



Out to see

Free lecture at Gulf Specimen Marine Lab

Dick and Natalie Gordon, scientist volunteers at the Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory Embryogenesis Center, will give the first of three free lectures, "Diatoms Are Forever: Jewels of the Sea for Fun and Nanotechnology" today, Feb. 2. Refreshments served at 7:30 p.m., lecture from 8-9 p.m., at 222 Clark Drive in Panacea. For more information call 984-5297 or visit www.gulfspecimen.org/.

'Murder at Howard Johnsons'

Friday through Sunday, Feb. 3-5, the Panhandle Players present "Murder at the Howard Johnsons," directed by Ed Tiley, at the Eastpoint Firehouse, 24 Sixth St. The ultimate love triangle with homicidal overtones has never been so hilarious. Admission \$12. For more information or reservations, call 670-5064 or visit panhandleplayers.com.

Bob Milne ragtime piano at Dixie

Through Sunday, Feb. 5, ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist Bob Milne will perform at the Dixie Theatre for his 13th year. For show times or reservations, call 653-3200 or visit www.dixietheatre.com. Admission is \$20.

Snowbird Appreciation Day Tuesday

The third annual St. George Island Snowbird Appreciation Day will be Tuesday, Feb. 7. Participants may register (\$9) at any of the island's vacation rental companies beginning Friday, Feb 3. Activities begin at 10 a.m. and include raffle run, nature tours at the state park, bridge walk, a reduced rate to climb the lighthouse, Happy Hour, dinner and bingo. For more info, call the visitor center 927-7744 or visit www.sgisnowbirds.com.

Full Moon Climb

The February Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7. Sun will set at 6:22 p.m., and the moon will rise at 6:27 p.m. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse; cost is \$10, \$5 for SGLA members. Call the St. George Island Visitor Center at 927-7744.

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County GOP prefers Gingrich

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Mitt Romney might have won the Florida Republican primary, but Newt Gingrich was the clear favorite among the Franklin County GOP.

Out of 711 ballots cast Tuesday, a turnout of 44.2 percent of the county's 1,609 registered Republicans, the former Speaker of the House captured 340 votes, or 47.8 percent of the total. The former Georgia congressman carried six of the county's eight precincts,

Table with GOP Results: Candidate, County, State. Includes portraits of Gingrich and Romney.

losing to Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, in votes cast in Alligator Point and tying him on St. George Island. Romney, who easily won the state's GOP Presidential prefer-

ence primary with 46.4 percent of the vote, came in second in Franklin County, with 223 votes, or 31.4 percent.

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, who ran third in the state with 13.4 percent of the total, picked up a nearly identical percentage in Franklin County, with 94 votes, or 13.2 percent.

Texas congressman Ron Paul, who ran fourth in Florida with 7 percent of the votes, did slightly less than that percentage in

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Superintendent Nina Marks, center, and School Board Members Teresa Ann Martin, left, and Carl Whaley snip the ribbon on the new multipurpose building. Below is a view inside the new building.

Room to grow

Phys ed facility expands elementary school

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Franklin County Elementary School students soon will be getting into even better shape, thanks to a spanking new physical education facility unveiled last week.

Sporting an enormous pair of scissors, Superintendent Nina Marks and School Board Members Teresa Ann Martin and Carl Whaley snipped the ribbon Friday morning on the long-awaited \$2 million multipurpose building, designed to suit the indoor physical education needs of the elementary school students on campus.

After an introduction from the presidents of the elementary, middle and high school student government associations, a prayer by Elemen-

tary School Dean Eddie Joseph and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the middle schoolers, a group of elementary school students led the small gathering in "God Bless America."

Principal George Oehlert offered remarks on the new building, and Marks introduced the leadership of JRA Architects Inc., who designed the 12,174-square-foot, multipurpose space, and from PSBI, who built it. On hand were David Vincent, from the Tallahassee architecture firm, and PSBI's Aaron Boyette and Brian Zettle, vice presidents from the firm who oversaw and managed the construction.

Following the snipping of the ribbon, guests were invited to tour the new building, just as the giant red Seahawk in the middle of the

See FACILITY A5



ANTI-POWER POLE ACTIVISTS:

Merger 'not in the public's best interest'

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The group of activists who opposed Progress Energy putting large transmission lines through downtown Apalachicola are seeking to weigh in on the plans to merge the company with Duke Energy.

In a motion now pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which must decide whether to approve the merger, Fernandina Beach attorney Arthur "Buddy" Jacobs said a group of Apalachicola citizens should be granted standing to intervene in the case, arguing the merger "is not in the public's best interest."

Jacobs, who has handled the case ever since protests against the poles stepped up last fall, contends in his filing, "Progress through its

See MERGER A7

Teen charged as adult in rape cases

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

A 16-year-old Eastpoint youth has been charged as an adult in connection with two rapes that occurred in August and December of last year.



LEONARD GREEN

On Jan. 26, Circuit Judge Angela Dempsey ordered Leonard Green III to be held without bond in the Franklin County Jail on a charge of sexual battery, which in Florida is the equivalent of what is commonly termed rape.

Green, who made a first appearance Jan. 27 before County Judge Van Russell, is being housed separately from the adult offenders at the jail.

The judge also ruled that a

See RAPE A5

# Pilots-N-Paws gives wings to shelter pets

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

On Jan. 21, five Labrador retriever puppies flew away to a new home in South Florida, but they didn't grow wings.

They got a lift from a pair of pilots who donate their time to animal rescue.

The sky was clear and blue, indeed a perfect day for flying, when a small plane landed at Cleve Randolph Field at the Apalachicola Regional Airport and taxied to the terminal.

Two men and a brindled bulldog emerged and were greeted by a dozen human fans and half as many canines.

The pilots were Lloyd Zand and Larry Ploucha and their mission was to ferry needy dogs to forever homes.

The bulldog, Brutus, was coming to meet new owners who drove over from Mobile, Ala. to collect him.

Zand and Ploucha are volunteers for Pilots-N-Paws, an organization that puts together pooches who need transport with pilots able to provide it.

On Saturday, Zand and Ploucha dropped off Brutus and picked up five black

lab puppies from Franklin County's animal shelter, as well as Becker, a Weimaraner from Mobile.

All six dogs were headed for forever homes via the Brooksville airport, north of Tampa.

Shelter Director Karen Mills said the five nine-week-old black lab pups were the last of a litter of 11, seven of which were surrendered to the shelter. The puppies were placed through Labrador Retriever Rescue of Florida.

Terry and Shannon Joyner had driven Becker over from Mobile to meet the plane and travel to a permanent home with a family. They were fostering him until his adoption could be arranged.

After Terry saw him safely crated in the plane, she presented Ploucha with a bag of Satsuma oranges for the dog. "He loves Satsumas," she said. "He used to pick them off the tree in our yard and peel them himself."

The dogs arrived at Brooksville airport safe and sound on Saturday evening. One of the puppies traveled on to Miami, a second went to Cape Canaveral.

Labrador Retriever

Rescue of Florida complimented the Franklin County Humane Society on the good health and excellent socialization of the young dogs.

Pilots-N-Paws is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit that maintains a website enabling people with pets that need transport to make contact with pilots who can provide the transport. The organization does not arrange for transports, but provides a forum where others can.

For more information about the group, to donate or arrange a transport visit [pilotsnpaws.org/](http://pilotsnpaws.org/).

**Top Right:** Larry Ploucha readies his single-engine Mooney aircraft, as Terry Joyner prepares to load Becker for his trip south to a forever home.

**Far Right:** Shelter Director Karen Martin holds two of the puppies flown Saturday to new homes.

**Bottom Left:** Pilots Larry Ploucha, right, and Lloyd Zand got wrapped up waiting for Brutus' forever family to arrive from Mobile.

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# Women legionnaires to be treated to steak dinners

When was the last time you had a cup of coffee for 30 cents? I thought so. Well, you can get one Monday through Saturday at Chillas Hall from 9-11 a.m. On Thursdays the coffee is free. That's the day the many from the VA comes over to answer your questions and help you with your claims.



LANARK NEWS  
Jim Welsh

Join us some morning. Went to the spaghetti dinner last Sunday. My brother Knights did a good job. I got to visit with many of my friends, and had a nice afternoon. Thanks guys!

Had a big crowd for lunch last Thursday at the Franklin County Senior

Center. George and Sarge are back! Hope you can join us on Thursdays, and enjoy a good lunch with your friends and neighbors. Serving begins at noon.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, members of the Lanark Village Golf Club will prepare and serve a full breakfast and bake sale at Chillas Hall, from 8:30 a.m. We'll be looking for you. There will be a Bake sale

too.

There will be a soup and salad lunch at Chillas Hall on Saturday, Feb. 11. Serving begins at 10 a.m. Soup, salad, beverage and dessert, all for a donation of \$6 for Lanark Village Association members, \$7 for nonmembers.

All women members of Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82

will be treated to a steak dinner on Saturday, Feb. 11. The men will make a donation of \$11. This being Leap Year, if some of you ladies who wish to make the donation for your fellow – it will be prim and proper for you to do so. You will be served a 12-ounce New York strip steak with mashed potatoes, salad, roll and butter. Please sign up at the

bar, or call 697-9998, so we can get a count up of steaks we'll need. Serving begins at 5 p.m. Happy Valentines Day.

Be kind to one another, check on the sick and house-bound, and Get a Grip, Tie a Knot, and Hang On to Jesus.

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

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**Join us Friday, February 10, 2012 at 5:30pm for a discussion on Menopause to be hosted by Terrie Tullos, ARNP-C from North Fl Womens Care.**

## News BRIEFS

### Carrabelle seniors host Saturday dance

The Carrabelle Senior Center will host a dance this at 7 p.m. Saturday evening, Feb. 4, at the center, at 201 NW Ave. F, on the corner of 1st Street and NW Avenue F in downtown Carrabelle. Admission is free, with music provided by local disc jockey Ron Vice, serving up a lively mix of Big Band dance tunes and mellow pop hits. Come down to dance... or just to listen to the music! For more information on the dance and other activities at the Senior Center you can view the web site at [www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com](http://www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com).

