



Out to see

Blues, Jazz and Boos to be Friday

The Blues, Jazz and Boos Halloween Concert to benefit the Franklin County Food Pantry will feature the "King Cotton Blues Band" from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Riverfront Park, 86 Water St. in Apalachicola. Tickets are \$20 single/\$35 per couple, which includes dinner, created by Franklin's Promise Coalition. This concert will serve up great blues, and Tamara's Cafe will have a special dinner prepared for the event. From 2-5 p.m. Saturday, there will be a free carnival for the children. Call 653-3930 for details.

Don't miss Lantern Fest this weekend

Lantern Fest shines again with history, art, theater and dance as the Crooked River Lighthouse celebrates its 116th birthday. Expert lantern makers will offer a workshop Friday afternoon, Oct. 28, and Saturday morning, Oct. 29. From 5-10 p.m. Saturday, see an enchanting display of more than 116 lanterns, the Tallahassee Community College Dance Company, tales of shipwrecked captains and nighttime tower climbing. Call 697-2732.

Check out Ghost Walk on Saturday

The Apalachicola Area Historical Society presents Ghost Walk at the Chestnut Cemetery on from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Come meet Apalachicola's "other side" as re-enactors share history and lore about the area and its famous inhabitants. Admission is \$5. For more info, visit www.apalachicolahistorical.society.com.

Watch out for trick-or-treaters

Trick or treating will be Halloween night, Oct. 31, in both Apalachicola and Carrabelle. Please be on the lookout for the little ones, and be sure to have candy ready.

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LA man: Ex-con 'causes trouble'

Small town was 'on the lookout' for escaped Williams

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

When Norman Bill Williams Jr. fled the woods outside Eastpoint where he was released from prison, he did not ride off into a new horizon, toward a quiet life of ano-

nymity.

Instead, the 56-year-old fugitive found his way to the heart of Cajun country, a tiny Louisiana town on the Gulf south of New Orleans, a familiar place where he was both well known and not well liked.

Wearing a clumsy disguise he hoped would keep him from being spotted, Williams failed to fool an alert employee at Griffin's Station Marina, a small fuel dock in Leeville, about 19 miles



NORMAN BILL WILLIAMS

from Grand Isle.

"He wore a welding hat, and nobody wears that unless you're a welder. It's a really fruity hat to wear," said a marina employee, who asked not to be named. "And he had little round glasses, not reading glasses, the kind people wear to look like they're smart."

Law enforcement officers and an informal network of fishing industry people had sent word

to Louisianans to be on the lookout for Williams after the former prison inmate, on conditional supervised release, had disarmed his ankle bracelet and absconded Sept. 24 before registering as a sexual predator with his Florida probation officer.

It wasn't long before word spread on the bayous that jut deep into the Gulf of Mexico.

So when Williams bought a six-pack and a chicken breast at about

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Woman beats stroke to win marathon

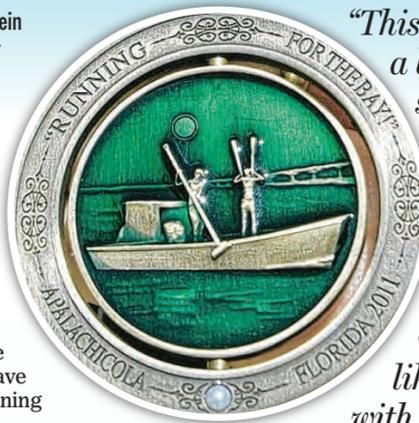
By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

What a difference time and dedication make.

The second annual Running for the Bay marathon, beset by a rash of complaints when it debuted last fall in Apalachicola, came off Sunday nearly without a hitch, as the field of 522 runners gave the race's second running wonderful reviews.

And to add a touch of inspiration, 34-year-old Brooke Strosnider from Pittsburgh, Pa., overcame a stroke less than 6 months ago to top the field of female

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"This was for me a big deal. The stroke took a lot away from me. I didn't want to race with 20,000 people. I wanted to run like I used to run, with 1,500 people."

Brooke Strosnider
Winner, female category



Top female marathon runner Brooke Strosnider is flanked by mom Bronya, dad Neil and dog Chanel. Above is a closeup of the runners' medal, featuring oystermen.

ETERNITY AT EAST END: PART 4

Memories from a mortician

By Mr. Bill
Special to the Times

Bill Miller of Lamark Village is a former undertaker with a long memory of East End history. The following are stories of his life as a mortician and more.

My first brushes with death were neighbors who were with my dad in the North African invasion.

My next experience was meeting Heywood Griner in late '61. He was the local mortician working under Pete Comforter out of St. Joe. Now Heywood had the best demeanor in handling grieving families and tops in embalming expertise. He also imbibed quite a bit.

He took me in as a partner at the old funeral home at 207 Third St., which I still own. We use it as a hurricane escape house. Gloria and friends fixed it up into a giant haunted house one year. We had real spooks.

Heywood couldn't collect his money. He complained to Chester Rhodes over in Apalach, who told him, "Mr. Heywood, I get my money while the tears are still in their eyes."

We had to run the ambulance also with a '54 Ford panel delivery truck, and funerals with a 1955 Caddy hearse with no muffler.

We had a man who shot himself in the temple with a

See MORTICIAN A14

Local author to sign Florida Prohibition book

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The history of Florida's temperance movement in the century leading up to Prohibition and a nationwide ban on alcohol is the focus of a new historical work by Lee Willis, a young history professor with ample ties to Apalachicola.



LEE WILLIS

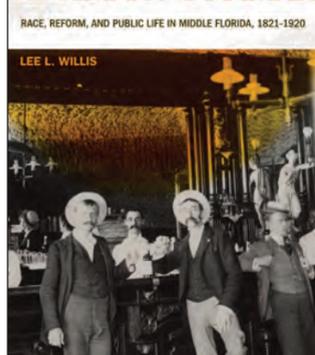
The son of Kathy and the late Lee Willis, of Apalachicola, Lee L. Willis will sign his book "Southern Prohibition: Race, Reform, and Public Life in Middle Florida, 1821-1920" at a special event from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Downtown Books in Apalachicola.

Published by the University of Georgia Press, the new work features a sizeable emphasis on work conducted in Franklin County and how this portion of the state fig-

ured into the growing temperance movement.

"I was delighted to realize that 'Southern Prohibition' actually meant 'Apalachicola Prohibition,' and I was charmed by these and other vignettes in Willis' book," said Dale Julian, owner of Downtown Books.

The book examines political culture and reform through the evolving temperance and prohibition movements in middle Florida. Though scholars have long held that liquor reform was largely a northern and mid-Atlantic phenomenon before the Civil War, Willis takes a close look at the Florida plantation belt to reveal that the campaign against alcohol had a dramatic impact on public life in this portion of the South as early as the 1840s.



The maps in "Southern Prohibition" trace the appearance and movement of saloons, liquor warehouses, pool halls, "Negro tenements" and boardinghouses in Apalachicola's Bowery and on

"The Hill" at the turn of the 20th century.

"These are fascinating," Julian said, "This book begs to be read with a copy of Willoughby Marshall's landmark 'Apalachicola: Economic Development though Historic Preservation' at the ready."

Beyond alcohol, Willis, an assistant professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, also takes a broader look at psychoactive substances to show the veritable pharmacopoeia available to Floridians in the 19th century. Unlike the campaign against alcohol, however, the tightening regulations on narcotics and cocaine in the early 20th century elicited little public discussion or concern, a quiet beginning to the state's war on drugs.

Downtown Books is at 67 Commerce St. in Apalachicola. For more information, call 653-1290.

# Wood sentenced in bogus billing scheme

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Lane Nicole Wood, the second of three defendants implicated in a bogus billing scheme during construction of the Franklin County School, has been sentenced to six months in jail.

Wood, 29, pled no contest Oct. 10 to three counts of grand theft, in connection with a scheme that stole nearly \$1 million from the construction project in 2007 and 2008 through fraudulent invoicing by a local temporary agency and security company.

At the time, Wood worked as office manager for Leonard Martin, 50, owner of Purity Temporary Employment and Martin

Security. She was also married to Casey Kelley, 34, of Wewahitchka, former project manager for Peter Brown Construction, the company that built the school. The couple has since divorced.

Last month, Kelley pled no contest to a single grand theft charge for his role in the scheme, and received a year in the county jail.

He was also required to make restitution over 15 years probation for his part in the crime, which originally carried 43 felony grand theft charges.

In accepting Wood's plea deal, Circuit Judge Angela Dempsey sentenced her to six



LANE NICOLE WOOD

months in jail, minus one day time served, on each of three grand theft charges, to be served concurrently. Because Wood resides in Bay County, the judge left it to

the Franklin County and Bay County sheriff's offices to decide whether Wood could do her time in Bay County.

In addition, said Assistant State Attorney Jarred Patterson, the judge ordered 15 years probation, and granted the Bay County Sheriff's Office the discretion as to whether Wood could take part in any work re-



CASEY KELLEY

lease programs.

Following the hearing, she was taken into custody.

A hearing will be held Nov. 14 in Apalachicola to hear whether the prosecution and defense attorney Fred Pearson Jr. can agree how much restitution Wood should be ordered to pay. If the two sides cannot agree, a restitution hearing will be held for the judge to make a decision, Patterson said.

In Kelley's case, he was held "jointly and severally liable" for the entire \$948,000 that the scheme, which billed the company for work that was never done, reaped. This meant he is

on the hook for all the money until it is paid, regardless of the portion he has returned, and that it is the responsibility of he and the other defendants to sort out their respective proportions of payment.

