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# School staff renegotiates pay hike

**New terms include 3 percent increase this school year**

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The Franklin County School Board on Thursday unanimously approved changes to its existing three-year contract with teachers and staff that will slice by

more than half the pay increase originally agreed to for this year and next.

By a 4-0 vote, with board member David Hinton absent, the school board on Dec. 17 approved a two-year contract revision that means employees will receive a 3 percent raise this school year, retroactive to July 1 and running through June 30, 2010. This pay hike will be applied to each of the steps that teachers advance along based on experience and education.

For the next fiscal year, run-

ning from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, the steps along the pay scale will remain the same, but all staffers will get a bonus equivalent to 3 percent of their salary, with a minimum bonus of \$500. This minimum will benefit those paraprofessionals and non-teaching staffers who make less than about \$16,500 per year.

In addition, the revised contract calls for the implementation next semester of an experimental program in which teachers will be paid at their regular hourly rate for an additional 30 minutes

of work each day.

This time period, which will run from 2:45-3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, is intended to be used for such tasks as tutoring students, professional development training, instructional planning, data collection and assessing student papers.

On Dec. 14, members of the Franklin County Education Association voted overwhelmingly to approve the deal, with 97 percent in favor, said Cathy Wood, union representative.

While these back-to-back pay

increases for teachers are among the best found in any county throughout the state, the deal actually represents a decrease in the pay hikes originally slated for years two and three of a three-year contract approved in 2008.

The original contract followed in the wake of county voters' approval in June 2008 of a four-year, half-mil tax levy earmarked for salaries and benefits.

The first year of the contract, running from July 1, 2008,

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## Franklin County unemployment at 8.8 percent

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Franklin County's unemployment rate took a large step in the wrong direction last month, jumping 1 percentage point to 8.8 percent.

The increase in joblessness, marked by 44 people newly added to the unemployment line, ended four consecutive months when the rate was in the low to mid 7 percent range.

According to preliminary labor market statistics released Friday by the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, the jobless rate in November meant 401 people out of a county labor force of 4,554 workers could not find work.

The jobless rate in October was 7.8 percent, with 357 people looking for employment out of a slightly larger labor force of 4,573.

One year ago, in November 2008, Franklin's workforce was bigger, at 4,618 workers, and its jobless rate smaller, at 5.3 percent, with only 244 jobless.

Franklin's jobless rate last month was better than that of the two other counties in the Gulf Coast Workforce region, Bay and Gulf counties, which were 10.7 and 10.5 percent, respectively.

The tri-county region averaged a 10.6 percent jobless rate in November, 3.4 percentage points worse than one year ago, but nearly 1 percentage point better than the current state average of 11.5 percent. The Gulf Coast region's unemployment rate was the highest since January 1994, while the state average was the worst since 1975.

"Based on the data we have, the increase in the unemployment rate is primarily due to the slowdown of the tourism industry during the winter months," said Kim Bodine, executive director for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "Even though our tourism sector has positive job growth over the year, we have lost 1,000 jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector from last month to this month."

Franklin maintained its rank in November as 11th best in the state, trailing Lafayette County at 8.4 percent, Holmes and Okaloosa at 8.1 each, Alachua, Leon and Walton counties at 7.9, Wakulla and Jackson at 7.8, Monroe at 7.3 and Liberty atop the list at 6.1 percent.

Many of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates are those with relatively high proportions of government employment.

Florida's unemployment picture for November showed 1.06 million people without work out of

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## Twice precise

### Parker repeats as spelling champ

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

It didn't come as much surprise that Apalachicola Bay Charter School eighth-grader Malachi Parker would repeat as the county's spelling champ.

He had won the school district title last year and went on to finish third in the Big Bend Regional Spelling Bee last February.

But what came as a surprise Dec. 14 at the Chapman Auditorium was that two elementary school boys, one from the ABC School and the other from Franklin County, both battled Parker toughly until the end.

In front of an enthusiastic audience, the "home court" so to speak of the ABC School, the three young men duelled until Parker eventually managed to nail the words "labyrinth" and "cajolery" to secure the title.

"I want to make it to nationals this year," he said.

If Parker wins the regional spelling bee in February, he would win an all-expenses-paid trip to compete in the 2010 Scripps National Spelling Bee held in May in Washington, D.C.

Franklin County fifth-grader Matthew Drennen was Parker's first adversary, hanging in there as he listened carefully to caller Susan Galloway, a former English teacher, pronounce each word.

He cleared the word "accomplice," but the word "fallacy" eventually did him in, and he had to settle for third place.

"I studied my butt off on the way here," Drennen said.

That left ABC fourth-grader Connor Rash as Parker's last obstacle to the district title, and the representative of the youngest age group to compete held his ground admirably.

Rash made a point of asking that words be used in a sentence, and even their country of

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Connor Rash, left, the runner-up in the county spelling bee, competes as the eventual winner, Malachi Parker, waits his turn.

## Pearlman selected to direct school finances

By David Adlerstein  
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The Franklin County School District has chosen a Harvard-educated attorney who turned to teaching as a second career to be its new director of financial services.

By a 3-1 vote, with board member Teresa Ann Martin opposed, the school board approved on Dec. 17 the choice of Jay Pearlman, 52, to succeed Sam Carnley, who retires at the end of this year. Board member David Hinton was absent from the special meeting.

The vote was an unusual one, requiring Board Chairman Jimmy Gander to hand over the gavel to board member Carl Whaley in order to second the

motion for Pearlman's hiring made by board member George Thompson.

In the motion to approve, Gander added language that specified Pearlman would be under a 90-day probationary period, which is standard for such hirings.

"It would give everybody a basis to look at it," he said. "I would have done it with anybody walking in here who didn't have a background (in school finances)."

The district had hoped to hire a candidate experienced in the Florida Department of Education's policies and procedures, but its first two choices, both from outside the area, declined to accept the position, and it was re-advertised.

Before the vote, Thompson asked Carnley why other local candidates were passed over in the hiring process.

"There were some local people who put in for the job. It seems to me you would have dropped down to them. Is there a reason we did not look locally?" Thompson asked.

"Mr. Pearlman is local," Carnley replied.

A native of Revere, Mass., Pearlman has invested in property on St. George Island since 2000 and has served on the board of directors of the Plantation Owners Association. He currently rents out the house he owns on the island while he rents a place elsewhere in the county.

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Jay Pearlman, above, has been chosen to succeed Sam Carnley as Franklin County School District's financial services director.

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# Apalachicola artisan Gartin strives for perfect bowl



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Gartin uses a wire to cut ornamental grooves into the surface of a bowl.

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Franklin County is home to many fine craftsmen, among them woodworker Keith Gartin, who says every piece of wood is unique as he aims to locate the perfect bowl hidden within a piece of timber.

About a year ago, the landscape architect realized that his design business was feeling the strain of a cooled economic climate.

"I told myself, I'm a creative person. I should be able to find another way to market that creativity," he said.

Gartin began to look around for a new way to express himself and found it in a book, "To Turn the Perfect Bowl," a tribute to a master woodworker whose bowls are displayed in the Smithsonian Institute.

Gartin also studied with master craftsman Mark Silly at his Atlanta studio. He is now an artist in his own right, preparing to open an Apalachicola studio.

Gartin offered Times readers insight into the creation of his turned wood objects.

A bowl begins as a section of log sliced in half lengthwise. Gartin must study the piece of wood to determine how to make the cut to take advantage of the sap wood and pith. In some cases, a layer of bark may also be incorporated into the finished piece.

Next he cuts a rough bowl shape, marks the center and drills a hole that allows the bowl to be mounted on a lathe. Gartin shapes the bowl on a large lathe using a bowl gouge, a dangerous-looking short spear mounted on a stout wooden handle, and a hollowing tool.

"Sharp tools are essential," he said. "It's a lot more



This bowl is made from boxelder wood.

fun to work with sharp tools than dull ones, and a lot safer. The wood will talk to you when the tool starts to get dull. It will chatter."

During the shaping, Gartin wears goggles or a full face mask as protection against flying chips.

As the wood dries, it cures, which can lead to changes in the shape and texture of a bowl. Gartin displayed a cryptomeria piece that had developed a luxurious surface texture after drying, while another small bowl had visibly warped.

"When I work with greener wood, I may begin by shaping it into a bowl that is about an inch thick. Then I allow it to dry further," he said.

Leaving the bowl thick initially lessens the chance that it will crack or deform as it dries.

Gartin said he sometimes aids the drying process by submerging the rough bowl in denatured alcohol, which is absorbed by the wood, displacing its water content, before rapidly evaporating when the wood is removed from the bath.

After the crude bowl dries, Gartin examines it for cracks and flaws that may be repaired and determines how to proceed with the finishing process.

"Only one out of 10 pieces of wood you collect will yield

a perfect bowl," he said.

Once again, he employs the lathe and turning tools, and when he is satisfied with the shape and thickness of the bowl, he polishes and seals the surface with carnauba, a wax extracted from the leaves of the carnauba palm, native to and grown only in northeastern Brazilian.

Sometimes flaws are filled with fine wood or turquoise dust mixed with an adhesive that Gartin describes as the "ultimate super glue." The same glue may be used to create a final glossy finish on a piece.

Salad bowls and other vessels destined to contain food are finished with olive or walnut oil.

Gartin creates his art from many kinds of wood. Locally, he has collected pecan and white cedar, but he had samples of boxelder, maple, oak and bodark, or Osage orange, in his workshop.

Sometimes wood damaged by rot or insects is actually prized for the effect created. Gartin said ambrosia beetles cause the wood to create red and blue pigments prized by woodworkers.

He said he spends anywhere from one to 10 hours on a bowl, keeping the windows of his studio heavily shrouded to avoid distractions while he works.

Sometimes he still "blows up a bowl."

"I blew up an ambrosia bowl that I'd worked on for five hours yesterday. It happens," he said. "Right now, I'm working toward creating classic shapes and improving my tool skills. Mistakes are just a part of the process."

Look for Gartin's new gallery in April on Commerce Street in downtown Apalachicola.

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through June 20, 2009, granted employees a 10 percent pay hike and would have extended them an 8 percent increase this year and 6 percent next year had it not been renegotiated.

The administration had called for renegotiating after plummeting property values indicated the half-mil levy would yield only about \$1.28 million this year, a good half-million below the \$1.73 million it brought in one year ago. Before approval by voters, the four-year levy was estimated to yield between \$1.5 million and \$1.8 million each year until expiring June 30, 2012.

"All the forecasts from the Department of Education, Property Appraiser Doris Pendleton's office, the superintendents' association, all of those forecasts predict that next year and possibly following that, property values and assessments will continue to go down," Wood said.

She said the union leadership decided to renegotiate pay hikes rather than take a hard line to enforce the existing contract language.

"The logic was that we

had a contract, and if the county honored that contract, they would probably have to file financial distress with the Department of Education," Wood said. "Why would we ever want to do that to our administration? We had to work with them."

Wood said teachers asked for a 4 percent raise this year and next but were told by Sam Carnley, the district's director of financial services, that the district couldn't afford it. The school countered with an offer of a 3 percent bonus for each of the two years. In addition to not raising the salary steps, a bonus does apply to a teacher's retirement earnings.

"We said we couldn't do that for our members," Wood said.

She said that by agreeing to the two-year deal, the union "locked in a contract at the very best rate the county would agree to. It's one of the best agreements in the state of Florida."

Mark Pudlow, a spokesman for the Florida Education Association, said that about half of the 67 school districts in the state have settled contracts for the

current school year.

"A 3 percent hike is as high as I've heard this year," he said, noting that contract settlements have ranged from a pay cut, with no raises and a greater health insurance contribution by employees, to the district picking up health insurance, step increases, and a small salary increase.

Wood praised the leadership of Superintendent Nina Marks and School Board Chairman Jimmy Gander for nailing down the new contract.

"Nina cares about us," Wood said. "She's been a teacher in Franklin County for over 20 years, and she cares about her staff. And Jimmy Gander has stood by his word at every board meeting I've been present at that if we pass the referendum, it will be for salary and benefits for employees."

"I couldn't be more pleased with the camaraderie between the union and the administration," she said.

**Health insurance rates increase**

At the Dec. 17 meet-

ing, the school board also agreed to a new schedule of health insurance premiums from carrier Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, which will raise rates by 10.5 percent, effective Feb. 1, 2010.

The new rate schedule will mean coverage for a single individual plan will cost \$774.28 per month, up from \$700.78 this year. The school board pays for this coverage in its entirety, about \$9,291 for each full-time employee who enrolls in the plan.

The monthly cost of family coverage will rise from the current \$1,102.29 per month to \$1,217.90 beginning Feb. 1. Employees who elect this family coverage must pay out of their own pockets the difference between it and single coverage, about \$443 per month.

In his letter to the school board explaining the premium increases, James Spivey, benefit representative with Blue Cross, said the increase was based on the school district's claims history from July 2008 through June 2009, which amounted to more than \$1.1 million in paid claims,

including two claims in excess of \$100,000.

Statistics provided by Spivey indicated that for the top 10 medical conditions covered, employees of the school district covered by the insurance plan had double, and in some cases triple, the incidence of illness and disease than in comparable mid-size groups.

Nearly 25 percent of school district employees covered by the plan had hypertension, more than double the 10.8 percent found in all mid-size groups.

Congestive heart failure occurred in 12.5 percent of the school district's insured, nearly triple the 4.2 percent incidence rate in all mid-size groups. Diabetes was diagnosed for nearly 14 percent of the school system's insured, more than three times the average of 4.1 percent among all mid-size groups.

Coronary artery disease was present in 6.8 percent of the district's insured, compared with 4.1 percent among mid-size groups. Asthma was diagnosed in

9.3 percent of the system's insured, compared with 5.9 percent across all mid-size groups.

Among the school district's insured, the incidence rate of Parkinson's disease, chronic renal failure, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and cystic fibrosis all exceeded the rate for all mid-size groups.

In an effort to move some of the older individuals out of the insured pool, and thus slow down the annual premium rate increases, the school district agreed to institute a Medicare supplemental coverage plan that will cost retirees anywhere from \$196 to \$272 per month.

Even with the additional \$210 per month for pharmacy coverage, the monthly cost of the plan is lower than it costs a retiree to remain with the regular health insurance plan. School officials are hoping to convince retirees that the benefits are as good as or better than the regular plan and will save them money.

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a labor force of 9.2 million. The unemployment rate is up slightly from the revised October rate of 11.3 percent, and up 4.3 percentage points from one year ago.

The state's current unemployment rate is 1.5 percentage points higher than the national unemployment rate of 10.0 percent.

The number of jobs in Florida is 7.32 million, down 284,800 in November compared with a year ago. This loss is steeper than the national rate of decline, 3.5 percent over the year, and continues the trend of annual declines that began in August 2007.

Industries losing the most jobs are construction; trade, transportation and utilities; and professional and business services. These industries account

for more than two-thirds of losses in the state.

Private education and health services is the only sector gaining jobs among Florida's major industries, with the entire increase due to health care and social assistance, primarily in nursing and residential care facilities. Private education declined by 2,100 jobs over the year.

"The rate released today reinforces the need for a

variety of strategies to help bolster job growth in Florida," said Cynthia R. Lorenzo, director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation.

She said the Florida Back to Work program and the passenger rail legislation that the governor signed into law last week will help as many as 39,000 Floridians get back to work.

Unemployed workers who exhausted benefits between Nov. 1 and Dec. 26, 2009, or approximately two-thirds of eligible beneficiaries, have been or will be automatically enrolled and will not need to apply for the extension.

More than 25,600 customers have completed online applications, and the agency has paid more than \$53 million to customers who were automatically enrolled or whose online applications have been processed.

Lorenzo encourages job seekers to visit the Employ Florida Marketplace at [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com), which provides access to a variety of local, state and national job openings. Job seekers can post resumes, and businesses can post openings, and both can search the site's database for potential matches.



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# 'Tis the season to be ironing tissue

The waste at Christmas makes me a tad uneasy.

There are the bizarre presents that are doomed to languish on the top shelf of the closet until they make their way to the thrift store. The yellow sweater emblazoned with a purple reindeer comes to mind. There is all the packaging — boxes, paper, ribbons — that fill trash bags destined for the landfill. And, of course, the food.

Largesse is the order of the season. Everywhere we go there are copious amounts to consume. It is a wonderful guilty pleasure for a while. Office parties feature more candies and cookies than most of us would eat in a year. The buffet table is overloaded at family dinners. We put our good judgment on hold while we load up the

plate with corn pudding, roast pork, smoked beef brisket, green beans and ham, congealed cranberry stuff, sweet potatoes and marshmallows, ambrosia and chess pie.

Then there are the leftovers. I'll admit I'm up for a turkey sandwich with mayo and shredded lettuce on the 26th, and I will probably nuke a bit of dressing to have on the side. I like that day-after experience of not having to cook to eat well.

Then the paradigm shifts. After a day or two the fridge is still overloaded with food nobody wants to eat anymore. We find ourselves tired of looking at stale cookies, turkey past its prime and random pieces of pumpkin and mincemeat pie. It feels good to dump it all in the garbage or in the alley for the stray animals. We might experience a bit of guilt, but, at this point, we are tired of it all and feeling fat.

Hey, anybody up for a



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hamburger? Make mine medium rare, charred on the outside with sautéed onions on a Kaiser roll.

OK, in my family there is some waste, but there is also a history of recycling that began before we even heard the word.

I'm thinking of the pink angel. She first appeared on a gift from my

mother's sister who lived in Jacksonville. With her glittery cardboard dress and feather wings, she won the Christmas gift packaging award. Carefully preserved, she survived years of adorning presents back and forth. It became an inside-the-family joke.

We have always saved boxes, carefully breaking

down some of them and doing a Russian dolls kind of sequence with others. You know what I mean, little ones inside of medium ones inside of bigger ones. Wrapping paper went into the trash bag, but not so for tissue.

Mother saved it all, and actually ironed the paper out to be utilized in the future. I do the same, although I leave out the ironing step. I have a drawer full of gift bags that I can use again, and ribbon — well, there is the ultimate recycling story.

A few years back I discovered the ribbon that has wires embedded on the edges. After the orgy of present-opening, I carefully gather up all of the bows, straighten them out, and wind them into coils to be reused.

By the way, I learned to make terrific bows under the tutelage of Aunt Dolores at Seahorse Gift and Florist in the '60s.

For some reason, reusing gift packaging is im-

portant to me. The same goes for the tree. I don't buy new ornaments, and there is no theme unless it's "Ghosts of Christmas Past."

Glass balls date from my childhood. Bits of paper chains and cross-eyed reindeer decorations made of wooden clothespins mark my son's childhood projects. Some of the decorations were costly gifts, others are there because, simply, they always have been.

I suspect that most of us do a good bit of recycling during this season. We reuse ornaments, re-gift items more suited for someone else, and maybe someone out there still irons tissue paper.

In the face of conspicuous consumption, we have our own ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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## Christmas came but twice a year

By Lois Swoboda  
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When I was small, Christmas came twice a year.

Until I was about eight, we lived in a big farm house in Northern Virginia with my mother's parents, Hattie and Elmer Metzger. Christmas revolved around both sets of grandparents.

For me, Christmas began in early November when Grandfather Metzger began cracking black walnuts for cookies and fruitcake.

We had a huge walnut tree, as big as any oak, in our yard and second smaller one planted for me on the day I was born. Each fall we gathered the nuts and threw them in the driveway to be husked by the tires of our green Chevy.