### Seafood workers to meet Feb. 13

The Franklin County Seafood Workers will be holding a meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at the Eastpoint Fire House. The FCSWA will be discussing the shelling program. Also, the FCSWA will be giving out shelling numbers to those who have signed up and giving another opportunity for people to register. Also up for discussion and voting will be the possibility of doing away with the AP Card that is purchased each year through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at the cost of \$50. Additional board members will be discussed along with Progress Energy Bay closures due to power pole placement.

For more information, call Jennifer Millender, FCSWA secretary, at (850) 597-0787.

### Weatherization help now available

Many Franklin County families are struggling with the high utility bills. Capital Area Community Action Agency's Weatherization Assistance Program may be able to help. This program provides permanent solutions to keep homes cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

Services are provided to low-income residents whose income does not exceed 200 percent of the poverty level: \$21,780 for a household of one; add \$7,640 for each additional household member. Homeowners and renters may apply, but renters must have permission of the property owner. Single-family homes, mobile homes and duplexes qualify.

For more information, call Capital Area Community Action Agency's office in Apalachicola, open Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 653-8057.

### Disadvantaged transportation board meets Feb. 15

The Franklin County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex Courtroom, 33 Market St., Apalachicola. In addition to its regular business, the agenda will include the adoption of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan, and rates and review of the Federal Transit Administration applications.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For additional information, a copy of the agenda or if you require

special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment, contact Vanita Anderson at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 20776 Central Ave. East, Suite 1, Blountstown, FL 2424 at least five working days prior to the meeting date.

### St. Joe 'Bay Day' Saturday

The St. Joe Bay Preserve Center, 3915 State Road 30-A will host an open house this Saturday, Feb. 4, beginning with birding around 9 a.m. and ending with an astronomy lecture at 7 p.m.. Enjoy raffles, music and tours, with a low country boil from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A \$10 donation is requested. To reserve a place on the tours or birding walks, call 229-1787.

### Sign up now for Dixie Youth League

The Franklin County Dixie Youth is accepting applications for the 2012 season, for children at least 5 years old by May 1. Fee is \$50 for first child, \$45 for each child after that. After March 1, late registration fee will be \$60.

Signups at three locations: the D.W. Wilson, Vrooman and Will Kendrick sports complexes. Signups are 6-7 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 2 and 9, and Tuesday, Feb. 7. Registration on Saturday, Feb. 11, is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call Link Carroll at 653-6240 or 670-8167.

# Travels with Max: 50 weeks on the road

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

A pair of intrepid travelers passed through Franklin County last month on their way to everywhere.

David Miller of California turns 50 on Oct. 30 and he's decided to take a year off for an adventure.

While many see their milestone 50th birthday as an opportunity to do something special, take a trip, start a new career, or make some other important life change, Miller decided on the travel option.

He and Max, his 5-year old Weimaraner, have set out to visit all 50 states over 50 weeks in 2012.

Miller carries a supply of food for Max, who travels in a specially designed trailer and. Miller also has camping gear, although he rarely sleeps in a tent. "After a day of riding, finishing up with a good meal, a shower and a comfortable bed are important," he said.

Miller began his epic journey Oct. 31, 2011, the day after his birthday. He is now on the first leg of the trek, from San Diego to Miami. After Miami, Miller plans to head to his folks' home in Sarasota for a little R and R. He will then bike back to San Francisco and from there to Washington, D.C. From there, he heads to Seattle and will finish his trip in Alaska and Hawaii.

While visiting Apalachicola, he said the most wonderful thing he had encountered on his journey were the many random acts of kindness of friends, family, friends of friends and complete strangers.

He has encountered this everywhere and fondly



Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

David Miller and traveling companion Max stand before their tiny caravan. **Left**, Max inside his trailer.



efforts to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

Lastly, Kadima is an organization in Mexico whose main purpose is the inclusion and active participation in family, community and society of children, youth and adults with disabilities or special needs. Its objectives are focused primarily on defending equality, fair treatment and the free expression of diversity. Miller spent much of his working career promoting fitness centers in Mexico.

To follow his journey, support one of his charities, or read a blog about his travels, visit [www.bike50at50.com/](http://www.bike50at50.com/).

remembered another biker in Pensacola who took him home for dinner and gave him a room for the night and a fellow in Destin who made him breakfast and took him paddle boarding.

One of Miller's primary objectives is to raise funds for several charities, each of which holds a special place in his heart.

One of these is, in fact, the American Heart Association.

At age 33, Miller's father was diagnosed with coronary insufficiency. Fortunately, with the help of medication, close attention to diet and a regimen of physical activity, his dad has

lead a healthy, active life for the last 40 years and still sails, bikes and plays tennis. Miller hopes his trip will promote awareness of the importance of exercise and a healthy lifestyle.

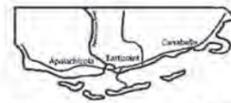
He also supports the Cancer Research Institute, dedicated to finding novel ways to harness the power of the immune systems to conquer cancer. His mother successfully fought through two bouts of cancer, and due to timely responses, effective treatments and a strong will to recover, is a living success story in the fight against cancer.

Miller also supports the Nature Conservancy's

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board of Franklin County, Florida (the "School Board") wishes to maintain and improve the excellent quality of education in our public school system; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and improving this excellent quality of education requires maximum flexibility in the use of any and all funds accruing to the School Board; and

WHEREAS, the state funding formula coupled with the general economic situation do not provide sufficient operating revenues to maintain and improve our high quality schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Franklin County, Florida, in a public meeting duly called and assembled:

1. That pursuant to Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County is hereby directed to call a special election for March 6, 2012, for the qualified electors of the Franklin County School District to vote on the levy of an ad valorem millage increase for operating expenditures of the School District as authorized by Section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes.
2. The substance of the millage referendum and the ballot title shall read:

## FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL REFERENDUM MARCH 6, 2012

Shall the Franklin County School District levy an ad valorem millage increase of .50 mil per year for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2016 for operating expenses necessary to maintain the quality of Franklin County's public school system?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, for the levy  
\_\_\_\_\_ NO, against the levy

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED the 8th day of December, 2011.

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# Opinion

## Let's revive the annual Mardi Gras parade

By Don and Pamela Ashley  
Special to the Times

The last Mardi Gras Parade was in 1916 in Apalachicola. That final year, a pilot named "Lucky" thrilled local crowds with a 40 minute air show in a newfangled invention called the Wings of Man. Hard times, epidemics, a Depression and World War ended the "good times" Apalachicola celebration for the next nine decades.

But on the ninth anniversary of Habitat's Mardi Gras, to raise funds for our fifth house along the Forgotten Coast, we will bring back a Mardi Gras parade for the community. A Golf Cart (\$20 entry fee) and Pet parade (\$5 entry fee) will take place Friday, Feb. 3 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., starting at the Bowery and moving down Commerce Street to the Courthouse and around Water Street to a free concert at Riverfront Park.

Come catch some beads, show off your decorated carts, parade your pets, wear a mask, eat gumbo or a "Lucky Dog" and wash it down with a cold libation or nectar of the vine.

Half the fun of a Mardi Gras parade is a community crowd letting the Good Times Roll. This is a modest start toward what we hope will build into a much bigger parade by the 100th anniversary (2015) of the last big Apalachicola Mardi Gras parade. Much depends on you, the community. We want others to come join in, visit the Forgotten Coast in February, rent a room or beach house and eat local seafood. But the Mardi Gras party is for you.

The traditional Mardi Gras ball will be this Saturday, Feb 4 at the Armory from 6:30 p.m. for dinner and show, for \$50 per person. Tickets for the show only, beginning at 7:30 p.m., are \$25 per person. All for a good cause, to build a family a home they could not afford otherwise. Important to note a Habitat home is a no-interest loan each family must pay back with reasonable monthly payments. Since your local Habitat chapter is all-volunteer, every dollar donated goes to build the next house and every dollar repaid by Habitat families is invested in another house.

We are building our fourth house in Eastpoint and will soon choose a fifth family from the same area. Two local banks, Centennial and Cadence both, generously donated Habitat lots in Eastpoint. Both are also Mardi Gras sponsors along with a growing list of local businesses recognized in the Times Mardi Gras advertisement.

So Laissez les bons temps rouler — Let the Good Times Roll — and not let 100 years roll by without an Apalachicola Mardi Gras parade.

Don and Pamela Ashley are working to organize this weekend's Habitat for Humanity's Mardi Gras celebration.



## A new year, a new Florida

By Gov. Rick Scott  
Special to the Times

The new year is just beginning, and already Florida is off to a great start thanks to the strides made in 2011 to make Florida the best place to live, work and vacation. In 2011, we set the state's economic engine in motion by removing barriers to doing business, shrinking government and creating opportunities for Floridians to get back to work.

Right away we saw signs these changes were working. Florida became the state with the second largest decrease in unemployment among the 50 states — we dropped two percentage points since I was elected — and we were third in the nation for job growth since January 2011, creating more than 134,000 private sector jobs as of November. The final job numbers for 2011 will be announced later this month, but clearly we have laid the groundwork to send job numbers even higher in 2012.

This legislative session I will continue to build on that framework with my proposals to increase education funding, control soaring Medicaid costs, further accelerate job growth and fix Personal Injury Protection auto insurance fraud — all while keeping the cost of living low.

While the signs that our economy is recovering are welcome, there still are struggles ahead. Florida is faced with another budget shortfall this year, which means tough choices will once again be necessary. Despite this challenge, I will work with the legislature to ensure Florida's budget is balanced and puts the right amount of money into the programs and services Floridians have told me they want their tax dollars spent on.

After traveling the state and listening to Floridians from all different backgrounds, the overwhelming majority of you told me the most important program you want your money spent on is education. That is why I have proposed adding \$1 billion for K-12 education — the third largest amount of state K-12 funding in Florida history. I know that the key to getting a good job is a good education, and I will not sign any budget into law that does not significantly increase state dollars for education.

In order to fund education at this level, my budget proposal calls for reforming the way Medicaid hospital providers are reimbursed for services. This reimbursement system is currently unfair to both taxpayers and hospitals because it appears to reward inefficiency by paying hospitals that provide similar services, significantly different Medicaid reimbursement rates. Medicaid is the single fastest growing portion of our state's budget and the cost continues to skyrocket at a pace five times the growth of the state's general revenue. If Medicaid continues to grow at this rate it will bankrupt our state. Changing the way Medicaid hospital providers are reimbursed is the most logical and fair first step to rein in uncontrollable Medicaid costs.

