$1,000 and paid with a personal check.

Allen said he had purchased a laptop computer for \$1,200 and a camera for \$600 at Sam's Club and that Raffield took possession of the equipment for the FCSWA. He paid to have a custom computer built for the FCSWA.

"The computers they had were obsolete. We had visitors at the lodge who knew about building computers. They spent time with Vince and Linda over at the Washington Street property,

and one of them said, 'Let's build the seafood workers a computer.'" Allen said. "I donated \$3,000 and said, 'Let's build them the finest one we can.' It was like four computers in one."

The custom-built computer and a camera are mentioned in a letter from Allen to Raffield dated Oct. 30, 2008.

According to Andy Smith, attorney for the Apalachicola Riverkeeper, Raffield said all of the computers purchased by Allen were damaged by lightning. Smith said some of the data off the hard drives was recovered and placed on compact discs, which the Riverkeeper now has.

In addition to the use of 17 Washington St., Allen lent the association two boats, one a motor launch emblazoned with the FCSWA's name and logo, used to take journalists and other visitors out on the bay, and the other a houseboat Allen said he intended for use as an office for the association.

Allen, who wrote checks to repair the launch while it was in the FCSWA's possession, said he believes the launch was used only once, presumably during a July 2008 visit by Gen. Joseph Schroedel and Col. Byron Jorns of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Both boats are now in Allen's possession. He said the houseboat was never used and both are now for sale.

Allen issued a short-term \$20,000 loan to the association for oyster relay wages so that the workers would not have to wait for the state to issue a check before being paid. Allen was reimbursed for that check.

Funds for boat repairs provided by Allen were discussed at both the Nov. 12 meeting and a September FCSWA meeting.

Friedman said Allen gave the FCSWA a check for \$1,500 for launch repairs

on May 28, 2008, and a check for that amount was immediately issued to John Sapp, of Apalachicola, who did the repair work.

On Aug. 12, 2008, Allen provided an additional \$3,000 earmarked for boat repairs, a day after Raffield wrote herself a \$3,000 check for "boat motor parts and repair reimbursement." This expense was presumably for additional repairs, but Friedman found no documentation that further repair work was completed.

## 'If we can salvage anything at all'

Allen said his final argument with Raffield began over money to lease from Bruno Kolb a boat ramp at 516 U.S. Highway 98, adjacent to the old Steamer's Restaurant.

Allen said Kolb was his friend and had leased the property to the FCSWA with an option to buy. Allen said he then paid the FCSWA \$7,200 in advance to cover six months' rent for the boat ramp.

"I believed that over that period of time, Kolb could be convinced to either donate the boat ramp or sell it to the oystermen at a reason-

able price," Allen said.

According to Allen, Kolb received \$4,800 and then the payments stopped. He said that when he questioned Raffield about the remaining \$2,400, she said she needed the money for other things.

"I told her you can't do that," Allen said. "And that's when I walked away from her."

"If we can salvage anything at all, I would like to salvage that property for the seafood workers. It's one of the best pieces of property for the seafood workers in the Two-Mile area. It's ready. All you have to do is put the boats in and tie up. It's got the zoning for the seafood workers, and it's an asset for Apalachicola because it's a protected landing. This is a very serious situation for the seafood workers right now. That property could take the heat off of a lot of people."

Kolb said Allen approached him two years ago and said the seafood workers would like to temporarily lease the property and eventually buy it as a launch site. Allen told him he believed the association could get a grant to purchase the boat ramp.

Kolb leased the asso-

ciation the property for six months at \$1,200 a month, but only received two checks for \$2,400 each. He said that when he asked Raffield for the rest of the money, she cried and told him the association did not have enough money to pay rent on the boat ramp and that the oystermen could not afford to pay even a small sum daily for use of the ramp.

Kolb said he told her the oystermen could continue to use his property as long as they kept the area clean. He said he still wants to sell the property and that as far as he is aware, the launch site is still in use by the seafood workers.

"This is personal to me because I'm the one that sold it to him," Allen said. "It's not right that he wasn't paid the balance of the rent."

Allen said he has not removed the sign from the old offices of the FCSWA at 17 Washington St. and that once new officers are elected, he will consider allowing the FCSWA to continue using the house as a base of operations.

"The money that I've put in there, let's not let it go to waste," Allen said. "There's more to this life than money. Let's move on."

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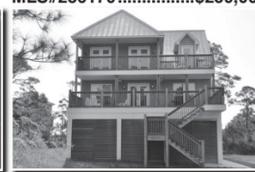
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stringent water quality standards now coming down from Washington that could add millions of dollars in expenses to municipalities to ensure compliance.

"Nobody's going to be able to meet these standards if they go overboard," he said.

## No money for local projects

Both state representatives said money would be tight for the upcoming 2010-11 budget. Speaker of the House Larry Cretul (R-Ocala) has announced that no local funding requests are being accepted for the upcoming session.

In his opening remarks, Patronis said Lawson, minority leader of Florida House Democrats, planned to attend Monday's hearing but was called away at the last minute to prepare for a special legislative session called for by Cretul on Monday afternoon. That session will focus on how the state can take advantage of federal stimulus money that may be flowing into the state on behalf of the SunRail and Tri-Rail transportation infrastructure serving Central and South Florida.

Bembry said his focus in the regular session will be on issues regarding water and water uses, particularly since there has been talk of plans by other parts of the state to seek access to North Florida's relatively ample water supplies.

"Just because water is a little more portable doesn't make it any less of a natural resource," he said.

Smokey Parrish, chair-



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Smiling after Monday's hearing are, from left, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Mike Salerio, State Representative Leonard Bembry, Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Bronson, Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson and State Representative Jimmy Patronis.

man of the county commission, addressed the hearing first, outlining five items the county wanted the delegation to focus on in the spring.

Topping the list was preserving funds allocated in 2008 for construction of a work camp annex to the Franklin Correctional Institution outside Carrabelle.

Bembry said he has stayed close to the issue, since his district includes eight correctional institutions with 4,073 Department of Corrections employees and an average of 11,165 inmates.

He said the DOC facilities account for almost \$15 million per year in annual spending, which is estimated to inject about \$60 million per year into the regional economy.

Bembry said that because engineering and bonding had been completed on the proposed work

camp, the project was secure.

"Once you bond, that money is protected," he said.



DUFFIE HARRISON

Later in the hearing, Duffie Harrison, FCI's warden, spoke out, concurring with Bembry's point about bonding. He also noted that he was in the process of moving into a new home in Eastpoint.

Parrish urged the representatives to stand firm against any attempt to remove water from the Apalachicola River system, in light of "transference of water between drainage basins" being discussed in other parts of the state.

"It's going to put us right back in the same boat we were in," Parrish said.

Bembry said usage studies by water management districts in the region indicate that the Panhandle aquifer's water line has moved 32 miles west in recent years.

"If you displace water, it creates a problem for the spring system," he said. "When I was a kid, you jumped in the springs and floated out to the river."

Patronis said he has heard concerns from former Speaker of the House Allan Bense about discussion of water transfers by the Council of 100, of which Bense is a member.

"It makes me nervous," he said. "We need to make sure the viable water supplies we have for Northwest Florida stays to meet Northwest Florida's needs."

Patronis said he is interested in a septic tank bill now being submitted that could provide funding for retrofitting or converting those systems.

"It would construct a government fund where even folks with a failed system can use money to retrofit, or tap into city sewer," he said.

In addition to support for standing up to the FDA, Parrish sought backing from the representatives for moves that would give cities and counties more local control over their cable franchises. Patronis voiced his willingness to set up a meeting with the cable industry to discuss local concerns.

Lastly, Parrish urged the representatives to seek assistance for local volunteer fire departments that now face financial difficulties given dwindling

resources and stepped-up training mandates. He said the county's seven volunteer departments face a combined annual deficit of \$2 million.

"It's a major problem for us that's come up," he said.

## Schools seek help for Jr. ROTC, science lab

The state reps heard a series of brief presentations from elected officials, including County Commissioners Noah Lockley and Pinki Jackel, Schools Superintendent Nina Marks, Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson, Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott, Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson and Carrabelle City Commissioner Cal Allen.

Marks' comments were the most extensive, as she sought support for the school district's current application to create a Junior ROTC program at the high school. She said the district also plans to seek federal money from the Race to the Top grants for innovative educational programs and is on the verge of beginning construction for a new outdoor science lab to be built on the Apalachicola Bay not far from the entrance to the school.

Roy Carroll, who directs

the local Take Stock in Children scholarship program, asked the state reps to back continued funding in light of a drop in state funding from \$4.7 million to \$3 million over the past year. He said the district now has 17 students enrolled in the scholarship program and may be able to add two or three more in the spring.

Lockley and Jackel both urged the elected officials to back a firm stance on behalf of the oyster industry.

Jackel asked the state reps to keep their eyes on all funding matters that impact small counties, specifically mentioning decreased spending on libraries and increases in licensing fees "which affect those on fixed incomes and fixed budgets."

She said that while the county has received \$353,000 in federal stimulus money for sidewalks, "we need more than sidewalks. We are not seeing (the amount of stimulus money) to the degree we thought we would."

Jackel also noted that the county opposed any attempt to reroute U.S. Highway 98 through "the backside of Franklin County."

Marcia Johnson thanked the representatives for their support for restoring funding for local clerks of court that had been diminished last year, which Patronis promised to back next spring. Elliott asked that the men back a proposal, supported by county supervisors of elections, to postpone until 2016 measures to implement new handicap-accessible voting machines.

Flanked by city commissioner Brenda Ash, Van Johnson outlined a complicated proposal being lobbied for on the state level by the city's consultant, Bill McCartney. The proposal is based on the city being designated an Area of Critical State Concern in 1985 and calls for \$4.4 million for wastewater improvements to the city's infrastructure. Of this, \$3 million would be added to the escrow account, which provides debt service to the city's funding from the state's revolving loan fund.

"We are not asking for new money, but a shift in agency funding priorities," the mayor stressed.