About a week before Thanksgiving, my grandfather would fire up an old potbellied stove in a workshop built off the garage. He and I would sit next to it, cracking the nutshells on an anvil with ancient flatirons. It was years later that I realized anvils and

irons were not what the average family used as a nutcracker.

While we worked, my grandfather would tell me stories or school me on plant and animal lore. He was born in Pennsylvania, but given to a childless uncle in Virginia where he grew up.

On his side, the family was German farmers although he may have had some Indian blood.

My Mom's mother was adopted by Amanda Weston, the midwife who delivered her. She grew up in the same house we lived in, part of a colonial land grant to the Weston family. My grandparents grew up on opposite sides of Occoquan Creek and became engaged on Christmas Eve, but that's another story.

The cracked nuts were placed in an old battered washtub and in the evenings we would sit in front of the TV and pick them out.

I think I ate as many as I saved.

Later, my grandmother and mother would incorporate this seasonal treat into all manner of Christmas sweets, but the one I remember best was a chocolate cookie topped with white sugar icing and a walnut half known for some mysterious reason as "Wheels."

From Thanksgiving to

New Years was also when we consumed gallons of fresh tomato juice my mother had stored away in Mason jars all summer long.

As the days grew colder, Grandfather Metzger and I would trek through the woods looking for holly and running pine to decorate the house.

Sometimes there was snow and, if it was deep, I'd walk behind him in his footsteps.

He never minded having me along as long as I didn't complain and I made heroic efforts to keep up.

Early in December, we'd go to the back part of the pasture to pick a perfect tree and cut it. Then we'd mount it in a coffee can of stones in the living room and adorn it with ancient ornaments remembered from every Christmas past in my short life. We draped it with real metal icicles that felt cool and slightly sticky between your fingers. Under the tree was a little village of antique origin and a manger scene and sometimes a model railroad.

We always sang carols when we decorated the tree.

On Christmas night we read the Christmas story basking in its glowing colored lights.

At the Metzger house, the tree graced a corner of the living room from just after Thanksgiving until the week after Christmas.

Presents would gradually appear as the holidays progressed. In fact, I added some myself after trips to Penney's and Sears Roebuck in Alexandria, the big city.

Of course, the really big gifts appeared magically on Christmas morning, deposited in the wee hours by the red suited gnome.

I never looked for hidden gifts as the big day approached because I was a true believer when it came to Santa Claus and with good reason. I knew him personally.

### German Christmas, with Schnapps and Santa Claus

At the Swoboda house, where my father's parents, Elizabeth and Otto, lived with my Uncle Jimmy and his family, things were a little different.

That's why I always had two Christmases.

My grandmother, Eliza-



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Lois Swoboda, at age 11 months, walks at her grandparents Metzger's farm in Northern Virginia. In upper left is the giant tree that supplied black walnuts every Christmas.



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Lois Swoboda, at age 23 months, sits on Santa's lap at J.C. Penney in Christmas 1953.

beth Titezer, was born in Minnesota but fled with her family to Texas after a poisoned well killed their livestock. My grandfather Swoboda emigrated from Germany when he was 2 years old. Six months later, his parents died in New York City, probably of the Spanish Flu. He was put on an orphan train and, very luckily, found a loving home in South Texas, together with his sister Ida and two brothers. My father spoke only German and Spanish until the first grade.

Granny and Granddaddy Swoboda celebrated German Christmas which took place on Christmas Eve.

Every year we were packed off to their house around dusk, often traveling through a veil of glittering snowflakes.

In my childhood memories, all Christmases are white.

There was always a big dinner with a turkey and the fixings including my grandmother's homemade

sauerkraut.

After dinner, the women and children adjourned to the television room while grandfather, Daddy and Uncle Jimmy disappeared on some unknown errand.

We kids were always led past the open door to my grandfather's library where there was definitely no Christmas tree in evidence.

I think, sometimes we were changed into pajamas at this point. We'd watch Zorro or the Lone Ranger and eat cookies and ice cream until my mother or maybe Aunt Shirley would slip away and then reappear, shushing us as she led the way down the hall to the now closed library door. She'd open the door a crack; just enough for us to see that a huge, fully lighted tree had sprouted amid the bookcases.

My father or uncle would materialize and whisper that we could come in if we were very quiet because Santa was almost ready to see us.

Awestruck, we crept in and were informed in hushed tones that Santa was upstairs drinking Schnapps with Grandfather.

As if on cue, the great man appeared. He was dressed in red velvet and ermine and smelled like a candy cane. I do remember that, like Grandfather Swoboda, our Santa was on the thin side but he was undoubtedly the real deal. Grandfather, we were told, had to stay upstairs and hold the reindeer so they wouldn't fly away during their visit.

Not only did Santa know each of us children by name, when he took us on his lap and asked if we had been good, he was able to remind us of recent indiscretions if we failed to list them.

We knew about Schwartz Peter too, the devil to Santa's deity, who brought switches and coal to children whose sins were too great to be forgiven.

After hearing our confession, he would present us each with a starter gift and then make his way back upstairs for one more shot of Schnapps before he leapt in his sleigh and flew off to deliver gifts to children whose grandparents were not so well connected.

We always opened gifts that night, but for me, this was just the start of the orgy of acquisition that marked the holidays of my youth.

The next morning, when we climbed out of bed at the Metzger house, there was another tree and another set of packages to tear into scattering paper and ribbon with abandon across the old oak floors.

We dined on scrambled eggs, country ham and "puffs," a delicacy created by my grandmother and later stolen by the restaurateurs of New Orleans and marketed under the false name of beignets.

All this was washed down with oceans of tomato juice.

That afternoon there would be another turkey feast and, at the end of the day, I would fall into a tryptophan-induced coma to dream of Santa and another week without school. Then I'd next counting the days 'til next Christmas.

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# Rules eased for shallow wells along the coast

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The Northwest Florida Water Management District has eased up on rules governing shallow wells in an effort to encourage their use by residents of coastal Gulf and Franklin counties.

The rule change, approved Nov. 30 by the Northwest Florida Water Management Governing Board, means residents in the coastal areas, mainly St. George Island and Cape San Blas, will no longer have to secure an individual water use permit to put in a shallow well for non-potable uses, such as irrigation.

Well construction permits will still be required.

Officials backed the rule change to help preserve Floridan Aquifer water for human consumption.

"The rule revision is expected to enhance resource protection," said Guy Gowens, director of the district's Division of Resource Regulation. "Our objectives are to comply with Florida statutes and statewide minimum standards while reducing unnecessary regulation."

Angela Chelette, chief of the Bureau of Ground Water Regulation,

said the rule change expands to the coastal zone an exemption already in place for the two other inland zones.

Beginning Jan. 4, 2010, shallow wells less than 4 inches in diameter, and withdrawing on average less than 15,000 gallons per day, will be authorized by rule under a general water use permit.

Chelette said the purpose of the rule change is to encourage the use of these shallow wells, which do not penetrate a confining unit or enter the Floridan aquifer, so as to preserve the aquifer for potable purposes.

"In Franklin County, on St. George Island, most are 30 to 40 feet deep and some are only 15 to 20 feet deep," she said.

"Most non-potable systems use wells 2-4 inches in diameter, so this will largely be for small irrigation wells," Chelette said. "Both coastal areas have a utility supply for drinking water, so this is to encourage people to reduce stress on the drinking water supply. The water supply is fairly vulnerable to saltwater intrusion, and we need to reduce stress there and preserve more for drinking."

She said the rule change will eliminate the hassle of water use permitting, which used to take 30 to 90 days,

and even longer for a utility permit. "This means they don't have to come and go through that big process," Chelette said.

The district has 29 individual water use permits in place for the coastal zone the two counties, 17 in Franklin and nine in Gulf, she said.

The rule change eliminates some of the problems that surfaced during recent inspections by the Florida Department of Health which found irrigation wells were dug too close to septic tanks.

Those homeowners who had failed to secure individual water use permits will now be in compliance with that legal requirement.

But those who had failed to secure the required well construction permit will remain in violation of the law, in addition to those who in the future fail to get a well permit.

"On the well construction side, I think we're going to see problems there. I have a feeling we're going to continue to have to work through that issue for a while," Chelette said. "We have witnessed some instances where I don't think they're aware of what their hose bibs are connected with. Ten feet from a septic tank drainfield, that's obviously not a good thing."

# HALO program addresses shortage of health workers

Special to The Times

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board has been selected to receive the Employ Florida Healthcare Workforce Initiative grant. The \$476,485 grant will be used to launch the next phase of HALO (Healthcare Advancement Ladder Occupations), a program designed to meet the health care employment needs of the Gulf Coast region.

"For the first time in Florida's history there are over a million people unemployed. At the Workforce Board we're trying to get people back to work by providing services focused on occupations that are growing and have vacancies despite the downturn," said Kim Bodine, executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "Considering that health services is one of the only growth industries in our economy now, we believe this is the perfect time to start a project like this."

Through HALO, the Workforce Board will provide training and supportive services for both those interested in taking their skills to the next level and those seeking employment in the medical services industry.

Training will be concentrated in four health care subsectors: nursing, allied health, long term care, and health information technology. Specific training funded by the grant include bachelor of science in nursing (BSN), licensed practical nursing (LPN), respiratory therapy, physical therapy assistant, radiography, medical administration, medical billing and coding, just to name a few.

The training will be delivered via traditional classroom training, on-line, and even at employer work sites. Furthermore, HALO will develop certified health care trainers who will be on staff at the local hospitals, allowing the facilities to provide continuing education to health care professionals in a timely and cost effective way.

Over the next year and a half, approximately 600 individuals will be trained and placed into employment in clinical and non-clinical jobs through the HALO program.

Bay Medical Center, Gulf Coast Medical Center, HealthSouth Emerald Coast Hospital, and Weems Memorial Hospital were instrumental in the development of HALO and have agreed to partner with GCWB on this initiative.

"We're pleased to partner with the Gulf Coast Workforce Board on this project. Not only will it help build a pipeline of

future health care workers but it will upgrade the skills of our existing clinical and non clinical staff. As a result we will be able to retain our employees, advance them up the career ladder to higher paying jobs and provide better care to our patients," said Charles Colvert, CEO, Weems Memorial Hospital.

"We've already had some preliminary discussion with Sacred Heart Hospital about HALO and we hope to include them in the program once their facility opens in Gulf County," Bodine said.

Other organizations who will partner with the

Gulf Coast Workforce Board on this project include the Florida State University Panama City Campus, Gulf Coast Community College, Tom P. Haney Technical Center, and Workforce Florida.

"The Employ Florida Healthcare Workforce Initiative exemplifies the way a region can benefit when priorities are aligned among public and private business, education, workforce and economic development partners," said Workforce Florida Vice President of Business and Workforce Development Opportunities Andra S. Cornelius.

For more information

on participating in HALO contact Don Ford at Haney Technical Center at 850-747-5500, ext. 5317, or Judy Turcotte at Gulf Coast Community College 850-769-1551, ext. 4234.

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

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Taking part in the county spelling bee were Connor Rash, Yanni Pateritsas, Emily Owens, Hannah Westbrook, Eve Bond, Grayson Creamer, Thomas Subbarao-Copley, Matthew Drennen, Jacob Montgomery, Kristopher Schoelles, John White, Lael Parker, Dasia Davis, Madison Newell, Tyler Cash, Alyssa Varnes, Caulin Sheridan, Mikael Lewis, Hayden Furr and Malachi Parker.

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Grayson Creamer ponders the word he has been given at the county spelling bee.

origin. He also didn't begin pronouncing letters until he appeared certain of his selections, avoiding the stumbling block of starting and then restarting spellings that had done in a few of the 20 spellers earlier.

The contestants ranged in age from fourth- through eighth-graders, with two each from the grade levels at the ABC and Franklin County schools.

Rash nailed "subterranean" and then "larynx," as the crowd roared with enthusiasm.

Parker managed "photosynthesis" and Rash "ineffable" as the excitement grew.



Judges for the county spelling bee were, from left, Babs Bailey, Bonnie Fulmer and Marie Marshall.

But then Rash stumbled on "aggrandizement," and that left the door open for Parker to clear his last two

words and secure the title. "I read a lot," Rash said, explaining his second-place showing.

Serving as judges this year were Bonnie Fulmer, chief financial officer for the Franklin County Education Foundation; retired Franklin County educator Babs Bailey; and health educator Marie Marshall.

In the later rounds, the spellers managed to nail such words as "rutabaga," "monopolize," "hysterical" and "miraculous," but

were eliminated by such challenges as "scruple," "agricultural," "encore," "suburban," "quarantine," "oblige" and "affiliation."

Taking part in the competition were fourth-graders Rash and Yanni Pateritsas, from the ABC School, and Emily Owens and Hannah Westbrook, from Franklin County; and fifth-graders Eve Bond and Grayson Creamer, from the ABC School, and Thomas Subbarao-Copley and Drennen, from Franklin County.

Middle-schoolers included sixth-graders Jacob Montgomery and Kristopher Schoelles, from Franklin County, and John White and Lael Parker, from the ABC School; seventh-graders Dasia Davis and Madison Newell, from Franklin County, and Tyler Cash and Alyssa Varnes, from the ABC School; and eighth-graders Caulin Sheridan and Mikael Lewis, from Franklin County, and Hayden Furr and Parker, from the ABC School.

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Carnley said one of the candidates was a certified public accountant, as is Pearlman, while another works at a local bank and another does accounting work.

"None of them had district (finance) experience," Carnley said. "He (Pearlman) was in the system, and I felt that since he was in the system, we should give him consideration for the job."

Pearlman began the school year teaching middle school American history, but his teaching load was, as of earlier this month, to be assumed by Mike Todd, who left the dean of student discipline position to return to the classroom beginning next month.

Hiring Pearlman as finance director eliminates the need for the school to find another teaching position for him to assume for the second semester.

"What stood out that he was more qualified than those other two candidates?" Martin asked.

"I can't say he was more or less qualified than any other applicant," Carnley replied.

"I don't really think when we have a Harvard graduate with a law degree and a CPA, we really could push (him away)," Gander said. "I would feel comfortable getting someone out of the Florida Department of Education finance system. I thought it would be a slam dunk with all the job cutbacks."

Pearlman earned a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard College in 1978 and a law degree from New York University four years later, before practicing law in New York and Cleveland for several years. A former assistant college basketball coach at Bowling Green and Brooklyn College, Pearlman owned a sports production company for three years that broadcast Harvard and Northeastern college basketball games.

Whaley said he was concerned that at the time of Pearlman's hiring as a teacher, he had maintained an out-of-state address, in Cleveland.

"We want somebody long-term, who's rooted in our community and is more likely to stay here than leave," he said.

Pearlman then came forward to address the board, recounting his connections to the county and stressing that this is his home, after making it his permanent residence in July.

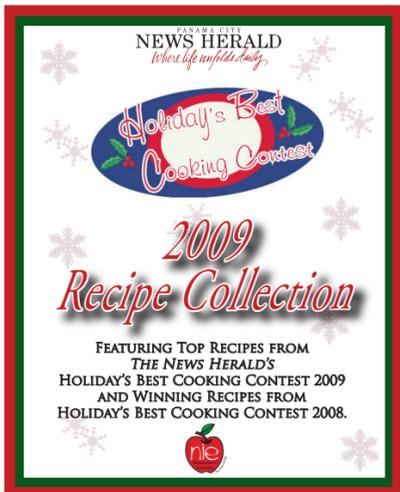
"I've come to love this place, not only to live here but to work in the district," he said. "I'm not planning on going anywhere."

After the meeting, Martin said she based her decision to vote against Pearlman's hiring not because of any personal opposition, but because he already had a job with the district and because bringing in a different local person would have spread the benefit of the hiring even further.

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# Seahawks drop two, defeat Jefferson Co.

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The Franklin County varsity boys basketball team will head north Monday, hoping to best the 11-team field in the William Henry Shaw Christmas tournament in Columbus, Ga.

But to win the title, the fourth-seeded Seahawks will need to win three games in a row, which is more than they were able to do last week.

For the first time this season, the team suffered back-to-back losses on the road, falling in rematches to Blountstown 54-51 on Dec. 15 and then to Mosley 61-59 on Friday night.

The Seahawks came back on Saturday night at Jefferson County, winning 67-53 to end the week on a

victorious note.

"It's still December," coach Fred Drake said. "We got until the end of February; we still have a lot of time for improvement."

"We're still defending district and regional champs and that goes a long way," he said. "We're still the ones that still have to be beat, especially when it counts."

Problems with rebounding and free throw shooting bedeviled the team all week, beginning with the Blountstown, a team the Seahawks defeated earlier this season when several Tiger players were still in the football playoffs.

This time, Blountstown's Leon Broxton, a transfer from Chipley, led the Tigers with 15 points.

"Basically one transfer

makes a difference. When you add players into your program that makes you 100 percent better," said Drake, clearly frustrated by the officiating. "He got whatever (calls) he wanted."

After trailing 22-18 at the half, Blountstown outscored Franklin County 23-14 in the third quarter, and then held on for the win as senior Arron Prince fouled out with four minutes left in the game.

The Seahawks' woes were compounded by a poor shooting night from the free throw line, shooting a sub-par 10-of-21, or 48 percent.

"Our big Achilles heels are defense and free throws," Drake said. "We spend more than enough time on it in practice. Our role players are not hold-

ing up to their end of the bargain."

The Seahawks' free throw woes improved a little Friday night against Mosley, but at 64 percent, 16-of-28, it was not enough to tip the scales against a Dolphin team that shot 80 percent from the free throw line.

In the fourth quarter, Amante Carter hit 7-of-7 from the free throw line, and Dylan Black 6-of-7, to account for the quarter's 28-16 bulge that gave Mosley the narrow win.

Seahawk senior Austin O'Neal hit just 1-of-4 free throws in the final stanza, and with both sophomore Carlos Morris and junior Adam Joseph fouled out, the Seahawks let the game fall from their grasp.

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DAVID ADLERSTEIN [The Times

Senior Arron Prince, right, grimaces as he confronts a Mosley opponent two weeks ago in a Seahawk win at home. On Saturday night, the Dolphins avenged the loss on their home court.

## Seahawks soccer defense hangs tough vs. Seminoles

By Joe Shields  
Special to the Times

On Monday, Dec. 14, the boys varsity Seahawks soccer team faced the varsity Port St. Joe Sharks. Compared to their previous meeting, this was an eerily similar match.

Once again, the Seahawks were raring to go from the opening whistle, matching the veteran Tiger Sharks' intensity; tying the match with a goal 16 minutes into the first half. Just like the previous match, Elton Olvera scored, on a free kick, to deadlock the game at 1-1.

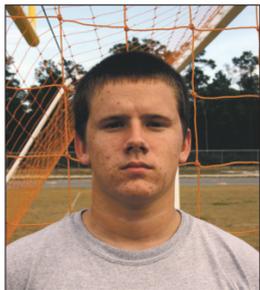
Again, as with their last meeting with the Sharks, the Seahawks continued to play with passion and cohesiveness throughout the game and were it not for a few indefensible, outstanding Shark goals, off of brilliant passes, the game was actually much closer than the final score indicated.

In the end, as with their last meeting, the Sharks' overall experience began to take over the game and the Seahawks finally succumbed to a 5-defeat, with Olvera connecting with the back of the net with 15:30 left in regulation.

Daniel "Bam-Bam" Carrino was earth-shattering



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By Kelli Maggio  
Special to the Times

The Lady Seahawks soccer team played two games last week, falling to rival Port St. Joe 6-1 and tying Florida High 2-2. The Lady Tiger Sharks were able to get the best of us again, while the Lady Seminoles gave us another tie.

