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COUNTY RALLIES AROUND OYSTERMEN

Weather, economic woes prompt commission to organize aid for ailing seafood workers

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Eastpoint's Robert Baxley is among a growing number of Franklin County oystermen who have stopped feeling the pinch of a bad economy.

Now, they're facing the bite, and government, social service and charitable organizations are stepping in to see about fending off the wolf at their doors.

Carrying a sheaf of past due rent and utility notices, Baxley was among about three dozen other seafood workers who took time away from, what these days has become a much less lucra-

tive occupation, tonging oysters to confront the county commissioners Friday morning at a special meeting.

The meeting followed a Thursday conference call between emergency management officials and social service providers from around the region to discuss the worsening economic conditions wrought on the industry by cold weather, bay closures and overworked bars.

"Even if they opened the whole bay, they're not going to be able to catch up," Commissioner Bevin Putnal said. "It's going to be hard to make it until the summer bars open. It's going to be a

struggle just to survive.

"I do know people about to lose their house," he said. "We have families living in one house just to survive. It's a horror story."

The oystermen in the audience didn't have to step forward to the podium to recount their difficulties, as the degree of financial hardship caused by the double whammy of frigid weather and bay closures in the last several weeks was clear from the outset of the meeting.

Because of heavy rains, several of the six winter bars have

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES, FCSWA HOLD OUTREACHES

Both the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, and the Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida, will be busy Thursday, Feb. 4 trying to help struggling seafood workers.

Beginning at 10 a.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Apalachicola, Catholic Charities will be on hand to meet with struggling seafood workers and see if they can help with a variety of aid.

And then at 6 p.m., at the Eastpoint Firehouse, the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association (FCSWA) will hold its monthly meeting. In addition to discussions about new federal rules, cooling units on boats and oyster

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A FRESH LOOK AT *Old Times*



PHOTOS FROM FLORIDA PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION | Special to The Times

At top, Apalachicola Mayor Jimmie Nichols presents a trophy, and set of luggage, to Elizabeth Peacock, representing Blountstown, who was Queen of the Apalachicola Rivercade in 1957. The other girls, from left, are Alice Ruffin, Miss Bainbridge; Patsy Belamy, Miss Thomasville; and Penny Hicks, Miss Apalachicola. The photo above shows the caretakers house at Carrabelle Lighthouse was taken in 1906 and is from the Brown family collection. Standing left to right on the stairs are Buford Williams, James Tabor Williams, Delia Cornelia Vause Williams, unidentified, Lucretia Foster Williams, unidentified, James Albert Williams, Albert Arad Williams, James Chester Williams, and Charles Henry Williams. The two young boys standing on porch are unidentified.



FROM THE COLLECTION OF CAROLYN VAUSE | Special to The Times

George Cameron, left, and B.H. Hardaway, right, builder of the first Apalachicola Bridge, pose with Benny Boo Hardaway, a playmate of Carolyn Vause, on St. Vincent Island.

Times Staff

As the Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times nears its 125th anniversary in April, making it one of the oldest continuously published weeklies in the state, it's a good time to take a look back.

At the people and places, the boats and the buildings, the energy and the excitement that have shaped the rich history of Franklin County.

To bring this history alive to our readers, the Times is enhancing its legacy of detailed reporting on our historical past by introducing a new feature on our Web site, WWW.APALACHTIMES.COM.

This photo gallery, "Old Times," will showcase photographs, some more than a century old and some as recent as two or three decades ago, for our readers to enjoy.

With more than 100 photos to start, and more coming in every day, The Times has enlisted the support of the Apalachicola Area Historical Society, the Carrabelle Historical Society, the chambers of commerce, history buffs and our loyal readers to bring "Old Times" to vivid life.

Readers are encouraged to submit their favorite photos for posting on the Web site either by e-mailing digital versions to TIMESNEWS@STARFL.COM or by dropping by the office at **129 COMMERCE ST.**, the corner of Commerce Street and Avenue F. to have their hard copy photos scanned and returned.

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County's kindergarten preparation best in state

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Franklin County kindergartners are tops in the state when it comes to entering school with the skills needed to succeed as they embark on their next dozen years in the classroom.

According to data released last month by the Florida Department of Education, results of last year's screening of public school kindergartners showed that Franklin County had more than 83 percent of its entering class of kindergartners considered ready for reading success based on a measurement of their ability to name letters and to be aware of the different sounds associated with them.

This percentage was nearly 20 percentage points higher than the state average of 65 percent for this Florida Assessments of Instruction of Reading (FAIR)

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Security hampers aid in Haiti



JAY BROSNAN | Special to The Times

Nurse Tammy Chiasson, from Houma, La., cradles a Haitian infant.

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Tight security requirements are interfering with efforts to dispense aid in Haiti according to a returning rescue worker.

Vince Bishop is back from Haiti. The Cape San Blas resident and logistic chief for the Northwest Florida FloridaOne Disaster Medical Assistance Team was deployed on

See **HAITI A6**

Injured bald eagle recovering well

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

An eagle rescued at Odena the day after Christmas is recovering well.

The female bald eagle, injured by another bird in a battle over territory, is expected to live and to fly again, but may be unable to perch.

Due to severe damage to her right leg, the bird, named Awahili by her caregivers, may not be fit for release into the wild.

The good news is, even if she cannot be released, wildlife sanctuaries are scrambling to offer her a home. Her options range from a love nest in Pensacola with an injured male, to a facility on the east coast of Florida where damaged birds are glove-trained so they can be allowed to fly under supervision.

For the last three weeks, Awahili has been under the care of Dr. Carla Hubbard, who operates a mobile veterinary clinic in the Altha area.

Betsy Knight, director of Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary, said the eagle looks wonderful in spite of her ordeal.

"(Awahili) has lost a portion of her breast bone, a portion of her pelvis and her right leg is massively damaged," wrote Hubbard in a Jan. 18 e-mail. "We be-



JAMIE HUBBARD | Special to the Times

Awahili with Dr. Carla Hubbard. Awahili is the Cherokee word for eagle.

lieve we have saved the leg, but there is a large chance that she will lose function of her talons. The tissue that was lost on her right leg was almost the entire circumference of the area that would be our calf and shin.

Originally, Knight and Hubbard had hoped to arrange for reconstructive surgery for Awahili, but the cost of the procedure proved to be prohibitive. Knight said there is still a possibility that the leg may regenerate well enough for

ing instructions from the US Fish and Wildlife office in Atlanta about what lies in the future for Awahili. She hopes the bird can remain in the panhandle. Knight cares for a pair of damaged eagles that have formed a bond and nest together in captivity, which is extremely unusual.

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TERRY KEMP | Special to the Times

The St. George Island Civic club named, at left, Dennis Barnell Man of the Year and, at right, Susan Kearney was named Woman of the Year on Jan. 22

Civic Club praises Kearney, Barnell for service

Special to the Times

On Jan. 22, the St. George Island Civic Club named Susan Kearney and Dennis Barnell Man and Woman of the Year. Barnell was lauded for his tireless work as president of the St. George Lighthouse Association. After the Cape St. George lighthouse toppled in Oct. 2005, Barnell told interviewers "It was our beacon of hope, and we will make it good again," and then rallied volunteers and contributors to the campaign to "Rescue the Light." Three years later, the light was re-

constructed at the heart of St. George Island and its beams shown forth for the first time in decades.

Kearney, a former magistrate judge and staff assistant to Georgia Congressman John Flynt (D-Griffin), won kudos for her current service as president of the Franklin County Humane Society. She has worked tirelessly as a fundraiser and coordinator for the group and was nominated for her loving spirit and driving leadership of such a valuable service to the County residents, especially on St. George Island.

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Proposals must be received in the office of the Franklin County Clerk of the Court 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 by **4:30 P.M., EST, on February 15, 2010**. Each proposal must be sealed and clearly labeled. The sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at **10:30 A.M. EST, on February 16, 2010**, in the County Commission Meeting Room located in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. For further information, contact Van W. Johnson, Sr., Director Franklin County Parks & Recreation Department, at (850) 670-8167. Email: fcswd@fairpoint.net.

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Nobles named new manager of Carrabelle Airport

On Jan. 7 the Carrabelle city commission voted unanimously to appoint Mark Nobles the first-ever manager of the Carrabelle Airport. Born in Tallahassee, Nobles is a long-time county resident who retired from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission where he was employed as a pilot.



MARK NOBLES

He has been flying since 1989. "I have logged a little over 9,000 hours in the air, so that's just over a year with my feet off the ground," he said.

The new manager said he is looking forward to his job.

"I want to see to it that monies that have been invested in the airport remain in the best shape possible," Nobles said. "It's a day-to-day maintenance job. Recently, 67 of the 88 lights marking the runway were burned out. That's a liability issue. A pilot unfamiliar with the airport might misinterpret what he is seeing."

Nobles will receive an annual salary of around \$15,000, taken from revenue generated by the airport. — *By Lois Swoboda*

Grandmother pleads not guilty in drowning death

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Prosecutors have lessened the charges against a 71-year-old German woman accused of drowning her 5-year-old grandson in a bathtub on St. George Island on Jan. 4.

After initially charging her with first degree murder, which can carry the death penalty, the state attorney's office has charged Marianne Bordt with second degree murder along with aggravated child abuse with a deadly weapon.

Bordt's Tallahassee attorney, Maria Ines Suber, who handles capital cases for the Second Judicial Circuit's Office of the Public Defender, said she expects that prosecutors will empanel a grand jury next week in the case. A grand jury is required if prosecutors want to seek a first degree murder charge.

"If the case is taken to a grand jury, it could be first-degree (murder), second degree or something less, or no charges," Suber said.

Assisting in Bordt's defense is Kevin Steiger, who handles cases for the public defender's office in Apalachicola.

Suber has filed a not guilty plea on behalf of Bordt, who is incarcerated at the Leon County Jail as she awaits Circuit Judge James Hankinson to hear her case in the Frank-



MARIANNE BORDT

lin County Courthouse. The lawyer said the transfer was made for medical reasons.

Bordt is accused of drowning her grandson, Camden Hiers, of Roswell, Ga., while she and her husband, Heinz Bordt, were vacationing on St. George Island at 641 East Gorrie Dr. She then claimed to her husband to have tried to drown herself in the Gulf of Mexico just before he returned home from an errand in Apalachicola, and discovered the body.

The case has been extensively reported around the globe, and was the topic of a talk show on CNN.

Hankinson has granted a

motion to allow a transcript to be provided to Suber of the grand jury proceeding. In addition, the attorney is seeking the right to voir dire, or question, the jury at the grand jury proceeding.

Suber said she is seeking the right to interpose any challenges to the jurors due to the extensive publicity of the alleged crime. "(To consider) that their minds will be tainted," she said. "There has been publicity all the way to Germany."

A hearing has been scheduled before Hankinson on Monday, Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m., with an arraignment slated for Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m. Both are in the main courthouse in Apalachicola.

Looking for talent: Library youth plan Saturday talent show

Special to the Times

Students from the Friends of the Franklin County Public Library TIGERS program are extending an invitation to participate in a talent show Saturday, Feb. 6 from 3 to 6 p.m. at

the Carrabelle City Complex auditorium.

Stop by the Library branches or the Apalachicola Program Center to pick up an application and guidelines. All ages are welcome to participate or to come and enjoy the show.

The first public showing of "Kitville," the unique clay animation filming project created by the students of the Friends of the Franklin County Public Library's KIT Program will be shown Saturday.

Light refreshments will be

served and homemade desserts are welcome. There will be awards and recognitions. Tickets are available at the door with a suggested fundraising donation of \$2.

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The bears are not starving, just healthy

Special to the Times

As a seventh generation Northwest Florida native, I've grown up in bear country. I genuinely care about you, and your child, and want to give you the very best information I can on how to live safely near Florida black bears.

The bear safety tip I would like to cover today pertains to something I hear from a lot of people, "The bears are so skinny; they are just starving out there." Well, they actually are not starving.

Imagine I am a bear that was raised by my mother in the forest. My mother only raised me on salad and water, my natural foods. I grow up and wander into a community and find little buffet boxes (we call trash cans) on every corner. I discover soda, burgers, fried chicken, pizza, candy, Mexican food, Chinese food ... and I'm now converted! I can't resist this great stuff! I know sometimes I could use a lock on my refrigerator to keep me out of some tempting high calorie



MARIA WILLIAMS

foods that are creating bad habits for me.

A bear that roots around in our trash needs us to lock our cans in a shed, or a bear-proof trash can, to help the bear resist food temptations in our neighborhoods and go back to having their natural foods in the woods again.

Wild bears eating natural foods will always look more slender and fit than those eating foods they get from people.

For more information on how to keep bears wild and in the woods and out of our neighborhoods, log on to www.myfwc.com, or for a complete bear presentation with safety tips and more, contact me at mariafwc@gmail.com.

As always stay calm, back away slowly, don't make eye contact and I will see you next time with more Bear Safety Tips. Take care.

Maria Williams is an outreach specialist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Bear Management Program.

Nothing brings to life a house like a kitchen

When teachers only got paid 10 months out of the year, summers could get a bit lean. I picked up some much-needed extra bucks working for my aunt who owns Dolores's Sweet Shop. I didn't work every day, and only filled in if one of her regular employees needed some time off. Sometimes it was short notice. The telephone would ring in the early morning, and I would bail out of bed to get ready. Comfortable shoes were a must since I would be on my feet for a good eight hours.



RED WHITE AND ROUX
Denise Roux

We served breakfast, made tuna, potato and chicken salad, sliced up ham, turkey and roast beef, made chili, and washed and chopped lettuce and tomatoes. Melanie Zingarelli or Dolores did the baking. We took a break around 10:30 a.m. between breakfast and lunch to eat and rest before we got slammed at noon. In the restaurant business we do everything we can to be ready for the folks who pour through the door, but when the rush comes, it is all about moving quickly and keeping the customers happy.

At the end of the day I went home bone tired with tips in my pocket. Feeding people and working in a kitchen was a very good way to pass the time.

