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Out to see

Camp Gordon Johnston Days this weekend

This weekend, March 8 - 10, celebrate Carrabelle history by attending Camp Gordon Johnston Days. On Friday evening, March 9, American Legion Post 82, in Lanark Village hosts a free seafood buffet. Active duty troops are welcome to attend. Live music provided. On March 10, the parade will start at 10:45 a.m. on US Highway 98, featuring vintage World War II vehicles, marching bands, and more, with a free lunch afterwards at the fire house. That evening there will be a dinner and dance at the municipal complex auditorium. Public welcome at all events.

The Germans are coming

On Friday March 9, a contingent of German World War II Grenadiers will bivouac at the old high school football field at the Carrabelle Municipal Complex, part of a historic re-enactment group out of Quincy. On Saturday at 2 p.m. March 10 the contingent will demonstrate German infantry tactics on the old Gulf State Community Bank property. There will be live fire demonstrations, with blanks, using weapons carried by German World War II soldiers. No charge to attendees but please follow the safe distance areas marked by re-enactors.

Full moon tours at Crooked River Light

On Friday March 9, from 7-9 p.m. come to the Crooked River Light House Tours for Full Moon Tower Tours. Climb tickets will be \$10, which includes beverage and a pastry. Moonlight maritime movies will also be included, so please bring a chair. For more info contact Crooked River Lighthouse Association at crookedriverlighthouse.org.

What's at the Dixie?

On Friday, March 9 watch the Maharajah Flamenco Trio perform moving and dynamic "Flamenco Neuvo." On Saturday, March 10, The Sarah Mac Band returns for their third season with their joyous blend of blues, rock, jazz and soul. Both shows start at 8 p.m. and admission is \$20. For more info, call 653-3200.

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Voters back school tax levy

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Franklin County voters reassured the school district Tuesday they had its back, approving by a 54 to 46 percent margin a four-year extension of the half-mil operating revenue levy.

With 829 votes in favor, and 703 against, the levy was given the thumbs up by voters in Apalachicola, Carrabelle and Eastpoint, while those places where retirees are more numerous — Alligator Point, Lanark Village and St. George Island — each said no.

The levy's victory at the special election means the school district will extend until June 30, 2016 a levy first approved by citizens in spring 2008. The levy continues the shift of a

half-mil from capital outlay monies to operating revenue, which the school district first did in fall 2008 after the half-mil referendum was passed by voters in the spring, also at a special election.

This time, though, the margin was closer than the nearly 64 percent approval the levy secured four years ago.

"It (the margin) is not what I had hoped for but it's a win so I'll take it.

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Superintendent Nina Marks gives a thumbs-up after learning of the levy's passage at the Supervisor of Elections office Tuesday evening.

DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times



Home grown hot stuff

Apalachicola firefighters' chili wins cook-off

By David Adlerstein
Times Staff Writers

The Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department made their hometown proud Saturday as they became the first local

team in at least the past decade, and quite possibly in all 30 years of the event, to win top prize at the annual St. George Island Regional Charity Chili Cook-off and Auction.

"Love" was the secret ingredient, according to Ashley Teat, who joined with fellow firefighters Mark Van Amberg, Charma Buchhalter, Fonda Davis, Jr., Mike Cates, Scott Harper and Anthony

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The Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department, from left, Ashley Teat, Craig Gibson, Mark Van Amberg, Fonda Davis, Jr., and Charma Buchhalter celebrate their win.

Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Renovation work riles courthouse ghost

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

In the course of their work, the construction crew renovating the courthouse has stirred up some dust, and maybe something else as well.

Two weeks ago, some strange stuff happened to a crew working late at night in the building.

A portion of \$500,000 in federal stimulus money is being used to install solar panels and improve energy efficiency. This means ceilings and portions of walls must be removed to install ductwork and rewire the building.

On Feb. 23, three construction workers were busily employed on the ground floor of the courthouse between 11 p.m. and midnight. The crews often work

late night hours to avoid disrupting courthouse business.

One of the men was on a ladder in the veterans services office, a second man was on scaffolding in the probation office. The two men were removing a portion of the wall and could see each other through the hole they had created.

The foreman of the crew, a clean-cut 30-something, was outside, preparing to install a concrete pad for a new air conditioner.

Suddenly, the light in the probation office went out. The two workers thought they had cut a wire or tripped a breaker and went to tell their supervisor.

He checked the breakers and found none had been tripped. He walked back into the probation office and flipped the switch.

The light came back on. The switch had been in the off position.

He chided the men, but they insisted neither had been anywhere near the switch when the lights went out.

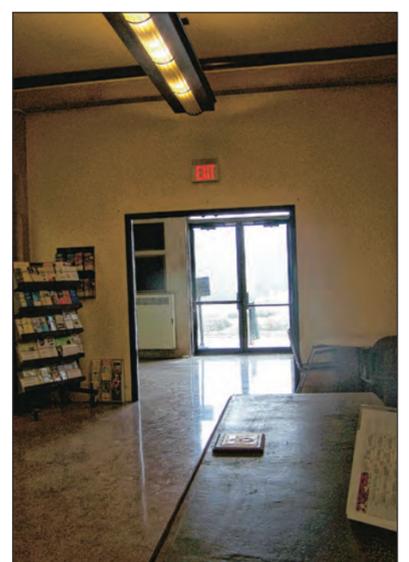
They went back to work and the foreman went out into the hall. He hadn't been outside long when he heard a shout from one of the workers, and came right back.

The light in the probation office had gone out again. Once again, the switch was back in the off position. And the confused

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The ghost in question was seen standing in this doorway.

LOIS SWOBODA | The Times



Private vessels patrolled for victory during the war

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

During the World War II, the upsurge of patriotism in the United States seemed unparalleled anywhere in the history of the nation.

Surveys conducted at the time found that 70 percent of the population, including more than 60 percent of high school students, favored mandatory military service for young men. Thousands did not wait to be drafted and volunteered to serve.

On the home front, those not eligible for service on the battlefield worked in other capacities. The Civil Air Patrol enrolled civilian spotters to scan the skies for enemy aircrafts, join search-and-rescue missions and transport fuel and other supplies.

In Apalachicola, Alexander Key, who volunteered for the Navy, briefly headed up a group of watchers who staffed the tower of the Coombs Armory 24-hours a day; ladies during the daylight hours and gentlemen at night.

The list of volunteer air wardens included Gene Austin, Clyde Brown, Billy Buzzett, Percy Coombs, L.E. Deas, Eva Doyle, Clarence Floyd, Kathleen Hayes, Hal Hoffman, Jimmie Mahon, Mrs. Randolph, Joe Taranto and Mrs. Weems.

It was one of those spotters who alerted the town to the sinking of the fuel carrier Empire Mica by a German U-boat in 1942 and dispatched rescuers to find survivors.

World War II volunteers were not all human. A number of pleasure craft and other privately owned vessels entered the service for the duration. Early in the war, U.S. military intelligence specialists realized the Atlantic coast and Gulf of Mexico were being stalked by German U-boats. With a huge effort to construct vessels for use overseas underway, there were no military craft available to patrol much of the endangered coastline.

In Feb. 1941, the Coast Guard began enlisting temporary



Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

The schooner Governor Stone, visiting the county during March and April, served as a training vessel during World War II. Below, from the St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge collection these photos show the Sinbad III which was Elgin Wefing's private Yacht and was drafted as a coastal patrol vessel.



reservists to man local bases from which coastal patrols were staged. In July 1941, 270 pleasure craft were enlisted in the Coast Guard as Auxiliary vessels.

The first Auxiliary offshore patrol boat was the "Two Pals," sailing out of Station Ft. Tilden, N.Y. A base was established in

Apalachicola, at the end of Avenue F, where it remains to this day.

Elgin Wefing, chief engineer for Florida Power in the region, joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary and was appointed commander. His 50-foot yacht, the Sinbad III was pressed into service with him.

An Apalachicola Times article

VIEW THE GOVERNOR STONE

The Governor Stone will be in Carrabelle or most of the month of March, anchored at the City Wharf. Volunteers will open her for viewing each weekend.

In April the vessel will be on display and sailing in Apalachicola. Plan to visit the Antique and Classic Boat Show April 20-21, and then see the Governor Stone the next weekend in Carrabelle for the Riverfront Festival.

from Aug. 8, 1941, noted the Sinbad had a Lathrop marine engine capable of cruising at 18 mph as well as a radio and onboard telephone, making her "ideal for the task at hand."

The Sinbad III, which was moored before the war in the channel off Ten Foot Hole, was moved to the Avenue F dock. R.H. Porter became her chief engineer and Angelo Taranto her first cook. Three regular Coast Guard sailors came over from headquarters in New Orleans to act as her crew. The Sinbad III patrolled the coast from St. Marks to White City during the war.

On the night the Empire Mica was torpedoed, the Sinbad III was in dry dock; another local vessel, the Countess, belonging to Dick Heyser, was commandeered for the rescue.

The Countess began taking on water while returning from the scene of the shipwreck and another Apalachicola civilian boat, Willie Fred Randolph's Sea Dream took the survivors aboard. But she ran out of fuel and still another civilian boat, the Trouble, which belonged to Carol Macleod, towed the Sea Dream to safety.

Governor Stone used as training vessel

Another boat with local roots, re-visiting the county from now through the end of April, was volunteered for military use during the war.

The Governor Stone, the last Gulf Coast schooner, was constructed in 1877 in Pascagoula, Miss. And today is a moving museum, designated as a national landmark. But when she was

younger, she served as a training vessel for the Merchant Marine during the war.

When the war broke out, the schooner sailed daily at the Inn by the Sea, a luxury resort in Pass Christian, Miss., operating under the name "Queen of the Fleet."

Some historians suspect her owner, Isaac Rhea, mistook her for another wreck located nearby when he salvaged the schooner.

In 1942, the federal government purchased the vessel from him for \$1 and she was put into service as a training ship.

Apalachicola resident Billy Cook remembers her.

In the spring of 1945, the war was almost over and the 17-year-old Cook was a cadet at the Merchant Marine Academy and a cadet midshipman in the Navy Reserve stationed at Pass Christian. He was training to be an engineer's mate.

Cook said that while deck cadets spent a lot of time learning to sail and navigate on the Governor Stone and other boats, an engineer's mate was not expected to have those skills. But they were required to spend some time on a sailing ship so one afternoon, he and his fellow motor heads were marched across the street from where they worked to the ship, to spend several hours sailing aboard the then "Queen of the Sea."

Cook said working as an engineer's mate was dirty and unpleasant and, when the war ended, he chose another path.

The Governor Stone was not cut out for military service either. In 1947 she was returned to her former owner.

Camp Gordon Johnston Days 2012

March 8 thru 10

The 17th annual Camp Gordon Johnston Reunion
In Carrabelle is just around the corner!

Remember, all events during the three days are open to the general public

On March 8th, Veterans and their families will be returning to Carrabelle.
On March 9th, A Free Canteen will be held at the newly expanded and remodeled Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum. All exhibits and displays will be open to greet and welcome veterans, friends, family and the general public.

The U.S. Army Heavy Boat Company is currently scheduled to dock the Landing Craft on Marine Street for everyone to see.
Also from the Marine Street Pavilion, free Boat tours of Dog Island will be Available, if weather permits.

That evening, the traditional evening hospitality will be held at Post 82 American Legion at the original Camp Gordon Johnston site, now known as Lanark Village.

On March 10th begins with a 7:30 A.M. breakfast at the Masonic Lodge in Carrabelle.
At 10:45, the Annual Parade will feature an extensive line-up of vintage WWII vehicles; on Highway 98.
The Army Band from Fort Rucker will head the parade, in addition to colorful local and state marchers.
A free lunch will then be provided by the City of Carrabelle at the end of the parade route.
Tours of the U.S. Army Ocean-going landing craft, docked on Marine Street, will highlight the afternoon activities. Active duty troops will welcome you aboard.
Also tour the Coast Guard Cutter, if in port, at the Coast Guard Station.
At 6pm the traditional Dinner/Dance will be held at the Carrabelle City Complex. The always-entertaining "Not Quiet Ready" combo will provide live music for your dancing and listening pleasure.
Prizes will be awarded during the evening. The delicious dinner will be catered by Hog Wild Bar-B-Q.

And Remember! There will be active duty troops in town for this 17th reunion event, in addition to veterans from WWII, the Gulf Wars, Iraq and Afghanistan. Let's give them all a warm Franklin County "Thank You" to show our appreciation for their service and sacrifices!