St Joe's skill players controlled the Dec. 14 game at Franklin County High School, moving through our defense at will leading to a 6-0 advantage. We were, however, able to get on the board in the second half with a Maggie Langston goal off a corner kick from Megan Newell. Their program is markedly ahead of ours, but the gap will be closed.

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in goal and the combination of Derick "D-Fib" Rhodes, William "Maximus" Sapp, Graham Kirvin and Olvera pressured the Shark defense as well as any first-year soccer team could have.

In the Tuesday night match Dec. 15, under clearing skies, the Seahawks faced another team they had previously played, Florida High School. In their

previous match, which was also the first game ever played by the men's varsity team; the Seahawks were dismantled 6-0.

However, the night of Dec. 15 was a different story. This game was a great measuring stick for players and fans alike, as the Seahawks had played eight games since that

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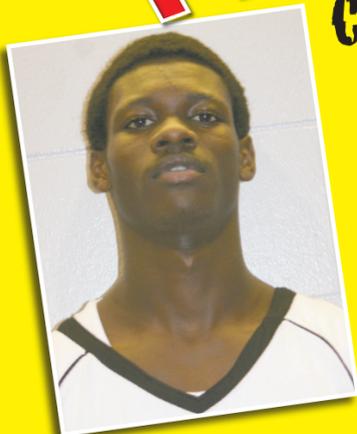
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# PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Carlos Morris**

**Megan Newell**



Sophomore Seahawk boys basketball player Carlos Morris had 27 points against Blountstown, 23 against Mosley and 28 against Jefferson County in hoop action last week.



Sophomore Lady Seahawk soccer player Megan Newell shone on offense last week, scoring both goals against Florida High - on a breakaway in the first half and a penalty kick in the second - and producing an assist against Port St. Joe.

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## SEAHAWKS from page A7

"That did it right there when Carlos fouled out," said Drake.

Despite opening up an 11-0 advantage after the opening tip, the Seahawks were plagued with poor rebounding all night, and had a slim 26-21 lead at the half.

"We had problems with defensive rebounding," said the coach. "And it didn't help that we were playing a varsity game with just two referees."

"Our role players did not do their jobs for rebounding," said Drake. "Out of our big three, only two played well."

Morris and O'Neal led the team with 23 and 22 points, respectively. No Seahawk rebounders were in double digits.

On Saturday night, the Seahawks regained their composure with a win in Monticello against Jefferson County, shutting down their hot shooter, Chris Mays, with an effective box-and-one.

O'Neal led the team with 30 points and 11 rebounds, with Morris adding 28 points. But with Prince sidelined by illness, the rest of the team could only produce nine points between them. "I got to find that third scorer," said Drake.

The coach said that he won't be reluctant to move some down to junior varsity, and bring others up, as he did with junior James Winfield against Jefferson County.

Winfield didn't produce points, but snared seven rebounds and impressed Drake with his aggressive defense.

"They've been put on notice they'll drop back down to JV," said Drake. "We're not playing with no passion, no energy, no emotion."

"It's a privilege to play varsity basketball," he said. "They're going to start earning their varsity teeth."

After the team squared off at Bay High Tuesday evening, they'll get a rest over Christmas before leaving Monday, Dec. 28 for the tourney in Columbus, aboard a church van lent them by Covenant Word.

They'll play against Drake's alma mater, Hardaway High School, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29, and if they win that they'll go against top-seeded Central High School, from Phenix City, Ala., on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30.

If they lose their opener, the Seahawks will drop down to the losers' bracket, and play that afternoon.

While it's a long shot many fans will make the drive to Columbus, Drake urged them to come out to both home and away games next month to support the Seahawks.

"It's going to come, we're having growing pains right now," he said. "It's like we can get up to play the better teams but with teams that are less talented they're

not 100 percent focused.

"Right now we're just unpredictable," said Drake. "The lack of experience is showing now. It's going to take some time."

"We still got January and February," he said. "I'm not worried. We have time to fix those problems."

### Dec. 15 at Blountstown

Franklin Co. 12 10 14 15 - 51  
Blountstown 9 9 23 13 - 54

SEAHAWKS: Arron Prince 1/2 2s, 0/2 3s, 0/2 FTs, 2 pts.; Carlos Morris 8/15 2s, 2/11 3s, 5/10 FTs, 27 pts.; Dalin Modican 1/3 2s, 2/3 FTs, 4 pts.; Austin O'Neal 6/15 2s, 1/1 3s, 3/6 FTs, 18 pts.

Totals: 16/36 (44%) 2s , 3/14 3s, 10/21 (48%) FTs

Rebounds: O'Neal 12, Morris 11, Adam Joseph 7, Prince 5, Michael Turner 4, Modican 2

TIGERS: Leon Broxton 15 pts., P.J. Buggs 9, Caven Cole 9, Brian Simmons 5, Nick Martin 4, Steve Jones 4, Jawon Mosley 4, Matt Jackson 4

### Dec. 18 at Mosley

Franklin Co. 15 11 17 16 - 59  
Mosley 9 12 12 28 - 61

SEAHAWKS: Arron Prince 1/4 2s, 0/1 3s, 5/10 FTs, 7pts.; Carlos Morris 6/16 2s, 1/6 3s, 8/9 FTs, 23 pts.; Dalin Modican 1/4 2s, 1/2 FTs, 3 pts.; Michael Turner 2/3 2s, 0/12 FTs, 4 pts., Austin O'Neal 10/16 2s, 2/5 FTs, 22 pts.

Totals: 20/45 (44%) 2s , 1/8 3s, 16/28 (64%) FTs

Rebounds: O'Neal, Turner, Morris 6, Prince 5, Zach Jones, Modican 4, Adam Joseph 3, Marcus Allen 2

DOLPHINS: Amante Carter 24 pts., Zach Duarte 10, Dylan Black 9, Blake Faulkenberry 9, Ryan Howard 6, Mazen Hindawi 3

### Dec. 19 at Jefferson Co.

Franklin Co. 13 20 12 22 - 67  
Jefferson Co. 15 11 12 15 - 53

SEAHAWKS: Marcus Allen 1/3 2s, 2 pts., Carlos Morris 8/18 2s, 3/12 3s, 3/3 FTs, 28 pts.; Dalin Modican 3/3 2s, 6 pts.; Austin O'Neal 10/16 2s, 1/3 3s, 7/10 FTs, 30 pts., Trekaie Turrell 1/2 FTs, 1 pt.

Totals: 22/42 (52%) 2s, 4/15 3s, 11/15 (73%) FTs

Rebounds: O'Neal 11, Morris 8, James Winfield 7, Modican, Michael Turner 4, Zach Jones, Marcus Allen 3

TIGERS: T. Johnson 29 pts., C. Mays 11, H. Ingram 7, D. Tucker 6

## JANUARY HOOPS

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Lady Seahawks play district game at home vs. Wewahitchka, 4:30 p.m.

Seahawks play district game at home vs. Wewahitchka, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 9

Lady Seahawks play district game at Port St. Joe, 6 p.m.

Seahawks play district game at Port St. Joe, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Lady Seahawks play district game at West Gadsden, 6:30 p.m.

Seahawks play district game at West Gadsden, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan 14

Seahawks play at home against Bay High, 7 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 18

Seahawks play in the MLK Showcase in Jacksonville vs. Sandalwood High School, 3 p.m. at Florida State College

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Lady Seahawks play district game at Liberty County, 4:30 p.m.

## GIRLS from page A7

As we nearly wind up our first season, these Lady Seahawks have improved drastically. The key now will be developing our skills in the off-season, as well as learning to play with more intensity. Winning is a learned behavior, and we just have not learned to compete to win quite yet. In the future when we are ahead of a team 2-0, as we were against Florida High, we will learn how to shut the door and deny any sort of comeback.

Those game-tying goals came with under five minutes to play, forcing a tie in a game we should have won. From the start of the Dec. 15 Florida High game in Eastpoint, we took control of the contest, but just weren't able to finish all of our attacks down the stretch. Newell scored on a breakaway in the first half and netted a penalty kick in the second half to complete the scoring for the Lady Seahawks.

I felt we had great offensive play from

the mid-fielders, which has been somewhat of a weakness this season. Megan McClain has stepped up her game the last two contests to help control the middle of the field, and Jessica Shields played very well on the outside-midfield.

Our defense, anchored by Brianna Whittington, Emmy Norris and Sami Coulter, was stingy against the Lady Seminoles, but was weakened when Sami left the game with a minor knee injury. Goalkeeper Emily Hatfield played tough soccer all night, making some unbelievable saves among her 14 total saves.

We will try to improve our effort and the results in our final two matches of the season. We travel to Leon on Monday, Jan. 11, and will host Marianna on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

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

## BOYS from page A7

initial meeting. The home crowd got to see the young Seahawks team play their best game of the year.

Playing stellar defense "from the back," Julio Ramirez, Andrew Waller, Billy Harris, and Tanner Klink hung tough with the Seminoles' quick strike capabilities through 60 minutes of soccer and at that point were in a 1-1 tie.

The Seminoles seemingly started to wear down defensively, and in the final 20 minutes of the match, the Seahawks had more shot-on-goal opportunities than they had in all of the previous three games combined. The four fullbacks previous-

ly mentioned, transitioned the ball up field to, Josh Reeder, Javeion "Worm" Winfield, Sapp, Rhodes, Kirvin and Olvera. Each of these Seahawks had multiple opportunities to score, in what was the team's best offensive effort to date.

Unfortunately, the Seahawks were unable to capitalize on any of their advantages and in the end, were caught by the Seminoles on two breakaway goals, finally succumbing 3-1. As a coach I was particularly impressed with the offensive productivity in this game. I have beat "defense" into their heads all season and it was awe-

some to watch the offense finally come to life. Although the back of the net was not found in the second half, this Seahawks game showed why there is a real future for the boys soccer program and I was proud of all of their efforts in this game.

The Seahawks' host Marianna, at "the Nest" of Franklin County High School on Monday, Jan. 11, in the season finale, as the first year of boys varsity Soccer at FCHS concludes. Varsity soccer is a real kick in the grass; don't miss it.

*Joe Shields is the coach of the 2009-10 Seahawks boys varsity soccer team.*

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# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
 I have been good this year. I am really praying for my mom to come for Christmas and my tonsils to stop hurting and the hole family to be together again. I really hope everybody has a terrific Christmas and wishes Jesus a Happy Birthday.  
 Thank you.  
 Sincerely,  
 Brianna Parker

Dear Santa,  
 I want a big truck and a big car. I know my ABCs. Merry Christmas. Hunter

been a good girl because I want lots of present. Well Nothing in particular, you know what I like! I a big present with a medium present next to it with my stocking stuffed up to the tip of toys and gum. I can't wait until Christmas!  
 Sincerely, Allie E. Kirvin

Dear Santa,  
 I have been good this year. I want a normal scooter and remote controlled stuff. Love,  
 Andrew.

Dear Santa,  
 I hope I've been good this year because I finally know what I want this Christmas. For Christmas I would like to have Wii fit. The balance board and all! Thanks!  
 Sincerely, Mallorie Shiver

Dear Santa,  
 I really hope I've

Dear Santa,  
 I want to sleep in and eat dinner and I want a parrot that talks.  
 Sincerely Connor

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Dear Santa  
 I have been very good this year. I want a dog to play with me. I want some other things.

1. Barbie Pet Vet
  2. Webkin
  3. New Barbie Merry Christmas to you Santa! Ho ho ho
- Love Meredith

Dear Santa,  
 Are your elfs working

hard? I hope you are well. I allways had a green day. Can you give me a puppy? Can you please give me one? I am going to take care of it. I will feed it and walk it every day. He is going to be my best friend ever.  
 From, Livia Monod



**LETTERS** from page A9

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? Is the elfs working? Are they making toys? I ben bad this year but I am going to be better this year. We are going to watch a moive. I want a easy bake oven, DSI, glow dome. I want rilly pritty shoes that is purple, red, pink. It is going to look pritty with all of them pritty colors. We are wearing pugeomus. Mine is green, blue, orang, pink, red, white.  
 Thank you.  
 Abby Johnson



Please bring me a baby doll and MP3. Love Leslie I luv Santa.

Dear Santa, I've been good. I want a toy tractor and a toy boat. Love, Weston

Dear Santa, I've been good. I want a scooter. Love Caleb.

Dear Santa, I like Santa. Please bring me a monster truck and Thomas. Love, Tonn

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I want my little pony so soft star song. Love, Genevieve

Dear Santa, I've been good. I want a remote control motorcycle. Love Austin I you.

Dear Santa, I have been good in this year. I want a Hot wheel car and a tee Ball. Love Jamal

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want a fish and High School Musical toys. Love Gracie

Miss Allen's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa, I hope I am on the nice list Because I want a lot of stuff. I want DS games, Wii games, crayon maker, gess who extra, Battle Ship, Clue and a rip stick (red) this is what I want from Santa. Sincerely, Emily Gay

Dear Santa for Christmas I want Xbox 360 and the game halo and I want a dsi and the game fossil hunters. And I want a elictic razor scooter to ride on the road. An my PaPa has gave me money every year for my birthday and all the holi-

days he gives me 100 dollars so I'm going shopping this year. Sincerely Tyler Pendleton

Dear Sants, I How are you doing? Good I hoop. You are very good. I wot a DSI and I wot a MrrSoo game and I want a golf cart. I wot a n Slebag and I want a noo blanket and I wot a ledei truck and I wot a car that will go fast and I wot a movie. Thack you,  
 From, Jon Michael Cats

Dear Santa, How aare you doen? Are the evs being good? Are the evs been well? What I want for Cristms is I want a Woke toke and go Krt.  
 From, Davis Varnes. I seen you at the mall.

Dear Sants, I am good. How are you doweg? I want to so you so bad. I want to see you. I want a transfomr. I love you Sants. I want a bike.  
 From, Bran Shattuck

Dear Santa, I have beegn good. I love you Santa. I wont two see you. Santa I love you Santa is good. I want a pony and a horse and a Wii and a Xbox Three Sixstey Xbox  
 From Qua'nieria.Croom

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I howpe the elfs are working very very hard I howpe you are doing good. Are the elfs doing greight? My sister is nice. My bother is not going to get enea presints. I want for crismis a hamster that moovs by itsalf. I want it to be a girl and I want it to be Blue. Thank you Santa. From Martina:  
 To: Santa from: Martina Granger

Dear Santa, I was very good Santa .Are you OK? How are your rain deer? I want some DSI games. I do not now iney of the Games but you just have to get me a few and one DS game



and 5 bags of snow and mak shere they don't melt.  
 From, Alex Joanos

Dear Sants, I hop you are doing good at the north pole. I wonte a gameboy. I wonte a in-tindoos. Thanks Santa Michael McKee

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good this year. I would like a nintendo dsi, Wiis, iPod, and a new fake phone. Merry Christmas.  
 Stephen

Dear Santa, How are you. I have been really good. I would like a backagons toy horses, my little pony, and a fish squirt toy. Merry Christmas.  
 Katie

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. I would like a 12 gage shotgun, bb gun, cell phone and a pocket knife. Merry Christmas.  
 Jordan

Dear Santa, I want psp for willor and a itouch ipod a make up ket and a electric scooter a computer that is real not a play one a doll house and a bress that is Spoklee and prrtee hihills and some ear rings and

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Dear Santa, I want drums. Jacob

I want a scooter and a guitar: Love Shonbell

Dear Santa, I want a scooter and my little pony. Love Myia Maxwell

Dear Santa, I want a talking Baby Doll and a guitar: Love Raymiona

Dear Santa, I want a telescope. Love Joseph

Dear Santa, I want a computer. Love, Eulalia

Dear Santa, I want Easy Bake oven. Love, Torin

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I want a dog and a MP3. Love Meredith

Dear Santa,

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# LETTERS from page A10

a neckles two hearbows and a golden cron and intindoo dsi a prritee ring. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Hollie

Dear Santa, How are you? This year I have been good. I would lilced + rain a ball backygon and an ban electric motorcycle. Merry Christmas  
Dorian

Dear Santa, How are you? This year I have been good. I would like to have a baby alive and all my family to go with me and do a kamp fiyr and a Ipod and I want a DSI. Love Merry Christmas, Santa.  
Emma



Dear Santa, Santa, how are you doing? How do you get around the planet so fast? I would like an Xbox 36 and some games for ti and most of all a computer. Thank you for all your kindness.  
Love, your friend, Micah

Ho Ho Ho Dear Sants, This Christmas I would like to see a nintendo dsi, some new clothes, and some wii games. I really need new clothes for the winter. I also want a golf cart, an Ipod touch, a laptop, and a peace sign nintendo ds cover.  
Sincerely, Corie Oates  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I want a dirt bike or go cart. I did want a laptop, but my dad said I need a desk top (computer) istead. I would also like a Nintendo game or maybe a amp for my guitar. Also, if possible, an awesome Christmas.  
Sincerely, Holly

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I want a golf cart for my granny and for me I have no clue. I think I want a razor motor scooter. I also want some black boots and bootcut jeans

for Christmas too. I also want a Nintendo DSI. I want so many things for Christmas. I want a peace sign shirt with splatter paint. I want a big lounge chair from Justice that is round.

I also want this super cute jacket that is from Justice too. I can't really explain what it looks like but I know you know exactly what I am thinking. Hope I was really good. Sincerely, Jayla Leigh Alley

Dear Santa, All I want is money and lots of toys and game systems and games for them. Sincerely, Hunter

Dear Santa, Could you come to my house on six street in an chef hat, with a pizza apron and two boxes of pizza. The crust is filled with four chesses, sasage, bacon, red pepers and don't forget the juceis. I have money to go get it but its free when you buy it.  
Deron

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been a very nice girl this year. VERY VERRY GOOD. I would like One, all or some of the following. A Nintendo DSI, a camping tent, a new bike, a new camera, or a Wii Fit game. Do your reindeers like carrots? What is your favorite kind of cookie?  
Sincerely Morena Murema B

Dear Santa, I hav a few things I want for Christmas. So I am going to explain What and Why I want it for Christmas. First I want a phone that slide because I see they are the New phone rat now. Anyway, my next thing I want for Christmas is an Ipod because I'm sick of the EMP three player that I have more but you can figure those out because your Santa and you know everything.  
Sincesirley, Tia

Dear SANTA, I want a gui-

tar, iPod and the dsi for Christmas. I've been really goat this year si I hope you get it for me.  
Sincerely, Lauren Lanell Tarantino

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Clause, the elves and reindeer? I would love it if you would bring me a Nintendo DS eye, a build a bear. And a DS game for Christmas. What is you favorite type of cookie?  
Sincerely, Scout Mclemore

Dear Santa, I would love it if you could get me a bike for Christmas this year. How are you doing are your elfs working hard. How is Miss clause doing? We are going to bake you cookies and milk. I don't know what kind of cookies thow.  
Sincerleiy, Wesley

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I will do even better cookies than last year. I would really like Nerf N Strike Elete with red revill tech, Also a new PSP with some games And some Wii fishing or hunting games Please.  
Sincerly, Connor Messer

Dear Santa, I would really like it if you could bring me a power wing. I would also really like a webkinz, maybe a koalan bear. Another thing I would like is a zumbody, maybe yellow and green. Also I would like a stuffed elephant. I would like a snow cane machine withblue and purple syrup. Last, but not least a monkey. I love monkeys so much! So how are you reindeer doing? And of course, Mrs. Claus and the elves? You are so nice, Santa? I am going to leave you Choccolate chipcookies and milk. Also a thank you card.  
Sincerely, Edy Rash

Dear Santa, I would really love it if you could bring me a wii game? Maybe Mario Brothers. How are your reindeer

doing? What are your favorite types of cookies? How is Mrs. Claus doing?. Sincerely, Taranto

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? How is the elfs work doing? How are the reindeer? Please let me pet one of your reindeer. What are your favorite types of cookie and do you like chocalate milk or plain? Can my brother or sister and I have our own personal elf? I want some books fpr Christmas. Some of the titles are The Magician's Elephant written by Kate Dicamillo, It's a Dogs Life, Ann of Green Gables, Magic Tree House, Midnight of the Magic Flute #41, and All the Cam Janson books, A webkin and Harry Potter Prisoner of Azakaban the movie. That is all I want for Christmas.  
Sincerely, Becca. PS. Please respond to this letter.