There is the love of her homemade chicken salad, and the family connection, that keeps me caring about Dolores' Sweet Shop. She also feeds me Christmas dinner every year at her house, doesn't allow help with clean-up, and sends leftovers home.

In fact, I first heard about her move at Christmas. We debated the forced change of venue from every angle and ultimately decided that it was a good thing. She has joined Gerry Garlick in the Buck-Brash-Hays-Dan Garlick Environmental Associates house across the street from the old A & P-Lanier Pharmacy building that currently houses Apalachicola Fitness Center.

Dolores gave me a call after her first day of business in the new



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Gerry Garlick, front, his wife, Joyce, and restaurateur Dolores Roux, back, have transformed the former Hays House into an antique shop, complete with a café.

location. She said things went fairly smoothly and that the kitchen is great. She didn't make any changes to the menu, but the cooks in the back still had to get used to new storage spots for pots, pans and utensils. Her tables are set up in the home's original dining room and the outside porch is available for those who want an al fresco experience.

The other half of the downstairs houses Gerry Garlick's business that was formerly in the Sponge Exchange building downtown. Gerry said he can really spread out in his four rooms and hallway with lots of space for his rugs, furniture, specialty soaps and jewelry. In addition he noted, "I just have to holler for lunch."

The history of this house and the Gibson Inn are inextricably linked. According to Dolores, South Carolinian James Fulton Buck built both of them in the early 1907, although the Gibson was originally called the Franklin Hotel. The house's next owners were Mannie Brash Jr. and his wife Ethel. Her brothers were Willis and Chauncey Glass who ran the local dairy on what is now Prado Street.

Next in line to run the Gibson and

later live in the house were Edward "Pat" Hays and family when, in 1923, his mother, Annie Gibson Hays and aunt Mary Ella "Sunshine" Gibson, bought the hotel and changed the name to the Gibson.

Pat Hay's eldest daughter, Patsy Hays Philyaw, remembers living in the family apartment in the hotel and eating around a table in the restaurant kitchen which was in a separate building at the time. That came to an end when the hotel was pressed into use for a brief period by the military during World War II and the Hays family moved into the house Mr. Buck had built. Dan Garlick bought the house from Kathleen Hays in 1996.

There was a time before its renovation that the Gibson fell into disrepair; not so for the big white house on the corner. I remember it as being lovingly maintained throughout the years. Houses get a lonely, downtrodden look when they are empty. I'm so glad this one has found some happy tenants.

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

Local events set for 'Hands Across the Sand' protest

Special to the Times

Thousands of Floridians from all walks of life will gather on beaches from Pensacola to Key West, and Miami to Jacksonville on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, in a massive, statewide coastal protest against legislative proposals to open Florida's waters to offshore oil drilling.

Plans are underway for two locations in Franklin County to hold a "Hands Across the Sands" protest event, on St.

George Island at the public beach behind the lighthouse, and in Carrabelle at Carrabelle Beach State Park. The Carrabelle beach event is being organized by Lesley Cox, who can be reached at 697-5555 or dan-lesley@att.net

Anyone can join in to be part of "Hands Across the Sand," which is the brainchild of Dave Rauschkolb, who owns Bud & Alley's restaurant in Seaside.

"This is a simple, nonpartisan way for Floridians to join hands

in an effort to protect our state's most important asset — our waterways and beaches," Rauschkolb said. "Our goal is to convince legislators and Gov. Charlie Crist to drop the folly of offshore oil drilling. All it takes is one accident — one oil spill — and it is just not worth the risk to our environment and our coastal tourism industry."

Here's all participants have to do: Go to their local beach at 1 p.m. for an hour, rain or shine. At 1:30 p.m., hold hands

creating human lines in the sand protesting oil drilling in Florida's waters. That's it! To find out what's being organized in your area, visit www.handsacrossthesand.org

Among those who have joined Hands Across the Sand to oppose drilling of Florida's beaches are the Apalachicola RiverKeeper, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, Audubon Society, the county commissions of Bay, Broward, Collier, Escambia, Lee,

Manatee, Pinellas, Sarasota, Wakulla and Walton counties, the chambers of commerce in Bay County, Destin, Panama City Beach, Tampa Bay and the Walton area; the cities of Clearwater, Gulfport, Indian Rocks, Indian Shores, Key West, Miami Beach, Pensacola, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, Safety Harbor, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Tarpon Springs, Treasure Island; and many other not-for-profit organizations.

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Apalachicola to host ACF stakeholders meeting

Special to the Times

On Feb. 25 and 26, Apalachicola will host the second meeting of the Governing Board of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Stakeholders, Inc.

ACFS, Inc. was founded last year by consensus charter to seek common ground and grassroots stakeholder solutions among ACF interests basin-wide. As before, the Apalachicola meeting, open to public observers, will be facilitated by a representative of the Environmental Conflict Resolution agency of the US Department of the Interior.

The ACF's mission is to change the operation and management of the ACF Basin to achieve equitable solutions among stakeholders that balance

economic, ecological, and social values, as well as viable solutions that ensure the entire ACF Basin is a sustainable resource for current and future generations.

The ACF's first governing board meeting was held in Albany, Ga. on Dec. 10, 2009. Over 50 representatives from diverse water users of the ACF watershed attended, from Lake Lanier and Atlanta in the north, through downstream communities in Georgia and Alabama, and the rural and coastal communities of Florida. The governing board is comprised of 14 Stakeholder representatives from each of the sub-basins of the ACF — the Upper Chattahoochee, the Middle/Lower Chattahoochee, the Flint and the Apalachicola — for a total of 56

board members.

As called for in the charter, the governing board at its first meeting formed five standing committees — Intergovernmental Relations, Finance, Education and Outreach, Issues Development and Membership — to organize and conduct the ACF's ongoing business. Over the upcoming two-day meeting, each of these committees will propose a functional-area workplan for Governing Board discussion and approval for the way ahead.

Dan Tonsmeire, Apalachicola Riverkeeper and one of the four-member executive committee, is busily organizing the schedule and logistics to host the upstream visitors over the two-day period. He has had the active help of

local merchants, to include Ward Seafood, Waterstreet Seafood and the Tourist Development Council to make all Stakeholders welcome.

Reflecting on the results of the first ever meeting of ACF's, Inc in Albany, Betty Webb, city administrator for Apalachicola and a governing board member said, "My expectation of the ACF Stakeholders effort is simple: A group of intelligent, hard working, dedicated individuals working in harmony toward a common goal for the betterment of the ACF systems. The members appointed can make this a winning organization with a multitude of positive outcomes."

For more information on the ACF and its goals and membership, please go to: WWW.ACFstakeholders.org.

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Pictured at last month's school board meeting are, from left, Dr. Kay Cadwallader, pre-K coordinator; Patty Kulick, pre-K teacher; Marcia Thomas, pre-K paraprofessional; Valerie Miller, pre-K teacher; Vickie Segree, pre-K paraprofessional; Tammy Sasnett, pre-K teacher; Mary Williams, pre-K teacher; Alfred Smith, pre-K paraprofessional; Abbie Shiver, pre-K paraprofessional; Lisa Murray, pre-K paraprofessional; Sara Broker, Kindergarten teacher; Ina Margaret Meyer, Kindergarten teacher; and Barbara Bloodworth, Kindergarten teacher. Not pictured is Patty Dempsey, Kindergarten teacher.

screening. The FAIR screening uses two measures, one for letter-naming and sound awareness, and the other for listening comprehension and vocabulary.

A second screening for literacy skills, the Early Childhood Observation System (ECHOS), showed that nearly 96 percent of Franklin County's 94 kindergartners were deemed ready for the classroom based on this observation screening.

This was second best in the state, second only to Sumter County's slightly better than 96 percent results. Franklin County's percentage for readiness was about 8 percentage points better than the state average of 88.5 percent deemed "ready for kindergarten."

The screenings are administered within the first 30 days of

kindergarten, and measure a student's knowledge and understanding in seven areas: language and literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, social and personal skills, physical health and fitness, and the creative arts. The screening results are used to determine student readiness, inform classroom instruction and provide useful information to parents and teachers.

"Early learning is essential for future success and I'm thrilled that more students are entering school better prepared and ready to learn," Education Commissioner Dr. Eric J. Smith said. "Florida's parents and prekindergarten teachers have dedicated countless hours to educating our students at an earlier age, ensuring that our success today is not short-lived,

but rather an enduring trend that will pave the way for more students to be successful throughout their education career."

At January's meeting, Superintendent Nina Marks presented to the school board the many pre-Kindergarten and kindergarten teachers and paraprofessionals who had been instrumental in preparing the students for classroom success.

Introduced were Dr. Kay Cadwallader, pre-K coordinator; pre-K teachers Patty Kulick, Valerie Miller, Tammy Sasnett and Mary Williams, Kindergarten teachers Sara Broker, Ina Margaret Meyer, Barbara Bloodworth, and Patty Dempsey, and pre-K paraprofessionals Marcia Thomas, Vickie Segree, Alfred Smith, Abbie Shiver and Lisa Murray.

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been closed off and on since early December, and on the days the bars are open, the extremely cold weather has added to the difficulty of tonging healthy, legal-size oysters.

"Three people on a boat are sometimes getting 10 bags of oysters," one woman said. "Let them know, we do not have oysters."

Another man spoke up from the audience, telling the commissioners that he and his wife are working all day and bringing in \$100, not very good for what should be a busy time of year.

"Three years ago we caught 25 bags together," he said. "Now we can't catch six."

Industry regulators are well aware of the stress on the oyster bars, but adhere to a strict regimen of seasonal closures so as to maximize the production of a healthy product.

"They're going to pull whatever they can from the few areas we have open," said David Heil, assistant director of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service's Division of Aquaculture. "That's when the times are really difficult for them."

Just how difficult the times are was seen in the presentation by Pam Brownell, the county's emergency management director, to the commis-

sioners.

She said the week started with a call from Taunya James, the president of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, who wanted people to be "aware of how bad it was in our county."

A Jan. 28 conference call, coordinated by the seven-county Big Bend Community Organizations Active in Disaster group, brought together representatives from a diverse group of 28 social service organizations, from Weems Memorial Hospital to the Salvation Army, Franklin's Promise, Sen. Bill Nelson's office, Progress Energy and the United Way.

The conference call hammered out ideas, beginning with 211 Big Bend providing telephone counseling and referrals to the proper agencies.

Big Bend Hospice agreed to provide rent, mortgage and utility assistance to its current hospice clients, while Progress Energy promised to work with customers to negotiate utility payments so as not to disconnect electricity. Brownell shared Progress' toll-free number 800-700-8744 at last week's special meeting.

The Salvation Army had provided 316 food boxes to families as of last week, along with limited rent, mortgage and utility assis-

stance. Weems has provided free emergency care.

Two of the most prominent organizations have each scheduled a local outreach. The Department of Children and Families was the emergency management office on Feb. 3, while Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida will be St. Patrick's Catholic Church today, Thursday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. (See sidebar)

Commissioners promise help, but urge patience

The commissioners all voiced sympathy for the plight of the workers, and agreed unanimously to seek to have Franklin County declared among 60 Florida counties affected by the recent frigid weather.

They approved such a resolution, due last Friday to Gov. Charlie Crist. Alan Pierce, director of administrative services, said he provided the state with numbers indicating that the county had zero reported oyster landings in December and January, compared to about \$493,000 worth in Dec. 2008, and about \$710,000 in Jan. 2009.

If eventually approved by Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack, Franklin County's oystermen could

be eligible for federal emergency loans and assistance payments. The Farm Service Agency said each application will be considered "on its own merit by taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability."

Pierce stressed that seafood workers will have to provide documentation to show their lost income.

Voicing support for helping the oystermen, Commissioner Cheryl Sanders said she wanted to be sure public and private help also went to crabbers and shrimpers who have been impacted. "I don't want to pick and choose it. It's for everybody," she said. "I believe in helping yourself. But there comes a time when you can't go no further."

On several occasions, shouts from the audience indicated the oystermen were ready, willing and able to work for the money that could spell the difference between a warm hearth and homelessness.

"We're workers. We'll do it," one man said. "We don't mind working for it. Not at all."

After Commissioner Pinki Jackel outlined several options for local food pantry assistance to the needy, Commissioner Noah Lockley urged the county to pressure elected officials to find a long-term solution

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relaying plans and procedures, the meeting will include a food distribution earmarked for seafood workers and their families.

The food has been secured thanks to Apalachicola businessman Harry Arnold, who arranged to transport a truckload of food from the Second Harvest Food Bank. Both the Apalachicola and Carrabelle food pantries, as well as local churches, continue to provide food for local families. For info call Franklin's Promise at 653-3930.

FCSWA President Taunya James said she also has forms for possible rent and mortgage assistance from Salvation Army. She can be reached at 387-5982, or FCSWA Treasurer Karen Sanders at 653-6197.

The Catholic Charities outreach earlier in the day will be overseen by Maury Hopkins, program coordinator for emergency assistance for Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida, together with two assistants.

Hopkins said the outreach will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We'll go as hard as we can," he said. "The clients will be required to complete our standard intake form and there will be some paperwork for the caseworkers so that is why we will cut it off at 2 p.m. so as to get ourselves organized. We'll take care of these issues as quickly as we can."

He asked that seafood workers, if at all possible, to be sure to bring a photo identification and Social Security card with them, for all persons in the family or household. "Whatever they've got that identifies them as a member of their household," he said.

Hopkins said clients need to show that they're behind in their bills, as such, past due notices are important to verify urgency. "I'm going to focus on rent, utilities and perhaps some limited prescription assistance, providing I can get a pharmacy to work with me on it," he said. "We're probably going to focus on the ones I can help the most the quickest. We need to deal with most serious issues first."

Hopkins asked that individuals bring a formal eviction notice as well as their lease, along with a most current utility bill. For prescriptions, bring the original script or a refill bottle with script numbers on it.

