



'Halfway In' a hit, B1

GreenSteel owner files Chapter 11

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

A poor housing market has temporarily halted operations at Carrabelle's GreenSteel Homes manufacturing facility, leaving workers unemployed with Christmas approaching.

On Nov. 20, Hexaport Building Systems of Florida, owner of the GreenSteel factory, filed a voluntary petition for Chapter 11 reorganization in the Northern Florida District of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Chapter 11 allows individuals or companies facing bankruptcy to reorganize their finances and in most instances, continue to run the business under the supervision of the court. Creditors are ordered to cease attempts to collect debt until the reorganization is complete.

A debtor then may "emerge" from

Chapter 11 through the use of a bankruptcy plan. Tony Attalla, owner of Hexaport, said he is in the process of creating such a plan to bring before the court. He and his Tallahassee attorney, Robert Bruner, have until March 22, 2010, to present the reorganization plan.

Attalla appeared before the Carrabelle city commission Dec. 3 to discuss the company's financial situation. He told commissioners that while he continues to employ a few workers with his own money, the assembly line at the factory is shut down. He said all employees' wages have been paid up to date.

The commission agreed to refrain from taking any action regarding Hexaport for at least 30 days.

"Currently we only have one house



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Former partner Bud Chiles stands in the Carrabelle GreenSteel factory in 2008.

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Gen. Jim Livingston addresses the American Legion Veterans Appreciation dinner.

'Don't give up'

Medal of Honor recipient urges vets to defend sacrifice

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

While stopping short of mentioning either President Obama or any Republican by name, one of the nation's 92 living Medal of Honor recipients served up a sharp critique of the nation's direction last week at a veterans appreciation dinner at the Fort Coombs Armory in Apalachicola.

Speaking at the Dec. 3 dinner hosted by American Legion Post 106, retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. James Livingston urged veterans to defend the sacrifices they have made for the country by standing up to present-day social and political changes.

"That sacrifice you made, don't turn it over to Washington," he said with a soft Southern drawl. "We have to redefine ourselves; we have to recommit ourselves. This is a defining point in our country's history."

Early on in his remarks, after thanking many local veterans for their years of community service, Livingston signaled that he wouldn't be walking a fine line and shying away from partisan subject matter in his remarks.

"I'm not happy to be political," he said. "But I can be doggone political."

Livingston, who received the nation's highest military decoration

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NEW RULES, MORE WORRIES



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James Jones, left, and Willie Gene Dasher listen at the oyster rule workshop.

Oystermen face more harvest restrictions

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

No sooner have federal regulators backed off a plan to ban raw oyster sales during summer months than Gulf of Mexico oyster harvesters and processors now face a series of new rules that will affect their livelihoods during those same summer months.

Speaking before an unhappy but polite oyster industry audience Dec. 2 in the courthouse annex, David Heil, the state's chief aquaculture regulator of the oyster industry, outlined a series of rule changes now on the table.

If enacted into law next year before the May 1 start of the summer season, the new rules will mean harvesters who do not have on-board cooling systems can work on the bay only between sunrise and 10:45 a.m. between May and October.

In addition, processors will be required to drive down the internal temperature of shellstock oyster to 55 degrees Fahrenheit within eight hours of the moment the harvester removes his first oyster from the water and starts a new bag.

Heil stressed that the new rules are a work in progress, still subject to final approval by state officials, and have nothing to do with the recent Food and Drug Administration actions to mandate, and then



DAVID HEIL

postpone, post-harvest processing of raw half-shell oysters from May to October.

Instead, the rules are prompted by conditions of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program, which had mandated five goals to be met by this year. One of the goals, that the rate of Vibrio vulnificus illnesses be

reduced by 60 percent, was not met, with the four reporting states, Florida, Texas, Louisiana and Alabama, instead achieving a 35.2 percent illness reduction rate.

As a result, Heil said, Gulf states have agreed to put into place additional regulatory controls by May 2010, based on a time-temperature modeling tool developed by the FDA. The modeling tool gives states leeway in devising plans, which may include anything from shutting down the entire bay for several weeks to cutting back hours or mandating on-board cooling systems.

"If we don't meet it (the illness reduction rate), we're going to come back and tighten the regulations," he said.

'The biggest irritation I've ever brought'

Whatever Florida eventually decides, members of the local industry voiced their widespread displeasure with the proposal.

"This is a disaster," one man said, echoing the sentiments of the audience. "This is going to destroy Franklin County. It's going to destroy a lot of places."

Heil was questioned on several details of the plan, with the veteran regulator

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- **CLINIC DATES/HOURS:**
 - Regular Clinic Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. and Friday 9:00 A.M. – 12 P.M.
 - 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.



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County Commissioner Bevin Putnal

Eastpoint Cemetery wants the tap turned back on

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The water supply to Eastpoint Cemetery has been cut off, and the county commission wants to know why.

At the past two county commission meetings, the topic of water for the Eastpoint Cemetery has been discussed.

At the Dec. 1 meeting, Commissioner Bevin Putnal asked County Planner Alan Pierce to write a letter to the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District requesting that the water be turned back on.

Putnal said he believed the water had been shut off after a water main running under Avenue A was damaged. He said he thought the water company did not wish to fix the damage.

Pierce said he believed all other county cemeteries received free water.

Putnal said he planned to attend the next Eastpoint Water and Sewer board meeting.

"The water was not cut off

due to damage to a pipe running under the road," said Hank Garrett, the water and sewer district's field manager, in a later interview. "It's true a force main running under Avenue A broke, and we had to close off Otter Slide Road in the middle of the night and fix it, but that's not why the water to the cemetery is shut off."

Garrett said his company originally supplied the cemetery with free water but because of numerous leaks, decided to shut the water off.

"We just didn't have anybody who would be responsible for the bill at the cemetery," he said. "And the leaks were not being reported in a timely fashion."

He said one leak resulted in the loss of more than 100,000 gallons of water. "The problem is that the water system within the cemetery is piecemeal and has some inherent problems as a result," Garrett said.

He said people often ran over some of the many spigots and pipes running through the

cemetery, or broke underground pipes, before driving away without reporting the damage.

Cindy Summerhill, treasurer for the Eastpoint Cemetery Board, said earlier this week that the water has been shut off for at least a year.

"There was no leak that big," she said. "We paid the only bill we received, and it was for about \$60. They never turned the water back on. Every water system in the county supplies the cemeteries with free service. We can't afford to pay a monthly bill. If they would let us know there is a leak, we'll fix it."

Garrett agreed the \$60 bill had been paid but stressed that "the problem is that nobody is willing to sign a service agreement. Nobody wants to be responsible for leaks and damage."

In a later interview, Pierce said, "Common sense would be to disconnect the piecemeal system and just set up one or two spigots on the edge of the cemetery. People could carry water in buckets or bring a hose."

News BRIEFS

Foot clinic hosts annual holiday shoe drive

The Coastal Foot and Ankle Clinic is hosting 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 Ave. E in Apalachicola.

There is a bin in the lobby and outside if the office is closed. Drop off shoes anytime between Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information, call the clinic at 653-3338.

Community Garden hosts holiday photo contest

The City Square Community Garden is hosting 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 St. in Apalachicola.

Judging will take place Monday, Jan. 18. For details, visit the City Square Community Garden Facebook page.

Lanark Village Association elects new board

On Monday night, the Lanark Village Association held annual elections for the governing board. Carl Updike will continue as chairman. Kathy Swaggerty is secretary, and Dot Bless is treasurer. At-large governors are Carole Daddona, Jim Mills, Joann Bleimeyer and Harriett Beach.

Parrish to remain commission chairman

On Nov. 17, the county commission held its annual election to appoint a chairman and vice chairman.

The board voted unanimously to keep Smokey Parrish as chairman for a second term. Commissioner Noah Lockley will replace Commissioner Bevin Putnal as vice chairman.

New speed limits on Alligator Drive

On Dec. 1, the county commission voted unanimously to approve the following changes to the speed limit along Alligator Drive. The limit will be lowered to 45 miles per hour from the cell tower to Bald Point Road.

The speed limit will be lowered to 35 mph from Bald Point Road to the end of Alligator Drive. The speed limit will be lowered to 25 mph at the following addresses on Alligator Drive to accommodate crosswalks and children at play: 1421 Alligator Drive, 1380 Alligator Drive, 1648 Alligator Drive, and from 1561 to 1600 Alligator Drive.

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We had communists, but whom do today's kids fear?

A meeting at school and a recent young adult novel have revived long-ago memories and paranoia I would just as soon forget.

During a teacher planning day in October, we received training designed by Homeland Security on formulating and implementing emergency and crisis response plans. This was not about diffusing a fight in the cafeteria. The military model we were instructed to follow featured a strict chain of command with separate units of responsibility and staging areas. The class took hours, and there was a test.

The presentation itself was the most boring PowerPoint ever, but the content and purpose were relevant. From tornadoes to bombs, from lone shooters to chemical spills, Franklin County School has a plan in place for rapid response and communication.

Thinking about worst-case scenarios took me back to the days of the Cold War and the icy fear that daily gripped my pre-adolescent heart. It began during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. I had seen the worried



RED WHITE AND ROUX
Denise Roux

faces of Mama and Daddy before I went to school. When I arrived, the silly boy students were whooping and hollering, "There's gonna be a war!" My knees still get a weak, nervous sensation thinking about it now. We questioned our teachers, anxiously looking for

answers and reassurance. I remember being aware when the worst of the threat was over for the moment, but the anxiety stayed with me for years.

I spent the summer of 1963 on Great Abaco, Bahamas, with my grandparents. Papa liked to listen to the radio when he came home for lunch. I was petrified of hearing the news. I constructed elaborate schemes to keep him from turning on the radio. I would earnestly engage him in conversation I hoped would provide a diversion. I had an art project he had to see or a story about home I knew he wanted to hear. I couldn't stand the thought of international events interrupting our quiet island lives. It was almost as though a war couldn't happen if I didn't know about it.

As a kid, I wasn't afraid of



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

This symbol told everyone where to find shelter in the event of a nuclear blast.

communists; I was afraid of annihilation.

When I was really little, I had heard Mama refer to folksinger Burl Ives as a Red. That didn't quite jive with my Nana's description of him. He frequently visited Marsh Harbor, Abaco, and stayed aboard his sailboat, the Nippy Dunbar, in the same marina as Nana and Papa. The thought of him didn't frighten me and neither did Life magazine, which Mama also said was a communist publication. I liked

looking at the pictures.

It was much later that I gained a larger understanding of an era that featured the Bay of Pigs, the McCarthy hearings and the execution of the Rosenbergs. Only as an adult have I come to understand the paralyzing fear of communism that gripped this country in the '50s.

As I grew older into the '60s, I read "Fail Safe," "On the Beach," and "Alas Babylon," books that all envisioned global nuclear war. The latter offered some comfort because it centered on a resourceful Florida family that not only survived but flourished.

I had put those times out of my head until I read "Fallout" by Trudy Krishner. This young adult novel is set in 1954 on the North Carolina coast. Along with normal teenage angst, the protagonist has a father obsessed with building a fallout shelter in the backyard. There is even a wretched scene in which Dad uses his hunting rifle to deny extended family members access to the underground bunker.

Images came flooding back. We actually had duck-and-cover drills in school along with plastic blackout curtains on the windows. Americanism

versus Communism was a state-mandated high school class for more than 20 years. Sturdy public buildings sported the ubiquitous civil defense symbol designating them as shelters. The threat of World War III was ever present. Armageddon seemed inevitable.

I am unable to pinpoint when I eased up on the constant worry. It may have had something to do with being more concerned about boys than bombs. My nightmares shifted. Being silly and embarrassed trumped finding safety in the apocalypse.

I think the hippie years were a direct response to the fears of our childhood. We naively believed peace and love would erase decades of us-versus-them mentality.

What about today's kids? What are their fears?

I don't think worldwide destruction is on their radar. They live with the uncertainty of random violence that could erupt at any moment or any place. With 9/11, they knew our borders were not safe.

What are their nightmares?

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Letters to the EDITOR

Animal cruelty incidents call for creative solution

I read with interest the recent articles involving alleged dog fighting and the attack by two pit bulls on a household pet in Eastpoint. I also found Undersheriff Joel Norred and Director of Animal Control Van Johnson's response to the most recent incident interesting.

Director Van Johnson stated, "We probably receive more calls for fighting on the weekends than any other time." With all due respect, if this is the case, would it not be prudent to schedule an animal control officer to be on duty when the need is greatest (weekends and evening hours)? I'm sure Undersheriff Norred schedules his deputies according to the needs of the community and the number of calls for service.

Deputies work weekends and evenings; why not schedule an animal control officer to work weekends and evenings if that is when the most calls for fighting are received? And why not cross-train one or more deputies (minimum of one on each shift) on how to handle future situations similar to the above? After

all, deputies routinely encounter uncontrolled dogs and other animals during the execution of search warrants or when responding to citizen complaints.

