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Out to see

Church to present original play Sunday

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 233 Ninth St. in Apalachicola, will present "The Reason," a Christmas play written and directed by Elinor Mount Simmons, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. The play is about three ladies, lifelong friends, who celebrate Christmas in their own way — the wrong way! All are invited to come, admission is free. For more information, call 653-2174.

Christmas Day potluck dinner

Come enjoy a Christmas Day potluck on Dec. 25 at Eddy Teach's Raw Bar, 240 E. Third St. on St. George Island. Bar opens at 4 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Bring a dish. Everyone welcome. For information, call 927-5050.

Government offices holiday hours

Franklin County offices and the courthouse will be closed for Christmas from Dec. 23-26. Apalachicola city offices will close Dec. 23-27. City of Carrabelle offices will be closed Dec. 23-26 for Christmas and will close at noon Dec. 30 and reopen Jan. 3 for the new year. Franklin County libraries will close Dec. 23-26 and Monday, Jan. 2. The Apalachicola Municipal Library will be open for regular business hours throughout the holidays.

Christmas break for schools

Students in the Franklin County Schools will be on Christmas break from Dec. 19 to Jan. 2, with their first day back on Jan. 3. Please drive carefully.

Beach blanket bonfire

On Dec. 31, come celebrate with a New Year's Eve Beach Bonfire on the beach at Lighthouse Park on St. George Island, hosted by the St. George Island Civic Club. The bonfire will be lit at 8 p.m. There will be musical entertainment. For info, call 653-6734.

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APALACHICOLA MAYOR:

Revamp volunteer policy

Johnson seeks term limits, commissioner appointments

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson last week proposed to revamp the policy used to appoint volun-

teers to city boards, commissions and committees, mainly through introducing term limits and giving each commissioner the right to appoint an individual.

The proposed policy, sure to be debated in earnest after the first of the year, has already met some resistance, as evidenced by the reaction of the audience and some fellow commissioners at the Dec. 6 city commission meeting.

Johnson's plan would make all current board members subject to reappointment, with each of the four commissioners and mayor having the right to individually re-

appoint or appoint a person of his or her own choosing. Boards with more than five members would have any additional members considered at-large and would require the approval of the entire commission.

Appointees could serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms and would be required to vacate their seat for at least a year before seeking to be reappointed for any additional terms.

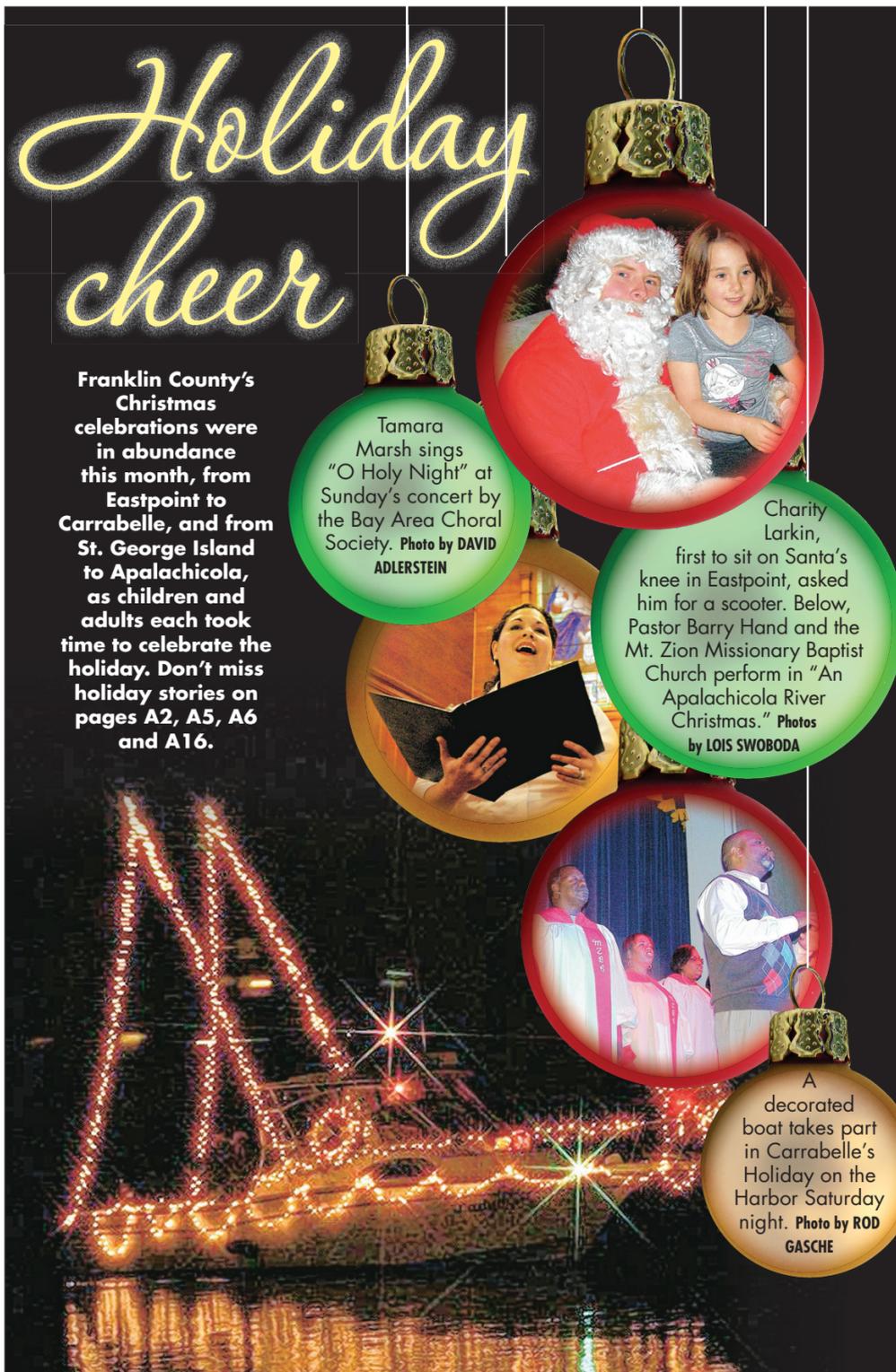
The third condition of service would be that if current board members were reappointed, the three reappointed members with

the longest time served would be limited to serve two additional years.

"Time already served shall be counted as serving two full consecutive terms for purposes of the limits on more than two consecutive terms," reads the proposed ordinance. The remaining reappointed members with less time in would be able to serve for four years, "under the same consideration and condition."

Appointments would be limited to city residents "who have made

See **VOLUNTEER A7**



Holiday cheer

Franklin County's Christmas celebrations were in abundance this month, from Eastpoint to Carrabelle, and from St. George Island to Apalachicola, as children and adults each took time to celebrate the holiday. Don't miss holiday stories on pages A2, A5, A6 and A16.

Tamara Marsh sings "O Holy Night" at Sunday's concert by the Bay Area Choral Society. Photo by DAVID ADLERSTEIN

Charity Larkin, first to sit on Santa's knee in Eastpoint, asked him for a scooter. Below, Pastor Barry Hand and the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church perform in "An Apalachicola River Christmas." Photos by LOIS SWOBODA

A decorated boat takes part in Carrabelle's Holiday on the Harbor Saturday night. Photo by ROD GASCHE

'How do we get these out of here?'

Judge denies injunction against power poles

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Members of an Apalachicola citizens group fighting the placement of new transmission lines through downtown are vowing to continue their fight after a judge refused Monday to halt the project.



ANGELA DEMPSEY

In a four-page order, Circuit Judge Angela Dempsey denied a request for a 90-day injunction filed by the law firm of Fernandina Beach attorney Arthur "Buddy" Jacobs. When the complaint was first filed Nov. 30, the judge gave Progress five days to file a response. Progress was represented by St. Petersburg attorney Bruce Crawford.

Plaintiffs include the Apalachicola Area Historical Society, Apalachicola property owners Richard Bickel, Sara and Bradley Heinz, Dr. Helen E.A. Tudor and Tamara Suarez, and three corporate entities: Water Street LLC and The Sponge Exchange LLC, both owned by Lynn and Bill Spohrer, and LLW Building Partnership, owned by The Grady Market.

See **POLES A7**

Schools put half mill on ballot

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Members of the Franklin County school board voted last week to place a four-year, half-mill tax levy on the ballot of a March 6 special election.

By a 4-0 vote, with board member Teresa Ann Martin absent because she was attending the elementary school's Christmas program, the school board approved the proposal, which if ratified would extend the current half-mill levy from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2016.

Money from the levy would be earmarked for "operating expenses necessary to maintain the quality of Franklin County's public school system."

Though the ballot measure will indicate the levy is a millage increase, school district officials consider it a renewal of the four-year, half-mill referendum first approved by voters in June 2008, and which will expire in June 2012.

Four years ago, school board members were public

See **SCHOOLS A16**

State: Carrabelle must raise rates

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The state has mandated that Carrabelle's water and sewer department raise rates, but careful consumers will be rewarded for thrift.

At the city commission's Dec. 1 meeting, City Administrator Courtney Millender read the draft of a new water ordinance for the city that, for the first time in three years, would raise water and sewer rates across the board. The second reading of the ordinance will take place at the Jan. 5 meeting.

The biggest proposed increase is

in tap fees. The water tap fee within the city, currently \$750, will increase by \$500 to \$1,250. The in-city sewer tap fee, now \$2,500, will be \$3,360, under the new ordinance. Water tap fees outside the city, now \$1,125, will be \$1,375, while sewer hook-ups outside the city will cost \$3,500.

Deposits for water and sewer would remain the same for owner-occupied properties at \$75, but the water deposit for renter-occupied properties increases to \$150.

Under current rules, the first 3,000 gallons of water used by city residents was included in the base

See **CARRABELLE A16**

Boat parade draws visitors from afar



Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times
Even Santa couldn't tell who was who between Machala and Makayla Cody of Crawfordville. **Right**, Aubrey Paulk, of Carrabelle tells Santa what she wants for Christmas. **Far right**, Makayla Kilgore of Sopchoppy came disguised as Santa's lead reindeer, Rudolph.



By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Hundreds of people lined the river bank Saturday night to see the Carrabelle Boat Parade of Lights, a mainstay for many family's Christmas celebrations.

The sky was clear, the moon full and the weather perfect for Carrabelle's Holiday on the Harbor celebration this year.

The complimentary dinner was moved from in front of the old City Hall to the pavilion on Marine Street, and instead of burgers, this year the city served up a smoked chicken dinner with dressing and green beans.

Once again, Mayor Curley Messer and city hall staff were on hand to serve the public. City Clerk Keisha Smith said they passed out between 900 and 1,000 plates over a three-hour period. There were fewer vendors than in recent years, but an impressive crowd.

The majority of kiddies who sat on Santa's knee said they were not from Carrabelle or even Franklin County. Families from Perry, Spring Creek, Crawfordville and Bristol were on hand and cars parked on the scene boasted tags from Tennessee, Virginia, Maine, Mississippi, Georgia, Michigan and New Hampshire.

Sheryl Mitchell, general manager at the Carrabelle Palms RV Resort, said her lot was almost full this weekend. She attributed much of the business to the Holiday on the Harbor.

The boat parade, organized by Sheila Hauser and the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce, was spectacular, as always, with watercrafts ranging from canoes to deepwater fishing trawlers. A score of boats participated this year.

C-Quarters Marina, with the most boats in the parade, won the Marina Challenge. Best of Show went to Terry Womble with "Dirty Pool III" for a 43-foot Egg Harbor from Tallahassee.

Other winners of the 19th annual Boat Parade of Lights were:

- Recreational Division through 24 Feet: 1) Charles Painter with a 22-foot Shamrock, from Carrabelle 2) Bruce Laten with "Redemption," from Pulaski, Tenn. 3) Amy and Bobby Kilgore with a 21-foot Bayliner, from Carrabelle

- Recreational Division 24 to 36 Feet: 1) Barney Crutchfield with "Fun on Fun," a 28-foot Seafox from Carrabelle 2) Youth of Carrabelle's First Baptist Church, with

- "Yes Dear," a 23-foot Contender
- Recreational Division 37 to 47 feet: 1) Terry Womble with "Dirty Pool III." 43-foot Egg Harbor from Tallahassee 2) Tom and Jan Hines with "Laughter," a 42-foot Jefferson from Burns Harbor, Indian

- Recreational Division 48 feet and up: 1) James St. Clair and Janelyn Dowden of Seacrest Real Estate from Carrabelle 2) Charlotte and Dale Schneider with "Frankly Scarlett," a 52-foot Garwood, from Carrabelle

- Commercial Division: 1) Captain Chester Reese of Natural World Charters with "Eagle," a 24-foot Morgan Sportsfisherman, from Carrabelle

- Pontoon Division: 1) Adam Barfield with a 21-foot Pontoon, from Carrabelle 2) Don Tobin with "Happy Hours," a 22-foot Pontoon, from Tallahassee

- Sailboat Division: 1) David McGovern with a 25-foot Oday Sailboat from Quitman, Ga.

- Kayak Division: 1) Tom Herzog with a kayak, from Carrabelle.

A pair of dolls, which were won in the Veteran's Day auction in Carrabelle, were donated to the Franklin County Senior Center and are now being raffled to benefit the Carrabelle Food Pantry. Dorothy Mathes and Caroline Spivey were on hand to show them off.

Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5. The drawing will be on Christmas Eve. For more information, call 697-3760.

To view a gallery of Carrabelle's Christmas celebration visit www.apalachiantimes.com.