This will be AN EXCITING LINE-UP OF WEEKEND EVENTS!
For all the details, times and locations, consult the website at
www.campgordonjohnston.com

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News BRIEFS

ACF Stakeholders host get-together

You are invited to find out how the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders, a grassroots group representing all water users in the river system, is striving to do what 20 years of legal, political wrangling has been unable to. The Stakeholders are collecting data from all walks of science, and convening community meetings up & down the basin to create the first sustainable water management plan for the

ACF. The free event is at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 at the Gibson Inn in Apalachicola. Beer, wine, and light hors d'oeuvres to be served. RSVP to admin@acfstakeholders.org

ArtWalk Apalachicola seeks artists

Seeking artists and craftsmen for ArtWalk in Apalachicola from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. Accepted categories include paintings - oil, acrylics & watercolor; graphics, glass, fiber, printmaking and collage,

jewelry, metalwork, paper, clay, wood, mixed media, sculpture and photography. All works must be original works of art by the artist. Prints and reproductions must be labeled as such and be limited editions, numbered and signed by the artist. Specifically excluded are imports, commercial kits, manufactured or mass-produced items, dried flower arrangements, pour molds. The show will be held outdoors throughout downtown Apalachicola. Space size is flexible. Email anita@apalachicolabay.org or call 653-9419.

Interesting finds during post cook-off clean up

Intrepid trash patrollers John Olander, Pete Ritch, Cliff and Ivanhoe Carroll, Ann and Fran Giknis, Skip and Terry Kemp, Barbara Sanders and Dail Mullins picked up 17 bags of litter in record time, 90 minutes, on Sunday morning following the chili cook-off. They battled strong winds but enjoyed glorious sun. Among the refuse were two credit cards and a driver's license, both now in the possession of the sheriff's

office. Cliff Carroll found a \$50 bill during the cleanup and is donating it to the St. George Island Civic Club. Organizer Ada Long sends her thanks to all who participated.

Carrabelle Speed Festival

At their March 1 meeting, Carrabelle city commissioners voted unanimously to allow Blake Hutchinson to stage a third Carrabelle Speed Festival, to be held at the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport on Saturday, March

24. Participants drive on an open runway giving them a full half mile of open throttle acceleration. In addition to the races, there will be a DJ and food vendors.

City Attorney Dan Hartman told commissioners, Hutchison has purchased \$2 million of insurance for the event.

Participants must register by Monday, March 19. Drivers pay \$85, and passengers \$25, with a \$10 charge for spectators.

Drivers must prepay online at wannagofast.com/.

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read patrons of Franklin County. The check-out time for books and CDs is 21 days and our DVD's are checked out for seven days.

Materials are delivered by a special team of volunteers - usually family members, neighbors, or friends who live or work in close proximity to the homebound patron. Just another way that library services touch the lives of the residents in this region. For more information about the service application and the other services offered, call 697-2366 or 670-8151.



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The Value of Providing Smoking Cessation Coverage to Employees

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, smoking is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. Smokers who quit will, on average, live longer and have fewer years living with disability. Smoking causes heart disease, stroke, multiple cancers, respiratory diseases and other costly illnesses. Secondhand smoke causes lung disease and lung cancer. Smoking increases the risk of costly complications to pregnancy, such as pre-term delivery and low birth-weight infants. More than 70% of smokers want to quit, but few succeed without help. Tobacco use treatment doubles quitting success rates.

- **Smoking Costs Florida \$19.6 Billion a Year:**
 - \$4.4 billion in workplace productivity losses
 - \$7.9 billion in costs of premature death
 - \$7.3 billion in direct healthcare expenditures
- **Smokers Have Additional Medical Expenses:**
 - According to the CDC, additional lifetime medical expenses for smokers compared with nonsmokers (2002 dollars):
 - Male smokers exceed \$15,000
 - Women smokers exceed \$17,000
- **Smokers Use More Resources Than Nonsmokers:**
 - Higher average insured payments (\$1145 vs. \$762)
 - Higher average outpatient payments (\$122 vs. \$75)
 - Increased hospital admissions / 1,000 employees (124 vs. 76)
 - Increased hospital days / 1,000 employees (800 vs. 381)
 - Increased average length of stay / 1,000 employees (6.47 vs. 5.03 days)
- **Smoking Impacts Employee Productivity:**
 - Smokers are absent 1.5 times more often than nonsmokers
 - Smokers average 6.7 health-related absences per year compared with nonsmokers (4.4 days)
 - Smokers average 76.5 hours lost per year compared with nonsmokers (42.8 hours)
 - Work time spent on smoking-related activities results in 4 weeks/year of nonproductive time

Additional Annual Employer Cost Due to Lost Productivity and Medical Expense - \$3400

Article from the Florida Tobacco Cessation Alliance

For more information please go to: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/quit_smoking/cessation/pdfs/reimbursement_brochure.pdf



Opinion

Come out to discuss the library March 15

By **Caty Greene**
Special to the Times

Franklin County locals are familiar with the Arcadia Press publications with the wonderful sepia colored covers. Locally we have "Apalachicola" and "Gulf County" by Beverly Mount-Douds. There is also a "Wakulla County" offering by local historian Eddie Page. Now the list of publications includes "Florida State University," in the Campus History Series, just out Feb. 20.

Florida State University did not start, of course, as FSU. The university that

now boasts 16 colleges offering more than 275 undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, professional and specialist degree programs started with an act calling for the creation of two seminaries in 1851. West Florida Seminary, which was established in Tallahassee, sent cadets to fight at the Battle of Natural Bridge to defend the state capital from the advancing Union troops.

With the passing of the Buckman Act in 1905, the school began a new chapter as the Florida Female College, then Florida State College for

Women in 1909. It went on to rank as one of the premier women's colleges in the country. In 1947, in part to accommodate the influx of returning GIs, the school resumed its coeducational status as Florida State.

Photographs abound in this charming volume, bringing back images of bygone years, whether it is the Naturalist Club of 1882, or the 1904 football team whose only win, besides becoming state champion, was against the University of Florida. Javelin thrower Anne Harwick ('22) shows off her technique, wearing the Jack Tar Middy, the athletic gear "For the Outdoor Girl of Good Taste."

Starting in 1947 the Florida State we know today begins to emerge in the photos, including early pictures of the Marching Chiefs. The 1960's brought the war protests, and FSU was known as the "Berkeley of the South." Streakers flash through the doors of Strozier Library in the 1970s.

Eddie Woodward, author of this campus history, has a master's degree in history from FSU and has served as the FSU heritage protocol archivist since 2007. The images in this book come from the FSU University Libraries Special Collections, the Heritage Protocol Photograph

Collection, and a variety of other sources. You can find the Heritage Protocol website at www.heritage.fsu.edu

Whether you are an alum or just a fan of FSU, you will find this book fun and full of interesting photos and facts. All of the author proceeds generated by the sale of the book will go to the FSU university libraries. Mr. Woodward plans to attend the library's Thursday, March 15 party, themed "Envisioning the Future of the AML," beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The event, held on the librarian's third anniversary, features a conversation with librarians in the community,

and encourages discussion on such questions as "What do you most like to find in the library?" "What is your vision of the library five years from now?" and "What would inspire you to volunteer in the next five years?"

The usual libations and finger food will accompany the discussion. No RSVP is required; contributions of food welcome. All library supporters throughout the community are invited. For more info, call 653-8436 or 323-2305.

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

Finishers never quit and quitters never finish



YOUTH MATTERS
Scott and Pamela Shiver

Teaching your children to be good finishers can be a heavy burden for a parent at times. Before children reach school age, parents should instill time management skills by giving them small tasks to complete within a certain time. Starting with small assignments, such as picking up toys, the parent will need to be persistent

to keep the child focused until the job is completed. Making a game out of tasks will make it less tedious for the parent and the child.

The parent may grow impatient at times and find it easier to finish the job for them, such as with homework or chores. Children are quick to notice this and procrastinate in their duties if they believe their shortcomings will be compensated for. It is important for them to accomplish their commitments and complete tasks on their own. Doing things for them produces unjustified dependency. Deadlines and obligations are a part of everyday life and failing to learn how

to meet them could be detrimental to their success in work and household commitments.

When I was a child, my parents would give me specific things to do with the condition, "when you are finished, you can play." I knew that there was no bending on my parents' part. I would have to complete the job in order to receive the reward. The amount of playtime I had was determined by how fast I could get the job done. If the job was completed to their satisfaction, I could go play. However, if after inspection they were not completely satisfied, I would have to do it over until they were content with my work. I remember hearing the echoes of my buddies playing street ball while I worked, knowing that a job done right would have gotten me out of there sooner. My parents took

their roles very seriously, knowing that it would not be to my benefit if they finished the task for me or allowed me to do a half-hearted job.

Being a finisher requires endurance and determination, something that can only be learned through testing. Easy parenting does not produce excellent finishers because it always follows the path of least resistance. Allowing children to quit when things get a little too challenging or non-accommodating will open the door of inconsistency and unreliability. Allowing your child to quit a program or extracurricular activity when they are bored with it is easier than continuing to take them to practice, games, recitals, etc. Meanwhile, the team may suffer, the part may go unfilled, the group may

lose heart, or the grades may decline. That one little character-building block of dependability affects their entire arena of life.

Our oldest daughter participated in dual enrollment her senior year. After graduating from high school, she decided she did not want to finish the last remaining course of cosmetology school. Since she did not think she would pursue a career in cosmetology, she did not see the sense in finishing. I would not allow her to quit, reminding her that dual enrollment is paid for by the state and we could not waste tax dollars. If she finished, she would always have the training under her belt. Reluctantly she completed the course and we were so proud to see her graduate from cosmetology school that year.

In order to forge your

child into a strong finisher you must remove the "quit" word from your vocabulary. Teaching them that finishing is the only acceptable option will help prepare them for a hostile and very competitive business world. I remember my old football coach, Billy Granger used to say, "Quitters never win and winners never quit." That is a very true statement, but I would like to say it like this, "finishers never quit and quitters never finish." As parents, we must mold our children to produce the next generation of entrepreneurs, inventors, world changers or as I like to call them in the ministry, movers and shakers.

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

MONTFORD AMENDMENT

Special to the Times
The economy of North Florida and its underdevelopment in rural counties will come under the wing of the Department of Economic Opportunity, thanks to an amendment

sponsored by state Senator Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee). The Senate measure will set aside \$150,000 to fund an "Innovative Economic Development Study" by the DEO in order to promote rural economic growth and development for eligible small businesses in these areas. And it will also examine why such counties have lagged the state in job growth and business creation. "The people of

North Florida are just as hard-working, just as industrious, and just as talented as people elsewhere in the state," said Sen. Montford. "The problem is not a lack of work ethic. The problem is a lack of work. This



SEN. BILL MONTFORD

study should help us better figure out how to turn our economy around." The funding is part of the Senate's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and added with the assistance of Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto (R-Ft. Myers). If approved by the House and governor, the study will include a multitude of participants, including schools, businesses, non-profit organizations and local chambers.

First I want to thank Denise Butler and Cathy Wood for their supportive letters on the half-mil tax referendum and the Franklin County School District and teachers. Recent letters to the editor excoriating the Franklin County school system and our teachers were unfair and insensitive to the needs and challenges that face our community.

The most spectacular successes in bringing under-achieving schools up to A schools are those communities who are fully involved in the implementation of an aggressive plan of intervention. Educators, parents, students and community leaders coming together better serve the needs of their district schools. Identifying problems within the school district and inherent problems within the community that may influence students is important.

But I am writing about something that could very negatively impact our school district and

all schools in the state of Florida, especially rural schools. Florida Senate Bill 1718 (2012) called the Parent Empowerment Act, better known as the "Parent Trigger bill," passed the Senate subcommittee and goes to the Senate floor this week. The bill would authorize "parents of students who are assigned to certain underperforming public schools (graded by the state) to submit a petition to the school district requesting implementation of a school turnaround option" which would allow these schools to be taken over by private, for-profit, corporations or charter school operators, a move that would privatize what is now public education. The "Parent Trigger bill" is designed to give private companies and charter management organizations an open invitation to exploit parents and take over our public schools. Florida law already provides parents with alternatives for those who want other options for their children including enrolling in magnet programs and state funded

high achieving, charter schools.

Even more troubling is as this bill was fast tracked through the House and now Senate (the Senate subcommittee allocated 20 minutes to discussion of this bill with little public input); the State Board of Education changed the grading system for the state's schools, dramatically increasing the number of "F" schools from 38 to 268, a 700 percent increase. I am highly skeptical that Senate Bill 1718, and the recent decision by the State Board of Education to change the grading system for schools, would do anything but benefit private, for-profit, corporations giving these operators access to \$30 billion in state education funds and local property taxes.

Other states have implemented "Parent Empowerment Bills" with very little improvement in their schools and have reported that it causes divisiveness and is a cumbersome and lengthy process that prevents

immediate intervention to the under performing schools. It is especially ineffective in rural school systems like Franklin County.

Florida parents don't want to see their children become pawns in a political game that benefits out-of-state interests and Tallahassee's corporate friends at the expense of local public schools. Right now I would call this bill the "Corporate Empowerment bill."

Florida public schools need a governor and legislature that put education first! Not try to "privatize" our public schools without a healthy and vigorous debate. Whatever happened to government in the sunshine?

Parents, concerned citizens, school administrators and teachers can and should run the best possible schools we can. Franklin County come together for the sake of our children and beware of the mischief in Tallahassee.

Mary Lou Short

Social workers help families work through pain

March is National Social Work Month which makes it an appropriate time for us to salute the valuable and important job that social workers provide all year long. When life's challenges become overwhelming, many people turn to a social worker for help.