The sheriff's office has or had canine deputies who would be excellent candidates for this type of training and post-incident investigations. This type of animal cruelty should not be allowed in Franklin County, and it would not be tolerated in other jurisdictions.

R. Bruce Barnes

None more deserving to be Carrabelle librarian

I was so pleased to read in the Dec. 3 Times that our county commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Tonia Granger branch manager for Carrabelle Library.

No one is more deserving or more qualified than Tonia. She stepped up to the plate immediately in spite of her own (and our) great loss, grief and sadness over the passing away of Carolyn Sparks.

Thank you, commissioners, for doing the right thing.

Penny L. Anderson
Carrabelle

Next decade dynamic time for county health care

In a few weeks, we will usher in 2010, not only a new year — but also a brand new decade. When you work in health care as I do, you already have seen the sign posted about the future, "Buckle your seat belt; could be jolts ahead." I have noted the message but want to be part of the ride and hope many of you will want to jump on board, too.

Here's why: I believe the next 10 years will be a dynamic and exciting time for health care workers in Franklin County, bringing many positive gains for the patient. Just as tectonic plates deep within the earth slide past each other to create vast changes in the landscape, society's rapidly increasing older population is slipping past younger generations to claim a larger relative presence.

By 2030, it is projected that one-third of all Americans will be 55 or older. Soon, one in five people will be 65 and older, and these aging people will require more health care services than at any other time in their lives, even more the case in a rural retirement county like ours.

To care for these many patients



CHUCK COLVERT
The View Forward

adequately, we will need more young people (and middle-age folks) to choose to train for human services careers. These trained people will be highly sought and well paid. The future opportunities to achieve a stable and satisfying career in health care are almost limitless.

Even today, with 10 percent unemployed in our country, Weems is seeking to hire a number of licensed personnel: RNs, respiratory and X-ray technicians, EMTs and paramedics.

We have very desirable communities in Franklin County in which to work and a close, supportive group of colleagues to join at our clinic in Carrabelle and our hospital in Apalachicola. Our clinical alliance with Tallahassee Memorial is helping to bring quality "best practices" and increased services to Weems and its clinic.

Technology will mean better health care in the future for the patient in Franklin County, as well. In June, the governor's office announced a Rural Infrastructure Fund grant totaling \$1.12 million to help connect nine rural Panhandle hospitals,

including Weems, to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH), Sacred Heart in Pensacola and Bay Medical in Panama City. This is in addition to \$9.6 million the federal government already has contributed to this same broadband network project that will connect Weems in real time to the large number of specialists at TMH.

Once the digital network is completed, if you are our patient and we need to consult a specialist immediately so your medical condition can be quickly and dramatically improved, we will be able to do so with the skilled use of telemetry medicine in the next 10 years.

With two new medical buildings on the horizon in Carrabelle and in Apalachicola because of the passage of a one-cent sales tax increase in 2007, the view I see in Franklin County going forward is dynamic for the health care employee and positive for the patient. We invite you to join us. If you have a medical license and wish to pursue opportunities within our system, please call me or our Human Resources Director Ginny Griner at 653-8853.

Chuck Colvert is the CEO of Weems Memorial Hospital.

Administration step will modernize water policies

By Dan Tonsmeire
Special to the Times

The President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) draft water resources planning guidance released last week represents a vital first step in modernizing our nation's water policies to protect communities dependent on healthy ecosystems. Planning for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Basin water basin's needs could also become more sustainable as a result of this effort.

During the election campaign of 2008, then-presidential candidate Obama promised to help resolve the ACF Water Wars when he issued a statement that said he and Joe Biden "would direct the National Research Council (NRC) to conduct a study to assess the water availability, supply options, and demand-management alternatives that factor into ACF River System usage, as well as the impact of freshwater flow on the ecology of the Apalachicola River and Bay.

"The study would provide the scientific basis for reaching an equitable solution; a solution that protects the drinking water of Atlanta's citizens and provides sustainable flows for productive agriculture in South Georgia and Alabama, and for the fish and wildlife that inhabit Florida's Northwest region and the industries they support."

Last week's draft set of Principles and Guidelines offers a positive beginning for following up on that commitment. The Obama administration has taken a vital step toward recognizing the critical

importance of the Apalachicola River, Floodplain and Bay — and setting the stage for the changes needed to protect these types of vital resources all over the country.

"For too long, our nation's water resources have been steered by outdated guidelines that favored development over all else," said Dave McLain, senior policy advisor for Apalachicola Riverkeeper. "With clear support from Congress, the Obama administration is beginning to ensure those rules prioritize 21st century approaches to water management that work with nature rather than against it. These Principles and Guidelines should provide a clear and mandatory direction to federal agencies that healthy rivers, wetlands and floodplains are at the heart of safe and economically sustainable communities. With the looming threat of greater and more intense storms due to global warming, this cannot happen at a more important time. We greatly appreciate the administration's efforts to this point."

The draft guidance recognizes that healthy waters are vital to human health and the natural environment, and requires federal agencies to account for these values in water resource planning. Healthy streams, wetlands and coasts provide clean and abundant supplies of water, protect communities by reducing flood and storm damage and provide essential habitat for fish and wildlife that are critical to local economies.

The draft also begins to set out clear direction to agencies that they must confront the profound impact

of climate change on water resource management.

Billy Dalton, vice president for the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, urged the administration to establish clear directives for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies regarding protection of natural resources. Such protections are needed to ensure a healthy flow regime with seasonal peaks and lows within the context of floods, drought, storms and increasing sea levels fueled by climate change.

Losing the high productivity and biodiversity of the Apalachicola ecosystem would be a devastating environmental loss of a national treasure renowned for its commercial fishing and oyster industry.

Just weeks ago, a U.S. District Judge ruled that the Corps' authority to manage for purposes not provided specifically by Congress was inappropriate and illegal. Andy Smith, executive director of Apalachicola Riverkeeper, praised the CEQ draft document, saying, "This renewed opportunity to provide guidance that creates a more balanced perspective of the value of ecosystem services provided by large functional ecosystems such as the Apalachicola is critical and timely in the ACF Water Wars."

The new guidance could do this by establishing clear directives, such as requiring federal agencies to utilize nonstructural and restoration approaches whenever practicable.

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under construction and are operating with a skeleton crew," Attalla said in a later interview. "Hopefully, we can have the assembly line back up and running in 10 days. I would like nothing better than to give out a paycheck before Christmas."

Attalla, who is now a Florida resident, said the company has a possible order from Florida State University in January.

"I live in Carrabelle, not Tallahassee or St. Joe," he said. "I consolidated all my operations into this factory. I put all of my eggs in one basket, and now I am hoping for Easter."

Attalla said Hexaport, in addition to reorganizing debt, is working on acquiring more contracts. He said the firm has numerous inquiries every week, but "turning those into sales is a lot of work."

He said bringing in additional

equipment has allowed him to set up for commercial projects as well as residential units. The Carrabelle factory will now be fitted to produce trusses and walls as well as finished cottages.

"We are actively pursuing large projects now and seeking additional investors," he said. "The bright side is that, if the market turns even slightly, the factory will be successful."

Chiles helped bring plant, then sold his interest

The GreenSteel plant was the brainchild of Attalla, formerly of New Hampshire, and Lawton "Bud" Chiles III of Tallahassee, son of the late Florida governor.

The factory was built to produce houses based on the "Katrina Cottages" designed by Tolar Denmark Architects for con-

struction in post-Katrina Louisiana and Mississippi. Nicknamed GreenSteel because they are both tough and environmentally friendly, GreenSteel structures are resistant to hurricane-force winds, fire and mold.

Hexaport broke ground on the Carrabelle factory in June 2007.

Carrabelle applied for and received a Community Development Grant to help pay for the project and provided a 99-year lease for the 21-acre factory site at \$10 a year. Carrabelle invested about \$1.5 million in infrastructure to support the project.

The hope was the plant would provide much-needed jobs for the community. A job fair held in Sept. 2007 attracted more than 100 applicants for 50 possible jobs, and another 88 applications were turned in at City Hall before the factory opened its doors.

At the groundbreaking, Chiles said GreenSteel would initially employ 50 people but promised it could provide work for as many as 350 when operating at full capacity.

In reality, the plant has never employed more than two dozen workers.

At the job fair, Chiles said, "I think there will be four or five developments in Carrabelle that will be exclusively GreenSteel. We want to give priority to local developments. We are committed to providing affordable local housing."

When completed, the Hexaport facility was to cover 1.5 acres and would have the capacity to manufacture up to 400 houses a year.

Chiles claimed to have orders waiting to be filled when the factory opened, but the specific number was unclear.

At the 2007 job fair, Chiles said, "One of our first contracts is a six-story hotel on Marathon Key. We're going right into hurricane alley on a little spit of land between the Atlantic and the Gulf."

He repeatedly claimed at that time to have standing orders for 125 houses.

Chiles and GreenSteel parted ways in Oct. 2008 in what Attalla earlier this week called "a surprising turn of events." Attalla said he bought Chiles' share of the factory after Chiles attempted to buy him out.

Attalla said that the breakup occurred around the time the first model home left the assembly line, and that at the time of the purchase, there were no outstanding orders for houses. He said he knows nothing about the Marathon project to which Chiles repeatedly referred.

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for a daring rescue effort in Vietnam in 1968, began by recounting the state's many contributions in defense of the country, citing Florida's 21 Medal of Honor recipients. He noted that nearly a quarter-million Florida veterans served in World War II, and more than 3,500 were killed in the war, including valiant members of the U.S. Coast Guard.

He mentioned Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith, the last Confederate field general to surrender; Colin Kelly, of Madison, who received the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions as a bomber pilot in the Philippines; Army Gen. Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, who served as chief of staff to Chiang Kai-Shek; and Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul Tibbets, who dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

"He probably saved a half-million lives," Livingston said. "We're in debt to him and his service."

Livingston, who partnered with the late historian Stephen Ambrose in helping found the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans, bestowed praise on the "Greatest Generation" as well as veterans of the Korean War. "When you're out in the snow and it's 60 degrees below zero, think of their commitment," he said.

'We'll come home as winners'

Livingston stepped up the tenor of his remarks in recounting Florida's contribution to the Vietnam War, which included nearly 2,000 soldiers whose names are now engraved on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

"That war was lost in Washington. They screwed it up in Washington," he said.

"When you look at these young Americans who are involved in this war, your leg-



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Tallahassee Marines attend the American Legion's veterans appreciation dinner.

acy is well-intact," Livingston told the 80 veterans at the dinner, gesturing to the five Marines in attendance from Tallahassee to present the colors. "And if Washington doesn't screw this one up, they'll win this thing and they'll come home with their heads held high. We'll come home as winners."

Livingston offered mild approval of the president's speech the previous night on stepping up troops to Afghanistan, but said it wasn't enough.

"I didn't hear anything about 'winning' this war," he said. "They (terrorists) are here, and we don't know in what numbers, but they are here. This is probably the most serious situation this country's been in since World War II. We have that same commitment in our crosshairs. Let's not kid ourselves; we are in a fight for our lives."

Referring to those who either want to pull out of the Middle East now or set a date for withdrawal, Livingston said, "It's almost as if they want to give up. That is not America. We believe in America. We're not giving up on America, and if you do, we're out of here."

The retired general, who served in the Marines from 1961 to 1995 before entering the corporate world, then addressed the problems he

saw with allowing homosexuals to serve openly in the military.

"It just makes me mad as hell," he said, elaborating in a later interview that "as long as they're willing to suppress it (homosexuality), I can live with 'Don't ask, don't tell.'"

"To me, it's very clear. Anything that impacts the readiness of the force, it's not worth it," he said. "The military is not the place to deal with a social agenda."

In his speech, Livingston focused on what he called "serious issues with the morality of our country" and spoke of a backlash on the horizon.

"You can't even sing Christmas songs on Christmas Day," he said. "It just makes me mad. They're trying to destroy our economy. America is tired listening to this stuff."

"I think there's going to be some major happenings in the groundswell," Livingston said. "We're going to see the people of America say 'Enough is enough' until this attitude comes to an end and we remember the attitudes we're all about."

In closing his remarks, Livingston recalled a young Marine he had met who was readying for his fifth deployment overseas.

"He's not stutter-step-ping. There's no hesitation,"

he said. "We have to believe in them, and we have to support them. We're at a crossroads, and it's time to step up to the plate again."

"We're prepared to fight again and to make some sacrifices," Livingston said. "America's greatness is yet to come, and that greatness is on your back."

One of the last to evacuate Saigon

Following Livingston's remarks, Legionnaire Larry Hale, who was instrumental in inviting the general to come speak, presented to Post Commander Al Mirabella an American flag sent to Hale from Iraq. The flag came from former Army soldier Rob Robinson, a member of the Legion post who now works in a civilian capacity in Iraq. Robinson had flown on Sept. 11 at Camp Taji, from the 155th Heavy Brigade Combat Team garrison command element deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The evening also included the singing of patriotic songs by Charles Thompson, as well as the presenting of the colors by five Marines from Tallahassee's Echo Company anti-terrorism battalion. They included 1st Sgt. Daniel Barnes, Staff Sgt. Alvin Figueroa, Sgt. Daniel Conner, Cpl. Ben Feldman and Cpl. Nathaniel Frances.