Growing jobs will continue to be among top my goals for this session and I will work with the legislature to enact the principles laid out in my 2012 Job Creation and Economic Growth Agenda. The seven priorities outlined in my agenda include:

- Streamlining business permitting and eliminating burdensome rules and regulations.
- Providing tax relief and reform

for Florida's working families and businesses.

- Reforming Florida's unemployment system to create a reemployment system.
- Restoring accountability and credibility to Florida's Workforce Boards.
- Prioritizing vital transportation projects to facilitate economic development opportunities.
- Offering stability to Florida businesses by balancing the budget without raising taxes.
- Prioritizing science, technology, engineering and mathematics in education.

In addition to growing jobs and preparing students for the workforce, I also pledge to avoid implementing policies that raise the cost of living in this state. A costly problem right now is rising auto insurance rates caused by Personal Injury Protection automobile insurance fraud. PIP fraud is an almost billion dollar hidden tax on Floridians who pay higher insurance rates because of scammers who get paid for staged auto accidents. Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and I will work together to eliminate fraud, increase accountability and bring auto insurance rates down.

These are my biggest priorities this legislative session, and critical steps on the journey to get Florida back to work. I encourage all Floridians to send me their ideas and feedback on these priorities and any other solutions to challenges facing the state in today's economy. Please share your comments by emailing Rick.Scott@eog.myflorida.com. Together, we can make 2012 a great year. Let's get to work together!  
*Rick Scott is the governor of Florida.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Apalachicola's pearls are its people

Gus and I want to thank all of the people from Apalachicola, who treated us like family, during our stay in your wonderful town. We came here on a recommendation from a couple from Panama City. We were only going to stay a couple of days and explore more on down the coast.

First person we met was Nathan from the Tap Room. He gave us several recommendations around town. We stayed at the Coombs for two nights — wonderful! We were going to leave but ended up staying two more nights at the Gibson Inn. We had to say hello to Captain Wood! Had to stay for Happy Hour on Friday — met Bill and Pidge, Voncile, Lizz and several more great people. We danced at the Spoonbill. We explored St George Island and the state park. We met Beverly at the restaurant and she told us about the Rotary Club on Tuesday. We ended up staying three more nights at the Bryant House. That was a wonderful stay also! Great food, wonderful hospitality, once more, feeling like family.

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Gus Barnett and Cathy Dailey

#### District rankings provide a profile for businesses

I am confused. On www.FranklinCountySchools.org, Superintendent Nina Marks states, "The District Staff is committed to excellence and making our school system one to be proud of." However, when faced with the prospect of school district rankings based

on student achievement, Marks tells us "rankings are bad."

Why? Easy. Rankings testify to comparative "district" competence. That would make Superintendent Marks both responsible and accountable for Franklin County School District students' achievement rather than the teachers who are doing what they are told. The truth is:

Comparing school districts will help create jobs in Florida. District rankings are one of the few guidelines an employer has when deciding which county has the most trainable workforce.

District rankings, combined with the published "Annual School District Report" (which shows the reading levels of 10th grade students), combined with the districts' student ACT test scores, provide a business that is considering relocation an accurate profile of a county's workforce. ACT scores of 24 and above = probably graduate from college; 22 to 24 = probably community college; and less than 20 = probably drop out.

The Franklin County School District is the most expensive annual cost per student school district in Florida. What are the residents, taxpayers and students getting for their investment in FCSD? Academically, FCSD is in the bottom 10 percent of school districts in Florida. ACT just ranked Florida in the bottom 10 percent of states in preparing students for college. In terms of student achievement, FCSD is in the bottom 1 percent of school districts in the USA. In addition, 80 percent of FCSD's 10th grade students are functionally illiterate (aka, untrainable).

What does that say about the prospect of job growth in Franklin County? To open a successful McDonald's franchise in Franklin County, the owner will have to import his employees from the surrounding counties. A FCSD School Board member told me, "Graduates of FCSD can't make change."

Socioeconomic levels have little to do with student achievement. Student achievement is based on the quality of their schooling. Marva Collins, Jamie Escalante, and John Comer, among others, have proved that in the classroom. In addition, John Comer showed that school-classified mental retardation did not deter 80 percent of his EMR grads (those with an I.Q. of 50-78) from going to college — once he figured out how to teach his mentally retarded, illiterate, high school students (primarily composed of Mexican farm workers' children) how to read.

First and foremost, Florida's public schools have to teach their students how to read. What they are doing isn't working. More of the same isn't going to work any better. Socrates said, "Only a fool learns from experience. The wise man learns from the experience of others." Unfortunately, FCSD's school administrators and teachers are reluctant to learn from their own experience, much less the experience of others.

Franklin County's workforce is one of the least "trainable" in Florida. "Whatever one sows, that will he also reap." (Galatians).

School district comparisons are the only way to create jobs-with-a-future in Florida's counties. Jobs-with-a-future pay \$18/hours plus.

John Comer

#### Vote yes on school millage levy

The Franklin County School District needs your help. A special millage election will be held Tuesday, March 6, in which the Franklin County School Board will seek consent for continued flexibility in local school tax revenue.

In 2008, the voting citizens of Franklin County consented for the Franklin County School Board to transfer 0.5 mills in local tax revenue from capital

projects funds into general operating funds. Rather than continuing to levy the 1.5 in capital millage, the school board levied the 0.5 mills for additional general operating funding and also lowered the capital millage to 1.0 mills. This adjustment provided much needed General Operating Funds without adding additional millage and provided the school district with the flexibility needed for funding classrooms and personnel vital to the success of the Franklin County School system.

This flexibility is needed due to decreased funding at both state and local levels. The need for capital projects funds is still needed; however the need to provide for student learning opportunities is greater than the need for brick and mortar. The improvement in our school grades the last couple of years is a wonderful return on this investment. It is far more vital to have 0.5 mills in revenue available for instructional programs and personnel than for the same 0.5 mil revenue set aside for buildings and equipment.

This flexibility to further enhance the educational process for Franklin County students is not given by the state of Florida but by you. You have graciously allowed us to do what makes sense with local revenue by placing these funds where they are most needed.

For example, the funding from the state of Florida to provide transportation to and from school, to athletics games and other activities is approximately 40 percent of what it actually costs our district. Voting yes for this continued flexibility allows us to help cover these costs.

As a native of Franklin County and graduate of our school system, I stand proud of our accomplishments. We have faced and are overcoming difficult challenges. Your support as a voting citizen of Franklin County is needed now more than ever.

Please vote yes on Tuesday, March 6.

Roy Carroll

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## GOP from page A1

Franklin County, picking up 45 votes, or 6.3 percent.

The four candidates who have dropped out of the GOP race each picked up votes. Minnesota Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann received four; while Texas Gov. Rick Perry had three. Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman and former Godfather's Pizza CEO Herman Cain each snared a single vote.

Gingrich ran strongest in Carrabelle, where he picked up 54.5 percent of the vote, just slightly ahead of his margin in

Eastpoint. He and Romney each received 60 votes on St. George Island, or 40 percent of the total there. Paul's strongest showing was in Lanark Village, with 10 percent of the votes there. Santorum ran best in Carrabelle, with nearly 18 percent of the vote.

Nearly half of the votes cast in Tuesday's primary, or about 45.6 percent, were done by absentee ballot or early voting. Of these, a little more than half went to Gingrich, even better than the percentage he received overall.

## RAPE from page A1

\$50,000 bond be set on a charge of burglary of a dwelling – person assaulted; and a \$25,000 bond for a charge of battery on a person 65 years or older.

All three charges stem from an incident in the early morning hours of Aug. 14, 2011, at a home in Apalachicola. Investigators say Green broke in to the home and had sexual intercourse against the will of an elderly woman.

Green also faces two similar charges, sexual battery and burglary of a dwelling – person assaulted, for a Dec. 3, 2011, incident at the Carrabelle Cove apartments involving a 59-year-old female victim.

Investigator Brett Johnson with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office oversaw the detective work, beginning with DNA evidence collected at the Apalachicola crime scene.

Craig Kincaid, the Carrabelle deputy chief of police, handled the investigation of the Carrabelle crime scene, which also yielded DNA evidence, said Robin Myers, the assistant state attorney prosecuting the case.

The prosecutor said that based on evidence collected from the scene of the first assault, analysts with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement were able to work up a DNA profile of the possible assailant.

Also, "the victims provided a general description of their assailant," Myers said.

Based on this information, Johnson obtained a DNA sample from Green, as well as other individuals. Green is a sophomore at Franklin County High School and a starting player on both the varsity football and basketball teams.

Myers said that on Jan. 5, Johnson met with Green at the school, and Green voluntarily agreed to provide the investigator with a DNA buccal swab, taken of cells from his cheek. Johnson's request was handled in the presence of the school's athletic director Josh Wright and instructor Carol Weyrich, said Myers, who noted that authorities had sufficient probable cause to seek a warrant to compel the DNA sample.

On Jan. 18, officials with FDLE notified Johnson that Green's sample matched the DNA profile taken from evidence at both scenes, Myers said.

Johnson said he went to the school

later that afternoon, and with the help of the school's resource officers, Green was apprehended without incident.

Initially treated as a juvenile, Green was transported to the juvenile detention facility in Tallahassee. A week later, on Jan. 25, Green was charged as an adult in crimes stemming from the two incidents.

"Basically the statute gives us discretion to charge him as an adult," based on the severity of the crime and circumstances, Myers said. "There are very few things I can think of more egregious than violating one's home and body.

"Any way we look at it, there are no juvenile sanctions available to adequately punish the behavior he engaged in," said the prosecutor, noting that if Green were to be tried, convicted and sentenced as a juvenile offender, the state would run out of jurisdiction in both detention and probation in five years, when he turned 21.

As it stands now, Green is facing a lengthy sentence on the charge of burglary of a dwelling – person assaulted, which for adults can carry a possible life sentence. "The Supreme Court has deemed that juvenile offender can't be sentenced to life in prison without a meaningful opportunity for parole," Myers said.