Here at Big Bend Hospice, we have 15 social workers who serve as family support counselors, grief counselors and Caring Tree counselors. They work tirelessly with our patients and families to help

them cope with the many emotional and practical issues that accompany a life-limiting illness. These dedicated professionals assist with everything from coordinating community resources to helping families solve personal and financial problems, to working through the emotional pain of dealing with an impending death. They recognize the family dynamics that are part of any life-threatening disease and help patients reach out to conclude the

important business of giving and receiving love and asking for and granting forgiveness. Often it is the social worker who will pause to recognize a special occasion in a patient's life and make sure that a birthday is celebrated or a caregiver gets a night out. Our wonderful social workers are an important part of our patient care team and our Big Bend Hospice family.

The theme for the 2012 National Social Work Month is "Social

Work Matters." Time and again I have witnessed the powerful results of social workers both in our organization and in hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities in recognizing and meeting the needs of the people they serve. On behalf of Big Bend Hospice we applaud social workers for their caring hearts and their important contributions to our community.

Cathy Adkison, RN
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AN SUV FROM THE SEA



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

A 67-year-old North Carolina man escaped injury last month when the sport utility vehicle he was driving struck a passing motorist and then rolled into Apalachicola Bay just east of the Apalachicola bridge.

According to a crash report prepared by Florida Highway Patrol Master Cpl. M.S. Cross, Sr., Andrew Thomas Creekmore, 67, of Cary, N.C., was traveling west on U.S. Highway 98, about one mile east of Apalachicola, in a 1985 Chevrolet SUV at about 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26.

According to the report, Creekmore drove left of center into the eastbound lane and struck a 2006 Chevrolet four-door driven by Carl E. Anderson, 67, of Amberg, Wis. After his left front struck Anderson's left side, Creekmore's SUV continued southward into the bay.

Creekmore, who was wearing his seatbelt at the time, was able to exit the vehicle and wade on to the shore. Anderson's vehicle came to rest on the south shoulder. Neither man sustained injuries.

The FHP report said alcohol was not a factor in the crash. Creekmore was charged with failure to drive in a single lane.

Apalach man flees after car chase

Chased by a Gulf County deputy into Franklin County, a fleeing vehicle lost control Friday afternoon and collided with the cruiser.

The driver fled the scene by foot, and had not been apprehended as of Tuesday afternoon.

According to a crash report prepared by Florida Highway Patrol Master Cpl. M.S. Cross, Sr., Philip Austin Jaquinnton O'Neal, 19, of Apalachicola, was traveling east on U.S. Highway 98, in Gulf County headed towards Franklin County sometime after 4 p.m.

A Gulf County law enforcement vehicle spotted

"O'Neal initially stopped but fled the scene after being stopped."

Crash report

O'Neal's 2007 Dodge 4-door vehicle and intended to stop it for what the report said was "a minor traffic violation."

Picking up the pursuit was a 2011 Ford 4-door driven by Gulf County Deputy Richard Lee Burkett, 38, of Port St. Joe.

"O'Neal initially stopped but fled the scene after being stopped," said the report, noting

Burkett's vehicle "had its emergency equipment engaged at the time of pursuit."

The high-speed chase entered Franklin County and at about 4:23 p.m., O'Neal tried to make a left on to 15th Street "and lost control as he started to rotate counterclockwise," said the report.

The left front of Burkett's vehicle struck the

left rear of the Dodge 4-door and "O'Neal then fled the scene on foot," read the report.

Gulf County deputies conducted an inventory of the vehicle and contraband was found, said the FHP report. Charges were filed against O'Neal's passenger, Quanteka Shenay Croom, 21, for possession of cocaine, with charges of reckless driving and fleeing/eluding, both felonies, pending against O'Neal.

Officers from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Apalachicola Police Department also assisted at the scene. The report said alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

— By David Adlerstein

Arrest REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests in this report were made by officers from the Apalachicola Police Department, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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

Feb. 28

Patrick O. Linder, 31, Jacksonville, withholding child support (FCSO)

Roger D. Mathis, 54, Apalachicola, felony driving under the influence, driving while license suspended and refusal to submit (FCSO)

Kayla R. Langley, 28, Eastpoint, failure to appear (FCSO)

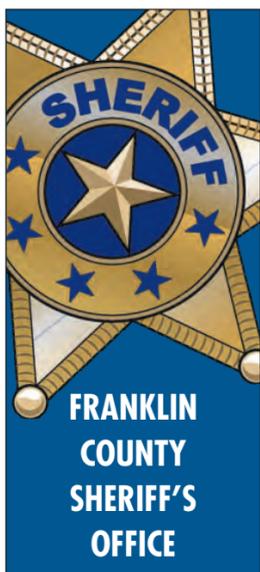
March 1

Tracey L. Carroll, 42, Eastpoint, driving while license revoked - habitual, and failure to appear (FHP)

March 2

Gerald H. Kent, Jr., 38, Apalachicola, domestic battery (FCSO)

Justin E. McAlpin, 23, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FHP)
Quanteka S. Croom, 21,



Apalachicola, possession of a controlled substance (FCSO)

March 3

Cliffton T. Worten, 43, White Springs, disorderly intoxication (FCSO)

Jacob R. Edenfield, 29, Tallahassee, DUI and refusal to submit to breath test (FWC)

Judy L. Patterson, 59, Apalachicola, reckless driving with damage and leaving the scene of a crash with damage (APD)

March 5

Fabian M. Ceron, 32, Apalachicola, domestic battery (APD)

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Knights of Columbus hosts bingo for cancer fight
The Knights of Columbus Council 1648 will sponsor a Bingo Night on Thursday, March 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Sixth St. and Ave. C in Apalachicola. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Donation is \$20 per person which includes eight games of Bingo. Prizes will be awarded, plus a final jackpot game. Refreshments on sale.

Segree family reunion Saturday
The Segree Family Reunion will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Eastpoint fire house, 24 6th St. Please bring old pictures and a covered dish. For more information, call Inez at 670-1115.

Living Waters celebrates 'Project 11 Payoff' Sunday
Join the Living Waters Assembly of God this Sunday, March 11, for a Project 11 Pay-Off Celebration, marking the elimination of the church's \$45,000 mortgage on the parsonage. In 2011 the church family set out on an endeavor to eliminate the mortgage in 11 months. Calling it Project 11, the church set forth a challenge to get 45 people to pledge \$1,000, or to make one-time donations. District Superintendent

Bro. Tommy Moore will be special guest speaker at the service, which begins at 10:45 a.m., followed by a dinner on the grounds/mortgage burning ceremony.

Lighthouse Children's Home in Eastpoint Sunday
The Lighthouse Children's Home, in Tallahassee, will visit the United Baptist Church, 37 Brian St, Eastpoint, this Sunday, March 11 at 6 p.m. Young ladies from the children's home will be singing and giving testimonies. They invite everyone to come for a special blessing. For more information, call Bobby Shiver at 670-8451.

Dry Bones Ministry hosts March 17 anniversary
You are invited to attend Dry Bones Ministry's second anniversary Saturday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sixth Street Recreation Center. Evangelist Annie L. Austin Pierce is the host. Don't miss the Hillside Dancers for Christ, by Sister Teresa Ann Martin; the Covenant Word Praise Team, led by Pastor Harolyn Walker; and Ministry in Dance, led by Sister Nedra Jefferson. We will have food, games, and entertainment, plus Natalie O'Neal Booth will be checking blood pressure and glucose. Call Annie Austin at (850) 245-1920 for info.

Coastal Art Tour Saturday

Special to The Times

From Carrabelle to St James, this Saturday's Coastal Art Tour offers art exhibits and demonstrations at participating galleries, studios, and shops all day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sponsored by the Carrabelle Artists Association, the tour features 12 locations with fine art, sculptures and pottery. The artists association will be showing

at The Senior Center in Carrabelle and the St. James Bay Golf Resort Fountain Room, with local artists exhibiting works and demonstrating the process of creating watercolors, pastels, portraits, and pottery thrown on a wheel.

Stops along the tour include: Joe and Josepha Kotzman, 328 River Road, Studio/Gallery (watercolors and oils); Moore Treasures, U.S. Highway 98 (Paintings,

rock and crystal works, carvings); Marian Morris Earthsong Pottery Studio/Gallery, 112 NE Ave. A and First Street; Mary Giles, Trader Antiques, 107 St. James ((Sculptured artifacts); Cal Allen at the History Museum 106 SE Ave. C (Tempera and watercolors); Joan Matey, 510 Gallery, 510 U.S. Highway 98 (Sculptures, 3D art, fine art); Shirley Cox Studio/Gallery, 801 SE 7th St. (Oils); Perpenders Gallery, 604 SE Ave. F,

featuring artists Leon Wiesener and Alena Havlin (Pastels, oils, and acrylic); and Fred Aman, 2496 U.S. Highway 98 E (Gallery of renowned bronze sculptures).

Maps and information available at the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce, Carrabelle City Hall, the Franklin County Senior Center and participating locations. For information call 697-4381 or 294-9664 or email joekotzman@yahoo.com.

DELTA KAPPA HONORS TOP TEACHERS



Missy Cumbie, right, member of Delta Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, presents \$50 gift certificates to the Franklin County Consolidated School Teacher of the Year candidates at the Feb. 6 banquet. Seated from left are Sharon Solomon, Learning Center teacher; Karl Lester, band director, Andrea Keuchel, middle school English teacher and Audrey Gay, fifth grade teacher. DKG is an international organization of more than 100,000 key women educators dedicated to promote professional and personal development of women educators and excellence in education.

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Residential	0	0	0	4	3	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
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Agricultural or classified use	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
High-water recharge	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Historic commercial or nonprofit	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Business machinery and equipment	0	0	0	6	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Vacant lots and acreage	0	0	0	20	16	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
TOTALS	0	0	0	31	20	\$ 0	\$ 0.00

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HOT STUFF from page A1

Croom to anchor a team led by Craig Gibson.

Gibson and his wife Becky worked up the recipe, which revolved around three meats - flank steak, ground chuck, and hot chorizo. To balance the chili powder blend, the team used chopped yellow and orange bell peppers, plus sweet onions, garlic, salt and pepper, cilantro and "a little touch" of brown sugar.

"We're still kind of in awe," said Craig Gibson, savoring victory in only the team's third year of competition.

"The first time we came in 37th and last year we place ninth, so I thought 'We're on to the right recipe of what they want,'" he said. "So we just tweaked our recipe a little bit and obviously we tweaked it right. We wanted to have the heat but not stay there and burn so you had to chase it with a drink."

The win not only nets the fire department the \$500 first prize, but earns them a berth in the World's Championship Chili Cook-off Oct. 5-7 on Magic Island near Charleston, West Virginia.

Apalachicola Fire Chief George Watkins, who spent Saturday in Apalachicola minding fire duties, said the department plans to explore ways to take part in the world's championship, the dream of each of the 43 teams in Saturday's Gulf Coast Regional Cook-off, the largest regional chili cook-off in the nation.

"We're going to look into the expense. It's all happened so fast," said Watkins. "I was so proud of our fire department, and congratulations to the members that went over and won the competition. The entire community, including myself, is very proud."

Finishing as runners-up, and earning \$300, was Terry Metzler's Romeo Red team from Decatur, Ga., who said her secret ingredient was Worcestershire sauce. Her husband's team, Grateful Red, said his secret was red wine.

In third place, and winning \$200, was the Chili Dawgs, from Jacksonville, led by Will English. Out of the money, but with a plaque nevertheless was Gary Dor-



The Elvises from the F.A.R.T. team are, from left, Tony Banks, Luci Retzer, Toby Banks and Blake McDonald.

ris' Team Toilet Bowl, from Valdosta, Ga. in fourth place. Lynn Ellis' Bubba and Cha Cha's Chili, from Kennesaw, Ga. took fifth.

Best Booth honors went to the Cairo, Ga. Fire Department in first, with Dead Serious Chili, out of Tampa in second and Hot Lip, from Tallahassee in third.

Taking Showmanship was the quartet of Elvises that made up the FART (Firefighters Annual Recompense Team) out of Woodstock, Ga., followed by Team Toilet Bowl in second and Burnin' at Both Ends, from Destin, in third.

Despite the threat of rain all week that dampened attendance, the cook-off was held under sunny skies, with droplets not appearing until late in the afternoon, well after the winners were announced and people were packing up.

"Welcome to the 100 percent chance of rain chili cook-off," joked chief judge Lee Edmiston before announcing the winners.

Some of the more creative cooks, especially those new to the circuit included unusual ingredients in the

mix, according to one of the more than 50 volunteer judges. Fish, mango, cooking chocolate and even coffee have been incorporated into chili in year's past, although this year's finalists were on the traditional side.

Only 17 entries took part in the amateur crock pot competition, one of the smallest turnouts seen by Dayle Flint in the five years she has overseen the competition.

Winning for the second year in a row was J.G. Carver, also known as "Mongo Faya" from Team Spice Boys out of Hoover, Ala. which also includes "Mike Honcho." (Scott Abercrombie) and "John Slade" (Ryan Austin).

"Back to back, straight up, that's how we roll," said Carver.