"I can possibly do mortgages, but it is more difficult and time consuming as we are usually working with out of town landlords and mortgage companies," Hopkins said. "It's not that it can't be done."

for the oyster industry, especially as production is dropping, while there are more than 1,400 licensed oystermen, among the highest total in the last 15 years.

"The problem goes further than this," Lockley said. "They done worked them (the oyster bars) out. There's nothing there. People have to eat, but there not going to have anything to cook it on," he said, as shouts of "That's right!" could be heard from the audience.

Jackel said the participation in the conference call indicated that there's "a lot of folks concerned about us, and y'all, in Franklin County." But, she added, "there are limited funds and their hands are tied."

"I know you can't put people caring about you in the bank," Jackel said. "These things take a little time. I know you've been hurting and I see it on your faces."

Putnal offered a few politically tinged remarks as he spoke out for seafood workers, "If they can spend more than \$1 billion on a railroad track," he said, referring to recently

approved plans to build a high-speed rail service between Tampa and Orlando, "they could spend some money helping the seafood workers out."

"We're taking up hundreds of millions of dollars for Haiti," Putnal said. "I'm glad because they need it, but we have people at home suffering just as bad."

Brownell echoed Putnal's sentiments, "This is not going to go away," she said. "America needs to take care of Americans first."

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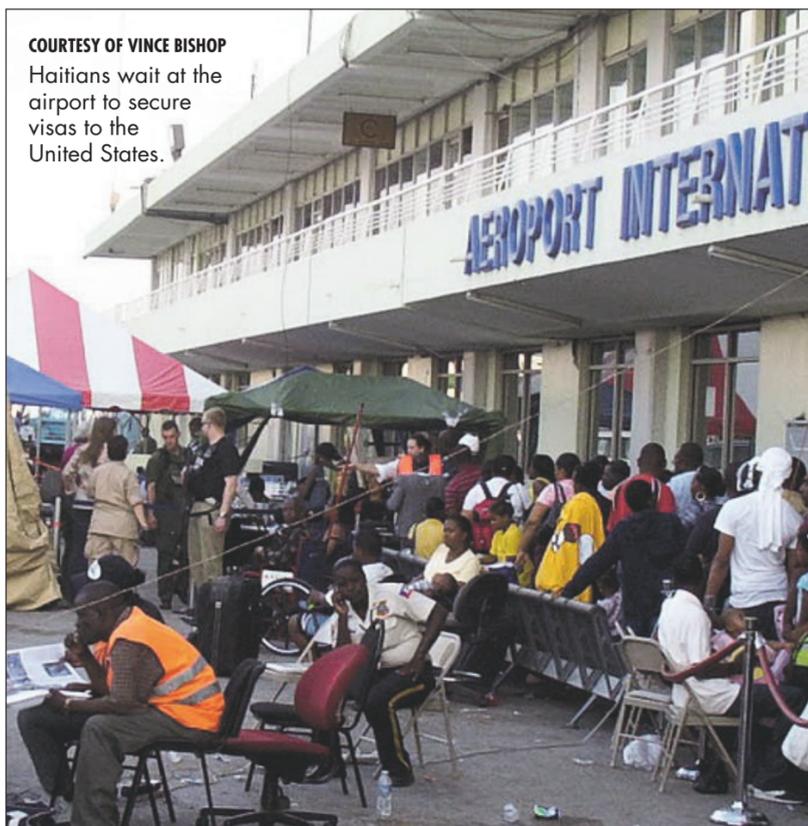
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A Haitian infant recovers from injuries.



A tent city in Haiti

COURTESY OF VINCE BISHOP



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Haitians wait at the airport to secure visas to the United States.

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Jan. 13 and returned home on Jan. 29.

FloridaOne, established by the federal government, is under the United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Disaster Medical System Section. This system provides a cooperative partnership between public and private entities that work with communities to provide emergency health and medical services in times of a crisis.

Bishop said his team arrived in Haiti with insufficient equipment, but ready to work, and were frustrated to find their efforts thwarted over and over again by security and transportation requirements imposed by the U.S. government.

FloridaOne workers are volunteers until deployed and then become paid federal employees for the duration of the mission.

Bishop and his colleagues were deployed in the U.S. Embassy, which he described as one of the very few undamaged structures in Port-au-Prince. He described the recently constructed embassy as "almost decadent in view of what surrounded it."

He said he believes

much of the damage to buildings was because of poor construction practices, with many buildings consisting of stacked block, some without mortar.

"They haven't had an earthquake in 200 years, so I guess nobody expected it," Bishop said.

He expressed disappointment in the U.S. government's rescue mission in Haiti.

"I felt it was all a big press show for the military. They brought in all this stuff and treated like it was an armed mission," he said.

"The soldiers were great, they helped move rubble and in other ways, but I felt bringing in all of those armed people sent the wrong message. I don't believe we needed the kind of security they provided," he said. "I was more afraid in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina."

Bishop said that contrary to media reports, he never saw any rioting or aggressive behavior among Haitians.

"We'd hear gunshots at night sometimes," he said. "We'd hear people chanting in the streets outside the embassy walls at 4:30 a.m., but it wasn't a riot. The Haitians are very spiritual people. The chanting is part of that."

Bishop said his team found it impossible to coordinate both transportation and security to reach out to the people in need.

"There was no one organization in charge," he said. "It was chaotic. There were helicopters coming and going constantly at the airport, but we were transported in dump trucks belonging to a U.S. construction firm or state trucks belonging to the embassy, when we could get transportation at all. I saw a U.S. helicopter land to deliver a note to an officer with no other cargo."

He said most North American cell phones did not have a signal, but the Haitian cell phone system was operational.

Bishop said his team was directed to set up a clinic outside the embassy walls to provide care for the 700 embassy employees, mostly Haitian nationals and their families. FloridaOne erected its tents one morning and broke them down the same day when the effort was called off because of a lack of available security forces.

"Eventually, frustrated because we had no mission, we made our own," Bishop said. "We began treating people who came to the embassy seeking visas to the U.S. If you wanted to leave the country and you had a U.S. passport, the U.S. State Department would fly you home."

Bishop said processing people who wanted to leave was complicated because citizens were often accompanied by non-citizens who

had to obtain visas to enter the U.S.

He said that when pregnant women are near delivery, they try to visit relatives in the U.S. to deliver, so that the child will be a U.S. citizen. Now some of those women are attempting to return to the U.S. with their children, but the mothers are not citizens and must obtain visas.

He said other Haitians are lying about citizenship in an attempt to reach safety. "There were thousands of people in line waiting to get visas trying to leave the country," he said. "They waited in line for up to four days and some of them spent two more days in the building."

Bishop said the long wait was because embassy employees, many of whom had lost their homes, were not available to process forms. Eventually, the embassy set up tents on embassy grounds for employees and the visa processing operation was moved to the airport.

Bishop might return to Haiti for a second deployment next week.

"I will go if they ask me. I'm worn out and I've got some kind of respiratory issue. There was stuff burning constantly, debris and bodies. We were constantly inhaling smoke. We were issued a months supply of antibiotics as a prophylactic against malaria," he said.

Bishop said the Haitian people are very strong and they are survivors.

"You have to remember that half the population is under 18. There are almost no old people and no fat people."

Bishop said, if you want to help the survivors of the earthquake, send money. He advises donating to one of the long-standing faith based missions.

Organizations one might wish to investigate include the Baptist Haiti Mission founded in 1943, Haiti Medical Missions founded 2002, Children's Medical Mission of Haiti founded 1945, North West Haiti Christian Mission founded 1977 and Haiti Christian Mission founded 1983.

Bishop also recommended donating to Doctors without Borders, an international team of medical professionals who volunteer to work in disaster areas around the globe. He said nobody should attempt to visit the disaster on their own.

"If you don't bring your own fuel, food and water, you will become an additional burden," he said.

He also said that donations of food, clothing and toiletries are not useful at this time because they cannot be distributed. He said these items are already available in street markets.

"Food is available," he said, "but people have no money to buy it."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST TO EXTEND THE HOURS FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The City of Apalachicola has received a request to extend the hours for the sale of alcoholic beverages in bars, taverns, lounges and other commercial establishments within the corporate limits of the City of Apalachicola to 2:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Planning and Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing to consider this request on Monday, February 8th, 2010 at 6:00 pm. The Public Hearing will be held at the City Hall/Community Center building located at 1 Bay Avenue, Battery Park, Apalachicola, Florida.

The City of Apalachicola encourages all interested parties to attend and be heard with respect to this matter.

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Seahawk hoopsters win 3 of 4

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Despite the loss of its star post player, the Seahawks varsity boys basketball team rallied last week to win three of four games, defeating West Gadsden, Florida High and Blountstown before losing at home to district rival Jefferson County.

School officials say sophomore Carlos Morris has been declared academically ineligible for the second semester.

"We've had a parent meeting with the entire varsity team about team issues and team concerns, and we've dealt with it internally," coach Fred Drake said. "It was a positive meeting with the administration."

"Even though there's been a change, we're still headed on course. That doesn't stop our show," the coach said. "We still have team goals and team expectations, and different people just have to step up. Now roles have shifted, and were still playing good ball."

The regular season closes today at home against Florida High when the seniors and their parents will be recognized as part of Senior Night. The ceremony will take place at the break between the junior varsity contest and the varsity tip-off, which should be sometime around 7 p.m. Five Seahawk seniors, Arron Prince, Austin O'Neal, Derick Rhodes, Tydron Wynn and Zach Jones, will be honored.

The Seahawks began the week on Jan. 26 at home vs. district rival West Gadsden and came away with a 58-50



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Coach Fred Drake, kneeling, and JV coach Carlos Hill, talk to Seahawks during a break in Friday's game against Jefferson County.

win. O'Neal's 25 points and Prince's 22 paced the team, as the Seahawks outscored West Gadsden 25-13 in the last quarter to secure the win.

Junior Adam Joseph led the team with 13 rebounds, with junior Dalin Modican pulling down a dozen.

The Seahawks will open the post-season Feb. 12 at Liberty County, where they are expected to face West Gadsden

in their district openers.

"We know we have to win that game to make the state playoffs, and that will be three years in a row," Drake said. "We got to win to get in. That's one that we're definitely preparing for and thinking about."

The coach said he plans to bring up

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Dixie Youth League sign-ups begin

Special to The Times

Even with the chilly weather, it's time to think of spring and the joys of America's pastime.

Applications are being taken for the 2010 Franklin County Dixie Youth League season, encompassing everything from T-ball for the littlest ones to baseball and softball for the older boys and girls.

To be eligible for the 2010 season, which begins with a Day of Baseball slated for Saturday, March 27, at Eastpoint's Vrooman Park, a child must be age 5 before May 1, 2010.

Participation fees are \$50 for the first child and \$45 for each child after that. Late registration fee, after March 1, will be \$60.

Sign-ups are being held in Apalachicola at the D.W. Wilson Sports Complex, in Eastpoint at Vrooman Park and in Carrabelle at the Will Kendrick Sports Complex.

The sign-ups will be held today from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 11, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Parents are asked to bring a birth certificate of their child or children to the sign-ups.

The league is also seeking energetic adults to serve as coaches or volunteers for the upcoming season.

For more information, call Bob or Toni Eddy at 653-8940.

'Deadliest Catch' captains promote fishing industry

Special to The Times

They may never have navigated Apalachicola Bay, but three of the world's most recognizable commercial fishing personalities are promoting Apalachicola's Working Waterfront and Florida's commercial fishing industry as part of a new statewide campaign to increase awareness of Florida's fishing heritage.

Captains Sig Hansen and Johnathan and Andy Hillstrand — well known to viewers of the Discovery Channel's wildly pop-

ular "Deadliest Catch" series about Alaskan crab fishing in the Bering Sea — began appearing in TV spots and other media this month promoting Florida's fishing industry.

Apalachicola is one of eight Working Waterfront communities to be highlighted in the statewide promotion. The other Working Waterfront communities to be highlighted include Sebastian, Destin, Miami, Keys, Cortez, Tarpon Springs and Jacksonville. There are a total of 23 communities, including Carrabelle, that

have been designated as Working Waterfront Communities since the program's inception in 1997.

Apalachicola is the state's first Working Waterfront Community to be funded out of a new program created to preserve those working waterfronts. The city will use an \$800,000 grant from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront Program to purchase waterfront land for an educational commercial seafood boat building and restoration facility in the community.

Throughout the county, there is a heightened sense of protectiveness for the area's commercial fisherman. Directed by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the Franklin County Tourist Development Council (FCTDC) is working with local business and seafood leaders to formulate a countywide marketing campaign designed to promote Franklin County seafood as "caught wild and kept fresh." The FCTDC has already produced a documentary-style video about the area's seafood industry

and heritage. It can be viewed at www.anaturalescape.com.

The TDC's involvement in the seafood campaign was borne out of an emergency situation that occurred late last year when federal officials from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) were threatening to shut down Apalachicola Bay's oyster industry for much of the year over water bacteria concerns. Since then, the FDA has backed off threats against the industry. However,

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SPRING SPORTS

Lady Seahawks varsity softball

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6, pre-season tourney @ Arnold High School

Wednesday, Feb. 10, at home vs. Bay High at 7 p.m.

Seahawks varsity baseball

Thursday, Feb. 11, pre-season

game at 4 p.m. @ Rickards

Lady Seahawks middle school softball

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Austin O'Neal

Senior Austin O'Neal has been the leading scorer for the boys basketball team, hitting 25 points against West Gadsden, 25 against Florida High, 21 against Jefferson County and 23 against Blountstown.



Dalin Modican

Junior Dalin Modican has become a consistent force under the basket, consistently performing among the team's top rebounders. He also has begun scoring in double digits, nailing 13 against Florida High and a dozen against Jefferson County.



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five junior varsity players, D'Andrea Robinson, Leonard Green, Chance Buffkin, A.J. Allen and Zach Peters, for the post-season roster of 15 players.

The Seahawks traveled to Florida High on Jan. 28 and came away with a 52-46 win, outscoring their opponents 15-10 in the fourth quarter to pull away. O'Neal led the team with 25 points and eight rebounds, while Modican kicked in 13 points and eight rebounds and Prince added 10 points.