In addition, Green could receive up to 15 years in prison on the sexual battery charge and up to five years on the charge of battery on a person 65 years or older, a third-degree felony.

Myers said he intends to file a petition with Dempsey to keep the names of the victims, and any identifying information, out of the public record. He also noted that if Green is convicted of these crimes as an adult, his lawyers could ask that he be sentenced as a youthful offender, which would allow for a much less severe sanction.

Myers said he did believe there were any other suspects to be sought in the two incidents. Also, he said, "we have no evidence at this point to link him (Green) to any other crimes."

Green is being represented by Kevin Steiger, the public defender who handles cases in Franklin County. An arraignment has been set for 10:30 a.m. Feb. 14 before Dempsey.

## FACILITY from page A1

basketball court was drying and the smell of a freshly completed building was crisp in the air.

Zettle said the building's outside dimensions are about 92 feet by 137 feet, with a low eave height of almost 23 feet. Structurally, the project is constructed of a pre-engineered metal building, concrete masonry units and brick veneer that matches the existing buildings on campus in color and design.

The building mainly consists of a multipurpose room equipped with an athletic flooring system including striping for basketball and volleyball courts, six basketball goals and two volleyball nets and supports. The building also houses two skills lab rooms, coaches' office, two restrooms, janitor closet, equipment storage closets, electrical room, communications room and mechanical mezzanine.

Exterior improvements include sidewalks and aluminum walkway canopies that connect the building to the rest of the campus.

School officials have been careful not to refer to the building as a gymnasium, after state officials had not included an additional gym when the consolidated school project was first approved about six years ago. Marks stressed, though, that the facility is being funded entirely of local dollars, generated through capital outlay funds, and not with the direct help of state dollars. She also noted that it will be used for a variety of activities, including assemblies and plays.

Zettle estimated the total cost will run \$2.04 million and that all savings under the initial budget allocation will be returned to the school district.

He said PSBI subcontracted with several local vendors with offices in Franklin County on this project, including G & H Concrete & Company LLC, Jason White Construction LLC, Seller's Tile Distributors Inc. and Taylor's Building Supply.

G & H performed the concrete slab on grade, sidewalks and concrete equipment pad work, while Jason White handled the site grading work, storm sewer piping, site utilities and landscaping. Seller's Tile performed the vinyl composite tile, rubber cove base, ceramic floor tile and ceramic wall tile work, while Taylor's did work on the doors, frames and finish hardware, aluminum windows, fire extinguishers and cabinets, building signage, marker and tack boards and toilet accessories.

"The other scopes of work supplied on this project were performed by vendors with offices outside of Franklin County;



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The fifth-grade leadership in the elementary school Student Government Association are, standing from left, Fisher Edwards, treasurer; Tonnor Segree, vice president; Hannah Hogan, secretary; and Beyla Walker, president. Kneeling from left are Brindlin Monroe, second historian, and Abbie Pace, first historian.

however, some of these companies employ workers that reside in Franklin County," Zettle said, noting that Leon County's Action Labor and Gulf County's Labor Finders, each have employees who reside in the county.

"Other businesses including motels and restaurants throughout Franklin County were supported by PSBI and our subcontractors that purchased lodging, meals, fuel and building supplies while working out of town. I have no way of knowing the actual financial contribution to these local establishments, but I am certain the total would amount to tens of thousands of dollars."

Marks said a parent support group for the elementary school is planning to raise funds to expand the bleacher capacity for the new building. While the new building is designated to serve the physical education needs of the elementary school program, it is expected to be used as an additional practice facility by middle and high school students and teams to ease demand on the main gym.

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### Jan. 26

John A. Chenevert, 56, Palm Harbor, failure to appear (FCSO)  
Leonard Green III, 16, Eastpoint, two counts of burglary of a dwelling – person assaulted, two

counts of sexual battery, and battery on a person 65 years or older (FCSO)

Johnny C. Jones, 38, Carrabelle, driving while license suspended or revoked, and violation of probation (FCSO)

### Jan. 27

Debbie I. Brett, 45, Alligator Point, insurance fraud (FCSO)

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### Jan. 28

Reginald D. Giddens, 32, Apalachicola, DUI, refusal to submit to breath test and driving while license revoked – habitual (FHP)

Juli T. Jones, 29, Apalachicola, battery (FCSO)

Pamela L. Jones, 22, Apalachicola, battery (FCSO)

### Jan. 29

Adam K. Joseph, 19, Apalachicola, grand theft of a motor vehicle, and driving while license suspended or revoked (FCSO)

Dana Taylor, 33, Apalachicola, petit theft (FCSO)

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Jefferson B. Vonier, 34, Bristol, withholding child support (FCSO)

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Keijuan M. Sims, 23, Port St. Joe, domestic battery, false imprisonment and criminal mischief (FCSO)

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Tina N. Keith, 24, Carrabelle, grand theft, petit theft and fraudulent use of a credit card (CPD)

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# MERGER from page A1

action has virtually destroyed the life and livelihood of one of the treasured historic sites in Florida.”

Named as potential intervenors in the merger case are Richard Bickel, Dr. Helen E.A. Tudor, Tom Brocato, George Coon, Leon Bloodworth, Michael and Catherine Bailey, Robert Lindsley, Susan Buzzett Clementson and the Apalachicola Area Historical Society.

Jacobs describes them as “residents and property owners located in the historic district of Apalachicola, who are dramatically affected by the installation of the 100’, 30,000-pound power poles carrying 115 kV of electricity through the town to other locations by Progress Energy.”

That the electricity is being carried to “other locations” is significant, because FERC regulates the sale of electricity in large quantities across state lines, as opposed to the retail sale to customers.

Jacobs argues that the intervenors “have a vital interest in ensuring that mergers approved by the commission are in the public’s interest,” and that this one is not.

Jacobs’s argument before FERC, which now includes four commissioners, all appointed by President Barack Obama and an equal number of Democrats and Republicans, is an expansion of the one he made late last year, when he tried unsuccessfully to obtain a 90-day injunction from Circuit Judge Angela Dempsey to halt the work.

The attorney contends the power lines will create “immediate irreparable harm due to the permanent scarring of the historic landscape” and goes on to argue that “close-up and constant exposure to this high voltage 115 kV electricity will cause them (the intervenors), their grandchildren and others great bodily harm.

“Electromagnetic fields from power lines are linked to adult cancers, depression and suicide,” reads the motion. “The leukemia link has been repeatedly demonstrated; the number of children developing leukemia has been steadily growing over the last 50 years.”

The motion argues the poles will destroy “the scale and uniqueness that is the attraction for visitors and the tourism economy,” and says that



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A view of the new poles on Avenue F.

Apalachicola is “one of two most popular heritage tourist destinations; revenues to the State from heritage tourism is estimated to be in the billions.”

In addition to citing the city’s 1988 franchise agreement with Progress, which Jacobs argues requires the company “to promote aesthetic consideration,” the motion says Progress refused to abide by a 90-day moratorium on the work put into place by the city commission in November. The company “refused to allow this moratorium to try to work out a less destructive action,” it says.

The motion argues the company failed to meet “the necessary permissions and considerations” when it secured required permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. It cites a March 2011 opinion from the state’s division of historical services that notes the project’s plans “appear to be inconsistent with the Coastal Zone Management Act.” The opinion says Progress “must explore all possible alternatives to reroute the line, redesign the pole system, or to bury the transmission line between the substation and the river crossing.

“Alternatives must be thoroughly

studied and analyzed, the ‘community’ must be directly involved in these efforts in order to ensure an alternate plan is worked out to avoid and minimize the adverse visual impacts the rebuild, as proposed, would have on this extremely important historic coastal town,” reads the state opinion.

The motion also argues the poles are dangerous to brown pelicans and double crested cormorants that feed, forage and roost in the area.

Unable to win regulatory approval before a January merger deadline, Duke and Progress have said they would extend by six months the termination date of their \$13.7 billion merger. The deal, in which Duke is buying Progress Energy, would make the combined company the largest U.S. electric utility with 7.1 million customers in six states. The new termination date of the deal would be July 8.

Apalachicola Area Historical Society President Tom Daly said he believes Jacobs “has made remarkable strides in getting the attention of powerful people who understand the value of Apalachicola and are willing to help us.

“Additional new evidence of bad faith by Progress is coming forward on a regular basis and as it is substantiated will be added to that intervention document,” he said. “This is a very, very compelling document. We are, by our efforts, threatening the merger. Both companies have invested huge amounts of money to achieve this merger, and we absolutely believe at some point they will be willing to discuss alternative routes with us. An additional \$15 million to keep this merger on track is peanuts to these companies.”

Daly said “the reality of seeing these poles being erected is worse than we ever imagined, and this has re-energized our efforts. While Buddy is working for us free, much of the research is contracted out and along with the public relations effort. We are still working hard to raise the sufficient funds to keep the effort going. We have raised about \$20,000, and at this point we need to raise at least another \$10,000 or \$15,000.

“This is a small price to pay if we can get these poles out of our town and out of our bay,” he said. “I do believe we can make this happen.”

# DELTA KAPPA ASSISTS INTERNING TEACHER



ARLENE OEHLER | Special to the Times

Members of the Delta Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International voted at their Jan. 9 meeting at The Hut Restaurant in Eastpoint to present a \$100 check to Natasha Pennycuff, pictured above left with fourth-grade teacher Laura King. Pennycuff, a teaching intern in Donna Barber’s fourth-grade class at Franklin County Elementary School, attended Brown Elementary School and Carrabelle High School. She is a Florida State University college student. Delta Kappa is an international organization of more than 100,000 educators dedicated to promote professional and personal development of women educators and excellence in education.

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# Oyster cook-off nets nearly \$20K

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The Jan. 14 Oyster Cook-off netted the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department \$19,602 during another fine outing in only the event’s second year.

“The event went wonderful,” said Marisa Getter, acting president of the board of the fire department’s auxiliary. “We were so lucky to have yet another excellent day. The weather was perfect, and that helps immensely. We had an outpouring of support from everyone in our community. Volunteers were coming on their own to sign up and help the fire department.”

Getter said the event grossed \$27,258 including a \$2,000 grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. She said that the auxiliary now has \$22,603 in the bank.