Dear Lilah, I love you so much. You are the best niece in the world. Today I am going to have a ice cream party. I can't believe you can almost walk, talk and eat real food. You are almost 1 year. Sincerely your aunt Chloe

Dear Santa, Who is your favorite elf. Do you like cookies and milk or cookies and orange juice better? How long is your beard? My name is Camille. I am 7. I have a big sister and a little brother. I want a DS a phone and a mer-

ry Christmas. I want a D.S. a phone and a merry Christmas.  
Love, your friend, Camille PS. Have a merry Christmas.



Dear Santa, I have been Good! I want a mp3 player and a crayon maker. I also want a poney and a Barbie. You should give mr this stuf because I have been good. Your friend, Dyna Edgecomb.

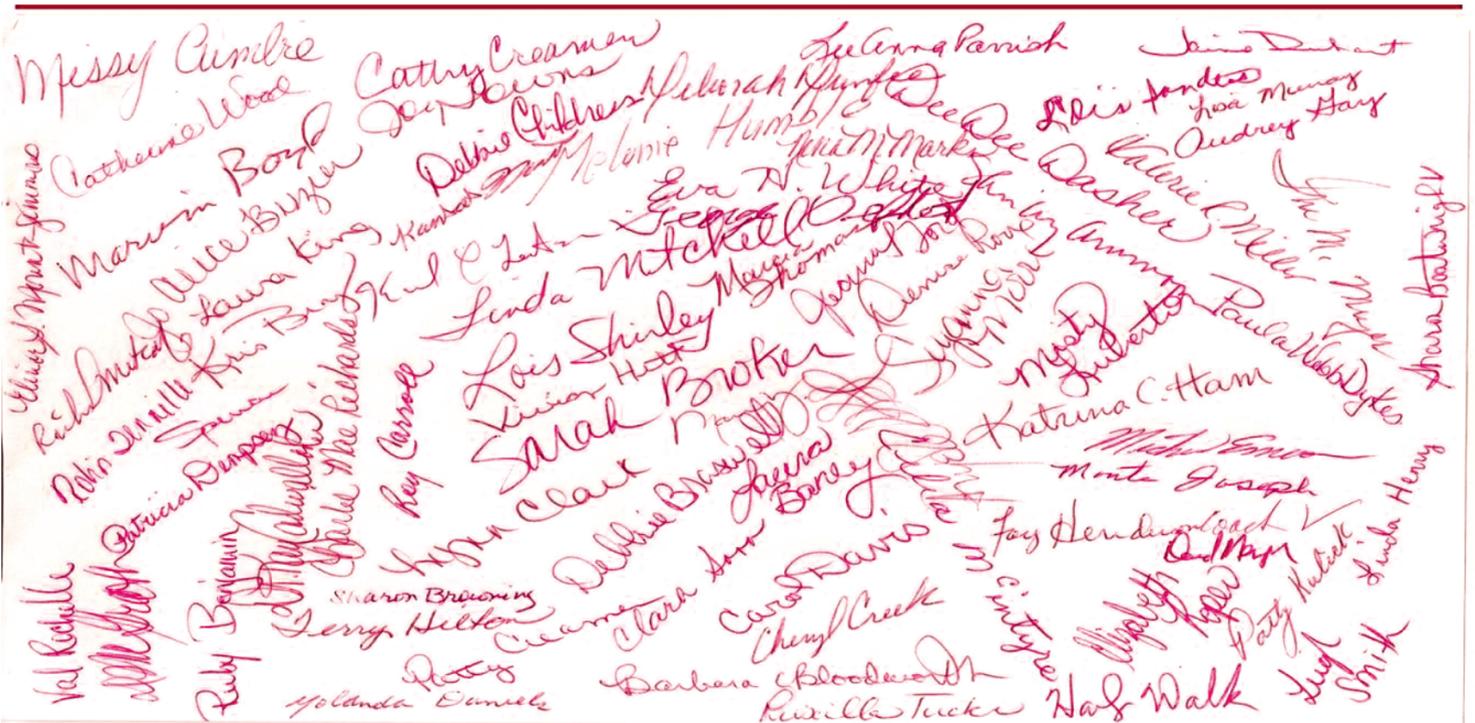
Dear Santa, I have been so good. I went a baby alive, a crayonma-keer, a psp, wo. Dollar, bike, Poll cookste, dsi, new shoes m3play, car, teacherdeck, forweel, lambtop, 7 outfist, Board, Ill, be waiting for you. My birthday -June 12- Love Santa, Mony, dady, 2009 lazmyne Farme Luber  
Your friend, Lateesa Payton Honeisty Tikin

Dear Santa, I have been Very Good. I Want an mp3 Player and a Guitar Because I Love you Santa. I Love Christmas too and baby Jesus. My dad would like a PS3. Your friend, teri

Dear Santa, I have been good. I want a new ds a yu-gi-oh 5ds Duilist deck a nerf-strike elite game for Wii and I love Santa I Want them to play with my friend. Your friend, Jare

Dear Santa, How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a pink heart with Chocolate. Tinkerbell's stroller

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# Happy Holidays

The Employees of Franklin County Schools want to THANK the students, parents, businesses, churches, and community members that have made FCS the success it is!  
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# LETTERS from page A11

and Tinker baby. Merry Christmas!  
Kaitlin

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good this year. I would like a hotwheels set and a rock collection. Merry Christmas.  
Austin

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good this year. I would like a pocket knife, backugon set, bee bee gun and 22 gun. Merry Christmas.  
Carson

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good this year. I would like an electric scooter, ipod, make up and guitar. Merry Christmas.  
Brooklyn

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good this year. I would like a buckagon, a baby, Wii Vedolla, a little puppy, and a Barbie. Merry Christmas. And a cat and I will be good and my fan he is good wev me. Hes name is austin and me cat and my dog and akren and a dog and a fone and a BS.  
Audry

Dear Santa, I bin vereee goob. I would like a guitar and a four wheeler also a set of drums. Merry Christmas. No yeah, I also want the littliest pet shop. Thanks. Ashley Neel

Dear Santa, 1. How are you? 2. I have been good this year. 3. I would like a iPod 9. 4. puppy, computer and a IPiano. Merry Christmas. And a syocle are 5 and a neckles blue weth rgl's and a CK ran that is gold and 2 bos.  
Aaliyah

Dear Santa, I've been good good good. I wish I could have lc 652 yi gi oh cards and Poke-man cards.  
Darcy DK

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want a PSP A PSP 2 games and a DR + Biako. Your Friend,  
Kevin

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. I want for Christmas is a electric skoter and a PSP I also want an invitation signed by Miley Cyrus. You can get this from Walmart. You are a card. Your friend,  
Deff

Dear Santa, I bent god at skool for Chretmas. I wot a DS 1ghc and a skat bord and a krestl bakugar and the new Movie UV Bolkudan Your Friend,  
Jose Aguliar

Dear Santa, I've been good this year could you please bring me a basket ball and a ladder. Your friend,  
Joe

Dear Santa, I've been good for. Christmas I. want for Troy. To visit us he is my. Brother Thak. You f my Barbie. Love Stormie

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. I want a PSP and a baby alive a cyayonmaker aand a barie doll. A bike. And a doll hose A pool. And my sister she wants a mp3 player. Your friend

Lateesa Taylor  
Mrs. Luberto  
Second Grade

Dear Santa, for Christmas, I would like a DS Gameboy. Love, Bennett

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a Wii. Wil Ms. Manahan's Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like it if you could bring me a xbox 360, bike,

Boat and a Harry Potter book. And how is Mrs. Clause doin? I hope you eat cookies because they are espsholy for you. Save some for Mrs. Clause and leave some for the pets. From Charley Carter.

Dear Santa, I would really love it if you could bring me a PSP or a leather coat. How is Mrs. Clause. Please give my dog a treat. Sincerely,  
Damien Freeman

Dear Santa, How does cookies taste? I'd really love it if you can bring me a nintendo ds. A book, yugiOh. 50s, cards for Christmas. How are your elves and raindeer. Are your raindeers under control? Your Pal,  
Dajion Penamon

Dear Santa, How are you? Tell Miss Clause I said hi. I would like a DS gamne like a bobby one. And a Wii whith some games. What I really want is a zhu zhu pet. Say hi to the elves for me. Hope you like everybodys cookies. I hope you have a good Christmas. I will set out rangdeer food. Hope you make it around the world safe. Don't get too cold. Love  
Angel Hemming

Dear Santa, I would like for Christmas is DSP, bear toy. You are the Best man ever. I love you a lot. And I may make you some cookies. And I want to ask you how Mrs. Santa now doing. Tell her that I sed Hay and I will be a good girl for you. Can you bring one of your elf to help bring gif around., Love  
TeTe

Dear Santa, Want I want for Christmas is some vidio games, a computer and a air soft vest to hold my bullets and mags. Sincerely,  
Landen Abel

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a Nintendo DS and Nintendo DS and the new connect four and the new white bop it and games that you can play on your tv and new shoes and more shirts.  
Audrianna

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a Wii, a pet turtle, a giant aquarium, turtle food, aquarium accesories, Mario super sligers the wii game and fifa 2010 soccer wii game and that's what I would like for christmas. Sincerely,  
Allie Zingarelli

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I want to have a Nintindo DS I, techdecks, a Labtop and most of all another PlanB skate-

board. I want these because I have wanted these for a long time. The plan b skateboard send it whith a full set at least. Sincerely,  
Andrew p.s. The other kids don't listen to them

Dear, Santa I want all new airssoft gun a mask a pistol and some BBs for the guns. I would like a guitar most of all an and all the harry potter books a new skate board spy gear 360 some new teckdecks a rampto go with the teckdecks a starter that works on my cool forewheeler you got me last year. Thank you Santa. Love,  
Lucas

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is guitar hero the game a guitar for gut a hero, a four weller and drums for guitar hero. From  
Kobe

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is a wii, bike, DSi, Spy kit, Phone, babydoll, Pool, Cool Cloths in the world, barbie doll, barbie doll car, barbie doll house with all the thing in it, money, baby doll clothes, a real reindeer, to snow, and that is what I want for Christmas Mia

Dear Santa, What I want forn Christmas is a play station 3 with gitaur hero world tour. With a camra case. Merry Christmas, Madison

Dear Santa, This Christmas will be great! I've already got my Christmas tree up and presents under it. I love Christmas so much! This year, if you can will you bring me a fourwealler. It would mean so much to me if you could. Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas. Sincerely,  
Faith Sapp

Dear Santa, This year I want a flexgame, P.S.P, and a Mario and Sonic at the Olympic winter games for wii. Do the elves like Mrs. Clause's cookies? Can you make it snow in Apalach? Sincerely,  
Ethan M

Dear Sata, I want a xbox 360 with reastentevle 5 and Left for Dead two and Yugow cards And a scoter and a toy hake bike.  
Austin P

Dear Santa, Santa I want a big Christmas and a good Christmas dinner. I also want more school pance. I want a weller for Christmas.  
Christy

Dear Santa, Hi Santa. Do you know what I want for Christmas? OK what I want for Christmas is a dis I. Senserly,  
Simon

Dear Santa I want a dirt bike for Christmas and a four wheeler so I can go mudding in the ditches And a gas powered remote controlled truck so I can do something in the yard and when Jack is outside I will chase him around And in my stocking I want to thing and that would be bakuagauns and ugio cards and it better be a lot. Ethan V.  
Ms. Lee's Fourth Grade, ABC School

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope you are doing gud. If you are wondering, if I am doing good. I want a ew baty. I want a big doll bic bic tow I hau haw tow taid.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope you are OK. I have been good. I fixed the drums when Morgan asked me too. I want a Nentendo I and a game boy and a play station and a xbox 360. Thank you Santa From  
K.W. Newell.

Dear Santa, I love you. How are you doing? I hope you are doing good. I rille wont to see you. So, so, so bad! Santa, have I been bad or not? I want an electric guitar with an amp built inside of it. With a peace sign pick. I wish for a bird so so so much. Thack you Santa. From,  
Kelsey Griffin

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing well. How are the elves? Santa do you call this nice or good...sharing my sister's DS? I usually play it for 40 minits my sister plays foran hour. But I don't mide. I usally watch TV. Oh and I want a lot of toys but you probbly arereally know some of them. Heres one that you don't know, a Drum set and the sticks. Thank you Santa. From  
Gillian Terhune.

Dear Santa, Howe are you doing? I hope the elves are doing a lot of wrke. Keep up the good wrke. I will see you soon. Do good very good. I want a Wii and a vedeo gamra. Thank you good bye by the way my name is Bradlee Cain Lee

Dear Santa, How row you doweg? I been good. I been helping clening. I wont a Nintendo DS. J'necio Penamona

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hop you are doing good. I have ben good. I ben healing my mom. I want a new bike my wheel on my bike stops and wont go.  
Coay Cassidy

Dear Santa, How have you been? I hope your elves can make a Wii DS, text phone, Nintendo, Labtop, Pocket Pockey and dirt bike. Love  
Donna Moore

Dear Santa, How are you and your elves? I want a Wii, bounce ball and nintendo 64. Love  
Mitchell

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Madison Mcanay. How are your elves? I think pretty good. I wish I can see you Santa. I like your song Rudolph the red nose reindeer had a very Shiny nose and if you every saw him OK. That's all I'm going to say right now. Thak you Santa and I want a Michael Jackson CD. By Santa

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. What I would like for Christmas is a Nintendo I, golf cart,

gocart and, a keyboard P.S.P. Love,  
Coulter, Madison

Dear Santa, How are you doing. I would like to thank you. And I would like an Nintendo, and my dog little mama too, And a bike, and a pony. Love Brindlin Monroe.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope you are not sick and how are your reindeers doing? I hope they are not sick either. I would like a PSP and a bike, a dog and PSP games. Love  
Peyton Millender

Dear Santa, How are you doing is the elvs and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? And I want a teacup dog and a doll. I have been extremely nice. Your friend, Casey Riley.

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? Are the reindeer okay? I have been awsomey good. I would like a cell phone and some more PSP games. I really want you to come. Enjoy the milk and cookies. One of your favorites,  
Jessica Rudd

Dear Santa, I hope that you and Mrs. Claus are okay. I know that my brother and I fight a lot but I want the new bakugan video game with the Naga ball, Spore hero arena video game, Maxus draganoid, bike. And I want Mario carl. Your favorite,  
Mikalin R. Huckeba

Dear Santa, How are you and mrs. Claus. I have been realy good. This year for Chrissmess I want a pink Nintendo DSi and a thruth or scare game And the move mall cop for my p.s.p Your friend,  
Aracely G.

Dear Santa. I been very good this year. How is Rudolph the red nose reindeer and comit, blitsan, kuped, doner, dasher, prancer and all the other raindeer even Mrs. Claus and all the elves. Love your fan, Scottier. Ps. I want a pray station 3 p.s.s How are yall doing in the nort pole. Ps.s.s. I think you looked cool when you where a kid.

Dear Santa, How are you doing at the "North Pole" I'm a great kid. You too! Mrs. Claus how are you doing? I've been extremely good. I would like a Nintendo DSi and a bike. Sincerely, Your Star  
Beyla W.

Dear Santa, How are you? I'd like a guitar and a pink Nintendo DSi and take some lipstick and my guitar picks (pink) and put them in my stocking. Yours truly, Makenzie Grace Shuman PS. I You.

Dear Santa, How are you doing at the North Pole. I have been really good this year. What I would like for Christmas is a Nintendo DSi, Dell mini laptop, Holiday barbie doll and more. Your friend, Hannah Hogan

Dear Santa, Will you bring me a droid that makes panckaes and a new dog and a lot of PSP games I hope that all reindeer

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are filling fine. Your friend,  
Duncan W.

Dear Santa, How are you doing in the north pole. How are your reindeer now. I've been extremely good this year for Christmas. I want a raindeer and a DS and a nother controler. Sinsely Drawen

Dear Santa, Is everything OK? Are you cold? If you are I will send you a coat. All I want for Christmas is a Wii and a basketball. Love, your friend,  
Colby Boatwright

Dear Santa, How are you and your elves and the reindeers and Mrs. Claus? I hope it is not cold out there at the North pole. I like your song Rudolph the red nose reindeer. I would like to have a pony. Love,  
Taylor Messer

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. How are you and elfs, Miss Clause also the raindeer doing this year. I hope you are. I want a bike, dog, forwealer. A hole seat of big bakugonbut I want 75ogs bakugonsanda picture of the new D.A.R.E. car.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want to thank you for giving us anything we want without anything in return except cookies. So thank you. Love,  
Fisher.

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I hope Mrs. Claus havent fede you to much food. I am going to fede you some cookis and milk so I hope you can get me halo3 xbox 360. Love, Jamesh

Dear Santa, I hope Mrs. Claus did not feed you too much so you do not have a stomach ache. Because I have been so good I should get something. I want a new bike and a dirtbike, a new bow, a new play station game and a tweny gadge. You frien Jonathan Ham Ps. I will talk to you later.

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good in class but sometimes good and bad on the bus. I hope Mrs. Claus is feeling good. I hope all your reindeer are feeling good too, especially Rudolph. But you know that. I want 4 things for Christmas 1. Nintendo DS games, 2. Wii, 3. Nitro Scooter and 4. reindeer. Love, Bad Brad

Dear Santa, How are you these days. Is the North Pole fun? I really wish I could meet you very much. I been very good just for you. So how is Mrs. Claus. Is she feeding you

way to much. She probably is. I'd like to tell you that I have been very nice to pretty much all my friend. I



like a bike and a DSI. See you soon Santa Claus. Sincely,  
Autumn S. Nichols.