In front of their booth stood an array of trophies, underscoring their apparent success as chili aficionados. But a closer look revealed that one of the trophies was earned by Abercrombie in 1984, for being "Most Consistent Piano Student" and the other was from J. Parks 10th Annual National Tae



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Gary Carlson, from Uncle Bugs Chili, Branford, Conn. stirs the pot.



The Cairo, Ga. Fire Department took Best Booth.

Kwan Do championship for Free Sparring, Jr. 8-9, Beginner - 2nd Place.

Carver admitted that award was actually won by J.D. Boone, his brother-in-law. "I didn't even know him then," said Carver.

Finishing in second place in the crock pot competition was Kathy Gordon, of Crawfordville, while third place was won by Lois Hauff and Karen Anderson, both from St. George Island. Judges were Richard Langford, Rick Hernandez, Luke Wetherington and Larry Harkness.

This year's Miss Hot Sauce and Mr. Chili Pepper "pageant" was another spirited affair. The seven entrants in Mr. Chili Pepper contest answered probing questions like, "How much chili will people eat today? Do you think there will be any Beano left on St. George Island?" and "How do you think the President likes his chili?"

Contestants were judged on beauty, talent and charm. Richard Radford and Bill Mahan did the locals proud in all these categories but, in the end, the guy with the biggest jalapeno, Jason Cope of Burnin' at Both Ends, won the day.

Cope, who won last year,

may be the only contestant to have won twice.

There were twice as many Miss Hot Sauce contestants as Chili Peppers and a bevy of lovelies they were too. Judy Stokowski with the Cardiac Cowgirls from Water Street Hotel tossed chocolate and caution to the winds as she strutted her stuff before the cheering crowd.

Several damsels sang, there was a lap dance, swords were swallowed, cartwheels carted, and one young lady shot a beer to enthusiastic applause. This year's winner was Summer Padgett of Yellow Creek Swamp Sauce Chili from St. Petersburg, who shed her T-shirt for her crown.

The daylong event was peaceful, with only minor medical incidents and fender-benders to speak of.

The sheriff's office, together with members of the island's fire department and community patrol, joined with officers of the state's Bureau of Alcohol Beverage & Tobacco, Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Department of Environmental Protection to provide law enforcement, security and traffic control.

The sheriff's office said there were three vehicle accidents; three medical incidents; and six citations for consumption / possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21. In addition to one arrest for disorderly intoxication, there were nine seat belt violations, three for open containers, and two speeding violations. Other citations issued were for failure to carry identification, no drivers license, providing alcohol to a minor, possession of a less than 20 grams of cannabis, possession of paraphernalia and expired license tag.

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workman was still perched on his scaffolding.

The three men had a nervous laugh and went back to work.

Soon after, the two men working on the wall discovered a conduit they needed to remove to make way for ductwork. They summoned the foreman again and he asked one of the workers to accompany him to the second floor to try to determine if the conduit contained live wires.

Not waiting for the other man to descend from scaffolding, the foreman headed upstairs via the eastern stairway at the front of the courthouse.

He walked down the hall toward the back of the building. The hall was unlit but there were lights in the stairwells at each end of the hall.

He continued on the eastern side of the hallway, just beyond the antique desk on display in the hall, when he noticed he could see his reflection in the rear stairwell windows. Then he noticed something that stopped him in his tracks: The reflection of another man standing in the casement doorway about 12 feet behind him, in front of the courthouse entrance, now permanently sealed.

"It never occurred to me that it was anything but a normal human being and not one of my workers," said the foreman.

When he turned to see who the intruder was, nobody was there.

A few seconds later, his worker entered the lobby from the eastern stairwell.

Did you see anyone? the foreman demanded.

The worker said he had not.

The foreman ran down the western stairway, but encountered nobody. The second worker, who met him on the first floor, said nobody had passed.

Convinced there must be an intruder, the three men searched the entire building, and found nothing. The foreman said he decided they were "at a stopping point" and it was time to go home.

After they left the building, while they stood outside puzzling over the night's events, the light in the rear stairwell went out. They didn't re-enter to investigate.

The next morning, the foreman asked sheriff's deputies to see the security tapes from the previous night. He reviewed them with a deputy and although they were able to find foot-

age of his visit to the second floor, no intruder appeared on the tape.

Several courthouse employees who saw him that morning said he appeared shaken.

Is it murderer? custodian? clerk?

If there was a ghostly intruder, who might it be?

Several people who work at the courthouse or have worked there in the past have voiced theories.

Some favor former Clerk of Courts Bobby Howell, who was known to wear a hat and was a stickler for conserving electricity. "It was my brother," said his sister Frances Ann Monroe.

Former courthouse employees say he would make the rounds of the building at night and if he found a light on, would call the occupant of the office at home, and order them to come downtown and turn it off.

Dolores Roux, a former courthouse worker, said she believes the ghost is Jimmy Vincent DeCosmo. He was the first custodian of the building and typically wore a cowboy hat and tan jacket to work. He is said to have been very possessive of the courthouse and to have disliked renovations.

Mark Curenton, an assistant county planner known for meticulous historical research, has his money on a fellow named Henry Jones.

According to the newspaper in Sept. 1942, Jones was shot to death by Willard Ingram while seated on the front steps of the courthouse. Ingram put two bullets in Jones' back, in front of "a large number of local citizens as eyewitnesses to the killing," according to the Times.

On Sept. 21, Ingram, 38, was arraigned for first degree murder and pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime. He had reportedly already confessed twice, to the coroner's jury and to authorities in Tallahassee "where he was taken for safekeeping shortly after the crime," said the newspaper.

At the end of a two-day trial on Sept. 24-25, the jury as out "a record 30 minutes" before deciding Ingram was guilty. They recommended mercy. He was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor at Raiford.

No reason is given for the crime in the newspaper stories.

Doris Pendleton, property appraiser, has offices on the ground floor and has worked

in the courthouse for more than 30 years. Her first boss there, the late John James, told her the building was haunted by a tax assessor named Fred Richards who prowled the halls at night.

"This place is spooky," James told her. "People come back down here after they die."

Pendleton has a few other strange tales to tell. She is one of several people who report having had their office doorknob jiggled while working in the building alone.

Most of her staff said they have heard the elevator ascending and descending, and the Coke machine being used, when they knew there was nobody else in the building, usually at night. Before the system was automated, it was often necessary to save large projects for the evening hours when the office was closed, Pendleton said. Both she and Rita Millender tell a similar tale about a ghostly experience they shared.

Sometime around the year 2000, the two women were in the courthouse late at night working on the tax roll. There had recently been a problem with youngsters sneaking into the courthouse through the boiler room window at night to skateboard in

the halls.

The women heard the sound of children playing in the hall. They described the sounds as laughter and giggling, a sliding sound and running feet. "It was more than one or two or three," said Millender.

Pendleton told Millender she believed the children had jimmed a window into the boiler room. "I'm going to run their little tails off," Pendleton told her.

The two women burst through the office door to find nothing. The sound stopped and down the hall, the boiler room door was locked and sealed.

The pair returned to work but, before long, the sound started again.

This time Pendleton opened the door slowly and, although she could still hear the sound through the crack in the doorway, when she and Millender stepped into the hall, the commotion stopped.

The women said they have no idea who the youngsters could be.

Roux had an answer. When she was a girl, DeCosmo had allowed children to roller skate in a parking lot where the courthouse annex stands, but only when the courthouse was closed.

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I don't have to use my plan B now," said Superintendent Nina Marks

"I'm extremely happy," she said. "The Franklin County School District is going to continue to move forward. And up."

"I feel good about it. I'm proud of our teachers that went to work for it and everyone that supported it because the school system needed this to maintain and to move forward," Marks said. "We have several new programs for the benefit of the children that are going to go into place this fall."

She said the school district plans to unveil within the next month program changes that will use a portion of the approximately \$1 million annually the tax levy will raise.

Marks acknowledged the backing of the Apalachicola Bay Charter School community contributed to the levy's passage.

"They were supporting us and trying to push this through," she said. "I think we have a positive relationship. The whole thing boils down to this - this is about getting a good foundation

for our students in the lower grades and moving them on up and eventually if children stay at the charter school through the eighth grade they will be with us in the ninth grade. So they're feeding into us and we're all working together to make sure the programs are good and the children are getting the education they deserve."

With about two out of three voters in Apalachicola, Carrabelle and Eastpoint backing the ballot measure, the levy faced its strongest opposition in Alligator

Point, where 75 percent of the voters said no, followed by St. George Island, where more than 68 percent of the voters were opposed. In Lanark Village, the vote was 56 percent against.

Marks urged those opponents to consider working more closely with the schools towards improvement. "If we have people that are that concerned, then they need to come and volunteer," she said. "They need to be screened through, get their pass and come out there and work with our kids."

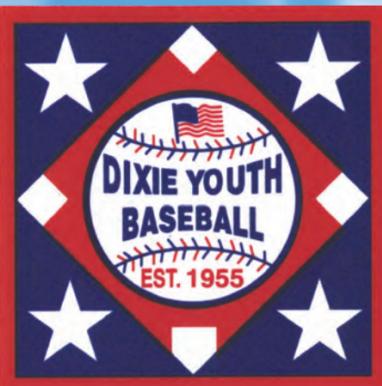
"I see people from the community myself go out to campus and math tutor and work with our students as mentors for Take Stock in Children. I see the volunteering going on," she said. "If someone is negative, they're not getting involved with our students and with our faculty to find out what the needs are. If they are that concerned, they need to show their concern by getting involved with our kids."

Election results were announced quickly after the polls closed at 7 p.m.

Supervisor of Elections Ida Elliott said she expects the special election to cost about \$8,000 to \$10,000, with the school district picking up the entire tab.

Because of an absence due to health issues on her staff, Elliott said she voted absentee for the first time. Absentee ballots ran 234 against, and 169 for, the levy; there was no early voting.

Turnout for the election was a tad more than 20 percent, about 1 percentage point better than it was four years ago.



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Please remember that this year Dixie Youth is requiring all umpires to be certified in order to umpire a district game.

**** New for 2012 Umpires certified through a clinic in 2012 will have the option in 2013 to renew without taking a clinic.****

Dixie Youth strongly recommends umpire certification requirements for District tournament play as well.

It is mandatory for all umpires in any Dixie Youth State Tournament to be certified. Many districts and leagues are also requiring umpires to be certified to umpire local league play and district tournaments.

For More Information Contact
Franklin County Parks & Recreation / Nikki Millender at 850-653-8277

Exceptional eagles soar at ABC School

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

When the honor roll was announced last month, the Apalachicola Bay Charter School celebrated students' accomplishments in style.

"Every nine weeks we celebrate honor roll, good attendance and citizenship with a pep rally," said Principal Chimene Johnson.

Dozens of students received ribbons for academic achievement; a blue ribbon for A-honor roll and a red for A/B. Good citizens were given certificates honoring them as "exceptional eagles."

"An exceptional eagle is a student who shows good character and good academics and good attendance but mostly we look at character and their behavior towards adults and other students," said Johnson.



Jono Williams, right, and Brant Banks took their "teacher torture" in good humor. **Right**, Lindsey Bockelman gets a dose of Pepto Bismol in the interest of good fun.



Photos LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Youngsters with perfect or near perfect attendance received prizes including movie passes, homework passes that could be turned in one time in place of homework and tickets to have lunch in the courtyard with a friend.

Johnson said 20 names were drawn earlier in the week and those students attended a concert given by ragtime pianist Bob Milne at the Dixie Theatre.

The culmination of the rally was "teacher torture," part of a project to raise funds for the eighth grade's planned trip to Tennessee. Classes that raised the most money got to play a prank of their choice on their teacher.

Lindsey Bockelman got slimed with what looked like five gallons of Pepto-Bismol to a cheering crowd. Jono Williams and Brant Banks pirouetted around the gym in tutus. A blindfolded Karen Ward ate a goldfish (actually a cold slice of peach) at her students' request.

Miriam Triscritti agreed to be duct taped to the wall, and then the crate on which she was standing was pulled from under her feet. Based on the outcome, we now know that two rolls of duct tape are not enough support even a petite teacher.

The students jumped up and down, roared with laughter and recorded the pranks on dozens of cell phones. At the end of the day, they filed calmly back into the school and prepared for the bus ride home with happy memories.

To see more pictures of the ABC celebration visit www.Apalachiatimes.com.

ABC School Honor Roll

The following is the honor roll for the second nine-weeks grading period at the Apalachicola Bay Charter School.