Mirabella also announced that 2010 wall calendars, featuring Apalachicola's Three Servicemen Statue Detail, are now available for \$15. For information, call him at 653-5838.

In an interview following the potluck dinner, Livingston, 70, said he has returned three times to Vietnam and has "met some of the guys I fought against."

"The kids there love America. We left a very last-

ing legacy there," he said.

A native of McRae, Ga., a town about 100 miles north of Jacksonville, Livingston left behind the Vietnam War in April 1975, when he was serving as an operations officer.

Livingston was on the last helicopter to leave Gen. William Westmoreland's MACV compound in Saigon, part of an evacuation of 16,000 Vietnamese that he called "a very successful but sad operation."

After leaving the military having commanded a series of units in the field, Livingston entered the corporate world, working in the ATM and real estate fields.

His return trips to Vietnam have included support for a project to plant "Peace Trees" in Dong Ha, and assistance to a kindergarten in Dai Do, the same place where on April 30, 1968, he had led Echo Company as it charged through a rice paddy raked by extremely heavy fire from .50-caliber machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. Carrying an M-2 grease gun, Livingston led the assault and was wounded twice by grenade blasts but refused treatment.

With a remaining force of only 35 able-bodied men from the original 100, Livingston led two more assaults on the North Vietnamese, much by hand-to-hand fighting, in which he killed 25 of the enemy. Hit in the thigh by an enemy machine-gun round during a phased withdrawal, he continued to fire from a prone position. When he ordered his men to go on without him, telling them he would cover them, two Marines disobeyed and picked him up and dragged him to safety.

Livingston was awarded the Medal of Honor on May 14, 1970, by President Richard Nixon.

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patiently outlining possibilities for partial or complete on-board cooling systems that could extend harvesting hours, stricter labeling requirements and plant operation rules.

"It breaks my heart to do my job," he said. "I'm trying to be the least irritation to you. This is probably the biggest irritation I've ever brought to you."

Johnny Maxwell, an oysterman, said reduction in harvesting hours will cut significantly into the money to be made in summer months, particularly since many oystermen prefer to work in the afternoons or can't be out on the water at the crack of dawn because of family commitments.

"Right now, you can't hardly find a job even if you wanted to," one man said. "People are going to lose everything they own. At some point, we can't take it any more."

Lt. Charlie Wood, of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which enforces oyster regulations on state waters, said current law does not allow harvesters to be out with tongs on their boat before dawn, as some have sought. He said that law might be changed through the normal rule-making process.

"If something changes with that law, then we'll change," he said.

Audience reaction to the proposed rule changes featured a widespread complaint that while reducing illness was a worthwhile goal, this sort of industry restriction ran contrary to Americans' notion of freedom and individual responsibility.

"Isn't that what this whole country is based on? Didn't we fight for our freedom and our right to be fishermen?" one man



ABOVE: Johnny Richards, left, and Johnny Maxwell, right, listen at the workshop together with their fellow oystermen.
BELOW: FWC Lt. Charlie Wood

asked. "At some point, we are going to have to take up arms against the federal government in some fashion," attendee Bobby Miller said.

After hearing the minute details of the rule changes, shown overhead in a PowerPoint presentation, several in the audience suggested it might be wiser and less costly to just shut down the entire bay for several weeks in the summer.

"It's going to be more than one month, but it may not be two," Heil said, mentioning August and September as the likely target for possible closure.

"That would be better than this," said seafood processor David Barber.

Another idea, voiced by seafood processor Steve Rash, was to restrict the

sale of oysters during those summer months to within Florida only, since the FDA lacks power over intrastate shipment and sale of oysters. But Heil cautioned that the FDA had long arms and could affect different aspects of the year-long sale of oysters.

He said that in the event the industry prefers complete closures during some summer periods, the state would not be willing to modify areas in which it allows harvesting.

"It would be difficult for us to allow you to harvest summer areas in winter months," he said.

A cooling barge?

Another idea, voiced by County Commissioner Bevin Putnal, was to consider a "cooling barge," centrally located on the bay



during summer months, in which harvesters could drop off their oysters so as to be able to work longer on the water.

"We're just trying to figure out a way to make a living," he said.

Heil said his office would consider any and all suggestions for further tailoring the proposal, but cautioned against any attempt to leave rules vague or open-ended.

"We can always propose," he said. "But if it (the rule) is not crystal clear, you're not telling the

regulated industry what they have to do."

University of Florida food science professor Steve Otwell urged the local industry to work together in the weeks and months ahead in shaping the state policy.

"This is the time to put your differences aside and all pull together," he said. "If they can divide and conquer, they will."

Heil, assistant director of aquaculture for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, said his office

welcomes written input on the proposed rule changes. The office is at 1203 Governors Square Blvd., Fifth Floor, Tallahassee, FL 32301, and can be reached by phone at 850-488-5471 or by fax at 850-410-0893.

This week, Heil's department finishes the last in a series of workshops around the state. It will then compile input from the seafood community into a report. Once the proposed rule is in its final draft form, a hearing will be held early next year in which citizens will be able to voice their views.

Heil urged those who want to comment to do so in the next two weeks, so regulators will have a chance to consider their suggestions.

State Rep. Leon Bemby (D-Greenville) was also in attendance, and he urged constituents to share their views with his office so he can advocate for them.

"Get as involved as you can," he said. "I can't be a good representative unless I hear from you."

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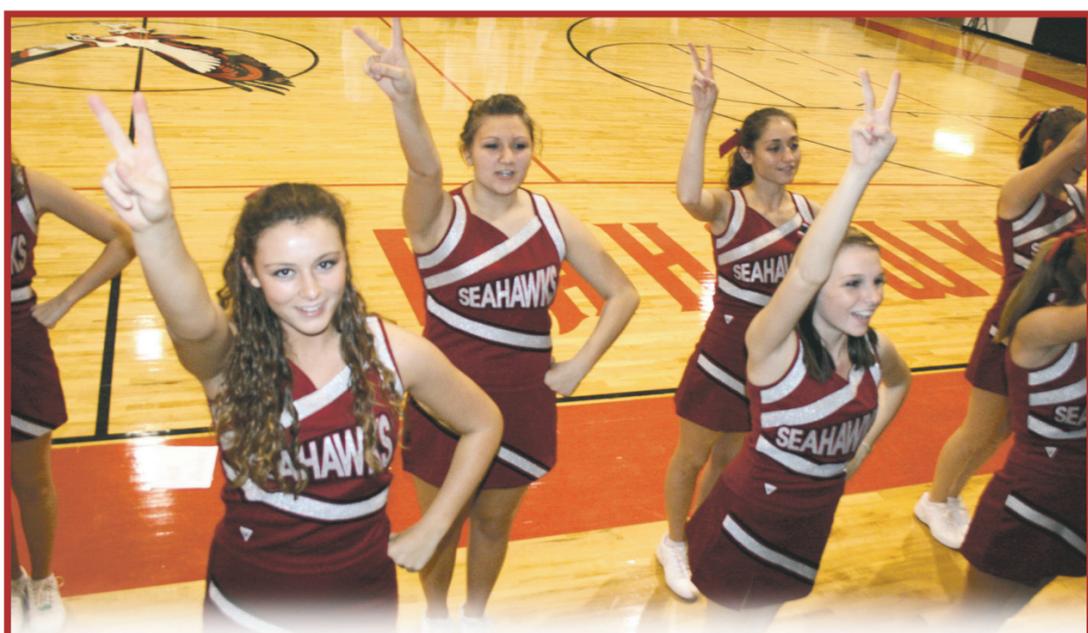
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(Above) the Seahawks cheerleaders will rouse the home fans Thursday and Saturday nights.

Seahawks slam Wakulla War Eagles 71-38

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Franklin County Seahawks were true to their word Friday night in Crawfordville, avenging a rare opening season loss by trouncing the Wakulla War Eagles 71-38.

With a score of 35-18 at intermission, the Seahawks kept the pressure on the second half, secure in the need to show that a home court defeat to Wakulla last month was a fluke, large due to the absence of the team's premier starters.

Internet comments that bordered on bragging by the Wakulla team had angered the Seahawks squad, and with wing men senior Austin O'Neal and sophomore Carlos Morris back in the lineup, the stage was set for a robust win.

"It gave them a chance just to swagger," coach Fred Drake said. "The kids felt good about themselves going into it. They wanted it bad."

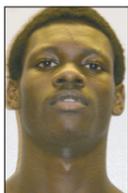
The team was led by a 24-point performance from O'Neal, including a dazzling 10-of-16 from the field, while Morris chipped in 18. Both had nine rebounds.

Drake said he was disappointed that the Wakulla team walked off the court before the final whistle, but stressed that his team kept their composure.

"My guys are not thugs, they're not bad kids," he said. "But if we ever lose a game, we're going to come back and try to get revenge."

Drake said his team has been goaded into fighting by frustrated opponents, but has not taken the bait.

"Nobody on my team has thrown a punch," he said. "They know how to win with pride and they know how to lose with pride. We haven't tried to



CARLOS MORRIS



AUSTIN O'NEAL

fight everybody.

"I don't want anybody to think we're a big bad team," he said. "If you can win, you have to know how to lose too."

Drake has settled on a starting Seahawk five, which will also include senior point guard Arron Prince, junior low post player Adam Joseph and junior high post player Dalin Modican.

Junior forward Marcus Allen is a sixth man, but plenty of other players will see playing time as Drake tries to make maximum use of his talent.

Franklin County fans will have a chance to see the Seahawks in back-to-back action beginning Thursday, Dec. 10, when they face off at home against district foe Liberty County.

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Lady Seahawk hoopsters down Wewa in opener

Led by a sophomore and a freshman, the Lady Seahawks girls basketball team edged Wewahitchka 33-31 in an away game Dec. 1 for their opening win.

With seven girls suited up for the contest, the Lady Seahawks were forced to play with only four players on the court for the end of the fourth quarter after freshmen Tasia Simmons and Anna Lee both fouled out.

Sophomore Oneika Lockley led the girls with 12 points, followed by freshman Shelby Myers, with 10. Lee added four, will Simmons had three, junior Drue Chisholm 2 and sophomores Desirae Cummings and Harley Tucker each one.

Coach Angeline Stanley, said she expects a building year, as the team features mainly freshman, sophomores and juniors.



ONEIKA LOCKLEY

The following are the team's remaining seven district games.

Thursday Dec. 10 at home vs. Liberty County, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18 at home vs. West Gadsden, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 5 at home vs. Wewahitchka beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9 at Port St Joe beginning at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 12 at West Gadsden beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Liberty County, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23 at home vs. Port St Joe, beginning at 6 p.m.

| DEC. 1 AT WEWAHITCHKA | | | |
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| Franklin Co. | 8 | 5 | 6 14 - 33 |
| Wewa | 11 | 6 | 4 10 - 31 |
| SEAHAWKS: Tasia Simmons 1/9 2s, 0/5 3s, 1/4 FTs, 3 pts.; Drue Chisholm 1/7 2s, 0/1 3s, 0/1 FT, 2 pts.; Shelby Myers 2/12 2s, 1/1 3s, 3/4 FTs, 10 pts.; Oneika Lockley 4/10 2s, 0/6 3s, 4/8 FTs, 12 pts.; Anna Lee 2/6 2s, 0/3 3s, 4 pts.; Desirae Cummings 1/2 FTs, 1 pt.; Harley Tucker 1/2 FTs, 1 pt. | | | |
| Totals: 10/49 2s, 1/17 3s, 10/21 FTs | | | |

Lady Seahawks soccer team falls to St. Joe

By Kelli Maggio
Special to the Times

Surprised, yet not completely, the Lady Seahawks soccer squad met a pretty well prepared and skillful Port St. Joe last Thursday, Dec. 3 at their home field.

The temperature was not too cold when we started, but turned colder as we played. This weather change was somewhat of a reflection on our playing style. St. Joe scored four minutes into the contest, but shortly after, we



WHITNEY VAUSE

responded with a goal of our own, when Whitney Vause netted a rebound off of a Megan Newell shot on goal. Vause was our Offensive Player of the Week, showing great offensive effort and producing her third goal of the season,

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Seahawks soccer readies for three-game home stand

By Joe Shields
Special to the Times

On Dec. 3, the boys varsity Seahawks soccer team faced the varsity Port St. Joe Sharks in a Thursday night thriller.

Fired up and raring to go from the opening whistle, the Seahawks matched the Sharks intensity, with a tying

goal 18 minutes into the first half. Elton Olvera scored, on a free kick, to deadlock the game at 1-1.