Dear Santa, All I want for christmas is a nintendo DSI and a game called truth or square. Sincerrly Edgar Ceron. Tell Mrs. Claus I said hello. And don't let Mrs. Claus to not feed you too much. Edgar Ceron

Dear Santa, I want a electric getar. I also want a skatebord and a ring with red rubies inside of it. I wish I have a nintindo dsi that comes with games and a camara. Pace, Abbielle Shirley

Dear Santa, How have you been doing up there? I've been doing very good down here. I would like a game boy and a pair of shoes. Sincerely, Faith your butterfly

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus feeding you too much, exspley the reindeer? Ow and I have been good. I would like wii game a wii and suiggey. Love, Your big man,  
Hunter Kelley

Dear Santa, How are you and the Elvs and Mrs. Claus? And I know you do not get any gift. I been so good and will I get a gift from you Santa. And I am doing so good now and I no made some good gards now so when I get my gift I no I get my gift. Your friend McKenzie Linville

Santa, I hope you come to my house. I have been good this year for christmas. I want a bike and a pink one. I Love christmas. Your friend,  
Morgan Ray

Dear Santa, How are you doing these days. I hope your good. I wish I could tell you that I've been nice to my little brother but I can't. Well anyways for Christmas I want a nintendo DSI. A fish aquarium with fish in it and a Wii. Well good bye for now. Love, Haleigh Mann

Dear Santa, How are you doing in the North Pole. I hope Mrs. Claus hasn't fed you to much food. That will be bad. I would like a Nitro Scooter, DS game, Play Station game. Your friend,  
Ethan Riley

Dear Santa, How are you doing. I've been on and off. Hi Mrs. Claus. I hope you didn't fill santa up. What's up reindeer!! I want a giant house for my dad. A video camra. Love, Your friend, Kiana

Dear Santa: I have tried to be good. Would you please bring a Teddy bear. I love you Santa and Ms. Claus  
Brooklyn

Dear Santa: I have tried to be good. Would you please bring steecher.  
Bryce

Dear Santa: I have tried to be good. Would you please bring a bacagon. I love you Santa and Ms. Claus  
Kyler

Dear Santa: I have tried to be good. Would you please bring me bocongondii  
Rachel

Dear Santa: I have tried to be good. Would you please bring me wrestling. I love you Santa and Ms. Claus  
Dylan  
*Barbara Bloodworth's Kindergarten*

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a thumb Mrs. Ruby will let me suck. I want my own cell phone so I can call Ashley and Amber. I want some toys too.  
Love,  
Adam

Dear Santa: I want a power ranger suit and my own set of cards, a power ranger shooter that shoots out air, and a Ninja toy, and I want a four wheeler and a pumpkin to carve.  
Love,  
Zack

Dear Santa: I want a Hello Kitty doll. Can you do a Tinkerbell and her friends Dress up clothes and a Michael Jackson CD? A Michael Jackson doll, too, and a tinkerbell doll - A big Tinkerbell doll.  
I love you!  
Love,  
Ava McAnally

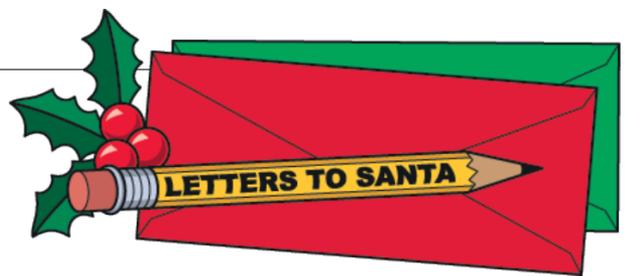
Dear Santa: I want 2 toy airplanes and 2 toy elevators with batteries in them. I want me a toy Christmas tree. I have been good this year, I do what my mama says.  
Love,  
Michael

Dear Santa: I want a Barbie cowgirl. Some make-up, some candy and hairspray. I have been good this year! I love you!  
Love,  
Kimberly

Dear Santa: I love you! I want a monster truck and a remote control. I have been good this year!  
Love,  
Ashton

Dear Santa: I want to have a Barbie House with an elevator! And I want a Barbie game and I want a Hannah Montana Dress up clothes and a Hannah Montana DVD player and my own computer and some Hannah Montana cards!  
Love,  
Hayley

Dear Santa: I am thankful for my mom



and dad and Santa. For Christmas I want a four wheeler and some high heels.  
Love,  
Kristen

Dear Santa: I want to a remote control monster truck. I don't need a lot of toys cause I make a mess with them.  
Love,  
Clayton

Dear Santa: I want a big Barbie Doll, a Nintendo DS, and a XBOX 360, and a IPOD, some White out like Mrs. Broker's, a camera for my DS, Some paint and paper to paint on, some paintbrushes too. A big huge Barbie Doll.  
Love,  
Ariel

Dear Santa Claus: I want a teddy bear and a bus with guys in it, my old one tore up. I want a book about Teddy Bears. I have been good this year.  
Love,  
Chandler

Dear Santa Claus" I want a Nintendo DS, a Barbie House that has an elevator, a game for my Nintendo DS - sponge bob and Hannah Montana, a Hannah Montana Dress, and a computer with games like we have at school. I want letters like at school, too. I want a calendar, too.  
Love,  
Kylee Grace Smith

Dear Santa Claus: I want a big tea party, and I want a Hannah Montana Computer and a toy dog, and a big, big Barbie doll house with two elevators and a big, big stuffed-up Mickey Mouse animal.  
Love,  
Kristen

Dear Santa: I hope you have a good vacation because I will like to say hi to the raindeers and santa. I will want a Wii and game boy game.  
Your friend,  
Hunter Anderson

Dear Santa: I hope your elves are doing a good job. In the morning I will give you a class of milk and a couple of cookies. For you. I want a Wii for Christmas remote control truck.  
I love you Santa.  
Your friend,  
Hunter Anderson

Dear Santa: I hope you feel better now. You are my favorite one. I want a Tony Hawk bike and a Tony Hawk skateboard and a laptop.  
Your friend,  
Jimmy Square

Dear Santa: I will leave you a donut and coffee. I hope you feel good. I want a bike and a dirt bike.  
Your friend,  
Tommy Gragg

Dear Santa: I hope that you are doing good. I've been good all year. I want a P.S.P and a new xbox360. I will leave you a donut and a cup of juice.  
Your friend,  
Jason White

Dear Santa: On Christmas Eve I'll leave our some cookies and milk for you. Will you tell that elves that I said hey. I want a bike for Christmas, a laptop and a cupcake baker. I have been good Santa.  
Your friend,  
Shaylen Langley

Dear Santa: I have been trying to be good this year. What I want for Christmas is a new bike that is a beachcruiser. That is yellow. I will leave you some home made baked chocolate chip cookies and a fresh glass of white milk. Say hey to your helpers.  
Your friend,  
Chloe Owens

Dear Santa: I hope you and your elves and your reindeers are feeling good. I will leave you milk and cookies. I've been good this year.  
May I have an ipod. May I have a DS game, May I have another set of clothes for my build a bear.  
Love,  
Amber Francis

Dear Santa: I hope Rudolph will guide your sleigh tonight. I want some Barbies. Have a good night.  
Your friend,  
Aleyah

Dear Santa: I hope you and your elves are feeling great. I left you some cookies and a glass of milk and a little candy cane for Christmas. I would please like a wii and a fake puppy.  
Your friend,  
Chasity Ard

Dear Santa: I hope you are feeling up to flying your sleigh this year. Tell the elves I said hi. I will leave some cereal for your reindeer. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I want a guitarhero and a bible. I have been good.  
Your friend,  
Rosie Davis

Dear Santa: I've been trying to be good.

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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From the staff at the



David, Lois, Tim, Despina, Kathy, Kari, Gail, & Joel



Happy Holidays!  
From,  
The Staff at  
**Taylor's**  
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When you come I'll set cookies and milk out for you. I'll give you the recipe book. I hope you will give me good presents. I love you Santa.

Your friend,  
Stephen Smith

Dear Santa:

I hope you are doing good. When you come I am leaving cookies out for you. Also, may I have some night vision goggles and a nerf gun that is long, the color blue and has 35 darts.

Your friend,  
Drake Stanley

Dear Santa:

I would like a PSP and games and a Ba Kugon Gotlet and Seven in One Max's Dragonoid and a G.I. Joe for Christmas.

Your friend,  
love Michael

Dear Santa:

I hope you have good vacation because I will like to say hi to the raindeers and Santa I will want a Wii and Wii and game boy game.

Your friend,  
Hunter Anderson



Dear Santa:

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christimas. Please bring me a go-cart that goes 20 mph. I would like a crossbow to use to go hunting. Please bring my mom something nice. Please bring toys to needy children. Thank you Santa.

Your friend,  
Logan

Dear Santa:

Please bring my momma a ring. My sister would like a baby doll. Santa I've been a sweet girl. Even my teacher says so. So could you please bring me some makeup and a stroller for my baby doll. My brother would like a skateboard.

Alexis Aponte  
Ms. White's 1st grade

Dear Santa:

I've been a good boy. Please bring me a big truck. Please bring my mom something and if you don't mind bring my sister something too.

Thank you Santa.  
Christopher

Dear Santa:

My name is Christian. I am in first grade. I am 6 years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been \_\_\_\_\_ this year. I will leave cookies and milk.

Christian

Dear Santa:

My name is Cheyenne. I am in first grade. I am six years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I want a tea set.

I want Barbie. I will leave cookies and milk.  
Cheyenne

Dear Santa:  
My name is

Camron. I am in 1st grade. I am seven years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I want ke-gogroshe. Legostarwars. Lego Spiderman. I will leave cookies and milk.

Camron

Dear Santa:

My name is Jasmine. I am in 1st grade. I am seven years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like a Barbie. I will leave cookies and milk.

Jasmine

Dear Santa:

My name is Hayley. I am in first grade. I am 8 years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk.

Hayley

Dear Santa:

My name is Alexis. I am in 1st grade. I am 8 years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like a guitar, Nintendo Ds, playhouse. I will leave cookies and milk.

Alexis

Dear Santa:

My name is Cole. I am in first grade. I am seven years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like a laptop. I will leave cookies and milk.

Cole

Dear Santa:

My name is Charlee. I am in first grade. I am eight years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like a laptop. I will leave cookies and milk.

Charlee

Dear Santa:

My name is Caden. I am in first grade. I am seven years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like legos.

Caden

Dear Santa:

My name is Rayna. I am in first grade. I am seven years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like money. I want money and more money. I want a Barbie grill. I want a hoppe. I will leave cookies and milk.

Rayna

Dear Santa:

My name is Malia. I am in first grade. I am 6 years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like a flower, a braceley, a [paint brush, a Barbie mansion, a black and pumpkin bike. I will leave cookies and milk.

Malia

Dear Santa:

My name is Chyenne. I am in first grade. I am six years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like a Barbie house. I will leave cookies and milk.

Cheyenne S.

Dear Santa:

My name is Tony. I am in 1st grade. I am 7 years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I want a bike and an xbox. I will leave cookies and milk.

Charlee

Dear Santa:

My name is Trey. I am in first grade. I am 7 years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like a fourwheeler. I will leave cookies and milk.

Trey

Dear Santa:

My name is Krystina. I am in 1st grade. I am 6 years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like a baby doll, Barbie motorcycle, bicycle for me and a puppy. I will leave cookies and milk.

Krystina

Dear Santa:

My name is Holly. I am in 1st grade. I am 6 years old. How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I have been good this year. I would like a ipod, computer. I will leave cookies and milk.

Holly



Dear Santa:

I wish for a real horse. I deserve a horse beclus I have been good. And I love horses.

Your friend,  
Sadie

Dear Santa:

I want a toy bumblebee. I want a yellow and black striped transformer. The stripes go right over the top of the car. I was good because I helped people.

Your friend,  
Isaiah

Dear Santa:

I want a Nintendo Ds. I want a cell phone and computer. I have been good and I helped my family.

Your friend,  
Krista

Dear Santa:

I would like a Nintendo Ds. I would like a trampoline and a laptop. I was helping Grandma get ingredients for anything she cooks.

Your friend,  
Summer C.

Dear Santa:

I love you today so much. I want a Ds for also Christmas and a doll. I like all those things and I have been good.

Your friend,  
Tristin

Dear Santa:

I want makeup set for Christmas Day. I love my family. I also want clothes and shoes. I have been very good for my family and my cousins.

Your friend,  
Morgan

Dear Santa:

I want a black Nintendo DSI with a red and black nerf case and a charger pack. I also want a wii with wii games and controller. I want a black floty with a good signal. I want a black trampoline with steel rails because I've helped everybody and my family and my teacher.

Your friend,  
Keondre

Dear Santa:

I would like a Wii and Rabbits Go Home video game. My sister and I like Wii games. I have been good all year.

Your friend,  
Tommy

Dear Santa:

I want a guitar for Christmas. I also want a puppy. Lat I would like a pair of drums that are real. These are cool things and I have been good.

Your friend,  
Lexi Erickson

Dear Santa:

I want a little laptop for my Nickelodeon that is green and orange. I want a buch of little hot wheels. I have been very good for everybody.

Your friend,  
Zander

Dear Santa:

I want a dip and dot set and some ice cream. Then I want a paint set and 80 markers. I have

been nice to my mom and dad.  
Your friend,  
Shelby

Dear Santa:

I want a red bicycle. I also want a red nosed puppy. I have been good for my daddy.

Your friend,  
Madison

Dear Santa:

I want Star Wars the Clone wars and jars of Star Wars legos (10,000) Pakugan and one blue one I saw at Walmart. I want a motorcycle that has a 2 on it. I will set out cookies and milk for you.

Your friend,  
Jesse

Dear Santa:

I would like a toy remote control truck with blue rims. I also want a Wii for Christmas and a book collection. I have been good I think and I like this stuff.

Your friend,  
Kyron

Mrs. Ford's letters



Dear Santa:

How are you? I am fine. I want a doll for Christmas. I have been this year!

Love,  
Theresa

Dear Santa:

How is Rudy and the reindeer. I have been good this year and I want moon sand.

Love,  
Haley Miller

Dear Santa:

I want a a fur real cat. How is Rudolph and the reindeers? What uis your favorite cookie?

Love,  
Katelyn Cox

Dear Santa:

How are you? My teacher says I'm smart. I want a Wii for Christmas.

Love,  
Jewayne O'Neal

Dear Santa:

How are you? I have been good this year. I want a Wii for Christmas.

Love,  
Stanley Gay

Dear Santa:

How are you? I have been good this year! I want Nintendo..

Love,  
Ashaurean Brown

Dear Santa:

How is Rudolph and the reindeers? I have been good this year. I want a puppy for Christmas.

Love,  
Leslie Escobar

Dear Santa:

How is Rudolph? I have been good this year. I want a four wheeler.

Love,  
Logan Freeman

Dear Santa:

How are you? I am good all ways. I want an xbox for Christmas.

Love,  
Wilson

Dear Santa:

How are you? I have been good this year. I want a DSI for Christmas.

Love,  
Caden Turrell

Dear Santa:

How is Rudolph and the reindeer? I want a PSP for Christmas. What is the North Pole like? I have been good this year.

Love,  
Jarvis Turrell

Dear Santa:

How are you? I have been good this year. My teacher says

I am smart. I want a dsi game for Christmas.  
Love,  
Kaylee Madison  
Hicks

Dear Santa:

What is the North Pole like? I have been good this year. I want a PSP for Christmas.

Love,  
Lyndsey Stiefell

Dear Santa:

How are you doing? My name is Vincent. I am in 2nd grade. I am 7 years old. I want a guitar for Christmas.

Love, your friend, Vincent.  
P.S. Stay safe on your sleigh.

Dear Santa:

How are you doing? My name is Cake and I am in 2nd grade. I want an electric dirt bike and I want a laptop computer. I can't wait to see you.

Love, your friend

Dear Santa Claus:

Are the reindeer OK from going into that snow? Hello Santa. My name is Faith Nickole Cooper. I am 8 years old. I need a little more DS games first. I need horses 2, cats 2 and dogs and pets nurseure. Ho! One more thing I need to say I love you Santa!

Dear Santa:

Are you ready for Christmas? I want an xbox360 and an electric guitar for Christmas. Be safe and you're my best friend.

From Maxwell.

Dear Santa:

Are you rade for Kismis? I want an xbox360 and an electric guitar for Kismis.

Fome Maxwell

Dear Santa:

Does the sun go away for a week? I would like for Christmas a toy motorcycle. Hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Love your friend,  
Levi

Dear Santa:

How do your rain deers fly Santa, can you get me a mind-flix santa, can you get me a bacolgon santa can you get me a goot gun and that's all

Love Tanner

Dear Santa:

Thank you for all the presents. I hope you like the cookies and the raindeers food. I really want a Wii. I am 7 years old and I love you Santa.

Love your friend,  
Krista

Dear Santa:

How are you doing in your workshop. Thank you for all you do. I would love an Xbox game and violin. I love music. You are a great person.

Love your friend,  
Hunter

Dear Santa:

My name is Hannah and I have been good. How are the raindeers. Keep up the hard work. Is Prancer doing good I hope. How are you doing. For Christmas I want a Play Station 2, Nintendo Ds, Phone and Merry Christmas Santa. The end.

Love your friend,  
Hannah Sweet

Dear Santa:

How are you? I am good. I hope you are good. I want a little pet shop a laptop and a phone. I am 8 years old and my name is summer.

Love your friend,  
Summer

Dear Santa:

How is it in the North Pole?

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My name is Savannah. I am 8 years old. And I'm in the 2nd grade. I want a littles pet shop lady bug for Christmas.  
Love your friend,  
Savannah Parker

Dear Santa:  
My name is Skyler and i am 8years old. How are your reindeer? I want a four wiler, pokit nife and toy car.  
Love your friend,  
Skyler

Dear Santa:  
How is Prancer doing? I'm being him in the Christmas play. I am 7. My name is Bailey. I want a reindeer. I want Prancer and a red rider BBgun.  
Love your friend,  
Bailey Herrington

Dear Santa:  
What is your favorite reindeer? My favorite reindeer is Dancer. I love the North Pole. It sound really fun. I'm ready for you to come to town. I want a guitar, skateboard, hair straightner and a Barbie doll.  
Love your friend,  
Alyssa Machelle Martina

Dear Santa:  
How is the North Pole? My name is Peyton and I am 8 in the 2nd grade. I went a puppy for Christmas and a hug from you.  
Love your friend,  
Peyton Chitty  
Ms. Moses First Grade Class



Dear Santa,  
All I want is a fake car.  
Love,  
Layla Danielle Chisholm

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like my own dog for Christmas.  
Thank you, Santa  
Karolynn Myers

Dear Santa,  
I want a bunk bed, a beard, a pellet rifle, and a rex helmet.  
Love,  
Lorne Eli Whaley



Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I want a car, a truck, and a four-wheeler. Real ones too!  
Love,  
Sean Anthony Nichols

Dear Santa,  
I am six. I wish for a real kitchen, a real oven, and real food all to myself. I want a four-wheeler that goes really fast. I want a baby alive. I want a big Barbie car.  
Love,  
Destanie Rose Proctor

Dear Santa,  
I want a Madden NFL 2010 game, and I want a college 2010 game. That is all I want.  
Love,  
Clinton Bailey Rester

Dear Santa,  
I want a four-wheeler, a big dog because Shadow ran away. I want a box of chocolate.  
Love,  
Patrick Landen Millender

Dear Santa,  
I want a four-wheeler, a deep-sea rod, and a rifle. I want a trolling motor for my boat and that is all!  
Love,  
Taylor Seth Kilgore



Dear Santa,  
I wish for plenty of toys and plenty of games!  
Love,  
William Blake Chastain

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a horse with a crown and I wish for a new brother. I wish for Miss Clause to get cookies. Santa, what do you want for Christmas? Will you want a new elf? I want a baby alive and a janitor set.  
Love,  
Tressie Rayne Edwards

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I will want toys and games and cool stuff. In wish for a college football game.  
Love,  
Kelson Tyler Smith

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I wish for a Barbie car, animals, gun, a camera, an ipod, easy bake oven, bike, a horse, a cat, and a dog.  
Love,  
Alaina Leigh Wilson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Star Wars Clone Wars game, a miniature dirt bike, a four-wheeler game, a mechanical airplane, a good

time with my family, a trampoline, a rifle, and a machine gun.  
Love,  
Brycin McCray Huckeba

Dear Santa,  
I am six. I want a Hannah Montana guitar and a golf cart. I have been good and I want to make a gingerbread man for you. I want a fake car and a hat just like you. I want everybody to have a good time.  
Love,  
Capri Sante Alaun Cargill

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, a horse so I can ride it, and a fish so I can fish. I wish for a Hannah Montana stage.  
Love,  
Marci Nichole Kelley



Dear Santa,  
How are you? Do you still like cookies and milk? Would you like something else to eat? Here is what I want for Christmas: an easy bake oven, DS games, a bike, a Wii, a tree house, DS pen, DS cover, a phone, pink computer, Hannah Montana back stage pass, golf cart, and a ipod. Have a Merry Christmas! P.S. can you get a doll for my little sister and a DS game for my little brother? Hope you and Mrs. Clause have a Merry Christmas!!! Thank You.