On Friday night at home, the Seahawks lost their one game of last week, falling 74-67 to Jefferson County. O'Neal

and Prince both scored 21 points, but Jefferson County, who led 19-14 after the first quarter, kept the game out of reach.

The Seahawks pulled within two, 55-53 at the start of the final stanza, but that's as close as they would get.

"Jefferson County had their whole starting lineup coming back," Drake said. "They have one of the best guards in the Big Bend, Chris Mays. I knew it was going to be a tough game."

The Seahawks won Tuesday night at home, downing Blountstown 59-47, led by O'Neal's 23 points. Their record is now 14-8.



Seahawk Tre'kale Turrell, right, one of the shortest members of the team, is towered over by a Jefferson County player as they await a free throw in Friday night's game. At left is Seahawk Dalin Modican.

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STATS

Jan. 26 vs. West Gadsden
 West Gadsden 10 9 18 13 - 50
 Franklin Co. 18 9 6 25 - 58
SEAHAWKS: Arron Prince 6/16 2s, 1/4 3s, 7/14 FTs, 22 pts.; Dalin Modican 0/2 2s, 2/2 FT, 2 pts.; Michael Turner 1/2 2s, Adam Joseph 4/7 2s, 8 pts.; Austin O'Neal 8/19 2s, 0/1 3s, 8/13 FTs, 25 pts.; Zach Jones 0/1 2s
Totals: 19/47 2s, 1/5 3s, 17/20 (85%) FTs
Rebounds: Joseph 13; Modican 12; O'Neal 9; Prince, Winfield 8; Turner 5; Tre'kale Turrell 4; Tydron Wynn 3
Steals: Modican, Prince 3; Turrell, O'Neal 2; Joseph, Winfield
Assists: Turrell, O'Neal 3; Modican 2; Winfield

Jan. 28 @ Florida High
 Franklin Co. 11 13 13 15 - 52
 Florida High 15 9 12 10 - 46
SEAHAWKS: Prince 5/7 2s, 0/5 3s, 10 pts.; Modican 5/5 2s, 3/4 FT, 13 pts.; James Winfield 0/1 2s; Tydron Wynn 0/1 3s; Joseph 1/2 2s, 2 pts.; O'Neal 6/18 2s, 1/3 3s, 10/15 FTs, 25 pts.; Tre'kale Turrell, 1/1 2s, 2 pts.
Totals: 18/34 2s, 1/9 3s, 13/19 (68%) FTs
Rebounds: O'Neal, Modican 8; Turrell 5; Prince, Joseph 3; Wynn, Rhodes
Steals: Prince 4; Turrell 3; Joseph, Modican, Winfield 2; O'Neal
Assists: O'Neal, Prince 4; Turrell 3; Modican 2; Winfield, Joseph

Jan. 29 vs. Jefferson Co.
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SEAHAWKS: Prince 6/11 2s, 3/11 3s, 0/3 FTs, 21 pts.; Modican 4/10 2s, 4/6 FT, 12 pts.; Winfield 4/6 2s, 0/1 FTs, 8 pts.; Joseph 1/1 2s, 0/2 FTs, 2 pts.; O'Neal 7/19 2s, 0/1 3s, 7/7 FTs, 21 pts.; Turrell, 1/2 2s, 1/2 FTs, 3 pts.; Jones 0/1 2s
Totals: 23/50 2s, 3/12 3s, 12/30 (40%) FTs
Rebounds: O'Neal 7; Modican 6; Prince, Winfield 4; Joseph, Turner, Jones 3
Steals: Prince, O'Neal 4; Joseph, Modican, Winfield
Assists: Prince 4; O'Neal, Jones 2; Joseph, Modican, Turner, Turrell, Wynn

SOCCER GIRLS HONORED



ANDREA REGISTER | Special to the Times

Seahawks Booster President Monica Moron hangs a medallion around the neck of Apalachicola Bay Charter School eighth-grader Gracyn Kirvin during the Jan. 21 fall sports banquet in the high school cafeteria. Kirvin was named by coach Kelli Maggio as the Best All Around on the team, while Most Improved honors went to sophomore Emmy Norris, Best Defensive Player to sophomore Sami Coulter and Best Offensive Player to sophomore Megan Newell. Also honored were teammates Kayla Carter, Deborah Dempsey, Jessica Dempsey, Laura Gallegos, Emily Hatfield, Macy Hunt, Carla Lewis, Haley Lemieux, Megan McClain, Stephanie Marxsen, Haley Mathes, Adrian Reeder, Jessica Shields, Whitney Vause, Brianna Whittington and Maggie Langston.

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the state, as well as local seafood and tourism leaders, are continuing regulatory and promotional efforts to improve seafood handling safety and public awareness of the importance of the commercial seafood industry to the state.

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson, whose department promotes the state's agriculture and seafood industries and helps administer the state's Working Waterfronts Program, said he hopes that as the

public learns more about Florida fishermen and the struggles they face to supply consumers with quality products, the more they will ask for domestically harvested seafood when shopping or dining out.

"In recent years, hurricanes have damaged fishing fleets, equipment and processing infrastructure, cheap seafood imports have flooded U.S. markets, and soaring fuel prices have drastically increased our fishermen's

cost of doing business," Bronson said. "But, even when faced with this 'perfect storm' of adversity, our state's fishermen persevere. Consumers can help by always asking for Florida-harvested seafood products."

In addition to promotions featuring the three fishing celebrities, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is producing a series of documentaries about Apalachicola and several of Florida's other work-

ing waterfronts. The videos will detail the historical development of each area's commercial fishing industry, promote tourism and spotlight the fishermen who bring home Florida's "Tastiest Catch." The first video, titled "Florida's Fishing Traditions: Sebastian," was released late last year. Future videos will feature Apalachicola/Destin, Miami/Keys, Cortez, Tarpon Springs and Jacksonville.

According to Department of Agriculture figures, Florida's

commercial fishermen annually harvest more than 83 million pounds of quality seafood and fishery products with a dockside value of more than \$168 million. Florida leads the U.S. in the number of seafood processing businesses, with 500. Another 800 businesses buy and sell seafood as dockside fish buyers, wholesale brokers, importers or exporters. Retail and restaurant sales of Florida products total \$24 billion annually.

Franklin County Habitat for Humanity 7th Annual

Mardi Gras Revue

Held at the

Dixie Theatre

Saturday Feb 6th, 2010 at 6:30 pm

ENTERTAINMENT

The Tate's Hell Blues Band

Slim Fatz

Candida Robertson

Guitarist: Randy Mims & Friends

TICKETS:
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 General Admission
 Tickets available at the door

SHOW ONLY
 7:30 - 9:30
 Beer and Wine
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All proceeds benefit HFH and Franklin's Promise Coalition

Volunteers Call: (850)653-3113

Dixie Youth Umpire Clinic

Dixie Youth is hosting a Baseball Umpire certification clinic on February 20, 2010 in Marianna Florida. The clinic will be at the Marianna High School. Registration fee and transportation provided by the Franklin County Parks & Recreation Department. To register for the clinic or for further information contact Franklin County Parks & Recreation Department at 850-653-8277.

Deadline to Register is February 12, 2010 by Noon



Laissez les bon temps rouler

Dixie Theatre readies for Mardi Gras Saturday night

Special to The Times

The seventh annual Mardi Gras celebration this Saturday night at the Dixie Theatre is sure to provide some much-needed merriment for these troubling times.

It also will provide some much-needed financial support for the cause of bringing affordable housing opportunities to county residents.

Once again, this event is the only yearly fundraiser by the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. This year, for the first time, Franklin's Promise Coalition has joined with Habitat to put on this event and better serve those in need.

The \$20 admission will cover dinner and live band entertainment, with a \$2 donation for beer, wine and other beverages.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be prepared and served by local restaurant volunteers who will present a little "taste of Franklin County" for the event. A Tamar's Cajun buffet, steamed shrimp from Buddy Ward, fish dip from The Grill and Ella's cupcakes for dessert — and for the first time, there will be a clam bar from Van Lewis and local gumbo from Jeff Iardi.

David Butler, of Gulf State Community Bank, again will emcee and begin the silent auction during dinner. Many local individuals and businesses have contributed valuable items, and the highest bid takes them home.

This year's auction items so far include donations from The Old Carabelle Hotel; hand-painted wine glasses from Kathy Kouck; Dixie Theatre tickets; jewelry from the Gem Collection; artwork from Joyce Estes, Joan Matey and Marilyn Bean, The Consulate, John Spohrer the Iardi family; Century 21 Collins Realty and Resort Vacation Properties; and more to arrive during the week.

Leading off the evening's entertainment at 7:30 p.m. will be Randy Mims and Friends, followed by blues guitarist Slim Fatz, vocalist Candida Robertson and the ever-popular Tate's Hell Blues Band, all orchestrated again by the amazing Wayne Thomas on the sound and light board.

Dress for the event is described by Pam Ashley, coordinator of Mardi Gras, as "Jazzy to Snazzy".

For information or to volunteer for this event, Habitat for Humanity or Franklin's Promise, call 653-3113.



FLORIDA PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION | Special to The Times

Above, this photo, taken between Feb. 11 and 15, 1915, shows the G.M. Counts float in the Apalachicola Mardi Gras parade. **Middle**, Sara Jane Nedley, Elizabeth Marshall Porter and Myrtle Theobald are in this car, decorated for the Mardi Gras Carnival in Apalachicola in 1915. **At top**, taken onstage during one of the early years of Habitat for Humanity's revival seven years ago of the Apalachicola Mardi Gras, this photo shows emcee David Butler, at left, along with the late Rex Partington, founder of the "modern" Dixie Theatre, and daughter Dixie Partington, at right. **Topmost**, taken between March 2 and 4, 1916, this photo of the Mardi Gras carnival in Apalachicola shows the "Minute Men" with flags leaving boat at dock and being greeted by children's band and large crowd.



MARIA FERRANTE

Opera singer to delight fans

Special to The Times

Opera singer Maria Ferrante, performing a program entitled "Sea Tides and Time" will be the special guest of the Ilse Newell for the Performing Arts concert on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 4 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Trained in America, Germany and Italy, Ferrante has appeared in opera, oratorio and solo concerts throughout the world and on five recordings.

"Maria Ferrante broke my heart Sunday night. Or, through her, Puccini's 'Madama Butterfly' did," wrote Richard Dyer of the Boston Globe in January 2003. Her "combination of delicacy and intensity ... brought tears to my eyes ... In her honesty, imagination and investment, she was infinitely superior to the last 'Butterfly' I saw at the Met."

The petite soprano's operatic roles range from the great stage heroines, such as Violetta in Verdi's "La Traviata," Pamina in Mozart's "Magic Flute" and Desdemona in Verdi's "Otello," to serving girls, such as Despina in Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte" and Barbarina in Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro."

Equally at home on the concert stage, Maria has appeared in concert with such world renowned artists as Lincoln Mayorga and Gilbert Kalish. The world's two most eminent solo clarinetists, Julian Milkis (a Sony recording artist) and Richard Stolzman (who has recorded on all the major labels) have performed with her. Internationally touring solo violinists Ayako Yoshida and Colin Jacobsen; cellist Dorothy Larson (a Deutsche Gramophon recording artist); and pianists Abba Bogin, Alys Terrien-Queen and John McGinn have accompanied Ferrante.

Ferrante's most recently released CD, "Sea Tides and Time," received a rave review from the Boston Herald, "[Ferrante] known for her lilting soprano voice and probing mind ... brings a supple and colorful approach to a broad variety of repertoire."

This concert performance by this accomplished artist promises to be the highlight of Ilse Newell's 22nd season, which is provided through the Apalachicola Area Historical Society. Suggested donation is \$3.

For more information, call 370-6201.

Births and **BIRTHDAYS**

Tristan Howard turns 3



Tristan Reid Howard celebrated this third birthday on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010.

Tristan is the son of Reid Howard of Eastpoint, and Kady Howard of Lynn Haven.

His paternal grandparents are Chris and Teresa Howard of Eastpoint.

His maternal grandparents are Tony and Lucy Tindell of Lynn Haven.

Tristan's paternal great-grandparents are Buford and Mary Jo Jones of Eastpoint, and the late W.T. and Irene Moses.

His maternal great-grandparents are Harry Papadopolous and Eva Papadopolous of Carrabelle; Geannie Tindell of Eastpoint, and the late "Curley" Tindell. Tristan, we love you very MUCH!

It's Dannaw's birthday today



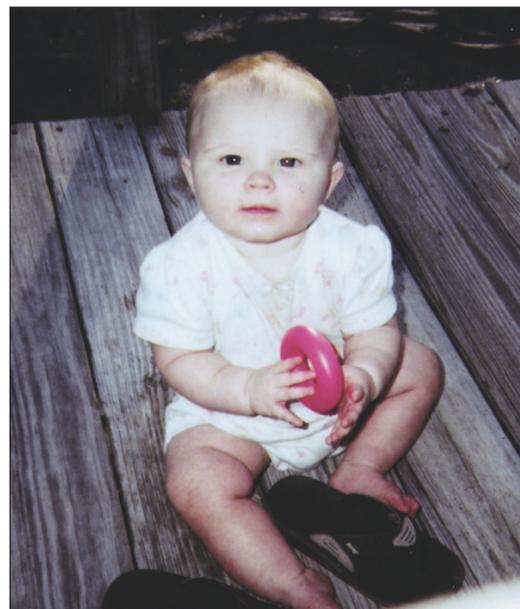
Thursday, Feb. 4

One of Apalachicola's own is another year old ... She's turning 85 — and even more divine! So on this special day, with all the love we've got We're excited to say ... **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DOT!**

Happy 85th Birthday to Dorothy Rolstad!
We Love You! E.O.T.

~ Your Family

Layla Burke turns 1



Layla Burke celebrated her first birthday on Monday, Feb. 1, 2010.

Burke, daughter of Jeremy Burke, of Apalachicola, and Tina Burke of Thomasville, Ga., joined in the celebration with her older sister, Loni.