Also speaking out was Allen, who asked that the state reps give serious consideration to offshore drilling, avoiding the "ultra-environmentalist" or "drill, baby, drill" positions.

"Somewhere in there there has to be a scientific answer to those problems," he said, noting that since Carrabelle has one of the state's few deepwater ports, growth in offshore drilling would contribute to the city's economy.

Accompanied by oysterman Billy Dalton, Kevin Begos, who heads the county's oyster task force, asked legislators to consider small businesses when it comes time to press the FDA on their proposals to help the industry adapt to upcoming changes.

"We don't want to forget the individual fishermen," he said. "We want to help people keep their jobs and help reduce illnesses."

The Rev. John Sink asked the state reps to restore money for affordable housing that had been lost in last year's budget.

Patronis and Bembry closed the meeting by voicing concerns over next year's volatile session.

"You are reality," Patronis said, addressing those in the audience. "And Tallahassee is definitely fantasy land. Even though the hurricane season is over, there's going to be one this coming spring."

Bembry said tough choices lie ahead. "We can't sustain the funding level we have," he said. "Our state has to be willing to take that same sober attitude to the way it approaches politics."

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Date	Temperature		
	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Dec 03	59°	38°	10 %
Fri, Dec 04	57°	37°	0%
Sat, Dec 05	59°	42°	0 %
Sun, Dec 06	64°	51°	10 %
Mon, Dec 07	64°	49°	10 %
Tue, Dec 08	67°	59°	20 %
Wed, Dec 09	71°	48°	20%

## TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

## APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	AM	H	PM	L
12/03	Thu	02:08AM 1.8	H	10:58AM -0.7	L
12/04	Fri	02:59AM 1.8	H	09:57PM 1.3	L
12/05	Sat	07:47PM 1.3	H	10:46PM 1.2	L
12/06	Sun	03:55AM 1.7	H	12:35PM -0.5	L
12/07	Mon	08:20PM 1.3	H	11:46PM 1.1	L
12/08	Tue	04:56AM 1.6	H	01:24PM -0.4	L
12/09	Wed	08:48PM 1.2	H		
12/03	Thu	01:03AM 1.0	L	06:05AM 1.4	H
12/04	Fri	02:11PM -0.1	L	09:12PM 1.2	H
12/05	Sat	02:32AM 0.8	L	07:27AM 1.2	H
12/06	Sun	02:57PM 0.1	L	09:34PM 1.2	H
12/07	Mon	04:03AM 0.5	L	09:14AM 1.0	H
12/08	Tue	03:41PM 0.4	L	09:57PM 1.3	H

## CARRABELLE

Date	Day	AM	H	PM	L
12/03	Thu	12:43AM 2.9	H	08:45AM -1.1	L
12/04	Fri	05:42PM 2.2	H	07:44PM 2.1	L
12/05	Sat	01:34AM 2.9	H	09:33AM -1.0	L
12/06	Sun	06:22PM 2.1	H	08:33PM 1.9	L
12/07	Mon	02:30AM 2.7	H	10:22AM -0.8	L
12/08	Tue	06:55PM 2.1	H	09:33PM 1.8	L
12/09	Wed	03:31AM 2.6	H	11:11AM -0.6	L
12/03	Thu	07:23PM 1.9	H	10:50PM 1.6	L
12/04	Fri	04:40AM 2.2	H	11:58AM -0.2	L
12/05	Sat	07:47PM 1.9	H		
12/06	Sun	12:19AM 1.3	L	06:02AM 1.9	H
12/07	Mon	12:44PM 0.2	L	08:09PM 1.9	H
12/08	Tue	01:50AM 0.8	L	07:49AM 1.6	H
12/09	Wed	01:28PM 0.6	L	08:32PM 2.1	H

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12/05	Sat	m 6:25	m 7:00	7:19am	☉
12/06	Sun	M 12:15	M 12:45	5:40pm	☉
12/07	Mon	m 7:30	m 8:05	7:20am	☉
12/08	Tue	M 1:20	M 1:50	5:40pm	☉
12/09	Wed	m 8:30	m 9:10	7:21am	☉
12/03	Thu	m 2:20	m 2:50	5:40pm	☉
12/04	Fri	m 9:35	m 10:00	7:21am	☉
12/05	Sat	M 3:25	M 3:45	5:40pm	☉
12/06	Sun	m 10:25	m 10:55	7:22am	☉
12/07	Mon	M 4:15	M 4:40	5:40pm	☉
12/08	Tue	m 11:15	m 11:45	7:23am	☉
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# Franklin County loses opener, downs Wewa

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The Franklin County Seahawks are vowing to avenge a rare opening season loss when they face off against the Wakulla War Eagles on Friday evening in Crawfordville.

With two of their top starters on the bench due to parental disciplinary action, the Seahawks suffered a rare loss in a season home opener Nov. 24, falling to the Wakulla War Eagles 72-59.

The loss was the first regular season defeat for the Seahawks since they fell 45-40 at Maclay on Jan. 23, 2009.

But the Seahawks regained their composure on Tuesday evening, traveling to Wewahitchka to secure a 74-41 district victory over the Gators.

"The parents made that decision," said Coach Fred Drake, after learning not long before game time that sophomore forward Carlos Morris, who had been nursing a foot injury, and senior guard Austin O'Neal, wouldn't be playing against Wakulla.

"They had issues at home with their parents," said Drake. "That threw everything off, that wasn't what we practiced for and prepared for. We just couldn't get over that hump. We didn't have any offense."

"Mentally, the game was probably lost before it even started," he said. "It was a psychological effect that threw everything off. It was just an embarrassment, nothing was together for that game."

Scoreless until junior forward Dalin Modican hit a free throw with 5:10 left in the first quarter, the Seahawks trailed 15-3 before going on a seven-point run to



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The Seahawks' Dalin Modican attempts to shoot over Wakulla center Greg Thomas in hoop action Nov. 24.



The Seahawks' Arron Prince drives on Wakulla guard Antonio Kilpatrick in hoop action Nov. 24.

with Allen and Joseph adding eight each.

The coach vowed to have his team ready for Friday night's rematch. "We're definitely looking forward to it. That's a revenge thing," he said, noting that the Wakulla players have angered the Seahawks by bragging about their upset victory against state-ranked Franklin County.

"We're going to try to run the score on them," said Drake. Now that we have our full squad, they're going to see what we really got."

Both Morris and O'Neal were back in action in their Region 1, District 3 opener at Wewahitchka Tuesday as the Seahawks rolled to victory.

Ahead 18-9 after the first stanza, and 35-15 at the half, the Seahawks outscored the Gators 39-26 in the second half to secure the win.

O'Neal was on fire all game, nailing 11-of-14 from the field,

and 1-of-3 treys, snaring a handful of steal and pulling down 13 rebounds. He led all scorers with 23 points.

Morris, who has seen limited action due to a toe injury, added 21 points, hitting 5-of-14 from two-point range, 3-of-10 from long-range, and 2-of-4 foul shots. He also had seven rebounds and four blocked shots.

"It really was his first game," said Drake. "He was rusty, and still limping a little bit. He was probably 70 percent."

A trio of players, Prince, Allen and Modican, each added seven points. Prince was 3-of-9 from the field, hit 1-of-2 free throws, and snared four rebounds.

Allen was 3-of-8 from the field, and 1-of-4 from the charity stripe, while grabbing six rebounds. Modican was 2-of-3 from the field, and 3-of-4 from the foul line, while grabbing four rebounds.

Joseph added six points, 2-of-4 from the field, and 2-of-4 free throws, and grabbed three rebounds. Turrell hit his only field goal for two points, and Jones was 1-of-2 from the foul line, while grabbing three rebounds.

"We played good aggressive defense," said Drake. "We're a totally different team with Austin and Carlos playing and that was the difference."

"The kids fed off them playing this game and the level of confidence was there. There was a trust factor," he said. "We have to have those three guys, Austin, Carlos and Arron, if we're going to win districts and make a run for Lakeland."

The Seahawks return home Thursday, Dec. 10 for a district match-up against Liberty County.

# Lady Seahawks soccer falls 2-0 to Wakulla

By Kelli Maggio  
Special to the Times

The Lady Seahawks only made a few defensive errors in a 2-0 loss to the Lady Eagles of Wakulla, but the errors proved to be the difference.

Playing without the top goal scorer Megan Newell, out due to illness, the Lady Seahawks improved in many areas from their last game, but had a tough time putting the ball in the net. Emily Hatfield and the defense played soundly behind nine goalkeeper saves, but two misplayed

balls and a set of missed scoring opportunities contributed to our loss.

The Lady Seahawks' efforts in the second half left them in control of the contest, but where just unable to finish.

We are proud of the gains we are making, and totally understand that our young program is still in the wing clipping process. We have improved in many areas, but still need to develop a better un-



MEGAN NEWELL

derstanding of the game itself. There is a need to not only play at a high level, but to study the game at a high level as well. As a whole, we need to improve our ability to get to the ball more quickly and not wait on the ball to come to us. This was a contributing factor in tonight's defeat. Touch and control will come with experience and repetitions. We are encouraged by the steps we are taking, but understand that many

steps are left to be taken with this motivated group of young ladies.

We are in action again Thursday, Dec. 3 as we

travel to Port St. Joe for our first of two rivalry matches this season.

Kelli Maggio, a member of the University of

Mobile Lady Rams, defeated 1997 national champion soccer team, is coach of the Lady Seahawks soccer team.

# Wakulla blanks Seahawks soccer 4-0

By Joe Shields  
Special to the Times

On Nov. 20, the Seahawks boys varsity soccer team ran into one of the goliath soccer programs of the district. The Wakulla War Eagles men's soccer team defended their home pitch with conviction, in a 4-0 victory over the Seahawks.

The speed and proficiency with which the Wakulla team executed their offense caught the Seahawks off guard and two goals were scored by Wakulla within the first three minutes of the game.

However, once the Seahawks settled down, they played outstanding defense for the remainder of the game allowing only one more goal at the end of the half and only one goal throughout the entire second half. Daniel "Bam-Bam" Carrino, goalkeeper, had 22 saves and coupled



WILLIAM SAPP

with the defensive effort from the rest of the team, was instrumental in not allowing Wakulla to run away with the game.