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

Dec. 7

Margaret F. Murphy, 42, Eastpoint, sale of a prescription drug (FCSO)

Dec. 8

Larry M. Cummings II, 24, Panama City, failure to appear (FCSO)

Dec. 11

Lisa M. Lake, 42, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)

Possible rape reported in Carrabelle

Law enforcement officials in Carrabelle say they are investigating the report of a criminal sexual battery at Cove Apartments. Deputy Chief Craig Kincaid said an adult female called in the report of the incident on Saturday, Dec. 3 at about 9:15 p.m., not long after she alleged it happened. Kincaid said the incident is being investigated with the help of a female officer. "At this point I have no evidence to prove it didn't happen," he said. "But I don't think that we've got an imminent danger to anybody." He advised residents to exercise the same caution that they should do year-round, regardless of any reports of criminal sexual activity. "People should lock their doors," he said. "A lot of time, they leave doors open, and they're lulled sometimes into a false sense of security."

Law BRIEFS

Commission rescinds local gun ordinances

On Dec. 5, county commissioners voted unanimously to rescind all local gun ordinances. The change was in compliance with a newly-passed state law that removes local authority to regulate firearms and ammunition. This law also imposes severe penalties to local elected officials for enacting or enforcing local laws regulating firearms or ammunition. County Attorney Michael Shuler said several other local governments have also rescinded their local laws on the subject because of this new law. He said the state could impose a fine of up to \$5,000 for failure to comply with the new law.

Lane closures affect U.S. 98 and Island Drive

Motorists traveling in daylight

hours through the U.S. 98 and Island Drive intersection in Eastpoint endured intermittent lane closures on Tuesday and Wednesday, while construction crews paved the intersection. Drivers are reminded to pay attention to the speed limit when traveling through the construction area, and to use caution. For more Florida Department of Transportation District Three information follow us on twitter at www.twitter.com/myfdot_nwfl.

Speed limit change in Eastpoint

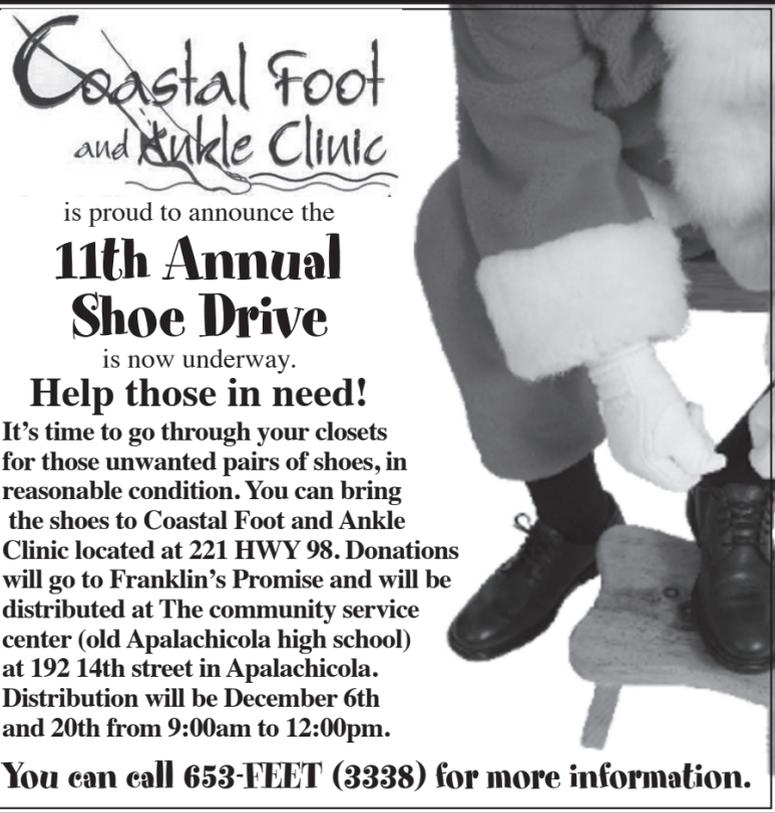
Effective immediately, the speed limit on Twin Lakes Road, Old Ferry Dock, and Avenue A in Eastpoint is 35 mph. The speed limit on Otter Slide will remain 25 mph because it has a sharp curve in it and several road intersections.

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Coastal Foot and Ankle Clinic is proud to announce the **11th Annual Shoe Drive** is now underway. **Help those in need!** It's time to go through your closets for those unwanted pairs of shoes, in reasonable condition. You can bring the shoes to Coastal Foot and Ankle Clinic located at 221 HWY 98. Donations will go to Franklin's Promise and will be distributed at The community service center (old Apalachicola high school) at 192 14th street in Apalachicola. Distribution will be December 6th and 20th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. **You can call 653-FEET (3338) for more information.**



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On behalf of Tobacco Free Franklin and SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) we want to thank the Franklin Board of County Commissioners for unanimously passing the Flavored Tobacco Resolution for Franklin County!

Opinion

The Carnegie libraries and Woman's Clubs

Special to the Times

Many of you know that your librarian, at the



THE LIBRARY
Coty Greene

Apalachicola Municipal Library, is now enrolled in a Masters in Library Science degree program at Florida State University. The study of the history of libraries in the United States has brought forward the amazing contribution of Andrew Carnegie.

All across the United States there are libraries which were sponsored by this great philanthropist. From the 1883 to 1929 more

than 1,500 libraries were built with contributions from the Carnegie Corporation. They represent outstanding architectural styles of their era, but their contribution to the development of public libraries is beyond measure.

Interestingly, during this time period, the rise of "women's clubs" was also responsible for organizing efforts to establish libraries. A lengthy 1994 article in "Library Quarterly" by Paula Watson, called "Founding Mothers," is an interesting read. The American Library Association credits women's clubs for

initiating 80 percent of the libraries established in communities across the country.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), a national organization that was to embrace a wide variety of political and social causes in the years to come, had its first meeting in 1890. We of course know one of these clubs as the Philaco Woman's Club of Apalachicola. It was the Philaco Club's library which formed the basis of what is now the Apalachicola Municipal Library.

Ten Carnegie libraries are spread across Florida, although sadly not here in Apalachicola, each built between 1901 (Tampa) and 1917 (Bradentown). Another contribution to the library world was what is called the "Williamson Report," published in 1923. The Carnegie Corporation recognized the importance of a well-trained library staff and commissioned the study to look at the available educational programs.

The report became a landmark work by establishing the organization of library personnel. It proposed segmenting library work into "professional" and



THE FLORIDA PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

The founding members of the Philaco Woman's Club of Apalachicola, pictured in 1896.

"clerk" activities. The study also proposed a reevaluation of the curriculum in library education and demanded separate training programs for each classification of library worker.

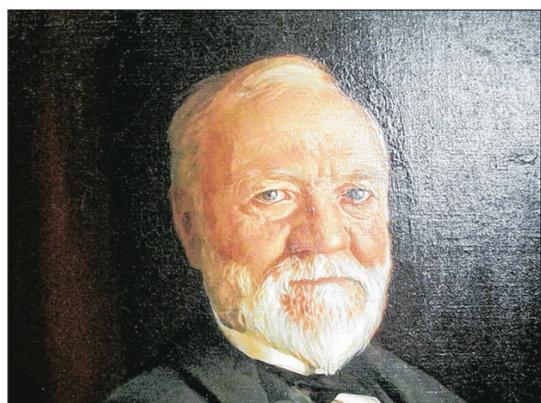
Current library schools like FSU's School of Library and Information Studies, founded in 1947, teach broad-ranging topics in library and information

areas. The school includes the Information Use Management and Policy Institute. The institute does a lot of evaluation of state projects like the Florida Electronic Library, Florida Rural Broadband and the Florida Memory Project.

Those looking into the future see books evolving into just another information source and see

the equitable distribution of that information to all citizens as the primary purpose of public libraries. Looking to the past, one can appreciate the history and grandeur of the Carnegie and women's club contributions.

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



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A portrait of Andrew Carnegie hangs in the National Portrait Gallery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Visitors want to thump sense into Progress

As visitors to your area four to six times per year (over 1,200 miles each way), for over 35 years we've come to see Apalachicola, Eastpoint and St. George as "home." We agree completely that Progress Power's plan to put the giant poles through your beautiful area is anything but Progress! It's obtrusive, distasteful, disgusting and insensitive. Your neck of the woods is one of the last unspoiled, scenic seaside communities in the U.S. Progress Power's urge to provide "reliable power to all customers" is a weak excuse for such an obscene scheme.

We may be Yankees in your eyes, but we'd tar and feather anyone trying to construct such monstrosities in our corner of the world. And

I know there are people there who could do it. We wholeheartedly support your opposition to this ill-conceived plan, and hope with all our hearts you can find a way to thump some sense in the power company's head.

Brothers In Arms,
Jill, Marty and Peggy Capron
Oxford, Kansas

Boats should be focus of event, not free food

Normally, I'm a happy, upbeat person, but this letter will not be. I will, however, start with something positive. The boats at the 2011 Boat Parade of Lights in Carrabelle were fantastic. That's what I went to see. I did not come for free food or fireworks like a lot of people did.

I thought the event was a fiasco. It started with me heading to the south end of Marine

Street where I have gone in the past to stand along the river to watch the boats. I was met by a "patrol person" who informed me I couldn't be there because of the fireworks. So I headed north and was met by a roped-off area, and I was told that it was for people using the restroom.

I continued north, ducking under more roped-off areas, heading for the pavilion because in the past that was a great place to watch the boats. That was closed because of the free food. So I had to dodge people standing in free food lines as I continued to head north to try to find a place to watch the boats. I ended up on a condo dock where the viewing was obstructed by the pilings, and the photo opportunities were limited.

In the future this is what I would recommend: Do not block any part of the area along the river. The boats should be the focus of the event, not the free food or fireworks. The food could go back to the area in front of the old City Hall, or could be along the east side of Marine Street, with

the lines parallel to the street.

I have no idea what was in the Styrofoam boxes, but it looked like a "meal." The Styrofoam boxes are not environmentally friendly, and create a cleanup nightmare. Is a "meal" really necessary? What's wrong with a hot dog wrapped in a napkin? As a Franklin County taxpayer, I assume I paid for that "meal."

And the fireworks — never saw them or heard them. Everyone was heading back to their cars after the last boat went by. Fireworks could be a part of a different event, or moved to another location so as not to interfere with standing along the river to watch the boats that the owners so beautifully decorated. Hopefully this will be a more boat-viewing-friendly event in the future, or I will probably not be there.

Sincerely,
P. Tollefson
St. James

Franklin County natural and undisturbed

My wife and I have visited Apalachicola and St. George Island numerous times, every year, for over 10 years. Our last visit was for the purpose of getting a real evaluation of what we could contribute (hands-on) with a small business venture in Franklin County. Over the years we've talked with local business owners, and with reps of the Chamber of Commerce, etc.

We like the feeling of the "out of the way," or even "lost in time/place" that we've found in Franklin County. We're now a little concerned about the future of the power lines in Apalachicola. We're afraid that this might not be the lost, "forgotten" place that we want to settle into.

We haven't settled yet, and we are still looking at sites in Colorado and Arkansas, but we would still like to keep Franklin County, Florida as an option.

Please keep the town and surroundings as natural (or undisturbed) as possible.

(By the way, my wife and I are still only 45-year-olds.) Thank you all

in Franklin County,

With sand on our feet,
Scott and Michelle McCalman

Carrabelle church predates nearby hotel

This is in response to a statement made in the article "Tempest brewing over alcohol in Carrabelle" in the Dec. 8 Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times. Mr. Frink stated that:

"It's a shame a church has located itself in a C1 commercial district. The hotel has been there for 110 years."

I would like to respond that if Mr. Frink had done his homework before making his statement, he would find that Carrabelle United Methodist Church just celebrated our 124th year in its present location. So if Mr. Frink wants to play the "who was here first" game, please let it be known we were here 14 years before the hotel.

Just sign me a recovered alcoholic and grateful for Carrabelle UMC.

Thank you,
Deborah T. King
Carrabelle

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Benefit programs can assist veterans' families

Special to the Times

This week's column is addressed to the spouse, surviving spouse and dependent children of veterans. The US Department of Veterans Affairs has established benefit/compensation programs to assist families if their veteran is incapacitated due to disability or has passed on. Two of the available programs are Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Civilian Health and Medical Program of the

Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA).

DIC is a monthly benefit of \$1,154 payable to the eligible surviving spouse and \$286 for each dependent child of a military service member who died while on active duty, active duty for training, or a veteran whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease;

or of a veteran who was receiving, or was entitled to receive, VA compensation for service-connected disability that was rated as totally disabling for at least 10 years immediately before death.



VETERANS' CORNER
Charles Elliott

CHAMPVA is a health care program in which the VA shares the cost of covered health care with eligible beneficiaries. To be eligible for CHAMPVA you must be the spouse, surviving spouse or dependent child of a veteran who has been rated permanently and totally disabled for a service-connected disability by the VA, died from a service-connected disability, was at the time death-rated permanently and totally disabled from a service-connected disability or died in the line of duty.

I wish to reach out to the surviving spouses of Vietnam veterans. The facts are that service in

Vietnam brought additional perils, directly related to exposure to Agent Orange, which affected the veterans long after they returned home. If you lost your spouse to any of the presumptive conditions related to Agent Orange exposure, there is no time limit, you may be eligible for certain benefits/compensation. Nothing we can do will lessen the loss but perhaps we can help smooth the path forward. Please give us a call at 653-8069 or come see us in the courthouse, room 103.