Just as her sentence was less than that of Kelley's, it is likely her restitution amount will also be lower, as Assistant State Attorney Robin Myers has said Wood's employment for the temporary agency, and participation in the scheme, did not span all aspects of when the thefts took place.

Martin has yet to agree to a plea deal, and will be in court Nov. 14 for a case management hearing, represented by attorney Ethan Way.

## Notice for Interested Contractors/ Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Multi-Family

Capital Area Community Action Agency has received federal funds for weatherizing Multi-Family units in Franklin County. Weatherization includes air infiltration reduction, insulation, repair/replacement of doors and windows, low-flow showerheads and compact fluorescent light bulbs repair/replacement of heating/cooling systems and water heaters. Work will begin October 1, 2011 and must be performed under the supervision of a state licensed contractor and is subject to Davis-Bacon requirements. Current contractors must re-apply. A Pre-BID conference will be held on Monday, October 31, 2011, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Franklin Promise Community Room, 192 14th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, Apalachicola, FL. The RFQ is due no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 7, 2011. Contractor must be based out of Franklin County. To attend the Pre-BID conference, request an RFQ, or for more information, contact Mecarlo Richardson or Debbie Mabry, (850) 222-2043, fax (850) 270-9561, or debora.mabry@cacaainc.org

## Arrest 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 Department of Corrections (FDOC), Florida Division of Insurance Fraud (DIF) and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS).

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

### Oct. 14

Bradley R. Cardin, 18, Eastpoint, criminal

mischief and domestic battery (FCSO)

Preston Garcia, 38, Eastpoint, violation of domestic violence injunction (FCSO)

### Oct. 15

Gary M. Barineau, 38, Apalachicola, reckless driving, driving while license suspended or revoked and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer (APD)

### Oct. 17

Jennifer M. Monroe, 31, Eastpoint, driving while license suspended or revoked (APD)

Lawrence E. Russell, 26, Eastpoint, possession of a controlled substance (APD)

Alexander W. Bradford, 22, Eastpoint, held on Oklahoma warrant for burglary and embezzlement (FCSO)

Larry Warren, 38, Eastpoint, 13 counts of uttering, and petit theft (FCSO)

### Oct. 19

Juan P. Carlos, 32, Apalachicola, no valid drivers license (APD)  
Norman Bill Williams, Jr., 56, Eastpoint, failure of a sexual predator to report (FCSO)

Jonathan G. Carmichael, 25, Apalachicola, grand theft (FCSO)

### Oct. 20

Shianne R. Russ, 36, Eastpoint, petit theft (FCSO)

Lorne H. Hicks, Jr., 20, Wewahitchka, violation of probation (FCSO)

### Oct. 23

Elizabeth K. Russell, 27, Crawfordville, violation of probation (FCSO)



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The tentative dates for the enrollment period are now November 7 - November 18, 2011,

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# Charter captains angered over chamber lease

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

A group of charter fishing guides appealed to county commissioners Oct. 18 to weigh in on what they say was an unfair decision by the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce to lease office space to a private charter fishing service.

Led by Charles Wilson, a longtime Apalachicola charter captain, the group asked that since the chamber receives funding from the Tourist Development Council to host a visitors center, the commissioners should use that funding as leverage.

"The chamber has a for-profit business in the chamber offices, Robinson Brothers," said Wilson. "We feel this is unfair. We ask you to look at this from our standpoint. We don't feel like we're being treated fair in this situation, and we're not by ourselves."

The charter captains, who included Greg Kembro, Rex Phipps and Sandra Allen, who runs a guide booking service, were joined by St. George Island realtor Jerry Thompson. He said he had served as a board member for the chamber for 10 years, and had known Wilson for many years.

"I know there's a lot of them (fishing guides) and they have brought in a lot of business in this county," said Thompson. "I know they have a big concern and I share that concern."

He said that having an office for Robinson Brothers Guide Service and Robinson Real Estate Company in the chamber offices is "a big conflict of interest."

Wilson told commissioners the fishing guides routinely tell visitors "where's a good place to stay, where's a good place to eat."

"We feel we're bringing



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Charter fishing captain Charles Wilson speaks to the county commission, while captain Greg Kembro listens at right.

a lot of TDC dollars and now they're being used to benefit our competitors," he said. "Go down there, walk in the chamber office and make the decision for yourself. Don't take my word for it."

Wilson said he has been in communication with Kathy Robinson, as well as the chamber director and board, but has been unable to resolve the issue.

"I was going to try to get her (Robinson Brothers) to move to the back," said Wilson. "She told me emphatically, 'No, I will not move. I won't do anything.' If that's her attitude, then I'm going to get me an attitude. This TDC money that the chamber is getting, we help produce it. We feel like they're using the money we helped generate against us."

Robinson said this week her company has a three-year lease, at \$500 per month, and agreed to the deal only after the chamber

conducted a lengthy and very public search for a tenant to help offset expenses. She also noted her old office was only about 60 feet from the chamber building, on Commerce Street.

Robinson said most of the real estate business is not from walk-ins, and that real estate agents like her routinely share the benefits from sales through referrals and mutual transactions. She said she employs a number of captains as independent contractors, and that while most charter fishing guides maintain a steady roster of repeat clients, she also makes referrals based on availability and suitability.

In a letter shared this week (see Letters to the Editor, page A4), the chamber board of directors said it understood the guides' concerns and plans a series of meetings to look into resolving the matter.

By unanimous vote,

the commissioners voted to refer the matter back to the TDC, but cautioned the chamber was a private not-for-profit, not a government entity. The chamber board has said the TDC said prior to the lease deal that it would not be an impediment to funding.

The commissioners voted to have attorney Matt Fuqua, who was sitting in for County Attorney Michael Shuler, represent the county on the matter. Shuler, absent because of his father's surgery, is active with the chamber, and said later he had no problem with Fuqua's participation, since it would eliminate any perception of a conflict of interest.

Wilson told commissioners he plans to keep up the fight. "If we don't get any satisfaction, we do plan to leave the chamber," he said. "I'm not going to be shut up until I get some satisfaction."

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- **In Florida, 1 in 6** youth between the ages of 11 and 17 have tried flavored tobacco.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> FDA Flavored Tobacco Product Facts Sheet, 2011  
<sup>2</sup> Florida Youth Tobacco Survey, 2010

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## Apalachicola's friendliness surpassed the legend

I recently had the honor and pleasure of being the featured author at the "Authors in Apalach" gathering in Apalachicola. I have been at many literary events around the world, but the one put on by the staff and supporters of your library was the nicest and most efficient I've seen in some time. And the warm hospitality shown to me by everyone in Apalachicola was the very best I've ever experienced in the world. Your municipal library is a real gem, and my hat's off to librarian Caty Greene and her staff, Dianna Kane and Sue Cronkite, as well as the Friends of the Library.

Of course, as a Floridian, I am well-acquainted with Apalachicola's reputation for friendliness and great seafood, but both surpassed the legend. And what

became instantly apparent to me was the local love of books, appreciation for your maritime history, and loyalty to your seafood trade. It was good to see that the people of Apalachicola appreciate and support the outstanding work of their library staff, that they are excited about the future of the maritime museum, and that they are serious about protecting their unique environment.

So this letter is a sincere public thank-you for everyone who was so kind to me and made the literary events so successful. Apalachicola has my best wishes for even greater days ahead.

And yes, I'll be back for some more of those wonderful oysters.

Onward and upward,

Robert N. Macomber  
Matlacha Island

## Chamber working to address lease concerns

The Board of Directors of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce understands that members of our community are disappointed in the board's decision to lease a portion of the chamber's office to a local business. We acknowledge these concerns and appreciate each person's willingness to share them with us.

It has always been the board's intention to work diligently to protect the long-term best interests of our membership. As we have all been challenged by the downturn in the economy and then the negative effects of the oil spill, over the last few years the directors found that like others, it was necessary to tighten our belts in order to maintain the same high level of service we have always tried to offer.

As we brainstormed ways to cut expenses and/or generate new revenue, it was immediately determined that increasing dues was not acceptable in difficult economic times. Cutting staff (for the second time) was not realistic due to the 20,000-plus visitors who contact the chamber office for assistance each year. After much discussion, it was deemed a reasonable alternative to attempt to lease out a small space in the office. The decision to enter lease out space in our building was not made lightly. Many factors were taken into consideration. So that we remained in compliance with our requirements to serve as

the Apalachicola Visitors Center, we first requested and were granted approval by the Tourist Development Council to lease part of our building.

Eight months ago, the board began advertising in our newsletter, the local newspaper, at chamber luncheons and finally, with a sign in the window that office space was available for rent. We received three serious inquiries. The first two would have been far less controversial, but unfortunately, neither party chose to proceed.

The fact that this decision has caused some of our members to doubt our commitment to their industry and local business is disheartening. Our sole purpose is to be an exceptional source of support as a visitor's center, through our website, and in everything we do as a Chamber of Commerce.

We have already called two special meetings of the board to consider ways to rectify this situation. We invite all interested parties to our next board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. at the chamber office. This will allow us to meet face-to-face in order to share ideas and bring this matter to a mutually acceptable close.

Please accept our sincere apologies and know that we will do all we can to earn your trust again.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors of the  
Apalachicola Bay  
Chamber of Commerce  
Mark W. Friedman, President

## Time to put shark kills in perspective

*Editor's note: Thomas Wainwright, 32, was killed Saturday by a great white shark while diving near Perth, Australia.*

A graduate of Mosley High School, he attended Gulf Coast Community College and then got a degree in marine systems engineering from Texas A&M. After earning a captain's license and running charter boats in Panama City, Wainwright moved to Australia six months ago to take a job as a project manager with a marine company.