Additionally, the second half surge of Seahawks' defense allowed multiple attacks to be built "from the back" and allowed for seven shots on goal by the Seahawks. Although thwarted by the Wakulla defense, the seven shots on goal attempted by the Seahawks was the most so far this season.

William "Maximus" Sapp led the Seahawks with three attempted shots on goal. With each game, the Seahawks boys varsity soccer team improves by leaps and bounds. Their next scheduled match is Thursday, Dec. 3, in Port St. Joe. Please come out and support the Seahawks.

Joe Shields is the coach of the Seahawks soccer team.

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player

Boys Soccer

Freshman Daniel "Bam-Bam" Carrino made 22 saves against Wakulla Nov. 20. Despite the 4-0 loss, Bam-Bam and the Seahawks defense strengthened over the course of the game to limit Wakulla to a single goal in the second half. This defense boosted the total number of shots on goal, seven, by the Seahawks offense during the second half. Carrino leads all Seahawk goalies with a 0.50 goals against average (GAA).

Player

Boys Basketball

Senior Arron Prince had 17 points to lead the Seahawks against Wakulla Nov. 24, and scored seven against Wewa Tuesday night, while snaring four rebounds.

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## Lanark NEWS

### HAVE YOU SEEN ME?



A Jack Russell terrier, white with brown spots, has been lost around 141 Avenue H in Apalachicola as of Thanksgiving Day.

The dog answers to the name "Chopper."

If you have him, or know his whereabouts, call Leroy King at 653-9739.

Of course we had a good Thanksgiving at the Hall! All that good food, and friends and neighbors to visit with. It was a nice afternoon. When I got back home, I had a big plate of food waiting for me from the Legion. Thank you so much.

One thing we should be thankful for is that the 2009 hurricane season ahs come and gone peacefully!

Went to the Hall Saturday for some chili and to look around at the arts and crafts for sale. Hope you got over to enjoy the soup or chili, and found something you couldn't live without.

This Saturday, at the Hall, there will be a variety show, starting at 1 p.m. You make a donation at the door. Popcorn and soda will be available, along with other munchies. Some members from the fiddlers, and Not-Quite-Ready band, along with others, will be on hand to strut their stuff. Come join us for a fun afternoon.

Although the lunches will not be held



LANARK NEWS  
Jim Welsh

until next month, on Thursday, Dec. 10, a lunch at the senior center will be hosted by the staff and workers from the prison. Join us at the senior center; serving begins at noon.

The annual Boat Parade of Lights will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Carrabelle River. Food will be served at 5 p.m., parade at 7 p.m. and fireworks at 8 p.m. Come down

and be a part of it!

Don't forget about our monthly meeting for members of the Lanark Village Association. Hope we have a nice crowd at the Hall on Monday, Dec. 7. Gavel falls at 7 p.m. and we have the election of officers for 2010. Hope to see you there!

Be kind to one another, and check in on the sick and housebound - and keep Christ in Christmas.

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

### Seniors host community Christmas dinner

Recently, two anonymous and generous donors expressed concern that all people in Franklin County be assured of a bountiful Christmas dinner.

With that encouragement the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle will host a Christmas dinner on Thursday Dec. 10 at noon.

This dinner will be provided and served by staff and facility of the Franklin County Corrections System.

There will be music, games and a movie in the game room. The community of Franklin County is warmly welcomed.

For information call 697-3760.

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## THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

### Orman House lights up for holidays

Eager to show off a series of improvements, the Orman House State Park threw open its doors Friday evening to a steady stream of visitors eager to take in the 19th century historic home.

Volunteers Judy and John Rutz greeted the passers-by in 19th century attire, while ranger Mike Kinnett showed people around the brightly-lit home, built in 1838 by Thomas Orman, a cotton merchant and businessman in Apalachicola from 1840 to the 1870s. The house features details of both federal and Greek revival styles with molded plaster cornices, and wide heart-pine floorboards.

Kinnett, District 1 Interpreter of the Year for Florida State Parks, showed off a dining room table impeccably decorated for a festive holiday meal. The park also served cookies and hot cider punch to the many people who stopped by, with the help of volunteer Fred Dermitt.

In the room next door, adjacent to a 14-foot Christmas tree, Bedford Watkins played piano throughout the evening, while

his wife, Eugenia, assisted him.

The Rutzs, from Dunellen, stay for nine months of the year in the area, and volunteer to handle a variety of tasks, from mowing grass and yardwork to greeting visitors to the home.

Originally from Virginia, Judy Rutz is a distant granddaughter, at least four generations removed, from Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. She personally created a series of floral decorations that adorn the wooden mantelpieces for the holidays.

Thanks to an investment from the Florida Park Service, the Orman House grounds are now smoothly linked to the Three Soldiers Detail Statue located directly in front.

The street has been closed off and new sidewalks, and a new parking lot right off Fifth and Market streets, have been added for visitors. In addition there is now plenty of green space in front of the Chapman Botanical Gardens.

The many streetlamps that illuminate the gardens' walking trails have now been com-

pletely restored, with all new glass globes. The 220-volt, 125-watt sodium bulbs have been replaced with 110-volt, 100-watt compact fluorescent bulbs.

The parks are in the process of creating a butterfly garden and examining ways to incorporate the many plants and flowers studied by the great 19th century botanist of Southern flora, Dr. Alvan Wentworth Chapman.

Donations provided by the nearly 200 visitors who came by Friday evening will benefit the Friends of Franklin County State Parks.

For more information, visit [www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org). Or call 653-1209.

—By  
David  
Adlerstein



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Above, volunteer Judy Rutz shows off the canopy bed found in one of the first floor bedrooms of the Orman House. At left, the holiday place settings on the Orman House dining room table include china engraved "JFC Griggs Jan. 14, 1892" in honor of the wedding of Sarah Sadie Orman to Mr. Griggs on that date. It was donated by Ruth Young.



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Taking part in the Carrabelle Boys and Girls Club's Thanksgiving dinner outreach are, kneeling, from left, teen director Suzanne Lewis and parent Dot Moore. Standing, from left, are club director Cherry Rankin, parent Dorothy Couch, parent Debra Cooper, recreation leader Granville Croom, parent Tomasina Lattimore, parent liaison Rachel Benjamin, educational leader Louise Chipman, restaurateur Linda La Paz, church member Pearlmae Clark, and Hog Wild owner Ken La Paz.

### Reaching families for the holidays

Several Carrabelle area families had their Thanksgiving table enriched last week, through a special outreach between a local restaurant and the Carrabelle Boys and Girls Clubs.

Ken and Linda La Paz, owners of Hog Wild Bar B-Q outside Carrabelle, each year at Thanksgiving and at Christmas donate meals to a family from each of the nine Carrabelle churches, and one from the high school.

But thanks to a sizeable donation from Rhonda Saunders, the La Pazs also were able to help six families from the Boys and Girls Clubs and so right before Thanksgiving they gave out complete meals, enough to feed eight, of baked turkey, green bean casserole, sweet potato casserole, creamed corn, dressing

and giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and apple pie.

Cherry Rankin, site director for the Carrabelle club, gave the La Pazs a list of recipients, all parents of young people in the club, including the Dot Moore, Josephine Sapp, Debra Cooper, Bambi Keever, Tomasina Lattimore and Dorothy Couch families.

"We would like to try to get some more people in the community to donate, and we could hopefully help a lot more people at Christmas," said Ken La Paz.

Rankin said the club has already begun its food drive for Christmas, notifying people that they can drop off canned items at the Carrabelle IGA, or the Carrabelle Boys and Girls Club site, from now until Saturday, Dec. 19.

### Carrabelle announces decorating contest

It's time to untangle the lights, bring out the staple gun and let your imagination and decorating talents run wild.

The Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce announces their annual holiday decorating contest for area homes and businesses. Residents from St. James Bay Golf Course to Lighthouse Estates, plus local businesses, should fill out the application below.

Drop the application off at the Carrabelle Chamber at 105 St. James Avenue, or mail to Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce, P O Drawer DD, Carrabelle, FL 32322.

Judging will be the night of Monday, Dec. 21. Winners will be announced the following day on Oyster Radio and in the next edition of the Apalachicola/Carrabelle Times. Deadline for signing up is Friday, Dec. 18. Please contact the Chamber at 697-2585 or e-mail [chamber@nettally.com](mailto:chamber@nettally.com) for further information.

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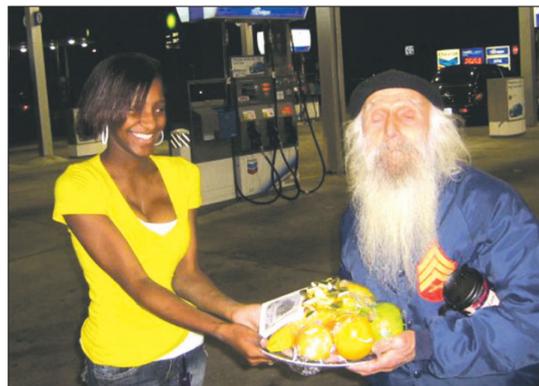
Chef Cassie Gary, above, samples leftovers after serving up Thanksgiving dinner for 60 shut-ins in cooperation with Franklin County Meals on Wheels. Gary, her mother Susan Gary and Rex Humphries, co-owners of the Owl Café, have provided the holiday meal for the last 13 years. Providing holiday meals for seniors has long been a tradition in the county. Other restaurants that have given of their time and talent include Caroline's on the River and Chef Eddie's Magnolia Grille. Susan Gary said the meal count was down by about 40 from last year and worried that the loss of Bert Ivey, former director of Eldercare Services in the county, had led seniors to slip through the cracks.

### Library students share Thanksgiving blessings

Students enrolled in the Friends of the Franklin County Public Library TIGERS and KIT programs truly defined the meaning of Thanksgiving last week as they worked for, gathered, packaged, assembled, and distributed 51 lovely fruit platters to individuals and families in need of a special blessing.