Leading in the fundraising among the dozen competitors were the Owl Café, which raised \$532, followed by Cafe Con Leche, which raised \$346; Duffie Harrison’s team, which raised \$148; Christine Smith’s team, which added \$120; and the team of Caroline and Jeff Ilardi, which raised \$24.

The St. George Island Civic Club, offering Mason Bean’s fried Oreos, raised about \$500 for the cause.



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Mason Bean, left, and Fran Giknis fry up Oreos at the oyster cook-off, on behalf of the St. George Island Civic Club.

In addition to Getter, board members include Megan Davis, Will Rosenbaum, Joe Taylor; secretary Donna McCoy and treasurer Paulette Moss.

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## Happy BIRTHDAY

### Brody Johnson turns 2

Brody Drake Johnson celebrated his 2nd birthday with friends and family. Brody's birthday was Wednesday, Jan. 25. He is the son of Brock and Kim Johnson.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Nedy Leavins of Delta, Colo. Paternal grandparents are Robbie and Marcia Johnson of Apalachicola.

Maternal great-grandmother is Ada Leavins of Panama City.

Paternal great-grandparents are Burnell and Bill Martina of Apalachicola and the late Paul and Inez Johnson.



## Happy ANNIVERSARY



### Todds celebrate 30 years of marriage

Celebrating 30 years of love, laughter and life, Margaret and Roy Alvin Todd will be renewing their vows at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, at Beach Baptist Chapel, in Mexico Beach. They are hoping all their friends and family will join them, especially if you were there in 1982. Vows renewal presided over by the Rev. William Smith, who married the Todds in 1982.



## Births



### Kylan Keith Gray born

Kylan Keith Gray was delivered to Jessie Walden and Dillion Gray on Monday, Dec. 5 2011, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

He weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Proud grandparents are Keith and Lucille Walden, and great-grandparents are Marlyan and Ronald Gray.



### Introducing Riley Kate Ard

Riley Kate Ard was born Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Mark and Ida Elliott of Apalachicola. Maternal great-grandparents are Charles and Mildred Cooper of Apalachicola and Adrienne Elliott, also of Apalachicola.

Paternal grandparents are Tammi Ard, of Geneva, Ala., and the late Keith Ard. Paternal great-grandparents are Dr. Carl and Faye Daffin of Tallahassee and Pat Cowles, of Geneva, Ala.



### Kayden Drake turns 2

Kayden Amari Drake celebrated his 2nd birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012. Drake is the son of Jasmine Lewis of Apalachicola and Frederick Drake of Columbus, Ga.

Maternal grandparents are Trina Ford of Apalachicola and Freddie Lewis of Port St. Joe. Maternal great-grandparents are Rose Tolliver and Marion Green, both of Apalachicola.

Godparents are Barbara and Raymond Lockley of Apalachicola.

### Taylor Ard turns 3

Taylor Keith Ard celebrated his third birthday on Friday, Jan. 20, 2012.

He is the son of Tim and Miranda Ard of Tallahassee.

Maternal grandparents are Mark and Ida Elliott of Apalachicola. Maternal great-grandparents are Charles and Mildred Cooper of Apalachicola and Adrienne Elliott also of Apalachicola.

Paternal grandparents are Tammi Ard of Geneva, Ala., and the late Keith Ard. Paternal great-grandparents are Dr. Carl and Faye Daffin of Tallahassee and Pat Cowles of Geneva, Ala.



## PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society



### Meet Bradley!

Bradley and his brother Hal were left in the drop-off pen here at the Adoption Center. They are one-year-old Dachshund/Beagle mixes and

neither could be any cuter. They are happy, social little guys and at 11 and 18 pounds, they are that perfect little size for anyone looking for a small dog that isn't too small. Come meet these fine fellows, they're worth it!

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

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

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The Apalachicola Planning & Zoning will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 13th, 2012 at 6:00 PM at City Hall, Community Center Meeting Room, 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida to discuss and receive citizen comments on a special exception request relating to proposed business use of the structure on the parcel located at the corner of Hwy 98 and 12th St (C-2 Neighborhood Commercial), more specifically described as Block 77, Lots 8 - 10 pursuant to the official zoning map of the city. A Special Meeting will immediately follow.

The following special exception request item will be discussed and considered:

- The applicant is interested in opening a Bed & Breakfast as well as apartments within the C-2 (Neighborhood Commercial) zoned area.

The Apalachicola Land Development Code allows for such use if special exception approval is granted. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and be heard with respect to this request. For further information, contact the Apalachicola Administrative and Community Development Office, 1 Avenue E, Apalachicola, Florida 850-653-9319.

# It's time to consider how we vote

It is time again for us to choose a leader for our country. Many are not totally happy with the current leader and are apprehensive about the current prospects. Economic decline, terrorism and health care issues are just a drop in the bucket in light of the issues we are facing as we search for a leader that can deliver us. In my Christian belief, these events are part of the end times that were prophesied in the Bible but even with that in mind, we can not stop fighting the good fight.

The problems we are facing stem from deeper issues than governmental misappropriation. The



**YOUTH MATTERS**  
Scott and Pamela Shiver

citizens of this country must accept their part of the blame for being a part of the problem and not the solution if there is any hope for change.

Mahatma Gandhi had an accurate discernment of our times when he identified these deadly social sins:

- Politics without principle

- Wealth without work
- Commerce without morality
- Pleasure without conscience
- Education without character
- Science without humanity
- Worship without sacrifice

I was grieved as I read this because I realized that Americans are familiar with these transgressions.

Politicians are the target of scandalous rumors and propaganda designed to discredit their integrity so as to exalt another political figure. Of course Americans love a good mud fight so we pull up a chair to watch them exchange blows, then

we vote for the one with the least dirt on his face.

We hold politicians at a higher standard when voting for them, yet when they make unethical mistakes in office we wink at it. Gender, race, age, popularity, political party, eloquence of speech, a strong jaw line or the best-looking spouse should not be our only basis for choosing the best candidate. Their outlook on life (after conception), liberty and the pursuit of happiness should be our main focus. We should prayerfully choose the one who we put in positions whose decisions are crucial to our future and the future of our country.

Mr. Gandhi's second point, wealth without work, has certainly contributed to the economic disaster we are now involved in. America was once viewed as a world superpower, and now our nation merely gets by on borrowed time and money. A man in debt is a slave, according to Proverbs 22:7, and our country is at the mercy of our debtors.

We act like children born with a silver spoon in our mouths despite our net worth. We give away and spend money that is not ours to give as if

we have plenty to spare. Between welfare and health care, our country is spending over a trillion dollars a year in social assistance. I am not against government benefits if used appropriately to help people get back on their feet, assist the disabled or for short-term assistance in extenuating circumstances.

I might not be politically correct in saying this, but government assistance should never support or encourage dependency of those who are capable of helping themselves. Unfortunately, welfare is crippling our able-bodied young people who are physically capable of working, while our elderly struggle financially and are sometimes forced to work to supplement their Social Security. My great-grandmother shucked oysters into her late 80s, even after she lost a finger in the machine.

I do not condemn nor blame those on welfare. Why would anyone want to have benefits of food, medical and housing cut back or completely off for working a minimum-wage job? Half of their wage goes to a sitter, taxes, transportation and the expense of working. Maybe

a solution would be to supplement their wages instead of penalizing them for working.

If the government gave greater benefits to working parents, I believe more people would hunt for jobs and ultimately become contributors. We have 53 percent of Americans who pay taxes vs. the 47 percent who do not. What happens when the non-contributors outweigh the contributors? Our country will turn to socialism. "By the people and for the people" will be a dim memory once that seemingly intentional strategy takes place.

Although unemployment may be high, "undesirable" jobs continue to be unfilled. Many companies are turning to immigrants in order to get the work they need done. In Biblical days, if you did not work, you did not eat. Apparently we are not that desperate...yet.

Next week I will continue covering the remaining points. Please don't forget to fulfill your civic duty and vote.

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

## Obituaries

### Jimmy Joe Sanders

Jimmy Joe Sanders, 50, born March 9, 1961 passed away Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 in Eastpoint.

He was a hardworking man, loving father, "Paw Paw," companion and friend. He will be loved and remembered in our hearts forever and always. We will all miss him so much. We love you Daddy, may God be with you.



**JIMMY JOE SANDERS**

The viewing was held Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville.

Funeral services were held at the gravesite at Sanders Cemetery in Sopchoppy on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 19. Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

His loved ones left behind include his son, Michael L. Champion; daughters: Tonya A. Champion, Vickie A. Champion and Vivian A. Champion; grandchildren Camdyn Skipper, Bradyn Skipper, Kelly Pilger, Kayla Pilger, Austin Morales, Cheyenne Champion and Alex Hammond; great-grandchild Kimberly Wilson; his girlfriend of 16 years, Linda Carden; and four brothers and five sisters.

### Emery G. Given

Emery G. Given, formerly of 912 N.W. Ave. C, Carrabelle, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, at Hospice House in Tallahassee.

He was born April 16, 1924, in Ottumwa, Iowa, to Lloyd and Laura Post Given.

Emery served as a U.S. Army medic in Germany during World War II. He worked in several departments for Morel's Meat Packing Plant in Ottumwa, and upon Morel's closing he bought and managed various rental properties in the Ottumwa area.

Emery loved interaction with people. He was a

happy person who loved to spread his joy with everyone. Before moving to Carrabelle, he cherished the time he spent with his nephew Dick Lewis and his wife, Donna, especially their time at the river. In Carrabelle he spent his time working in the yard and driving his golf cart.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond (Wendy Dickerson) Given of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Kevin (Linda) Given of Ottumwa, Iowa; and a daughter, Cindy (Tim) Sullivan of Carrabelle; four grandchildren, Amanda (Tim) Schmitt of Geneva, Sarah Given of Norfolk,

Va., Michael Given of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Casey Sullivan of Atlanta, Ga.; three great-grandchildren, Ashton Schmitt and Braedon Schmitt of Geneva and Rebecca Given of Ottumwa, Iowa; and one sister, Marcella Manarey of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Emery was preceded in death by his wife, Betty (Ormond) Given, and a sister, Dorothy Lewis.

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Carrabelle Christian Center; Don Carroll presiding. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice House.