The Seahawks continued to play with passion and cohesiveness throughout the game and were it not for a few indefensible, outstanding goals, off of corner kicks

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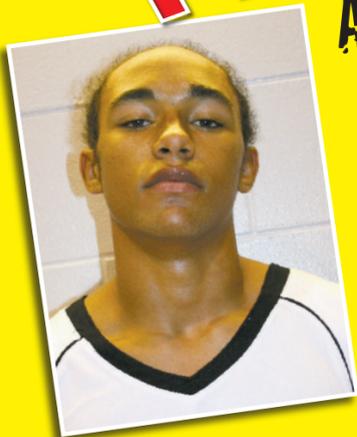
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Junior low post player Adam Joseph went 5-for-5 from the field, for 10 points, and snared 11 rebounds, in the boys basketball team's victory over Wakulla Friday night.



Junior Sami Coulter was the girls soccer team's top defensive player this past week, exhibiting smart and strong play from the center fullback position. Sami flew to every ball.

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"Nobody knows what to expect out of Liberty," Drake said. "Liberty is the team I'm worried about because I don't know anything about them."

On Saturday night, the Seahawks face the Class 4A Mosley Tornadoes at home, sure to be a barn burner.

Drake said he is in the process of putting finishing touches on the team's trip to Columbus, GA. Dec. 28-30, when he and assistant coach Carlos Hill will accompany a dozen players to the 10-team tournament.

A Parents Support Group, led by Granville Croom, is in the process of raising money to help with hotel, food and fuel costs for the trip to the Christmas tournament. Call Croom at 653-7643 or visit Superior Bank and make a donation with the help of Olivia Wynn.

"This is the best competition we'll see all year," Drake said. "The college scouts will be there. It's a chance to get looked at."

"We can compete with those teams," he said. "We get a lot of respect there."

If the Seahawks make it to the championship game, they'll play at Columbus State University.

Dec. 4 vs. Wakulla

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| Franklin Co. | 15 | 20 | 20 | 16 | -71 |
| Wakulla. | 11 | 7 | 8 | 12 | -38 |

SEAHAWKS: Arron Prince 4/6 2s, 1/2 3s, 11 pts.; Carlos Morris 5/14 2s, 1/10 3s, 5/6 FT, 18 pts.; Dalin Modican 3/5 2s, 0/2 FTs, 6 pts.; Adam Joseph 5/5 2s, 10 pts.; Austin O'Neal 10/16 2s, 1/2 3s, 1/4 FTs, 24 pts.; Zach Jones 1/2 2s, 2 pts.

Totals: 28/48 2s, 3/14 3s, 6/12 FTs

Rebounds: Joseph 11, Morris, O'Neal 9, Prince 7, Modican 5, Tyrdon Wynn 3, Marcus Allen, Michael Allen, Jones

WAR EAGLES: Willoughby 13, Robinson 10, Holmes 6, Knight 4, Randolph 3, Kilpatrick 2

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all rebound goals off missed shots.

After that tying score, we felt as if we had completely gained our composure and played with more zeal. That zeal lasted about five minutes as we surrendered relatively easy scores leading to a 1-4 halftime deficit.

Following halftime the Lady Seahawks played with a more concerted effort yielding only one more score with under 10 min-

utes left in the contest. We had much better control of the ball and the game in the second half, yet failed to produce any points off of the several scoring opportunities. We played a much better second half and were able to roll everyone into the contest.

We learned that we can compete with St. Joe and others like them, but we will not win any games until we start competing for

every ball.

We will try to improve our efforts and overall record of 1-3-1 on Saturday, Dec. 12 as we host Marianna Lady Bulldogs at 1 p.m. at the Mikel Clark sports complex.

Kelli Maggio, a member of the University of Mobile Lady Rams undefeated 1997 national champion soccer team, coaches the Lady Seahawks soccer team.

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by the Sharks; the game was actually much closer than the final score indicated. In the end, the Sharks overall experience began to take over the game and the Seahawks finally succumbed to a 5-1 defeat.

Javeion "Worm" Winfield carried a large bulk of the load during offensive and defensive transitions and earned Player of the Week honors. Daniel "Bam-Bam" Carrino was superb in goal and the combination of Der-

ick "D-Fib" Rhodes, William "Maximus" Sapp, Graham Kirvin and Olvera pressured the Shark defense as no first year soccer team should have been able to.

A neutral observer was quoted as saying he could see the Seahawks mature as a team before his eyes. The Seahawks have increased the number of defensive stops, number of attempted shots on goal, and number of ball dispossessions; they continue to improve on ev-

ery level, every game. With such a young team, the future of men's Franklin County soccer is bright.

The Seahawks travelled to Leon on Tuesday, and John Paul on Wednesday. Their first of a three-game home stand series begins Saturday, Dec. 12 against Marianna with game time at 3 p.m. Come out and support the Seahawks on Saturday.

Joe Shields is the coach of the Seahawks soccer team.

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON

“Halfway In” world premiere all the way a hit

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The banishing of pets and cigarettes from public accommodations can give birth to things even more refreshing than the absence of second-hand smoke and dog poop from hotel carpets.

Take for example, the hilarious comedy whose world premier delighted dinner theatre audiences at the St. Joseph's Bay Country Club last weekend.

The production has its roots in a collaboration born of two men, one a gifted director with a dog he goes nowhere without, and the other a talented, but unproduced playwright, who shares his appreciation for tobacco.

Perhaps some explanation is in order.

The show “Halfway In,” billed as a new Southern comedy, debuted last weekend on a nicely managed in the dining room of country club. But its creation reaches back about seven years ago outside the doors of the Shoney Inn at North Monroe Street and I-10 in Tallahassee.

It was there that the night auditor, Mark Augustus Gee, and a guest, Ed Tiley, would schmooze over smokes, while Lucky, a dog Tiley frequently refers to as his “furry wife,” would heel at their feet.

“Most hotels didn’t take pets,” Gee said. “We did.”

Tiley was commuting frequently back then to Tallahassee, perhaps to act with the Mickee Faust comedy troupe or appear in a thesis film for a Florida State University graduate student of film.

In time - Gee said it was at least a year - the two began conversing about their mutual interest in the theatre.

Gee shared with Tiley a stage musical he was working on based on F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “The Great Gatsby.” Tiley liked what he read, but it turned out the famed novel was not yet in the public domain, and won’t be for another decade, so the idea of doing a community theatre production seemed too costly.

Gee, who earned a bachelor’s in English with a specialty in creative writing from Florida State University in 1984, then drew up a one-act play for Tiley’s consideration. “I basically gathered a few incidents that had happened to me in the hotel, exaggerated for effect of course, and shared it with Ed,” said Gee.

Ed liked the play, which brought together eight years worth of comic incidents, and asked Gee to extend it to two acts. The author did so, attached a copyright date of 2004, and handed it over to Tiley one evening before he moved down to The Villages in central Florida.

“I didn’t expect to hear from him,” said Gee, 46. “But I did, out of the blue, not long ago.”

By this time, Tiley had added to his acting resume several directing assignments in Gulf and Franklin counties, including two dinner theatre comedies he produced. His theatre work afforded him a hands-on knowledge of the area’s best actors, as well as connections with The Gulf Alliance for Local Arts (GALA).

He secured GALA’s backing for the show, found a suitable venue and an open weekend, auditioned for a cast of six women and five men and sharpened his directorial perspective.

“I told him from the get-go ‘Anything you feel necessary to change, go ahead,’” said Gee.

Tiley made some minor changes and worked through the pacing of the show, adapting to Gee’s more leisurely style than a typical brisk farce.

“This is a Southern comedy so the beats are a little slower,” said Gee. “Ed helped bring the thing to life.”

Six women, five men bring comedy alive

The comedy, its title a play on its setting in the lobby of the Hathway Inn, “somewhere

between Dothan and Tallahassee,” features a bevy of loony characters revolving around Clark the clerk, played by Dan Wheeler.

Wheeler, wearing his hair oiled back in much the same way the author sports it, played what is essentially the Andy Griffith, or perhaps the Oliver Douglas (of “Green Acres” fame) role, as Gee sees it, a sane character who serves up an exasperated voice of reason amidst comic foolishness.

There’s Margy Oehlert as Maggie Benjamin, who returns to town with her dead husband’s casket but because of the mountain of debt he left behind, has to bury him on the cheap after wheeling him into the hotel lobby.

Tiley lent a note of authenticity by enlisting the services of an actual casket, while Oehlert, like everyone in the cast, brought out the earnest blend of the familiar and the ridiculous that wells up from the heart of the show.

There was Gina Vicari as Matilda, a manly truck driver with a salty tongue who softens up a bit by show’s end; Laura Baney as Natalie Longwood, a manipulative adulteress with one eye on other men and the other on their pockets; Jeanna Crozier as Caroline Generis, a hussy whose interests now center on dominating the hotel’s milquetoast security guard; and Bobbi Ann Seward and Zebe Schmitt as Leona and Janie Byrd, two senior citizen sisters who embark on a cruise together that isn’t quite what they expect.

Thanks to Tiley’s shrewd casting and skill at hammering actors’ talents into a smooth, cohesive whole, the men were as hilarious as the women, led by Blake Denton as Percy Benjamin, the deceased’s wacko brother who has some of the finest lines in the play; Clay Keels as Cody Strickland, a naive security guard who delivers the author’s wry insights into the aging process; Vince Bishop as Earl Longwood, a Liquor Control Board executive known to take a nip or three; and Ben Bloodworth as Larry Rentz, a divorce attorney and part-time photographer and not very good at either one.

The lighting and stagecraft was deftly handled by Vicari’s daughter, Lily Meizner, and the staff at the country club managed to juggle the apricot chicken and roast beef dinners ably to the theatre crowd.

Gee attended with relatives who came in from Quincy and the Villages, including his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. H “Theo” Gee, his father a United Methodist Church pastor who served for two years in the late 90s as interim pastor of the congregations in Eastpoint and St. George Island.

Gee’s mom asked him if the story was true and the playwright knew just what to tell her. “Either all of it is half-true, or half of it is all true,” he said.

After staying in the area for two nights to take in the production, courtesy of the fledgling GALA Community Theater project, Gee liked what he saw.

“I was impressed,” he said. “I was very anxious at first but in the end I was quite impressed.”

Gee, who writes short stories on the side under a pseudonym, said he is contemplating reviving his shelved dreams of writing for the theatre. “I think every writer goes through a phase when you think you’ll be the next Neil Simon, the next Eugene O’Neill,” he said.

He has begun work on two sequels to “Halfway In,” although he’s not sure where they will lead. “It’s hard to say. Sometimes you have to be inspired,” Gee said.

What Gee does have now is the added momentum of having a production under his belt as he goes looking to have the play published and further produced.

“They tell me ‘Before you send us a play,

has it been produced anywhere?’” Gee said.

Tiley sounded a note of personal satisfaction as the cast gathered for their traditional party.

“I’m just glad I could fulfill a promise,” he said.



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Pictures in order from top to bottom:

(1) Laura Baney as Natalie Longwood, right, and Ben Bloodworth, as Larry Rentz, exchange clothing in “Halfway in.”

(2) Cast and crew of the world premier comedy “Halfway In” are, from left, Dan Wheeler, Bobbi Ann Seward, Zebe Schmitt, Jeanna Crozier, Lily Meizner, Laura Baney, Vince Bishop, Gina Vicari, Blake Denton, Mark Gee, Margy Oehlert, Ben Bloodworth and Clay Keels.

(3) Vince Bishop plays an inebriated Liquor Control Board official as Dan Wheeler as Clark the clerk, left, and Clay Keels as a hapless security guard assist.

(4) A wedding ceremony in the second act featured, from left, Dan Wheeler as Clark the clerk, Ben Bloodworth as the photographer, Margy Oehlert as Maggie Benjamin and Clay Keels as Cody Strickland.

Santa Claus blows onto the island, crowds merry despite cold

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Santa brought the arctic wind with him during this year’s lighting of the lights at island center.

Amid blustery winds and cold rain a few hardy souls turned out to light the Christmas lights on St. George Island on

Saturday night.

Organizers scrambled to set up tents and propane heaters for the event and volunteers from Resort Vacation Properties and Collins Vacation Rentals and served up home made cocoa with marshmallows and an assortment of cookies to shivering merrymakers.

In spite of several setbacks, the big man arrived by fire truck.

When Santa’s original helper Chris Giametta fell ill, Resort employee Chris Griggs stepped in to fill his shiny black boots.

In spite of the miserable weather, a handful of children did brave the wintry winds so ask Santa for a special favor and the guy

in red velvet was attended by Haleigh Ming and Josie Turner.

The St. George Island Lighthouse Association decorated Lighthouse Park and the St. George Island Business Association decorated the trees at island center to provide a spectacular vista for tourists visiting over the holidays.



BETH BRINKLEY | Special to the Times

Dominic Feliciano of Eastpoint sported rain gear and a sweater as he climbed onto Santa’s lap on Saturday night. The cold and windy weather couldn’t dim his smile.

Birthdays



Young FCI's employee of the month

Franklin Correctional Institution has selected Bobbie Young as its Employee of the Month for November 2009.

Young, who has worked at FCI since December 2007, is assigned to the medical department where she serves as the secretary to the chief health officer.