From:  
Ralahn Kent

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas: a James Bond game for my Xbox 360, Pokemon Ranger Shadows, Indiana Jones the Adventure continue, and a baby doll for my little sister. Hope you stay safe.  
Love,  
Jayden Justice

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How is Rudolph? Is there a lot of snow? I love snow even though

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# Rocking around the Apalachicola Bay School

The Chapman Auditorium was packed on Thursday when the students of the Apalachicola Bay Charter School performed in their annual holiday extravaganza.

Principal Don Hungerford, welcoming the crowd, remarked that next year, the program will probably be split into upper and lower grades because the auditorium, which accommodates 500 people, could not comfortably accommodate the parents and grandparents who flocked to see the student production.

Kudos to the school staff. In addition to presenting a fun and imaginative show, the logistics of changing sets and moving students on and off of the stage ran as smooth as clockwork.

The production, titled "Jingle All the Way," was built around Santa, played by Derone Philpotts, who had lost his Christmas jingle. While he search for the holiday spirit, aided by Mrs. Claus, played by Eve Bond and a herd of elves and reindeer, a group of children, on their way to visit the jolly old elf, were wandering lost in the polar reaches without Santa's jingle to guide them, to him.

In the end, after a great deal of singing, dancing and cajoling, Santa perked up and the kids were able to locate the North Pole.

In the grand finale, the staff of the ABC School joined Santa and the lost children on stage for a romp around a troop of dancing Christmas Trees.

At the end of the show, Hungerford presented director Michelle Chambers with a bouquet of Christmas roses to thank her for her outstanding work in staging this Christmas miracle of organization. "A special thank you to Mr. Hungerford, Chimene Johnson, Gina Taranto, Brittany Creamer and Debra Elliott," Chambers said. "Also to all the parents, teachers, ABC school staff and all our little angles at the ABC School for all the hard work to make the ABC School play a big hit. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

— By Lois Swoboda



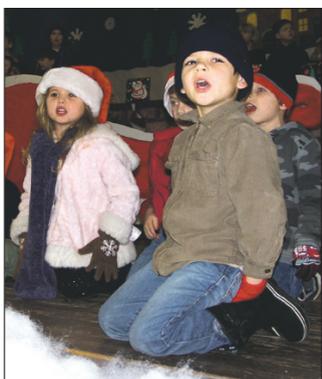
Principal Don Hungerford presents Michelle Chambers with a congratulatory bouquet during the finale of the Christmas Pageant flanked by Hunter Butler and Juliana Gay.



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Krista Kelly waits for her cue.



Eve Bond and Derone Philpotts as Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Jasmine Richards and Jeremy Shuler sing "Whatever Happened to Christmas?"

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## LETTERS from page A15

I've never seen it. This is what I want for Christmas: a PSP, Xbox360, paint ball gun, air soft gun, a mini computer, black berry storm phone, spy kit, nerf gun, walkie talkie, pokemon cards, last and most important my family.

From:  
Brock Shiver

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Is there a lot of snow? How are the reindeers? I would like a PSP and Xbox360. Please get a paint ball gun, an air soft gun, a light green mini computer, a black berry touch, spy kit with walkie-talkie to spy on my sister, a knife to cut stuff, and an air hockey table. Have a merry little Christmas

From:  
Elan Blitch

Dear Santa,  
How are you this year? How are the reindeers? How are the elves? How is Mrs. Clause? These are the things I want for Christmas: a DS with games, some transformer, some bakugan, pokemon cards, Yu'gioh cards, dark red mini computer, blackberry touch, eye-clops mini projector, and a mini DVD player.

From:  
Cade Juno

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. Will you give me a pocket rocket? Thank you for being so nice.

From:  
Talon Etheridge

Dear Santa,  
Will you give me a pocket rocket, which is a little dirt bike? I am going to make you the best cookies that you ever had. Merry Christmas! I love you Santa. Ho, Ho, Ho, form me...

From:  
Jathan Proctor

Dear Santa,  
I love your reindeer. How is Mrs. Clause and the elves doing? For Christmas I would like a DSI and a bike.

Thank you for the toys.  
From:  
Kimberly Turrell

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a green tree snake for Christmas? I love the present you give me. Most of all I want a green tree snake. I hope you have a safe trip.

From:  
Schuyler Donahoe

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all you do. For Christmas I want an Xbox360

and a DS rabbits 90 home game, I will put cookies and milk on my table for you.

From:  
Deontay Williams

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for Christmas. I love you Santa for all you do even for the toys. Thank you for all the toys. I wish I could get a black Xbox360, PSP, and a iphone for Christmas.

From:  
Maleek Moore

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph doing? For Christmas I want a pair of Sperry's, digital camera, and a electric scooter. I'm not going to be here for Christmas. I will be in Colorado! I hope Mrs. Clause decorated the tree nicely and I hope the elves are making some nice toys.

From:  
Alyssa Robinson

Dear Santa,  
I love you. How are the reindeers and how is Rudolph? How are you and the elves? Here is my wish list: I want a Ken doll, a real puppy, boy baby doll, and all the things I wished for.

Love,  
Adrian Pruet

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph doing? I want a Wii. a Nintendo DS, a robe with panda bears on it, littlest pet shop, and a house for my littlest pet shop.

From:  
Allison Register

Dear Santa,  
You know my birthday is on the 27th. I love you a lot. I want one of the bells off your sleigh. You are my best friend.

From:  
Kourtnee Henson

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How is Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Dasher, and Rudolph doing?

Did you know you are coming to our house early? I want a DSI, a phone, and more. I love you and you are my #1 fan. I want lots of things from you. I'm going to text you on the computer. Have a happy Merry Christmas! I love you xoxoxox.

From:  
Emily Hicks

Dear Santa,  
You know how you come once a year, I wish you could come more but I guess that won't happen any time soon. I been extra good this year so here is my list: pocket rocket, PSP, Wii fit, Bakugan, Max us-

dragonoid, bakugan Wii game, Wii sports resort, PSP games.

PS. Merry Christmas  
From:  
Matthew Gay  
Mrs. Herrington's Class

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a DSI for Christmas and a bike too. I hope you can get me a lot of things this year. If you can not get me a lot of things for me you are not going to be rich for me. Thank you, Santa,

Janacia

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a DSI and a Wii with games for Christmas. Thanks,

Alexus

Dear Santa, I want a Wii and a DSI for Christmas. I want a DSI and a Wii because I never had one of them and I would have a lot of fun playing on it. Thank you, from Kevin

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a DSI for Christmas.

Thank you, Sophia

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a DSI game for Christmas. I would like my little girl and my boy. I also would like Zhu Zhu pets and a Wii. Thank You Santa,

Love,  
Eva

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a guitar, drums, microphone, and a telescope. Thank you, From Matthew

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a X-Box360, a four-wheeler, a rip stick, and a bike with lights.

Thanks, Cole

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want most is Harry Potter and the Alf blood Prince. I also would like a DSI that and tell the elves I said hi.

Love, Phoenix

Dear Santa,  
This is all I want for Christmas: I want a Wii, the Wii Sports Resort and Drawn to life next Chapter Game. Thank you Santa,

Jaiden

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a DSI, Xbox, NFL football game, psp, a college football game, hunting game for my DSI, Wii, a bike,

silly sting, four-wheeler, a football, rick stick, visible ink, and money.

From Christopher Newell

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a Toy Story man Wii game and a dog. Mostly I would like my pa-pa to be hear with me and a golf cart.

Love, Hailey

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like my own dog for Christmas. Thank you, Santa

Karolynn Myers

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie play set that comes with a house.

Love,  
Sarah Segree

Dear Santa,  
I want a princess bike.

Love,  
Hannah Turner

Dear Santa,  
I want a pink Nintendo DS.

Love,  
Rebecca Shiver

Dear Santa,  
I want a Bee Bee gun.

Love,  
Clay Cogurn

Dear Santa,  
I want a ceiling fan.

Love,  
Jerymiah Stephens

Dear Santa,  
I want a hoe wheel airplane. I want a new pet dog and cat.

Love,  
Dominic

Dear Santa,  
I want a spider man dirt bike.

Love,  
Logan Ray Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a real puppy and a Sponge Bob video game.

Love,  
Kevin Burch

Dear Santa,  
I want a fake shotgun.

Love,  
Christian

Dear Santa,  
I want Barbie Dolls.

Love,  
Annie Smith

Dear Santa,  
I Want a Barbie Doll and a four-wheeler.

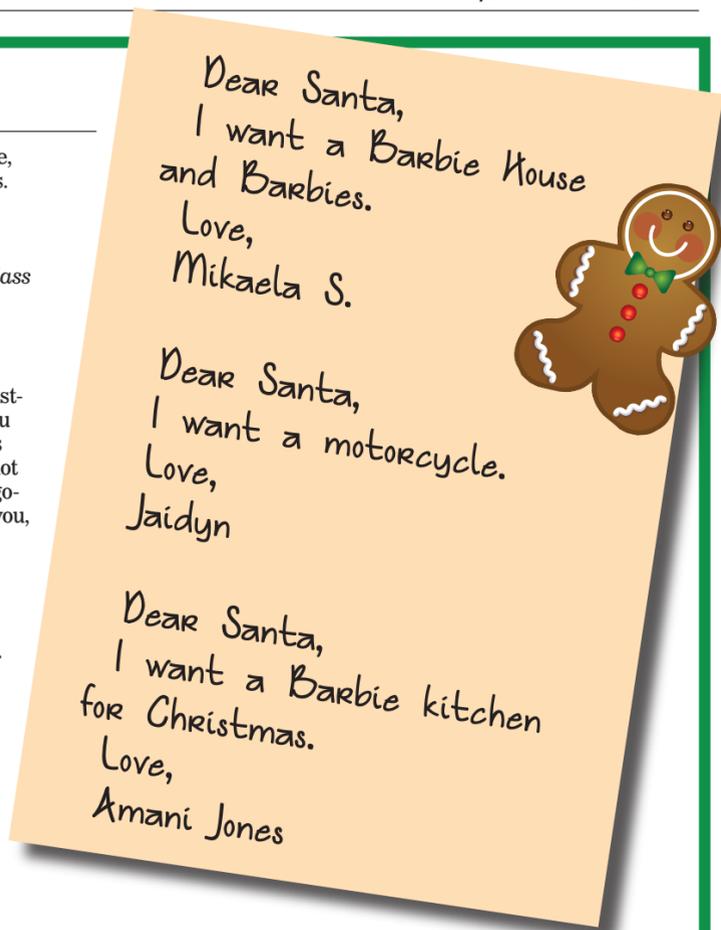
Love,  
Aiyanstar Watkins

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike, pocket rocket, and a guitar.

Love,  
Larry Winchester

Dear Santa,  
I want a jet pack so I can fly.

Love,  
Jorden  
Patricia Dempsey Class



# Franklin County School says 'Let It Be Christmas'

Special to the Times

A packed cafeteria enjoyed the Franklin County Elementary School's annual Christmas program Dec. 15.

Narrators included Conner Mathes, Scout Segree, Abby Harris, Chelsea Register, Adriana Butler, Alex Erickson, Rosie Davis, Tonner Segree, Sallie Paul, Kimmie Boone, Sierra McAnally, Kayla Pilger, and Beyla Walker.

After the Kindergarten led everyone in "The Pledge of Allegiance" and "Star Spangled Banner," the school kids performed "Let It Be Christmas," the theme of the program, with Beyla Walker as soloist.

The Kindergarten classes than did "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer," "Jingle Bells," "Must Be Santa," "Mary Had a Baby," and "Ten Little Angels."

Lynn Clark led everyone in a sing-along to "Jingle Bell Rock," followed by the first graders singing "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

Clark then led a sing-along to "Jingle Bells," followed by second graders singing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "Up on the Housetop."

Clark led another sing-along to "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," followed by the third grade performing "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

A sing-along of "Deck the Halls" followed, and then a rendition of "Have A Holly Jolly Christmas" by the fourth graders.

Clark led a sing-along to "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and then the fifth graders performed "O Holy Night" on the hand bells.

Clark led the audience in singing "Away In A Manger," and then three students sang "Silent Night," with Myranda McLeod as Mary and soloist, Trafton Shiver as Joseph and Sierra McAnally as the Angel.

A trio of expressive dancers, Natasia Robinson, Shine Pearson and Shontell Bass, then performed "Joy to the World."

The program closed with "Let It Be Christmas," with soloists Beyla Walker, Charles Petty and Melody Hatfield.

—By David Adlerstein



Kindergartners perform at the Franklin County Elementary School Christmas program.



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Santa Claus, escorted by Alex Monda, made a special trip to the Franklin County Elementary School Christmas program.



This little girl played the ukulele the Franklin County Elementary School Christmas program.



Helping to narrate the program at the Franklin County Elementary School Christmas program.

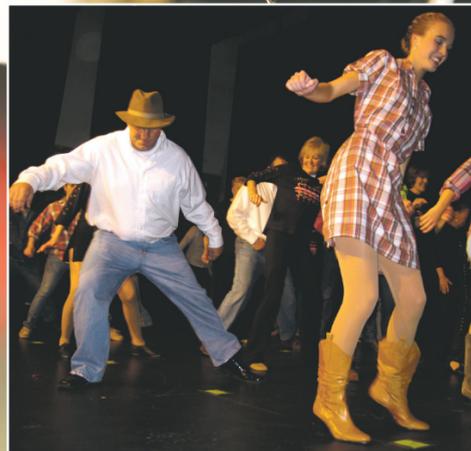
## NOBLES DANCERS BOOGIE WOOGIE CHRISTMAS JOY



Performing in the "Soldiers" number were Jayla Alley, Morgan Anderson, Adriana Butler, Holly Chambers, Holly Furr, Amber Henning, Hannah Hogan, Brooke Martina, Myranda McLeod, Brooke Moore, Chelsea Register, Alexis Segree and Mallorie Shiver.



Even the youngest dancers got into the spirit of the finale.



Performers with Santa's Sidesteppers and Stompers in "Boogie Woogie Choo Choo Train" included Seahawks Coach Josh Wright, left, and Megan Gannon, right.

### Special to The Times

Dancers from the Pam Nobles Studio brought joy and happiness to the Christmas season Dec. 17 at the Dixie Theatre in Apalachicola with their annual dance recital.

The recital, entitled "Boogie Woogie Christmas," once again featured the Hot Flashes, the adult women dancers, as well as the young girls, all bringing to life the beauty of Christmas.

Pam's mom, June Gray, did a solo tap dance with Santa, who arrived in Apalachicola courtesy of Bob Carrino, who also performed a number on guitar.

The youngest girls, Jamison Broker, Gracyn Paul, Mya Huckeba, Mackenzie King, Khali McNair and Olivia Poloronis, all performed, together with their moms.

Maranda Moses played a solo on violin, and Tamara Marsh sang a solo vocal. Smokey Parrish sang "White Christmas" while Sara Ward, a longtime student of Pam Nobles, danced a solo performance.

Highlighting the evening was the "Boogie Woogie Choo Choo Train" a line dance of assorted local talent named "Santa's Sidesteppers and Stompers."

— By David Adlerstein



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Members of the Hot Flashes dancing included Wanda Barfield, Alicia Bruno, June Gray, Linda Griffin, Linda Maloy, Pam Nobles, Patricia Perryman, Debby Ruffner, Rita Theis and Helen Wren.

## Franklin County bands sparkle at winter concert

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The Franklin County beginning and advanced bands, under the direction of Karl Lester, delighted an audience of family and friends Dec. 10 with a polished performance at the annual winter concert.

The beginning band, made up of freshmen who take an elective course, featured several students performing both seasonal and Christmas songs.

The first song "Au Claire de la Lune," was played by Troy Larkin on alto saxophone, Savannah Maples on trumpet and Shane Bellow on trombone.

The second, "Easy Street," featured Bailey Hamilton and Brittany Wilson on euphonium, Bradley Creamer on percussion and Faletta Davis on bells.

Clarinetists Haley Lemieux and Kendell Meyer performed "Country Walk," followed by "Merrily We Roll Along" played by Hunter Segree and Gerald Messer on clarinet, Bre Barrack on French horn, Jessica Schmidt on trumpet, Bryce Tobin on percussion and Sierra Shattuck on alto saxophone.

"Lightly Row" was performed by clarinetists Cayce Daniels and Rebecca Kearse, while "Good King Wenceslas" was played by trombonists Shameika Lake and Ricky Edgcomb, and trumpeters



Aaliyah West, left, plays trombone as Deanna Quick, right, performs on tenor saxophone.

Destiny Maples and Trenton Lee.

The beginning band concert closed with "Song of the Fjords" performed by flautist Savannah Alday and trumpeters Michael Lowe, Jared King and Lacey Hutchins; and "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," played by clarinetists Layne Gilbert and Jacob Montgomery.

The advanced band, which is a co-curricular offering that includes a class as well as after-school activity, began their concert with three selections by soloists, with Lester accompanying them on piano.

Macey Hunt played Ralph Guenter's "La Petite Dance" on flute, with Samantha Marxsen following with a flute solo to Forrest Buchtel's "Silver Sails." Stephanie Marxsen and

Carla Lewis then teamed up on clarinets to perform Leonard Hovey's "Andante and Waltz." The soloists then joined the entire band in performances of "Christmas Processional" and "Carol of the Bells," both by John Kinyon; "Angels We Have Heard on High" by Eric Osterling; and "Green Mountain Rhapsody" by Anne McGinty.

Members of the advanced band also include clarinetists Carli Hunt and Robyn Segree; Cheyenne Martin on alto saxophone; Deanna Quick on tenor saxophone; Mikael Lewis on French horn; Morgan Martin and Aaliyah West on euphonium; Damien Davis on tuba; and Will Collins and Cody Quick on percussion.



Stephanie Marxsen, left, and Carla Lewis perform a clarinet solo at the winter concert.



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Performing with the advanced band are, from right, Damien Davis on tuba; Rahkeim Pierce on euphonium (not shown) and Mikael Lewis on French horn.

## Births, Birthdays and WEDDINGS



### Ca'Layia Jones to turn 5

Ca'Layia Sedria Jones will celebrate her fifth birthday on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, 2009.

She is the daughter of Cedric and CoLela Jones, of Apalachicola, and big sister to Harmony Jones.

Maternal grandparents are Harrison and Bonnie Jones, of Apalachicola.

Paternal grandparents are Belinda Preston and the late James Daniels, of Albany, Ga.

Maternal great-grandparents are Eugene Russ and the late Lela Mae Russ, of Apalachicola, and Harrison and Louise Jones, of Albany.

Paternal great-grandparents are Dorothy Lions, of Bakerton, Ga., and Bennie Terry, of Jacksonville.

### Happy first birthday, Cassiddi



Cassiddi Lynn Stepro celebrated her first birthday on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009.

Cassiddi is the daughter of John and Latoya Stepro, of Carrabelle.

Cassiddi's grandparents are Diana Monroy, of Carrabelle, and Corkey Dykes, of Apalachicola; and Ray and

Sharon Creamer, of Apalachicola.