The project began with two days of "bagging for bucks" at the Gulfside IGA in Apalachicola by Project Coordinator Carol Barfield and her enthusiastic group. They followed their work by spending a good portion of Thanksgiving Day wrapping and inserting a beautiful handmade greeting card.

The card read "The Friends of the Franklin County Public Library Youth Programs (TIGERS and KIT) wanted you to know how well you are thought of in this community, and to show our appreciation we made this fruit platter for you and we



CAROL BARFIELD | Special to the Times

Teresa Carr, left, presents a Thanksgiving fruit platter to Christo Poloronis.

hope you enjoy it. For all the times you have shown kindness to us and for all the laughter you have given us - Be Blessed and Thank You."

The group then took the time and effort to lovingly deliver their special platters and well wishes. Participants included: Bri'Anna Gordon, Tydron Wynn, Latresa Carr, Zachary Jones, Teresa Carr,

Kamilah Hand, Dyquon Gordon, Shaquana Weaver, and Adreenah Wynn.

Additional donations were received from Kim Creamer, Gulfside IGA, and Rich Leonard, Buy Rite Pharmacist. The TIGERS and KIT Program students appreciate all of the assistance and the generosity of others in making this project possible.

# Sara Ward chosen Port St. Joe Junior Miss

Special to The Times

Through the Junior Miss program held Oct. 17, the Junior Service League of Port St. Joe awarded nearly \$6,000 in college scholarship money to graduating Port St. Joe seniors.

Sara Ward, of Apalachicola, was selected as the new Port St. Joe Junior Miss. As overall winner, she won \$1,500 and the privilege to represent Port St. Joe in the statewide Junior Miss program in Winter Garden in spring of 2010. The state winner will then compete in Mobile, Ala. at the national competition.

Ten Port St. Joe High School seniors participated in the event, competing in the areas of scholarship, interview, self expression, talent, and physical fitness.

First runner-up was Chellsey O'Neill, earning \$1,250. Ra-

ven Harris was second runner and received a scholarship for \$1,000. Kasie Thompson was third runner-up and won \$750.

The individual category winners each received a \$250 scholarship. Ward won two categories, scholastics and physical fitness. Savannah Steiger, also of Apalachicola, won talent. Thompson won the interview phase, and Harris took the prize for self expression.

The final scholarship, won by Rebecca Furr, was the Spirit of Junior Miss, a special award chosen by the women participating in the event.

Organized by Amy Ouellette of the Junior Service League, emcees for the program were Neysa Wilkins and Clay Peels. The theme of the event was "On Broadway." The participants entered to "One" from A Chorus Line and performed their physical fitness routine to

"Footloose."

The Junior Service League is a non-profit organization of women, which helps local children. Their premier project is Jam Packs, which provides Gulf County elementary students with a backpack stuffed with school supplies. In another project, 50 elementary students receive a set of winter clothes, thanks to a partnership among the Junior Service League, The Tapper Foundation and Sears.

The League also sponsors a mentoring program of middle school girls and a community Easter Egg Hunt, and is committed to raising money for the community. In addition to the League's \$10,000 pledge to the Sacred Heart Foundation, the League will award local high school seniors with nearly \$8,000 in scholarships this year. All proceeds from League events go to League projects.



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New Port St. Joe Junior Miss, Apalachicola's Sara Ward, rode in the Florida Seafood Festival parade.

## Christmas oratorio to open Ilse Newell series

Special to The Times

The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts concert series will begin its 2009-10 season with a Christmas concert on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Highlighting the concert will be a performance of the Christmas portion of the "Messiah" oratorio, a popular work by the 18th century composer George Frederic Handel.

The Bay Area Choral Society of 35 voices will perform, under the direction of Merel Young, with piano accompaniment by R. Bedford Watkins along with area soloists.

Part I of "Messiah" has the choruses of "For unto Us a Child Is Born," "O, Thou That Tellest Glad Tidings to Zion," and "And the Glory of the Lord." Soloists will sing such songs as "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," "He Shall Feed His Flock" and "Re-joice Greatly."

Soloists will be Scott Kinkead, Gordon Adkins, Tamara Marsh, Don West, Leslie Coon, Sharon Philyaw, Virginia Harrison, Megan Lamb and



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Tamara Marsh will be among nine featured soloists when the Bay Area Choral Society of 35 voices performs the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" oratorio on Dec. 13.

Carla May.

The Ilse Newell Fund is funded primarily by the generous contributions of committed sponsors, patrons, associates and friends. A suggested donation of \$3 is asked of concertgoers to support the series, administered by The Apalachicola Area Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving the rich history of Apalachicola and the surrounding area.

## Hooper wins big with little lizard



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Local photographer Debbie Hooper shows off her second-place winning entry, "What Lizard?!" at the Photofest 2009 reception, held at the Tallahassee Regional Airport ArtPort Gallery.

By Despina Williams  
Florida Freedom Newspapers

One day, when Debbie Hooper reflects on her illustrious photography career, she will pay respects to one shadowy Costa Rican lizard.

For that lizard, spotted last year on vacation, helped Hooper earn a second place finish in the juried fine art photography exhibition, Photofest 2009.

The exhibition, part of the Art in Public Places Program, was coordinated by the Tallahassee/Leon County Council on Culture and Arts (COCA).

The COCA Arts Advisory Committee selected 46 entries out of 183 works by Big Bend photographers to hang in the Tallahassee Regional Airport ArtPort Gallery.

Hooper, who exhibited two works, "Blue Mist" and "Pelican Duo" in the 2005 Photofest, received an invitation to display her photograph, entitled "What Lizard?!"

She snapped the photograph in Costa Rica's Manuel Antonio National

al Park, one of several stops enjoyed by Hooper and husband, Jon, on their 35th wedding anniversary.

The Hoopers' tour guide demonstrated an uncanny ability to spot all manner of creatures, both big and small.

When he pointed out the shadow cast by a lizard on the underside of a large green leaf, Debbie Hooper recognized a photo opportunity, if not immediately a lizard.

"What lizard?," Hooper's reaction to the tour guide's announcement, seemed a fitting name for the strik-

ing and mysterious photograph.

As the COCA committee announced six honorable mention recipients at the Nov. 19 airport reception, Hooper muttered something ever so faintly under her breath: "I don't want an honorable mention. I want a prize."

Hooper got just that — a glossy red ribbon and a \$75 check.

To cap off the eventful night, Hooper, husband, Jon, daughter Kelly Kingon and son-in-law Dale Kingon, both of Carrabelle, feasted on sushi at a Tallahassee eatery.

### SEE MORE HOOPER

Debbie Hooper's award winning photograph, "What Lizard?!" will be on display at the Tallahassee Regional Airport ArtPort Gallery until Jan. 15.

The Apalachicola Museum of Art, located on 96 5th Street, will be exhibiting six of Hooper's framed nature prints and four gallery wrapped canvas prints through Jan. 15.

The works recently traveled with Michael Lister's Double Exposure book tour.

The Studio on 4th, located at 521 4th Street in Port St. Joe, will also be showing Hooper's work the weekends of Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12.

To view more of Hooper's photography, visit [www.joebay.com](http://www.joebay.com).

## PET OF THE WEEK



### Sophia

Sophia, a 1-year old cocker spaniel mix, arrived at the Adoption Center a month ago. Her owner was moving and could not take her with him. She is a sweet, adorable girl waiting for a loving home. Sophia is up-to-date on her shots and

has been spayed.

Volunteers are desperately needed to socialize Sophia and all of the other dogs and cats. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

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](http://www.forgottenpets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets.

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## Anniversaries, Births and BIRTHDAYS



### Duggars mark 45th anniversary

Congratulations on the 45th wedding anniversary of Earl and Patricia Duggars, of Apalachicola.

The couple was married Nov. 27, 1964 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Apalachicola.

We love you.  
Sabrina, Dewitt, Ashley, Shelby, Corbin, Krista and Dawson



### James Padgett IV born

Jackii Hefner and Padge Padgett are proud to announce the birth of their son, James Ashley Padgett IV.

He was born Monday, Oct. 5, 2009 and weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Hazel and Buddy Hefner, of Eastpoint.

Paternal grandparents are Dr. James and Andrea Padgett, of Eastpoint, and Peggy Lewis, of Port St. Joe.



### Ashton Brannan turns 2

Ashton P. Brannan celebrated his second birthday on Sunday, Nov. 29.

He is the son of Aaron Brannan, of Carrabelle, and Jessa Brannan Lanphere, of Tallahassee.

His birthday was celebrated with family at the home of his great-great-grandma Merle Brannan.

Ashton is the grandson of Lawrence and Renee Brannan, of Eastpoint, and great-grandson of Thomas Lee and Suzanne Brannan, of Carrabelle.

# Hospice remembrance: 'Grief is a measure of love'

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Beside the still waters of the Apalachicola River, about two dozen people took time out from the joyous holiday season to spend time Sunday afternoon to remember their loved ones.

Gathering at Riverfront Park for the annual Service of Remembrance, the small congregation quietly shared their grief, listening to music and inspiring words as they examined the lives that have gone before them, and left them feeling empty and alone.

"We don't know what to expect when we are grieving," said Melanie Lachlan, a grief therapist with Big Bend Hospice, which organized and coordinated the service.

"We don't know what we're feeling, we don't know what we need. Should we cry? Should we keep busy?" she said. "We live in an uncharted territory without a guide."

Lachman's remarks, which preceded her lighting a candle of grief, stressed that "there is not a right way or a wrong way to grieve. There is your way. We are trying to learn

to figure out how to reinvent ourselves and reinvent each day."

"Grief is a measure of love, that's true," she said. "But so also is living."

She asked that the audience remember their loved ones, "what they taught us and how they shaped us" and likened those who have passed on to stars that dot the heavens.

"Remember too, stars are eternal and countless in number, guideposts and symbols of hope," she said. "They're always there, whether we see them or not."

"We are always working through our grief," she said. "Grief enables us to own our sorrow."