Charles Elliott is the assistant to William Scott, Franklin County's veterans service officer.

Santa lights up island celebration

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff writer

About 250 kiddies sat on Santa's knee this year to give him their wish list during the St. George Island Christmas kickoff Friday, Dec. 3.

At dusk, the lights came up. Santa arrived by ladder truck and descended to greet an excited crowd. He got a hug from Santa's special elf, Beth Brinkley.

Susan Fickling and Brinkley shopped long and hard again this year, spending about \$1,000 on toys. But when they noticed the crowd seemed to have aged since last Christmas, they made a quick trip to Subway to purchase gift cards for older knee perchers.

There were a few toys left over and those have been donated to the Franklin County Toy Drive, which Brinkley is helping to coordinate.

Fickling said the crowd was about the same size as last year. There was cocoa and cookies for sale by the island's business association, with the money going to the fund for next



Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Camille Williams of Apalachicola sang the "Twelve Days of Christmas" with Girl Scout Troop 200. **Right**, Lighthouse keeper Stanley Colvin's pet "Lily" was dressed to greet Santa. **Below**, Jimmy Maxwell holds Camron Maxwell, who was a little nervous about Santa.

year's toys. Thankfully the weather was much nicer than last year.

Members of the Philaco Woman's Club were on hand with live Christmas trees to benefit the Florida Wild Mammal Association. Girl Scout Troop 200 performed traditional carols to the crowd's delight.

For the first time, Santa's den featured windows so parents and curious youngsters alike could peek in at the jolly old soul.

The new gift shop and visitor center stayed open late so celebrants could take a tour and do some Christmas shopping to benefit the Lighthouse Association. The shop has lots of Christmas cheer in stock so give it a visit and remember to shop locally this year for all your gifts.

Also, raffle tickets remain on sale for a chance to win a full-size red, white and blue playhouse, constructed by inmates at Bay City Work Camp. Tickets are \$5 each, or three for \$10, with all proceeds going to the annual Franklin County Toy Project for needy children. The drawing will be held Friday, Dec. 23.

Tickets are available at Centennial Banks in Eastpoint, Apalachicola, Carrabelle and St. George Island, Handmade in Apalach, the Butler Agency in Eastpoint, and Franklin's Promise at the Community Service Center in Apalachicola.



Shaylin and Dennis Barber of Eastpoint brought their three little ones, Sage, 16 months, Tristan, 4, and Adia, 7, to join the celebration.

LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Santa arrives in Eastpoint

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

It was a stunning evening for a party Friday night.

Fire Chief George Pruett gave Santa a lift to Eastpoint to hold court by the bay. He arrived solo this year, unaccompanied by a parade.

A glorious full moon reflected off the white oyster shells, glowing white as snow in the pavilion parking lot. The evening air was fresh, but not too cold.

Eastpoint Church of God Youth Pastor Scott Shiver opened the party with a prayer: "God bless every oysterman and every seafood worker and thank you for the water I've enjoyed since I was a little boy," he prayed.

About 100 celebrants, young and old, flocked to the Eastpoint pavilion to catch a glimpse of St. Nick and feast on 18 dozen cookies baked by Beth Moseley, and gallons of hot cocoa prepared by Renee Griffin.

Santa mounted his throne and heard the wishes of dozens of kiddies. Every child received a bag of candy and a toy.

County Commissioner Pinki Jackel said the gifts were purchased with \$200 raised by the Franklin County Oyster Festival held on St. George Island in October.

Shiver brought a public address

system and printed lyrics for popular Christmas carols. Some of the youngsters took turns entertaining the crowd with songs.

Several websites erroneously announced last month that Eastpoint's party would be held Dec. 1 and a number of people were disappointed when Santa didn't appear that night.

Jackel said she and Moseley had thrown together the Dec. 9 gala on short notice. "It was a lot of work for two people, but it's worth it when you see the kid's faces," Jackel said.

She said she hopes one of the Eastpoint churches will organize the Christmas celebration next year. To see a gallery of photos, visit www.apalachiatimes.com.



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NOTICE OF INTENT IS GIVEN THAT FRANKLIN COUNTY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 99-3, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE EASTPOINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FRANCHISE, BY RESCINDING THAT PART OF ORDINANCE 99-3 GRANTING IT EXCAVATION PRIVILEGES; REQUIRING AN EXCAVATION PERMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONDITIONAL ROAD PATCH STANDARDS.

Notice is hereby given that on December 20, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. (ET) at 106 SE Avenue B, Carrabelle, Florida, at the Carrabelle City Hall, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 99-3, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE EASTPOINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FRANCHISE, BY RESCINDING THOSE PARTS OF ORDINANCE 99-3 GRANTING IT EXCAVATION PRIVILEGES, REQUIRING PERMITS PRIOR TO FUTURE EXCAVATIONS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONAL ROAD PATCH STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file with the Clerk of Courts, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida and may be viewed there.

Interested Persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance, or you may submit comments in writing addressed to Marcia Johnson, Clerk of Courts, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320..

PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, SUCH PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, SUCH PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, INCLUDING THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

Those persons requiring special assistance to attend the meeting shall contact Deputy Clerk Michael Moron at 850-653-8861 x100 no later than three days before the meeting to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

The project is located at 34 Forbes Street in Apalachicola, Florida, and consists of constructing photovoltaic panels on the roof of the courthouse annex and connecting the panels to the existing electrical system in the building.

Completion date for this project will be 60 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

A mandatory pre-bid walk-thru is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. The walk-thru will be held at the Planning and Building Department in the Courthouse Annex, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320.

The bid package can be obtained at the Franklin County website at www.franklin-countyflorida.com under the Board of Commissioners heading. The bid must conform to section 287.133 Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$200.00 per day.

The sealed bid must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS - COURTHOUSE ANNEX". The envelope should also bear on the outside the Bidder's name, address and license number, if applicable.

Bids will be received until 4:30 p.m. (EST) on Friday, December 30, 2011, at the Franklin County Clerk's Office, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320-2317, and will be opened and read aloud on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at the County Commission meeting held at the Courthouse Annex, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their best judgment will be in the best interest of Franklin County. All bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening.

All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business in the State of Florida.

Questions should be addressed to Mark Curenton, Assistant County Planner, at 850-653-9783, x-160 or mcurenton@fairpoint.net.

'River Christmas' a stunning success

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Once again, April and Theo Patriotis have presented the community with a plum pudding of a show to celebrate Christmas.

"An Apalachicola River Christmas," written and directed by April Patriotis and produced by Themo Patriotis, provided a venue for the talents of more than 60 local performers.

It is the musical story of Grandpa Nick (Jeff Ilardi) and Grandma Ginny (Delores Roux) and their extended family spending Christmas on a houseboat up the river. While the play was visually arresting and amusing, it explores the depths of family and commitment.

When the story begins, Sara (Debbie Fletcher) arrives at her parents' home with her three children, Gemma (Samantha Cannon), Sammy (Stefan Devaughn) and Lacey (Sara Gibbs). Her husband, Michael (Bobby Shiver), has remained at home in the dog house after a family tiff.

Gemma has her boyfriend, David (Adam Cannon), in tow and are very much enthralled. One thread of the play follows David's attempts to secure Gemma's hand in marriage from her father and grandfather. On a fishing trip up the river, that is also a rite of passage into manhood and the family, David spends more time in the water than in the boat.

Meanwhile, Lacey and Sammy head into the swamp to find a Christmas tree where they encounter Abby (Kendyl Hardy), a broken ballerina; Angelica (Camille Williams), a girl of Lacey's age; and Angelica's grandfather Deacon (Pastor Barry Hand), who has retreated from the world to mourn his son.

Debbie Fletcher stole the show with her performance of "River," Joni Mitchell's modern carol

Once again, there was a cameo performance by Commissioner Smokey Parrish, who sang "The Angels Cried" as a duet with Hardy.

Carrabelle's Free Fire dance troupe, the After School Art Program, the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church choir and the choir from the Apalachicola and St. George Island Cooperative Parish all gave outstanding performances.

Patriotis' script brought the river and its denizens into the theatre complete with a bear (Elisha Patriotis), who arrives for Christmas dinner. She also used techniques that reached beyond the curtain into the audience to draw spectators into the show.

The one question that remains to be asked is "how will they top this next year?"

Never fear. The Patriotis clan is sure to find a way.

The show was dedicated to the late Buck Siprell. To view a gallery of photos, visit www.apalachiatimes.com.



Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times
April Patriotis distributes "Soul Cake." **Left**, Maranda Moses performed solo during Soul Cake a number with gypsy overtones. **Below**, More than 60 artists performed in "An Apalachicola River Christmas." **Bottom**, Jillian Terhune, left, and Olivia Poloronis were among the "Whos" that distributed saltwater taffy to the audience.



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Apalachicola their legal primary place of residence," reads the proposal.

Appointees would have to have expertise "necessary to accomplish the board's objective," as well as a reputation for integrity and community service and an interest or experience in the area of service.

Chairmen of the boards each would be selected annually in October and would serve no more than two consecutive one-year terms. No one could serve on more than one board, commission or committee.

Board members would be kicked off if they missed four consecutive meetings, without being excused by the city commissioners. The board members also could be removed without cause by a vote of the commissioners.

The proposed policy's statement of purpose "recognizes the need of fresh ideas and innovative approaches. It is the goal ... to establish a policy that ensures that everyone who desires has an opportunity to serve and assist the city in setting public policy," it reads.

Johnson's fellow commissioners expressed concern individual commissioner appointments could lead to problems.

"Now everyone is going to put their favorite person here and there. You're going to end up with boards who are making decisions, and they'll get politicized," said Commissioner Frank Cook.

"I don't know how you can get more politicized than it already is," Johnson said.

The mayor stressed the proposal is designed to open doors to people who wish to serve but who might have found them closed to them in the past, and to end lifetime appointments. "There are people out there who want to get involved. This gives them a chance to get involved. We have to have a process in place where we can invite people to be a part of it," he said.

"I want to support you because there are at least two boards I've wanted to be on," said Apalachicola resident Carrie Kienzle, who has taken an active role in volunteering for the library and other community efforts. "I think the (appointment) process is not transparent, so you don't know. A little more transparent process that moves people along might be helpful."

Tom Daly, who lodged an unsuccessful challenge to the mayor in the last election, said he was concerned

the policy change would worsen the problem of finding willing people to serve in the volunteer capacity.

"I know from time to time we've had a year go by and we haven't been able to fill (a seat)" Daly said. "You're creating more structure when you haven't identified the problem. I do think this is in a sense politicizing. What real problem does this address (by) arbitrarily unseating people who have experience, knowledge and a sense of purpose?"

"I think you're going to end up with people less qualified," he said. "In a community like this, where it's difficult to get a lot of people to volunteer for things, do we have a whole lot of applications?"

Susan Clementson, a member of the library board, shared a 1959 city resolution that realigned the boards and specifically addressed the composition of the library board, granting the Philaco Woman's Club a role in the selection.

City Attorney Pat Floyd examined the resolution and said it would be up to the commissioners to decide whether to undo its provisions when they consider the new policy proposal. City Administrator Betty Taylor Webb said at least two boards, the Community Redevelopment Agency and the board overseeing the revolving loan fund, have specific requirements for who can hold a particular seat, such as a banker, etc.

Commissioners Jimmy Elliott and Brenda Ash each raised questions about terms of the proposal.

"It's a two-edged sword in some respects," Elliott said. "It's good to get an edge that brings in new ideas, but doing away with people with experience (is a concern). There's no substitute for experience."

Ash asked "how can you gain experience? If you don't have hands-on experience then experience is hard to come by."

Ash indicated she was opposed to giving individual commissioners the final say in their appointments, and the mayor said he would be willing to have commissioners make their recommendations, with the entire commission voting on each appointment.

Commissioner Mitchell Bartley said he was opposed to the policy as it currently reads. "I'm just afraid we won't be able to fill these boards," he said. "We just wouldn't have enough people to fill the slots."

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"Plaintiffs do not dispute that the transmission lines need to be updated for the benefit of the residents of Franklin County and other Floridians; rather they seek to control the look and placement of new utility poles," the judge wrote. "Plaintiffs have failed to meet their burden that temporarily halting the end of this project so that the city may negotiate with the defendant is in public's best interest."

Jacobs said the judge's decision renders moot the question of stopping the project but said the group will continue to seek other legal remedies — local, state and federal — including a possible action before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which oversees interstate sale of energy.

"The question remains 'how do we get them removed?'" Jacobs said. "We are evaluating our legal remedies."

The plaintiffs had approached the judge in hopes of securing an emergency injunction that would not require them to post a bond, a difficult financial hurdle to overcome. They sought what the judge termed "an extraordinary and drastic remedy which should be granted only sparingly," and one which required them to establish that the project had a likelihood of irreparable harm, there was no other adequate legal remedy the citizens could pursue, their suit had a "substantial likelihood" of finding success on its merits, the citizen group had clear legal right to the injunction and that granting it would be in the public interest.

"We felt that we had to take advantage of every opportunity to protect the citizens of Apalachicola," Jacobs said. "We had to deal with the facts as we found them, and obviously we believed we had sufficient facts to move forward. The judge disagreed with us."

Dempsey began her order by noting the citizens' request to stop the project "to consider other routes or considerations" came at a time when the rebuild project was between 60 and 90 percent complete, according to documents filed by both Jacobs and Crawford.