I received an email from Capt. Billy Archer early this morning telling me the latest innocent shark victim was a young man known to many families in Panama City, a local boy and the grandson of local charter boat Capt. Don Morrell.

How tragic and sad when anyone is killed by a shark. This young man, Thomas Wainwright, has local roots. He is so much more than just another human statistic for shark apologists to compare with worldwide shark deaths.

When a person is killed by a shark the media always quotes the University of Florida

shark folks regurgitating the party line, "fishing fleets kill up to 70 million sharks a year." This is environmental double-speak and does not tell the true story.

Their "locked in concrete" party-line statement that fishing fleets kill 70 million sharks a year is ridiculous on its face. In Florida, for instance, how many sharks are killed, where are they killed and by whom are they killed? Specifically, how many great whites, great hammerheads, bull, tiger and mako sharks are killed in Florida every year? If 70 million are killed each year according to the University of Florida, that means 1.4 billion sharks have been killed by fishing fleets in the past 20 years. If that were so, would there be one shark left in the ocean? Anybody with a grain of curiosity would know there would be no poster sharks to be "saved."

Southeastern Fisheries Association wants to know how many sharks are killed in Florida each year by species and county and whether in state or federal waters.

The first email I got

back from NOAA asking for shark kills, especially Florida, was that the shark kill information is confidential. This might mean there are so few sharks killed in Florida that if the number was released, the identity of the fish house handling the sharks might be known, therefore the number of sharks killed are kept confidential. This scenario allows groups to use whatever number of shark kills they wish as a way to strengthen their point of view. We, the media and citizens of America need specific data on the number of sharks killed by species and by location right here in Florida for a start.

I don't know if this is true or not, but I heard shark apologists count all the dogfish harvested and the 70 million number of shark kills includes all critters related in any manner to elasmobranchii, which include skates, rays and other critters that are not the poster sharks used by the anti-fishing NGOs to encourage citizens to dislike commercial fishermen.

It's ironic Panama City is again connected with sharks. I vividly remember

NOAA agents and other federal agencies, storming into the home of a shark dealer in Panama City with big guns as though he was a drug lord. They destroyed his legitimate business and almost his life. I have no way to prove what I think happened, but I will always believe this U.S. citizen was targeted for "heavy-handed selective law enforcement" by fellow Americans — with badges and guns — to accomplish a political goal.

It's past time to put the shark kills in perspective. The PETA crowd and their allies use the 70 million shark kill statistic to further remove fishermen from the sea. Congress should demand that NOAA publish all shark kills by species, county and any other pertinent information available. If there are 70 million shark kills annually, then a shark fishery management plan should be adopted to take advantage of such an abundant, underutilized fishery resource. NMFS encouraged the industry to do in the 1980s.

Bob Jones, Executive Director  
Southeastern Fisheries  
Association  
www.seafoodsustainability.us

## Writing celebrated at 'Authors in Apalach'

"Authors in Apalach" was a great success as 16 authors, numerous writers, and the publisher of "Island Light" gathered on Oct. 8 to enjoy Apalachicola and celebrate writing in the area.

The historic Raney House was filled to capacity with tables of authors displaying their wares. Beverly Mount-Douds and Marlene Womack spilled over from the front porch to the lawn.

Jack and Ann Rudloe were last-minute attendees for the afternoon session, which started with storytelling by Dolores and



THE LIBRARY  
Caty Greene

Denise Roux, and Vivian Sherlock, author of the 1982 biography of John Gorrie.

Featured author Robert N. Macomber, who spent the morning on the Apalachicola River reading from his books and talking about Florida's participation in the Civil War, gave a touching talk about real people in the Civil War in Florida. His books, the "Honor Series" are published by Pineapple Press. His character, Peter Wake, could have lived in the Orman House during its heyday.

A panel of lively writers and historians entertained the 50-some people in the



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Olivia Byrd author of "Miss Hildreth Wore Brown," and Jan Annino author of "She Sang Promise" met the public at the Raney House.

afternoon. Jan Annino spoke about the Florida Book Awards and Michael Lister talked about his life as a writer. His new book, "The Big Goodbye" takes place in Panama City in the 1940s.

Books were sold, aspiring writers met authors and delicious pastries were consumed during the afternoon. The finale of the day was a reception at the Orman House State Park. The weather held and the view over the river was enjoyed by all.

Approximately 50 people attended each of the three portions on the event: Raney House Book

Signing, Apalachicola Museum of Art, lectures and panels, and the Orman Reception.

PALS, the Friends of the Library, had a lively reception on Friday night at the Apalachicola Maritime Museum. Membership in PALS is still reasonable at \$20 for individuals, \$10 for seniors (60+) and \$30 for families. PALS provides additional revenue for programs and other needs at the free standing Apalachicola Municipal Library.

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



Joining Robert Macomber, right, at an Orman House author's reception are, from left, Ruth Young, Patty McCartney, Susan Clementson, and Bill McCartney.

## Florida Farm Bureau names Bemby Legislator

The Florida Farm Bureau has recognized State Representative Leonard Bemby (D-Greenville) with the 2011 Legislator of the Year award, presented at a luncheon during the FFB's 2011 annual meeting at Gainesville's Peabody Hotel Oct. 7.

In making the presentation, FFB President John Hoblick expressed appreciation for Bemby's work in support of production agriculture and the people who make it a successful economic engine in Florida. He said Bemby has provided exceptional leadership in addressing a number of state policy issues that affect farmers and ranchers.

"Representative Bemby, we thank you for your good efforts on behalf

of Florida's farm families," Hoblick said. "We look forward to working closely with you in the future."

In making his acceptance remarks, Bemby said that when Farm Bureau comes to Tallahassee, they take a "boots on the ground" attitude toward getting their message to legislators. "As Farm Bureau members, we have the opportunity to be heard and to change the face of agriculture in this state," he said. "Farm Bureau is extremely effective in representing their members in the legislative process. We need to do everything we possibly can to protect Florida agriculture and our rights as farmers to farm and ranch our lands and provide for our families." During the luncheon,



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Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick, left, and Director of Legislative Affairs Ben Parks, right, recognized State Rep. Leonard Bemby with the organization's Legislator of the Year award.

FFB also recognized Rep. Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island) and Sen. Gary Siplin (D-Orlando) with Legislator of the Year awards. Florida Farm Bureau is the Sunshine State's largest general agricultural organization

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# County jobless rate ticks downward

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Franklin County's unemployment picture continued to improve in September, with the jobless rate dropping by 0.3 percentage points.

According to preliminary numbers released Friday by the newly formed Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), the county's jobless rate fell to 7.8 percent in September, 0.3 percentage points below the numbers in August, as well as one year ago.

This improvement in unemployment, from 447 people without jobs to 428, came about as the labor force shrank by 40 workers, from 5,548 in August to 5,508 last month. The county's labor force remains considerably larger than it was one year ago, when it comprised 5,398 workers.

Franklin County's jobless picture put it at fifth

best in the state, better than both the national average of 8.8 percent, and the Florida average of 10.6 percent. Monroe County has the state's lowest rate at 6.7 percent, followed by Liberty at 6.9, Walton 7.1 and Okaloosa 7.3. Most of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates are those with relatively high proportions of government employment. There were 41 Florida counties with double-digit unemployment rates in September.

The unemployment rate in the Gulf Coast Workforce region (Bay, Franklin, and Gulf counties) was 9.6 percent in September, 1 percentage point below the state rate, and 0.7 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 10.3 percent. Bay County was at 9.7 percent, and Gulf County at 10.1 percent. Out of a labor force of 101,972, there were 9,828 unemployed Gulf Coast residents.

"Our unemployment is down 1 percent from last year for the same month, but pretty much flat from August," said Kim Bodine, executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "Comparing this season to last year's season is not a great indicator of a trend due to the effect of the oil spill on our tourism industry and the jobs that were in play due to the cleanup efforts."

"But if we go back to the 2009 season, we are about 1 percent higher in unemployment year to year," she said. "Overall, Florida job growth appears to be trending in a positive way. We are hopeful that we will steadily move in that direction at the local level."

The state's unemployment rate for September is down 1.3 percentage points since January, with the state's jobless rates over the last five months at the lowest since August 2009.

The state has added 110,300 private sector jobs since January, with a net gain of 23,300 jobs in September. In addition, Florida's 12-month job growth percentage rate, of 1.3 percent has outpaced the nation for the first time since 2007.

"Today's numbers are a strong signal that Florida is doing the right things to rebound from difficult economic times. But our job is far from over with 977,000 unemployed," said DEO Executive Director Doug Darling. "We

must continue our efforts of coordinated economic development to create jobs and ensure our workforce is skilled and ready to be matched with employment opportunities."

Gov. Rick Scott recently unveiled his 2012 Job Creation and Economic Growth Agenda, highlighted by additional efforts to streamline regulations and provide tax relief to spur economic development, prioritize transportation projects to bring new jobs to Florida, and update the state's unem-

ployment system to ensure job seekers have the skills needed to secure employment in current and future job markets.

The DEO combines the state's economic, workforce and community development efforts under one roof. This one-stop shop approach helps expedite economic development projects to fuel job creation in competitive communities. For more information, including valuable resources for employers and job seekers, please visit [www.floridajobs.org](http://www.floridajobs.org).