In nominating Young, Kim Clark, FCI's health services administrator, said, "Ms. Young is always willing to learn and help. She is a well-rounded employee with a happy disposition at all times."

Young resides in Carrabelle. Pictured above, from left, are Clark, Young and FCI Warden Duffie Harrison.



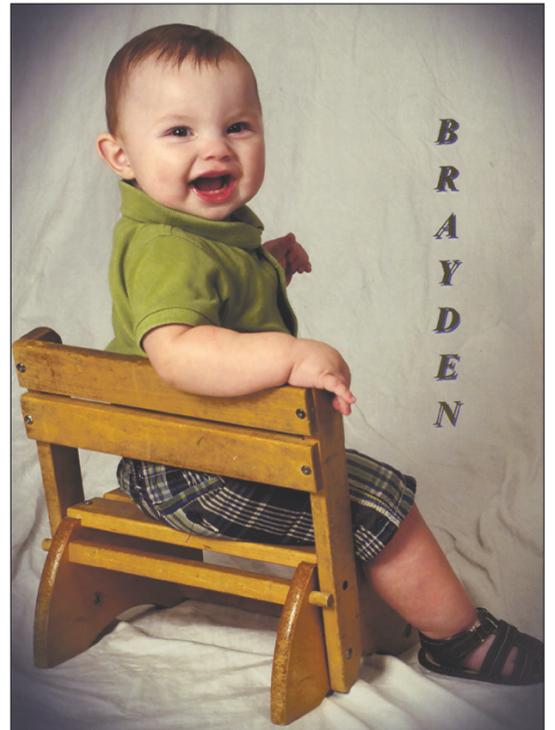
Lanie Allen to turn 6

Lanie Allen, daughter of Wanda and John Allen, of Apalachicola, turns 6 on Thursday, Dec. 10.

She is the granddaughter of Roxie and Johnny Allen, of Apalachicola, and Pam and Gene Webb, of Eastpoint.

Happy birthday, Lanie!

*We love you,
Mom, Dad and Logan*



Happy 1st birthday, Brayden

Brayden Matthew Babbs will celebrate his first birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009.

Brayden is the son of Bobby Babbs and Helen Matthews, of Panama City.

Brayden's grandparents are Lisa and Cecil Babbs, of Eastpoint, and Bob and Karen Matthews, of Panama City.

Brayden's great-grandparents are the Rev. Marvin and Joy Moore, of Eastpoint.

Mommy and Daddy love you, Big Boy!

Births

Ovid Collivee Rawlins born

Tim and Aila Rawlins of Tallahassee proudly announce the birth of their son, Ovid Collivee Rawlins, on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and measured 19 3/4 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Dewayne and Beth McClain, of Sopchoppy. Paternal grandparent is Lisa Raw-

lins, of Fort Lauderdale.

Maternal great-grandparents are Collivee McClain and the late Rosie McClain, of Apalachicola; Janice Wasmund Braxton, of Valpraiso; and the late Charles Barksdale, of Crawfordville.

Paternal great-grandparents are Billie Kay Rawlins and the late Frank Rawlins, of Crawfordville.



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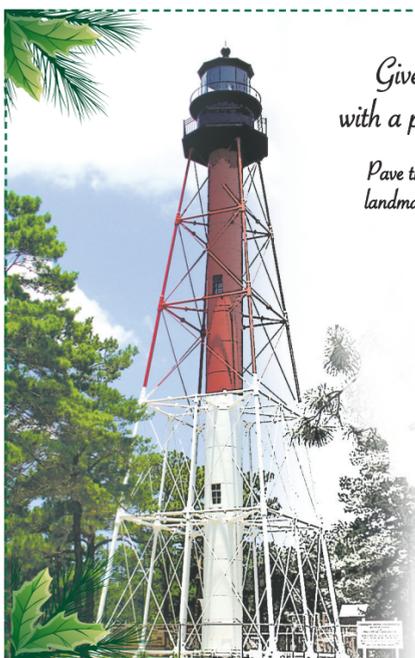
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PET OF THE WEEK



Petunia

Petunia, a 6-year-old poodle mix, arrived at the Adoption Center 2 1/2 weeks ago. She is an adorable, affectionate, sweet girl who unfortunately has tested positive for heartworms. We are in need of sponsors so she can begin her

treatment. Please call if you can help.

VOLUNTEERS are desperately needed to socialize Petunia 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 to see more of our adoptable pets.

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Obituaries

Richard "Tich" Zingarelli

Richard Rentz "Tich" Zingarelli died at his Apalachicola home Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009. Viewing is Wednesday evening, from 6 to 8 p.m.

at Kelly Funeral Home Rosary is at 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Apalachicola.

Ouida Cumbie

Ouida Tucker Cumbie went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009. Born April 3, 1916, Mrs. Cumbie was a lifelong resident of Apalachicola. Miss Ouida was a housewife and nurse's aide. She will be missed by all who knew her as mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. She was very faithful in her faith and an inspiration to others. She is survived by four children, Russell Cumbie (Missy), Carolyn

Smith (Charles), Wallace Cumbie (Mary) and Barbara Bloodworth, 11 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Cumbie, her parents George and Carrie Tucker and three sisters, Winona (Nonie) Barber, Eva Rhine and Carol Tucker. Funeral services were held Nov. 28 at Kelly Funeral Home, with Donald Keith officiating. Burial was at Magnolia Cemetery in Apalachicola.

Edgar R. Lee, Sr.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, Edgar R. "Ed" Lee, Sr., our Dad, Papa and friend passed away. His good-hearted, kind nature touched many along the way. A soft-spoken Southern gentleman he was born Jan. 9, 1938 and raised in Franklin County. He served a short time "proudly" with the US Air Force and spent the last 30 years as a truck driver, which he truly loved. He was preceded in death by his parents; O.B. Lee Sr. and Helen Ross; and three brothers William "Billy" Lee, Thomas "Gene" Lee and Oscar Lee. Surviving are one brother O.B. Lee Jr., of Apalachicola, and four

children Tana Stillwagon, of Pittsburgh, Ross Lee (and wife Debbie), of Southport, Shane Lee (and wife Marie), of Apalachicola, and Mike Lee (and wife Lavelle), of Carrabelle; eight grandchildren, Alan, Billy, Chris, Dylan, Christina, Heather, Austin and Rebecca; nine great-grandchildren; and one loyal friend and sister-in-law Nadine Lee. A private memorial service was held Thursday, Nov. 19. The Lee family would like to thank Big Bend Hospice for their care and kindness; Daddy appreciated you so much, especially Diane, Deanna and Dr. Chorba. Thank you also to Franklin Elder Care and Mrs. Ganaway.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MINNIE CLARK

Minnie L. Clark is gone, she has moved on. But I'll see her again and it won't be long. It'll be all right.... How do I know? Because the Bible tells me so! Just as Jesus Christ raise Lazarus from the dead, So He'll do for Minnie, upon her sleeping bed. The thing that you have to realize is, if you are not right with Jehovah God, Then you will have no part of this reward. If you know Minnie, then you know this to be true, She loved, worshiped and cherished her God Jehovah. She lived for Jehovah. She died

for Jehovah. Minnie made me take an oath that under no circumstances was to be broken, Because her savior, my savior, her God, my God, had SPOKEN! So friends and family straight from the Bible, Which you know is 100 percent Reliable. In 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7... take the word "Love" and "It" And replace them with "Minnie" and this is what you get: "Minnie is long-suffering and kind. Minnie is not jealous. Minnie does not brag, does not get puffed up. Minnie does not behave indecently, does not look for her own interests, Minnie does not become provoked. Minnie does not keep account of the injury. Minnie does not rejoice over

unrighteousness, but rejoices with the TRUTH. Minnie bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." Mom, the last Scripture that I hear coming from you is Psalms 83:18 and that's no Lie, Telling everyone that loves Jehovah to serve him Faithfully 'till the day they Die. And then one day soon, we'll ALL look each other in the EYE And even though at that time we may again Cry But "oh" Boy That will be tears of JOY! — written by Paul Bankston, son of Minnie Clark, who passed away Dec. 13, 2008. From the husband, children and grandchildren of Minnie Clark

Christmas BRIEFS

Christmas oratorio opens Ilse Newell series Sunday

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



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Lamb and 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 concert-goers 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. The Bay Choral Society will perform the "Messiah" oratorio on Sunday afternoon. of the Lord." Soloists will sing such songs as "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," "He Shall Feed His Flock" and "Rejoice Greatly." Soloists will be Scott Kinkead, Gordon Adkins, Tamara Marsh, Don West, Leslie Coon, Sharon Philyaw, Virginia Harrison, Megan

Church BRIEFS

'The Christmas Gift' runs Dec. 11 and 12

The third annual Christmas program of the Methodist Churches of Apalachicola and St. George Island will be presented Friday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola. 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 Patriots. The story focuses on two radio disk jockeys as they host a call-in show and discuss Christmas with 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.

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.

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 Dixson, 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 general overseer. For more information call 653-5089 or e-mail at cbellelovecenter@aol.com

First Pentecostal hosts 'Liberated Wailing Wall'

Come hear 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.

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.

Lanark NEWS

Our Christmas dinner, for members of the Lanark Village Association, will be held Sunday, Dec. 20. We will gather at Chillas Hall, and serving will begin at 1 p.m. Bring a dish to share, and have a nice time with us. The meat will be furnished, with tea and coffee. See ya there! Hope you enjoyed the variety show. Didn't get over there myself, and haven't heard anything. Hope the show was a



LANARK NEWS Jim Welsh

success. Should have a big crowd for the Parade of Lights on the river this Saturday. Food will be served at 5 p.m., parade at 7 p.m. and fireworks at 8 p.m. Enjoy! I enjoyed the first boat parade from the deck of the

Riverside Motel downtown. There were six boats, and it was great. Hope to get ink on New Year's Eve goings-on. On Christmas Day at the Hall, smoked turkey and other goodies will be available from 8 to 11 a.m. Come and enjoy. Thanks to Bob and Carol Dietz and friends. They will also host New Year's Day at the Hall, with boiled shrimp and other taste pleasures.

And don't forget the Hamburgers and Fries at the American Legion, every Friday night. What a deal! A huge hamburger, and plenty of French fries, for \$5 donation. Eat in or take out. Be kind to one another, and check in on the sick and housebound and remember The Reason for the Season. Until next time, God Bless America, our troops, the poor, homeless, and hungry.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Ouida Cumbie would like to gratefully acknowledge the love and support, beautiful flowers, and the wonderful food provided for our family upon the loss of our Mother. Your thoughtfulness and prayers have been a great comfort to us during this time. The Ouida Cumbie family

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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.

Dec. 1

Anthony Dever, 29, Apalachicola, domestic battery (APD)

Darnell Goings, 37, Washington, D.C., sexual battery by custodial authority (FCSO)

Dec. 3

Roderick Robinson, 42, Apalachicola, sale of a controlled substance and violation of probation (FCSO)

Joseph Swinney, 46, Apalachicola, sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

Jonathan G. Pace, 32, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Dec. 4

Nellie P. Evans, 56, Carrabelle, domestic battery, battery on person age 65 or older and violation of probation (FCSO)

Micah A. Rapack, 24, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Dec. 5

Nytasha F. Merrell, 21, Rockledge, introduction of contraband into state correctional facility (FCSO)

Joshua C. Taylor, 21, Carpentersville, IL, felony criminal mischief and burglary of a structure (CPD)

Dec. 7

Christopher A. Creamer, 20, Tallahassee, violation of probation (FCSO)

Daniel W. Segree, 49, Eastpoint, introduction of contraband into correctional facility (FCSO)



Lanark Village filled with Christmas spirit

The ladies from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 82 in Lanark Village were filled with the Christmas spirit on Thursday, Dec. 3. Not only did they decorate the Legion for the holiday, they donated a check to Pastor Julie Stephens for the Carrabelle Food Pantry, above, center. Pastor Julie was very surprised when she received the check given to her by Auxiliary President Mary Crain, along with some of the other lovely members. The Auxiliary will also be making a donation to the VA nursing facility in Panama City. Every year at Christmas time the Auxiliary takes its earnings from the previous 12 months and makes charitable donations to the community. Merry Christmas to all and God bless these angels.

Over 50 people attended a variety show held at Chillas Hall on Saturday. Organizer Aileen Benson said a number of acts cancelled due to illness but there was still plenty of fun, fellowship, food and entertainment. The Carrabelle Library Harmonica Band, led by maestro Don MacLean performed early in the afternoon. Susan Roth presented a program of carols on piano. The crowd sang along to a karaoke show of patriotic favorites. Pictured in the photo are the Lanark Village Christmas Ensemble, from left, Aileen Benson on fiddle, Don MacLean and Mikael Lewis on harmonica, Bob Franklin on guitar, Randy Mims on recorder, Carol Harris and Cal Allen on fiddle.



Community CALENDAR

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. Any questions call Carol Barfield at 653-2784.