## Card of THANKS

To my family and each and every one of you individually, there aren't words enough for me to express my sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for every thing you all have done for me in the celebration of my 85th birthday. Your love shown to me has encouraged me to keep on living, and loving you all more and more.

Every word spoken, every song sung, every picture shown by our mayor, all of your acts of kindness, was well done. Every gift I received will never be forgotten, Many thanks.

Lovingly yours,  
Clarence Williams Sr.

## In Loving Memory

In memory of Martha Frances Brooks, Johnny Gudger, Ella Mae Richardson, Benjamin Gudger and James Jackson, the family invites all friends and family to our Candle Lighting Ceremony in their memory this Saturday, Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. at the Community Center in Apalachicola.

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This pair of painted buntings was spotted near Water Street Hotel. Above right is an Eastern phoebe. Below right is a Nelson's sparrow.

## BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

### Christmas Bird Count doubles last year's tally

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

More than 24,000 birds were counted in Franklin County during the 111th Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 29.

The 24,479 individual birds counted in the county's count circle, which includes St. Vincent Island, was more than double the 10,261 tallied in 2010. The number of individual birds counted was the second highest since 2004, beaten only by 2008, when CBC birders counted 40,959 birds, of which 30,000 were migrating ducks.

During the 2011 count, 144 species were spotted by seven teams of birders, six fewer than the 149 recorded in the previous count and just short of organizer and birder extraordinaire Alan Knothe's goal of 150. Of 104 species spotted by multiple teams, 40 were observed only by a single team.

The team led by John Murphy logged 102 bird species, not including red jungle fowl heard during the owling portion of the count. During the 2011 count, 35 volunteers traveled 223 miles and logged 74 hours of observation time.

A western kingbird was a surprise among the 144 species spotted. Common in the western U.S., according to Cornell University, the kingbird's range has been expanding east since the first part of the 20th century, and a population now overwinters in south Florida annually. The kingbird has been spotted in Franklin County on only three other occasions, during the CBCs in 1945, 2003 and 2007.

The kingbird prefers open habitats with trees, shrubs or tall man-made structures including grassland, desert shrub, pasture, savanna and urban areas. This one was spotted on the edge of a weedy field near the Apalachicola airport.



Red shouldered hawks are abundant in and around Apalachicola.

Another rarity, Sprague's pipit, likes similar terrain, and once again a team of birders rustled up a handful of these elusive little birds.

Five were spotted between the runways at Cleve Randolph Field, a new record. Some other interesting birds found this year include northern gannet, American white pelican, anhinga, wood stork, common goldeneye, merlin, and clapper, king and Virginia rails. Also seen were sora, red knot, American woodcock, black-and-white and Wilson's warblers, painted bunting, rusty blackbird and Le Conte's, Nelson's, saltmarsh and seaside sparrows.

Two black scoters were spotted over the open water of the Gulf and on St. Vincent Island. This large sea duck eats mollusks and crustaceans and is normally found only as far south as South Carolina. Among the most vocal of waterfowl, groups of black scoters can be located by the plaintive whistling sound of the males. Black scoters were sighted in Franklin County during CBC for the first time in 2008.

Another arctic sea duck, the surf scoter, was spotted by the Gulf/Bay team. Known to winter off the Gulf Coast, this bird has been spotted in the county during the CBC only in 1996 and 2008. Though not considered endangered, the population of this species

has declined by more than half over the last 40 years, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Bay/Gulf team also spotted a long-billed curlew, North America's largest shorebird, which breeds in the grasslands of the Great Plains before migrating to the Gulf Coast for the winter.

A common tern was sighted on Little St. George Island. This bird has been observed during the CBC in Franklin County on only three other occasions, in 1958, 1999 and 2006.

Sighted in the Miles west of Apalachicola was a single piping plover, an endangered species that has declined steadily in the CBC over the years. As its shoreline habitat shrinks, the bird is disappearing.

"Many of the coastal beaches traditionally used by piping plovers for nesting have been lost to commercial, residential and recreational developments," according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Through use of dams, humans can alter water levels of the lakes and rivers of plover inland nest sites. Too much water in the spring floods the plovers' nests, while too little water allows grasses and other vegetation to grow on the prime nesting beaches, making these sites unsuitable for successful nesting."

The bald eagle population has shown a steady upward trend. This year 46 were spotted, observed in all seven of the sample areas.

#### Great Backyard Bird Count coming up

The CBC is over, but now it's time to gear up for the 15th annual Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 17-20. The GBBC is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where birds are across the U.S. and Canada.

The count is a joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society to learn more about how birds are doing. Last year, participants turned in more than 92,000 checklists online, creating the continent's largest instantaneous snapshot of bird populations ever recorded.

Anyone can take part in the GBBC, from novice bird watchers to experts. Participants count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the event and report their sightings online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

On the website, participants can explore real-time maps and charts that show what others are reporting during the count. The site has tips to help identify birds and special materials for educators. Participants may also enter the GBBC photo contest by uploading images taken during the count. Many images will be featured in the GBBC website's photo gallery. All participants are entered in a drawing for prizes that include bird feeders, binoculars, books, CDs and many other birding products.

For more information about the GBBC, visit [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org) or contact the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at 800-843-2473.

### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Feb 2	73°	60°	20 %
Fri, Feb 3	70°	59°	30 %
Sat, Feb 4	70°	58°	30 %
Sun, Feb 5	71°	50°	40 %
Mon, Feb 6	69°	52°	40 %
Tues, Feb 7	68°	47°	20 %
Wed, Feb 8	68°	52°	30 %

### 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

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
26	Th	4:57am 1.1	6:12pm 1.1	11:55am -0.1	
27	Fr	5:48am 1.0	6:29pm 1.2	12:17am 0.3	12:14pm -0.1
28	Sa	6:45am 0.9	6:51pm 1.2	1:05am 0.2	12:33pm 0.2
29	Su	7:53am 0.8	7:17pm 1.3	2:06am 0.1	1:254pm 0.4
30	Mo	9:19am 0.7	7:49pm 1.3	3:05am 0.0	1:16pm -0.5
31	Tu	11:20am 0.7	9:27pm 1.3	4:21am -0.1	1:36pm 0.6
1	We	9:13pm 1.3		5:37am -0.2	
2	Th	10:13pm 1.3		6:42am -0.3	
3	Fr	12:25pm 1.0	11:18pm 1.3	7:36am -0.4	6:27pm 0.9
4	Sa	1:49pm 1.1		9:22am -0.5	7:35pm 0.9
5	Su	3:22am 1.3	4:12pm 1.1	9:01am -0.5	9:25pm 0.8
6	Mo	4:22am 1.3	4:32pm 1.1	9:37am -0.5	9:08pm 0.7
7	Tu	5:21am 1.4	4:49pm 1.1	10:08am -0.5	9:47pm 0.6
8	We	6:11am 1.4	5:05pm 1.1	10:38am -0.4	10:27pm 0.4

#### CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
26	Th	3:32am 1.8	4:47pm 1.8	9:42am -0.2	10:04pm 0.5
27	Fr	4:23am 1.6	5:04pm 1.9	10:01am 0.2	10:52pm 0.3
28	Sa	5:20am 1.4	5:26pm 1.9	10:26am 0.3	11:47pm 0.2
29	Su	6:28am 1.3	5:52pm 2.1	10:41am 0.6	
30	Mo	7:54am 1.1	6:24pm 2.1	12:52am 0.0	1:103am 0.8
31	Tu	9:55am 1.1	7:02pm 2.1	3:08am -0.2	1:123am 1.0
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2	Th	6:48pm 2.1		4:29am -0.5	
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#### Freshwater

Striped bass and even a few of hybrid bass are reported this week in the I.C.W. canal and going west to East Bay. Hotter water temps are on the rise and have stirred up the catfish and bream bites as well. Depot creek is hit or miss, and the jury is still out on the new boat ramp there.

#### Inshore

Some Spanish mackerel are showing up early this year. Several reports from Mexico Beach Pier and the sea wall in St. Joe Marina have produced Spanish on Spec rigs and Got-Cha plugs. Trout are still hanging out up at the "T" in the canal, but no reports of red fish still. Some anglers are reporting flounder catches in the M.B canal and off of the jetties. Black sea bass are being caught inshore around rubble and in the Car Bodies area.

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# Win over St. Joe eludes Seahawks

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The Seahawks boys basketball team has had its share of hard knocks this season, but they keep on battling.

After an early season injury to their point guard, and the loss of their big man last month, the Seahawks squared up against archrival Port St. Joe Saturday night before a packed gymnasium in Eastpoint.

Seahawks Coach Mike Sweatt tried a match up box-and-one, a man matchup zone, that he hoped would vex St. Joe Coach Derek Kurnitsky's team. "It was something I don't think he was ready for," said Sweatt.

The Seahawks jumped ahead 16-13 after the first quarter, and led 22-19 at the half after both teams managed only six points each in the second quarter. The Sharks outscored the Seahawks 19-13 in the third quarter, moving ahead 38-35 to set up the dramatic finish.

"That was a time when they were ready to lay down but instead of attacking them, and pushing the ball up and scoring in transition, we didn't really attack them like we should have," said Sweatt. "We let them

hang around. We were the better team the whole night, no doubt about it. If we played them tonight we beat them."

The Seahawks tied it at 42-all with five minutes left, on a backwards layup by Tresean Carr, and two more Carr buckets, one after a crucial A.J. Allen steal at half court, making it 46-all with 2:20 left to play. Allen, back from an ankle injury, then hit a bucket to put the Seahawks ahead 48-46.

"I actually wanted to get the last shot up," said Sweatt. "We were in our stall of offense."

Senior Chance Buffkin missed the front end of a one-and-one with 1:22 left, as did Carr, but a free throw from Allen gave the Seahawks a three-point lead, 49-46 with less than a minute left.

Port St. Joe scored with eight seconds left, and Kurnitsky called timeout, followed by Sweatt using his last timeout. "When we got into position, I told them where the play was going to go," said Sweatt. "But we had mental breakdowns at the end."

On the inbound, Allen had to pass off to avoid going out of bounds, and then the referee ruled the ball be turned back over to the Tiger Sharks. Sophomore Natron Lee then

scored his only bucket of the game as he layed up the inbound and gave Port St. Joe a 50-49 win.