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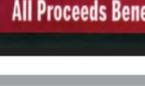


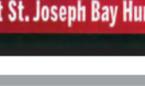














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## Anniversary

### Joan and A.J. Barfield mark 62nd anniversary



Joan and A.J. Barfield, of Eastpoint, celebrated 62 years of marriage on Monday, Oct. 24. They were married Oct. 24, 1949, in Bartow in Polk County.

The couple are retired, A.J. from the International Brotherhood of Painters and Joan from Owens-Illinois Glass Company.

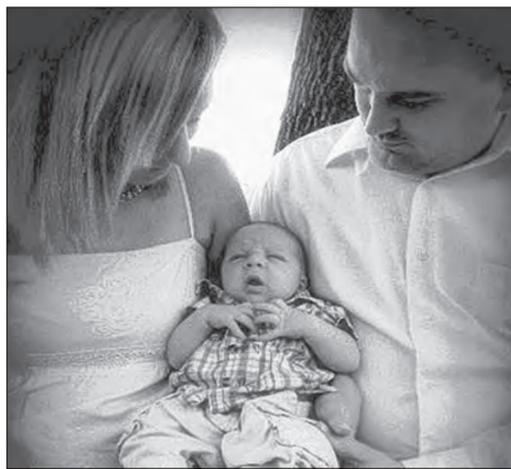
They have two daughters — Patsy Krus, of Lakeland, and Teresa and husband Michael Barker, of Panama City — and two sons — Huey and wife Desiree Barfield, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and the late Robert Barfield.

They are blessed with nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

The Barfields celebrated by dining out.

## Births and BIRTHDAYS

### Welcome baby Haygan Creamer



Haygan William Charles Creamer was welcomed into this world on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011, at Capital Regional Medical Center.

He weighed in at 9 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Wesley and Stephanie Creamer, of Eastpoint.

Grandparents are Timothy and Annette Hightower, of Port St. Joe, and Dennis and Kathy Creamer, of Eastpoint.

Haygan was welcomed home by his siblings Hayley, Hannah and Hayden.

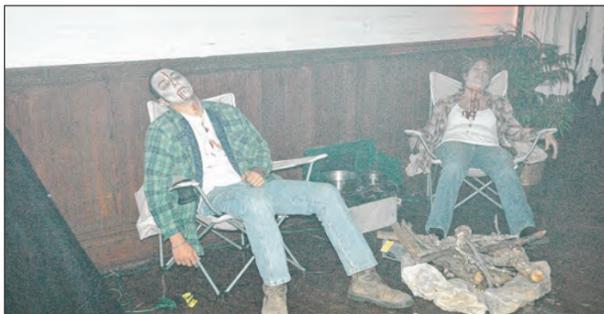
### Pauline turns 40



Happy 40th birthday, Pauline  
We love you!

Brenda, Matt, Heather and Brock

# Ghouls haunt Fort Coombs Armory for fundraiser



Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Campers sit in Tate's Hell, murdered.



Snacks, anyone?



The makeup was very realistic.

Ronnie Jones, a sheriff's deputy, led a bizarre rampage at the Fort Coombs Armory Friday night, overseeing the murder, dismemberment and burial of scores of innocent victims.

Plus, not only did law enforcement officials not respond, but a steady queue of families, many with young children, lined up outside for a chance to catch a glimpse of the happenings.

"It's going to be better next year," said a gleeful Jones, his smock spattered with blood as he wielded a chain saw and directed a crew of about three dozen fellow ghouls in their duties.

No one, of course, not even any small dogs, was harmed in the making of this spectacle.

The Spooktacular Haunted House was all part of what turned out to be an extremely successful fundraiser for the Justin B. Griffin Memorial Skate Park in Apalachicola, named for Jones' stepson, who died in an automobile accident last year.

With painstaking care, Jones, wife Beckie, and the entire crew of young people and young adults created a memorable effect, complete with a small graveyard that, upon their entry, greeted visitors, who each donated \$5 for a chance to be scared out of their wits.

From there, Griffin's sister Carrie Johnson escorted small groups to a series of lifelike vignettes, all scenes from such classic horror films as "Friday the 13th," "Saw," and "The Exorcist."

Every nook and cranny of the armory was put to good use, with the tours culminating with Jones surprising guests by leaping from the bathroom, wielding a chain saw, minus the blade.

All monies raised will go to benefit the skate park's fund.

— By David Adlerstein



Part of the cast of unwholesome characters



The haunted graveyard



A skeleton exits a casket

## PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society



### Meet David!

David is a 9-week-old chocolate Lab mix brought to us by a man who found him abandoned at a remote work site. He was weak and dehydrated by the time he got to us but after receiving fluids, food and being dewormed, he has bounced

back beautifully. He has a grateful heart and loves nothing more than to be doted on. This little guy has had a rough start in life. Won't you please consider giving him the loving home he deserves?

A big thank-you goes to Marilyn Reynolds for organizing the garage and raffle sale that benefitted the spay/neuter voucher program. Without her dedication and hard work, this program would not be the success it is.

Volunteers are desperately needed to socialize David 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 Road 65 in Eastpoint. You may log onto the website at [www.forgottenpets.org](http://www.forgottenpets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets.



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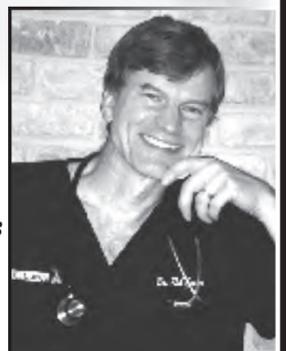
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# Reassert 'One nation under God'

Special to the Times

Regardless of what some may say, our ancestors did not separate political reasoning from Christian principles of morality and virtue. The signers of the Declaration of Independence declared that our civil liberties are God-given, unalienable rights. These men believed you did not deserve to call yourself an American if you challenged the Word of God.

In his farewell address, George Washington said, "You can't have national morality apart from religious principle." James Madison said, "We've staked our future on our ability to follow the Ten Commandments with all our heart." The same Ten Commandments are now so offensive they must be removed from public sight.

Our modern-day interpretation of "separation of church and state" is contrary to the philosophies of our forefathers. The future is here and what is currently at stake is the complete loss of freedom of our religious privileges as well as a heritage we have so loosely forfeited... in the name of fear.

In March 1775, attorney Patrick Henry rode into Culpepper, Va. and found a dead man strapped to a post in the town square. The man had been brutally beaten with whips laced with metal until his ribs



SCOTT AND PAMELA SHIVER

were exposed. Henry learned the man was a minister whose only crime was refusing to take the king's license to minister. The torturous death was intended to be a loud warning to others that dare defy the king. Henry's famous quote, edited by history books of course, became the battle cry of the American Revolution. "Is life so dear or peace so sweet, as to purchase at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

As a child, I could not imagine a time when our country would reject the One whom we were founded under. We have put more faith into our dollars that have inevitably failed us than we have in the Almighty. As if matters could get any worse, we have armed up with the enemy while turning our backs against our brother country, Israel. It is obvious we are quickly becoming the humanistic, Godless world exposed in the Bible. Those that refuse to conform are

labeled religious nuts. "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20

When speaking with students currently attending high school, they paint a sickening picture of the atmosphere they are exposed to daily. Disrespectful, immoral and vulgar behavior is common and frequently disregarded. Let a child start handing out religious tracts in that same hallway and all hell will come against him. Under the guise of "separation of church and state," public school teachers and students have become targets of anti-Christian bigotry.

The First Amendment allows religious rights under the free speech and free exercise clause. The establishment clause, however, forbids government speech endorsing religion. A teacher may participate in religious activities unless they are acting in their official capacities. They may meet with fellow teachers to hold Bible studies and prayer if they so wish during breaks, lunch and before school. Teachers may also use the Bible for its literary and historic qualities as long as it is presented objectively as part of a secular program of education. An example of this would be

comparing evolution and creation. Students may talk about their beliefs, distribute religious literature and conduct religious meetings at any of the same times that other secular clubs or organizations meet. Students may give oral and written reports on religious topics as long as the presentation is consistent with the assignment. Bible clubs must be provided equal treatment and equal access to school facilities such as the bulletin board, intercom system, club fairs, school newspaper, yearbook, copy machine, announcements and financial sponsorship that may be offered to any secular groups.

We should boldly exercise these rights while they are still available and teach them to our children so that they will continue to teach our customs to following generations. We desperately need to be counted among the patriarchs that defined this great nation as "One Nation Under God."

Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. - Matthew 10:28

We welcome all suggestions and hope you enjoy this weekly article. Please send all emails to Scott Shiver at [frontline247@mac.com](mailto:frontline247@mac.com).

# Weekend full of festive fall events

Special to the Times

Don't forget the Fall Festival at the Carrabelle United Methodist Church on Friday, Oct. 28. Trunk-n-Treat, games, free food and the Movies on the Lawn at 7 p.m. Fun starts at 6 p.m. and no scary costumes, please.

Saturday, Oct. 29, will be a shopper's dream. Starting at 8 a.m. and going to 6 p.m., the Ladies Guild will have a Fall Festival and Yard Sale on the grounds of the Sacred Heart Church, 2653 U.S. Highway 98, Lanark Village. Something for everyone! Lunch will be served at noon.

Also on Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., drop by the Lanark Village Boat Club and check out the Fall Bazaar Bake Sale, Christmas items, candy

and nuts and much more. Soup and sandwich lunch, dessert and beverage, \$5 donation.