1st Grade

Aani Carlton's class
All As: Alisha Arroyo, Kendall Hill, Jayden Nichols, River Sheridan, Mahaley Shuler, Trinity Taylor, John-Michael Thompson
A/B: Ashton Amison, Caleb Cassidy, Daisy Jimenez-Perez, Trenton McClain, Mason Moses, Timothy Polaronis, Gabie Register, Jackson Segree, Rainey Smith, Brianna Stephens, Kevin Sullivan
Miriam Triscritti's class

2nd Grade

Jenny Mallon's class
All As: Meredith Alford, Sophia Salman, John Sanders, Nicholas Valenzuela
A/B: Caleb Abel, Carson Davis, Andrew Monod, Sevrin Everritt, Dominic Feliciano, Eulalia Gregorio, Genevieve Montgomery
Stacey Herrington's class
All As: Weston Bockelman, Lauren Conway, Ella Friedman, Alex Itzkovitz, Myia Maxwell,

3rd Grade

Whitney Martina's class
All As: Camille Davis, Livia Monod
A/B: Leslie Escobar, Dorian Fleming, Stanley Gay, Abigail Johnson, Austin Shiver, Lyndsey Stiefel
Traci Moses' class
All As: Gillian Terhune, Alex Joanos
A/B: Jon Michael Cates, Martina Granger, Kaylee Hicks,

4th Grade

Lindsey Bockelman's class:
All As: Jayden Justice, Kalahn Kent, Alyssa Robinson, Camille Williams
A/B: Krista Kelley, Allison Register
Marie Lee's class
All As: Cade Juno
A/B: Matthew Gay, Bailey Herrington, Paige Pullen

5th Grade

Brooke Linane's class:
All As: Grayson Constantine, Chloe Davis, Scout McLemore, Connor Messer, Rebecca Willis

A/B: Hailey Gay, Jan-Michael Lowe, Adria Valenzuela
Teri Williams' class
A/B: Kevin Flores, Steven Hicks, Alexis Johnson, Bryce Kent, Sophia Kirvin

6th Grade

All As: Christian Amison, Michaela Cassidy, Brooke Martina, Ethan Moses, Kobe Myers, Faith Sapp, Natalie Terhune, Savannah Montgomery
A/B: Samuel Hosford, Micah Patriotis, Sara Pouncey, Lucas Sasnett, Allie Zingarelli, Brian Barfield, Andrew Nguyen, Sallie Rose Paul, Madison Smith, Grace Weiler

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For further information or to obtain an application visit Apalachicola City Hall @ 1 Bay Avenue, 850-653-9319. Members are appointed by the Apalachicola City Commission

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Anniversaries



A.L. and Gloria Quick mark 48th anniversary

A.L. and Gloria Quick, of Eastpoint, celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 3.

One week earlier, on Monday, Feb. 27, A.L. Quick celebrated his 72nd birthday.



Randall and Angel Quick mark 10th anniversary

Randall and Angel Quick celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Angel Quick celebrated her 39th birthday the following day, Wednesday, Feb. 15.



Jessie and Floria Lolley mark sixth anniversary

Jessie and Floria Lolley celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 4.

PET OF THE WEEK

Franklin County Humane Society



Fluffy needs a special forever home. Can you help?

This beautiful Setter/Retriever mix was left in the drop-off pen at the Franklin County

Humane Society. About a year ago, she was adopted but her owner chose to return her. She was extremely shy and fearful when she first arrived but showed no aggression, even though her trembling conveyed her extreme distress.

It took several days and much petting before she would walk forward to greet us and wag her tail but now is affectionate and calm. Her treatment for heartworms is now nearly complete. The shelter staff has grown to love her. They realize she is a "project" but based on her social improvement, feel she has all the potential in the world. She needs someone to foster her, or better yet, adopt her, who will be patient while she adjusts to her new situation. She loves quiet companionship and would be ideal for someone looking for a dog to calmly lie at their feet or accompany them outside.

Call Karen at 670-8417 for more details or visit the humane society at 244 State Road 65 in Eastpoint. Log on to www.forgottenpets.org to see more of our adoptable pets.



Don't miss Saturday's dinner-dance

Didn't the members of the golf club do a good job preparing and serving the breakfast for us? There was a good, steady crowd all morning. Wish you could have joined us at Chillas Hall last Saturday.

Hope to see you this weekend, March 8, 9 and 10. Camp Gordon Johnston Days are here.

Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82, 2367 Oak St., Lanark Village, is the place to be Friday, March 9. There will be a low country boil and The Dwellers will be on hand to play for your dancing and listening pleasure. Veterans attending the welcoming



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Jim Welsh

reception in their World War II uniforms will be served their favorite beverage free. Party time is 6 p.m.; the fun begins when you come in the door. Party hearty.

The Saturday breakfast will be served at the Curfew Lodge in Carrabelle. It will be a great start to a great day. After you've enjoyed your breakfast, it's off to the big parade. Step-off at 10 a.m. with marching bands, floats, World War II vehicles and much more.

Then Saturday night the Dinner and Dance will be at the Carrabelle Municipal Complex, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Camp Gordon Johnston World War II

Museum, or call 697-8575 to reserve your ticket. The price for each dinner will be \$17; all active duty service member and World War II veterans will eat for free. Live music will be by the "Not Quite Ready" Combo for your dancing pleasure, and there will be door prizes.

When you return home from the dance, turn your clock ahead one hour — Daylight Savings Time begins. Be sure to check the batteries in your smoke alarm while you're at it.

Be kind to one another, check-in on the sick and housebound, and get a grip, tie a knot, hang on to Jesus.

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



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Rosa Tolliver is honored Saturday by family, friends and coworkers for her 34 years at the Franklin County School District.

A big surprise for Ma Rose

There was an unprecedented outpouring of affection and respect at a celebration at the Coombs Armory Saturday evening of the career of "Ma Rose" Tolliver.

More than 150 people attended the surprise retirement party for Rosa Tolliver. Shortly before the event, she had been visiting her daughter in Georgia and friends said it took some fancy footwork to get her to come home. But her daughters Trina, Traci and Yolanda, succeeded and despite extremely inclement weather, the bash came off without a hitch.

Ma Rose began her career with the Franklin County School District as a crossing guard and concluded it, 34 years later, as the accountant, having worked in between as a teacher's aide, school secretary and bookkeeper.

She was honored Saturday by her friends, family and admirers, who traveled from far and near to attend, as a mother, a professional and a community volunteer.

Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson proclaimed March 3 as Rose Tolliver Day and gifted her with a plaque and an autographed picture of himself.

Myrtis Wynn, of Project Hope, which Ma Rose helped to found,

presented her with a plaque and thanked her for her work. "You always had time for us," Wynn said.

Teresa Ann Martin thanked Ma Rose on behalf of the school board, recalling that no matter how bad things seemed, Ma Rose was always on hand to reassure everyone that, "It's going to be alright."

Ma Rose's granddaughters and great-granddaughters, wearing T-shirts that proclaimed them as "The Gems," entertained the group with a dance tribute to their matriarch.

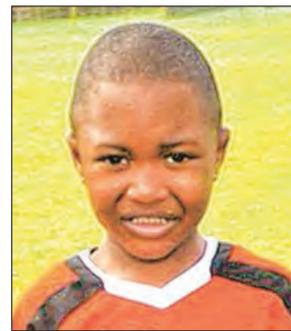
Elder Granville Croom offered the opening prayer, and Ma Rose's cousin, Bernard "Beans" Simmons led grace, before the party enjoyed a sumptuous banquet prepared by attendees. Hi Fi Entertainment was on hand with tunes and a slide show prepared for the event.

The final presentation was a touching tribute by the three daughters who both planned the event and created the gorgeous decorations that transformed the Armory into a fairytale for the evening tribute.

A gallery of photos taken at the celebration is available online at www.apalachiatimes.com.

By Lois Swoboda

Birthdays



Amontaye Austin turns 7

Amontaye (Tay Tay) Trevian Austin will celebrate his seventh birthday on Monday, March 12, 2012, with a party at Tom Brown Park in Tallahassee, with family and friends.

He is the son of Brandi Austin and a special son to Larry and Brenda Cummings. We love you very much.

Maternal grandparents are Tammy and Jerome Crooms, of Apalachicola. Paternal grandparents are Lisa Austin, of Ocala, and the late James Austin.

Maternal great-grandmother is Crystal Ford, of Apalachicola. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Mary "Big Mama" and Willie Smith, both formerly of Apalachicola.

A special great-uncle and great-aunt are Darron Austin, of Apalachicola, and Annie Austin, of Tallahassee.



Zy'Marion Williams turns 3

Zy'Marion Jh'Kel Williams will celebrate his third birthday with family and friends in Tallahassee on Sunday, March 11, 2012.

He is the son of James and Keneidra Williams, and the brother of Zy'on and Heaven Williams, of Tallahassee.

His maternal grandparents are Patricia Lane and the late William "Bill" Lane, and Alvin and Felicia Cummings, all of Apalachicola.

His paternal grandparents are James Williams Sr. and the late Sheila Williams, of Fort Lauderdale.

His Godmother is Ashley Johnson, of Marianna.

Happy birthday. We love you, Kel.

Happy Heavenly Birthday, Callie Lewis

Happy Heavenly Birthday, Callie "Lil Ma" Lewis
March 8, 1913 - Nov. 25, 2007

The Legend of Cottage Hill, but the Legacy still lives on in our minds and hearts forever. We love you!

William J. and Marie Lane

Patrick Lane
Johnny Lane
Monica Lane-Moron

Engagement

Karen Wert, Phillip Wingo to wed

Carl and Audrey Wert, of California, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Karen Wert, of Apalachicola, to Phillip Wingo, son of John and Wilma Wingo, of Natchitoches, La.

The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Terra Linda High School, in San Rafael, Calif. She graduated in 2011 from Gulf Coast State College, and is employed as an accountant with KaKo Bookkeeping Company.

Her fiancé is a 1977 graduate of Natchitoches Central High School and a 1983 graduate of Louisiana State University. He is employed at Worley Co. as an insurance adjuster.

A March 24, 2012 wedding is planned for 4 p.m. at the First Baptist



Church in Apalachicola. A reception will follow at the Fort Coombs Armory in Apalachicola.

The wedding couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond. Invitations will be sent.

Obituaries

Friends mourn loss of Miss Ruth

An outpouring of love from friends and family said goodbye March 1 to Ruth E. Schoelles, who died Feb. 28, 2012, at age 78 in Port St. Joe, following a long illness.

Born Feb. 7, 1934, in Apalachicola, to the now late Wyatt and Ella Fair Hall, Miss Ruth's business acumen was surpassed only by her love for all creatures great and small.

"Good morning, Sugar," began Apalachicola J. Patrick Floyd, echoing Miss Ruth's longtime greeting as he related how Schoelles' life so embodied the commandment of Jesus to love thy neighbor as thyself.

"She knew that formula for love and went about practicing it every day and it was not a labor to her; it was a passion. She loved it and you could tell that," said Floyd, a lifelong friend of Schoelles ever since she worked at the school with his mother.

A youthful beauty who was named Miss Apalachicola in 1951 at the age of 17, Schoelles became known as an extraordinary business woman who made a giant name for herself as a real estate agent even before the market took off. She began her real estate career at Century 21, working with started with Chuck Marks, and later was with Tom and Ellen Beavers



at ERA before ending with Prudential.

"In the real estate world, she was just known to be able to bring both parties together at the closing table," said a colleague. "She could get everybody on the same page. She was a master."

Floyd told the gathering at Kelley Funeral Home that "she was good at it because she knew by heart the formula: Find out what the need of the person was and get busy giving to meet that need."

Schoelles' career was also marked by 26 years as executive director and later consultant for the Apalachicola Housing Authority.

An avid animal lover, she was said to name all the strays, even the alligator that came into her yard,

with yellow flies the only creatures that she ever allowed to be eliminated.

Schoelles married Eldon Schoelles on Aug. 26, 1967. He survives her, as do their four children, Richard Schoelles (Gloria), of 11 Mile; Eric Schoelles, of Port St Joe; Kendall Schoelles, of 11 Mile; and Marks Schoelles (Karen), of Cummings, Ga.; and her sister, Fair Wynette Tucker, of Eastpoint.

She leaves behind seven grandchildren, Rhein Furr; Holly Jo and Hayden Furr; Kynndl and Christopher Schoelles, and Wade and Aaron Schoelles.

Schoelles was preceded in death by her son, Rond Lamar Furr; brother, John Wyatt Hall; and grandchild, Jonathon Schoelles.

"The only thing that she didn't give was to give



up or give in or give out!" said Floyd. "Her fight to use every moment of her life and not let it be taken by cancer or not feeling as well is one of the most courageous I have ever seen.

"Her courage — she would have stood down and backed down a lion," he said. "May God bless us with just some of the talents of Miss Ruth and the love and strength to apply those to the needs of others as she did so well."

— By David Adlerstein

Hollie Stott

Hollie Maria Stott, of Apalachicola, and Massapequa Park, New York, passed away shortly after midnight in Long Island on Monday, Feb. 27, 2012. Hollie had fought a brave and arduous two-year battle against lung cancer.

Born Dec. 17, 1953, Hollie grew up on the Great South Bay in Long Island. From an early age she was at once at home and skillful on the water — swimming, diving, yachting and sailing in her wonderful nautical playground.

She attended Massapequa High School, and was an avid member of its locally admired choir. She studied art and ceramics at Long Island University and the University of Southern California at Idyllwild, and at the latter was fortunate to advance her skill with the famous Maria Martinez and family. She graduated from Southampton College cum laude in 1975.