Cassiddi's great-grandparents are G.W. and Ruby Dykes, of Apalachicola, and Danny and Ada Zickefoose, of Panama City, and Joann Barber, of Biloxi, Miss.

Mommy and Daddy love you, Cassi Boo.

### Ruby Pelt born



Willie Pelt and Mary Rae Nowling, of Port St. Joe, are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ruby Alina Marie Pelt.

She was born Friday afternoon, Oct. 23, 2009, in Panama City.

She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has one sister, Shirah Pelt, 5.

Grandparents are William and Ruby

Aline Murry; Buster and Mary Pelt; and Kendell Shiver and the late Wayne Nowling.

Great-grandparents are Charles and Mary Lou King; Johnny and Jean Shiver and Kenneth Shiver; and the late Nance and Oley Dalton, and the later Ottis Russell.

Great-great-grandmother is Blanch Coldwell.

### Haley Lolley, T.C. McKenzie wed in Eastpoint



Haley Lolley, of Eastpoint, and T.C. McKenzie, of Medart, were married at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at the United Baptist Church, in Eastpoint.

The bride is the daughter of Derrick Lolley, of Eastpoint, and Nan and Terry Dowden, of Lanark Village, and is a graduate of Carrabelle High School.

The bridegroom, son of Jeannie McKenzie, of Medart, and Thomas McKenzie, of Carrabelle, graduated from Wakulla High School.

Taking part in the wedding ceremony were Lolley's two sons, Charles Carter, 8, and Bryson Carmichael, 4.

The newly married couple met at the correctional officer academy, and both are presently employed at the Franklin Correctional Institution.

## PET OF THE WEEK



### Bubbles

Bubbles, an 8-month-old orange and gray tabby cat, arrived at the Adoption Center at the end of March. She was adopted and returned because her owner could no longer care for her. Bubbles is a beautiful, sweet, affectionate girl waiting patiently for a loving home.

VOLUNTEERS are desperately needed to socialize Bubbles and all of the other dogs and cats. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Call Kam at 670-8417 for more details or visit the Franklin County Humane Society at 244 State Route 65 in Eastpoint. You may log onto the website at [www.forgottenpets.org](http://www.forgottenpets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets. remember, when you adopt a friend for life, you not only save the life of that pet, you make room for us to save the life of one more abandoned dog or cat!

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### Barnes completes Marine basic training

Christofer Paul Barnes, 19, a part-time resident of St. George Island, completed his 13-week recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., on Friday, Dec. 11.

He graduated with Platoon 1088 of Delta Company 1st Battalion.

Chris is the son of Larry and Patricia Hale, of St. George Island, and Neal and Jovanna Baines, of Flowery Branch, Ga.

He is the grandson of Jim and Vern Stefanko, of Eastpoint, and

Neal and Marsha Baines, Sr., of Snellville, Ga., and Tommy and Betty Hodges, of Cumming, Ga.

Chris' next step as a new Marine will be Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, N.C. and then on to study at the Army base in Fort Meade, Md. There he will take a three-month course at the joint command school for his military occupational specialty of public affairs.

Way to go Chris!



### 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.

### AA MEETINGS

#### Friday, Dec. 25

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.

#### Monday, Dec. 28

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.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 29

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.

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# First Baptist School puts Christ back in Christmas

The Christmas program at the Christian school in Apalachicola was filled with Scripture and joy.

On Dec. 10, the children of the First Baptist Christian School performed their Christmas program to a packed house. Over 100 people filled the church.

It was a traditional program beginning with a living Nativity scene. Mary was played by Kristie King, and Joseph was Terry Griner. They were surrounded by other students portraying angels, shepherds and Wise Men.

The congregation joined in to sing "Silent Night, Holy Night." Seventh grader Lloyd Smith performed solo on the guitar, and director Carline Kembro led the assembly in prayer.

The little church glittered with decorations including an 8-foot tree decorated in hand-made ornaments with a Christian theme.

Following the opening, each class performed a song and recited Scripture or poems to celebrate the season.

The children were a credit to their parents and their school. The play was well-organized and the children's performance drew enthusiastic applause. Congratulations to the students and staff of the Baptist School.

— By Lois Swoboda



Lloyd Smith performed "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "I Saw Three Ships" on the guitar.



Kindergartners Taylor Pendleton, Aubrie Thompson and Hanna Grace Abel, performed "Jingle Bells" with the K-3 class.



Kindergarten 4 performed "The Candy Cane." From left are Jacob Carroll, Eva Strickland, Carter Kembro, Ava Fowler, Avery Scott, Genesis Jones and Joshua Odum.



Preston McClain and Ashton Dalton jingled to the music.

Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

## Philaco holiday celebration spirited and spiritual

Special to the Times

Philaco's Christmas musicale highlighted the traditional side of Christmas.

Philaco's annual Christmas program, presented Dec. 10 for the senior citizens of the county featured two new additions this year.

A male quartet, Tom Adams, Randy Mims, Bedford Watkins and Merel Young, performed a medley of songs and a quintet of recorder players, Carol Harris, Hollie Stott, Adams, Mims, Young and played a pair of Renaissance tunes.

Maranda Moses performed on violin again and Lenny Ward was superb on the piano.

Ward and Bedford Watkins collaborated on a moving rendition of "Ave Maria."

The Philaco Chorus, under the leadership of Eugenia Watkins, sang hymns including "The First Nowell," "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" and "Ding Dong Merrily on High."

As in the past, the performance was given in Trinity Episcopal Church.

After the show, the audience of about 50 joined the performers in Benedict Hall for coffee, punch and wonderful treats of all kinds prepared by the ladies of Philaco.

— By Lois Swoboda



Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

The Philaco Chorus



A recorder is not just a recorder. The quintet that performed in the Philaco program demonstrated the sound of recorders from the petite soprano to the bug bass. From left the players are Merel Young, Randy Mims, Hollie Stott and Tom Adams.

## Church BRIEFS

### Island's First Baptist holds Candlelight Communion

The First Baptist Church of St. George Island, at 501 East Bayshore Drive, will hold a "Silent Candlelight Communion" service on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 927-2257.

### Lanark church hosts annual candlelight service

Lanark Community Church hosts its 39th annual Christmas Eve worship and cantata on Thursday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The choir will sing a cantata of traditional Christmas carols, accompanied by guest organist Susan Koth. The congregation will be invited to join in the singing for many of the beloved favorite carols.

The worship will conclude with a lighting of candles and the retelling of the Christmas story. Light refreshments will be served in the fel-

lowship hall on Spring Drive.

All residents and guests of Lanark and the surrounding area are invited to attend.

The church is located at the corner of Oak Street and Spring Drive in Lanark. For more information, call 850-544-3059 or e-mail to wcfc@live.com.

### Capital Area Red Cross holds annual blanket drive

The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross kicked off its seventh annual Blanket Drive back in November and is looking for your help to make this year's Blanket Drive a success.

The chapter is soliciting help from the local community, organizations, schools, places of worship, businesses and other groups to donate new twin-size blankets through Dec. 31. These blankets will be used to warm and comfort the elderly, and families suffering from home fires, throughout Florida's Big Bend

Region this winter.

You can help by collecting and donating new twin size blankets. Blankets can be dropped off at the new Capital Area Chapter headquarters, 1115 Easterwood Drive Tallahassee, FL 32311. You can also help by making a financial donation toward the purchase of new blankets, or by volunteering. Please contact the Capital Area Chapter at 850-878-6080 for more information.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization, not a government agency, and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

For more information, please visit [www.TallyRedCross.org](http://www.TallyRedCross.org) or join the organization's blog.

## CARD OF THANKS

### Carrabelle Food Pantry

Thanks to the community from the Carrabelle Food Pantry. The citizens of Carrabelle have given abundantly to the Food Pantry. Many individuals and businesses have given their time, clothing, toys, food and funds to help those in need this Christmas.

Thanks to the City and County Commissioners, United Way, Carrabelle Cares, Dockside Marina, the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion, the members of the American Legion Post 82, the IGA, the Gulf State Community Bank, the Carrabelle churches, Franklin's Promise, the Fire Department, the Forestry Department, and Franklin C.I.

Special thanks to Ken and Linda at Hog Wild, not only for their contributions during the holidays, but also for their generous gifts of food throughout the year during times of community bereavement.

From those of us who work with the Food Pantry, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

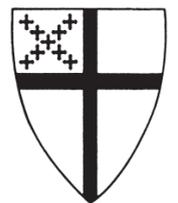
Sincerely,  
Pastor Julie Stephens

### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



WELCOMES YOU  
**Church of the Ascension**  
101 NE First Street  
Carrabelle  
**SUNDAY 10:00 AM**

### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU



**Trinity**  
EST. 1836  
Hwy. 98 & 6th St.  
Apalachicola  
SUNDAY: 8:00 AM 10:30 AM  
LIBRARY HOURS:  
SUNDAY 12:00 - 2:00 PM  
MONDAY 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY 12:00 - 2:00 PM  
THURSDAY 3:30 - 5:30 PM

### First Pentecostal Holiness Church

379 Brownsville Road • Apalachicola

We're excited about what God's doing!!!

Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship	10:45 am
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Monday, Youth Group	6:30 pm
Wednesday, Royal Rangers, G.A.P.	7:00 pm
Wednesday Worship & Word	7:30 pm

Nursery Provided during regular church services

### St. Patrick Catholic Church

Ave C & Sixth Street in Apalachicola, FL 32329 or The Islander (Across from the Blue Parrot) on St. George Island, FL 32328

(850) 653-9453 • Email: [stpatcath@fairpoint.net](mailto:stpatcath@fairpoint.net)  
PASTOR: FATHER ROGER LATOSYNSKI  
[www.stpatricksmass.com](http://www.stpatricksmass.com)

APALACHICOLA MASS SCHEDULE	
SATURDAY	5 PM
SUNDAY	10 AM
ST. GEORGE ISLAND MASS SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	8:30 AM

## The United Methodist Churches of Franklin County Welcome You

### First United Methodist Church of Apalachicola

Worship Service 11:00 a.m. every Sunday  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
75 5th St. Apalachicola - 653-9530 - [fumcapalach@gtcom.net](mailto:fumcapalach@gtcom.net)  
Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis

### Carrabelle United Methodist Church

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

### Eastpoint United Methodist Church

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

### St. George Island United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Service  
10:00 a.m. Worship Hour  
201 E. Gulf Beach Dr. 927- 4635 [www.sgiuimc.org](http://www.sgiuimc.org)  
Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis

## Sheriff's REPORT

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

Services (FLDOACS). All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### Dec. 15

Heather M. Mahon, 35, Apalachicola, failure to appear (FCSO)  
Robert S. Martin, 37, Carrabelle, withholding child support (FCSO)

### Dec. 20

Amber M. Branch, 30, Eastpoint, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

## Law BRIEFS

### Troopers to conduct vehicle inspections

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

Thursday, Dec. 24 through Thursday, Dec. 31: State Route 30, SR 30A, SR 65, SR 384, SR 67, SR 377, SR 385, County Road 370, CR 157, CR 59, CR 374, CR 30A and SR 300 (St. George Island Causeway).

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

### Sheriff's office awarded grant

The sheriff's office has been awarded funds to purchase a reverse 911 system. The Wireless Emergency Notification

system (WEN) will allow the department to do countywide notifications by telephone in the event of an emergency. It will also allow specific areas of the county to be notified.

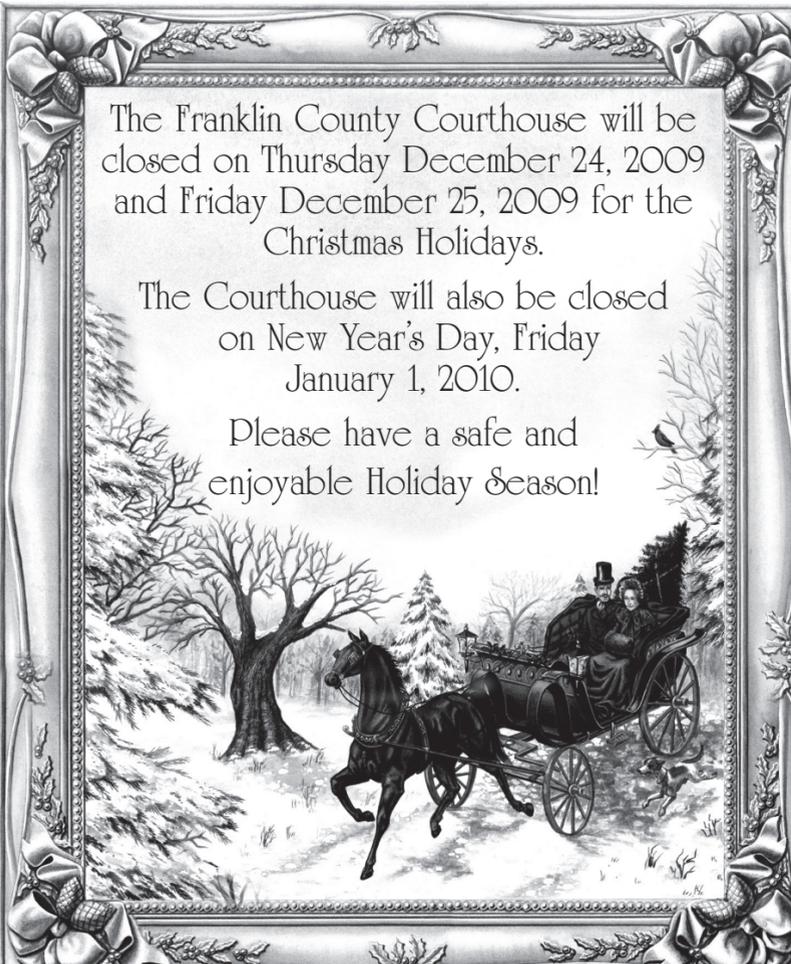
All landline telephones will be automatically entered into the system. Cellular telephone owners may register for the service if they wish.

Sheriff's office staff has begun training on use of the system, which Undersheriff Joel Nored expects to be operational in January.

The funding to purchase the \$11,900 system comes from the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant Program, a partnership among federal, state, and local governments that awards grants for use by states and local government to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system.

Grants may be used to provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems. The Byrne Grant Program was created by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

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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!

### A MYSTERY SOLVED



A closer inspection of the database for historical pictures at the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge offices revealed that in the photo at left, which appeared recently in the Times, are Apalachicola businessmen Elgin Wefing, left, and Earnst Ruge, right.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. VINCENT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT—PHASE I  
at  
APALACHICOLA REGIONAL AIRPORT  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids at the Franklin County Office of the Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 (office: 850-653-8861) until 4:00 PM local time on Friday, January 15, 2010, for the Stormwater Improvement Project—Phase I at Apalachicola Regional Airport. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED: STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT—PHASE I, Apalachicola Regional Airport."

The project generally includes, but is not necessarily limited to, demolition of damaged concrete pavement, concrete pipes, and stormwater inlets along an existing aircraft apron pavement edge in addition to furnishing and installing new subgrade under the damaged pavement areas, approx. 2,100 ft of new 12" through 48" ADS (or equal) pipes, stormwater inlets, and approx. 3,500 sy of new concrete pavement. The project shall also include minor clearing & grubbing and sodding.

Beginning on Wednesday, December 16, 2010, drawings, specifications, and bidding documents may be examined at the Franklin County Office of County Administrator, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32329 (office: 850-653-9783). Copies of the above documents may be obtained from the offices of AVCON, INC., 320 Bayshore Drive, Suite A, Niceville, Florida 32578 (office: 850-678-0050) upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One-Hundred dollars (\$100.00) payable to AVCON, INC. for each set of bidding documents obtained. Questions relating to the Bid Documents shall be submitted to the Engineer.

Bid security in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid must be submitted with the bid. The bid security may be either a certified check or a proposal guaranty bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Bid security shall be made payable to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners. The successful bidder must be able to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Labor and Materials Payment Bond, and shall begin execution of this contract within five (5) calendar days following the date of the Notice to Proceed.

Franklin County has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this project that the successful bidder must comply with. The DBE participation goal for this project is 6.96% and compliance requirements are listed in the bidding documents.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be conducted at the Franklin County Annex at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 4:00 pm local time (EDT). Questions related to the Bid Documents will be answered at that time. **Attendance by prime contractors is required.**

### OWNER'S CONTACT:

Alan Pierce  
County Administrator  
Franklin County  
33 Market Street  
Apalachicola, Florida 32329  
Tel: 850-653-9783  
Fax: 850-653-9799

### ENGINEER'S CONTACT:

Virgil C. "Lee" Lewis, P.E.  
Regional Manager  
AVCON, INC.  
320 Bayshore Drive, Suite "A"  
Niceville, Florida 32578  
Tel: 850-678-0050  
Fax: 850-678-0040

All bids shall be sealed and shall be addressed as follows:

**Franklin County Office of the Clerk of Court**  
33 Market Street, Suite 203  
Apalachicola, Florida 32329

**BID ENCLOSED: STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT—PHASE I, Apalachicola Regional Airport**

Funding for this project is being provided by the Florida Department of Transportation. Franklin County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any technical or legal deficiencies and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the Authority. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a period of 120 calendar days following the bid opening.

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) intent to provide Franklin County, Florida to assist in the restoration of Alligator Drive (CR-370), which was damaged FEMA Disaster DR-1551-FL (Hurricane Ivan) and DR-1595 (Hurricane Dennis). Funds will be provided in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, through the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. Federal actions must also be reviewed for opportunities to relocate facilities and evaluated for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal and safety considerations.

Franklin County proposed to rebuild and relocate about 1800 LF of CR 370 (a designated hurricane evacuation route) approximately 400 feet inland in the vicinity of Harbor Circle and Tom Roberts Road to replace the function of the damaged facility located between N29.894896, W84.36971 and N29.89406, W84.27482. The purpose of the proposed realignment is to prevent or reduce the possibility of future damage to the roadway, which is needed to facilitate evacuations during severe storm events. All work will be within existing, pre-disturbed public and private roadways. Some acquisition of private land would be required.

This project involves the construction of new facilities in previously developed area which is within a mapped Coastal High-Hazard Area (Zone VE) as indicated by FIRM 12037C0313E and 12037C0294E. Because of the topography of the surrounding area, no practicable alternatives to locating the facility within the floodplain exist.

The Proposed Action is to begin the proposed realignment around N29.89496, W84.36971 and follow exiting Tom Roberts Road 1000 LF to the NW until Harbor Circle. There it will turn south 400 LF to an existing unnamed private road, turn east for 300 LF, to reconnect with existing CR 370 at N29.89406, W84.37482. (See attached Map #1). Other routes were considered, but were not chosen because they would still be subject to storm damage or had the potential for impacts to endangered species and/or wetlands. Two alternatives to the Proposed Action have been considered 1) Take no action. 2) Repair the facility to pre-disaster condition. Alternative 1 was not selected because CR 370 provides the only access into and out of the community and is necessary to protect the public health and safety. Alternative 2 was not selected because the road as originally constructed is subject to damage from future disaster events. The Proposed Action is anticipated to have positive social and economic impacts on the local community by providing a secure evacuation route necessary to protect the health and safety of the public. There are no practicable alternatives to relocating the facility within the Coastal High-Hazard Area (Zone VE). Potential for future damage will be mitigated by relocation and adherence to current codes and standards.