"The poles are on a public right of way where utility poles have been placed for decades," Dempsey wrote. "Even assuming ... that the poles are 'furthering the destruction of the town's economy,' the project is nearing completion, and stopping it temporarily at this point would not prohibit any harm."

Jacobs said he believed the time frame in which Progress began its work "appears to be a large part of the judge's ruling. I think the fact that it was virtually totally done by the accelerated actions of the poles placement by Progress was a large part of it."

Rob Sumner, a Progress spokesman, said the company "followed a regular work schedule on the transmission line. The work is dependent on weather and other factors. If the weather cooperates and we have no problems, we proceed with the placement of the line."

Sumner declined elaboration on the judge's decision, noting that "she ruled on the merits of the case" and that "the 38-mile-long transmission rebuild project will provide reliable and dependable electric service for all the customers in Gulf and Franklin counties."

Dempsey did not directly address the citizens' contention that the utility lines, which carry high voltage 115 kV electricity, will cause negative health effects.

"Plaintiffs do not allege how delaying the project or rerouting the lines would prevent any potential negative health effects," she wrote.

In addressing whether Progress failed to comply with the city's 1988 franchise agreement, which addresses "aesthetic considerations," as well as with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's strategic plan, which recognizes the importance of tourism, Dempsey gave weight to the fact that neither government body was a party to the lawsuit.

"Plaintiffs' general assertions that the poles are not aesthetically pleasing and hurt tourism do not demonstrate a substantial likelihood of success on the merits or clear legal right to the relief sought," she wrote.

Jacobs said the city's failure to weigh in on the suit "did us harm. The franchise agreement is between the city and Progress Energy as a successor to Florida Power. The city owns the rights of way, and the city had the ability to object to the placement of those poles in this historic district and along the waterfront, and their not being a part of the suit harmed our ability to be successful."

Dempsey said the plaintiffs failed to establish that permits issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers failed to comply with terms of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

"NEPA requires government agencies to perform certain environmental studies prior to approving projects," Dempsey wrote. "Plaintiffs fail to allege a specific legal violation or ultimate facts upon which an injunction could be granted."

Apalachicola businessman Bob Lindsley said the fight will continue. "This is just one more step in what has been a long ongoing attempt to try to get Progress Energy to be a responsible corporate citizen," he said. "No one could fully comprehend the extraordinary impact of these huge poles marching thought the heart of the historic district and waterfront, until they saw the crews coming in and slicing trees in half and until these huge poles started to be mounted."

"We have started seeing more people becoming very concerned. There is a growing sense that this is truly going to have a negative impact on our community economically and potentially to the health of the citizens. Everybody is of the attitude 'How do we get these out of here?'"

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

WINDOW AND HVAC RENOVATIONS IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The project is located at 33 Market Street in Apalachicola, Florida, and consists of Renovation of the Windows and HVAC system in the Franklin County Courthouse.

Completion date for this project will be 60 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

A mandatory pre-bid walk-thru is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. The walk-thru will be held at the Planning and Building Department in the Courthouse Annex, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320.

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At the Veterans Day gala in Washington, Jimmy Mosconis, left, greets Tom Selleck, national spokesman for the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund.

Remembering a generation of heroes

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, about 300 veterans and members of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) gathered at the Washington Hilton to celebrate the memory of nearly 60,000 American heroes who died during the Vietnam conflict.

In attendance was Franklin County's Jimmy Mosconis, long active on behalf of the VVMF.

Keynote speaker at the gala dinner was Joe Galloway, author of "We Were Soldiers." Also in attendance was actor and VVMF spokesman Tom Selleck.

VVMF is the organization that raised the money to construct the "Wall that Heals" memorial to those who died as a result of the Vietnam conflict. The money raised by the Nov. 11 fundraiser will go towards building an education center to keep alive the memory of Vietnam and those men and women who struggled there.

Over Veteran's Day, VVMF raised \$1.2 million toward this goal but more is needed. Donations to the project can be made by visiting www.veteransdaymatch.org/

"The reason they are doing this is not to let history to fall through the cracks and remember what made the U.S. the great country that it is. To maintain that history, to help remember that part of Americana," Mosconis said, in an interview following his trip to Washington.

He said Franklin County has a unique tie to the VVMF because it is home to the Three Soldiers Detail, a replica of the main portion of the statue created by Frederick Hart and unveiled in 1984 as an addition to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. Mosconis was the primary organizer of the drive to erect the statue detail here.

Another goal of the VVMF is to put a face with a name by obtaining and displaying pictures of each of the 58,272 soldiers who died as a

result of the Vietnam conflict. So far, 21,000 photos have been obtained. VVMF wants to display the photos and other Vietnam memorabilia in the planned educational center.

If you have a picture of a loved one or fellow veteran whose name is on The Wall, please help the VVMF honor these individuals by sharing their image. You may submit your photograph via the internet at www.buildthecenter.org/ or by surface mail to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Attn: Call for Photos, 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW Suite 104, Washington, D.C. 20037. You can also obtain photos of veterans whose names are inscribed on the Wall by visiting www.vvmf.org/.

Collecting images of fallen Vietnam veterans is one component of the Hometown Heroes initiative, a service project that encourages students to investigate the fallen heroes who grew up in their hometown. Information about Hometown Heroes can be found at www.buildthecenter.org/

Happy BIRTHDAY

RUBY PELT TURNS 2



Ruby Alina Marie Pelt turned 2 years old on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011.

She is the daughter of Willie Pelt and Mary Nowling. She has one sister, Shirah, 7; and one brother, Obie, 5 months.

Grandparents are William and Aline Murray, Buster and the late Mary Pelt, and Kenneth Shiver.

Great-grandparents are Charles and Mary Lou King, Jean and Johnny Shiver, Ruby and Bill Murray, the late Ottis Russell and the late Olay and Nance Dalton.

Great-great-grandmother is Blanch O. Caldwell.



Happy Birthday Debbie!

Debbie Saunders of Tallahassee will celebrate her birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011. She will be 61 years old — finally old enough to buy alcohol!

She is the widow of the late Dr. Edward T. Saunders, of Carrabelle, and mother of Dana Burkett and Terry Saunders, of Tallahassee. She is also the proud grandmother of Samantha Burkett.

We love you Mama, more than you will ever know! We pray you have many, many more birthdays to come; you deserve them.

Love,
Dana, Terry and Samantha

Village plans New Year's Eve parties

Special to the Times

Missed your sugar fix for the month? Due to so many out sick, the pancake brunch at our boat club had to be cancelled. Hope to see you in January.

Unless plans change, there will not be a Christmas dinner at Chillas Hall. There will be, however, a New Year's

Eve party. Doors open at 7 p.m., and "The Not Quite Ready Band" will play from 8 p.m. to midnight. Bring your favorite snacks and beverage, your dancing shoes, your main squeeze, and have a great time.

Members of our Legion Post 82 have put together a party for New Year's Eve. The Dwellers will start playing at 8 p.m. We will have finger food, and champagne at midnight. Everyone welcome. A donation of \$5 will be collected at the door.

Many of us gathered

at the Lanark Village Community Church last Sunday to reflect on the life of our longtime friend and neighbor Mary Aman. Pray for Mary's eternal peace, and for her family for strength and comfort.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound, and always remember — The Reason for the Season!

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

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Engagement

Jasmine Ward, Michael Moss to wed

The Ward and Moss families are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of Michael Moss, son of Annette and Charlie Moss of Glenville, North Carolina, to Jasmine Ward, daughter of Deborah Ward of Apalachicola, and the late James Ward Sr. of Wewahitchka.

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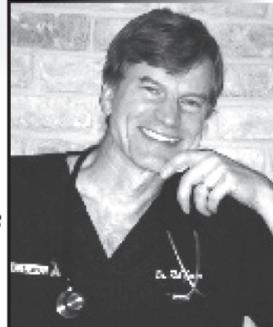
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The more we give, the more He blesses

Special to the Times

As we approach the "Holy days," Pam and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Jesus is and always will be the reason for the season. He is the Ultimate Gift to humankind and we should give thought every day to the sacrifice He became on our behalf that allows the hope of eternity. He is the true example of love. This season is a great time to focus on the needs of others as we exemplify His love.

It is tempting to give more thought to the gifts you would like to receive rather than the ones you intend to give. We should remind ourselves and our children that it is not about us. Sometimes I have to check myself as I look through the newest Cabalas and Bass Pro catalogs.

Isaiah 58 teaches us if we give our bread to the hungry, show compassion to the poor and clothe the naked, our lives will resemble a well-watered garden or the purest of spring water. When we stop to look around our community, there is always someone who could use assistance. We could cut back a little on spending for our own family so another family will also enjoy Christmas. Consider cleaning out your closet and shed of things you have been hoarding for years and give your stuff to someone who might need it.

This is a great time to teach your children charity. They can donate toys, help bake cookies

for the elderly or assist in delivering Christmas meals to shut-ins. Through their generosity to others, they will learn the wonderful feeling associated with giving.

Jesus said if you give to someone who can pay you back, then you have not sacrificed anything. Most people do not mind helping someone that could benefit them monetarily. I once heard a true story of a man who helped a homeless person. One day he unexpectedly received a phone call from the homeless man's daughter. She began to weep as she explained that her father had died while on the streets. His only possession was a shoebox that contained the names and addresses (that he undoubtedly found in the phone book) of people that

helped him while he was homeless. His daughter had no estate to divide with these people, only a heartfelt thank you for the kindness each one of them had shown her dad. Sometimes it is the smallest acts of kindness that mean so much. I Corinthians

13:3-6: "If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."

As a child, we associate love with receiving as our parents provide our every need. It is important to teach your child it is better to give than to

receive, to prevent them from becoming a constant drain on you and society's wallet. We should teach them love is an action word. I Corinthians 13:11: "When I was a child, I talked like a child; I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me." He is saying that as an adult, he "put away" the selfish way of loving.

Those who have failed to launch out and find ways to spread God's love for humanity will never possess true joy. God blesses us to be a blessing. The more we give, the more He blesses. The more we store for ourselves, the less we receive. These blessings are more than just material things; they are also joy, peace and love. This concept takes great effort to accept since the world believes just the opposite.

Many wonderful people work hard each year to make sure every child in Franklin County receives a good Christmas and that the needs of many are met. You may not know of anyone personally who is in need but all of these organizations need

willing people to help make it possible. Try helping someone this holiday season who could never repay you and experience the real meaning of Christmas. You may not have to look any further than your own neighborhood.

We welcome all suggestions and hope you enjoy this weekly article. Please send all emails to Scott Shiver at frontline247@mac.com.



YOUTH MATTERS
Scott and Pamela Shiver



In Loving Memory – Sun Ray

In remembrance of Sun Ray – April 8, 1935 to Nov. 27, 2011

Obituary

Katie Bell

Memorial services for Katie Williams Bell were held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3, at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Apalachicola, with burial in Magnolia Cemetery.

She died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 at Darcy Hall of Life Care in West Palm Beach, at the age of 95.

Wake services were held Friday evening, Dec. 2, at Kelley Funeral Home, in Apalachicola, which was in charge of arrangements.

Born Oct. 30, 1916 in Apalachicola to Charlie and Elizabeth Williams, Katie Bell Williams joined the church at age 12, was baptized in October of 1928 and worked faithfully serving her Lord for almost nine decades.

She devoted time to the choir as its pianist, as well as the Senior

Mission, Citywide Choirs Union and Mother's Board. Her Friendship family honored her in 2008 for her many years of devoted service.

Mother Katie met and married the love of her life, David Bell, and to that blessed union two sons were born, David Jr., now deceased, and Joseph Sr.

She valued education, stressing its importance to her children and grandchildren. Becoming a mother interrupted her goal of attaining a high school diploma, but she later returned to school, after raising her family, and earned her diploma. Her elder son became a computer technician and her younger began his career as a high school and middle school band teacher, not retired after 38 years of service.

Despite illnesses that limited her mobility in her later years, Mother Katie maintained her marvelous sense of humor, a blessed gift of the Lord, and her jokes and funny sayings kept those around her laughing and happy.

She leaves wonderful memories cherished by her loving family, son Joseph Lee Bell Sr., and wife Carolyn; a special godson she helped raise, Deacon Levon Pearson; daughter-in-law Nette Bell; three grandchildren Dr. Josette Bell Bryant, Joseph Bell Jr. and David D. Bell; six great-grandchildren, Courtney Bell, D'Jarvis Lane, Kameron Bell, Trenton Bell, Trevin Bell and Kahdence Bell; three great-great-grandchildren, Quantarious, Kariyanna

and Ja'Nya Bell; a very caring friend, Mother Willie Williams; other godchildren, Andrea Carr and Jerome Siples; and many other sorrowing relatives and friends.

A heavenly host awaits Mother Katie, for welcoming her around the throne will be her husband, David Bell Sr.; her son, David Bell; her granddaughter, Karen Bell Lane; her great-granddaughter, Ta'Vis Janay Bell; her sister, Ruth Bess; and her twin sister, Sally Williams.

Pastor James Williams delivered the eulogy at the funeral services, along with readings and remembrances from church leaders throughout the community. A medley of Mother Katie's favorite songs was presented by the Citywide Choir.



Thank you

We would like to take the time to send out a heartfelt thank you for the compassion and generosity shown to us during our time of loss. The phone calls, food and flowers were truly touching.

We also would like to send a special thank you to The Bridge at St. Joseph nursing home for all the love, care and attention shown to our mother in her final days.