Maternal grandparents are John and Sonya Bellew of Apalachicola.

Paternal grandparents are David and Beverly Burke, of Apalachicola. Paternal great-grandparents are Belvin and Johnnie Bryant of Apalachicola.

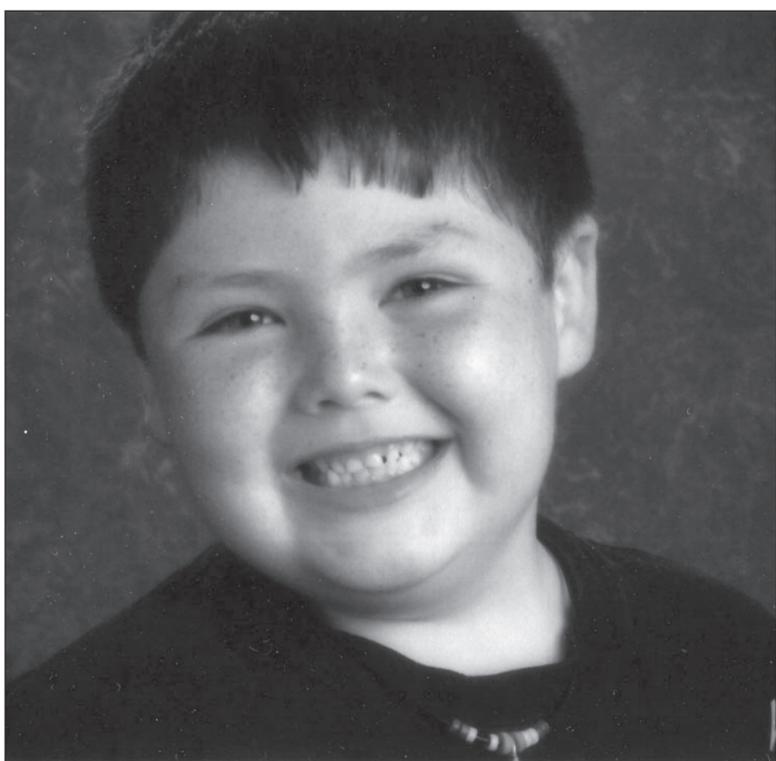
Khrissa Litton born



Christopher and Miranda Litton are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Khrissa Lynn Litton. She was born Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 and weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Danny and Ruby Litton, of Carrabelle. Paternal great-grandparents are Mary Fordham of Carrabelle, and the late Roy Fordham and Alice Card of Mississippi.

Maternal grandparents are Bert and Molly Millender, of Eastpoint, and Cleveland Adams of Cottonwood, Ala. Maternal great-grandparents are Kinie Reeder of Eastpoint, and the late Oliver Reeder; and Betty Adams of Cottonwood, Ala. and the late Herbert Adams.



Kelson Smith turns 7

Kelson Tyler Smith celebrated her seventh birthday on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010.

Happy birthday, Kelson. We love you very much.

Love,
Mom, Hunter, Kylee and Kaydence

PET OF THE WEEK



Charlie

Charlie is a 2- or 3-year-old lab/hound mix. He is a sweet, affectionate, playful dog that has been at the Adoption Center since September. He loves nothing more than to go for walks and chase sticks. When play time is over he wants to stay in close contact by leaning against your legs to have his ears scratched. He would make a wonderful companion for anyone looking for a devoted, adoring pet. Please consider adopting this sweet boy. He would add so much happiness to your home.

VOLUNTEERS are desperately needed to socialize Charlie and all of the other dogs and cats. We are always looking for people willing to bring one of our animals into their home to be fostered for various needs. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

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

Wood baby shower postponed

A baby shower for Cheree Walden Wood, planned for Saturday, Feb. 6, has been postponed temporarily.

The new date will be given in a future announcement.

For more information, call 697-2899.



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While individual results vary, one patient in the first study lowered his blood sugar from 220-245 to the 100-130 range in only 28 days, despite being instructed not to change his dietary habits or physical activity. Some patients, under their doctors care, have been able to reduce or eliminate their need for diabetic drugs. Scientists say that Cinnatrol helps diabetic drugs to work more efficiently.

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Obituaries

Chester Lane

Chester Nathaniel Lane, son of the late Herbert and Jessie Lane, was born Oct. 25, 1918 in Apalachicola. He is the last of nine children born to this union.

He received an early education at Dunbar High School in Apalachicola. During his teenage years, he joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

In 1938, he moved with his parents to Pensacola to work for the Florida Bureau of Fisheries on the Island in Pensacola Bay. He made Pensacola his permanent home.

He was united in holy matrimony to Helen Daniel, who preceded him in death. Into this union, one niece was loved, accepted and adopted at the age of 4 as their own daughter, named Delores "Lolo" Bunyon.

In 1942, Lane completed his first electronics course from National Radio Institute.

In 1952, he was the first African-American to be hired at the Pensacola Naval Air Station as an electronics equipment repairman. He worked at the base in electronics repair until his retirement in

1974. He earned several honors; his most prized was the "Zero Defects Production Award" for September '65 to September '66.

In addition to his business activity in radio, television and sound equipment, Lane was also active in the real estate arena. On Dec. 12, 1997, the city of Pensacola honored him as the "Landlord of the Year." This honor was in competition with more than 700 other landlords of multiple units, and was especially prized because he was nominated by his tenants for this prestigious award.

Brother Lane was an active and faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the Benevolentians Social Club. He enjoyed life, sharing and caring for others and loving to live again. He will always be remembered in his home church and his community, for his friendliness, generosity, love of family and business acumen.

On Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010 he was called from labor to reward.

Leaving to cherish his loving memory and missing his depar-

ture are a dedicated and devoted daughter, Delores (Lolo) Robinson (Wilford) of Apalachicola; children of his three deceased sisters, four nieces, and seven nephews; loyal and dedicated nieces, Evelyn Williams, Pearl M. Perry, Marilyn Jones and Jessie Mae Jones, all of Apalachicola; nephews, Rev. James Bunyon, Apalachicola, Francis Bunyon (Mary) of Sanford, N.C., Jerry Bunyon (Doris) of Capitol Heights, Md., James C. Hawkins (Gloris) of West Hyannis Port, Mass., Lt. Col. (Ret.) Cephus S. Rhodes (Rebecca) of El Paso, Texas, Chester J. Rhodes (Myrtle) of Panama City; and Herbert D. Rhodes (Mary) of Panama City.

Uncle Bud is also mourned by another echelon with legions of great-nieces, great-nephews, in-laws and friends.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, Feb. 4 at noon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 528 West Jackson Street, Pensacola, FL.

Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery with Benbow Funeral Home directing.

Susie Cummings

Susie Mae Allen Cummings was born on March 15, 1920, to the late Ceasar Allen and was raised by her grandmother Della Dell in Bainbridge, Ga.



CUMMINGS

She united with the late Moses Cummings Sr. in marriage, and into that union eight children were born.

Cummings passed away Saturday, Jan. 24, 2010.

She is preceded in death by four of her children, George Cummings, Hayward Cummings, Leon Cummings, and Lorine McLemore.

She is survived by four

children, Moses Cummings Jr., Mr. Robert Cummings, Mary James, and Beatrice Washington (Donald); 27 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren, and a host

of nieces and nephews and sorrowing friends. She had three dear friends, Margie Kelly, Essie Mae Woodyard and Annie Mae Mitchell.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 30, at St. Paul A.M.E. Church with burial in Snowhill Cemetery.

All arrangements were under the direction of Kelley Funeral Home.

Mary Reeves, 77, passed away peacefully at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital early Friday morning, Jan. 22, 2010.

She was born in 1932 and raised in Apalachicola, where she graduated high school and later attended Florida State University. She then moved to Port St. Joe where she raised her family and has been a long time resident.

Reeves was employed at Boyles Dept. Store as a sales clerk for many years and then later worked at the Senior Citizens Center.

She was survived by her four children, Geary Reeves (Diane), Pam DeFelice (David), Les Reeves (Shelly) and Steve Reeves (Debbie); five grandchildren, Christopher DeFelice, England Reeves, Amber Reeves, Jade Reeves and Leslie DeFelice; several other close relatives Marie Wentworth, Alden and Lisa Wentworth, Jean and Edward Nabors, Dorothy

Mary Reeves



REEVES

Rolstad and family, Brandi and Brittany Smith, and extended Lichardello family; and special friends, Evelyn Babb, Betty Jean Godwin, Jerry and Lid Stokoe, Debbie and Karl Bowman.

She was devout Catholic by faith and held strong to her beliefs and of her love for the Lord where she attended church at St. Patrick Catholic Church. She loved being surrounded by all kinds of different flowers and spent many hours gardening and keeping them so pretty. Playing bingo and shopping on QVC were her other pastime favorites.

Services were held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Apalachicola at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25 with burial at Magnolia Cemetery. A viewing was held Sunday evening, Jan. 24, with a Rosary said afterwards, at Kelley Funeral Home, 149 Avenue H, Apalachicola.

Always a loving mother and now a loving soul.

News BRIEFS

Free clothes giveaway Saturday at Mount Zion

There will be a free clothes giveaway at Mount Zion Church on U.S. 98 in Apalachicola on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. Both adult and children's clothes will be distributed. Free lunch will also be served.

For more information please call 370-5033.

Island Methodist host 'Souper Bowl Sunday'

The St. George Island United Methodist Church, 2011 East Gulf Beach Drive, will have a soup sale this Sunday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Come sample for purchase a variety of homemade soups. A quart is \$6 and a pint is \$3.

For more information, call Mary Lou Short at 927-2569.

Carrabelle High School reunion set for Feb. 13

The Carrabelle High School Reunion, for students from years 1965-1980, is being planned for Saturday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. The reunion will be held at the Carrabelle Municipal Complex Building, site of the former Carrabelle High School. Please bring finger foods and memorabilia. There will be a \$5 beverage fee at the door. If you would like to help please contact Pam Young McKenzie at 210-2242.

Carrabelle Methodist church to host Valentine dinner

The Carrabelle United Methodist Church will host a Valentine Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m., with proceeds going to the Carrabelle Food Pantry.

The church, chef Georgia Russell and numerous sous-chefs will be serving gourmet delights with an "Italian" flair. Soup, salad, entree' and desert will be served. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Please contact Russell at 697-9876, 697-2141, or cell 469-358-6703 or the church office and speak with Sandra at 697-3672.

All tickets must be paid for on or before Feb. 10.

Camp Gordon Johnston starts 'Sponsor a Soldier'

Active duty soldiers will be returning for this year's annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days held the second weekend of every March. During their stay, the museum feeds and lodges these soldiers. For a donation of \$15, you have the opportunity to join us in showing our appreciation for their dedication and service by providing a breakfast and dinner for one soldier. Please make your donation to CGJ Days 2010 "Sponsor a soldier" and drop it by the museum or mail it: CGJA, P.O. Box 1334, Carrabelle, FL 32322.

Lanark NEWS

How was the soup and sandwich? I hear things went well. We appreciate your continued support.

You did place your order for Valentine's Day dinner at Chillas Hall, didn't you? Doors open at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14. Serving at 2:30 p.m. Hope to see you there. No sales at the door.

Be kind to one another, and check in on the sick and housebound — Got Jesus?

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



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

CARD OF THANKS

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece; if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much, whatever the part.

The family of Phyllis Willis Tolliver

Free tax help available in Carrabelle

Special to the Times

The American Association of Retired People (AARP) Tax-Aide will once again be serving taxpayers in Franklin County, helping them to file their 2009 federal income taxes.

This is the second year this service has been available at the Franklin County Library in Carrabelle. The Tax-Aide site is open on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., continuing through April 13.

AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service available to all taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those aged 60 and older.

More than 33,000 volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), now help more than two million taxpayers file their federal, state and local tax returns each year at nearly 7,000 AARP Tax-Aide sites nationwide.

This free, confidential service is provided by volunteers, who have

AARP TAX-AIDE

Federal income tax assistance is available Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. at the Franklin County Library in Carrabelle.

been trained, certified and equipped by the IRS and the AARP Foundation. Volunteers are trained to assist in filing the 1040 tax form and basic schedules. Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance.

- A number of new deductions and tax credits are available for 2009 including: Economic Recovery Program (ERP) payment. If you received retirement benefits from Social Security, Veteran's Administration, or Railroad Retirement, you most likely received a \$250 ERP.

- Making Work Pay Credit 6.2 percent of earned income up to \$400.

- First-time home buyer credit is expanded to \$8000 for first time home buyers and \$6,500 for long-time homeowners buying a replacement principal residence.

- Deduction for motor vehicle taxes. If you purchased a brand new vehicle, the sales tax on it is deductible, even if you don't itemize deductions.

- American Opportunity Education Credit expands Hope credit to 4 years.

- Temporary waiver of minimum distribution rules
- Credit for non-business energy property and an expanded residential energy credit

- Exclusion for qualified principal residence indebtedness income reported on a 1099-A or 1099-C resulting from foreclosure or cancellation of debt on your principal residence may qualify for this exclusion.

AARP TaxAide volunteers have been trained to handle all these new credits and deductions.

Please bring with you a valid picture ID, and Social

Security cards or other official documentation for the taxpayer and all dependents, W-2 forms from each employer, all 1099 forms (SSA-1099, 1099-INT, 1099-Div, 1099-Misc, 1099-R, etc.), unemployment compensation statements, documentation on any self-employment income and expenses, sales and original purchase information for any assets sold, all forms showing any federal income tax paid, evidence of property taxes paid, sales tax information on any vehicle purchased, closing statement on new home if taking the first time homebuyer credit, dependent care information (name, address, employer ID or SSN), all receipts, cancelled checks and other supporting documents if itemizing deductions.

You will also need check or other bank documentation showing the bank routing number for direct deposit of any refund, and a copy of last year's tax return would be helpful.

For more information, call Darrel Acker, 850-349-9593.