The project site is not within a Coastal Barrier Resource Unit (CBRU). Based on the project description and location, FEMA has determined that there will be no effect to threaten or endangered species or their designated critical habitat. FEMA has determined that this project will not adversely impact any historic structures or buried cultural resources. Funding for the project will be conditioned on the applicant obtaining all applicable federal, state and local permits and complying with all permit requirements and project conditions.

**Interested persons may submit comments or obtain more detailed information about the action by contacting:**

Alan C. Pierce, Director, Administrative Services  
Franklin County  
4 Forbes Street, Ste. 1  
Apalachicola, FL 32320  
Phone: (850) 653-9783  
Fax (850) 653-9799  
Email: alanp@fairpoint.net

OR

Richard Myers, Environmental Liaison Officer  
FEMA Region IV / Florida Recovery Office  
36 Skyline Drive  
Lake Mary FL 32746  
Phone 407-268-8812  
Fax 407-2680977  
Email: richard.myers@dhs.gov

**All comments should be submitted to the above named official(s) within fifteen (15) days of the start of this notice publication.**

# Recent authors tell of area's rich history

By **Caty Greene**  
Special to the Times

In the last column I talked about some of the oldest books in the Apalachicola Municipal Library on Apalachicola and the surrounding area. But that's not all you need to know. More recent authors are the primary sources for information on our history and the seafood culture which makes this area so unique. Nonfiction and fiction contribute to this collection.

**Nonfiction**

"Outposts on the Gulf: St. George Island & Apalachicola from Early Exploration to World War II" by William Warren Rogers (1986)

"At the Water's Edge: A Pictorial and Narrative History of Apalachicola and Franklin County" by William Warren Rogers and Lee Willis III (1997)

"Apalachicola Bay" by Kevin M. McCarthy (2004)

"The Fever Man: A Biography of Dr. John Gorrie" by V. M. Sherlock (1982) — Vivian still visits us here at the library

"John Gorrie, MD" A historical biography by Raymond B. Becker (1972)

"The Lovett Family of Apalachicola and Allied Families" by Rose [Gibbons] Lovett (1963)



THE LIBRARY

"Voices of the Apalachicola" compiled and edited by Faith Eidse (Florida History and Culture Series, 2006)

"Green Empire: The St Joe Company and the Remaking of Florida's Panhandle" by Kathryn Ziewitz and June Wiaz (2004)

**Fiction**

"The Great Tide" by Rubylea Hall (1975) — OK, it's about Port St. Joe, but the time period is the 1830s and 1840s, a significant era in this area.

"Potluck" by Jack Rudloe (2003) best know for his marine naturalist books, this first work of fiction jumps us right into Carrabelle in the not so distant past.

"Oyster Flats" by Dawn Evans Radford (2007) Dawn has taught "Panhandle Writers" and "Southern Mystery Writers" through the Gulf Coast Community College's Education Encore program at the Gulf-Franklin Center

"The Runaway" by Robert W. Beard (2009) — I haven't read it yet, but Apalachicola is mentioned on Page 2. This book, although hard to find on the Internet, is available at Downtown Books.

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

## PATRONIS APPOINTED TO BOATING COUNCIL

State Rep. Jimmy Patronis, R-Panama City, has been appointed to the Florida Boating Advisory Council.

He was tapped for the position by Speaker of the Florida House Larry Cretul, R-Ocala.

The council makes recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Community Affairs regarding issues affecting the boating community.

Patronis said he will use his position on the BAC to help support state marine jobs.

"The boating industry in Florida generates nearly \$17 billion in business and impacts our gas sales convenience store sales, jobs



and tourism," Patronis said in a statement. "All of these sectors are all vital to Florida's economy. I will be the voice pushing for opportunities to increase marine related jobs in Florida."

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 1st Public Hearing Notice

The City of Apalachicola is considering applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to \$700,000.00. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. To benefit low and moderate income persons;
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

In developing an application for submission to DCA, the City of Apalachicola must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the City is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at City Hall as a part of the regularly schedule City Commission Meeting on January 5th, 2010 at 6:00 PM. For information concerning the public hearing contact Cindi Giametta at 653-9319.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Cindi Giametta at 653-9319, at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Cindi Giametta at 653-9319 at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Cindi Giametta at 653-9319 at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf persons, (TDD) please call (850) 653-8715.

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# Library HAPPENINGS

Special to the Times

The Franklin County Public Library, Eastpoint and Carrabelle will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, Friday, Dec. 25, and Saturday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas Holidays. The library will also be closed Friday, Jan. 1, and Saturday, Jan. 2, for the New Year Holiday.

But there is still time to check out books and books on tape before the holidays. Both libraries will be glad to fill your stocking with best-sellers, thrillers, and children's books. Books checked out this week will not be due until the new year.

The new year will bring free computer class to the Carrabelle and Eastpoint libraries. Classes begin Jan. 7, and will be offered through the month of March. Microsoft Powerpoint, Excel, eBay Buying

Guide, and Web site building are just a few of the large number of classes being offered free. Class schedules and class descriptions are available at each library, or you can call either library to register for classes, hurry before classes fill up.

Have fun at the Carrabelle library Gaming Day, Saturday, Jan. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Play Wii, a board game or even a game of cards. Call the Carrabelle library at 697-2366 for more information.

One of the many special services offered by the county library is interlibrary loans. This service provides patrons with access to books and DVDs that are unavailable in the library. Just provide the library staff with the author or the book title and we can search for its availability. Interlibrary loans are loaned out for three weeks and many times can be renewed.

## Notice of Proposed Grant

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will submit a \$299,946 CDBG grant application for 2008 disaster recovery. Public comments will be received until the January 5, 2010 Board meeting. Questions/comments should be directed to Deborah Belcher, grant consultant, telephone 850-893-0694 (TDY 1-800-955-8771), debroumelis@earthlink.net.

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

\$ 250,455	or more	Elevate approaches to CR 67 bridge at Crooked River
\$ 41,992	or less	Rental rehab/replacement (\$36,953 construction, \$5,039 project administration)
\$ 7,499		Grant administration
\$ 299,946		Total grant

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

OCHLOCKONEE BOAT RAMP  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BAILEY BISHOP & LANE, INC. PROJECT NO. P080112FBC

Date & Time for Receiving Bids: 4:00 PM LOCAL TIME  
January 18, 2010

Place for Receiving Bids: Franklin County Clerk of Courts  
33 Market Street, Suite 203  
Apalachicola, Florida 32320  
(850) 653-8861

Bid Documents Prepared By: BAILEY BISHOP & LANE, INC.  
P.O. Box 3717  
Lake City, Florida 32025  
(386) 752-5640, FAX (386) 755-7771

Bid Documents Available from: The Engineer's Office

Deposit for Bid Documents: Prime Contractors for payment of \$100.00 per set with a two (2) set maximum. Payments of Contractors are non-refundable. Bidders using partial sets of Documents are fully responsible for any errors or omissions made due to not reviewing the entire set of Construction Documents.

Project Description: This Project consists of the construction of a new concrete boat ramp, resurfacing asphalt parking, new asphalt parking, retaining wall, floating dock guided on concrete pilings, wooden pedestrian landing, information kiosk, and the installation of an aluminum gangway leading from the pedestrian landing to the floating dock.



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**5061T**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION

HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

CLYDIE MAE RUSS A/K/A CLYDIA MAE RUSS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLYDIE MAE RUSS A/K/A CLYDIA MAE RUSS; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000459 CA  
DIVISION:

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated August 31, 2009, entered in Civil Case No., DIVISION: of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, N.A. AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-2 is Plaintiff, and CLYDIE MAE RUSS A/K/A C:YDIA MAE RUSS are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., in the Civil Division of the Franklin County Clerk's Office, Main Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 on the 30th day of December, 2009 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment.

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ment, to wit:

All of Lot Number Five (5) of Block Number One Hundred Fifty-Four (154) of the City of Apalachicola, according to the map or plat thereof in general use. Being the same property conveyed to Clydie Mae Russ from Hilda F. Marlar, widow, by Warranty Deed dated September 16, 2003 and recorded on September 17, 2003, in O.R. Book 756, Page 143 and recorded among the Land Records of Franklin County, Florida.

This property is located at the Street address of: 250 10th Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on November 25, 2009.

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, Telephone (407) 836-2303 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Jami Beasley Watkins,  
Esquire  
Elizabeth R. Wellborn, PA.  
1701 West Hillsboro Blvd,  
Suite 307  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
Telephone: (954)354-3544  
Facsimile: (954)354-3545  
December 17, 24, 2009

**5062T**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

CitiMortgage, Inc.,  
Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Timothy Ray Davis a/k/a Timothy R. Davis and Loreta Davis, Husband and Wife; Franklin County, Florida; Superior Bank Successor-in-Interest to

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Citizens Federal Savings Bank of Port St. Joe; Defendant(s).

Case #: 2009-CA-000115  
Division #:  
UNC:

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 24, 2009, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000115 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff and Timothy Ray Davis a/k/a Timothy R. Davis and Loreta Davis, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M. on January 7, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

ALL OF LOTS 19, 20, AND 21 OF BLOCK 243, IN GREATER APALACHICOLA, IN THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, IN COMMON USE.

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.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OF SALE: IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8770

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida, this 25th day of November, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson  
CLERK OF COURT  
Franklin County, Florida  
By: Michele Maxwell  
DEPUTY CLERK

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN,  
LLP

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10004 North Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 112  
Tampa, Florida 33618  
December 17, 24, 2009

**5063T**

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

OneWest Bank, FSB,  
Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Terry J. Chastain and Patti J. Chastain, Husband and Wife; OneWest Bank, FSB, as Successor in Interest to IndyMac Bank, FSB; Thomasville National Bank; Defendant(s).

Case #: 2009-CA-000301  
Division #:  
UNC:

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 24, 2009, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000301 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein OneWest Bank, FSB, Plaintiff and Terry J. Chastain and Patti J. Chastain, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M. on March 4, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE NORTH 15 FEET OF LOT 4 AND ALL OF LOT 5, BLOCK 48, CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11 a.m. on the 7th day of January, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:  
LOT 31, WHISPERING PINES

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PAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8770

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida, this 25th day of November, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson  
CLERK OF COURT  
Franklin County, Florida  
By: Michele Maxwell  
DEPUTY CLERK

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN,  
LLP

10004 North Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 112  
Tampa, Florida 33618  
December 17, 24, 2009

**5064T**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

VS.

WILLIAM H. HICKS; MICHELLE HICKS A/K/A MICHELLE K. HICKS; 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; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION DEFENDANT(S)

CASE NO: 08-000411-CA

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting the Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale/NOT ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 4, 2010) dated November 23, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 08-000411-CA 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 court-house of the FRANKLIN County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11 a.m. on the 7th day of January, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:  
LOT 31, WHISPERING PINES SUBDIVISION

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PHASE 3 AND 4 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 32, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 25th 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 904-653-8861, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN, PA.  
900 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD, SUITE 400  
PLANTATION, FL  
33324-3920  
(954)233-8000  
December 17, 24, 2009

**5093T**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID CARL SHIVER  
Deceased.

File No. 09-49CP  
Division Probate

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of DAVID CARL SHIVER, deceased, whose date of death was September 4, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for FRANKLIN County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 17, 2009.

Attorney for Personal Representatives:  
Kristy Branch Banks  
Attorney for Carla Carlson  
Carla Carlson  
5108 Old Cheney Highway  
Orlando, Florida 32807  
December 24, 31, 2009

**5157T**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

LYNN A. DECATERINA; ET AL,  
Defendants.

CASE NO. 09-000473-CA

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO:  
THE OLD SOUTH FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
Last known address:  
UNKNOWN

A corporation that has not qualified to do business in the State of Florida Not a Florida corporation

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

LOT 4, OF CASA DEL MAR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, AT PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A mobile home with the VIN number N/A sits on the property.

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Nwabufu Umunna, Attorney for Plaintiff whose address is 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 within 30 days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 9th day of November, 2009.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Terry E. Cremer  
As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 8506972112, P.O. BOX 340, APALACHICOLA FL 32320. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System.

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
December 17, 24, 2009

**5203T**  
**NOTICE**

To All Interested Parties

Croom's, Inc. has received grant funding under FDOT's (ARRA Stimulus Grant Program) and is now accepting bids from qualified, licensed contractors for the construction of a maintenance facility on the premises of Croom's, Inc., located at 133 Highway 98 in Apalachicola, Florida. All interested parties may submit a sealed bid addressed to:

Croom's, Inc.  
Attn: John Croom  
Post Office Box 6  
Apalachicola, Florida  
32329-0006

The deadline for submission is January 7, 2010.  
December 24, 31, 2009

**5214T**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs

CONRAD SEASHOLTZ,

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Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 09-000336-CA

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, in the Circuit Court of the Franklin County, Florida, I will sell to the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTH HALF OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANCH 6 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID FRACTIONAL SECTION 28 AND RUN THENCE EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 1675 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 30° EAST 1347 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 60° EAST 840 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 30° EAST 836.5 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE 66 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD NO. 30, AND CONTINUING ON THE SAME BEARING ACROSS SAID HIGHWAY TO THE WATERS OF ST. GEORGE SOUND; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE WATER OF SAID SOUND TO A POINT FROM WHICH A LINE RUN NORTH 30° WEST WILL BE 210 FEET FROM AND PARALLEL TO SAID LAST DESCRIBED LINE; THENCE RUN NORTH 30° WEST ALONG A LINE 210 FEET FROM AND PARALLEL TO SAID LAST DESCRIBED LINE TO A POINT WHICH IS NORTH 60° EAST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 60° WEST 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; LESS AND EXCEPT 66 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD NO. 30. SAID LAND BEING SITUATE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LESS AND EXCEPT:  
Lot 3, One Particular Harbor, a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 7, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.  
at Public Sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on January 28, 2010.

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

WITNESS my hand and the of this Court this 14th day of December, 2009.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Michele Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk

Steve M. Watkins, III  
FBN: 0794996  
41 Commerce Street  
Apalachicola, FL 32320  
(850) 653-1949  
December 24, 31, 2009

**5220T**  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN R. MACCHIARELLA and CADENCE BANK, N.A.,  
Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-550-CA

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-000550-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, STEVEN R. MACCHIARELLA and CADENCE BANK, N.A., I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 14 of Hidden Beaches, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 11, of the public records of Franklin County, Florida

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

DATED this 14th day of December, 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 24, 31, 2009

**5221T**  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT H. WHATLEY and CINDY H. WHATLEY  
Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000222-CA

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-000222-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, ROBERT H. WHATLEY and CINDY H. WHATLEY, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 24 of Village Green By The Sea, Phase I, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 8, page(s) 10, of the public records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 14th day of December, 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 24, 31, 2009

**5222T**  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD  
Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-546-CA

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-546-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 19, Block 1, Dog Island Gulf Beaches Unit No. 3, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3 at Page 18 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 14th day of December, 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 24, 31, 2009

**5242T**  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT H. WHATLEY and CINDY H. WHATLEY,  
Defendants,

CASE NO. 08-000222-CA

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-000222-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, ROBERT H. WHATLEY and CINDY H. WHATLEY, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 AM (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 24 of Village Green By The Sea, Phase I, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 8, page(s) 10, of the public records of Franklin County, Florida

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

DATED this 14th day of December, 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 24, 31, 2009

**5243T**  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD,  
Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-456-CA

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-546-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 AM (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 19, Block 1, Dog Island Gulf Beaches Unit No. 3, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3 at Page 18 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

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DATED this 14th day of December, 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 24, 31, 2009

**5248T**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION

SUNTRUST BANK, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

HORACE E. FRINK, et al,  
Defendant(s)

CASE NO.:  
19-2009-CA-000623

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: HORACE E. FRINK  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:  
1859 W HIGHWAY 98,  
CARRABELLE, FL 32322

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

TO: MARY E. FRINK  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:  
1859 W HIGHWAY 98,  
CARRABELLE, FL 32322

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF SECTION 25, 26, 35 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 25, A DISTANCE OF 3054.39 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 30, THENCE RUN NORTH 57 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 272.15 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 32 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 32 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 383.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 57 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 100.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 32 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 383.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 57 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L.

Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition

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

Marcia M. Johnson  
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By: Terry E Creamer  
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**3200 - Firewood**

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**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)**

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-546-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 19, Block 1, Dog Island Gulf Beaches Unit No. 3, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3 at Page 18 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 14th day of December, 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 24, 31, 2009

**5242T**  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT H. WHATLEY and CINDY H. WHATLEY,  
Defendants,

CASE NO. 08-000222-CA

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Lot 24 of Village Green By The Sea, Phase I, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 8, page(s) 10, of the public records of Franklin County, Florida

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Plaintiff,

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CASE NO. 08-456-CA

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## News BRIEFS

### Health department closed on Christmas

The Franklin County Health Department will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday,

Dec. 25.

The department will be closed again on New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1.

For more information, call 653-2111.

### Yoga classes resume in 2010

Beginning Jan. 6, the free community Hatha Yoga classes will continue each Wednesday at 5:30

p.m. at the Apalachicola Community Center in City Hall at Ten Foot Hole. Donations only.

Instructor Kathy Jansen, a licensed massage therapist and registered

yoga teacher, has been offering yoga for 10 years at this location to the public. Anyone is welcome.

For more information, call 653-6719.

### Identification badges for county staff

Beginning in January, Franklin County Emergency Management will issue new identification badges to all county employees to improve security and facilitate re-entry by county staff after an emergency evacuation.

Director of Emergency Operations Pam Brownell said county staff will be encouraged to display the badges when they are at work on county business.

### Leadership Institute to visit county

The University of Florida Natural Resource Leadership Institute will visit the county Jan. 14-16 to learn more about the Apalachicola / Chattahoochee / Flint River "water wars" and the local oyster industry.

The institute is a year-long professional development program that provides natural resource professionals the opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge on issues.

County Extension Agent Bill Mahan will be one of the instructors.

### Mold investigation complete

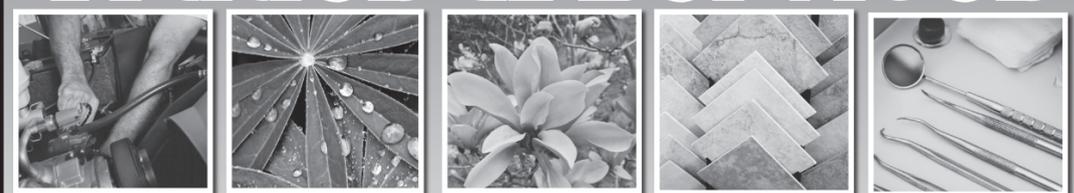
On Dec. 15, County Planner Alan Pierce told county commissioners the investigation has been completed of mold damage at the Health Department Building, 139 12th Street in Apalachicola.

Mike Hartman of H2 Engineering, a Tallahassee firm, and Florida Department of Health officials Architect Dick Marshall and Building Manager Ron Walsh said the building can be cleaned up and repaired for around \$160,000.

The county's obligation for the cost of clean up is capped at \$80,000, with the state health department paying for the remainder. Pierce said the county's portion of the funding has already been budgeted.

The board voted unanimously to ask the health department to seek a contractor to do the repairs.

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**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

A friendly little dog was found last week in the vicinity of Water Street Seafood in Apalachicola. The veterinarian says the male dog is about 4 months old and likely a schnauzer or schnauzer mix. To claim him, call Violet at 323-0686.

**Real Estate Picks**  
*Best Values on the Forgotten Coast*

Our local real estate experts have identified what they feel are the best values around and are offering them to you in Real Estate Picks! (In this section), Discover the best real estate values in Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe, Apalachicola, Cape San Blas, St. George Island, Carrabelle and surrounding areas.

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