Also to Mr. Rocky Comforter, as always thank you for the guidance and attention to our family. Bro. Ray Creamer and members of the Highland Park Community Church, thank you for everything. May God bless and keep each of you.

The family of Martha Moses

Church BRIEF

Covenant Word plans revival

Covenant Word Christian Center, at 158 12th St. Apalachicola, will host a revival on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 15 and 16 at 7 p.m.

Apostle Michael Lockhart from Hattiesburg, Miss. will be ministering both nights. He moves under a powerful healing, deliverance and prophetic anointing. Come out expecting to receive from God.

Obituary

Louise Hazel Hobbs

Louise Hazel Hobbs was born March 5, 1924 in Neosho, Mo. She passed away Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011 at the age of 87 at St. James Rehabilitation in St. James. She was a longtime resident of Franklin County, living in Carrabelle prior to moving to Eastpoint in 2001. She was retired from the United States Postal Service and a member of Eastpoint Church of God. She is

survived by her children, Terry Newell, Cindy Bailey, Linda Backman, Mary Brisbane, Blair Pugh and Ena Bucy; sister, Frances Helm; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two children, Tracy Newell and Tina Mock.

Memorial services are being held Friday, Dec. 23 at 4 p.m. at Kelley Funeral Home.

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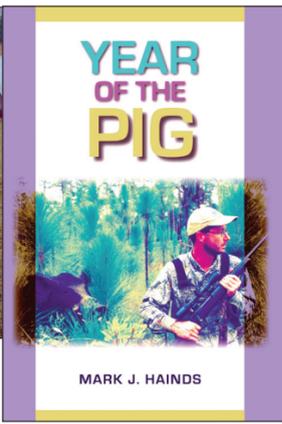
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Mark J. Hains stands at his campsite during a New Mexico rainstorm.



MARK J. HAINS

Stalking the wild pig

Special to the Times

The University of Alabama Press is proud to announce the recent publication of "Year of the Pig," by author Mark J. Hains, and with forwards by Steven Ditchkoff and Mark Bailey.

This Saturday, Dec. 17, Hains will be at the No Name Cafe in Port St. Joe from 10 a.m. until noon, and at Apalachicola's Downtown Books from 1 until 3 p.m. to sign his new work, a personal account of one avid hunter's pursuit of wild pigs in 11 American states.

Hains tied his mission to the Chinese calendar's Year of the Pig in 2007 and journeyed through longleaf forests, cypress swamps, and wiliwili forests in search of his prey. He used a range of weapons - black-powder rifle, bow and arrow, knife, high-powered rifle

and various methods to stalk his quarry through titi, saw palmetto, privet hedge and blue palms.

Pig populations have wreaked havoc on ecosystems the world over. Non-native to the Western Hemisphere, pigs originally arrived in the south-east with De Soto's entrada and in the Hawaiian Archipelago on the outriggers of South Pacific islanders. In America, feral hogs are considered pests and invaders because of their omnivorous diet and rooting habits that destroy both fragile native species and agricultural cropland.

Appealing to hunters and adventure readers for its sheer entertainment, the 272-page, clothbound "Year of the Pig" will also be valuable to farmers, land managers and environmentalists for its broad information and perspective on the topic.

Hains, a research associate with Auburn University, is research coordinator for the Longleaf Alliance located at the Solon Dixon Forestry Center in Andalusia, Ala. He travels widely, giving presentations on various aspects of forestry and has published several technical papers, most notably, "Distribution of Native Legumes in Frequently Burned Longleaf Pine-Wiregrass Ecosystems" in the American Journal of Botany.

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River Delta Bassmasters win



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The River Delta Bassmasters, a local fishing club comprised of members from Apalachicola and Port St. Joe, on Oct. 29 won the 2011 Panhandle Tournaments of Champions, fishing the Apalachicola River System out of White City Marina. The top eight fishermen representing nine bass clubs - 72 competitors - competed for team and individual honors. Consolidated Bassmasters was the host team for this year's tourney. The two top fishermen in the tournament, Greg Dykes, with 15.25 pounds, and his father, Gerald Dykes, with 14.75 pounds, won first and second place respectively. The eight members of the winning team caught and weighed a total of 70.67 pounds to win the team competition. The winning team, shown above, from left, are Pap Duncan, Greg Dykes, Mike Pridgen, Gerald Dykes, Dewitt Galloway, Scooter Braswell, Lloyd Alford and James Newsome. The fishing club holds monthly tournaments every third Saturday out of Abercrombie Landing outside Apalachicola. Any fisherman interested in joining the club can contact any member about particulars.

Audubon needs volunteers

The Audubon Society needs volunteers to help with nonbreeding season shorebird surveys. Survey sites will be located in Bay, Escambia, Franklin, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla and Walton counties.

Franklin County survey sites are St. Vincent Island

National Wildlife Refuge and Bald Point State Park. Sites need to be surveyed once or twice a month with a time commitment of one to two hours depending on the site.

People who are skilled in shorebird identification as well as people who would like to assist more

skilled birders by recording data and spotting birds are needed. This is a great way to learn more about our native wildlife and gain birding experience.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Alan Knothe at aknothe@audubon.org.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Dec 15	73°	55°	10 %
Fri, Dec 16	72°	55°	0 %
Sat, Dec 17	73°	47°	10 %
Sun, Dec 18	67°	52°	0 %
Mon, Dec 19	70°	53°	20 %
Tues, Dec 20	75°	51°	30 %
Wed, Dec 21	67°	45°	20 %

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

12/15 Thu	12:32AM 0.9	L 05:28AM 1.3	H 12:58PM -0.2	L 08:11PM 1.2
12/16 Fri	01:37AM 0.7	L 06:34AM 1.1	01:35PM 0.0	L 08:36PM 1.3
12/17 Sat	02:53AM 0.5	L 07:57AM 1.0	02:14PM 0.2	L 09:03PM 1.3
12/18 Sun	04:15AM 0.3	L 09:45AM 0.8	02:56PM 0.5	L 09:33PM 1.3
12/19 Mon	05:32AM 0.0	L 12:02PM 0.8	03:44PM 0.7	L 10:06PM 1.4
12/20 Tue	06:40AM -0.2	L 02:27PM 0.9	04:46PM 0.8	L 10:44PM 1.5
12/21 Wed	07:40AM -0.5	L 03:55PM 1.1	06:06PM 1.0	L 11:29PM 1.5

CARRABELLE

12/15 Thu	04:03AM 2.1	H 10:45AM -0.3	L 06:46PM 1.9	H 11:24PM 1.1
12/16 Fri	05:09AM 1.8	H 11:22AM 0.0	07:11PM 2.1	H
12/17 Sat	12:40AM 0.8	L 06:32AM 1.6	12:01PM 0.3	L 07:38PM 2.1
12/18 Sun	02:02AM 0.5	L 08:20AM 1.3	12:43PM 0.8	L 08:08PM 2.1
12/19 Mon	03:19AM 0.0	L 10:37AM 1.3	01:31PM 1.1	L 08:41PM 2.2
12/20 Tue	04:27AM -0.3	L 01:02PM 1.4	02:33PM 1.3	L 09:19PM 2.4
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FSU kicks off Inter-American Seas initiative

By Libby Fairhurst
Special to the Times

Powered by interdisciplinary muscle and global vision, Florida State University is launching an ambitious research initiative focused on the rising tide of ecological, economic and cultural problems facing the Inter-American Seas and the severe deficit of research aimed at solving them.

Reducing that deficit of relevant, strategic research is the mission of Florida State's new Inter-American Seas Research Consortium (ISRC). The mission is critical because intensifying usage of the waters in the economically and geopolitically vital region - formed by the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea and southeast U.S. Continental Shelf - is both enabling and threatening coastal development, fisheries, hydrocarbon extraction, transportation opportunities and tourism.

Florida's fortunes are inextricably bound to those of the Inter-American Seas, said FSU geography Professor Phil Steinberg, who is helping to organize the consortium's kickoff symposium on Dec. 8.

"When Cuba proposes offshore oil drilling, when Central American countries license Asian trawlers to operate off their Caribbean waters,

when oil from the Deepwater Horizon incident spreads to Florida's shores and when tourism promoters in Key West publicize the history of its original settlers who, over the course of 50 years, migrated from the Carolinas to the Bahamas to the Florida Keys, we are reminded that Florida's coastal frontier is not a space that divides," said Steinberg.

"Rather, it is a space that connects - geophysically, culturally, economically and politically," he said. "And at Florida State University, that space also connects academic disciplines."

To the complex, interrelated issues of the Inter-American Seas, the ISRC will bring a multi-disciplinary team of experts in the biological, physical and social sciences, geography, history, law and business.

The idea is "problem-solving research" to be generated by complementary collaborations not only within FSU itself but also with scholars and institutions around the state, region and world.

"It is a truly big idea," said FSU College of Arts and Sciences Interim Dean Sam Huckaba, a mathematics professor. "By bringing cultural, economic, legal, political and social issues to the same table with core

scientific study of the climate, environment and ocean, the ISRC is reaching for a unique and ultimately global presence."

At the consortium's interdisciplinary helm are the FSU colleges of arts and sciences, law, business and social sciences and public policy. Also on board are FSU's Coastal and Marine Laboratory, Center for Ocean Atmosphere Prediction Studies and Center for Global Engagement.

And from those ISRC partners will come marine biologists, geologists, meteorologists, geographers, cultural historians, economists, urban and regional planners and legal experts on ocean and coastal management, among others. Also participating will be emerging scholars from Florida State's graduate and undergraduate student bodies.

The goals: promote regional sustainable use, conservation-oriented public policy and risk-averse management.

To accomplish them, the ISRC partners will lead interdisciplinary workshops with Florida State, national and international scholars and train emerging scholars as the next generation's academic and professional leaders.

They also will combine the FSU faculty's capabilities and expertise with those of governmental, industry and other higher-education partners to address major social and ecological challenges.

"While we as a state and nation embrace global economies and look to global conservation measures to ensure sustained, resilient and healthy environments, doing so requires that we understand the cultural context in which all decisions are made by individuals and in turn by their governments," Coleman said.

To learn more about the ISRC, contact Coleman at 697-4120 or 697-4137 or coleman@bio.fsu.edu or Steinberg at 644-8378 or psteinberg@fsu.edu.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Freshwater

Fishing is improving now that the weather has settled down. Most catches are of bream and crappie with a few cats mixed in as well. Lots of hand-painted bream and shellcraker are coming to the dock at Howard Creek landing. Bass and sheepshead are still biting in good numbers as well.

Inshore

St. Joe Bay is hit or miss for trout and redfish this week. Some reports from the Eagle Harbor area on slot-size reds were coming in, but most have moved on by now. Most action is in the I.C.W. Canal right now. Larger trout are in the deeper parts and the "T," but most are around the 15- to 18-inch mark. A good color choice now is sugar and spice in GULP 3 inch shrimp.

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Seahawk hoopsters win two of three

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Seahawks boys basketball team won two of three games last week, including a thrilling victory over Liberty County before an exuberant home crowd Dec. 8.

Coach Mike Sweatt's squad opened last week with a 71-48 trouncing of Aucilla Christian in a Dec. 6 away game, the team helped along by hitting 14 three-pointers. The team hit 14-of-31 from outside the arc, just short of 50 percent.

The team was led by senior Chance Buffkin, who tallied 23 points and hit six treys, all in the first half. "He did not play as much in the second half because the game was out of reach and I got some other guys some well-deserved playing time," said Sweatt.

Senior Tresean Carr scored all of his 13 points in the second half. Senior A.J. Allen almost had a double-double with 16 points and nine assists, and he too did not play much in the second half. Sophomore Leonard Green had 11 points and 13 rebounds with three blocks and three steals.

Against Liberty County at home Dec. 8, the Seahawks built up a 15-point lead, but almost squandered it as the Bulldogs

crawled back in on the strength of their three-point shooting in a physical game.

With junior Seth Rogers nailing a key three-pointer in the closing minutes, the Seahawks held off the Bulldog pressure and came away with a 63-59 victory.

Despite going down in the Liberty County game in the very first minute of the second quarter, Allen still managed to score 13 points, grab five rebounds, and dish out two assists in the first quarter. Sweatt has been diagnosed with a high ankle sprain and did not play against Bozeman Friday, nor West Gadsden Tuesday. He could possibly be back for the Christmas Tournament this Friday, Saturday and Monday at Maclay. The Seahawks play Tallavana Christian on Friday at 5 p.m.

"If not he (Allen) will be back Jan. 3 against Wewa," said the coach.

"Eighth grader Carza Harvey played really big for us in the second half of the Liberty game. In fact, I don't believe he came off the floor the entire second half," said Sweatt. "Chance Buffkin really stepped up with AJ going down by almost getting a triple-double, with 12 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists."

Green and Griggs also contributed big in

the Liberty game after Allen went down, combining for 24 rebounds, 21 points, seven blocks and two steals. "Rogers and junior Chase Golden did really good, handling the press and hitting some shots late in the game for the win," said Sweatt.

The coach, however, said the Seahawks did not play well at all at home against Bozeman Friday, as they endured a 65-32 loss.

"After being tied 12-12 late in the first quarter, Bozeman went on a 9-0 run to close the quarter," said Sweatt. "We mentally broke down from there 'till the fourth quarter. When the mind goes, the body goes."

"This was a great learning experience for this inexperienced team," said the coach. "Runs happen all the time in basketball and you have to be ready to respond to those runs. I also told the kids when you get knocked down, you have two choices: Either stay down and curl up in a ball, or get up and fight. We played poorly in all phases of the game, but like I said, great learning experience and we will be ready in January."