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, Father Eddie will have a celebration for our departed loved ones at the Elizabeth Ann Seton Cemetery. All Saints Day services will begin at 7 p.m. The church and cemetery are in Medart, on U.S. Highway 98



LANARK NEWS Jim Welsh

East. Items for the Fall Festival at the senior center are still being collected. Food, games, plenty of live entertainment and parade will all be on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Be kind to one another and check on the sick and housebound. Also, Happy Halloween!

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

## Obituary

### Lucille Dorris Handy

Lucille Dorris Handy, of Eastpoint, formerly of Fayetteville, Ga. and Lexington, Ky., died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011 at her home.

Born July 3, 1924 in Marissa, Ill., she was the daughter of the late Monford Delmon and Ada Mabel Dorris.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 in Peachtree City, Ga. with Rev. R. Michael Whaley of the First Baptist Church of St. George Island officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 501 E.

Bayshore Drive, St. George Island.

She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Ora Thomas Handy; daughter and son-in-law, James and Donna Handy Dunkin; sister, Kathleen Canene and twin sister, Phaneuil Dunn; and many devoted nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Lynn, and sister, Artance Schweitzer.

Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, Crawfordville, was in charge of arrangements.

# Calendar Girls fight breast cancer

Special to the Times

Three years ago, a group of local women came together and formed Franklin Needs Inc. The organization, which has become known as The Calendar Girls, was formed with one goal in mind: to provide access to mammograms for Franklin County women that did not have any type of health insurance or breast cancer awareness education.

Since that time, the group has more than met its goal. In a little over a year, the group managed to raise a total of \$54,525, \$38,300 of which came directly from the sale of the 2009 Forgotten Coast Classics calendar. The remaining \$16,225 came from the proceeds of the overwhelmingly successful cabaret, the group held at the Fort Coombs Armory, direct contributions and Titti Tacs sales made by local artist Kristin Anderson.

With these available funds, the group has provided 98 local women with free mammograms. All procedures were performed locally at the George Weems Memorial Hospital. In addition, a number of women were referred to Bay Radiology in Panama City for further testing. These follow-up procedures were also paid for by The Calendar Girls.

Besides mammograms,



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the group has sponsored various breast cancer awareness and education programs. Also, to provide a more comforting atmosphere, they purchased soft dressing robes for the mammogram facility at Weems.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Calendar Girls strongly urge any Franklin County woman who hasn't taken advantage of this program to do so now. If you are a county resident between the ages of 35 and 64 years old and have no health insurance, simply call Weems at 653-8853 (ext. 119) and schedule an appointment.

Remember, Franklin County has lost too many good women to breast cancer. Call today!

In the United States, the age-adjusted death rate for a female with breast cancer is 26.6. In Franklin County, the age-adjusted death rate for a

female with breast cancer is 28.8.

Age-adjusted death rate is a death rate used to take the effects of differences in population-age distributions into consideration so that comparisons of death rates by geographic region make sense. When comparing across geographic areas, some method of age adjusting is typically used to control for the influence that different population age distributions might have on health event rates.

According to the Florida Department of Health Office of Vital Statistics (2007-2009), Franklin County ranks in the least favorable 25% of counties in the state for breast cancer by age-adjusted death rates.

The Florida Department of Health Office of Epidemiology reported in 2007 that 59.7 percent of women in

Franklin County 40 years of age and older receive annual mammograms, compared to 64.9 percent statewide.

Franklin Needs Inc. has a fund to help local, uninsured women get mammograms at Weems Memorial Hospital.

The group is best known for a breast cancer awareness calendar they created with local breast cancer survivors posing in very creatively concealed ways.

Women who would like to get a free mammogram must be residents of Franklin County, be between 35 and 64 years old and have no health insurance.

To take part in the program, simply schedule a mammogram at Weems Memorial Hospital by calling 653-8853 ext 119.

Franklin Needs will pay for the mammograms as long as their funds are available.

## Card of THANKS

### Ricky Busby Family

We would like to thank everyone who showed their support for our family during the loss of our father, son and brother, Ricky Busby. This has been a difficult time for us, but the support of our community and friends has been a great comfort.

Whether it was food, flowers, a phone call, a prayer, a touch or just sitting with our family as we grieved, your act of kindness did not go unnoticed and God will bless you all.

We would like to say a special

thanks to Officers Kevin Shuman, R.J. Shelley, Robby Hogan and the first responders for their professionalism and compassion while responding to the scene.

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## Festival celebrates black bears

At the Black Bear Festival Oct. 15 in Carrabelle, Barbara Eells, from St. Joe Beach, a volunteer with the Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary, holds up Screechy, a female grey American eastern screech owl, that suffered an eye injury.



Interns Marlee McCleary, left and Tanja Hinton, with FWC's Habitat and Species Conservation effort, educate festival visitors on the gopher tortoise.



Candace Clemons, office administrator for WastePro in Eastpoint, shows off a bear-proof container at the Black Bear Festival. The quarterly rate for the newly improved cans is \$79.92, and about \$6 less for seniors or the disabled.



Laurie McDonald, state director of the Defenders of Wildlife, who coordinated the Black Bear Festival with Allen Loye, said all the student posters were worthy of awards.

Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

After a learning tour of black bear behavior from Hanah Murphy, a volunteer with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Michael Mohl, 6, holds up an example of what bears feed on as they prepare for hibernation. Mohl, from Union County, was in town for a family reunion, and attended the Black Bear Festival with aunts Dori Romrell and Deana Bennett.

## Be aware of hungry bears in the fall

Adam Warwick  
Special to the Times

It is especially important not to provide bears with the temptation of an easy meal in the fall.

Black bears are not true hibernators. Instead, they experience what is often called "winter lethargy" or "denning." This period of reduced activity occurs in the Franklin and Wakulla counties' black bear population from December through February. Winter lethargy is brought on by a number of factors, including pregnancy, food availability, day length and temperature. In the fall, their internal clock is telling them that a bleak time of limited food is approaching.

For that reason, bears demonstrate hyperphagia, a period of excessive eating and drinking to fatten for denning, in October and November.

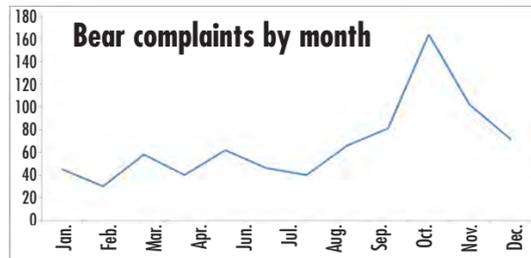
During this time bears will increase their daily intake from 8,000 to 15,000 - 20,000 calories, and must feed about 20 hours per day to get those calories. This is why you see more bears this time of year. At other times, they do not need as many calories and can feed at night and avoid interaction with people.

Gorging on available food helps build layers of fat that will be essential to keeping them warm and healthy through the coming winter. The fat is not only insulation against cold, but the key to their ability to den. During the winter denning period, the bears draw on fat to keep their metabolism up, protecting muscle while they fast.

Adult female bears need an especially good store of fat to support the energetically demanding processes of birth and milk production while denning up over the winter months.

Although they are loners much of the year, bears are far more tolerant in the fall.

It is very similar behavior



ior to the grizzly bears you see on TV shows that show a bunch of them hanging out at the same stream catching and eating salmon.

If there is a particular patch of oak trees flush with acorns (see Lanark Village circa 2005), you might have five bears in a single tree.

One of the habitat types we have along the coast here is called scrub and it extends parallel to the coast from Eastpoint up through St. James Island out to Alligator Point.

In contrast to the longleaf pine-wiregrass habitat (i.e. pine flatwoods) which would burn every one to four years, scrub habitat burns about once every 20 years and has more oak trees than pine flatwoods, since oaks don't tolerate fire as well as long-leaf and slash pine.

Scrub is also higher and drier, and as a result, scrub habitat is the most highly sought after for home construction.

For this reason, it is one of the most threatened habitats in Florida and the reason scrub jays are endangered. When folks build

houses in these areas, they clear shrubs, plant a lawn, and fertilize it, etc., but leave the oaks for aesthetics and shade. The oaks can live much longer around homes because people don't burn their yards. Lots of oaks mean lots of acorns; lots of acorns means lots of bears.

The bears' insatiable appetite at this time of year invariably leads them to areas with abundant food. In our area, this is the scrub habitat along the coast where everyone lives.

The point of this, is to say that it is very important this time of year to keep your potential food sources put away and inaccessible to bears. Secure bird seed, pet food and garbage. You can see from the chart that the number of incidents of bears in garbage increases significantly each year at this time. Bears are feeding more widely and if they associate your home with a food source, they may remember and return next spring. Moreover, we have seen that in certain cases, bears might not den at all if there are abundant local food sources.

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#### Freshwater

• Depot creek has had good reports over the last week of crappie and shellcracker catches with good numbers. Howard Creek is shellcracker and painted bream with some crappie showing up in the river. Bass are still biting well, but most are small in size.

#### Inshore

• Flounder have been on fire in St. Joe Bay and in the I.C.W. canal. Most are eating live bait, but artificials in pearl white and glow colors are producing well. The flats near Fire Tower and Pig island are holding some schooling red fish in the slot size.

#### Offshore

• Grouper season is fast coming to an end. Good sized fish are in the 120-200ft range. Live pinfish are still baits of choice for the charter captains and the recreational anglers alike. Smaller sized fish are holding inshore on public numbers.

# West Gadsden edges Seahawks 34-26

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Seahawk fans will have a chance this Friday to enjoy homecoming, as the Blountstown Tigers come here in hopes of spoiling it.