"You don't execute at the end of the ballgame, you're going to lose ballgames," said Sweatt, disappointed his squad went just 2-for-7 from the free throw line in the last two minutes of play.

He was pleased his squad held senior point guard Alex King, averaging 24 points per game, to just six.

"I thought we did what we wanted to do," said Sweatt. "I wanted to keep 22 under 10 points. I wanted to make sure they stayed in the 40s. All in all the effort was there, we've been playing hard the last few weeks. But it's a matter of finishing out ballgames, and executing the offense and not getting impatient."

After facing off against Bay High at home Tuesday, the Seahawks are gearing up for Senior Night at home Thursday, Feb. 2, when Buffkin, Allen and Mackenzie Wilson will be honored.

Then it's the district tourney next week, when the sixth-seeded Seahawks will play third-seeded Bozeman at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Blountstown. "They are both scrappy, scrappy team. They're always up," Sweatt said. "The run zones and both have a



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A.J. Allen makes a crucial steal with time running down.

little bit of half-court trap. But if we outwork and out hustle them we have a good chance of winning and being in the championship."

With the loss of Leonard Green, who had produced double digits in both rebounds and points, and the return of Carr and Allen, the team is adapting. "It's been that way this season," said the coach. "Things happen and we have to adapt."

The team is now playing four guards and rotating in a big man, either Seth Rogers,

Holden Foley, David Butler or Direek Farmer.

"Regardless of records, you hit those districts, everybody's 0-0, he said. "I think there could be a turn for this district tourney. These kids, they're gaining confidence. We've been beating ourselves all year and I'm just waiting for us to turn that page. Hopefully that light will come on."

JAN. 28 VS. PORT ST. JOE	Port St. Joe	13	6	19	12	-	50
Franklin Co.	16	6	13	14	-	49	

**SEAHAWKS:** Dwayne Griggs 7/10 2s, 2/3 FTs, 16 pts.; Chance Buffkin 3/10 2s, 2/4 FTs, 8 pts.; A.J. Allen 4/7 2s, 1/9 3s, 1/2 FTs, 12 pts.; Tre Carr 6/10 2s, 12 pts.; David Butler 1/2 FTs, 1 pt.

**TEAM:** 21/58 (36%) - 20/42 2s, 1/16 3s, 6/15 FTs

**REBOUNDS:** Griggs 15, Buffkin 10, Allen 5, Carr 4

**BLOCKS:** Buffkin, Butler, Carr

**STEALS:** Allen, 4, Griggs, Carr

**ASSISTS:** Buffkin 2

# Lady Seahawks end breakout season

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The Lady Seahawks soccer team faced a tough opponent in the regional semifinals Friday night as the Maclay Lady Marauders ended their run in the state soccer tournament.

The Lady Marauders got out to a quick 1-0 lead five minutes into the game, and then struck again a minute later with sophomore Reanna Leoni's first of four goals. Leoni netted her second goal of the game to give Maclay a 3-0 halftime lead. The Lady Seahawks still felt like they were in the match until Leoni scored her third goal of the match minutes into

the second half, which gave Maclay a 4-0 lead.

"Leoni was tough to handle all night," said coach Kelli Maggio. "She has very good ball control and is very quick with the ball. It's not surprising that she has scored 51 goals this season."

Leoni's final goal came on a direct penalty kick just outside the penalty box to make the score 5-0. Then Maclay added two more goals late, with the last one coming seconds before the final whistle was blown. The game ended with a 7-0 victory for Maclay, despite 23 gutty saves by freshman Macey Hunt.

The Lady Seahawks' three seniors Megan Newell, Emmy Norris, and Jes-

sica Dempsey played their final soccer match of their high school career. "All three seniors made huge contributions to the program, and they will be hard to replace," said Maggio. "Dempsey couldn't play her normal ball-hawking defense because she suffered an ankle injury in the regional quarterfinal game."

Maggio said she and assistant coach Ramon Valenzuela encouraged the team afterward. "They put the girls soccer program on the map, earned the respect of our opponents and brought pride to our community," said Maggio. "We have nothing to hang our heads about. This is our

second year competing in districts and we made it to the regional semifinals, the 'Sweet 16' and in fact finished as the last public school standing!"

"They were the better team and probably the best team we faced all year," said the coach. "We give full credit to Coach Paul Dickson and his squad. And even in defeat, this game gave our girls the image of where we want our program in the future."

"We would like to extend our appreciation to the media, the athletic department and our parents for supporting the Lady Seahawk soccer program," said Maggio.



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Lady Seahawk senior Jessica Dempsey, left, chases down the ball in the regional semis.

# Seahawks lose cliffhanger in district finals

By Joe Shields  
Special to the Times

After advancing to the District 1-1A finals by virtue of a 2-0 shutout of Rocky Bayou, the Seahawks boys varsity soccer team lost a 1-0 cliffhanger to the Port St. Joe Sharks Friday to finish as district runner-ups.

The Seahawks (7-6-2) traveled to Maclay Wednesday night, Feb. 1 to take on the Marauders in the regional quarterfinals.

The original district final venue, the Twin Oaks Sports Complex in Niceville, was changed to Port St. Joe to allow less travel time for athletes and fans. A large crowd was in attendance.

Despite the rivalry and the importance of the match, this was as good a first half of soccer as could be hoped for, as the Seahawks executed to perfection their possession-style play, keeping the Sharks on their heels throughout. The Seahawks were "seeing" the entire field and able to disseminate the ball to push the Shark defense. Elton Olvera and Graham Kirvin managed two shots on goal apiece and

James Newell had a header off a corner kick before the intermission.

Through 39 minutes, the stingy Seahawks team defense allowed a mere two shots on goal, both saved by net minder, Daniel Carrino. The impenetrable Seahawk defense of back liners - Tanner Klink, Javeion Winfield, Julio Ramirez and Billy Harris - blew up all Shark opportunities, until with only 55 seconds left in the half, a through ball got by Winfield and a point blank shot on goal gave the Sharks a 1-0 advantage.

In the second half the game grew more physical as the Sharks tried to add to their lead and the Seahawks looked for the equalizer. A free kick was awarded the Sharks for a foul by a Seahawk and a yellow card given to an unnamed Shark for unsportsmanlike play. Despite the physicality, the Seahawk offense continued its possession-style-attack and in so doing created multiple opportunities. Olvera added two more shots on goal; and Alex Causey had one shot on goal.

The Seahawks defense

continued to play fantastic and held off all Shark scoring opportunities, with Carrino making an additional five saves. But the Seahawks were unable to obtain the equalizer by the match's final whistle.

"We played very well, just not quite good enough to win tonight," said Coach Jono Williams. "Now we have to take the many positives from this game, put the loss behind us, and prepare for a tough match at Maclay."

Sophomore Alex Causey was awarded Player of the Match for his huge defensive impact from the wing midfield position, in the middle third of the field, throughout the game. He completely controlled the left side of the field and staved off multiple offensive attacks by acquiring dispossessed passes, stepping up and ripping the ball off of the opponents dribble and procuring headers out of the air. Additionally, Causey was instrumental in providing another option off the wing as the Seahawk offense tried to score, by making himself available in the offensive third, and shooting once on goal.

## Defensive pressure helps top Rocky Bayou

On Wednesday night, Jan. 25, the Seahawks, seeded #2 in the district, tangled with district rival and third-seeded Rocky Bayou Knights in the semi-finals.

Wearing their "whites," the Seahawks advanced to the finals after an impressive defensive showing. 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 the offensive prowess of Olvera, with four shots on goal; and Kirvin and Howze, each with one shot on goal, were on display for the large crowd gathered in Niceville.

Olvera scored early, off an assist from Kirvin, and with the Seahawks leading 1-0 at the water break, things seemed to be going well. The Knights were aggressive and would not roll over, so the Seahawk defense had their hands full right before the half. Defense men

Klink, Winfield, Ramirez and Harris negated most of their scoring opportunities in the Seahawks defensive third, with the six shots that got through squelched by Seahawk goalie Carrino. In fact, the Seahawks played team defense very well, the only cause for alarm an officiating crew which would not let either team play soccer and instead began issuing free kicks and yellow cards like they were handing out candy. In the first half alone, the Knights were given six free kicks off what were deemed "unsportsmanlike" conduct penalties, and both Klink and Olvera were cited with a yellow card.

The second half was similar as the Seahawks increased pressure on offense and clamped down on the Knights with their defense. Kirvin led all Seahawks in the second half with three shots on goal, while Olvera had two, and Howze, Ramirez and James Newell each added one shot on goal. The bizarre officiating continued late into the game with four fouls called on the Seahawks and five on the Knights. Seahawk

James Harris and an unnamed Knight each earned a yellow card.

As the officiating grew more ridiculous, coach Williams apparently complained one too many times, and he too, was yellow carded. Regardless, the Seahawks continued to play possession soccer and with only a few minutes left in the game, a throw-in from Howze flew over the top of a Knight defender, to the feet of a sprinting Olvera, who let fly with a cross. The ball found the feet of Kirvin inside the six-yard box and was promptly shot. Initially it was blocked by the desperate leg of a Knight defender but Kirvin recollected the loose ball and shot again, this time finding nothing but net and giving the Seahawks a 2-0 victory.

Junior Daniel Carrino was awarded Player of the Match, making seven saves, including a brilliant diving save off a Knight free kick, for his fourth shutout this season.

Joe Shields serves as assistant to coach Jono Williams of the Seahawk boys soccer team.



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76436 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2007-CA-000376

ARCH BAY HOLDINGS, LLC - SERIES 2010B Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY GALLOWAY A/K/A JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEFFREY GALLOWAY A/K/A JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY, IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAME OF DEFENDANT(S); JOHN DOE; JANE DOE; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

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LOT 31, BAY COVE VILLAGE, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5 AT PAGE 18 AND 19 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 at 11:00 a.m., on March 14, 2012. DATED This 24th DAY OF January, 2012.