Green contributed 14 points and 18 rebounds in the loss.

Buffkin and Allen split the Offensive Player of the Week award with



DANA WHALEY | Special to the Times

Chance Buffkin, who shared the team's Offensive Player of the Week honors with A.J. Allen, jumps high in the air against Liberty County.

their scoring, assists and rebounds, Green was named Defensive Player of the Week with his rebounds, blocks and steals, not to mention his offensive averages too. Griggs will get the Hustle Player of the Week for practice and in games.



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | the Times

Coach Mike Sweatt directs his players during a timeout. From left are Carza Harvey, Seth Rogers, Sweatt and Dwayne Griggs.

Seahawks down Rocky Bayou

By Joe Shields
Special to the Times

The Seahawk boys soccer team posted their claim atop the district as they downed Rocky Bayou Friday, after falling earlier in the week against East Gadsden.

The Jaguars scored two goals in the first half and one in the second half to end Franklin County High School's shot at retribution for their previous loss to the Jaguars.

The Seahawks were solid for the first 10 minutes of the Dec. 7 home game, but as the match began to unfold, the Jaguars took control both offensively and defensively. With nine shots on goal, East Gadsden asserted themselves in the Seahawks' final third of the field for the better part of the first half. Although goalkeeper Daniel Carrino made seven saves, the Seahawks were overwhelmed by the Jaguars one-touch passing and possession play, and at one point, yielded a breakaway goal, when a Jaguar got behind the defense for the second goal of the half.

"East Gadsden is a quality soccer team," said Seahawks Coach Jono Williams. "They caught us on a night where we did not play our best."

In the second half, the Seahawk offense stepped up and this allowed for more counter-attacking by the Seahawks. Elton Olvera had two shots on goal, and Alex Causey one, but neither could get them past the Jaguar net minder. The speed of the Jaguar offense was countered by the Seahawk defense stepping to ball carriers and applying pressure. Even so, Carrino was extremely busy in the second half with 13 saves. The Jaguars added a goal late in the final half, and the Seahawk boys went down 3-0.

Sophomore James

Harris was awarded Player of the Match for his efforts vs. East Gadsden. He had an impact defensively in both the first and second half with his great field of vision, claiming ownership of the middle third of the field.

Edge Rocky Bayou take district lead in Cliff-hanger

On Friday at home, the Seahawks played host to a new district rival, the Knights of Rocky Bayou High School. During the first game of the evening, the Lady Seahawks had acquiesced to a 0-0 tie with the Lady Knights but that game was very exciting and so the hometown fans were amped up to watch more of the same from the boys.

The Seahawks looked to score first, by distributing the ball wide to their outside midfielders, Zack Howze and Causey. This opened up the Knights' defensive backfield and Howze, Causey, Olvera and Graham Kirvin, with two, each had shots on goal. Olvera scored early in the first half, unassisted and then only a few minutes later, James Newell scored on a header off an Olvera corner kick.

With the Seahawks leading 2-0 at the water break, things seemed to be going well. But the Knights were aggressive and would not roll over, so the Seahawk defense had their hands full right before the half. Defensesmen Tanner Klink, Javeion Winfield, Julio Ramirez and Billy Harris negated most of their opponent's scoring opportunities in the Seahawks defensive third and the six shots that actually got through were squelched by Seahawk net minder Carrino. In fact, the Seahawks played team defense very well. The only blemish of the half was a questionable foul call by a referee, which

placed the ball inside the six-yard box for a direct free kick. A Knight drove through a wall of Seahawks for their first score of the match and Franklin County led 2-1 at the half.

The second half of play was like a prize fight, with both teams slugging it out to gain even the slightest advantage. The Knights finally caught a break when a hard shot was not fully collected by a diving Carrino and in the scramble for the loose ball, an ensuing shot by a Knight forward found net, tying the game at two goals apiece.

The Seahawks continued providing offensive pressure with Olvera tallying four shots on goal, and Newell and Causey each a pair. Finally, on a breakaway down the right side, Howze crossed the ball across the six-yard box, where it bounced beyond the far post, and Causey one-timed his shot, it caromed off a Knight and Causey redirected the rebounded ball back into the net for the go-ahead score.

As time ticked off the clock the Seahawk defense held strong and collected their second district win by a final of 3-2. "Fortunately we bounced right back [from the East Gadsden game] and played very well vs. a tough district opponent," said Head Coach Jono Williams. "We showed much improvement all over the field. There are still some areas to improve upon, but I feel we are right where we need to be at this point in the year."

The Seahawks, undefeated in district play, stand 3-2-1 overall and were to play at Rickards on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Junior Zach Howze was awarded Player of the Match vs. Rocky Bayou, as he deftly asserted himself in the game offensively, with great passing, possession and dribbling prowess and smart, aggressive play on defense.



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Goalie Macey Hunt, lower right, makes a save in the closing minutes of the Rocky Bayou game, with teammates Stephanie Marxsen, left, and Jessica Shields.

Lady Seahawks tie Rocky Bayou

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Lady Seahawk girls soccer team shut out East Gadsden at home Dec. 7, but then had to settle for a scoreless tie Friday at home against district rival Rocky Bayou.

The 3-0 win over East Gadsden in a non-district matchup was achieved as senior Megan Newell scored twice on six shots on goal, one of them assisted by freshman Katie Seger. Sophomore Gracyn Kirvin scored once, unassisted, on four shots on goal. Freshman goalie Macey Hunt posted five saves.

"We had plenty of opportunities to score in the second half but we just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net," said Head Coach Kelli Maggio. "I thought we squandered opportunities to score in the second half. I felt like we were a little overconfident coming into the game because we handled them pretty well the last time, 8-0. But I give credit to them; they also improved since we played them. I felt some of their players were more aggressive this game."

The Lady Seahawks opened district play Friday night at home against the Rocky Bayou Lady Knights. It was an evenly matched contest against the Knights,

a 2010-11 state semifinalist, with both teams having a handful of opportunities but neither able to finish any scores in the 0-0 tie.

Close shots by sophomore Adrianna Reeder and Seger just missed outside and above the post in the first half. In the second half both defenses tightened up and made goal scoring seemingly impossible. Both Hunt and the Lady Knights goalkeeper made a number of amazing saves throughout the contest. Hunt's beautiful save off of a corner kick shot down the Lady Knights' final scoring threat. "She (Hunt) has done awesome her first year," said Maggio.

Sophomore Jessica Shields, the right forward, served numerous potential scoring crosses, her last one in the closing minutes, a perfectly-struck corner kick. The ball caromed off the goalkeeper's grip and slid right in front of the net. Unfortunately, Newell's attempt sailed wide right.

"That was a ball that Megan normally drives into the net. We feel that they dodged a bullet on that possession," said Maggio. "Our strong middle and front offensive play in the first half kept the ball away from some of their key players. Rocky Bayou increased their possession of the ball in the second half. We were fortunate

that senior captain Jessica Dempsey responded by her strong defensive play.

Maggio said she felt the team "squandered some goal scoring opportunities, and you can't do that against good teams and expect to win. We are pleased with a tie because it beats a loss."

The Lady Seahawks downed Rickards at home 1-0 Tuesday evening (see next week's Times), and face district rival Port St. Joe on Thursday, Dec. 15, in St. Joe. The girls play at 6 p.m. followed by the boys game at 8 p.m. Rocky Bayou has defeated the Lady Tiger Sharks in both matches so this game will have major implications.

Maggio had high praise for her leading players. She said Kirvin, a center midfielder, "has been all over the field on offense and defense and been setting up plenty of our shots on goal."

She said the other center midfielder, Seger, "has been everywhere. She's been giving great balls to our forwards so they can run on them and shoot, and been controlling the middle."

Maggio cited Shields, the right forward, who she said "has given us some beautiful crosses just about every time she's been touching the ball and giving us scoring opportunities."

Camp Gordon Johnston to screen documentary

A documentary film entitled "The Ardennes", filmed by Camp Gordon Johnson Association member and renowned videographer John Gaffey, will be shown Saturday, Dec. 17, in the museum's newly upgraded movie theatre. Gaffey, of Umatilla, has made numerous videos of Camp Gordon Johnston Reunion Days, including Carrabelle's warm receptions towards visiting veterans.

His documentary was selected to be the inaugural presentation on the new television screen because the Battle of the Bulge occurred in the Ardennes during December 1944, including Christmas Eve. That year proved to be the coldest winter on record. The battle would be the

Germans' final offensive of the war.

Showings will be at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admission is by donation. There will also be live accordion music by Tony Minichiello and Sal Martocci.

Donations allowed the CGJ Museum to purchase a 70" LED flat screen television for the movie theater area. It will provide greatly enhanced sound and picture quality. The generous private contributions also funded the purchase of a popcorn machine, sound system and Blu-ray player.

Grant opportunities for businesses

The University of West Florida has received \$30 million from the state to administer to counties impacted by the BP Oil Spill over the next three years. The funds, known as the University of West

Florida, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fund Grant Program, will be distributed in three consecutive \$10 million annual appropriations.

The initiative comprises two grant programs: the Industry Recruitment and Expansion Fund (IREF) and the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fund (IEF). The IREF will supplement state and local economic incentives for medium and large enterprises locating or expanding operations in the eight-county region. The IEF will target funds to businesses that expand or locate in the eight-county region and which are likely to serve as catalysts for growth of existing industry or significantly affect the regional economy.

At their Dec. 5 meeting, Bill Mahan told county commissioners that he and Dr. Steve Otwell, of the Aquatic Food Products Lab

at the University of Florida, have met with local industry leaders to discuss ideas for grant opportunities. Ideas include dredging the Eastpoint Channel; a Summer Bay Enhancement Program, and developing "a seafood to regional airport connection."

Commissioner Smokey Parrish, who acted as liaison with the state during the oil spill and its aftermath, said the goal of the program is to bring in new, sustainable jobs that pay at least 150 percent of county's median income. He said the application process for the funding is likely to be complicated.

County OKs Eastpoint road cuts, with conditions

On Dec. 5, the county commission voted unanimously to authorize cuts to Ridge Road,

Wilderness Road and David Street in Eastpoint, contingent on the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District providing a letter of credit or a bond demonstrating it can pay for restoration of the roads after the cuts are made.

The cuts, which will be made by Royal American Contractors, will allow for installation of water and sewer lines north of U.S. 98. Funding for the extension of water and sewer service comes from a Community Development Block Grant and a Rural Development Grant.

County Planner Alan Pierce said the grants are insufficient to repave the roads after the cuts are made. The estimated cost of repaving the roads is \$25,000 to \$40,000.

George Allen, a member of the Eastpoint water board, said the district has sufficient funds under the existing grants to repair the roads in accordance with Florida Department of Transportation standards. He said repairs would be superior to the current condition of the roads.

Clay Kennedy, a consulting engineer from Preble Rish, warned commissioners the cuts would "undermine the integrity of the roads." Commissioner Pinki Jackel echoed his concerns, "Preble Rish has just told us they will not be." She told Allen.

She said she appreciated the fact the water and sewer district was providing services, and waiving fees for customers who must connect into the new water and sewer lines.

Commissioner Smokey Parrish said the county "needs some instrument to make sure the roads were put back." Allen argued that the bond or letter of credit were unusual requirements.

"We are a small struggling utility," Allen said. "This will translate into rates for our customers. In the fixed amount of the grants, there is money to return the roads to DOT standards. I think we are going above and beyond."

"You do understand that you have shut down our CDBG and Rural Development jobs" until the letter of credit or bonding is obtained, he said.

"We certainly want to see your project go forward and be accomplished," Jackel said. "We have made a request we think you can find a way to fulfill."

County commission to meet in Carrabelle

The county commission will hold its Tuesday, Dec. 20 meeting at the Carrabelle Municipal Complex, 1001 Gray Ave. The meeting will come to order at 5 p.m.

Capital City Bank presents South Shoals appraisal

Earlier this month, Capital City Bank delivered its appraisal of property that the county took from the South Shoals development for a roadway. The 300' by 50' parcel was needed to complete an escape route for Alligator Point residents in the event of an emergency.

According to a report from County Planner Alan Pierce, the land was valued at \$280,000, and includes damages to the remainder of the subdivision. At the commissions Dec. 5 meeting, Pierce told commissioners the appraisal, which establishes fair market value of the land, had been reviewed by a consultant with FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

He said the appraisal will now be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

The county seized the land under eminent domain after negotiations with Capital City Bank failed in April.

Chamber and Robinsons terminate office lease

In response to concerns by some of its members regarding the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce's lease of office space to Robinson Brother's Guide Service and Robinson Real Estate, the chamber and the Robinsons have agreed to a lease termination, according to Anita Grove, director of the chamber.

The Robinsons moved to a new Apalachicola location at 44 Ave. E, earlier this month.

Holiday closures for city, county offices

Franklin County offices and the courthouse will be closed for Christmas from Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 26. The offices will also be closed on Jan. 2 for New Years.

Apalachicola city offices will close from Dec. 23 through Dec. 27 for Christmas, and Jan. 2 for New Years.

City of Carrabelle offices will be closed Dec. 23 through 26 for Christmas, and will close noon on Friday, Dec. 30 and reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3 for the new year.

Franklin County libraries will close Dec. 23 through 26, and Monday, Jan. 2.