Those Franklin County fans who travelled to Greensboro last Friday night to watch their favorites spoil the West Gadsden homecoming almost got that opportunity.

The Seahawks played a strong first half and trailed by just two points, 14-12, at the half. Sophomore Leonard Green caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Zach Armistead, and sophomore Dwayne Griggs had a 5-yard TD run in the first half for Franklin County.

Unfortunately, when the second half resumed, the Seahawks were still in the locker room. Or so it seemed.

The Panthers scored

on their first possession of the second half in just four plays, and on the first play from scrimmage the Seahawks had the ball taken out of a runner's hand after a five-yard gain. The short field yielded another score and quickly Franklin County found themselves down 34-12.

Down but not out, the Seahawks stormed back behind the bruising running of junior fullback Cole Lee, who carried the ball 15 times for 94 yards on the night, with one touchdown on a five-yard run.

Lee had his runs complemented by the tandem efforts of Griggs, senior Brennan Walden and junior Skyler Hutchinson. Griggs scored on a 20-yard run, the Seahawks recovered an onside kick and the team found themselves driving to tie the game with just under two minutes left. The campaign fell short, disappointingly, as

the drive stalled only nine yards out from the end zone, when West Gadsden held Franklin County on downs with 1:38 left in the game to preserve its first District 4-1A win.



Photos by DANA WHALEY | Special to the Times

Seahawk junior Tre Carr runs against West Gadsden.

"I really felt that this was another example of our kids' ability to continue to play hard and believe in one another," said Seahawks coach Josh Wright.

Franklin County fell to 3-5, winless in the district, with West Gadsden now 2-5, and 1-1 in district play. Griggs finished with 22 carries for 182 yards, two touchdowns and a two-point conversion. Walden ran 10 yards on six carries, while Hutchinson ran six times for 12 yards.

Armistead completed 2-of-7 passes for 77 yards and one touchdown. Griggs completed the one pass he threw, for 30 yards.

Junior TreSean Carr recovered a fumble, which he returned for 70 yards, while Walden and Hutchinson each recovered a fumble.

Leading tacklers were

Hutchinson with eight, and Walden with seven.

The Seahawks now prepare to make a huge statement this week as they host the Tigers from Blountstown, a hard team to contend with, but at times the Seahawks have looked them in the eye. Blountstown, now 3-4, downed Liberty County 20-7 last Friday, as it handed the Bulldogs their first district loss.

"Our team focus is to not just give them a good game or play competitive — it is to win a game in front of our hometown fans," said Wright. "Blountstown has a very stingy defense that has given up under nine points a game and an offensive

unit that averages around 13 points a game. We need to stifle what they do and at the same time find a way to score first downs and get in the end zone on offense.

"If we can prevent big plays and take care of the football, we will have an opportunity to win the game in the fourth quarter," said the coach.

Following a Thursday night spirit bonfire at the school, and a Friday afternoon parade, homecoming events begin prior to the game with a ceremonial homecoming queen lap around the track. Halftime will include the formal introductions and the 2011 queen presentation. Kick-off is set for 7:30 p.m.



Seahawk senior Colton Sheridan (#51) leads the Seahawks against West Gadsden.



Seahawk senior quarterback Zach Armistead prepares to throw against West Gadsden.

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runners with a 1:50:38 time in her first race since she was stricken five days after the Pennsylvania Marathon in May.

"This was for me a big deal. The stroke took a lot away from me," said a jubilant Strosnider, flanked by her mom, Bronya, and dad Neil, 61, who finished tops in his age group and 10th overall in the 10K race.

"I didn't want to race with 20,000 people. I wanted to run like I used to run, with 1,500 people," said Brooke, the general manager of a corporate

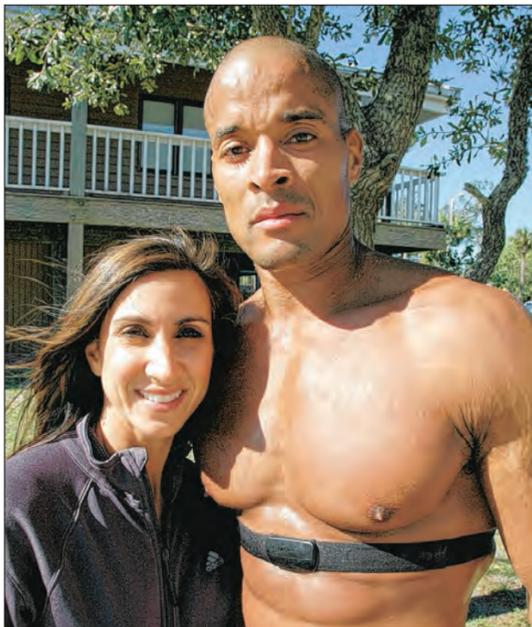
fitness center, who flew down for the race with her Yorkshire terrier Chanel.

"It's so beautiful here. It reminds me in some ways of San Francisco Bay," said Bronya, who shares a vacation home in Santa Rosa with her husband. "I always wanted a reason to come."

Bronya and Neil were in Eastpoint to bring orange juice to their daughter near mile 18 when they saw a black bear cross the road. "You don't find black bears in the city," Bronya said.

It was a moral triumph of sorts for the top marathon runner overall, Jack McDermott, 42, of Tallahassee, who ran a 2:58.10 to improve on his third-place finish last year, a 3:06.38. "I got dehydrated and fell apart at the end last year," he said. "This was a nice redemption. This is a challenging course, I think because it's so much on concrete."

McDermott echoed a



common feeling among the field of 294 females and 228 males that the course that winds from Battery Park through Eastpoint to St. George Island and back offers a splendid view.

"It's a beautiful course, and the weather was all you could hope for," McDermott said. "You can see a real long way. It's deceptively long. You think



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From left are Ultra Marathon winner David Goggins and his girlfriend, Dawn Griner, and top marathon runner Jack McDermott and his wife, Laura.

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- 1 - CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A RIP RAP REVETMENT WITHIN THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 4, BLOCK 54, UNIT 5, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GARLICK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, INC., AGENT FOR WALTHALL OIL, OWNER.
- 2 - CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A RIP RAP REVETMENT WITHIN THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 5, BLOCK 54, UNIT 5, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GARLICK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, INC., AGENT FOR GORDON P. WALDO, OWNER.
- 3- CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A RIP RAP REVETMENT WITHIN THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBES AS LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 54, UNIT 5, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GARLICK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, INC., AGENT FOR PETER H. GUTHERIE, OWNER.
- 4 - CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT AN OPEN DECK WITHIN THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 1, BLOCK N, UNIT 3, PENINSULAR POINT, ALLIGATOR POINT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY MATT THARPE, AGENT FOR DAVID RAMBA, ETAL, OWNERS.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL ADDRESS THESE REQUESTS AT THEIR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 15, 2011.

\*Persons wishing to comment may do so in person or in writing to the Franklin County Planning & Zoning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, FL 32320. Transactions of this hearing will not be recorded, persons wishing to record the proceedings must make the necessary arrangements for recording.

## WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Oct 27	80°	60°	10 %
Fri, Oct 28	79°	53°	20 %
Sat, Oct 29	72°	45°	0 %
Sun, Oct 30	72°	48°	0 %
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Tues, Nov 1	72°	51°	30 %
Wed, Nov 2	73°	52°	0 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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Bald Point	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

### APALACHICOLA

10/27 Thu	03:16AM 1.8	H 11:10AM -0.2	L
	06:28PM 1.7	H 10:51PM 1.3	L
10/28 Fri	03:48AM 1.9	H 11:59AM -0.2	L
	07:28PM 1.6	H 11:23PM 1.4	L
10/29 Sat	04:25AM 1.9	H 12:50PM -0.2	L
	08:28PM 1.6	H 11:59PM 1.4	L
10/30 Sun	05:08AM 1.9	H 01:46PM -0.1	L
	09:26PM 1.5	H	
10/31 Mon	12:44AM 1.4	L 05:57AM 1.8	H
	02:45PM 0.0	L 10:21PM 1.4	H
11/1 Tue	01:49AM 1.3	L 06:54AM 1.7	H
	03:47PM 0.2	L 11:08PM 1.4	H
11/2 Wed	03:20AM 1.2	L 08:04AM 1.5	H
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### CARRABELLE

10/27 Thu	01:51AM 2.9	H 08:57AM -0.3	L
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10/28 Fri	02:23AM 3.0	H 09:46AM -0.3	L
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10/29 Sat	03:00AM 3.0	H 10:37AM -0.3	L
	07:03PM 2.6	H 09:46PM 2.2	L
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11/2 Wed	01:07AM 1.9	L 06:39AM 2.4	H
	02:36PM 0.5	L 10:22PM 2.2	H

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'I'm about there,' and I'm not."

Franklin County's top female finisher, Circuit Judge Angela Dempsey, 43, ran a 1:47.44 to finish 22nd among the 232 half-marathoners and tops in her age group. "I loved running towards the sunrise," she said. "That was awesome."

McDermott, communications director for the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, led from start to finish, wire to wire, and threw off his shirt at mile 6, when the sun came up. His wife, Laura McDermott, was the top female and third overall in the 10K, with a time of 48:08.

A high school runner in Oregon, Jack McDermott started running again at age 30, after he "went to college and got fat." Sunday's race was his 141st marathon, and as race director for the Tallahassee Marathon for two years, he had nothing but good things to say about Running for the Bay.