The Franklin County Community Partnership for Children and Youth will meet from 12:30 until 2 p.m. at Eastpoint Church of God. Any questions call 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.

Yoga 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Carrabelle library. For info call 697-2366.

Book Social 5:30 p.m. Carrabelle library. For 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. 11

Apalachicola History, Culture and Arts board meets at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall. For more info, call 653-9219.

Eastpoint Library Holiday Open House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info, call 670-8151.

Computer Basics III at Eastpoint library from 2 to 5 p.m. 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.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Taking Better Pictures with Your Digital Camera. Carrabelle Library 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info, call 697-2366.

Carrabelle Holiday on the Harbor and Boat Parade of Lights. Food will be served at 5 p.m., parade at 7 p.m. and fireworks at 8 p.m. For more info, call 697-2585.

Monday, Dec. 14

Apalachicola Planning and Zoning meets at 5 p.m. at City Hall. For more info call 653-9319.

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 meets each Monday evening at an alternate location. 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. 15

Carrabelle Library Volunteer Christmas Breakfast at 2 Al's at 9 a.m. For more info, call 697-2366.

Sea Oats Garden Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Please call President Arlene Oehler at 697-9790 for meeting location.

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. 16

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

Thursday, Dec. 17

Franklin County School Board will meet at 6 p.m. at the Willie Speed board room in Eastpoint. For more info call 670-2810.

Apalachicola Traffic Safety committee will meet at noon at City Hall. For more info call 653-9319.

Apalachicola CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) will meet at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall. For more info call 653-9319.

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

Franklin County Literacy Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 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.

The Franklin County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday December 24, 2009 and Friday December 25, 2009 for the Christmas Holidays.

The Courthouse will also be closed on New Year's Day, Friday January 1, 2010.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season!

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It's time to go through your closets for those unwanted pairs of shoes, in reasonable condition. You can bring the shoes to **Coastal Foot and Ankle Clinic** located at **221 Hwy. 98 in Apalachicola**. Donations will go to **Franklin's Promise** and will be distributed at **St. Patrick Catholic Church** located at **27 6th Street in Apalachicola**. Distribution will be **December 22 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**.

You can call 653-FEET (3338) for more information.

Children's holiday books @ the library

By **Caty Greene**
Special to the Times

It's official — the Christmas season is upon us. The Apalachicola Municipal Library is pulling out its children's Holiday books. Going through the collection, there are many colorful selections. A number of books are new this year or last.

"The Dolls' Christmas" by Tasha Tudor, was originally published in 1950. I immediately recognized the familiar illustrations as those of one of my favorite childhood books, "A is for Annabelle," an alphabet book about Grandmother's doll, published in 1953. Tudor received a Caldecott Honor in 1957 for "1 is One." The American Library Association presents the Caldecott Award.

"A Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote, with illustrations by Beth Peck. Originally published in Mademoiselle Magazine in 1958, the story is about a 7-year-old and an elderly cousin baking fruitcakes — another of my favorite holiday topics.

The classic "The Night Before Christmas" with colorful modern illustrations by Max Grover, is ready for a Christmas eve read-aloud.

"The 12 Bugs of Christmas" a pop-up counting book features Twelve Angel Bugs arising ... Eight Popcorn Bugs a-popping ... Six Tinsel Bugs a-tangling ... and a Fruitcake Bug in a

Pear Tree.

"Elijah's Angel" by Michael Rosen tells the story of a young Jewish boy and an elderly Black barber. The barber is a real person, Elijah Pierce, who was also a renowned woodcarver for Ohio.

"Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters" by Patricia and Frederick McKissack offers time travel to a Virginia plantation along the James River, in 1859. The Coretta Scott King Award-winning authors compare and contrast how Christmas was celebrated in the big plantation house and the slave quarters in the period just before the Civil War.

"Christmas with Teddy Bear" is a sturdy board book for young ones.

The First United Methodist Church has already come by and checked out an old favorite, "Frosty The Snowman," to use for their holiday performances at Chapman Auditorium, Friday and Saturday, Dec 11 & 12 at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the church.

The Apalachicola Municipal Library wishes everyone in the community a joyous holiday. Come by and check out some of these books and share the season by reading aloud, a memory I certainly have from my childhood.

Caty Greene is librarian for the Apalachicola Municipal Library. To reach her, call 653-8436.

Library HAPPENINGS

The Franklin County Public Library Eastpoint and the Carrabelle branch will finish out the year with several more outstanding free computer class offerings.

Sign up for Resume Writing/Job Career Resources at the Eastpoint Library, Thursday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of resume writing, and leave the library with a completed resume.

On Friday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 5 p.m., computer instructor Charles Sawyer will be teaching Computer Basics III at the Eastpoint Library.

If Santa is thinking of giving you a digital camera for Christmas, then you need to attend the free digital photography class at

the Carrabelle Library, Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call the Carrabelle Branch at 697-2366 to register or call the Eastpoint Library at 670-8151.

New DVDs are arriving each week, so take one or two home to view. The check-out length for DVDs is one week, plenty of time to enjoy a family movie night. Traveling this holiday season? Check out the library's large selection of audio books (books on tape or CD) to listen to while driving to Grandma's.

Need a quick inexpensive stocking stuffer? The library has a big selection of new and used hardbacks and paperback books. The inventory is always changing!

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 & Transportation 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.

Florida Realtors offer \$28,000 in scholarship awards

Florida high school seniors: Are you filling out college applications and poring over potential scholarship programs? Then make plans to enter the Florida Realtors' 2009-2010 Scholarship/Essay Contest for High School Seniors for a chance to win up to \$6,000 in scholarship funding.

Entering the contest is easy. Students write a typed, double-spaced essay — 500 words or less — on the topic, "How Does a Realtor Professional Benefit the Community?" This topic allows students the freedom to write about the wide range of Realtor professionals who work in a variety of fields, including residential brokerage, commercial brokerage, industrial and office brokerage, farm and land broker-

age, real estate appraising, property management, land development and real estate counseling, to name just a few of the general specialties. Or essays may address such points as the benefits of homeownership to society, or to families on a personal level, or how the selling of commercial real estate encourages economic growth.

"This year marks a milestone for Florida Realtors' scholarship/essay contest — for 10 years now, we have helped deserving young people realize their dreams of a college education," says 2010 Florida Realtors President Wendell Davis, a broker and regional vice president with Watson Realty Corp. in Jacksonville. "Our successful scholarship program is just one way that

Florida Realtors give back to their communities. It is a privilege to make a difference in the lives of our youth by investing in their future. After all, a better future for our children is a better future for all of us."

Florida Realtors' scholarship program benefits students from across the state, with first-place winners honored in each of the association's 13 districts in the state. Students turning in the top district-winning essays will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship award. The 13 district-winning essays will go on to compete to win three \$5,000 Florida Realtors scholarships on the statewide level, for a total of \$28,000 in scholarship awards.

All essays, along with an official Essay Cover Form, must be post-

marked before or on Feb. 8, 2010, and mailed to the Florida Realtors, 7025 Augusta National Drive, P.O. Box 725025, Orlando, FL 32872-5025.

There are several ways that you can obtain the complete application kit and essay cover form for Florida Realtors' 2009-2010 Scholarship/Essay Contest. Check with the high school guidance office, go to Florida Realtors' Media Center website <http://media.floridarealtors.org> to download the materials or contact the Realtor Association of Franklin & Gulf Counties at 653-3322.

Florida Realtors, formerly known as the Florida Association of Realtors, serves as the voice for real estate in Florida. Go to <http://media.floridarealtors.org>.

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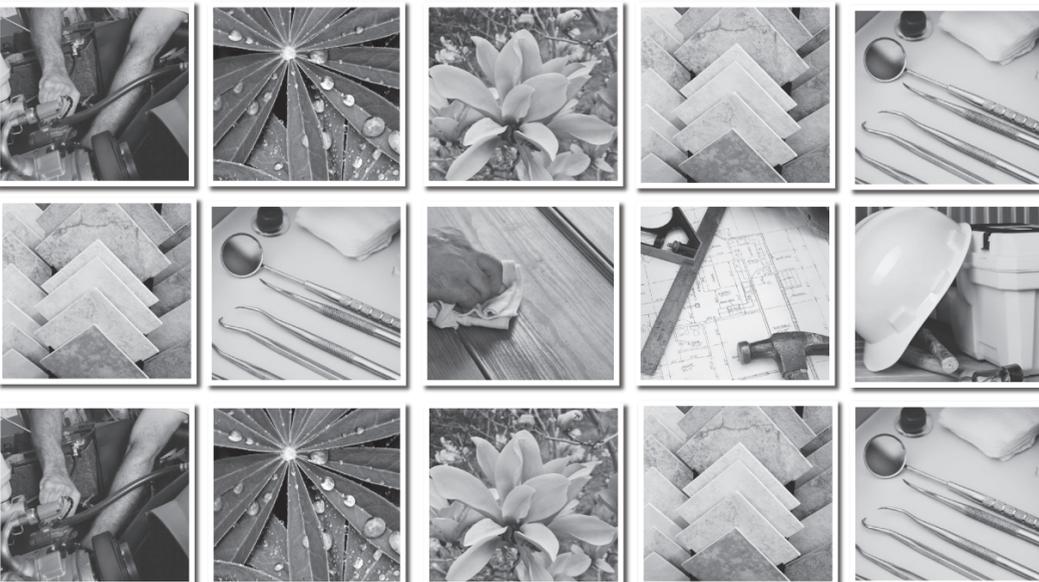


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4950T
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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' 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

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4969T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF CWTAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-19 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, 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 Unknown

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

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

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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

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

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF ACTION

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 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING AT RE-ROD (MARKED #4261) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 7, 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 SAID POINT ALSO LYING ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUND-

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ARY OF 24TH AVENUE, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 110.00 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261), THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 100.00 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261) LYING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF A 10.00 FOOT WIDE ALLEY, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 110.00 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261), THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.25 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on DAVID J. STERN, ESQ. Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 900 South Pine Island Road #400, Plantation, FL 33324-3920 no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this notice of action, 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 or petition filed herein.

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 needing a special accommodation 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.

LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN
Attorney for Plaintiff
900 SOUTH PINE ISLAND

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ROAD, SUITE 400 PLANTATION, FL 33324-3920 09-25194 GMAP December 3, 10, 2009

5019T
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

FREDA M. MOORE, a/k/a FREDA M. MONTGOMERY, a/k/a FREDA M. WHITE, and CATHERINE E. BANKS, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 09-00067-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 24, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 09-00067-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, SUPERIOR BANK, and the Defendants, FREDA M. MOORE, a/k/a FREDA M. MONTGOMERY, a/k/a FREDA M. WHITE, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 7th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot Nine (9) Block Three (3), Kelly's Plat of the City of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 25th day of November, 2009.

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

FRANK A. BAKER ATTORNEY AT LAW 4431 Lafayette Street Marianna, FL 32446 December 10, 17, 2009

5021T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

WACHOVIA MORTGAGE

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CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

GENE LERNER, III, et al., Defendant(s)

CASE NO.: 19-2008-CA-000463 DIVISION:

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 23, 2009, and entered in Case No. 19-2008-CA-000463 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida in which Wachovia Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Gene Lerner, III, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on, Franklin County, Florida at on the 30th day of December, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 36, CARRABELLE LANDING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 47.

A/K/A LOT 36, CARRABELLE LANDING, CARRABELLE, FLORIDA 32322

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

Dated in Franklin County, Florida this 25th day of November, 2009.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Courts, Marcia M. Johnson, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320, telephone number (850) 653-8861, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call (850) 577-4400. To file response please contact Franklin County Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola FL 32320. Tel: (850) 653-8861; Fax: (850) 653-9339.

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Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 08-08321 December 10, 17, 2009

5022T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET M O R T G A G E INVESTMENTS II INC. BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST, MORTGAGE P A S S - T H R O U G H CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-7, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT NEIL POOLE A/K/A ROBERT N. POOLE, et al., Defendant(s)

CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000065 DIVISION:

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 23, 2009, and entered in Case No. 19-2009-CA-000065 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida in which The Bank of New York Mellon formerly known as The Bank of New York as successor Trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc. Bear Stearns ALT-A Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-7, is the Plaintiff and Robert Neil Poole a/k/a Robert N. Poole, Branch Banking and Trust Company, Casa Del Mar Subdivision Association, Inc. are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on, Franklin County, Florida at on the 30th day of December, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 11, OF CASA DEL MAR SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, ACCORDING TO

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THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2202 SAILFISH DRIVE, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FL 32328

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

Dated in Franklin County, Florida this 25th day of November, 2009.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Courts, Marcia M. Johnson, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320, telephone number (850) 653-8861, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call (850) 577-4400. To file response please contact Franklin County Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola FL 32320. Tel: (850) 653-8861; Fax: (850) 653-9339.