Offering prayers and words of hope was the Rev. Karen Pellett, chaplain of Big Bend Hospice. "Learn the gifts darkness has for us," she said. "Learn to live in the darkness."

Jessica Jaworski, music therapist with Big Bend Hospice, played guitar as gathering music, with Regina Compton, the hospice's team manager, offering opening words of welcome.

Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson offered a welcome to the city of Apalachicola,



with Beverly Hewitt and Sandra Smith, both members of the county's advisory council, offering a short reading following Pellett's opening prayer.

Scott Kinkead, director of creative ministries for the Apalachicola and St. George Island United Methodist Churches, sang "When You Wish Upon A Star."

Joanne Thomason, RN, who works with hospice patients, offered her own personal history of grief, losing her daughter Joellen Whaley, just a few months after she had given birth to a baby boy. Thomason also recounted the death of her husband earlier this year.

After reciting Psalm 26, and a letter from the Thomason family, Thoma-

son sat down and her cousin Jeri Turner completed the reading.

Pellett led the audience in a ceremony of the shells, in which those in attendance were able to place a shell or shells in a large glass vase as they spoke aloud, or kept in their hearts, the name of their loved ones.

Sharon Philyaw sang "Wind Beneath My Wings," followed by Lachman's words of comfort and her lighting of the candle of grief. Deanna Murphy, LPN, who works with hospice, lit the candle of hope.

Jaworski then sang and played guitar to a musical meditation "Memories Pathway," written by the musical therapy department of Big Bend Hospice. Compton offered closing

words, and Pellet a closing prayer, with refreshments provided afterwards.

On Nov. 16, in honor of National Hospice Month, the county commissioners proclaimed November Big Bend Hospice Month in Franklin County.

The proclamation was presented by Big Bend Hospice Franklin Advisory Council members Beverly Hewitt and Sandi Hengle, and made official with the signature of Chairman Smokey Parrish and Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson.

Big Bend Hospice marked its 26th anniversary last month, joining the nation's hospices to raise awareness of the availability of hospice care, and to enhance public understanding of hospice services. Big Bend Hospice

provides physical, emotional, spiritual and practical care to individuals with a life-limiting illness, with care tailored for each family.

Together with the patient's physician; the hospice physician, team of nurses, social workers, hospice aides, music therapists, chaplains and volunteers provide pain and symptom control. Big Bend Hospice remains with each family for up to a year following the death of their loved one to provide support through the grieving process. There are grief support programs for adults, children and teens open to everyone in the community, regardless of whether or not they have utilized hospice services.

## Church BRIEFS

### Give the gift of life on Dec. 3

The Bay Medical/Southeastern Community Bloodmobile will be at the Natural Medicine Shoppe in Apalachicola on Thursday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All donors will be entered into a weekly drawing to win a \$50 gift card and can draw from the fishbowl for gifts from local merchants.

For more information, call 850-747-6570.

### Raffle to benefit Franklin County Toy Connection

Resort Vacation Properties is sponsoring a raffle drawing for a three-day, two-night stay on St. George Island. Tickets will be sold at Resort Vacation Properties, check-in center and are one ticket for \$5 and six for \$20.

Monies raised will be used to purchase toys for Franklin County Toy Connection, for children right here in Franklin County. Distribution of the toys will take place on Dec. 17 and 18 at the Eastpoint and Carrabelle firehouses and Benedict Hall at Trinity in Apalachicola.

### Christmas parade through Eastpoint Dec. 5

The Eastpoint Christmas parade will be held Saturday morning, Dec. 5.

The lineup begins at 10 a.m. at Novell Street, with the parade starting at 11 a.m. The parade heads east on U.S. 98 to First Street.

Following the parade, Santa will head to Avenue A to the First Baptist Church parsonage to hand out goody bags.

Anyone who wants to be in the parade, please call Pam Watson at

670-8372 or 653-7041.

### Philaco Club hosts Christmas program Dec. 10

The Philaco Woman's Club will host their annual Christmas musicale at Trinity Episcopal Church on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m.

This is a community affair. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served after the concert at a reception in Benedict Hall.

For more information call 670-8088.

### 'The Christmas Gift' runs Dec. 11 and 12

The third annual Christmas program presented by the Methodist Churches of Apalachicola and St. George Island will be on Friday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola.

The performance of "The Christmas Gift," begins at 7 p.m. each evening.

Traditional, country and modern Christmas music has been woven into the show written and directed by Scott Kinkead, the churches' director of creative ministries, and April Patriotis. The story focuses on two radio DJ's as they host a call-in show and discuss Christmas with their listeners.

Members of the two church choirs, along with singers from the community, will make up the chorus. Highlights include songs featuring The Divas of Country Music, a children's chorus, the Bay Area Choral Society and numerous solos. Area children will be featured in several numbers throughout the evening, especially the Frosty the Snowman scene. Tickets are \$10 for

adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, and on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office in Apalachicola. Tickets may also be purchased at the Methodist churches during office hours and after Sunday services.

### Carrabelle Love Center holds youth rally Dec. 13

The Carrabelle Love Center will hold a Youth Rally on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.

Participating churches include the youth ministries of the Love & Worship Center Church, Covenant Word, and Mount Zion, all in Apalachicola; and Eastpoint Church of God.

Guest speaker will be Jr. Minister R. Damien J. Davis, of the Love & Worship Center Church. Guest vocalists will be Eric Comer and Joyce Dixon, of Panama City.

The church is located on U.S. 98 East in Carrabelle. Bishop Robert L. Davis is host pastor and Apostle Shirley C. White is general overseer.

For more information call 653-5089 or email at cbellelovecenter@aol.com

### First Pentecostal hosts 'Liberated Wailing Wall'

Come here the Liberated Wailing Wall of Jews for Jesus on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Apalachicola First Pentecostal Holiness Church, located at 379 Brownsville Road.

The Liberated Wailing Wall will tell the story of Jews coming to believe in Jesus through music, drama and personal testimony.

For more information, please call 653-8690 or 653-9372.

## CARD OF THANKS — LULA RICHARDS FAMILY

We'd like to take this moment to send everyone our sincere Thanks for their outpouring of love and sympathy they showed us during our loss. There are too many to thank individually, which shows the extent of friends and family who loved Mama and were there for her family when we needed you most. Your gifts — from kind words and hugs, to cards with monetary gifts and preparations of foods — showed her family you loved her deeply also. Everyone gave a part of themselves in loving thought and



remembrances, no matter how great or small.

We would like to say a special Thank You to Pastors Lois Long and

Bobby Shiver for the words each gave at her service; Chase Richards and Maranda Moses for playing and singing the lovely songs "You didn't only play and sing for us ... Granny was so pleased;" Brock's Home Town Funeral Home for their beautiful work; Donnie and Toni Raffield for putting a memorable video slide together; Terri Tipton for playing the piano so beautifully; and Loving Waters for opening their doors.

God bless each one of you and thanks again.

The family of  
Lula Mae Richards

## CARD OF THANKS — TERRY SHEDDAN FAMILY

The family of James Terry Sheddan is deeply touched by the support of friends during our

sorrow. Your kindness will always be remembered. Thank you for keeping

us in your thoughts and prayers today and always.

Jan Sheddan

### Eldercare Services hires Bigelow



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Rod Bigelow of Tallahassee has been named new program coordinator for Eldercare Services for Franklin County. Bigelow, who resides part-time with his mother, Joyce Timmons, in Eastpoint, worked for three years as a senior case manager for the elderly and disabled with Franklin County Senior Center. He also taught middle school reading here and was a county probation officer in the early 1990s. He holds a degree in business education from Florida A and M University.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

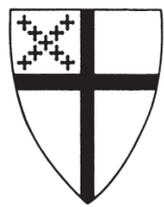


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102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672  
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**Eastpoint United Methodist Church**  
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# Sheriff's REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests are made by officers from the following city, 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), Florida Division of Insurance Fraud (DIF) and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FLDOACS).

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

## Nov. 24

Zachary J. Paul, 23, Apalachicola, violation of probation and failure to appear (FCSO)

Cruz T. Griggs, 20, Apalachicola, Bay County violation of probation (FCSO)

## Nov. 30

Larry M. Cummings II, 22, Panama City, three counts violation of probation (FCSO)

Yolanda E. Bristol, 28, Tallahassee, passing worthless bank checks (FCSO)

James E. Pilotti, 23, Apalachicola, false report to law enforcement officer, no saltwater products license and no harvest license (FWC)

# KEISER FCI'S OFFICER OF THE MONTH



Ronald Keiser

Franklin Correctional Institution selected Ronald Keiser as its officer of the month for November 2009.

Employed with the Florida Department of Corrections for 6 years, Officer Keiser has been assigned to FCI since 2005. His previous assignments were at Union C.I. and Wakulla C.I. He is currently assigned to the day shift, with a special assignment to assist with the key and lock department.

In nominating Keiser, Sgt. Gerald Messer wrote that Keiser is "dedicated to his job and the state of Florida. Officer Keiser's health has declined lately but that has not stopped him from doing his job."

Keiser resides in Carrabelle with his wife, Gail.

# Community CALENDAR

## Thursday, Dec. 3

**Individual and group computer instruction at Eastpoint library** from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call 670-8151.

**Yoga at Carrabelle library** from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more info, call 697-2366.

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

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

## Friday, Dec. 4

**Individual and group computer instruction at Eastpoint library** from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call 670-8151.

**Parent-child reads at Eastpoint library** at 2:15 p.m. for infant to 4-years-old. For more info, call 670-8151.

**Story Hour at Eastpoint library** at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5 to 8. For more info, call 670-8151.

**Exercise class** at Chillas Hall in Lanark Village. 9 to 10 a.m. Open to all and free.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Ascension, 101 NE First Street, in Carrabelle. For more info, call 697-2837.

**Carrabelle History Museum, Old City Hall, 106 SE Avenue B** in downtown Carrabelle, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Saturday.

Free. For more information, contact Tamara Allen at 697-2141.