"They blocked traffic better than last year. I had a police escort," he said, noting there was plenty of water, Gatorade and food for the runners, the start went well, and the medals, which this year sport an oyster boat on one side and a starfish on the other, are again among the best anywhere.

The only complaint he

*"I think it went fantastic. Everybody seemed like they had a great time. The runners were happy, so that means I'm happy."*

**Mark Henderson**  
Race organizer

had was that he would have preferred to see more mile markers on his way back.

"That threw me off," he said.

Topping the field among the 20 runners in the Ultra 50K, about six miles longer than a marathon, was David Goggins, 36, of Santa Rosa, an active-duty Navy Seal who started running ultra marathons, which can be as long as 100 to 200 miles, about six years ago.

Goggins ran a 3:46.11, about what he had planned on, as he, too, led from start to finish. "It was real windy," he said. "A lot of headwinds."

A former power lifter who used to weigh 290 pounds, Goggins is a slim and muscled 200 pounds and runs as part of an effort to boost the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, which provides scholarships to surviving children of special operations personnel who die in operational or training missions and financial assistance to severely

wounded special operations personnel and their families.

Race organizer Mark Henderson, who endured more than his share of criticism from some of last year's miscues, was delighted at this year's success, as runners prompted No Vacancy signs all the way to Mexico Beach, and enjoyed a Saturday night Pasta Walk at area restaurants.

"I think it went fantastic," he said. "Everybody seemed like they had a great time. The runners were happy, so that means I'm happy."

He said he had a better handle on the logistics, such as where to place water along the route, and a more seasoned crew of about two dozen volunteers to ensure everything went well. Henderson's daughter Kayte was there to photograph the runners, while son Kyle handled the announcing duties.

Race results were handled by [www.racesmith.com](http://www.racesmith.com), and the speed with which they were shared

impressed Neil Strosnider. "Fastest I've ever seen results," he said.

Henderson, who last year donated \$1,000 to area nonprofits, is hoping to double his charitable gifts this year, as he sets his sights on a third race, around Oct. 22, 2012.

He thanked Apalachicola Administrator Betty Webb, Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce Director Anita Grove, sheriff's office's Lt. Bobby Shiver, Apalachicola Police Chief Bobby Varnes, Bob Allen at Sportsmen's Lodge and a host of others for their help.

Among the local runners who ran were Clint Kadel, 42, who finished the half-marathon 61st, with a 2:02:42 time, and Alane Kadel, 41, of St. George Island, who finished 83rd with a 2:10:11 time.

Among the 52 runners in the 10K were Elizabeth Coble, 42, of Apalachicola, who finished 20th with a time of 1:04:08; and Cassie Gary, 39, of Apalachicola, who finished 22nd with a time of 1:04:10.

Among the 90 runners in the 5K, finishing 53rd was Lori Burch, 35, of Apalachicola, with a

44:49 time; and Sharon Hutchinson, 63, of Eastpoint, who finished 60th with a 52:59 time.

For all the runners, both new and old, it was a test of courage in a breathtaking surrounding.

"I wanted to prove to myself I could do something and commit to it," said Narveen Lumusco, 32, a registered nurse from Altamonte Springs, who was greeted at the finish line by his wife, Jakeline, and daughter Tiffany.

"I started running in August, and this was a first time, to test myself," he said.



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The \$69.7 billion adopted budget cut spending in many areas that will touch all of our lives. Many of us did not vote for the budget because we could not agree on the necessity for some of the cuts. There were too many cuts to: education, state employee benefits, rural health departments, nursing homes, Medicaid reimbursement, rural hospitals, the state court system, and privatization of our prison systems. Items may be excellent public policy, but may not be the thing to do, due to current economic conditions. The budget is a difficult and contentious process; no different from cutting our own personal budget.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners and Weems Memorial Hospital is asking for participation from the community in the Community Health Assessment.

Those interested in health care, social services, education, and other community leaders are urged to participate in a steering committee.

There will be two meetings:

The first is to be held on November 3, 2011  
Carrabelle Municipal Complex  
1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, FL  
11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. est.

The second is to be held December 1, 2011  
Coombs Armory  
66 4th Street, Apalachicola, FL  
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10:30 a.m. Oct. 10 at the tiny fuel dock grocery, which caters to commercial fishermen and oil field workers, he tipped his hand.

"I knew he might have been in the area when he came in," the employee said. "For two weeks he had been spotted at local bar up the road in Golden Meadow. He just showed up not even 10 minutes into town, and he climbed on that boat. So I called back the man from Panama City. I really didn't know what he was wanted for. Whenever I was (first) notified, the man wouldn't

tell me. I don't think he told me the law was wanting him."

The veteran employee knew well the man locals called "Big Bill" and asked the marina owner to telephone authorities just as Williams boarded one of the boats at the dock.

"That's all we knew him as, because he was tall and built from a life in prison," the employee said. "Over the years, I was on the lookout for him."

The marina worker said Williams had a frightening reputation and was unlikely

to have been hired by anyone familiar with it.

"He's a piece of crap," the marina employee said. "Over the years he's come in and out, and he always seems to want to find work. Every time he comes, he always causes problems. He just stays on the dock, and he'll get drunk and hang out."

The employee said "Big Bill" was known to drink vodka and to blacken the eye of a woman he would stay with in Golden Meadow.

"He never gets on a boat," the employee said.

"All the years nobody hires him. He comes as a drifter and just causes trouble."

Even worse, Williams had a reputation for trying to overpower the men who form the "community of drifters" who populate Leeville and Grand Isle.

"This little guy from Kentucky, he's an alcoholic but he does no harm to anybody," said the marina worker. "He sleeps on the dock and stays in an old building, a little fragile man. This guy was making sexual advances on him."

"He (Williams) tries to

overpower them," the employee said. "Three guys told me themselves. One guy chased him with a knife. A young fisherman from Florida had to fight him off in the early morning hours."

An Oct. 12 news release said the office of Lafourche Parish Sheriff Craig Weber got a call from the U.S. Marshals Office in Florida indicating Williams was at a business in Leeville, seeking a job. Deputies from the sheriff's office, along with officers from the Port Fourchon Harbor Police, proceeded to the business,

where they arrested Williams without incident.

"While it is not known how long Williams has been in the area, it is estimated he has likely been in Lafourche Parish for about two weeks," read the news release, which referred to Williams' "extensive criminal history, with numerous arrests stretching over several counties in Florida, Alabama, Texas and Louisiana. Prior arrests were for such crimes as armed robbery, kidnapping, aggravated assault, larceny, burglary, grand theft auto and drug possession."

The news release said parish deputies arrested Williams in 2003 on contempt of court charges and charged him with misrepresentation during booking. He was held for nearly 24 days before being released for time served.

After being extradited back to Franklin County, Williams had his first appearance Thursday morning, Oct. 20, in front of County Judge Van Russell, who placed him on a \$25,000 bond for failing to register as a sexual predator. He was also held without bond on the absconding charge, a third-degree felony that holds a maximum penalty of five years in state prison.

"I really don't know. The U.S. Marshal says Florida keeps letting him go," said the marina employee. "I was not aware what this guy was wanted for. I have a very bad temper, and God knows what would have happened."

"They need to send him back around us and let the people take care of him, instead of the law," the employee said. "I hope he won't come back in our area; everybody's going to notice. He better not show his face and be present."



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## FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking Statements of Qualifications from firms and individuals for preparation of plans and specifications for renovating the Fort Coombs Armory/Convention Center in Apalachicola. In addition the selected firm or individual will be required to assist in preparing a priority schedule for renovating the building to best utilize available funds. Submitted Statements of Qualifications need to address the following criteria:

- Company qualifications
- Staff qualifications
- Past experience on similar projects

Please submit three (3) copies of the qualifications to:

Franklin County Clerk of Court  
33 Market Street, Suite 203  
Apalachicola, Florida 32320

All submission must be clearly marked "Fort Coombs Renovations" and be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2011. The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will open the qualifications on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 9:45 a.m. at their meeting room in the Courthouse Annex, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

For more information contact Mark Curenton at mcurenton@fairpoint.net or 850-653-9783 x-160.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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35778T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, IN PROBATE CASE NO. 11-00058 CP

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of the Notice is Oct. 20, 2011.

PERSON REPRESENTATIVE: GERALD M. RYAN, 6 Mead Avenue, Norwalk, OH 44857, ESTATE OF DEBBIE LYNN RYAN

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: THOMAS S. GIBSON, FL Bar No. 0350583, RISH, GIBSON & SCHOLZ, PA, 206 E. 4th Street, P.O. Box 39, Port St. Joe, FL 32457, (850) 229-8211, Fax: (850) 227-1619, Oct 20, 27, 2011

The administration of the estate of DEBBIE LYNN RYAN, deceased, File Number 11-00058 CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Franklin County Courthouse, Probate Division, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, 32320. The name and address of the personal representative and that personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

**35890T** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

Case No. 09-000380-CA  
Division:

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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.

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JOSE RIVERA CRUZ A/K/A JOSE L. RIVERA-CRUZ, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVICES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, SUSAN RIVERA, WHISPERING PINES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., JOHN

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DOE, JANE DOE, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS. Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on August 23, 2011, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida. I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #1787) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK "235" OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA. A SUB-DIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT IN COMMON USE ON FILE AT THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT OFFICE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID POINT ALSO LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF FULTON STREET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 172.68 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #7160) MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN NORTH 48 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 35.83 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #7160), THENCE RUN NORTH 41 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 9.92 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #7160), THENCE RUN NORTH 48 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 39.36 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #7160), THENCE RUN SOUTH 41 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST 23.77 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4432), THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 38.40 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4432), LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF FULTON STREET, THENCE

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RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 66.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.05 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

and commonly known as: 233 CORNELLIUS RIZER ST., APALACHICOLA, FL 32320; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door steps of the Courthouse, at 33 Market St., in Apalachicola, Florida, on November 15, 2011 at 11:00 AM EST.