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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

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201 E. Gulf Beach Dr. 927- 4635 www.sgiuimc.org
Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis

Thornton found guilty of theft from Okaloosa County

By Tom McLaughlin

Florida Freedom Newspapers

Sabra Thornton was found guilty Friday in Pensacola of six counts of theft.

After seven days of testimony, a six-member jury returned the verdict after nearly eight hours of deliberation that began Jan. 21. After recessing for the night, the panel resumed its discussion Friday morning and reached the verdict about 2 p.m.

Thornton is the estranged wife of Bruce Barnes, of St. George Island, who ran twice as a Republican, in 2004 and 2008, for Franklin County Sheriff.

"This is a great victory for the taxpayers of Okaloosa County and for all law enforcement officers who do their duty, serve the public and risk their lives every day," prosecuting attorney Russ Edgar said following the decision.

Thornton spoke briefly to reporters outside the Escambia County Courthouse after the verdict. She declared her innocence and claimed that the public will eventually learn things "that didn't come out at the trial."

Thornton, who worked as chief of staff for former Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris, faces a minimum sentence of 25 months in prison and could be sentenced to as long as 61 years.

Although Edgar argued that she should be remanded to custody, Circuit Judge Linda Nobles allowed Thornton to be released on her own recognizance until sentencing.

A sentencing date will be determined March 17 or at a later date, depending on when a pre-sentencing investigation is completed.

Thornton was the third person in Morris' administration to be convicted of theft, and was the first



DEVON RAVINE | Florida Freedom

Sabra Thornton at her trial in Pensacola one found guilty on state charges.

Morris and his former administrative director, Teresa Adams, are serving federal prison sentences for fraud, theft and money

laundering. They also face state charges of racketeering.

Morris, who testified at Thornton's trial, is serving a 71-month prison term in Arkansas. However, Edgar confirmed Friday that he has remained in Florida while plea negotiations are under way.

Thornton was the only one of five Morris employees who wasn't charged with racketeering - conspiring to carry on a criminal enterprise - and was never formally accused of participating in the employee bonus kickback scheme that led to Morris' downfall.

She was charged with five counts of grand theft and one count of theft as the primary beneficiary of Morris' theft of taxpayers' money.

He used most of those funds to pay Thornton's bills and buy her gifts. He gave her an \$80,000 job that didn't require her to work, prosecutors said, and equipped her with

Sheriff's Office equipment she wasn't entitled to.

The six counts of theft against Thornton were:

- One count for a salary she didn't work to earn;
- One count for an \$8,400 lease payment buyout obtained from Morris;
- One count for \$40,000 Morris gave her to pay off credit card debt;
- One count for use of Sheriff's Office vehicles she wasn't entitled to use;
- One count for use of a Sheriff's Office fuel card she wasn't entitled to use; and
- One count for use of firearms, a laptop computer and a cell phone she wasn't entitled to use.

Her attorney, Mark Welton, called the verdict "completely unexpected."

"I believe that Ms. Thornton handled it with grace and poise," Welton said.

"It was an honor to represent Sabra Thornton," added Brad Stewart, Welton's co-counsel.

Welton said an appeal of the verdict will be discussed.

Trials for Morris, Adams and three others - former Chief Deputy Michael Coup, former Finance Director Sandra Norris and former Information Technology Specialist David Yacks - are scheduled to begin June 1. They all are charged with racketeering and face a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

Barnes testifies at trial

Barnes testified Jan. 25 that he'd met Thornton in 1981 and married her in 1986. She is 14 years younger than he is, he said.

The two have two children, share finances and

live in the same home when both are in Tallahassee or at their second home on St. George Island, said Barnes, who is battling throat cancer.

"We have a great personal relationship," he said. But he also testified that he and Thornton had not been romantically involved for many years.

Barnes told the court that he knew Mike McHargue, a Florida Department of Law Enforcement employee who has been identified as Thornton's lover.

"Our estranged relationship came a long time before Mike McHargue came along," Barnes testified.

Under Welton's questioning, Barnes portrayed his wife as an intelligent person and qualified employee.

He said he was worried when, in March 2008, Thornton took a job with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. He said he didn't think her job would have the same security as the position she was leaving at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

A two-time candidate for sheriff in Franklin County, Barnes made it clear he doesn't trust most of those holding the office. He said he'd only met Charlie Morris once, at a birthday dinner for his wife, and found him to be "arrogant" and "boisterous."

Edgar pressed Barnes about his relationship to his wife. He asked if there were other "Mike McHargues" in her life. Barnes said he didn't think so.

He testified he did not know if Thornton was living with McHargue when she was residing in Okaloosa County.

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 Agri-

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

Jan. 26

Ryan L. Sage, 30, Tallahassee, failure to appear (FCSO)

Christopher E. Everitt, 23, Apalachicola, battery (APD)

Jan. 27

Charles A. Cooper, 20, Apalachicola, DUI (APD)

Jan. 31

Michael R. Down-

ing, 40, Boaz, Ala., driving while license suspended or revoked (FCSO)

Robert J. Register, 23, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Feb. 1

James P. Granger, 51, Robertsedale, Ala., violation of probation (FCSO)

Jeremy A. Shiver, 25, Carrabelle, driving while license revoked (FHP)

Juli T. Jones, 27, Apalachicola, Gulf County warrant for failure to appear (FCSO)

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FWC officers inspect 44 oyster boats

Officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement took two days last month to inspect oyster boats.

FWC said Officers Woody Cook, Carmon Brownell, Steven Cook, Travis Huckeba, John Allen, Chasen Yarborough and Joshua Waite conducted a two-day oyster detail in Apalachicola Bay. Forty-four vessels were boarded with 108 commercial harvesters being inspected.

Three misdemeanor citations were issued for possession of undersize oysters (the percentage of undersize oysters ranged from 65 to 79 percent). Four misdemeanor citations were issued for no saltwater products license and no Apalachicola Bay oyster harvest permit. One infraction citation was issued for in-

sufficient boating safety equipment. Ten written warnings were issued for various resource and boating safety violations.

Officers Woody Cook and Brownell conducted a decoy deer detail in the Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area in an effort to enforce the forked antler rule. At approximately 5:40 p.m., a truck occupied by two hunters approached the area where the decoy was positioned. The truck stopped and one of the hunters exited the vehicle and shot the illegal deer.

The officers then left their positions of concealment and stopped the hunters. The hunter was issued a misdemeanor citation for attempting to take an illegal deer. The hunter's rifle and scope were seized as evidence.

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THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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Notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids at the Franklin County Office of Clerk of the Court, 33 Market St. Suite 203 Apalachicola, FL 32320 (office 850-653-8861) until 4:00 PM local time on February 12, 2010. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "LITTER COLLECTION."

The project generally includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the collection of litter and debris that is blown or falls out of vehicles or trailers driving on the St. George Island Bridge and Approaches, and the Eastpoint/Apalachicola Bridge and Causeway system. The contract term for collection is 3 times a week, March 1 through Sept. 30, 2010. The winning bid will have to have persons on site with valid MOT certifications and they will have to abide by the Florida Dept. of Transportations 2010 Design Standards for proper MOT set up. The successful bidder must have \$1 Million dollars in general liability insurance; \$1 Million dollars in auto insurance, and add the county as an additional insurer on both policies. The appropriate workmen's comp insurance is also required.

Franklin County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

For additional information please contact Alan C. Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, at 850-653-9783, ext. 161.

Reading to the grandkids, via online video

By **Caty Greene**
Special to the Times

Where the old meets the new — lifelong patron Myra Ponder is checking out children's books and reading them to her grandchildren — not earth-shattering news, but she's doing it online with Skype!

Each week she comes in and checks out books specifically to read aloud. Now I am not a user of Skype, but it and other online video communications are certainly becoming part of our culture.

Reading aloud to children of all ages is not new, but it is very important. The new "Bring Me A Book Franklin" program is working to teach parents, grandparents and siblings to take time to read to those who are young and whose minds are thirsting for all types of stimulation. They have also provided bookcases stocked with new books to numerous day care, pre-K and other locations throughout the county.

Myra especially likes books which have won Newbery and Caldecott Awards, and the Apalachicola Municipal Library has a number of these separated out on top



THE LIBRARY

of the "E" section, in the Children's area. Newbery winners are books chosen by the American Library Association as "most distinguished American children's book published in the previous year." The Caldecott Metal is for "distinguished picture book." Many familiar reads from childhood were winners, including "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg, "The Little House" by Virginia Lee Burton, and "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. I have just purchased, from Downtown Books, one of my favorites, "Blueberries for Sal" by Caldecott winner Robert McCloskey. I'll donate it to the library after it spends a little time on my coffee table.

An additional award, the Coretta Scott King, will have to be the subject of a future article.

One correction: Robert Urich was the star of "Spenser for Hire." "Jesse Stone," another Parker character, became a TV vehicle for Tom Selleck. Thanks to my careful readers.

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

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Need a presentation for your next meeting or project? How about using a PowerPoint presentation to impress and get your message across? The Franklin County Public Library, Carrabelle, is offering a Microsoft PowerPoint II computer class on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn to customize a presentation for your meeting, add/coordinate animation, control timing, add video/sound clips, and insert linked data. Call the Eastpoint library at 670-8151 or the Carrabelle library at 697-2366 to register. That same afternoon at 1:30 p.m., the Carrabelle library will present Genealogy I: Ancestry Edition, discover online genealogy resources and learn how to use online databases such as Ancestry, Heritage Quest, and Rootsweb.

The Eastpoint library continues to offer free computer instruction through the month of February. Classes in creating resumes, online job resources, computer basis, Microsoft PowerPoint, and eBay, buying guide will all be available to visitors and Franklin County citizens. If you can't make a class in February, several

classes on the same subject will be offered in March at either branch.

Visitors to Franklin County are welcome to become a member of the Franklin County Public Library. Temporary memberships are available at both branches. You will need a driver's license, home address and address of where you are residing while in the area. Temporary memberships are good for one year and can be renewed upon return to the library. There is no charge to become a member of the Franklin County Public Library, but we do ask patrons to observe library procedures for checking out and returning materials.

The library in Carrabelle welcomes new library assistant, Eugenia Butler, who will be working throughout the library assisting patrons with library requests and processing materials for checkout. She will also provide outreach to the adult community enriching lives with a variety of literary materials and programs.

For more information about the library and/or its programs call 670-8151 in Eastpoint, and 697-2366 in Carrabelle.

Community CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 4

Franklin County School Board. 6 p.m. Willie Speed Board Room in Eastpoint. For info call 670-2810.

Carrabelle City Commission 6 p.m. Carrabelle Municipal Building. For info call 697-3618.

Apalachicola Board of Adjustment public hearing and regular meeting 6 p.m. City Hall. For info call 653-8715.

Professional storyteller and genealogist Mary Fears will help celebrate Black History month by sharing a program of telling stories based upon historic documents, rather than fictionalized versions of African-American history. 7:30 p.m. at the Dixie Theatre. This program, sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council, is free and open to the public. For more info, call 653-3200.

Individual/group computer instruction at Eastpoint library from 10 a.m.

to noon. For more info, call 670-8151.

PowerPoint class. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Carrabelle library. For info call 697-2366.

Genealogy I. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Carrabelle library. For info call 697-2366.

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

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

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

Friday, Feb. 5

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

Parent-child reads at Eastpoint library at 2:15

p.m. for infant to 4 years old. For more info, call 670-8151.

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

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 6

Habitat for Humanity Mardi Gras celebration. Dixie Theatre. 6:30 p.m. For info call 653 3113.

Sunday, Feb. 7

Ilse Newell concert

series. Featuring Maria Ferrante, soprano soloist of opera and oratorio, doing a program "Sea Tides and Time." For more info call 370-6201.

Monday, Feb. 8

Apalachicola Planning and Zoning regular meeting 6 p.m. City Hall. For info call 653-8715.

Yarn Junkies will meet at 7 to 9 p.m. The newly formed group is for knitters, crocheters and others addicted to yarn. The group meets each Monday evening at an alternate location. For information, call Kathy Robinson at 653-7196.

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

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

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

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Carrabelle Historical Society. 6 p.m. Carrabelle Library. For more info, call Tamara Allen at 697-2141

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

Winter Bingo 7

p.m. St. George Island Fire Dept. \$1 per card. Everyone welcome. Proceeds go to St. George Island Civic Club. Call 927-3001.

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Thursday, Feb. 11

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

SUNTRUST BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO SUN BANK/SOUTH FLORIDA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.
WISDOM MINISTRIES
Defendants.

CASE NO. 08000425CA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 28, 2009 and entered in Case No. 08000425CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO SUN BANK/SOUTH FLORIDA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is a Plaintiff and WISDOM MINISTRIES, NASIR K. SIDDIKI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NASIR K. SIDDIKI; SUNSET BEACH OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendants. MARCIA M. JOHNSON as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, 11:00 AM on February 18, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 34, SUNSET BEACH, PHASE 2, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6 AT PAGE 17 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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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. Dated this 12th day of January, 2010.

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

Dated this 12th day of January, 2010.

IMPORTANT

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 850-697-2112, P.O. BOX 340, APALACHICOLA FL. 32320. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 800-955-8771, via Florida Relay System.

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January 28, February 4, 2010

5620T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff,

vs.
JACQUELINE E. GOLDEN A/K/A JACQUELINE H. GOLDEN; JOHN H. GOLDEN; JOHN DOE; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 09-00223

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale Date dated the 6th day of January, 2010, and entered in Case No. 09-00223, of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein

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INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B. is the Plaintiff and JACQUELINE E. GOLDEN A/K/A JACQUELINE H. GOLDEN; JOHN H. GOLDEN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the ON FRONT STEPS OF COURTHOUSE at the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of February, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

West half of Lot 94, Tarpon Shores, Unit 2, (Unrecorded) and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of Section 20, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida and thence run North 02 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East along the East line of Section 20, a distance of 222.89 feet to the Southerly right-of-way boundary of Wilderness Road, thence run South 63 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds West along said Southerly right-of-way boundary 2438.08 feet to a point of curve to the right, thence run Southerly along said right-of-way boundary and along said curve with a radius of 5070.80 feet through a central angle of 06 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds for an arc distance of 548.71 feet, thence leaving said curve run South 69 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds West along said Southerly right-of-way boundary 1910.83 feet to an iron pipe, hence continue South 69 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds West along said Southerly right-of-way boundary 103.70 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #7160) marking the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING and leaving said Southerly right-of-way boundary run South 20 degrees 13 minutes 48 seconds East 419.80 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #7160), thence run South 69 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds West 103.04 feet to a concrete monument, thence run North 20 degrees 19 minutes 11 seconds West 420.07 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #6475)

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lying on the Southerly right-of-way of said Wilderness Road, thence run North 69 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary 103.70 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities, need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 or Telephone Voice/TDD (904) 653-8861 prior to such proceeding.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2010.