From 1976 to 1983 she owned and operated Hollie Stott Pottery in Hadley, Mass. She then joined the

Stott family's injection molding plastic business from 1983 to 1992 while studying at the Laura Norman College for Massage Therapy and sharing a canal-side home in Amityville, Long Island, with now local Melicent Remy.

Her trained hands went back to work as a massage therapist when she founded Balanced Energies, Inc. in 1986. Her expertise and licensed practice included the specialties of European (Swedish) Massage, Advanced Reiki, Reflexology, Advanced Amma (Korean-based) Therapy, Cranio-Sacral Therapy, Advanced Sports Massage and Chi Kung healing.

Moving to Apalachicola, at year-end 2004, Hollie practiced her massage techniques first at Riverside Therapy, with Kathy Jansen, and later revived Balanced Energies in her own studio downtown, where she also taught the Tai Chi forms that she had learned and taught in N.Y.

Hollie was a volunteer massage therapist at the Lake Placid Ironman in New York from 2000 to 2010 and at Ironman Florida in Panama City, from 2006 to 2010.

Hollie always maintained her intense love of the water — swimming, sailing, paddling and boating. For many years in Long Island, N. Y., she was an accomplished and dedicated member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and held a 100-ton master captain's license.

Hollie has left many examples of both pottery and painting, and her musical talent will be remembered by many Franklin County residents. She played her guitar locally with Carol Harris and others, and with the Lanark Village Scottish Fiddle Orchestra. She sang in both the Trinity Episcopal Church and the Bay Area Choral Society choirs in Apalachicola. Hollie maintained her Florida residence while returning to New York for cancer treatment in Jan. 2010, always hoping to return to the "little forgotten coast city" she

loved.

Hollie is survived by her parents, Richard and Vanda Stott, Massapequa Park, N. Y.; sister Sheryl and husband Michael Fratino, of Chester, Vt.; brother Richard (Ric) Stott and wife Diana Pepi Stott, of Southampton, N. Y.; and sister Mara Liesegang and husband Fred, of Brookhaven, N. Y. Her memory is also cherished by the Southeastern, Midwestern and Western "clan" of Remy/Reamy/Watts families.

A memorial service was held in Massapequa Park on Saturday, March 3. A local Apalachicola memorial celebration will be held Sunday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m. at the gazebo in Lafayette Park. Bring your testimony and stories, readings and/or prayers. Although some chairs will be provided, you may wish to bring your own, favorite portable seating.

In lieu of flowers Hollie requested donations be made to Swim Across America (SAA), www.swimacrossamerica.org/goto/hollie. This organization will be setting up a memorial page for her.

John Gilbert Rogers

John Gilbert Rogers, born Feb. 18, 1941, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at the age of 71.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, George and Florine Rogers; his brother Manuel Rogers; and his son John Gilbert Rogers Jr.

He is survived by his sister Donie (Rogers) Sasser (husband Charles); one aunt, Flossie Ward; three grandchildren, Kayla, Michael, and Seth Rogers; two great grandchildren; five nieces and nephews, Jody Rogers (Marilyn) Andy Walley (Gail) Sharon Powell (Mike) Rhonda Walley,

and Terry Walley (Sheila); three great-nieces one great-nephew; two great-great-nephews; one great-great-niece; and numerous cousins

He was a retired commercial fisherman and correction officer and instructor.

Graveside services were held at Magnolia Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, March 1. Pastor Joey Smith of Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Wewahitchka, presided over the service.

Services were under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home, Port St. Joe.



HOLLIE STOTT

Linda Horvath

Linda Delores Horvath, 64, of Carrabelle passed away Thursday, March 1, 2012, in Carrabelle. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Michael Louis Horvath.

She was born in Apalachicola and had lived in the area her entire life. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Carrabelle. She loved to cook and enjoyed working in the yard.

Memorial Services were held Tuesday morning, March 6 at the First Baptist Church of

Carrabelle. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Michael Louis Horvath, II (Melissa), of Auburn, Calif.; brother, Billy Murray; sisters, Sandra Wilish (Bob), Joyce Murray, Joanne Leadon and Kathy Murray; and many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her parents, Bill and Katie Murray, and brother Jerry Murray.

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

Cards of THANKS

Franklin County Food Pantry

The Franklin County Food Pantry would like to thank the Bishop O'Sullivan Council 1648 Knights of Columbus for holding Bingo Night Feb. 16 at St. Patrick's Parrish Hall. Proceeds were donated to the food pantry.

We would also like to thank our friends and neighbors who came out to play bingo and enjoy a fun evening for a good cause. The Franklin County Food Pantry is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation which distributes food twice a month to local families in need. Donations of food and cash are always needed and appreciated.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the local schools and churches who participated in our 2011 Holiday Food Drive. The continued operation of the pany depends on support from our local community.

Big Bend Hospice

Big Bend Hospice would like to take this opportunity to thank Karla Ambros, Bev Hewitt and Pam Mahr for the beautiful tablescapes they created for the annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler. In keeping with the theme from our Trees of Remembrance, the table theme was "I have seen too many stars to let the darkness overwhelm me" and it was gorgeous.

Karla, Bev and Pam serve as Franklin County Advisory Council members for Big Bend Hospice and are very involved in supporting the patients and families in Franklin County. Again, Karla, Bev and Pam, we would just like to say "thank you" for the hard work and dedication that you give to your community.

Pam Raker Allbritton

Big Bend Hospice

Wakulla/Franklin Team

Community Resources/Volunteer Coordinator

Amanda Segree Family

The family of Amanda Inez Segree would like to thank everyone for trying to make our life easier during Amanda's long illness and passing. Thank you for the prayers, hugs, food, and flowers, and for the wonderful benefit. A special thanks to all our co-workers, Big Bend Hospice, Clinicare, all the aunts and uncles, for the lost sleep and just everything — we love each of you. There's lots of unmarked dishes at Inez's also.

Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts.

Randy, Kim, Alonah, Trenton and Emaleigh

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hearts to stay,



But just like her flowers she was part of God's plan, So when it was her time he reached out his hand.

So when you start missing Mother Katherine,

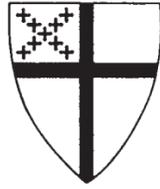
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MIKE PRIDGEN | Special to the Times

Lloyd Alford Angler of the Year

The River Delta Bass Club of Apalachicola has named Lloyd Alford its 2011 Angler of the Year for his catch of a total of 124.29 pounds. He was awarded a plaque and his 2012 entry fees will be covered by the team's two sponsors, Apalachicola Ace Hardware and Fisherman's Choice Bait and Tackle of Eastpoint.

The remaining top 10 anglers, and their weights, were Gerald Dykes (119); Mike Pridgen (105.64); Greg Dykes (100.15); Pap Duncan (81.74); Dewitt Galloway (63.53); James Newsome (56.41); Earl Dugger (49.71); Scooter Braswell (48.39) and Sherman Alford (48.12). "We would also like to give a big thanks and a welcome home to Sherman Alford who is active duty air force and just returned home from a six-month tour in Afghanistan," Mike Pridgen said.

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is asking for your help in updating a listing of local boat ramps, part of a database of Florida boat ramps FWC released last month.

Pat Harrell, grant manager for the project said it was part of a statewide boating access economic assessment to promote boating in Florida and determine where more ramps are needed.

The data was assembled over a two year period, 2005-07 by investigators using aerial photographs to locate ramps. FWC also sent inspectors into the field to collect detailed information. She said work on the list is ongoing and FWC is seeking partners, including counties and municipalities, to fill in gaps in the data.

Harrell said the database has so far had thousands of hits, many from overseas including one user in Korea.

The ramps are organized by county and by area of the state. Each listing features an interactive map of the area around the ramp and a form displaying details about the facility, including available parking, condition of the ramp, additional amenities, fees and in some cases photographs.

Thirty-one ramps are listed for Franklin County. Unfortunately, there is some misinformation on the site and a few obvious errors.

Missing links

FWC seeks help to update boat ramp database



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

The new FWC database does not mention this kayak launch or the cement boat ramp, both in Seafood Workers Park on U.S. 98 west of Apalachicola.

Pine Log Creek is a small ramp on County Road 67 with very limited parking at the roadside. Rock Landing is a gravel ramp in the state forest on the Crooked River. Not mentioned in the database is Womack Creek ramp, a launch point for small boats adjacent to Womack Creek Campground in the state forest. There is ample parking and the primitive campground has a bath house with showers.

Through Eastpoint and St. George Island

Three ramps are shown on St. George Island, two in Dr. Julian Bruce State Park. Both are well maintained sand ramps, and properly described, although the database does not list restrooms and a picnic and camping area for the ramp designated as St. George Island Park 1. More parking, and shade, are available at ramp 1.

The third ramp listed for the island is an old sand ramp across the street from Harry A's. But that ramp has not been in use for years, now closed and fenced, and the channel silted.

The new county boat ramp at the foot of the St. George Island fishing pier does not appear on the FWC list.

Only two boat ramps are listed for Eastpoint. The Ferry Dock ramp in the new Indian Creek Park is a cement launch for small boats at the end of Old Ferry Dock Road. A few hundred feet away adjacent to the park is North Bayshore Drive ramp, another cement launch.

The new Eastpoint boat ramp next to the Eastpoint Pavilion on Patton Drive is not included in the FWC database.

North of Eastpoint off

State Route 65 are eight ramps, some on state land and some on federal land.

Cash Creek, state owned and maintained, is an excellent ramp with a picnic shelter and adequate parking. Whiskey George ramp, maintained by the FWC, has a large parking area and a few picnic tables.

Doyle Creek, in the state forest, has soft surface parking and no amenities. Gardener Landing is another FWC ramp with a few picnic tables.

Graham Creek is an FWC poured cement ramp along SR 65, with shaded parking area and a few picnic tables.

Northernmost of the FWC ramps is Bloody Bluff on the Apalachicola River. It has accommodations for the handicapped and shaded parking.

The ramps at Black Creek at Wright Lake, and nearby Hickory Landing, are in the Apalachicola National Forest, both with running water and bathrooms, camping areas and picnic tables.

Winding up in Apalachicola

In Apalachicola, the list includes the city boat ramps at Battery Park and Scipio Creek.

But unmentioned are the new cement boat ramp at Seafood Workers Park, the former Lombardi property, which boasts restrooms, ample parking, kayak launch and picnic shelters.

Several sites listed as boat ramps for public use along US 98 in "the Miles" west of Apalachicola appear to be private property. The database lists two "Unknown" boat ramps which appear to be on private property. Black Pearl Charters in the same area is listed as a commercial ramp for public use, but that ramp is gated and the phone number for the charter company has been disconnected.

Abercrombie Boat ramp, a large ramp on the Apalachicola River with lots of parking, is listed as Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

The database can be accessed <https://public.myfwc.com/LE/boatramp/public/>

FWC requests that additional information and changes be emailed to BoatRamps@myFWC.com.

Support for the creation of the database was provided by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Boating Access Program.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Mar 8	71°	62°	10 %
Fri, Mar 9	71°	62°	10 %
Sat, Mar 10	71°	63°	20 %
Sun, Mar 11	72°	63°	30 %
Mon, Mar 12	71°	61°	30 %
Tues, Mar 13	72°	62°	30 %
Wed, Mar 14	72°	61°	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
8	Th	329am 1.4	357pm 1.3	1007am 0.1	1011pm 0.2
9	Fr	423am 1.4	416pm 1.3	1037am 0.3	1055pm 0.0
10	Sa	522am 1.4	438pm 1.4	1105am 0.5	1142pm -0.1
11	Su	726am 1.3	605pm 1.5	1232pm 0.7	
12	Mo	838am 1.2	638pm 1.6	127am -0.2	1259pm 0.9
13	Tu	1006am 1.1	717pm 1.6	243am -0.2	125pm 1.0
14	We	807pm 1.5		405am -0.2	
15	Th	913pm 1.4		533am -0.1	
16	Fr	244am 1.1	1045pm 1.3	652am -0.1	559pm 1.0
17	Sa	307pm 1.1		757am -0.1	732pm 0.9
18	Su	1231am 1.2	329pm 1.2	849am 0.0	835pm 0.7
19	Mo	202am 1.2	348pm 1.2	932am 0.1	925pm 0.5
20	Tu	311am 1.3	403pm 1.2	1007am 0.2	1007pm 0.4
21	We	405am 1.3	416pm 1.3	1036am 0.3	1045pm 0.2

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
8	Th	200am 2.2	232pm 2.1	754am 0.2	759pm 0.3
9	Fr	258am 2.2	251pm 2.1	824am 0.5	842pm 0.0
10	Sa	357am 2.2	313pm 2.2	892am 0.8	929pm -0.2
11	Su	501am 2.1	440pm 2.4	1019am 1.1	1124pm -0.3
12	Mo	713am 1.9	513pm 2.6	1046am 1.3	
13	Tu	841am 1.8	552pm 2.6	1230am -0.3	1312am 1.6
14	We	642pm 2.4		152am -0.3	
15	Th	748pm 2.2		320am -0.2	
16	Fr	119pm 1.8	920pm 2.1	439am -0.2	346pm 1.6
17	Sa	142pm 1.8	1106pm 2.1	544am -0.2	519pm 1.4
18	Su	204pm 1.9		636am 0.0	622pm 1.1
19	Mo	1257am 2.1	223pm 1.9	719am 0.2	712pm 0.8
20	Tu	146am 2.1	238pm 1.9	754am 0.3	754pm 0.6
21	We	240am 2.1	251pm 2.1	823am 0.5	832pm 0.3

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Beginning at Bald Point

Beginning on the east end of the county, Bald Point State Park features a kayak ramp described as in excellent condition with parking available. The Ochlocknee Bay Public Boat Ramp, south of the Ochlocknee River Bridge, is incorrectly listed as unfinished. The concrete ramp, with large parking area, was completed six months ago.