Parcel 2 That certain parcel of land in the N.W. 1/4 of Fractional Section 32, T.8S, R.6W, lying between boundary lines, if extended, of the 50 feet, "Second Street" between the 100 feet Highway (U.S. 319-98, State No. 30) and St. George Sound, and further described as follows: From a point 637 feet due East of the N.W. corner of said Section 32 (Con.Mon) run S. 36 deg. E. 315.5 feet to the southerly boundary of said highway to a POINT FOR BEGINNING: Run thence S. 54 degrees W. along highway 50 feet; thence S. 36 deg. E. to St. George Sound; thence along Sound north-easterly to a point S. 36 deg. E. of the beginning point; thence N. 36 deg. W. to the point of beginning.

Parcel 1 Begin at a point 565 feet East and 71 feet South from the Northwest corner of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 6 West. Run thence South 36 degrees East two hundred (200) feet to U.S. Highway No. 319 and continue South across said Highway to the Southern boundary of said Highway as a POINT OF BEGINNING and continue this line South to St. George Sound. Thence North 54 degrees East along shore fifty (50) feet. Thence North 36 degrees West to the Southern boundary of said Highway, thence along the Southern boundary of said Highway to the Point of Beginning, thus forming a Tract fifty (50) feet in length between the Highway and the waters of St. George Sound.

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 JV-09-15109 December 10, 17, 2009

5031T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CITIZENS BANK - WAKULLA d/b/a AMERIS BANK, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

MICHAEL C. KELLER, et al., DEFENDANT(S).

CASE NO.: 09-000137-CA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street,

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Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., on the 30th day of December, 2009, the following described property:

Parcel 1 Begin at a point 565 feet East and 71 feet South from the Northwest corner of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 6 West. Run thence South 36 degrees East two hundred (200) feet to U.S. Highway No. 319 and continue South across said Highway to the Southern boundary of said Highway as a POINT OF BEGINNING and continue this line South to St. George Sound. Thence North 54 degrees East along shore fifty (50) feet. Thence North 36 degrees West to the Southern boundary of said Highway, thence along the Southern boundary of said Highway to the Point of Beginning, thus forming a Tract fifty (50) feet in length between the Highway and the waters of St. George Sound.

Parcel 2 That certain parcel of land in the N.W. 1/4 of Fractional Section 32, T.8S, R.6W, lying between boundary lines, if extended, of the 50 feet, "Second Street" between the 100 feet Highway (U.S. 319-98, State No. 30) and St. George Sound, and further described as follows: From a point 637 feet due East of the N.W. corner of said Section 32 (Con.Mon) run S. 36 deg. E. 315.5 feet to the southerly boundary of said highway to a POINT FOR BEGINNING: Run thence S. 54 degrees W. along highway 50 feet; thence S. 36 deg. E. to St. George Sound; thence along Sound north-easterly to a point S. 36 deg. E. of the beginning point; thence N. 36 deg. W. to the point of beginning.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 25, 2009.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) NOTICE

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TELEPHONE: 1-800-955-8770; OR, IF HEARING IMPAIRED, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); OR 1-800-955-8770 (V), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell

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Deputy Clerk
DALE G. WESTLING, SR., ESQUIRE
331 East Union Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Telephone: 904/356-2341
December 10, 17, 2009

5032T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST, PLAINTIFF,

vs.
ELLIOTT W. FANN, et al., DEFENDANT(S).

CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000028

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the lobby of the Franklin County Court-house, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., on the 30th day of December, 2009, the following described property:

LOT 5 OF KINJA BAY SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 25, 2009.

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INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TELEPHONE: 1-800-955-8770; OR, IF HEARING IMPAIRED, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); OR 1-800-955-8770 (V), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

DALE G. WESTLING, SR., ESQUIRE
331 East Union Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Telephone: 904/356-2341
December 10, 17, 2009

5060T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST 2005-AR1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE SERIES 2005-AR1 PLAINTIFF

vs.

NOLAN MADDOX LASSITER A/K/A NOLAN M. LASSITER; MELINDA B. LASSITER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; WAKULLA BANK; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION DEFENDANT(S)

CASE NO.: 19-2008-CA-000416

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 23, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 19-2008-CA-000416 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, APALACHICOLA, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at on the FRONT STEPS of the Courthouse at the FRANKLIN County Courthouse located at 33 MARKET STREET in APALACHICOLA, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 30th day of December, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, RUN THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE SECTION LINE 1320 FEET; THENCE WEST PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 5 A DISTANCE OF 2503 FEET TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE INTERSECTS THE SHORE OF ALLIGATOR BAY, THENCE NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG SAID SHORE LINE 118.3 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH-EASTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE TO THE ALLIGATOR POINT ROAD A DIS-

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TANCE OF 320.6 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE 100 FEET RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID ROAD, THENCE RUN NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 240 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH-WESTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE TO SAID ROAD TO THE SHORE OF ALLIGATOR BAY, WHICH POINT IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN CONVEYED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH-EASTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE TO THE ALLIGATOR POINT ROAD TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE 100 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID ROAD, THENCE RUN NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 80 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH-WESTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE TO SAID ROAD TO THE SHORE OF ALLIGATOR BAY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID LANDS BEING LOT NO. 4 OF UNRECORDED PLAT OF PROPERTY OF R.E. KESTNER LOCATED IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, AND IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, PREPARED BY L.G. FLANAGAN OF DATE OF APRIL 17, 1953.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING: THE EAST 25 FEET OF LOT NO. 5 OF AN UNRECORDED PLAT OF PROPERTY OF R.E. KESTNER PREPARED BY L.G. FLANAGAN ON APRIL 17, 1953 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 1320 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST PARALLEL TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 2503 FEET TO THE SHORELINE OF ALLIGATOR BAY; THENCE RUN NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG SAID SHORELINE 118.3 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST 320.6 FEET TO A 3 INCH IRON PIPE FILLED WITH CONCRETE ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF THE ALLIGATOR POINT ROAD; THENCE NORTH 55 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 319.3 FEET TO A SET IRON ROAD AND CAP (LB 7017) FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 55 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 24.92 FEET TO A 1-1/2 INCH IRON PIPE; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 34 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST 318.14 FEET TO A 2 INCH IRON PIPE ON THE APPROXIMATE HIGH WATER LINE OF ALLIGATOR BAY. THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE APPROXIMATE HIGH WATER LINE 25.17 FEET TO A SET IRON ROAD AND CAP (LB 7017); THENCE LEAVING SAID HIGH WATER LINE NORTH 34 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST 321.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.18 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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

DATED this 25th day of November, 2009.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
As Clerk of said Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
December 10, 17, 2009

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KNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendants.

Case No. 09-000133-CA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 23, 2009, entered in Case No. 08-000133-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein WAKULLA BANK, a Florida banking corporation, is the Plaintiff, and PAUL D. OSTERBYE and LORNA OSTERBYE, AS TRUSTEES OF THE OSTERBYE LOVING TRUST; REDFISH LANE, LLC; RICHARD MILLER; PAULA CARUTHERS; BRUCE RUSSELL, AND MATHA RUSSELL, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are the Defendants, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Ste. 33, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on December 30, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lots 18, 19, 20, and 21, together with and subject to the easement over the Northern 20 feet of Lot 20, Block "X", LANARK BEACH, UNIT NO. 1, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 13 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 25th day of November, 2009.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
As Clerk of said Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
December 10, 17, 2009

PETS & ANIMALS
2100-2150

2100 - Pets
2110 - Pets: Free to Good Home
2120 - Pet Supplies
2130 - Farm Animals/Supplies
2140 - Pets/Livestock Wanted
2150 - Pet Memorials

PETS
2100

Boston Terrier Pups will guard for Xmas, with H/C Guarantee \$300
850-547-9351 or 625-8756

3100-3350
MERCHANDISE

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

3100-3350
MERCHANDISE

Dated this 25th day of November, 2009.
Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

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THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff
900 South Pine Island Road Suite 400
Plantation, FL 33324-3920
(954)233-8000
December 10, 17, 2009

5076T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

WAKULLA BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.
PAUL D. OSTERBYE and LORNA OSTERBYE, AS TRUSTEES OF THE OSTERBYE LOVING TRUST; REDFISH LANE, LLC; RICHARD MILLER; PAULA CARUTHERS; BRUCE RUSSELL, AND MATHA RUSSELL, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UN-

GARAGE/YARD SALES
3230

Carabelle: 2722 HWY 98
West Dec 11 & 12 Fishing supplies, Penn rods & reels, etc. Hand carved ironwood. Jewelry, new, used, & hand crafted. Washer & dryer. Golf clubs

GARAGE/YARD SALES
3230

NEW TODAY
Carrabelle, 228 River Rd
Fri & Sat Dec. 11th & 12th.
9 am - 3pm,
"Garage" Sale
Tanning bed, Ladie's small clothing, toys, Car trailer, Lots of miscs.

Yard Sale 144 20th Ave.
(Apalachicola) Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11th and 12th, 8am til ?
Clothes, furniture, dishes, pots and pans, etc.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT
3250

All You Can Eat *SNOW CRABS*
\$15.99 at UP THE CREEK RAW BAR Starting at 5:00 every Monday in Apalachicola at 313 Water St. 850-653-2525. \$1.00 Draft Beer.

HEALTH & FITNESS
3260

NEW TODAY
Chuck Norris, Total Body GymXL, Originally paid \$1900 will sell for \$1400 Exc Xmas present. 850-653-6102

MISCELLANEOUS
3300

Kitchen & Bathroom cabinets, selling for half price \$3,400, brand new \$6,800, 229-6859

NEW TODAY

Landscaper fully experience, selective pruning, weeding, & planting. Reasonable rates. Looking for training partner. Bike rides 25-100 miles, walks 5 to 10 miles, ocean swimming. No pseudo athlete. Call 850-447-0691

4100-4130
EMPLOYMENT

4100 - Help Wanted
4130 - Employment Information

HELP WANTED
4100

Logistics/transportation

Boat Captain

With 50 ton licence and Mate needed PT/F. Apalachicola Maritime Museum call 850-653-2500 or send resume to: Admin@ApalachicolaMaritimeMuseum.com
Web Id 34065942

HELP WANTED
4100

NEW TODAY
Education

Math Instructors

part-time, to instruct upper level math courses at PC, TAFB and Gulf/Franklin campuses. Requires MS + 18 graduate hours in math or statistics. \$572/credit hr. Open Until Filled. Contact Math Division @ 872-3852 or 747-3229. Additional info: http://www.gulfcoast.edu/hr/employment.htm GCCC is an EA/EO/M/F/Vet employer.

HELP WANTED
4100

NEW TODAY
Nutrition Program Assistant/Driver
Elder Care Services of Franklin County is seeking a Part time person (20-25 hrs a week) to assist the Coordinator for the Meals on Wheels and other nutrition programs in Apalachicola. Must have a dependable vehicle and a good driving record. Good organizational and computer skills a plus. Criminal check and drug test required. Application available from Elder Care Services at 850-921-5554 or you can e-mail hestern@ecsbigbend.org

HELP WANTED
4100

NEW TODAY
Bookkeeper Guest Relations, AR/AP QUICK BOOKS, resume. Water St. Hotel

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION
4130

POSTAL & GOVT JOB INFO FOR SALE?
Caution
You NEVER have to pay for information about federal or postal jobs. If you see a job "guarantee", contact the FTC.
The Federal Trade Commission is America's consumer protection agency.
www.ftc.gov/jobscams
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A public service message from the FTC and The News Herald Classified Advertising Department

HELP WANTED
4100

NEW TODAY
2 months free Office/Retail 2nd floor Montgomery Building 29 Ave E \$175 per month call 305-588-5885

HELP WANTED
4100

NEW TODAY
Historic Sponge Exchange building, Corner of Ave E & Commerce St. 305-588-5885

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APARTMENT RENTALS
6110

3 br, Apt in Lanark Village, w/ porch & sml yard, will consider rent to own \$500 mo + \$250 dep. 509-2460

2br, 2ba, 2nd story w/ balcony in historic downtown Apalachicola. W/D incl, furn, or unfurn, \$900mo. 1st, last, & security dep., Call 850-323-0599.

NEW TODAY

Eastpoint Apartments
Accepting application for 1, 2, & 3 bedroom handicap & non-handicap units. Rental assistance is available to qualified applicants. 45 Begonia Street, Eastpoint, FL 32328. Call 850-670-4024, TDD/TTY 711. Equal Housing Opportunity.

Heritage Villas Apartments

2BR handicap unit now available. Some rental assistance may be available. HUD vouchers accepted. Call 850-653-9277. TDD/TTY 711. Equal Housing Opportunity.

NEW TODAY

Lanark Village
1 br, 1 ba, Renovated/ furnished end unit, new kitchen & bath, minimum 4 month lease \$495/mo + dep., no smoking, pet considered. (850) 653-3838

NEW TODAY

Lanark Village, 1 br apt, unfurnished, W/D, C/H/A, yard \$450 mo. 1st & last. Ask for Jim 850-697-2788

Large Studio

Near downtown, Big private, fenced backyard. Pets ok, \$500/mo plus utilities. 850 228 7942

Small Studio Apt.