## Saturday, Dec. 5

**Holiday Fresh Market in Apalachicola.** All day. For more info, call 653-9419.

**Second Annual Kayak Fishing Tournament.** Expeditions in Tate's Hell is hosting, with cash and prizes awarded. Registration and Entry Fee required.

Early registration and payment of entry fee in full will receive a discount. Catch/photorelease for Reds and Trout. Captain's Meeting 8 a.m., with fishing directly afterward. All fishermen must return with their photos by 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6. Partial proceeds going to Toys for Tots. For more info call 697-2434.

## Monday, Dec. 7

**Building Web sites with Dreamweaver Part 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at Carrabelle library. For more info call 697-2366.

**Apalachicola Library Board** will meet at 5 p.m. at library. For more info, call 653-8436.

**Harmonica at Carrabelle library** at 10 a.m.. For more info, call 697-2366.

**Yoga at Carrabelle library** from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more info, call 697-2366.

**Yarn Junkies** will meet at 7 to 9 p.m. The newly formed group is for knitters, crocheters and others addicted to yarn. The group will meet each Monday evening at an alternate loca-

tion. For information, call Kathy Robinson at 653-7196.

**Exercise class** at Chillas Hall in Lanark Village. 9 to 10 a.m. Open to all and free.

**Al-Anon** meets at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church's Benedict Hall, at Sixth Street and Ave. D. For more info, call (850) 222-2294.-

**Bingo** at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Early bird at 6 p.m., regular bingo at 7 p.m. Cards begin at \$4. Call 697-3760.

## Tuesday, Dec. 8

**Apalachicola City Commission** meets at 6 p.m. at the City Hall in Battery Park. Agenda includes second reading and adoption of Water Supply Plan Ordinance. For more info, call 653-9319.

**Apalachicola Community Gardens** will meet at 5 p.m. at Seafood Grill restaurant. For more info call 653-9419.

**Carrabelle Historical Society** will meet at 6 p.m. at the Carrabelle Library. For more info, call 697-2141

**Harmonica** at Carrabelle library at 10 a.m.. For more info, call 697-2366.

**eBay Buying Guide** at Carrabelle library from 1 to 4 p.m.. For more info, call 697-2366.

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

**Bingo** 7 p.m. St. George Island Fire Dept. 25 cents per card. Families welcome. Proceeds go to St. George Island Civic Club. Call 927-4654.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Ascension, 101 NE First Street, in Carrabelle. For more info, call 697-2837.

## Wednesday, Dec. 9

**Adult Wii** at Carrabelle library. 9 to 11 a.m. For more info call 697-2366.

## Thursday, Dec. 10

**The Local Department of Juvenile Justice Council** will meet from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. at Eastpoint Church of God. If you have any questions please contact Carol Barfield at 653-2784

**The Franklin County Community Partnership for Children and Youth** will meet from 12:30 until 2 p.m. at the Eastpoint Church of God. If you have any questions please contact Carol Barfield at 653-2784.

**Resume writing/Job and career resources** at Eastpoint library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. For more info, call 670-8151.

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

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

# NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION FRANKLIN DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Purpose and Effect: The Franklin District School Board proposes to amend and adopt policies, as provided in the Administrative Procedures Act for the purpose of bringing said policies into compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules.

Summary: The following is a brief description of each proposal change:

Franklin County School District

- Code of Conduct (Amend dress code and use of electronic devices)
- School Board Policy Manual (Athletics Policy)

Statutory Authority: Section 230.22(2), Florida Statutes

These proposed rules will be considered by the Franklin County School Board at a meeting publicly advertised and held in the Franklin County Willie Speed School Board meeting room at 85 School Road, Suite One, Eastpoint, Florida no earlier than January 07, 2010.

The above Policy Manual and/or Code of Conduct may be reviewed at the Franklin County School Board District Office, located at 85 School Road, Suite One, Eastpoint, Florida during the hours of 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM, Monday - Friday.

# NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, to consider adopting proposed changes to the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use Map Series. The proposed changes include:

Delete Policy 2.2(n) of the Future Land Use Element: Marina Village Center. The intent of the Marina Village Center Land Use category is to create a southern coastal fishing village focused on a marina that provides access to Ochlocknee Bay. In addition to the marina, the village may contain a mixture of related activities including retail, office, hotel, restaurant, entertainment and residential uses.

Allowable Uses within the Marina Village Center land use shall be limited to (1) Retail Commercial; (2) Hotel/motel; (3) Entertainment; (4) Restaurants; (5) Marina including dry storage, marine fueling, and other uses necessary to support marina operations; (6) Water-dependent tourist commercial facilities; (7) Multifamily Residential; condominium; and private residence club; time share and other forms of fractional ownership; (8) Single Family Residential; (9) Office; (10) Recreation; (11) Public and Private Utilities; and (12) other similar or compatible uses.

The performance standards for the Marina Village Center are: non-Residential floor Area Ratio: 30; Residential Density: 2.0 Du/gross acres; Maximum ISR: 80; Minimum common open space 25%; and all applicable provisions of Franklin County Zoning Code. The Marina Village Center shall be served by central water and wastewater. Developer shall provide central sewer and water unless the capital improvements element of a local government is amended to provide such service.

Clustering is allowed as provided by the Franklin County Zoning Code or by Planned Unit Development Ordinance (PUD). The minimum lot size that applies to the cluster development shall be determined at the time of zoning or PUD review. The total number of dwelling units allowed within a cluster development shall not exceed the number of dwelling units allowed under this land use category. Areas which are not included within lots or used for roads, accessways, bodies of water, common recreation facilities, service facilities or infrastructure shall be designated by the developer as common open space. In conjunction with state and federal dredge and fill permit applications, the applicant shall survey the entire site for the presence of state and federally listed species. Such surveys shall be incorporated into the biological assessment portion of the dredge and fill permit application and be taken into consideration in clustering of development.

A stormwater management system will be designed to comply with the standards for Outstanding Florida Waters (OFW).

Delete Policy 2.2(o) of the Future Land Use Element: Carrabelle East Village. This category is generally intended to create a self-sustaining community with a mixture of functionally integrated land uses anchored by a Village Center. This category will complement the existing community of Carrabelle and create places to live, work and shop in the context of promoting moderately priced housing and economic development opportunities. Complementary activities for the enjoyment of village residents, including recreational, leisure, cultural, religious, and educational activities are also components of this district. The residential components of the village will include various density types and housing types, but the overall density in this category will be between 1 and 3 dwelling units per gross acre. Village residential, cottage residential, and estate/conservation residential opportunities will be created in a manner to maximize vehicular and pedestrian linkages to shopping, employment, recreational and other complementary activities while at the same time promoting compatibility among land uses. Clustering development on portions of a site that do not have high environmental sensitivity in order to minimize disturbance and preserving large open spaces in order to provide shared access requirements of this category. Flexibility in design techniques is also promoted in order to achieve the goals and objectives of this category.

Allowable Uses within the Carrabelle East Village land use shall be limited to (1) Residential Single-family; (2) Residential Multi-family; (3) Retail Commercial; (4) Service-oriented Commercial; (5) Office; (6) Business and Industrial Park; (7) Passive and active recreational; (8) Schools and other Civic Facilities; (9) Public and Private Utilities; (10) Houses of Worship;

The performance standards for the Carrabelle East Village land use category are: Gross Residential Density: 1-3 du/gross acre; Maximum Non-Residential Intensity of 25 Floor Area Ratio (FAR); Commercial and Business Park Intensity: 25 Floor Area Ratio (FAR); Minimum Common Open Space - 25%; Minimum Civic Space - 10%; and other Applicable Provisions of the Franklin County Zoning Code.

The Carrabelle East Village land use shall be served by central water and wastewater. Developer shall provide central sewer and water unless the capital improvements element of a local government is amended to provide such service.

Clustering is allowed as provided by the Franklin County Zoning Code or by Planned Unit Development Ordinance (PUD). The minimum lot size that applies to the cluster development shall be determined at the time of zoning or PUD review. The total number of dwelling units allowed within a cluster development shall not exceed the number of dwelling units allowed under this land use category. Areas which are not included within lots or used for roads, accessways, bodies of water, common recreation facilities, service facilities or infrastructure shall be designated by the developer as common open space.

A stormwater management system will be designed to comply with the standards for Outstanding Florida Waters (OFW).

Amend the Future Land Use Map for the following two parcels:

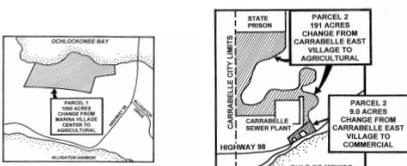
Parcel 1: Change 1000 acres on Ochlocknee Bay in Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23, Township 6 South, Range 2 West, as shown in the attached map, from Marina Village Center to Agricultural.

Parcel 2: Change 200 acres east of Carrabelle in Sections 16, 21 and 28, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, as shown in the attached map, from Carrabelle East Village to Agricultural and Commercial.

A public hearing on the proposed changes will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 6:15 p.m. at the Carrabelle City Hall at 1001 Gray Avenue in Carrabelle. More information can be obtained and the proposed changes may be inspected at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida (telephone 850-653-9783).

Persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or in writing to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Mark Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Transactions of this public hearing will not be recorded. Persons who may wish to appeal any action resulting from this hearing should make the necessary arrangements to assure that a verbatim record is made, including testimony and evidence, if any, upon which the appeal is to be based.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Marcia Johnson, Clerk, Franklin County, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 or (850)653-8861, extension 100, within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.



# Community Garden holds holiday photo contest

The City Square Community Garden is holding

a Holidays in the Garden and Nature photography contest.

Photos must use plant life, such as foliage, flowering plants, vegetables or

fruits, to express a holiday sentiment, or a general garden landscape.

Photos may address any recognized holiday that falls between Oct. 1 and Jan. 20.

Submission must be made between Jan. 2 and 8, at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, 122 Commerce Street in Apalachicola. Judging will take place on Monday, Jan. 18.

For details visit the City Square Community Garden Facebook page.

# NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CITY ORDINANCE

The City Commission of the City of Apalachicola will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving citizen's comments on the following proposed ordinance:

## ORDINANCE NO. 2009-04

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN (WORK PLAN); AUTHORIZING THE WORK PLAN TO BE INCORPORATED AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE APALACHICOLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 91-7 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public hearing will be held in the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida, beginning at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. All interested parties are encouraged to appear and be heard with respect to this proposed ordinance.

# Tobacco Free Franklin Partnership to meet

The Tobacco Free Franklin Partnership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Franklin County Health Department in Apalachicola.

If you are interested in joining the partnership or attending the meeting, please contact David Walker at 653-2111, ext. 119.

# Wilderness Coast library board to meet

The Wilderness Coast Public Libraries' (WILD) Governing Board will meet on Monday, Dec. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library public meeting room in Crawfordville at 4330 Crawfordville Highway.

The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, please call 850-997-7400.

### STANDING FIRM AGAINST SMOKING



PHOTOS BY SYBIL KEMPER | Special to the Times

The Carrabelle Boys & Girls Clubs hosted a festive event Nov. 19 to celebrate the Great American Smoke Out 2009, a day set aside for people to end the cigarette habit that is taking days off their lives and costing them money. Site director Cherry Rankin, who also serves as an advisor to SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) hosted the event, which featured walls lined with the results of a poster contest by club members. In photo at left, the contest winners were from left, first place Brooklyn Turner, second place Isaiah Barber, and third place Trinity Barron. In photo at right, the superhero Underdog is shown by one of the students defeating the evil powers of cigarettes.

## Honor ROLLS

### APALACHICOLA BAY CHARTER SCHOOL

Apalachicola Bay Charter School would like to announce their honor roll for the middle school's first nine-week grading period of the 2009-10 school year.

#### Sixth Grade

All A's: Riley Brown, Celest Creamer, Adriane Elliott, Amber Henning, Skylah Obee, Lael Parker, Joshua Patriotis and Myah Wise.

A/B: Maya Blitch, Gabby Bond, Vailan Gibbs, Kaleigh Hardy, Glory Miller, Brooke Moore, Christian Page, Brooke Parker, Corrine Piccirillo, Haley Pouncey, Dallas Shiver, Milford Shiver, Xuripha Tiller and John White.

Perfect Attendance: Alyssa Creamer, Brooke Moore, Umstead Sanders,

Milford Shiver, Amber Henning and Spencer Strickland.

#### Seventh Grade

All A's: Brooke Frye  
A/B: Amanda Anthony, Corey Bratton, Tyler Cash, Era Cooper, Kaitlin Griner, Selina Kahn, Triana Lockley, Jake Richards, Katie Seger, Kelsey Shuler, Chase Taranto and Alyssa Varnes

Perfect Attendance: Amanda Anthony, Corey Bratton, Magen Creamer, Austin Rowland, Katie Seger and Alyssa Varnes

#### Eighth Grade

All A's: Gracyn Kirvin  
A/B: James Bailey, Savannah Cook, Antonio Croom, Graham Kirvin, James Newell, Tevis Page and Malachi Parker

### FRANKLIN COUNTY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

The following is the Honor Roll for Franklin County middle and high schools for the first nine-weeks grading period.

#### Sixth Grade

All A's: Amelia Newman  
A/B: Bradley Gordie, Hunter Segree, Anna Riley, Christin Holton, Hollie Shiver, Shea Winters, Destiny Stovall, Kendall Meyer, Krista Martina, Jared King and Richard Millender

#### Seventh Grade

All A's: Grant Smith, Aaliyah West, Samantha Marxsen and Mikael Lewis  
A/B: Morgan Martin, Tressie Buffkin, Macey Hunt and Marlyn Lee,

Eighth Grade  
All A's: Ryan Babb and Laura Gallegos

A/B: Lenny Ward, Logan McLeod, Jathan Martin, Kevin Flanagan, Deborah Dempsey, Kristina Boyd, Ally Millender, Josie Turner, Jessica Shields, Kristen Putnal, Brook Pittman, Haley Odom and Adriana Reeder

#### Ninth Grade

All A's: Christa Robison and Carla Lewis  
A/B: Cheyenne Martin, Morgan Walker, Emily Cash, David Butler, Whitney Vause, Karl Sanford, Elisha Patriotis, Elton Olvera and Stephanie Marx-

sen

#### 10th Grade

All A's: Deanna Quick  
A/B: Adreenah Wynn, Jessica Dempsey and Carli Klink

#### 11th Grade

All A's: Kayla Carter  
A/B: Brice Carlson, Jessica Galloway, Morgan Golden, Tiffany Carroll, Victoria Parker, Jimmy Goggins, Robbie Butler, Isabel Pateritsas and Lenanya Morris

#### 12th Grade

All A's: Kendyl Hardy, Natalie Shiver and Robert Henry  
A/B: Heather Kemper, Tydron Wynn, Jason Thompson, Shelby Nowling, Katie Brannan, Garry Larsen, Lindsey Carter, Russell Simmons and Jacqueline Nabors

The following are additions to the honor roll printed last week for the Franklin County Elementary School for the first nine-week grading period for 2009-10

#### Kindergarten

All A's: Trinity Cassell, Kadin Swiney

#### First Grade

A/B: Charles Winchester

### FIRST BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The following is the First Baptist Christian middle and high school honor roll for the first nine-week grading period:

#### Seventh Grade

A/B: Ryan Dobson

#### Ninth Grade

A/B: Dakota Richeaux

#### 11th Grade

A/B: Emily Kembro

#### 12th Grade

All A's: Terry Griner

### School hosts GED testing Dec. 7 and 8

The General Educational Development (GED) test will be held Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 7 and 8 at the Franklin County School in the Media Center. Registration will be

held daily until test date. Testing will begin promptly at 6 p.m. each day.

Contact Nick O'Grady at 670-2810 or Maxine Creamer at 670-4481 for more information.

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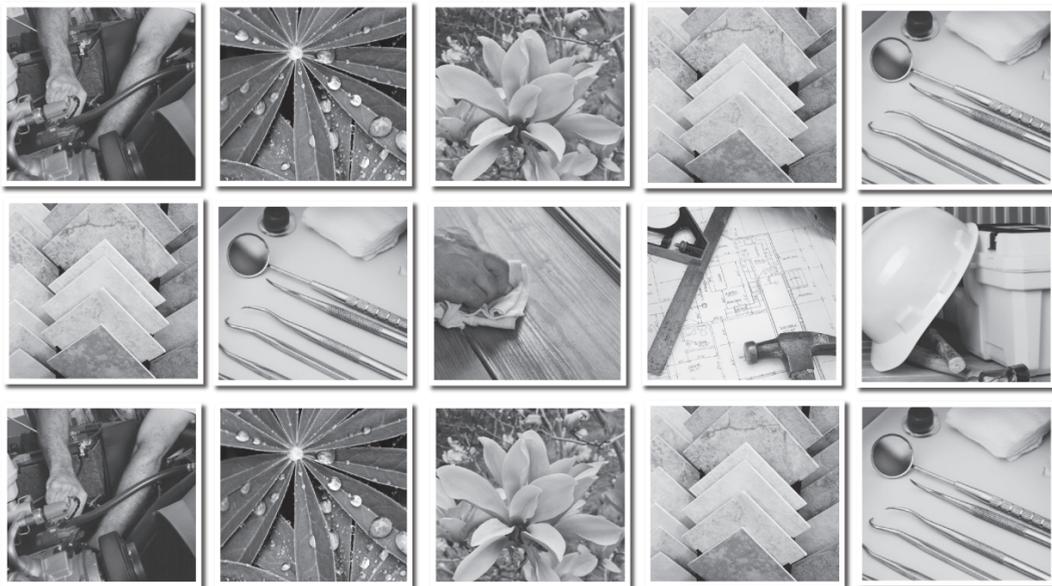
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF PANSY  
MASSEY BRASWELL

FILE NO. 09-53-CP

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Pansy Massey Braswell, deceased, whose date of death was September 17, 2009; is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 09-53-CP; the address of which is The Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons,

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who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatu- red, contingent or unli- quidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AF- TER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTI- CE IS:

Personal Representative:  
Tressie E. Laszlo  
P.O. Box 226  
Carrabelle, Florida 32322  
Attorney for Personal

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Representative:  
Charles A. Curran, Florida  
Bar No. 274380  
P.O. Box 549  
Carrabelle, Florida 32322  
(850)697-5333  
Fax: (850)697-5558  
November 26,  
December 3, 2009

**4948T  
NOTICE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY'S INTENT TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC BOAT RAMPS**

Notice is hereby given that on December 15, 2009 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. (ET), at 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, Florida, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public meeting to consider adopting an ordinance regulating public boat ramps. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

The title of the proposed ordinance is:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC BOAT RAMPS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF AUTOMOBILE, BOATS AND TRAILERS IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file with the

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Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida and the public may inspect it there during regular business hours.

If a person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to this proposed ordinance, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

Any person requiring special accommodations to attend the meeting shall call the Clerk of Court at 850-653-8861 at least three business days in advance of the meeting to make such arrangements.  
December 3, 2009.

**4950T  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**SUPERIOR BANK, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JOHN L. MILLER, III, MELISSA P. MILLER, and LAS BRISAS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, INC., Defendants.**

CASE NO. 09-419-CA

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: JOHN L. MILLER, III, MELISSA P. MILLER, and LAS BRISAS HOMEOWNERS'

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ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, INC., and all others having an interest in the subject property

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

Lot 40 of LAS BRISAS, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 6, at page 15, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida;

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Frank A. Baker, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4431 Lafayette Street, Marianna, Florida, 32446, on or before 30 days from the date of first publication, 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.

DATED this November 11, 2009.