St. Teresa Wayside Park boasts a concrete ramp with roadside parking on sand. Moving east there is a poured cement ramp at the Lanark Boat Club, with a launch fee of \$10 and a parking fee of \$5.

The Marine Street ramp in Carrabelle is poured concrete. No mention is made of the public restrooms, fish cleaning station and picnic pavilion located adjacent to the ramp.

The Moorings on US 98 in Carrabelle received extensive coverage, including shots of the motel sign. The launch fee for the cement ramp is \$25 and daily parking is \$20. But C-Quarters Marina next door was left off the list.

On Timber Island, Dockside Marina and Boat Works has a well-maintained cement ramp and lots of parking. There is a \$5 launch fee. Not far away, the Timber Island Ramp is maintained by Carrabelle, and parking can be a challenge.

There are at least three boat ramps north of Carrabelle on public land; the new database lists two.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Freshwater

This warming trend is great for fishing. Good reports from Lake Wimico and Howard creek are of great catches of shellcracker, bass, and catfish. The rising waters last week was also good for catfish at the dams and in the Big rivers. Crappie continue to bite in all the waters around the Forgotten Coast, but better reports are coming in from Depot Creek.

Inshore

This week the water temperature in St. Joe Bay has reached 66 degrees. only a few more weeks until we reach the magic number of 68 degrees. Red fish are being spotted in Eagle Harbor and on the flats in the bay, as well as trout. Some decent sized fish are being caught at the sea wall in the marina, but the better reports are coming in from Cape San Blas and Inian pass. Snow birds are reporting good whiting catches from the beaches and a few pompano.

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Chili winners' grandson tops Red Pepper



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Bryan Harrington holds up his trophy for winning the Red Pepper Run.

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The grandson of a former chili cook-off winner scored a victory of his own Saturday as he triumphed in the annual 5K Red Pepper Run.

Bryan Harrington, from Redding, Calif. ran a 19:42 to finish first overall. He is the son of Trent and Denise Hatcher, with Just Plane Chili, out of Santa Rosa, and the grandson of Ron and the late Shirley Judson, from Red Bluff, Calif.

In 2005, his grandfather took first place in the chili cook-off with his Great American Chili Company team, while grandmother took third.

Now with his own Chile Dudes Chili Company, the 29-year-old Harrington won with nearly a minute between him and the runner-up, shaving 29 seconds off his previous best time.

"It went good. Had a little headwind," he said. "When I saw a guy 100 yards behind me, I fired it."

Finishing tops among the women was Tallahassee's

Sam Fortunas, 21, who ran a 22:17. The top local male was St. George Island resident Steve Reider, 47, who ran second with a 20:30. The top local female was St. George Island resident Elisa Kamal, 41, who ran a 26:24.

A firefighter with Cal Fire, the state fire department, Harrington said he trains through the Redding affiliate of CrossFit, a core strength and conditioning program that brings together Olympic lifting and heightened cardio into its workouts.

Race organizer Susan Bassett said rain was not a factor in the race, nor in the turnout, with 126 registered runners, and 124 finishers, ranging in age from 6 to 76. "We had 129 finishers last year, so participation was not too adversely affected by weather report," said Bassett.

Runners hailed from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, California, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ontario, Canada.



Janna Salyer, 11, who finished first in the 9-14 age group with a time of 38:08, stands with aunt Mary Beth Williams, from Marietta Ga., who ran a 39:27. Salyer is the granddaughter of St. George Island's John and Teri Salyer

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The following is a list of top finishers, their age, gender and times.

1	Bryan Harrington	29m	19:42	1st M Overall
2	Steve Reider	47m	20:30	1st M SGI
3	Phil Robinson	26m	20:35	1st M 25-29
4	David Zierden	47m	20:44	1st M 45-49
5	Calvin Hartness	58m	21:35	1st M 55-59
6	Sam Fortunas	21f	22:17	1st F Overall
7	David Savary	46m	22:59	2nd M 45-49
8	Joe Minor	47m	23:00	3rd M 45-49

9	Daniel Martin	25m	23:59	2nd M 25-29
10	Jensen Reinert	23f	23:40	1st F 20-24
11	Kristin Mejia	34f	24:07	1st F 15-19
12	Steve Newman	46m	24:09	
13	Dwayne Maddron	51m	24:16	1st M 50-54
14	Todd Daniels	41m	24:46	1st M 40-44
15	Tiffany Schleeter	24f	24:45	2nd F 20-24

For a complete list, visit www.apalachtimes.com.

Lady Seahawks top Bozeman Fall to South Walton

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The Lady Seahawks varsity softball team split its last two games, narrowly falling in nine innings at South Walton 11-10 on March 1, and then bouncing back to top Bozeman 9-3 Friday on a fog-shrouded evening at The Nest.

The South Walton outing was a heart-breaker, as The Seahawks opened a 1-0 lead in the top of the first after Morgan Mock singled and came home on a Tiffany Varnes sacrifice fly.

After falling behind 5-1, the Lady Seahawks busted it open in the top of the sixth with seven runs.

Mock opened with a single, and then advanced to second on a Varnes single. Chena Segree's single advanced both runners, and then Varnes scored on an Anna Lee single. A single by Morgan Newell scored Varnes, and then Ally Millender whacked a double to score Segree and Lee.

A single by Vanessa Simmons brought Newell home, and then a Mock double scored Millender and Simmons to complete the scoring.

The Lady Seahawks fell behind 10-8 after six innings, but tied it up with two runs in the top of the seventh. Varnes walked, and then Lee smacked a home run to center field to account for the runs.

In the bottom of the ninth, a pair of Lady Seahawk errors helped enable South Walton to bring home the winning run. In all Franklin County committed five errors.

Segree struck out eight over seven innings. Lee had three RBIs while Mock batted two runs in on three hits.

Against Bozeman Friday, the Lady Seahawks, under the direction of Coach Lisa Sweatt and assistant Sally Wheeler, evened their record at 5-5 with a 9-3 victory.

Franklin County scored five runs in the bottom of the first to begin the scoring. A Varnes single drove home Mock, and then a Lee sacrifice scored Graycn Kirvin, who had got safely on base on a dropped third strike. A Newell single



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Morgan Mock warms up before getting ready to bat. **Right**, Tiffany Varnes makes a play at second against Bozeman.

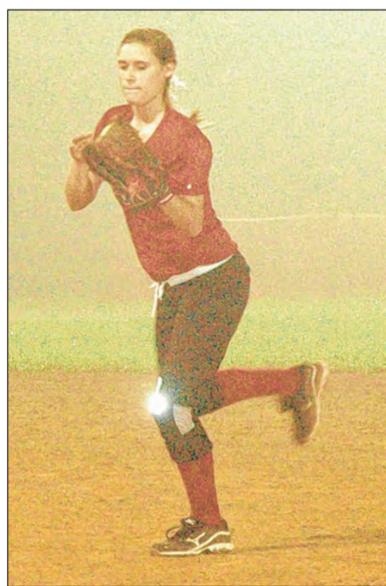
scored Varnes, and then Segree and Newell both scored on errors.

In the bottom of the third, Franklin County scored after Segree singled, Lee sacrificed her to second and she came home on a throwing error.

In the bottom of the fourth, the home team added two more, when Scout Segree and Mock both walked, Kirvin advanced them with a single and Segree stole home. Mock scored when Lee grounded out to second.

Franklin County added a final run in the bottom of the sixth, when Newell scored on a long fly ball by Hunter Shiver.

Millender struck out three in her two innings on the mound, with Chena Segree appearing in relief.



Seahawks win 2 of 3

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

After dropping their opening six games, the Franklin County Seahawks have won their last two out of three.

The team won 17-6 at John Paul Feb. 29, and then traveled to Altha on March 1 and earned an 8-2 victory.

On Friday, the team fell at South Walton 18-7.

"We have struggled with hitting in the first six games and add a few errors and it makes it hard to win," said coach Mike Emerson. "The last three games have been better with hitting, but errors are still hurting us as a team. We are getting better."

Against John Paul, Brennan Walden started off pitching, and James Newell came in relief in the fifth to pick up the win. Zack Howze was 1-1 with a triple and three RBIs. Walden had three hits and three RBIs.

Against Altha, starter Skyler Hutchinson threw six innings, four of them shutout innings. He gave up only two hits en route to the win. Austin Larkin had four hits in the game with an RBI, while Chance Buffkin had two hits with two RBIs.

Against South Walton, starting pitcher Zack Armistead went five innings, giving up 13 runs on nine hits to suffer the loss. Hutchinson was 2-2 at the plate, with two RBIs.

The team opened the season with a string of losses.

On Feb 13, they lost 10-0 at Wewahitchka, and on Feb. 15, fell 15-2 vs. Arnold.

On Feb. 17, Franklin County lost 6-3 at Bozeman, and on Feb. 21, fell 8-3 against Blountstown at the nest.

On Feb. 24 at Liberty County, the Seahawks lost 7-2, and then fell 7-0 on Feb. 25 at The Nest against Florida High.

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 See Exhibit A (Gulf County, Florida) and Exhibit B (Bay County, Florida).

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(b) All buildings, structures and improvements of every nature whatsoever now or hereafter situated on the Land and all other furnishings, furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, appliances, vehicles and personal property of every kind and nature whatsoever now or hereafter owned by Mortgagor and located in, on or about, or used or intended to be used with or in connection with the use, operation or enjoyment of the Property, including all extensions, additions, improvements, betterments, renewals and replacements, substitutions, or proceeds from a permitted sale of any of the foregoing, and all building materials and supplies of every kind now or hereafter placed or located on the Land (collectively the "Improvements"), all of which are hereby declared and shall be deemed to be fixtures and accessions to the Land and a part of the Property as between the parties hereto and all persons claiming by, through or under them, and which shall be deemed to be a portion of the security for the indebtedness herein described and to be secured by this Mortgage;

(c) All easements, rights-of-way, strips and gores of land, vaults, streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, waters, water courses, water rights and powers, minerals, flowers, shrubs, crops, trees, timber and other emblems now or hereafter located on the Land or under or above the same or any part or parcel thereof, and all ground leases, estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liber-

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 ties, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, reversions, and remainders whatsoever, in any way belonging, relating or appertaining to the Property or any part thereof, or which hereafter shall in any way belong, relate or be appurtenant thereto, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by Mortgagor; and

(d) All rents, issues, profits, revenues and proceeds from any sale or other disposition of the Property, or any part thereof, from time to time accruing (including without limitation all payments under leases, ground leases or tenancies, proceeds of insurance, condemnation payments, tenant security deposits and escrow funds), and all of the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever at law, as well as in equity, of Mortgagor of, in and to the same.

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

ALABAMA AG CREDIT, FLCA, a part of the Farm Credit system and a federally chartered instrumentality of the United States of America, formerly known as FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH ALABAMA, FLCA, Plaintiff,

vs.

SOUTHERN FOREST LAND, INC., an Alabama corporation, GRABLE L. RICKS, JR., GRABLE L. RICKS, III, DELTA WOOD PRODUCTS, LLC, a Mississippi limited liability company, and SMURFIT-STONE CONTAINER CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, formerly known as SMURFIT-STONE CONTAINER ENTERPRISES, INC., Defendants

and the docket number of which is 11-142CA.

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

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Judson C. Brandt, Esquire at (850) 434-9200 not later than seven days prior to the pro-

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 ceeding to ensure reasonable accommodations are available.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 22nd day of February, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
 Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter
 Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT A

In Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida

PARCEL 1
 That portion of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying South and West of the Florida Power Company Right-of-Way recorded in ORB 12, Page 140.

PARCEL 2
 That portion of Section 15, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying West of the Florida Power Company Right-of-Way recorded in ORB 12, Page 140.

PARCEL 3
 That portion of Section 16, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying West of the Florida Power Company Right-of-Way recorded in ORB 12, Page 140.

PARCEL 4
 All of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 5
 All of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, EXCEPT that portion of the West Three-Quarters lying North of Horseshoe Creek.

PARCEL 6
 All of Section 19, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

LESS AND EXCEPT:
 Commence at an existing six-inch by six-inch St. Joe Paper Company concrete monument marking the Northwest Corner of Section 19, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence South 738.04 feet along the West line of said Section 19 to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South along said West line 4541.96 feet to the Southwest Corner of Section 19; thence N37°24'16" E, 3467.13 feet to the centerline of Pleasant View Road; thence N51°29'18"W, 2223.00 feet along said centerline to the beginning of a curve; thence Northwesterly along curve along said centerline concave to the North with a radius of 731.64 feet, through a

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 central angle of 37°32'20", an arc distance of 479.36 feet; thence N81°11'19"W, 101.20 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 7
 All of Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 8
 That portion of Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying West of the Florida Power Company Right-of-Way recorded in ORB 12, Page 140.