For mature, single person, \$500 includes all utilities Unfurnished, 850-697-8623 or 545-6904

Southern Villas Apartments

Immediate opening on 2 BR HC & non-HC accessible units. Rental units. Rental assistance available. Call 850-653-9277. TDD/TTY 711. Equal Housing Opportunity.

NEW TODAY

Very nice 1 br apartment in Carrabelle, fully furnished, patio, carport, must see to appreciate, \$750 month, includes dish network & all util. \$300 deposit, Minimum of 6 mo. lease required. Call 850-697-3246

NEW TODAY

2 br, 1 ba, bar, satellite, util incl. 12 x 50' deck. \$250/wk, 850-653-5114

NEW TODAY

2 br, 2 ba, 1200sf Twnhm, Carrabelle, large deck \$650 mo. \$650 dep. Available now Call for an apt. 850-562-4996.

NEW TODAY

3 br 2 ba, DW 1600 sq. ft. with utility room, fireplace and jacuzzi, secluded on 1.5 acres, 1/2 mile from public beach, between Carrabelle & Apalachicola. Newly Renovated, \$575 mo, neg. 1st & sec. Call 954-816-7004

HOUSE RENTALS
6140

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

3 br, 2 ba, house for rent in Apalachicola. Cntrl air, fireplace, W/D, D/W, sun deck, shady fncd in yard, work shed, ample parking \$800 mo, \$600 sec dep. Call Brenda 227-5380.

Downtown Apalach. Large single family home. First, last & sec. Ref's Req. Avail Dec 1st. Call 653-1675

Eastpoint On the Bay 3 br, 2 ba, CHA, DW, Mature Couple \$750 mo + dep. No smoking or pets 850-670-8266

Eastpoint, 2br, 2ba, study office Whispering Pines Sub-Div, dbl gar, \$1000 mo, Call 678-640-4810

Waterfront Rental

3br, 2ba Carrabelle. Quiet Neighborhood with Great View of Dog Island. Furnished. Call for more Info. 850-443-2216

MOBILE HOME/ LOT RENTALS
6170

2 br, 2 ba MH, Woodill Rd., Carrabelle, W/D w/ shed, trash pick up included. \$500 mo. + dep. 850-685-6787.

NEW TODAY

2 br, 2 ba, Mobile Home 318 Woodhill Rd. Furnished, \$600 deposit \$600 month 850-697-8440

NEW TODAY

43 Bayshore Dr. Apalachicola. Really nice 2 br, with whirlpool bath, quiet neighborhood. Unfurnished. \$550 mo 1st & last mo rent + dep. 653-4293 after 4 pm.

7100-7200
REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

7100 - Homes
7105 - Open House
7110 - Beach Home/Property
7120 - Commercial
7130 - Condo/Townhouse
7140 - Farms & Ranches
7150 - Lots and Acres
7160 - Mobile Homes/Lots
7170 - Waterfront
7180 - Investment Property
7190 - Out-of-Town Real Estate
7200 - Timeshare

HOME FOR SALE
7100

Modular 2004 Home, Excellent condition 2br, 2ba, All appliances, ceiling fans, custom deck, New CH&A, guaranteed for 10 years. You move it. \$30,000 obo 850-653-8122 or 850-653-9118

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE
7160

Apalachicola, 14x66, 2 br, 2 ba mobile home, utility room, porch, spa, all electric, furnished on lot 121ftx75ft. Welding shop with tools and equipment. All for \$75K. 32 Thomas Dr. 850-653-8121

8100-8340
AUTOMOTIVE, MARINE RECREATIONAL

8100 - Antique & Collectibles
8110 - Cars
8120 - Sports Utility Vehicles
8130 - Trucks
8140 - Vans
8150 - Commercial
8160 - Motorcycles
8170 - Auto Parts & Accessories
8210 - Boats
8220 - Personal Watercraft
8230 - Sailboats
8240 - Boat & Marine Supplies
8245 - Boat Slips & Docks
8310 - Aircraft/Aviation
8320 - ATV/Off Road Vehicles
8330 - Campers & Trailers
8340 - Motorhomes

BEACH RENTALS
6120

St. George Island

Santa Claus coming to Sopchoppy

"Christmas In Sopchoppy" will be presented in downtown Sopchoppy this Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring free activities for children of all ages, including arts and crafts, holiday-related relay races, game booths, an old-fashioned carol sing, and a hayride around town with complimentary cocoa and cookies afterward.

The newly restored Sopchoppy Train Depot will open to the public for viewing, and Santa Claus will appear at 11 a.m. on his human reindeer-drawn carriage to sit in his Santa chair in the train depot. Santa will then greet children until 2 p.m.

A receptacle for a canned food drive will be set up to receive donations of food items for the Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church food bank, which benefits families in need during the holidays.

Live music, featuring holiday and Celtic favorites, is planned in the Depot from 2 to 4 p.m. for more holiday cheer. Volunteers

in the Depot will hand out a survey to visitors interested in sharing input regarding future plans to open the restored historical landmark to the public.

Local area merchants are extending business hours for shopping, and more than 30 vendors are expected to set up downtown with craft and food items for sale.

This event has been a collective effort by SPIA (the Sopchoppy Preservation and Improvement Association), the city of Sopchoppy, local merchants, private citizens, and the Sopchoppy and Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist churches.

There is still time to get a vendor's application submitted to set up a booth during the Christmas event. Interested parties may contact Bill Lowrie at 962-4138 or e-mail billowrie@embarqmail.com For information regarding children's activities or other events throughout the day, contact Debbie Dix at 528-5838 or e-mail posh_faery@yahoo.com.



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A view of the fun at last year's Christmas In Sopchoppy celebration.

News BRIEFS

Carrabelle Senior Center hosts Dec. 12 flea market

There will be a flea market on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Carrabelle Senior Center.

Everyone is welcome to come hunt for bargains or to set up a table and sell their own items. The Senior Center is at 201 Ave. F, on the corner of First Street and Avenue F in downtown Carrabelle.

For more information, call Caroline Smith at 850-323-0713 or go to www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com.

Lanark Village golfers host Dec. 12 luncheon

The Lanark Village Golf Club will host a luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Chillas Hall.

Serving begins at noon and features homemade Italian food with dessert and drink. Takeout is available.

For more information, call Joe Manzanera at 697-5146.

Countywide voting activists to meet Dec. 14

The Franklin County Voters Countywide Voting Political Action Committee Inc. will meet Monday, Dec. 14, at 5 p.m. at Dolores' Sweet Shoppe in Apalachicola.

The purpose of the meeting is to recruit volunteers to sign up registered voters to place a binding referendum on the November 2010 election ballot.

The committee is a grassroots organization whose mission is to return Franklin County to countywide voting. According to

state records, its four directors are Van Johnson, Dolores Roux and Cora Russ, all of Apalachicola, and Ken Osborne, of Alligator Point. Please come and bring all your friends and acquaintances. For more information, call Russ at 653-8486.

Last chance for books before Christmas

Beverly Mount-Douds will be at Downtown Books at 67 Commerce St. on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. to sign her newest book, "Apalachicola."

Now is the time to get down there to get yourself an autographed copy. Also, this book makes a Christmas present. Get your copy now.

If you miss this signing, then the next and the last signing before Christmas is Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Raney House from noon until 5 p.m. Don't miss these dates.

For more information, call Beverly at 850-229-1094 or e-mail her at bmdouds2002@yahoo.com. Or call Downtown Books at 653-1290.

Clam farming workshop in Carrabelle Dec. 17

The Franklin UF/IFAS Extension Program and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Bureau of Aquaculture Development will host a Clam Farming Feasibility Workshop at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Carrabelle City Complex.

The educational workshop is to review the current state of the clam farming industry in the county, to discuss current/future opportunities

for the industry and to determine if there is a need to conduct a state submerged lands bottom survey to identify potential new clam aquaculture areas in the county.

Clam farming began in Franklin County with the approval of 46 clam aquaculture leases in Alligator Harbor in January 2002. Since then, as with any new industry, the clam farmers have worked hard to stay in business through such challenges as hurricanes, red tide, developing a market for their clams, and the ups and downs of the economy.

For additional information about the workshop, please contact Bill Mahan, county extension agent, at 653-9337 or 697-2112, ext. 360.

County literacy hosts Dec. 17 Christmas open house

Franklin County Literacy, along with the Franklin County Public Library, will host a Christmas Open House on Thursday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please stop by 35 Island Drive in Eastpoint and enjoy refreshments and celebrate the grand opening of the library and literacy center's new computer lab.

For more information, call 670-4481.

Lanark villagers to share Dec. 20 Christmas dinner

The Lanark Village Association's Christmas dinner will be Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, at Chillas Hall, with serving to begin at 1 p.m.

The baked ham will be furnished, with tea and coffee. Bring a dish to share, or pay \$5 to cover costs.

For more information, call 697-9626 or 697-9018.

Tree of Remembrance

Franklin County Locations

Apalachicola: Apalachicola State Bank
Gulf State Community Bank

Carrabelle: Coastal Community Bank
Gulf State Community Bank

Eastpoint: Gulf State Community Bank

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| Temperature | | | |
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| Date | High | Low | % Precip |
| Thu, Dec 10 | 55° | 43° | 30 % |
| Fri, Dec 11 | 56° | 51° | 30% |
| Sat, Dec 12 | 72° | 58° | 40 % |
| Sun, Dec 13 | 70° | 55° | 20 % |
| Mon, Dec 14 | 69° | 55° | 60 % |
| Tue, Dec 15 | 68° | 50° | 60 % |
| Wed, Dec 16 | 64° | 45° | 60% |

TIDE TABLES

MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

| Date | Time | Tide | Time | Tide |
|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 12/10 Thu | 05:24AM | 0.2 L | 11:33AM | 0.9 H |
| | 04:26PM | 0.7 L | 10:21PM | 1.3 H |
| 12/11 Fri | 06:31AM | -0.1 L | 02:02PM | 1.0 H |
| | 05:15PM | 0.9 L | 10:48PM | 1.4 H |
| 12/12 Sat | 07:28AM | -0.3 L | 03:39PM | 1.1 H |
| | 06:11PM | 1.0 L | 11:19PM | 1.4 H |
| 12/13 Sun | 08:19AM | -0.5 L | 04:37PM | 1.2 H |
| | 07:10PM | 1.1 L | 11:55PM | 1.5 H |
| 12/14 Mon | 09:04AM | -0.6 L | 05:16PM | 1.2 H |
| | 08:04PM | 1.1 L | | |
| 12/15 Tue | 12:36AM | 1.5 H | 09:47AM | -0.6 L |
| | 05:46PM | 1.3 H | 08:50PM | 1.2 L |
| 12/16 Wed | 01:20AM | 1.5 H | 10:25AM | -0.6 L |
| | 06:11PM | 1.2 H | 09:31PM | 1.1 L |

CARRABELLE

| Date | Time | Tide | Time | Tide |
|-----------|---------|--------|---------|-------|
| 12/10 Thu | 03:11AM | 0.3 L | 10:08AM | 1.4 H |
| | 02:13PM | 1.1 L | 08:56PM | 2.1 H |
| 12/11 Fri | 04:18AM | -0.2 L | 12:37PM | 1.6 H |
| | 03:02PM | 1.4 L | 09:23PM | 2.2 H |
| 12/12 Sat | 05:15AM | -0.5 L | 02:14PM | 1.8 H |
| | 03:58PM | 1.6 L | 09:54PM | 2.2 H |
| 12/13 Sun | 06:06AM | -0.8 L | 03:12PM | 1.9 H |
| | 04:57PM | 1.8 L | 10:30PM | 2.4 H |
| 12/14 Mon | 06:51AM | -1.0 L | 03:51PM | 1.9 H |
| | 05:51PM | 1.8 L | 11:11PM | 2.4 H |
| 12/15 Tue | 07:34AM | -1.0 L | 04:21PM | 2.1 H |
| | 06:37PM | 1.9 L | 11:55PM | 2.4 H |
| 12/16 Wed | 08:12AM | -1.0 L | 04:46PM | 1.9 H |
| | 07:18PM | 1.8 L | | |

SOLUNAR

m = Minor M = Major add 1 hour for daylight savings

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| 12/10 | Thu | m- | m- | 6:57am | ☾ |
| 12/11 | Fri | M- | M- | 5:28pm | ☾ |
| | | m- | m- | 6:58am | ☾ |
| 12/12 | Sat | n- | m- | 5:28pm | ☾ |
| | | M- | M- | 6:59am | ☾ |
| 12/13 | Sun | m- | m- | 5:28pm | ☾ |
| | | M- | M- | 6:59am | ☾ |
| 12/14 | Mon | m- | m- | 7:00am | ☾ |
| | | M- | M- | 5:29pm | ☾ |
| 12/15 | Tue | m- | m- | 7:00am | ☾ |
| | | M- | M- | 5:29pm | ☾ |
| 12/16 | Wed | m- | m- | 7:01am | ☾ |
| | | M- | M- | 5:30pm | ☾ |

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