HON. MARCIA JOHNSON As Clerk of the Court  
By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk  
December 3, 10, 2009

**4997T  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

ALBERT J. TISI, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S)

**NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**

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

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

LOTS 7, 8, 9, AND THE NORTHERLY 20.00 FEET OF 10, BLOCK "242" OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT IN COMMON USE ON FILE AT THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT OFFICE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING PARTICULARLY

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DESCRIBED AS FOL- LOWS:

BEING AT RE-ROD (MARKED #4261) MARK- ING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 7, BLOCK "242" OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT IN COM- MON USE ON FILE AT THE CLERK OF THE CIR- CUIT OFFICE IN FRANK- LIN COUNTY, FLORIDA SAID POINT ALSO LYING ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUND- ARY OF 24TH AVENUE, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUND- ARY 110.00 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261), THENCE LEAV- ING SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUND- ARY RUN SOUTH 89 DE- GREES 48 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 100.00 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261) LYING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUND- ARY OF A 10.00 FOOT WIDE ALLEY, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DE- GREES 11 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUND- ARY 110.00 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261), THENCE LEAV- ING SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUND- ARY RUN NORTH 89 DE- GREES 48 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at FRANKLIN County, Florida, this 10th day of November, 2009.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: Michele Maxwell  
DEPUTY CLERK

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons with disabilities need- ing a special accommoda- tion should contact COURT ADMINISTRATION, at the FRANKLIN County Courthouse at 850-653-8861 ext 100, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

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J. STERN  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
900 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD, SUITE 400  
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December 3, 10, 2009

**4969T  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

CIVIL DIVISION  
  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUS- TEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF CWALT, INC., ALTER- NATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-19 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFI- CATES, SERIES 2007-19, Plaintiff,

vs  
EDWARD STEPHAN DACHTERA; et al,  
Defendants

Case No  
192009CA000624XXXXXX

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: EDWARD STEPHAN DACHTERA Last Known Address  
1559 ALLIGATOR DR.  
PANACEA, FL 32346  
Current Residence is Un- known

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LOT NUMBER 5 IN ALLIGATOR POINT, A SUBDIVISION OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 3 AND A PART OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, ACCORDING TO THE PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, AT PAGES 25 TO 28, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF AND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN 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 SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is PO BOX 11438 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438, (954) 564-0071, within 30 days from first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on November 17, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson  
Clerk of Court  
By: Terry E Creamer  
As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Franklin County Courthouse. Telephone 850-653-8861 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service. 1183-74787 December 3, 10, 2009

4409T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BANKUNITED, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

LUCIA A. GLEATON; JEREMY GLEATON JR; et al, Defendants.

CASE NO. 19 2009 CA 000404

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

To the following Defendant(s):

Lucia Gleaton. (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN) Last known address: 1720 Magnolia Rd., SAINT GEORGE ISLAND, FL 32328

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to J. Anthony Van Ness Esq, at VAN NESS LAW FIRM, P.A., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE #110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the APALACHICOLA TIMES 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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at Circuit Civil Division, 33 Market St., Ste. 203 Apalachicola FL 32320, Phone: ADA# (904) 653-8861 Ext. 100 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading.

Witness my hand and the seal of this Court this 8th day of September, 2009.

JOHNSON MARCIA  
CLERK OF COURT  
By Michele Maxwell  
As Deputy Clerk  
November 26, December 3, 2009

**501ST NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION**

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a stakeholders meeting to obtain comments or suggestions for a proposed \$299,946 CDBG grant application for 2008 disaster recovery. The public, as well as representatives of the City of Carrabelle and the City of Apalachicola, are invited to attend.

Approximately \$36,953 of the total grant is available for reconstruction of affordable rental housing damaged by Hurricane Gustav/Tropical Storm Fay. Interested rental property owners should contact Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services at 850-653-9783 x-161 for additional information.

The meeting will be held at 4:15 p.m. December 15, 2009 in the Carrabelle City Hall, located at 1001 Gary Avenue, Carrabelle. Questions should be directed to Deborah Belcher, telephone 850-893-0694. Any disabled person wishing to attend the meeting and requiring an interpreter or

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4130 - Employment Information

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# Women authors flock to annual writers' retreat

By Persis Granger  
Special to the Times

Guests at The St. George Island Writers' Retreat began trickling home Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15, with the last exiting Monday morning.

They had come from as far away as Tampa, The Villages, Gainesville, Tallahassee and Bessemer, Ala. Others came from nearby Apalachicola and Panacea. Although from different regions and from divergent backgrounds, the group was united by a love of writing, the need to tell a story and the desire to learn more.

Our mentor, Adrian Fogelin, two-time winner of the Florida Book Award, whose novels have won places on numerous state reading lists, won our admiration as she deftly led us to stronger writing and more engaging tale-telling. From the least to the most experienced among the 10 women participating, we progressed on our projects and took home new tools with which to continue the job.

We loved our time on St. George Island, and our day in Apalachicola — the Writers' Workshop Day at Trinity Episcopal Church and Authors' Night at Downtown Books.

Workshops were taught by Fogelin, Dawn Evans Radford and Mary Lois Sanders. Fogelin taught "There's Someone I'd like You to Meet — A novel approach to building believable characters;" Radford taught "Writing What You Know;" and Sanders taught "Manuscript Nuts & Bolts: Preparing Your



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St. George Island Writers' Retreat participants break for silliness on their last day of intensive writing at the Buccaneer Inn.



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Nancy Petrucka holds a pair of boots that will serve as a prompt for Adrian Fogelin's workshop teaching character creation in fiction.



PERKY GRANGER | Special to the Times

Adrian Fogelin entertains with an animated reading from her novel "The Big Nothing" during Authors' Night at Downtown Books.

MS for Publication." Lunch was served by Mrs. Cheryl Creek's Franklin County High School Culinary Operations class.

The evening readings featured these three authors as well as Susan Womble, this year's Florida Book Award winner for "Newt's World," Eastpoint's Richard Edward Noble, who authored "Hobo-ing America," "Summer with Charlie" and "The East

Pointer," Wanda Tucker Goodwin, co-author of "The Last Roll Call;" and myself. Works by all of the retreat authors are available at Downtown Books.

The readings were highlighted by reading from, and the launching of, Joan Harrell's memoir "A Bridge to France." Joan was working on her memoir the two years she attended the St. George Island Retreat, and intended to return this



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A former attendee of the writers retreat, Joan Harrell, seated, listens to some of her work being read aloud shortly before her death.

year. Last winter she was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor, and she opted to forego treatment and spend the time she had enjoying her family.

During her illness three members of the past retreat and Joan's daughters hatched a plan to get Joan's memoir into print — hopefully before her death. We didn't make it, but a few days before her death she was thrilled to hear the last

two chapters read to her, and to know that her dream of publication was going to be implemented by her children. The daughters are finalizing the manuscript now for submission to a publisher.

All that, coupled with Hurricane Ida's decision to leave the Panhandle the day before the Fiction Among Friends gang convened, made for an experience to be savored. It was hard to



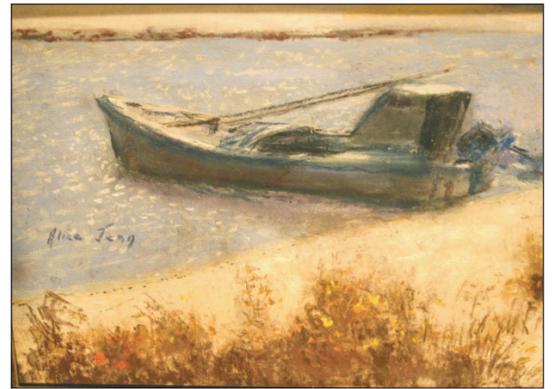
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Dawn Evans Radford reads from "Oyster Flats," her novel set in Apalachicola, during Authors' Night at Downtown Books.

tear ourselves away, but we consoled ourselves with promises to return to your beautiful and hospitable region next November, again the week of Veterans' Day.

Persis Granger is the organizer of the St. George Island Writers' Retreat, held Nov. 12 to 15. For more information, visit [www.PersisGranger.com](http://www.PersisGranger.com) or [persisgranger.blogspot.com](http://persisgranger.blogspot.com)

# Museum hosts art exhibit of Alice Jean and friends



Works of art by Alice Jean Gibbs

Special to The Times

At the Apalachicola Museum of Art during the holiday season you can view 135 works created by artists of the Forgotten Coast and featuring the art of Alice Jean Gibbs.

Gibbs was honored at an opening reception at the museum on Nov. 14 which also featured memorabilia of her years as a Coca Cola model. An accomplished artist, Gibbs, still active in her 90s, now serves as a mentor for young artists through her regular instructional

courses.

The exhibit is the recipient of funding from the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

The show, which features all media, also includes the work of: Ed Tiley, Neal Smith Willow, Debbie Hooper, Mary Ann Shields, Ed Springer, Shirley Adams, Evelyn Baerman, Terry Birchwell, Lynn Wilson, Carol Harris, Barbara Berkheiser, Joe Kotzman, Mary B. Brown, P.L. Moore, Vivian Sherlock, Penny Anderson, Jeana Crozier, Faye Johnson, Susan Richardson, Mary Clare Lovell, Leslie

Wallace, Deene Cook, Betty Roberts, Shirley Cox, Josepha Kotzman, Kristin Anderson, and Mary Alice Butler Cullifer.

The Apalachicola Museum of Art, owned and operated by the Historic Apalachicola Foundation Inc., is located at 96 Fifth Street in Apalachicola and is open to the public from Wednesday to Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., closed on Monday and Tuesday and Christmas and New Year's days.

The Museum, which received a 2008 Preservation award from the Secretary

of State's Division of Historic Resources, is a circa 1845 Greek Revival structure. It was restored by the Foundation under the direction of Architect Willoughby Marshall of Apalachicola, with the assistance of funding from the State's Historic Resources Division as well as the Trust for Public Land and the Alfred I. DuPont Foundation, Inc.

It functions with the support of the community, including the staff of docent volunteers. It also serves community seminar functions, such as last summer's discussion of the Apalachicola River's legal case and the Bring Me A Book Foundation Inc.'s training program to encourage reading in the lives of children 0-5.

It is available for rent for social functions as well, and since its opening in Nov. 2006, has attempted to serve its original purpose as a center for the arts, inspiring and showcasing those who enrich and are enriched by art in all its forms.

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