Marcia Johnson
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Plaintiff,

-vs.-
John R. Moody; Washington Mutual Bank; Defendant(s).

Case #: 19-2008-CA-000091
Division #: UNC

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling foreclosure sale dated January 6, 2010 entered in Civil Case No. 19-2008-CA-000091 of

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the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and John R. Moody 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., February 18, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 10, BLOCK A, SEA DUNE VILLAGE AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 AT PAGE 21 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON OR ATTACHED THERETO AND ALL TENEMENTS, HEREDITAMENTS, IMPROVEMENTS, APPURTENANCES, RIGHTS, EASEMENTS, LICENSES, BENEFITS AND RIGHT-OF-WAY THERETO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE PERTAINING HEREINAFTER TO THE "PROPERTY"

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

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida, this 11th day of January 2010.

Marcia M. Johnson
Clerk of Court
Terry E. Creamer

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

BANK OF AMERICA NA AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES

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SERIES 2005-AR7, Plaintiff,

vs.

GUY N. MAULDIN; THE TOWNHOMES OF ST. GEORGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GUY N. MAULDIN A/K/A SHARON MAULDIN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 09-00070

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale Date dated 12th day of January, 2010, and entered in Case No. 09-00070, of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA NA AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-AR7 is the Plaintiff and GUY N. MAULDIN; THE TOWNHOMES OF ST. GEORGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GUY N. MAULDIN A/K/A SHARON MAULDIN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the ON FRONT STEPS OF COURTHOUSE at the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of February, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 9, BLOCK H, THREE HUNDRED OCEAN MILE PHASE 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, 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.

In accordance with the

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities, need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL. 32320 or Telephone Voice /TDD (904) 653-8861 prior to such proceeding.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2010.

Marcia Johnson
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: Terry E. Creamer
Deputy Clerk

Law Office of
Marshall C. Watson
1800 NW 49th Street,
Suite 120
Fort Lauderdale,
Florida 33309
Telephone (954)453-0365
Facsimile (954)771-6052
Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438
January 28, February 4, 2010

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the Circuit Court of Franklin County Florida, on the 19th day of January, 2010, in the cause where Hans Barg was Plaintiff and Robert D.(Bob) Allen, Edda Allen and R & E Allen Properties, Inc. a Florida Corporation, were Defendants, being Case No.05-000338-CA in said court, I, Skip Shiver, as Sheriff of Franklin County, Florida, have levied upon all the rights, title and interest of the defendants R & E Allen Properties, Inc. a Florida Corporation (Robert Allen, Trustee) in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

700 Randolph Street, St. George Island, Florida, 32328
(Owned by R & E Allen Properties, Inc.)

Lot 10, Block 66 of St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Unit no. 5, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 16 and 17, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

And on the 1st day of March, 2010 at the north front door of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, in the city of Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida, at the hour of 11.00 a.m., or

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as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all of the said Defendant's R & E Allen Properties, Inc., a Florida Corporation (Robert Allen, Trustee) rights, title and interest in aforesaid real property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. Note: In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Debbie Mock no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at Franklin County Sheriffs Office at (850)-670-8519.

Skip Shiver,
Sheriff of Franklin County,
Florida
By: Debbie L. Mock
Deputy Sheriff
January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2010

5662T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALBERT RUSSELL ALDAY, JR., Deceased.
File Number:
2010-00002-CP

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of ALBERT RUSSELL ALDAY, JR., deceased, File Number 2010-00002-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida 32320. The estate is testate and the date of the will is December 31, 2009. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's Attorney are set forth below. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge

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the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

Any person entitled to exempt property is required to file a petition for determination of exempt property with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR WITHIN FORTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ANY PROCEEDING INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION, ADMISSION TO PROBATE, OR VALIDITY OF THE WILL OR INVOLVING ANY OTHER MATTER AFFECTING ANY PART OF THE ESTATE SUBJECT TO SECTION 732.402, FLORIDA STATUTES.

A surviving spouse seeking an elective share must file an election to take elective share within the time provided by law.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 28, 2010.
Personal Representative:

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MARY LENA NEEL
Post Office Box 144
Chattahoochee, Florida
32324
J. GORDON SHULER of
SHULER AND SHULER
Post Office Drawer 850
Apalachicola, Florida
32329
(850) 653-9226
Florida Bar Number
0700959
Attorney for Personal Rep-
resentative
January 28, February 4,
2010

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SECOND JUDI-
CIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY,
FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
BILLY RAY LANGLEY,
Deceased.

File No. 09-00018-CP
Probate Division

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of
the estate of Billy Ray Langley,
deceased, whose date of
death was November 20,
2008, is pending in the Cir-
cuit Court for Franklin
County, Florida, Probate
Division, the address of
which is 33 Market Street,
Ste. 203, Apalachicola,
Florida 32320-1733. The
names and addresses of the
personal representative and
the personal representative's
attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent
and other persons
having claims or demands
against decedent's estate
on whom a copy of this
notice has been served
must file their claims with
this court: WITHIN 30
DAYS AFTER THE TIME
OF SERVICE OF A COPY
OF THIS NOTICE ON
THEM.

All other creditors of the
decedent and other per-
sons having claims or de-
mands against decedent's
estate must file their claims
with this court: WITHIN 3
MONTHS AFTER THE
DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLI-
CATION OF THIS NOTI-
CE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO
FILED WILL BE FOREVER
BARRED. NOTWITH-
STANDING THE TIME PE-
RIOD SET FORTH ABOVE,
ANY CLAIM FILED TWO
(2) YEARS OR MORE AF-
TER THE DECEDENT'S
DATE OF DEATH IS
BARRED.

The date of first publica-
tion of this notice in the
Apalachicola Times is 4th
day of February, 2010.

Personal Representative:
Cecil Langley
663 Ridge Road
Eastpoint, FL 32328
Attorney for Personal Rep-
resentative:
A. Clay Milton
Florida Bar No. 13185
Milton & Rhodes, PLLC
2863 Jefferson Street
P.O. Box 1591
Marianna, FL 32447
Telephone: (850) 482-2330
February 4, 11, 2010

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IN THE SECOND JUDI-
CIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY,
FLORIDA

COASTAL COMMUNITY
BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.

ROBERT R. MILLENDER,
JR.,
Defendant

CASE NO.: 09-000413-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN pursuant to a Final
Judgment of Foreclosure
dated January 26, 2010,
and entered in Civil Action
No. 09-000413 CA of the
Circuit Court of the Sec-
ond Judicial Circuit in and
for Franklin County, Flor-
ida, wherein the parties
were the Plaintiff,
COASTAL COMMUNITY
BANK, and the Defendant,

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ROBERT R. MILLENDER,
JR., I will sell to the highest
and best bidder for cash at
11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)
on the 18th day of March,
2010, at the front steps of
the Franklin County Court-
house, Apalachicola, Flor-
ida, the following-described
real property as set forth in
said Final Judgment of
Foreclosure:

Lot 5, Block G, Range
Twelve of Pickett's Addition
to Carrabelle, 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 27th day
of January, 2010.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON
Clerk of the Court
Franklin County, Florida
By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk
February 4, 11, 2010



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

AUCTIONS
3130

COUNTRY AUCTION
Overstreet. Saturday 2/6, 4
Eastern, 3 central, on CR
386 4 miles from Mexico
Beach, Old Coins, Rod &
reels, furniture, glass
linens, jewelry, tools, Bay
Co Auction Serv
AB964-AU1384 photos at
AuctionZip.com - 227-8631

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AuctionZip.com - 227-8631

FURNITURE
3220

2 Piece Living Rm Set.
100% Leather, matching
ser, must sell, \$699. never
used, in crates. 425-8374.
Delivery Avail.

\$169 Queen Pillowtop
mattress & box. Manufac-
turer wrapped, with war-
ranty. 222-7783 Del. Avail-
able.

Beautiful Sofa/Loveseat
Microfiber set. \$499. Still in
crate, never used. Factory
warranty, solid oak
foundation. Can deliver.
545-7112

FURNITURE
3220
NEW TODAY
Bedroom Set King Size
Solid wood dovetailed
drawers. New still in pack-
aging. Worth \$2600, give
away \$1,100. Can deliver
222-7783

NEW TODAY
Cherry sleigh Bed. Solid
wood, never used, still in
box, \$249. Call
850-425-8374

NEW TODAY
NEW KING Plushtop Mat-
tress Set, still in plastic
w/warranty. \$279
222-7783. Can deliver

GARAGE/YARD SALES
3230

Apalachicola: 46 16th St.
NW Corner of 16th St. and
Avenue C, Sat. Feb. 6th,
8am until Noon

**Multi-Family
Indoor Yard Sale**

Saturday, February 6th -
8am until Noon - ALL sorts
of things to choose from...
children's, men's, and la-
dies' clothing and shoes,
household goods, kitchen
items, a few tools, and so
much more. 46 16th Street
in Apalachicola (Corner of
16th St and Avenue C)

**GOOD THINGS
TO EAT**
3250

Oyster Tongs, build new
ones and do repairs. Port-
able welding service. Call
Tommy, 850-653-6208

**Recession
Specials!!**
25% Off Dine In Food pur-
chases Monday. 25% Off
Take out Tuesday. Happy
Hour Mon-Fri 5-7. Free
snacks on Friday!! Up The
Creek Raw Bar.

MISCELLANEOUS
3300

DISH Network \$19.99/mo.
Why Pay More For TV?
100+ Channels. FREE
4-Room Install. FREE
HD-DVR. Plus \$600
Sign-up BONUS. Call
Now! 1-888-794-7558

4100-4130
EMPLOYMENT

4100 - Help Wanted
4130 - Employment
Information

HELP WANTED
4100

NEW TODAY
Food Serv/Hospitality
•SERVERS
•COOKS
•HOSTS
**BLUE PARROT
HIRING**
Please apply in person
between 9a-5pm 7 days
a week@
Blue Parrott
St. Georges Island

Store Clerk
Mini Convenience Store
We are looking for a store clerk
who can work in a fast pace
environment. This person must
have own transportation, be
able to work nights & weekends.
Pay based upon experience.
Applications are available at the
store. For further information
contact Tammy at 927-2154..
Monday thru Friday

**State of Florida-Franklin
County Health Department
Job Announcement**

OPS Interviewing Clerk
Position Type: Part Time OPS
Position number: 64919047
Starting rate of pay: \$12 per hour
Closing Date: 02/10/10

The State of Florida is an AA/EEO
employer. Emergency Duties,
Background screening and
fingerprinting required.

This is an OPS Interview Clerk position
under the direct supervision of the
Healthy Start Coordinator at the
Franklin County Health
Department. This clerk will manage
the Mom Care program and perform
data entry, ordering and inventory
for the Healthy Start program and
other related duties as assigned by
immediate supervisor.

Applications are available at either
Franklin County Health Department
location:

155 Avenue E
Apalachicola FL 32320
OR
106 NE 5th Street
Carrabelle, FL 32322

Please, choose one of the following
for submitting your application:

Drop your application at either
Franklin County Health Department
location OR
Mail your application to:
Franklin County Health Department
155 Avenue E
Apalachicola, FL 32320

**BUSINESS/
COMMERCIAL RENTALS**
6100
NEW TODAY
Appalachicola:Downtown
1000 sf open space with
handicap access / bath-
room additional office
space available \$1000 mo
Call Helen 850-323-0123

NEW TODAY
For Rent
Historic Sponge Ex-
change building, Corner
of Ave E & Commerce
St. 305-588-5885

**APARTMENT
RENTALS**
6110

NEW TODAY
1 bedroom furnished with
Florida room. \$350 month.
\$200 dep. Lanark Village.
(48-2 Pine St.). Also have a
2 bedroom unfurnished with
Florida room. \$450
month. \$225 dep. Lanark
Village (26-6 Parker St.)
1 bedroom efficiency in
Carrabelle. Includes water
and electric, unfurnished,
nice deck. \$600 month.
\$300 deposit. Please Call
510-2888. Leave message
w/name & phone number.

1 br, 1 ba Efficiency, in
Apalachicola, quiet, 2 blks
from boat ramp, deck, AC,
pet OK, \$500 mo + first,
last & deposit. Please Call
850-697-5000. Other
homes available.

3br Apt in Lanark Village,
w/ porch & small yard.
\$100 off 1st month rent!!
Will consider rent to own.
\$500 mo / \$250 dep. HUD
vouchers accept. 509-2460

**Heritage Villas &
Southern Villas
of Apalachicola
Apartments**

Accepting applications for
1, 2, & 3 BR, HC and
non-HC accessible units.
Some rental assistance
may be available. HUD
vouchers accepted. Call
850-653-9277. TDD/TTY
711. This institution is an
equal opportunity provider
and employer.