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 17th day of October, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk  
Oct 27, Nov 3, 2011

**35896T** IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

Case No.: 09-CA-000322  
Division:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-J1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES

vs. SHAUN S. DONAHOE AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on, in the Circuit

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Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

ALL OF LOT 5, OF BLOCK 116, IN THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID CITY IN COMMON USE.

and commonly known as: 126 17TH ST., APALACHICOLA, FL 32320; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door steps of the Courthouse, at 33 Market St., in Apalachicola, Florida on December 7, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.

Any persons 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 17th day of October, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Terry E. Creamer  
Deputy Clerk  
Oct 27 Nov 3, 2011

**35923T** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. HEXAPORT BUILDING SYSTEMS OF FLORIDA, LLC.; ANTHONY P. ATTALLA; LAWTON M. CHILES, III; LAWTON BUILDING SYSTEMS, LLC; CHILES FLORIDA ASSETS, INC.; HEXAPORT INTERNATIONAL LTD., Defendants.

Case No. 2011-000058-CA

**CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER CHAPTER 45.031(1) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES**

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TER 45.031(1) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 27, 2011, in the above-styled case, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., in accordance with Florida Statutes §45.031, the following described property: A leasehold estate interest created by a Ground Lease Agreement dated May 1, 2007, by and between the City of Carrabelle and Hexaport Building Systems of Florida, LLC, (set to expire May 1, 2106) on real property situated in Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida, described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument marking the Southwest corner of Section 19, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, Franklin County, Florida, then run North 89 degrees 21 minutes 59 seconds West 1262.14 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919) marking the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run North 89 degrees 21 minutes 26 seconds West 499.53 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #6475), thence run North 00 degrees 40 minutes 06 seconds East 689.66 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919), thence run North 57 degrees 12 minutes 47 seconds East 809.44 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919), thence run South 59 degrees 00 minutes 37 seconds East 1258.16 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919), thence run South 00 degrees 36 minutes 32 seconds West 349.81 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #6475), thence run North 57 degrees 50 minutes 42 seconds West 936.40 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919), thence run

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South 57 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds West 546.47 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919), thence run South 00 degrees 42 minutes 43 seconds West 323.14 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 22.40 acres, more or less.

Together with all improvements and buildings thereon.

MARCIA JOHNSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION, By: Terry E. Creamer, Deputy Clerk, October 27, November 3, 2011

**36011T** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 2010-533-CA

PREMIER BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. COASTLINE PROPERTIES OF NORTH FLORIDA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, SIDNEY E. GRAY, JIMMY W. MEEKS, SR., JEFF B. STRICKLAND, LORRI L. STRICKLAND, NEW RIVER RUN HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, and FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 27, 2011, in Case No. 2010-533-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit for Franklin County, Florida, in which PREMIER BANK is the Plaintiff, and COASTLINE PROPERTIES OF NORTH

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FLORIDA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, SIDNEY E. GRAY, JIMMY W. MEEKS, SR., JEFF B. STRICKLAND, LORRI L. STRICKLAND, NEW RIVER RUN HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, and FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION, Defendants.

Florida, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

Lot 1, New River Run, Phase 3, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 18, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

The sale will be held on November 8, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., to the highest bidder for cash, at the door of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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 September 29, 2011.

MARCIA JOHNSON  
Franklin County Clerk of Court  
Terry E. Creamer  
Deputy Clerk  
October 20, 27, 2011

**36017T** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC. BEAR STEARNS

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TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-7, Plaintiff,

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

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

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated October 10, 2011, and entered in Case No. 19-2009-CA-000065 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida in which The Bank of New York Mellon formerly known as The Bank of New York as successor Trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc. Bear Stearns ALTA Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-7, is the Plaintiff and Robert Neil Poole a/k/a Robert N. Poole, Branch Banking and Trust Company, Casa Del Mar Subdivision Association, Inc., are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Franklin County, Florida at on the 7th day of December, 2011 @ 11:00 a.m. (EST), the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 11, OF CASA DEL MAR SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property



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World War I. 45. The bullet barely went through and fell out on the pillow. Judge Witherspoon came as coroner and swore us and four more bystanders into a coroner's jury. He asked us, "Do you believe this man shot himself? Do you believe he is dead?" which was unanimous.

Case closed!  
 Into the embalming room, I was to do my first hook-up. Heywood, after a few snorts, mixed cold water with the embalming fluid. Needless to say, the man went to flopping around, his eyeballs dangling, along with me having a hard time with the outlets.

Heywood picks up a two-by-four and says, "We can't lose this one," and goes to hit him. I really freak out, and Heywood drops to his knees laughing. Good thing he still had the two-by-four, or I would have had a double funeral next day.

We had a lady so doubled up with osteo that we had to put her knees up against the top of the casket so they could have a viewing. When the preacher got almost through, we walked down the aisle and stood at each end before closing it up. I noticed a couple of old ladies with wide-open eyes, then a couple more. I looked down at her and her head was two or three inches off the pillow. I'm trying to get Heywood's attention, and several folks had already got up and left and the rest was wide-eyed as she came up further and further out of the casket. Heywood shut the lid on her, and we were outta there.

Now Heywood knew when to step on the lowering device. We did a funeral for Buck Wilson Funeral Home, one in Panama City. Seemed the girlfriend had stabbed her

boyfriend to death.  
 We had been there from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Just when we thought it was over, here came the cops with the gal in cuffs and she throws herself on top of his casket. The lowering device tripped, Heywood said by accident, but she was going before they could peel her off.

A cold beer never tasted so good.  
 Talk about Dr. Death, sometimes I feel like a jinx. I hired my first real estate salesman in 1970. All of these have died: Jimmy Litton, Paul Spacey, Arline Thornton, Barney Fish, Leonard Perry, Ed Diorio and Al Hudson.

Bill Bailey got away, but I still have Anne May.  
 My Indian heritage (Oklahoma Comanche) has decreed, "Smoke is the first thing to get to heaven." Since smoking has damn near killed me, I'm going to let it finish the job.

My dad had no Indian in him, but always wanted cremation as my grandparents are buried in Oklahoma City and there is nobody there to tend the graves. He said, "I don't want folks saying, 'Well, we would have gone fishing today, but we got to cut the grass on Pop's grave.'"

As I well know, embalming is a degrading occurrence even if you're dead. Funerals have gotten so expensive, also. Even cremation ain't cheap. Even the terms are not what they used to be. Now it's DOA - COD.

This fall I plan to visit each grave at Evergreen to actually count the number of people I have personally known. I guess my greeting will be, "See you soon!"

Mr. Bill is the pen name of Bill Miller.

# Reader remembers Apalachicola burials

By Lois Swoboda  
 The Times

Collie Watkins of Apalachicola shared some memories with us after reading the first three installments of the series "Eternity at East End."

Last October, I wrote that Dr. John Gorrie had been moved twice since his original interment in Apalachicola's lost Bayside Cemetery, located where Lafayette Park is today.

Watkins corrected this: Gorrie was actually moved three times. He was first relocated from Bayside Cemetery to the round plot in the center of the traffic circle at the junction of Avenue D and Sixth Street. Then he was moved to Magnolia Cemetery, and finally during the mid 20th century, to his current location in Gorrie Square.

Watkins said his father-in-law, Newman Marshall, told him about the move from the traffic circle because he actually transported the remains, which he told his son-in-law only of a few bones.

Marshall, a contractor who built many of the cement foundations in the historic district of Apalachicola, also constructed cement burial vaults and copings for some of the Magnolia Cemetery graves.

Marshall had a trick of preparing the vaults and copings so they appeared to be made of marble. Watkins said a man once asked him how he gave the cement its appearance,



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Henry Thompson's 1899 grave is the earliest burial in Thompson Cemetery, and this grave belonging to Margaret Harrell Thompson, 1855 to 1939, was the last. The wife of Nicholas Malachi Thompson, she was the widow of A. J. Wilson, who served in Company D, Florida 2nd Cavalry Regiment and died in 1880.

and Marshall answered that he rubbed them.

The fellow pursued the topic, asking what he rubbed the copings with, and Marshall replied, "grease."

The man asked what kind of grease, and Marshall replied, "elbow grease."

Watkins does not remember Bayside Cemetery but did recall the lady in the glass-fronted coffin.

Workers digging the foundation for a house across Avenue C from the park discovered a metal box. Believing it to be treasure, they reburied it and returned to retrieve it by lantern light. Watkins said he remembers the night well and that it was stormy with pouring rain. What the workers found when they pried the box open was the mummified re-

mains of a young woman with a child in her arms.

Watkins offered an answer to one of the mysteries surrounding this story: What became of the bodies?

He said they were never identified but were reburied in a cemetery, probably taken to Magnolia and placed in an unmarked grave in the potters' field with the occupants of most of the Bayside Cemetery graves.

Watkins also remembers the discovery of more artifacts of the Bayside Cemetery. He said the Messina family had five boys who were his playmates as a child. One afternoon, they were digging in the yard of another Avenue C house across from Lafayette Park and discovered a set of coffin handles.

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