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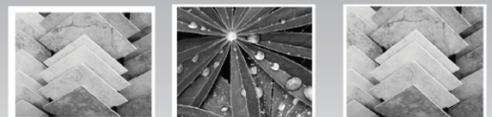
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Project Impact plans student Holiday Camp

Special to the Times

Add some fun and holiday joy to Christmas week at the Project Impact Holiday Camp Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the City of Apalachicola Municipal Complex on 14th Street.

Many special activities are planned, including a visit from the Panama City Zoomobile, a Junior DJ student dance and a field trip to Lanark Village for caroling. That's not to mention sports, cooking classes, a field trip, pottery classes, computers, dance and Santa's crafts workshop for last-minute gift making.

The Zoomobile will arrive Monday

morning with several exotic animals and a chance for students get up close and personal. Also on Monday, the Apalachicola Maritime Museum will present a knot-tying class conducted by Pete Burgher, U.S. Coast Guard and licensed captain of Indian Pass. He will teach the students how to tie the three most widely used marine knots.

On Tuesday, students will travel to Lanark Village for their annual caroling trip to spread some holiday cheer to our elderly neighbors. After lunch, there will be a surprise visit from Mrs. Claus for storytelling. The program will include a performance by the Project Impact Chorus. Later in the day students will serve as DJ's and host a Student Dance

from 2:30-4 p.m. There will be gifts and prizes for everyone. The camp is free of charge and open for students from pre-Kindergarten (4 years old) to 12th grade. Parents are encouraged to come and join the fun.

Other exciting programs planned for the new year include a poster contest in support of Habitat for Humanity and their annual Mardi Gras celebration in February.

In March, Project Impact will kick off a Traditional Boat Building Academy in partnership with the Apalachicola Maritime Museum. Students will work together with master boatbuilding instructors to learn traditional boatbuilding skills. The completed small

boats will be added to the museum's fleet and used by the students to learn water skills this summer.

Families may enroll their child in Project Impact onsite or online at www.projectimpactfcs.org. For more information about the Holiday Camp, please call Faye Johnson, program director, at 370-0145. The afterschool program is open 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Project Impact is funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant program to support the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children, improve student academic outcomes and support working families.

HONOR ROLLS

Franklin County High and Middle School

The following is the Honor Roll for the first nine-week's grading period at Franklin County Middle and High School

Sixth Grade

All As: Josie Kriss.
A/B: Jamie Souders, Kayce Sands, India Sewell, Ana Aguilar, Morgan Anderson, Tilyn Gillikin, Braxton McKnight, Amberly Moseley, Emily Owens, Allison Ray, Shayna Richards, Evangelina Ducker

Perfect Attendance: Alyssa Haney

Seventh Grade

All As: Scout Segree, Jackson Subbarao, Thomas Subbarao

A/B: Laila Murray, Adriana Butler, Tessa Carlisle, Melody Hatfield, Charles Petty, Kayla Pilger, Chelsea Register, Tyanna Townsend

Perfect Attendance: Natasia Robinson

Eighth Grade

All As: Ursula Countryman, Amelia Newman

A/B: Trinity Hardy, Anna Riley, Alicia Risner, Cayce Daniels, Chanelle Ducker, Jessica Schmidt, Shea Winters

Perfect Attendance: Cayce Daniels, Hunter Kendrick

Freshmen

All As: Amanda Anthony, Aaliyah West, Samantha Marxsen, Chaseon Taranto, Kelley Pilger-Wilson.

A/B: Sasha Carr; Corey Bratton, Dasia Davis, Julie Diestelhorst, Curtis Gordie, Payton Grant Smith, Macey Hunt, Jacob Richards, Austin Rowland

Perfect Attendance: Dasia Davis

Sophomores

All As: Deborah Dempsey, Laura Gallegos, Brook Pittman, Jessica Shields, Lea Venable, Bria

Walker

A/B: Tevis Page, Austin Hathcox James Bailey, Andrea Cupid, Darrell Dart, Gracyn Kirvin, Graham Kirvin, Jathan Martin, Braxton Alexandria Millender, Malachi Parker

Perfect Attendance: Austin Hathcox

Juniors

A/B: Emily Cash, Cheyenne Martin, Stephanie Marxsen, Seth Rogers, Morgan Walker

Perfect Attendance: Stephanie Marxsen, David Butler, Christina Collins.

Seniors

All As: Jessica Dempsey, Adreenah Wynn, Christina Pateritsas.

A/B: Jason Klink, Lyndsey Mahaffee, Stephanie Marxsen, Magon Ray, Carl Klink, Homer McMillan, Ciara Moore, Morgan Newell, Deanna Quick, Tiffani Schmidt

ABC Middle School

As and Bs

Sixth Grade:

Landen Abel, Shaylee Crews, Samuel Hosford, Nick Joanos, Andrew Nguyen, Jaylunn Obee, Micah Patriotis, Christy Russell, Alyssia Shirah, Grace Weiler, Allie Zingarelli

Seventh Grade:

Bianca Huber, Cash Creamer, Emily Crosby, Jaylon Gainer, Emily Gay, Juliana Gay, Kacey Howard, Brianna Parker, Tyler Pendleton, Alexis Segree, Alyssa Shiver, Katy Spann, Marshall Sweet, Emily Zingarelli

Eighth Grade:

Chance Barfield, Gabby Bond, Alyssa Creamer, Celest Creamer, Adriane Elliott, Kaleigh Hardy, Glory Miller, Sydney Moore, Haley Pouncey, Jacquelyn

Ramsey, Maliek Rhodes, Dallas Shiver, John White, Myah Wise

Perfect Attendance

Sixth Grade: Christa Bass, Valerie Creamer, Simon Hodgson, Savannah Montgomery, Kobe Meyers, Sallie Rose Paul, Jacob Pendleton, Faith Sapp, Alyssia Shirah, Madison Smith, Grace Weiler

Seventh Grade:

Corie Cates, Holly Chambers, Emily Crosby, Jaylon Gainer, Juliana Gay, Kacey Howard, Bianca Huber, Alexis O'Neal, Emily Zingarelli,

Eighth Grade:

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, MARCIA JOHNSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, will on January 11, 2012 at 11:00 a. m. Eastern Standard Time, at the front of the courthouse steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33

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Market Street, in the city of Apalachicola, Florida, offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real and personal property situated in Franklin County, Florida:

Real Property

Lot 7, Bock 19 East, St. George Island Gulf Beaches Unit No. 1, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 7, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

Personal Property

TOGETHER with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining,

pursuant to the Stipulated Final Judgment in Foreclosure in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is:

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

LEROY G. NOEL and MARY S. NOEL, Defendants,

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and the docket number of which is 11-000192-CA.

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 with the clerk of the court within 60 days after the sale.

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the undersigned not later than seven days prior to the proceeding to ensure that reasonable accommodations are available.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 15th day of November, 2011.

MARCIA JOHNSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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36713T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 10-00057CA

COMMUNITY SOUTHERN BANK, Plaintiff, & VS.

JERRY T. NAGLER, JR., AARON M. WRAY AND JEANNE M. DAIL, Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 22, 2011, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 at 11:00 a.m.,

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E.T. on January 11, 2012, the following described property:

EXHIBIT "A"

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 1828.93 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 59'22" EAST 1483.46 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 07'44" EAST 242.85 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD, THENCE RUN NORTH 74 DEGREES 01'37" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 41.58 FEET TO A RE-BAR FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 12'44" WEST 300.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 15 DEGREES 23'16" WEST 508.53 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY EDGE OF NEW RIVER, THENCE RUN NORTH

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66 DEGREES 14'24" EAST ALONG SAID RIVER'S EDGE 74.44 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 24 DEGREES 31'18" EAST 631.06 FEET TO A RE-BAR, THENCE RUN SOUTH 32 DEGREES 49'04" WEST 285.46 FEET TO A RE-BAR ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF SAID COUNTY GRADED ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 02'35" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 21.34 FEET TO A RE-BAR, THENCE RUN SOUTH 74 DEGREES 01'37" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 18.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO A 30.00-FOOT ACCESS EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS A PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

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: November 15,

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2011.

Marcia Johnson
Clerk of Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
December 8, 15, 2011

36715T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 10-00058CA

COMMUNITY SOUTHERN BANK, Plaintiff, & VS.

JERRY T. NAGLER, JR., Defendant

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

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EXHIBIT A

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Fractional Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 6

West, Franklin County, Florida (marked by an old 6" x 6" concrete monument); thence run South 89 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds East along the South boundary of Fractional Section 19, 810.3 feet to a concrete monument on the East right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive (State Road 65), thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes East along the East right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive, 2006.2 feet to a concrete monument; thence run North 69 degrees 53 minutes West, 80.0 feet to a concrete monument on the West right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive (right-of-way narrows from 100 feet to 60 feet at this point) and the Point of Beginning of tract described herein. From the Point of Beginning continue North 59 degrees 53 minutes West, 392.3 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes East, 210.0

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feet to an iron pipe; thence run South 59 degrees 53 minutes East, 392.3 feet to a point on West right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive; thence run South 30 degrees 07 minutes West along the West right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive (State Road 65), thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes East along the East right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive, 2006.2 feet to a concrete monument; thence run North 69 degrees 53 minutes West, 80.0 feet to a concrete monument on the West right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive (right-of-way narrows from 100 feet to 60 feet at this point) and the Point of Beginning of tract described herein. From the Point of Beginning continue North 59 degrees 53 minutes West, 392.3 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes East, 210.0

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Fractional Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida (marked by an old 6" X 6" concrete monument); thence run South 89 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds East along the South boundary of Fractional Section 19, 810.3 feet to a concrete monument on the East

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right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive (State Road 65), thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes East along the East right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive, 2006.2 feet to a concrete monument; thence run North 59 degrees 53 minutes West, 80.0 feet to a concrete monument on the West right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive (right-of-way narrows from 100 feet to 60 feet at this point); thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes East along West right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive 210.0 feet to an iron pipe and, the Point of Beginning of tract described herein, From said Point of Beginning run North 59 degrees 53 minutes West, 392.3 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 30 degrees 07 minutes East, 210.0 feet to an iron pipe; thence run South 59 degrees 53 minutes East, 392.3 feet; thence run South 30 degrees 07 minutes West along the West right-of-way of North Bayshore Drive 210.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. Situate, lying and being in Fractional Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida.

Being Lot 60 Unit 2, TARPON SHORES, according to the Plat thereof on file in the Office of Planning and Zoning, Commerce Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

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

Dated: November 15, 2011.

Marcia Johnson Clerk of Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 8, 15, 2011

36741T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-603-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

TIMOTHY R. WALLACE and JAMIE D. CRUM, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 28, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. ***of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, and the Defendants, TIMOTHY R. WALLACE and JAMIE D. CRUM, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 11th day of January, 2012 at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Block 195, Lot 14, Keoughs First Addition, a subdivision of City of Carrabelle in Franklin County, Florida, as recorded in Official Records Book 217, Page 141, and Official Records Book 235, Page 259, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 29th day of November, 2011.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, FL

By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk Dec 8, 15, 2011

36763T NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for water use permit(s) has (have) been received by the Northwest Florida Water Management District:

Application number 107260 filed 11/14/2011 Department of Corrections, Franklin Correctional Institute, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, FL 323992500 Requesting a maximum withdrawal of 1,630,000 gallons per day from the Floridan Aquifer System for Heat Pump System use by an existing facility. General withdrawal location(s) in Franklin County: T07S, R04W, Sec. 9C, 16A, 16D

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Interested persons may object to or continue upon the applications or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report(s) containing proposed agency action regarding the application(s) by writing to the Division of Resource Regulation of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, attention Terri Peterson, 152 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333-9700, but such contents or requests must be received by 5 o'clock p.m. on December 29, 2011.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this (these) application(s). Publication of this notice constitutes constructive notice to all substantially affected persons. A copy of the staff report(s) must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings and any public hearing date. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request according to the provisions of 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. Notices of Proposed Agency Action will be mailed only to persons who have filed such requests. Dec 15, 2011

36769T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11-000146-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK as successor in interest to GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

LYNN D. GUTHRIE, TENANT I and TENANT II Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

PARCEL "1"

Commence at the Southeast corner of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida and run North 02 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East 291.23 feet to a re-rod (marked #732) lying on the Northwesterly right-of-way boundary of Wilderness Road, thence run South 63 degrees 43 minutes 24 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 1,406.08 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160) marking the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run South 63 degrees 43 minutes 36 seconds West 130.90 feet to a concrete monument, thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run North 26 degrees 16 minutes 24 seconds West 419.96 feet to a concrete monument, thence run North 63 degrees 46 minutes 26 seconds East 19.73 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence run South 54 degrees 09 minutes 39 seconds East 237.66 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence run South 26 degrees 16 minutes 33 seconds East 209.89 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 1.00 acres, more or less.

PARCEL "2"

Commence at the Southeast corner of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, Florida and run North 02 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East 291.23 feet to a re-rod (marked #732) lying on the Northwesterly right-of-way boundary of Wilderness Road, thence run South 63 degrees 43 minutes 24 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 1326.08 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160) marking the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run South 63 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 80.00 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run North 26 degrees 16 minutes 33 seconds West 209.89 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence run North 54 degrees 09 minutes 39 seconds West 237.66 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence run North 63 degrees 46 minutes 26 seconds East 174.89

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feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence run South 30 degrees 42 minutes 28 seconds East 210.55 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence run South 26 degrees 16 minutes 33 seconds East 209.90 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 1.00 acres, more or less.