NEW TODAY
Lanark Village

1 br, 1 ba, Renovated/ fur-
nished end unit, new
kitchen & bath, minimum 4
month lease \$495/mo +
deposit, no smoking, pet con-
sidered. (850) 653-3838

NEW TODAY
Lanark Village 51 E Pine
St, 2 br, 2 ba, facing Golf
Course & Bay. Landlord
pays W/S. \$550mo +
\$300dd. Call 850-927-2838
or 864-356-5949

**6100 - Business/
Commercial**
6110 - Apartments
6120 - Beach Rentals
6130 - Condo/Townhouse
6140 - House Rentals
6150 - Roommate Wanted
6160 - Rooms for Rent
6170 - Mobile Home/Lot
6180 - Out-of-Town Rentals
6190 - Timeshare Rentals
6200 - Vacation Rentals

**BUSINESS/
COMMERCIAL RENTALS**
6100

NEW TODAY
**For Lease
Commercial
Building**
Approx 1100 sq ft.
Available now Cor-
ner of Hwy 98 & 12th
Street 850-653-9788 or
850 615 0058

155 Avenue
Apalachicola FL 32320
OR
106 NE 5th Street
Carrabelle, FL 32322

Please, choose one of the following
for submitting your application:

Drop your application at either
Franklin County Health Department
location OR
Mail your application to:
Franklin County Health Department
155 Avenue E
Apalachicola, FL 32320

**State of Florida-Franklin
County Health Department
Job Announcement**

OPS Interviewing Clerk
Position Type: Part Time OPS
Position number: 64919048
Starting rate of pay: \$10 per hour
Closing Date: 02/10/10

The State of Florida is an AA/EEO
employer. Emergency Duties,
Background screening and
fingerprinting required.

This is an OPS Interview Clerk position
under the direct supervision of the
Director of Nursing at the Franklin
County Health Department. This clerk
will perform data entry, ordering
and inventory for the immuniza-
tion program and other related
duties as assigned by immediate
supervisor.

Applications are available at either
Franklin County Health Department
location:

155 Avenue E
Apalachicola FL 32320
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106 NE 5th Street
Carrabelle, FL 32322

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**APARTMENT
RENTALS**
6110
Small Studio Apt. for 500
month, single person, \$500
includes all utilities Unfur-
nished. 850-697-8623 or
545-6904

**BEACH
RENTALS**
6120

NEW TODAY
**St. George
Island**
\$160 wk, elec, Satellite,
Garbage included. pool
table. 12'X65' deck with
Beautiful view. Call
850-653-5114

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

**CONDO/
TOWNHOUSE**
6130

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

2 BR 1 B Mobile Home
Unfurnished, large lot \$575.00
2 BR 1 B Duplex
Remodeled, Fenced Back Yard \$600.00
3 BR 1 B End Unit Apt
Front & Back Porch, unfurnished \$525.00
3 BR 3 B Condo
Unfurnished - Pool \$750.00
2 BR 1.5 BA
170 N. Bayshore Dr. Eastpoint \$750.00
3 BR 3 B Condo
Furnished - Pool \$500.00 wk
2 BR End Unit Apt
Furnished - Carpet \$525.00
1 BR Interior Apt
Furnished - Redecorated \$500.00
2 BR 1 B Apt
Unfurnished Apt \$500.00
3 BR 1 B Apt
Furnished - Redecorated \$500.00
2 BR 1 B Apt
Furnished - (3 Day Min) \$650.00 wk
2 BR 1 B Water Front House
Beautiful View \$900.00
Beach front houses with winter rates.
Short & Long term rentals.
PLEASE CALL JOANN 850-697-9604
OR 850-323-0444 FOR RENTALS.

NEW TODAY
Second Floor

Apt for rent. Four rooms,
one bedroom, one bath.
No pets or smoking. Fully
furnished with pool. \$800
per month, including util.
See at Carrabelle Beach
RV Resort, 1843 HWY 98
West Carrabelle, Florida.
Call 850-697-2638 for info.

NEW TODAY
**Studio Apt.
Furnished
Upstairs studio**

Quiet location, water &
electric incl'd. Walk to
downtown. \$650 mo. plus
deposit 850-653-9116 or
850-774-7178 for appt.

NEW TODAY
Very nice 1br apartment in
Carrabelle. Fully furnished,
patio, and carport!! Must
see to appreciate. \$600
mo, includes dish network
& all util. \$300 dep, Mini-
mum of 6 mo. lease re-
quired. Call (850)897-3246

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AUCTION
**2 Beachfront Properties
Plus Waterfront
& Commercial Properties**
Bidding Ends Feb. 17



3 BR/3 BA Beachfront Home
1824 Plantation Pass, St George Island, FL
1 BR/1 BA Beachfront Home
1804 E. Gulf Beach Dr, St George Island, FL
.55 Acre Commercial Lot
119 Market St., Apalachicola FL
1.12 Acre Residential Lot
2956 Creek Side Dr, Carrabelle FL

Rowell Realty & Auction Co., Inc.
Call for Details
800-323-8388
10% Buyers Premium AU 479, AB 296
RowellAuctions.com



REAL ESTATE SALES & MANAGEMENT
Vacation, Short & Long Term Rentals

- Long Term Rentals in Carrabelle**
- 147 Delaware St. 2BR/1BA \$550
Furnished MH with carport, workshop and boat shed
 - 2526 Palmetto Terrace 2BR/2BA \$600
Fenced yard, large porch, just blocks from the bay
 - 710-C Mariners View 3BR/3BA \$800
Nearly new condo with river view & pool
 - 1302 Picketts Landing Court 4BR/3.5BA \$1500
Gorgeous new TH w/ hardwood floors, elevator, pool & dock

FOR SALE
Let Us Be Your Buyer's Edge

- Bank Short Sales @ Pirates Landing on Timber Island**
One Bedroom Condos in unique riverfront community Starting at \$100,000
- Bank Short Sales @ the Sands of Carrabelle**
3BR/2BA Townhomes with 1500sf & Community Pool \$149,000
- Waterfront home on Poston Bayou**
3BR/2BA on One Acre with Dock & Elevator in Private Location \$300,000
- Bank Owned Homes on the Carrabelle River**
Fabulous 4BR/4BA w/ 3800sf, Dock, Elevator & Gulf View \$550,000

850-697-5300
www.MySandyBeach.com

HOUSE RENTALS
6140
1, br
Apalachicola, FL.
Call 850-643-7740.

NEW TODAY
2 br, 2 ba St. George Is-
land fum'd ground level w/
easy beach access. Sun
deck, car port, w/d. \$975
mo + dep. 850-566-7170

NEW TODAY
3 br, 2 ba, new home for
lease/sale in Carrabelle.
Energy effic, lg master,
open floor plan. Must see
\$850mo/\$165K deposit
neg. 850-528-2299

NEW TODAY
Apalachicola- 2 br, 1 ba 6
mo to 1 yr lse. \$725 mo +
\$500 dep. Call (850)
653-8074

NEW TODAY
Carrabelle- 3 br, 2 ba
screened porch, view of
Gulf. \$650 mo + \$350 dep
Call 850-510-2888

Carrabelle 3 br, 1 ba,
completely remodeled, ap-
pliances. included large
private yard \$550 month
210 NE 1st St.
Lease/Purchase Possible,
Call 404-266-0067

SO Cute SO Bright SO
Comfortable Must Sacri-
fice, need to live else-
where. FOR RENT or FOR
SALE Old Charming 2 or 3
bedroom apartment with
BAY VIEWS, 2nd tier, Lan-
ark Beach, Lanark Village.
1-1/2 Luxury Baths, with
deep tub. New Kitchen ap-
pliances in 2005. \$600 00
per month plus utilities and
tax if applicable. No Pets,
no smoking inside. In-
cluded is garbage pickup.
Also available for short
term @ \$75.00 per nite.
\$100.00 min. For Sale for
\$99,900. Tenants will not
be bothered with sale if
they are good tenants and
clean. Owner Agent, Carol
Ann Williams, Coastal
Gems Real Estate, Inc.
850-566-9293.

NEW TODAY
St. George Island Bayview

Large 1 br 1 ba All utilities
incl. 6 mo to 1 yr lease.
\$800 mo + \$500 dep. Call
850-653-8074

**St. George
Island Plantation**

Newer 3 br, 3.5 ba home
in, fully furnished, garage,
open floor plan, 1 block to
beach, custom kitchen,
\$1250 mo 816-679-5333

**MOBILE HOME/
LOT RENTALS**
6170

NEW TODAY
Carrabelle, Large MH. 2
br, 2 ba, w/ beautiful view
of river, deck, newly
renovated w/ carpet and tile
\$650 mo + \$300 dep.
510-2888



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

MOTORHOMES
8340

NEW TODAY
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County kids winners at first Gaming Day celebration

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

On Jan. 16, the Carrabelle branch of the Franklin County Public Library celebrated its first National Gaming Day.

A cold and rainy Saturday turned a little brighter for about 50 kids thanks to the efforts of Library Director Glenda Ondracek, her staff and volunteers from other branches of the Wilderness Coast Public Library network. The event lasted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kids of all ages participated in a range of traditional and computer-based games including bingo, chess, checkers, Monopoly, Pictionary, Candy Land, Trivial Pursuit, Guitar Hero, Crazy Eights, Chutes and Ladders, and Old Maid.

There were hourly drawings for games donated by toy manufacturer Hasbro,



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James Bailey, of Eastpoint, left, enjoys a round of chess with Josh Clerk, of Tallahassee, while Summer and Tina Granger, of Carrabelle, hone their game of checkers.

which cosponsored the event. Tables, chairs and many of the games, including a Wii console, were on loan from Wilderness Coast. Lunch was provided to all.

This was the first time Franklin County participated in "Gaming Day @ Your Library," which began last year when it drew hundreds of libraries of all types across the country.

Most libraries staged

the event on Nov. 13, 2009 but in deference to the late Caroline Sparks, beloved Carrabelle librarian who had recently passed away, the library delayed the celebration. Sparks was instrumental in planning for Gaming Day.

National Gaming Day is promoted by the American Library Association to celebrate the popularity of board and video games, as well as the recreational



Trulee Creamer, of Eastpoint, becomes a "Guitar Hero."

and educational value of play. Gaming teaches leadership, problem solving, and team-building skills. Libraries are dynamic places, continuously offering innovative programs and services that educate, entertain and expand inter-

action with their users.

Ondracek said the Carrabelle branch of the Franklin County is changing too. The library has undergone a face-lift over the last six months, including a new sign and a total change of layout on the inside. The

new floor plan is open and, at the same time, cozy.

Historically, libraries are well known as key providers of print resources. With new digital formats such as downloadable audio, video, and board and video games, libraries continue to create and promote modern educational opportunities for their users.

Wilderness Coast libraries are no exception and offer free computer and Internet access, WiFi and hands-on help from staff and volunteers. In addition to books, local art is on display, public announcements are posted, and copy and fax machines are available.

People are on hand to help with any kind of research or to locate forms for taxes or unemployment and other types of public assistance.

For more information on National Gaming Day, visit www.ala.org

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Feb 04	61°	53°	40 %
Fri, Feb 05	63°	49°	70 %
Sat, Feb 06	58°	43°	10 %
Sun, Feb 07	57°	41°	10 %
Mon, Feb 08	56°	42°	0 %
Tue, Feb 09	59°	46°	10 %
Wed, Feb 10	57°	43°	60 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

Cat Point	HIGH	LOW
	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27

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

Bald Point	HIGH	LOW
	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

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2/04	Thu	01:44AM	-0.1	L	07:59AM	0.9	H
		12:53PM	0.5	L	06:56PM	1.3	H
2/05	Fri	02:57AM	-0.1	L	09:44AM	0.8	H
		01:00PM	0.7	L	07:25PM	1.4	H
2/06	Sat	04:20AM	-0.2	L	08:03PM	1.4	H
2/07	Sun	05:41AM	-0.3	L	08:52PM	1.3	H
2/08	Mon	06:51AM	-0.3	L	10:00PM	1.3	H
2/09	Tue	07:48AM	-0.4	L	03:49PM	1.0	H
		06:41PM	0.9	L	11:21PM	1.2	H
2/10	Wed	08:35AM	-0.4	L	04:01PM	1.0	H
		07:48PM	0.9	L			

CARRABELLE

2/04	Thu	06:34AM	1.4	H	10:40AM	0.8	L
		05:31PM	2.1	H			
2/05	Fri	12:44AM	-0.2	L	08:19AM	1.3	H
		10:47AM	1.1	L	06:00PM	2.2	H
2/06	Sat	02:07AM	-0.3	L	06:38PM	2.2	H
2/07	Sun	03:28AM	-0.5	L	07:27PM	2.1	H
2/08	Mon	04:38AM	-0.5	L	08:35PM	2.1	H
2/09	Tue	05:35AM	-0.6	L	02:24PM	1.6	H
		04:28PM	1.4	L	09:56PM	1.9	H
2/10	Wed	05:35AM	-0.6	L	02:24PM	1.6	H
		04:28PM	1.4	L	09:56PM	1.9	H

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Talent abounds at Philaco competition

Eight of the 17 entries in this year's Philaco Women's Club art contest took blue ribbons.

As always, the entries in this year's arts and crafts competition showed wonderful creativity and skill.

Once again, Celeste Wahl stole the show, winning two blue ribbons, for an abstract needlepoint design and for a needlework representation of the Three Kings traveling to Bethlehem.

Other first place winners were Pearl Wood of St. George Island, and Shirley Adams of Eastpoint, in the photography category.

Judy Cook of Apalachicola took first place for her patchwork Christmas tree skirt. Shirley Taylor of Eastpoint took a blue ribbon with a lovely, glittering hand-knit scarf. Mary Harrell, of Eastpoint, took a blue ribbon for her mixed media memory book featuring historic pictures and recipes. Harrell said she created her book for her children this Christmas to help them hold onto their heritage.

This year's judges were Terry Birchwell of Carrabelle, and visiting artists, Junie and Henry Vyfvinkel. The winning pieces will go on to compete for district awards from the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs in Chipley.

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This egg decorated in the traditional Russian style won a blue ribbon for Barbara Padgett, of St. George Island. Padgett also entered a handmade valentine. She said she makes 16 of the cards each year for members of her family.



Terry Kemp models a blue ribbon scarf created by Shirley Taylor, who knit it with a pair of intertwined threads, one yarn and the other sequins strung on dark thread.



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Shirley Adams displays her mixed media drawing of her daughter's dog.

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