PARCEL 9
 That portion of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying West of the Florida Power Company Right-of-Way recorded in ORB 12, Page 140, LESS all that portion of Southwest Quarter lying South of existing Pleasant Rest-East Bay Road.

PARCEL 10
 Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, LESS that portion of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 11
 North Half of Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 12
 West Half of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 13
 South Half of South Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 14
 Fractional-All that portion of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of existing Pleasant Rest-East Bay Road.

PARCEL 15
 Fractional-All that portion of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of existing Pleasant Rest-East Bay Road.

PARCEL 16
 Fractional Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 17
 Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 18
 Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 19
 Northeast Quarter and Fractional East Half of Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida; LESS AND EXCEPT West Half of the Northeast Quarter lying West and South of Intra-coastal Canal.

PARCEL 20
 All that part of Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter and Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of Wetappo Creek.

In Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida

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 County, Florida, LESS South Half of South Half of Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter.

PARCEL 17
 Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 18
 Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

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In Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida

PARCEL 21
 All of Section 5, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, EXCEPT that land lying North of that stream referred to as "Little Creek" and EXCEPT that land that lies East of the Northwest-Southeast road in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter.

PARCEL 22
 All of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, EXCEPT that land lying North of "Little Creek" and EXCEPT that land lying South of County Road 386.

PARCEL 23
 All that part of Section 8, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of the centerline of State Road 386, as the same now runs, EXCEPT that land lying North of "Little Creek."

PARCEL 24
 A triangular parcel being 450 feet, more or less, on West boundary of Section 9, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; 250 feet, more or less, on State Road 386 and 400 feet, more or less, on a private unpaved road that intersects State Road 386.

PARCEL 25
 All that part of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of the centerline of State Road 386, as the same now runs.

PARCEL 26
 All that part of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of the centerline of State Road 386, LESS AND EXCEPT that portion conveyed to St. Joseph Telephone and Telegraph Company in ORB 18, Page 235.

LESS AND EXCEPT:
 Commence at a steel half-inch rebar (#4346) marking the Southeast Corner of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence S60°15'18"W, 3173.68 feet along said Northerly right of way line to the Point of Beginning;

thence continue S60°15'18"W, 68.59 feet along said right of way line; thence N34°27'07"W, 533.35 feet; thence S73°56'19"W, 69.93 feet; thence N14°27'03"W, 162.41 feet; thence N84°19'20"W, 195.71 feet; thence N27°03'48"W, 269.12 feet; thence N04°59'21"W, 257.91 feet; thence S80°35'11"W, 218.60 feet; thence N00°50'32"W, 963.88 feet; thence S87°31'30"E, 551.05 feet; thence S00°01'11"E, 452.83 feet; thence S84°03'13"E, 178.86 feet; thence S09°54'40"W, 214.79 feet; thence S32°12'50"W, 141.99 feet; thence S19°57'00"E, 1234.90 feet to the Point of Beginning.

GRANTORS HEREBY RESERVE THE RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER, UPON AND ACROSS THE UNPAVED ROAD N O R T H E R L Y THROUGH THE ABOVE EXCEPTION FOR THE NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE ADJOINING OWNERS.

LESS AND EXCEPT:
 Commence at a steel half-inch rebar (#4346) marking the Southeast Corner of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence N78°54'30" W, 101.36 feet; thence run S 83°23'56" W, 224.15 feet; thence run N 72°28'24" W, 49.46 feet; thence run N 41°41'08" W, 63.06 feet; thence run N 18°31'22" W, 134.59 feet; thence run N 31°23'44" W, 56.93 feet; thence run N 45°18'38" W, 360.20 feet; thence run S 19°18'15" W, 47.10 feet; thence run S 61°42'18" W, 34.42 feet; thence run S 13°39'47" W, 45.06 feet; thence run S 29°41'54" W, 41.51 feet; thence run N 41°55'55" W, 64.56 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 41.461 acres more or less.

EXHIBIT B
 (Bay County Property)
 Beginning at a St. Joe Paper Company concrete monument marking the Northeast Corner of Fractional Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 12 West; thence South 00°42'49" East along the East boundary line of said Section 24 for 1725.85 feet; thence South 04°24'24" East for 12.52 feet to a point on the approximate mean high water line of East Bay; thence meander along said approximate mean high water line the following bearings and distances: North 83°32'59" West, 192.47 feet; North 07°49'38" West, 70.97 feet; North 02°04'40" East, 79.50 feet; North 12°14'05" West, 113.21 feet; North 25°10'17" West, 131.82 feet; North 45°33'53" West, 134.49 feet; North 79°50'26" West, 249.34 feet; South 81°34'03" West, 82.52 feet; North 20°54'51" West, 34.97 feet; North 08°49'36" East, 89.24 feet; North 03°16'57" West, 206.39 feet; North 25°04'48" West, 140.27 feet; North 39°17'15" West, 119.95 feet; North 55°41'08" West, 180.27 feet; North 41°04'12" West, 72.80 feet; North 33°00'29" West, 56.90 feet; North 56°12'49" West, 64.34 feet; North 36°10'58" West, 55.31 feet; North 32°02'27" West, 144.23 feet; North 21°51'4" West, 71.11 feet; North 44°11'10" West, 176.41 feet; North 27°41'01" West, 45.75 feet to a St. Joe Paper Company Concrete monument; thence leaving said approximate mean high water line run North 89°00'09" East

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 Parcel 2:
 Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 19, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence run S 01°16'56" W along the West line of said Section 19, a distance of 5280.00 feet; thence run N 38°41'11" E, a distance of 607.76 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue N 38°41'12" E, a distance of 2859.37 feet to the centerline of Pleasant View Road; thence run S 50°12'22" E along said centerline, a distance of 66.01 feet; thence departing said centerline run S 38°41'12" W, 1117.49 feet; thence run S 35°26'19" E, 1312.16 feet to the approximate mean high water line of Wetappo Creek; thence run S 44°32'58" W, 91.04 feet; thence run S 27°57'27" W, 54.17 feet; thence run S 53°23'49" W, 235.19 feet; thence run S 49°43'46" W, 66.85 feet; thence run S 62°32'51" W, 54.79 feet; thence run S 54°05'57" W, 109.12 feet; thence run S 64°00'14" W, 84.81 feet; thence run S 57°10'17" W, 308.48 feet; thence run S 73°08'50" W, 45.36 feet; thence run S 61°57'25" W, 50.38 feet; thence run N 66°33'09" W, 51.13 feet; thence run N 87°38'00" W, 104.16 feet; thence run S 78°54'30" W, 101.36 feet; thence run S 83°23'56" W, 224.15 feet; thence run N 72°28'24" W, 49.46 feet; thence run N 41°41'08" W, 63.06 feet; thence run N 18°31'22" W, 134.59 feet; thence run N 31°23'44" W, 56.93 feet; thence run N 45°18'38" W, 360.20 feet; thence run S 19°18'15" W, 47.10 feet; thence run S 61°42'18" W, 34.42 feet; thence run S 13°39'47" W, 45.06 feet; thence run S 29°41'54" W, 41.51 feet; thence run N 41°55'55" W, 64.56 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 41.461 acres more or less.

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 along the North boundary line of said Section 24 for 1386.03 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel of land lying and being in Fractional Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 12 West, and having an area of 29.173 acres, more or less.

March 8, 15, 2012

77471T REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 Weems Memorial Hospital is seeking proposals for therapy services. Successful therapy company must have the ability to provide occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy as needed for the WMH Swing Bed program. Proposals should be submitted to Cynthia Drapal, CAO, CNO George E. Weems Memorial Hospital P. O. Box 580 Apalachicola, FL 32329 Questions should be submitted to cdrapal@weemsmemorial.com. Deadline for Submissions is March 10, 2012. March 1, 8, 2012

77525T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 12-006-CP Division: Probate

JOHN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREWS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of John Andrews, deceased, whose date of death was September 7, 2010, 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 ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is March 1, 2012.

Personal Representative: Martha Ann Wiggins 33 Stone Avenue Claremont, NH 03743

Attorneys for Personal Representative SANDERS AND DUNCAN, PA.

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86069T PUBLIC NOTICE
 Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority (NWFTCA) Meeting Notice. The NWFTCA recently commissioned HDR Engineering, Inc. to prepare a major update to their regional Master Plan, originally adopted in 2007. As part of the initial phase of the update, HDR is working with key stakeholders (Florida DOT, FHWA, city and county reps., etc.) and the Authority to help analyze future transportation projects by assessing their respective economic benefits, developing an investment plan and proposing viable funding strategies. A series of workshops will be held during this process. The first workshop will be held at two alternate locations: March 13, 2012 from 10:00am to 1:00pm Central Time at the Florida State University Holley Academic Center, Panama City campus located at 4750 Collegiate Drive, Panama City, Florida and March 14, 2012 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm Central Time at the Days Inn & Suites, Navarre Conference Center, Room D located at 8700 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, Florida. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Corridor Authority at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Alicia Stephen at (850) 429-8905 or by email Alicia. Stephen@hdrinc.com. Please RSVP by March 9 if you plan to attend. March 8, 2012

86099T PUBLIC NOTICE
 Public Scoping Meeting for Glades Reservoir Environmental Impact Statement: The US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District (USACE) will hold a public scoping meeting on March 22, 2012, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve located at 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments on the scope of the proposed Glades Reservoir Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pertaining to the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit application submitted by Hall County, Georgia (SAS-2007-00388). The public may provide verbal or written comments during the public scoping meetings. For more information on the project, please visit www.gladesreservoir.com.

Comments: Written comments may be submitted by April 17, 2012, to be considered by the Draft EIS. Mailing address: Attn.: Richard Morgan, US Army Corps of Engineers, 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, GA 31401. Comments may also be submitted on the project website. Notice of Intent: The Glades Reservoir EIS Notice of Intent was published on February 17, 2012, and is available on the project website (<http://www.gladesreservoir.com/notice-of-intent>). The scoping period for the Glades Reservoir EIS extends from February 17, 2012, through April 17, 2012.

Personal Representative: Martha Ann Wiggins 33 Stone Avenue Claremont, NH 03743

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Two Al's offers trivia with a twist

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

If you're looking for a way to sweep the cobwebs out of your belfry and shake off the winter doldrums, come join the fun at Two Al's on Thursday evenings.

Through April, a motley crew of brainiacs meets at 7 p.m. to play trivia, but not your run of the mill Trivial Pursuit.

The game, organized by Arthur Perry, who cofounded the café with his dad, Leo, features speed rounds, word jumbles and more.

Some weeks, Perry is the quizmaster and comes up with the questions and answers. Some weeks, one of the teams takes on the task.

At a recent session, 17 players participated grouped into teams of various sizes with names like "Real Naughty," "Fossils," "Back in the Corner" and "Peanuts."

Some were regulars, but "Back in the Corner" was a couple who stopped in for dinner and decided to stay for the game.

Perry said this was a slow night, possibly because dense fog. Normally 25 to 30 turn out, and as many as 55 have packed the bistro on trivia night. On several occasions, the Brain Bowl team from Franklin County High School has participated, and Perry said they performed very well.

He remembers one night when 11 college students stumbled on the event and joined in. It turned out they were members of the University of Illinois choir and treated the players to an a cappella concert to thank them for the fun.

There is no charge to play, and Perry said everyone is welcome. Many of the regulars said they drop



Gaye Lass tells trivia partner Dick "Fossil" Rowalski to keep mum as they put their heads together to solve a trivia conundrum. At right, Steve Furtak assists with a "Wheel of Fortune" puzzle.

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in early for dinner before the game. It might not be Jeopardy, but it's very good fun and you might win a

bag of peanut butter crackers or a jar of banana peppers if you are up to the challenge.

COOKIE TIME



The annual Girl Scout cookie sale is upon us! This year's flavors include Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, Dulce de Leche, Thank U Berry Munch and the new signature flavor, Savannah Smiles, a crisp tangy lemon cookie. This is the Scouts' 100th anniversary.

Troop 200 got "cookie fever" beginning at the Forgotten Coast Chef's Sampler this month. They decorated a table to promote Girl Scout Cookies and donated a box of each flavor and a cookie tote bag for the silent auction. Pam Mahr won the auction, so she is officially the first person to receive her cookies.

The cookies were distributed by Troop 200 last week, when sales started in earnest.

Proceeds will be donated to local charities and will pay for a field trip to Silver River State Park and Silver Springs in May. Over the past two years, the Girl Scouts of Franklin County have donated to the Franklin County Humane Society and First United Methodist Church of Apalachicola. This year, the girls hope to raise enough money to add another beneficiary to their annual giving.

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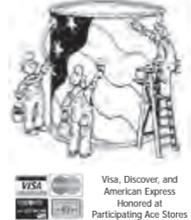
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