TOGETHER WITH 1972 Mobile Home VIN 263TECDRT693 1972 59' Title No. 5089667.

at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on January 11, 2012.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 28th day of November, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Steve M. Watkins FL Bar No. 0794996 41 Commerce Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 (850) 653-1949 Dec 8, 15, 2011

36773T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 11-239-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

GARRY MILLENDER and GINA MILLENDER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 11-239-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, and the Defendants, GARRY MILLENDER and GINA MILLENDER, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 11th day of January, 2012, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Commence at the Southeast corner of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, Franklin County, Florida and run North 01 degrees 01 minutes 38 seconds East 2459.17 feet; thence run North 80 degrees 05 minutes 16 seconds West 2538.39 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160) marking the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 80 degrees 05 minutes 16 seconds West 228.08 feet to a concrete monument (marked #4261) lying on the Easterly right-of-way boundary of State Road No. S-67; thence run South 07 degrees 09 minutes 32 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 207.65 feet to a concrete monument (marked #4261) marking a point of curve to the right; thence run Southerly along said right-of-way boundary and said curve with a radius of 2253.87 feet, through a central angle of 01 degrees 03 minutes 01 seconds, for an arc distance of 41.32 feet, chord being South 07 degrees 43 minutes 11 seconds West 41.31 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160); thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run South 75 degrees 56 minutes 22 seconds East 196.78 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160); thence run North 14 degrees 20 minutes 47 seconds East 263.73 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH a 40.00 foot access and utility easement lying over and across the Southerly 40.00 feet thereof; AND

Lot(s) 1 and 2, Block 8 (192), Keoughs Second addition to the City of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 30th day of November, 2011.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida

By: /s Michelle Maxwell As Deputy Clerk Dec 8, 15, 2011

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36743T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-602-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

JASON L. WHITE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 10-602-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, and the Defendant JASON L. WHITE, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 11th day of January, 2012, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 20 of PALMETTO VILLAGE, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 47, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida

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

DATED this 29th day of November, 2011.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, FL

By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk Dec 8, 15, 2011

36787T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 11-00062-CP DIVISION:

IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL GORDON BLITCH a/k/a MITCHELL GORDON BLITCH, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Michael Gordon Blitch, deceased, whose date of death was June 12, 2010, file Number 11-00062-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is December 8, 2011.

Personal Representative: Tehani L. Blitch 3455 Table Mesa Drive #K226 Boulder, CO 80305

Donald E. Hawkins FL Bar No. 137392 Hawkins, Hawkins & Burt, LLP 501 S. Ridgewood Ave Daytona Beach, FL 32114 (386) 252-4499 Dec 15, 22, 2011

By: /s Michelle Maxwell As Deputy Clerk Dec 8, 15, 2011

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36815T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 11-47 CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN LEE HARGIS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The name of the decedent, the designation of the court in which the administration of this estate is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the court is 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are indicated below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmatu- red, contingent, or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatu- red, contingent, or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of death of the decedent is: FEBRUARY 2, 2011.

The date of first publication of this Notice is: December 15, 2011

Personal Representative: PATRICIA L. HARGIS C/O Steven W. Ledbetter, Esq. 229 Pensacola Road Venice, Florida 34285

Steven W. Ledbetter, Esq. FL Bar No. 41345 229 Pensacola Road Venice, FL 34285 (941) 256-3965 Fax: (941) 866-7514 Email: sledbetter@swlaw.com Dec 15, 22, 2011

36825T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 10-000309-CA

REGIONS BANK SUCCESSION BY MERGER TO AMSOUTH BANK, D/B/A REGIONS Plaintiff,

vs.

O. LEE MULLIS; CHARLOTTE S. MULLIS; ST. GEORGE PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT; and FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated November 28, 2011, entered in Case No.: 10-000309-CA of the Circuit Court in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein O. LEE MULLIS; CHARLOTTE S. MULLIS; ST. GEORGE PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; and FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Franklin County Clerk of the Circuit Court, 33 Market St., Apalachicola, Florida 32329, on January 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment:

LOT 11 OF SANDPIPER VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES(S) 8 & 9 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NOTICE 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.

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Dated this November 29, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson As Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at Franklin County Court-house, 33 Market St., Apalachicola, Florida 32329, within two working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770. Dec 15, 22, 2011

36837T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY Case No.: 2010-CA-0000012

BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Plaintiff,

vs.

Helen R. Reese; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimant Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order resccheduling foreclosure sale dated November 28, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-0000012 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing L.P., Plaintiff and Helen R. Reese are defendant (s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON HWY 98, IN APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. January 18, 2012 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 384 (BLUFF ROAD) WITH THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE NORTH 89 DEG. 42 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE 1793.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 88 DEG. 58 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 209.83 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 88 DEG. 31 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 147.80 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 16 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 421.11 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 2.62 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG. 42 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 157.08 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2 FOR 420.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 at Apalachicola, Florida, this 29th day of November, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of Court

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd. Suite 100 Tampa, FL 33614 (813) 880-8888 (813) 880-8800 Dec 15, 22, 2011

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36196T NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION FRANKLIN DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Purpose and Effect: The Franklin District School Board proposes to amend and adopt policies as provided in the Administrative Procedures Act for the purpose of bringing said policies into compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules. Summary: The following is a brief description of each proposal change:

Franklin County School District *Policy Manual *Code of Conduct *Learning Center Handbook

Statutory Authority: Section 230.22(2), Florida Statutes The entire text of the proposed rules will be considered by the Franklin County School Board at a meeting publicly advertised and held in the Willie Speed School Board meeting room in Eastport, Florida no earlier than January 05, 2012. Documents may be reviewed at the Franklin County School Board District Office, at 85 School Road, Suite One, Eastport, Florida during the hours of 7:30 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday - Thursday, Dec 8, 15, 22, 29, 2011

36845T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 19-2010-CA-000019 DIVISION:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM W. ROBINSON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 28, 2011 and entered in Case No. 19-2010-CA-000019 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM W. ROBINSON; CAROL A. ROBINSON; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 33 MARKET STREET, APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 18th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 1 AND 2, IN BLOCK 99, OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 189 AVENUE E, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 28, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell

See Americans with Disabilities Act If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Mr. Doug Smith, Office of Court Administration, Leon County Courthouse, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, Phone: 850-577-4401, Fax: 850-487-7947 F10000999 Dec 15, 22, 2011

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36775T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 11-324-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL A. PRIDGEN, JR. and TERESA LYNN PRIDGEN, also known as TERRY PRIDGEN, and CACH, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 11-324-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and CENTENNIAL BANK, and the Defendants, MICHAEL A. PRIDGEN, JR. and TERESA LYNN PRIDGEN, also known as TERRY PRIDGEN, and CACH, LLC., I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 11th day of January, 2012, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 5, Block 11, Gulf Colony Unit No. 1, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 25, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 30th day of November, 2011.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida

By: /s Terry E. Creamer As Deputy Clerk Dec 8, 15, 2011

36851T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000498 DIVISION:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A, Plaintiff,

vs.

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36889T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-599-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.
THOMAS LEWIS and ANN LEWIS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 21, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 10-599-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, where the parties were the Plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, and the Defendants, THOMAS LEWIS and ANN LEWIS, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 18th day of January, 2012, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

All of Lot 13, located in Casa Del Mar Subdivision, Phase 1, a subdivision located on St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, page 2, of the official public records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 7th day of December, 2011.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON
Clerk of the Court
Franklin County, Florida

By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk
Dec 15, 2011

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County Coordinator Job Description

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking a proven, dedicated, innovative and experienced individual for the new County Coordinator position. The Board prefers an individual who has familiarity with county administration and who is a strong leader and manager. The successful individual will possess a four year college degree or have equivalent work experience. The ideal candidate should possess at least five years of progressively responsible experience in management.

The Coordinator position directly supervises and is responsible for the function of the Building Department employees, the Planning and Zoning Department employees, and the Courthouse Maintenance staff.

The Coordinator reports directly to the Board, and represents the Board at meetings and functions when so authorized. The Coordinator is the Board's representative to the Airport Advisory Committee, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and is the Board's contact for economic development. The Coordinator is the chief administrative official for the Board.

Salary range: \$40,000-50,000 depending on experience and qualifications

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- Ability to read maps and zoning codes
- Ability to coordinate with other county departments and constitutional offices
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- Ability to interpret and explain complex problems
- Ability to express in writing and orally decisions or directives of the Board
- Experience in building maintenance
- Other duties may be assigned by the Board.

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Gilleland new Wilderness Coast library administrator

On Dec. 5, Franklin County Library director Glenda Ondracek introduced Wilderness Coast Library (WILD) Administrator Pat Gilleland to the county commission. Gilleland will replace Cheryl Turner, who has headed up WILD since its founding in October 1992 and was instrumental in the organization of the library system. Gilleland, a Tallahassee

resident, has worked in public libraries and school media centers and was employed for several years by The South Carolina State Library. Ondracek said she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new position. Gilleland is currently training with Turner and will officially take over as administrator Jan. 1. Turner plans to retire. According to the

WILD website, "WILD was established as an administrative office for the cooperative multi-county library system for Wakulla, Jefferson, and Franklin counties. The system serves more than 58,105 residents with a combined collection of approximately 100,000 items in its four libraries. The library administrative office has the responsibility for the library automation

system. WILD is governed by a board consisting of two members from each participating county. The library directors and central administrator constitute the Directors' Council. The WILD administrative office is located in Monticello. Board meetings are held once a month and are open to the public. — By Lois Swoboda



Pat Gilleland complimented the commission on their technical savvy and displayed her own iPad. LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Choral society offers holiday 'Praise and Glory'

The Bay Area Choral Society, under the new direction of Paul Marxsen along with accompanist Karl Lester, performed a program titled "Praise and Glory" at Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon. The concert opened the 24th season of the Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts series, an outreach by the Apalachicola Area Historical Society.



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Paul Marxsen conducted the concert for the first time, while former conductor Merel Young sang as a bass.

The choral society performed music by Vivaldi, Handel, Saint-Saens, Stanford and others, with the audience singing along to favorite Christmas carols as well as the traditional finale,

the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah." Tamara Marsh performed a stirring solo to "O Holy Night." Other altos included

Suzanne Chaple, Susan Galloway, Ginny Griner, Mikayla Lloyd, Samantha Marxsen, Ina Margaret Meyer, Janis Ramos, Audrey Schmidt, Shirley



Sopranos singing on Sunday included Rennie Edwards, left, and Virginia Harrison.

Taylor and Nan Treutell. Sopranos were Rennie Edwards, Virginia Harrison, Megan Lamb, Carla May, Sandy McGinnis, Stephanie

Marxsen and Julianna Ritz. Tenors included Gordon Adkins, Tom Adams, Fred Genter, Liam DeVaughn, Randy Mims,

Gary Niblack, Tim Roberts and Liz Sisung. Basses are Sam De Haan, Dewitt Galloway, Bill Hamilton, David McClain, John Nagy and Merel Young. The Wind Quintet from Franklin County School, featuring Macey Hunt and Sam Marxsen on flute; Deanna Quick and Thomas Copley on alto saxophone; and Stephanie Marxsen on bass clarinet, performed, as did the Tom Adams recorder trio, which also included Randy Mims and Carol Harris. A festive reception followed, both it and the concert coordinates under the director of Arlene Wingate. — By David Adlerstein

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in saying that millage was earmarked for a boost to employee salaries and benefits, but this time around, there has been no discussion of the specific intended uses of the money, other than to cover a decrease in state funding. School officials are stressing that four years ago, the district reduced the millage collected for capital improvements by a half-mill, so that there would be no millage increase if voters passed the levy. They have said they intend to keep that offset in place if voters

approve the March ballot measure. In 2008-09, when property values were higher, the half-mill levy brought in about \$1.8 million. But along with property values, revenue from the half-mill has declined each year after that, so this year it will bring in less than \$1 million. Roy Carroll, the district's director of financial services, said that for a homeowner whose property is assessed at \$125,000 for tax purposes, the half-mill levy would cost about \$62.50 per year.

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fee of \$18.32. Under the proposed rules, city residents who use no water pay a base fee of \$18.32. But there is a charge of \$2.20 for usage up to 1,000 gallons, and \$2.20 for each 1,000 gallons up to the first 3,000 gallons. From 3,000 to 6,000 gallons the charge is \$4.05 per 1,000 gallons; from 6,000 to 10,000 gallons \$5.90 per 1,000 gallons and more than 10,000 gallons \$7.75 per 1,000 gallons. Outside the city, for these same categories, fees are \$3.30, \$5.15, \$7 and \$8.85 respec-

tively per 1,000 gallons. The monthly base rate for sewer, formerly \$20.29, will now be \$32.50. No increase in sewer rates has been announced, but it would be based on water consumption, according to City Clerk Keisha Smith. Millender said the proposed rates are known as "conservation rates" because the increasing rate scale encourages users to conserve water. Service fees would rise by \$20 per visit, from \$50 to \$70, with after-hours

visits costing \$105. Smith said the average consumer will see an additional \$3 to \$8 monthly on their bill, but people who have swimming pools or irrigation systems for their lawn will see a more substantial increase in bills. Finance Clerk Miranda Linton said the increase was mandated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to enable the city to repay a \$5 million loan used to construct filtration systems to remove from city water trihalomethanes, a toxic

byproduct of water purification. She said the city has made the first payment on the Miex System, \$54,000, and that payments will now be due every six months. Although Carrabelle initially experienced problems with its filtration plant, adjustments have been made, and it is up and running. Linton and Smith both said they felt that, after numerous public meetings and several workshops, most members of the community were aware the rate increase is needed.

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