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Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 24th day of January, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: Law offices of Daniel C. Consuegra 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-8660 Phone: 813-915-8660 Attorneys for Plaintiff Feb 2, 9, 2012

76231T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, in which PREMIER BANK, is the Plaintiff, and G&G, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, SIDNEY E. GRAY, RONALD K. GRAY, JOHN B. GOSS, BLACK BEAR ENTERPRISES, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation, DELL SCHNEIDER, and LAKE MCKISSACK PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, are the Defendants, that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court, Franklin County, Florida, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

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WITNESSED by hand and the Seal of the Court on this 27th day of December, 2011.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of Court

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk January 12, 19, 26 February 2, 2012

76340T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-543-CA

PREMIER BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. G&G, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, SIDNEY E. GRAY, RONALD K. GRAY, JOHN B. GOSS, BLACK BEAR ENTERPRISES, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation, DELL SCHNEIDER, and LAKE MCKISSACK PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgement of Foreclosure entered on December 16, 2011, in Case No. 2010-543-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit for Franklin County, Florida, in which PREMIER BANK, is the Plaintiff, and G&G, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, SIDNEY E. GRAY, RONALD K. GRAY, JOHN B. GOSS, BLACK BEAR ENTERPRISES, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation, DELL SCHNEIDER, and LAKE MCKISSACK PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, are the Defendants, that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court, Franklin County, Florida, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgement of Foreclosure entered on December 16, 2011, in Case No. 2010-542-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit for Franklin County, Florida, in which PREMIER BANK, is the Plaintiff, and JAMES E. STEGE, II, BRANDI L. STEGE, SIDNEY E. GRAY, S.&P.N.B. LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and FRANKLIN COUNTY FLORIDA BOCC, are the Defendants, that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court, Franklin County, Florida, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

Lot 6, Angler's Point Subdivision, as per map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 37, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

The sale will be held on February 15, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., to the highest bidder for cash, at the Franklin County Courthouse, located at 33 Market Street, in Apalachicola, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of this lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated Dec 20, 2011.

MARCIA JOHNSON Franklin County Clerk of Court

MICHELE MAXWELL Deputy Clerk Jan 26, Feb 2, 2012

76342T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-542-CA

PREMIER BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES E. STEGE, II, BRANDI L. STEGE, SIDNEY E. GRAY, S.&P.N.B. LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and FRANKLIN COUNTY FLORIDA BOCC, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgement of Foreclosure entered on December 16, 2011, in Case No. 2010-542-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit for Franklin County, Florida, in which PREMIER BANK, is the Plaintiff, and JAMES E. STEGE, II, BRANDI L. STEGE, SIDNEY E. GRAY, S.&P.N.B. LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and FRANKLIN COUNTY FLORIDA BOCC, are the Defendants, that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court, Franklin County, Florida, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

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MARCIA JOHNSON Franklin County Clerk of Court

MICHELE MAXWELL Deputy Clerk Jan 26, Feb 2, 2012

76418T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 19-2008-CA-000508

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4 Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL FORSLUND et al., Defendant(s).

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure date January 9, 2012, and entered in Case No. 19-2008-CA-000508 of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4 is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL FORSLUND; and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL FORSLUND; and ANGELERS HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC; and FIRST TENNESSEE BANK, F/K/A FIRST HORIZON HOME LOANS CORPORATION are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash as held at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 15th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 15, ANGLERS HARBOR, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 8, AS REVISED BY THAT CERTAIN REPLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 32 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

DATED at FRANKLIN County, Florida, this 10th day of January, 2012.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk Franklin County, Florida

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

GILBERT GARCIA GROUP PA. Attorney for Plaintiff(s) 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 110 Tampa, Florida 33607 (813) 443-5087 Fla. Bar# 438405 469549.001296TST Feb 2, 9, 2012

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76709T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2010-545-CA

PREMIER BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. S.&P.N.B., LLC, a Florida limited liability company, SIDNEY E. GRAY, PAUL OSTERBYE, LORNA OSTERBYE, and ANGELERS HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Defendants.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 16, 2011, in Case No. 2010-545-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit for Franklin County, Florida, in which PREMIER BANK is the Plaintiff, and S.&P.N.B., LLC, a Florida limited liability company, SIDNEY E. GRAY, PAUL OSTERBYE, LORNA OSTERBYE, and ANGELERS HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, are the Defendants, that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court, Franklin County, Florida, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

Lot 1, Anglers Harbor, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 8, as revised by that certain replat recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 32, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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Dated December 20, 2011. MARCIA JOHNSON Franklin County Clerk of Court

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76711T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2010-544-CA

PREMIER BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. S.&P.N.B., LLC, a Florida limited liability company, SIDNEY E. GRAY, PAUL OSTERBYE, LORNA OSTERBYE, and ANGELERS HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Defendants.

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The sale will be held on February 15, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., to the highest bidder for cash, at the Franklin County Courthouse, located at 33 Market Street, in Apalachicola, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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

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76745T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2011-63CP Division: PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNE ROZIER HUTCHINS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ANNE ROZIER HUTCHINS, deceased, whose date of death was October 28, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal 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 OF 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 January 26, 2012 Personal Representative Ralph K. Hutchins PO Box 627 Eastpoint, FL 32328 Kristy Branch Banks Attorney for Plaintiff Ralph K. Hutchins PO Box 176 Apalachicola, FL 32329 (850) 670-1255 Fax: (850) 670-1256

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76865T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000266

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH CALIANNI A/K/A DEBORAH J. CALIANNI, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 9, 2012 and entered in Case No. 19-2009-CA-000266 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and DEBORAH CALIANNI A/K/A DEBORAH J. CALIANNI, et al, Defendant(s).

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LOT 1 OF KELLY'S LANDING, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9 AT PAGE 4 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 10, 2012. Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk \*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in

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**76915T**  
 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO. 11-260-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,  
 vs.

TIMOTHY C. POLORONIS and LEE ANNE POLORONIS Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 24, 2012, and entered in Civil Action No. 11-260-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, TIMOTHY C. POLORONIS and LEE ANNE POLORONIS, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 14th day of March, 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.

Lot 8, Block 119, City of Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED this 25th day of January, 2012.

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

By: Michele Maxwell  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 February 2, 9, 2012

**76917T**  
 IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 19 2010 CC 000051

ST. GEORGE PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation  
 Plaintiff,

vs.

TERESA L. JACOB, et al,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 24, 2012 and entered in Case No. 19 2010 CC 000051 of the County Court in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein St. George Plantation Owners Association, Inc. is Plaintiff, and TERESA L. JACOB and the UNKNOWN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE,

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Lot 16, Nick's Hole, Phase I, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5 at Page 36 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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DATED this 25th day of January, 2012.

Marcia M. Johnson,  
 Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Terry Creamer  
 Deputy Clerk

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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**Posted Dates: Thursday, January 26, 2012 - Thursday, February 2, 2012**

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Contact Linda Bradley at 670-2800 during class hours or call 370-6569 for more information.

### Franklin School plans Saturday FCAT camps

The Franklin County School's FCAT camps have been designed specifically for students in grades 3-5 who are preparing to take the FCAT Writing Test on Feb. 28 and FCAT Reading/Math/Science in April.

The camps will be 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Franklin County School. Mrs. King and Ms. Clark will provide fourth-grade students with some awesome writing strategies and fine-tune what they already have learned.

Mrs. Creamer, Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Dykes, Mrs. King and Mrs. Clark will provide students with additional instruction in reading, math and science.

The writing camp will be Saturday, Feb. 4, and again on Feb. 11 and 25.

The reading and math/science camp will be Saturday, Feb. 4, and again on Feb. 11 and 25, and March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. The science camp is limited to fifth-grade students only.

For more information, call Harolyn Walker at 670-2800, ext. 1402, or your child's teacher.

## Dentist gives bright smile for Valentine's Day

By Valerie Garman  
Florida Freedom

One patient gained the confidence needed for a job interview.

Another was given the ability to smile for the first time in years.

"She just got up and cried," said local dentist Frank May. "Probably for years she hadn't been able to smile."

Every Valentine's Day, in conjunction with National Dental Health Month, May skips the chocolates and conversation hearts and instead doles out smiles.

Since the mid-'90s, May has been offering free dental services on Valentine's Day to local people in need through his Dentist with a Heart program.

He estimated he and his staff perform about \$15,000 worth of free dental work every Valentine's Day. The bulletin board in May's office is littered with thank-you notes from the many people he has helped through the years.

This year, May said the office expects to see 40 patients.

Patients used to be seen on a first-come, first-served basis, but May now screens potential patients through letters sent describing the need for dental work.

"We get quite a few letters, and there are some pretty sad situations out there," he said.



VALERIE GARMAN | Florida Freedom

Dr. Frank May and his staff perform an estimated \$15,000 of free dental work every Valentine's Day through the Dentist with a Heart program.

"We try to do it on a need-type basis. We want to make sure everybody who's out there having a hard time financially has the opportunity to get their needs to us."

Those interested in scheduling an appointment can send or bring by a letter to Dr. May's office, 319 Williams Ave. in Port St. Joe, giving a brief description of your dental needs and why you are a good candidate for this benefit. Patients must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian if under

18. Treatments provided will include cleaning, x-rays, fillings, extractions, diagnostics and pain control.

Unfortunately, not everybody can be chosen to participate. "It's pretty much at its maximum capacity," May said of the program, which allots about 30 solid minutes of clinical dentistry time per patient. "In those 30 minutes, we try to do as much as we can."

However, May hopes to one day expand the program. "Once you start doing it, you realize the blessings you get

are so great that you can't stop," he said. "Ultimately, in the future, I'd like to do two days instead of one."

When May was in dental school, he read a trade journal feature on a dentist who developed a pro-bono program, and vowed to one day launch a program himself.

May has since been recognized by dental journals internationally for establishing Dentist with a Heart. The program was featured in two prominent dental journals when it first started out and has helped provide the foundation for other branch-out programs such as Doctors with a Heart and Optometrists with a Heart.

"I kind of came up with this system on my own," he said. "There are several different people doing this now."

Over the years, May has tried to encourage other dentists to launch similar programs by developing a Dentist with a Heart starter kit to mail out to those interested.

"My vision, and it's been kind of dampened lately, was that dentists all over the country would do this on the same day," May said. "There's been some success, but for whatever reason it's not as popular as I had hoped. It's been so beneficial to me I don't even consider it a charitable event anymore. It's been such a great blessing for me and my staff."

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