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Friday through Sunday, Nov. 16-18, the Panhandle Players will present "Coming Back to Jersey" at the Crooked River Grille at the St. James Bay Golf Resort. Friday and Saturday Dinner Theatre is \$40; Sunday Brunch Theatre \$35. Reservations needed; Call Crooked River Grill 697-5050.

Dry Bones Ministry to host Saturday lunch

The Dry Bones Ministry invites you to come out for a day of fun, praise worship and lunch at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Sixth Street Recreation Center in Apalachicola. Evangelist Annie Austin Pierce will host.

Autreys to sign new book Saturday

Author Gil Autrey and his wife, photographer Lane Autrey, will sign their new book, "Gone with the Tides and Other Southern Stories," from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Downtown Books in Apalachicola.

Take Stock offers free Thanksgiving meal

The Take Stock in Children mentoring program and the Youth Advisory Council invite you to a free Thanksgiving Meal and Fellowship from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 at the Apalachicola City Hall Community Center at Battery Park. The meal will be prepared by TSIC students and the Youth Advisory Council of the Franklin County Education Foundation.

Apalachicola Christmas celebration Nov. 23

The Apalachicola Christmas Celebration will light up Apalachicola from 4-8 p.m. Nov. 23. Santa arrives on a shrimp boat at 4 p.m. at the City Dock on Water Street. The Orman House Museum will be trimmed in holiday finery and docents dressed in period costumes welcome visitors. The Raney House Museum will also be decorated in holiday greenery and open for tours.

On Nov. 25, support the Franklin County Humane Society and have your pet's picture taken with Santa for a donation. There will be a pet costume contest at 3 p.m., plus stocking stuffers for your non-furry friends.

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Cities push for RESTORE Act voice

By LOIS SWOBODA
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The cities of Carrabelle and Apalachicola want direct oversight of a portion of the expected RESTORE Act funds headed for Franklin County, but the county commissioners don't see it that way.

The county has been promised as much as \$66 million, a portion of the fines levied against BP for

environmental and economic damage caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

None of the money has arrived, and there is no concrete indication on when the first checks will be cut, if ever. But organizations and individuals across the county are scrambling to identify projects to spend it, and the county commissioners have proposed a 14-member advisory council that would recommend projects over which the county commissioners

would have final say.

The county must hold a public workshop to discuss the ordinance to create the RESTORE council before it can be enacted into law. But already, the county is soliciting citizens to serve on the proposed council.

Pam Shiver, the newly elected school board member set to be sworn in Tuesday, was appointed the schools' representative to the RESTORE council at the Nov. 8 meeting.

The cities, though, see things differently, and have invited the county to a Monday meeting to start a legal process to resolve the conflict. The county, based on the opinion of its attorney Michael Shuler, has opted not to become involved in the cities' plan.

In September, Apalachicola proposed distributing RESTORE funds between the cities and unincorporated areas of the county.

See RESTORE A6

VETERANS DAY 2012



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From left, First Baptist Christian School kindergartners Lilah Millender, Noah Cannon and Kenzie Hicks sing at Monday's program. Below, from left, active-duty military members Chance Buffkin, Chris Chumney and Jacob Lee lead the Seahawks march on the field Friday night.

'WE NEVER FORGET'

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From the youngest members of the nation's military now patrolling the Persian Gulf to the most venerable members of the Greatest Generation who freed Europe in World II, Franklin County marked Veterans Day with a resounding salute to America's nearly 25 million living, wounded and handicapped veterans.

It began Friday evening at the Mikel Clark Sports Complex in Eastpoint, as three recent graduates of Franklin County High School — the Navy's Jacob Lee, Class of 2009, and Chris Chumney, Class of 2010, and the Army's Chance Buffkin, Class of 2012 — led the Seahawks with flag held



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County bids farewell to Commissioner Putnal



BEVIN PUTNAL

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On Nov. 6, the county bid farewell to a loyal servant, County Commissioner Bevin Putnal, who attended his last meeting.

Putnal, who first took office on Nov. 16, 1992, took time to personally thank each department head for their help and service over the years.

"It's been a pleasure serving with this board," he said. "It's kind of like family. You're gonna fuss and fight, but you come together to solve other people's problems. I didn't run for county commissioner for my own ambitions. I

ran for people's problems.

"I always figured myself as a servant, and not as a ruler. The greatest and strongest person that ever lived on this Earth could have ruled over anything that come against him he wanted, but he became a servant of all the people out there that needed him, and that was Jesus Christ. He went to the cross for people's sake. His only ambition, from the time he was born until he was put to death, was to do his father's will.

"I figure that I'm kind of like that in doing the people's will," Putnal said. "If they wanted something, I tried my level best to do it. I felt privileged to be there when somebody needed my

help. I'll still be there if they need me; I just won't have the authority I had before."

Putnal told County Planner Alan Pierce, "I want to thank you for being there all those years for me 'cause I had somebody I could dump problems on that I couldn't solve. You always seemed to take them without regret."

"Commissioner I appreciate that," Pierce replied. "I'm not sure we solved all of them, but we made our best effort. We appreciate you. You were here a long time, and you were always very stable, and we knew we could count on you to do the right thing."

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School board, teachers meet

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When the school board met with teachers last week, it was a friendlier session than last year, but the issue was much the same — how to find ways to cut costs without cutting into morale.

The Nov. 8 afternoon workshop ran more smoothly than a year ago, when school board members felt on the defensive from a barrage of questions, many of them pointedly hostile.

Instead, after consultation with the school board, the Franklin County Education Association solicited questions from teachers and drew them up into a prepared list. Beginning with Cathy Wood, the union president, representatives of the teaching staff each took a portion of the 35 questions and asked them to the school board.

The mood was cordial, at times testy, but overall a mood of support and reassurance prevailed.

It even grew comic at one point, after the question was posed by teachers what the school district could do to improve parents' involvement in their children's education.

"If we could answer that question, we would probably solve a lot of these other problems," said Chairman Jimmy Gander. "If it would help, I would dress up in a clown uniform."

The school board workshop See TEACHERS A14

Apalachicola firefighters grab gumbo gold

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The Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department is the reigning champion in the fourth annual Lanark Village Gumbo Cook-off.

On Saturday, four teams squared off at the Lanark Boat Club to compete for the right to represent the county at the World Championship Gumbo Cook-Off on Oct. 11-13, 2013, in New Iberia, La.

The offerings ranged from a classic chicken gumbo with a red stock to a complex offering with seafood, okra and sausage. Two entries contained okra, and two were sans the gluey Southern treat.

The winning team, spearheaded by father and son K.C. and Keith Gibson, was competing in the gumbo arena for the first time. Second place went to the Eastpoint Fire Department and third to Carrabelle's volunteer firefighters, captained by William Massey.

The winning entry featured shrimp, crab and oysters as well as sausage, but no okra. Apalachicola was rated tops by three of the five judges.

It was not the first victory this year for the Apalachicola fire-



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Top left, father and son K.C. and Keith Gibson are the heart of the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department cooking team. Above, the Daddona family served up savory chicken gumbo. At left is Richard McKlean, gumbo judge.

fighters. The team also took first place in the St. George Island Chili Cook-off in March.

Keith Gibson said it was their third year in that competition. "The first year, we were in 37th place, and last year we were No. 9," he said.

Judging the cook-off this year were Ryan Morris and Jen Hatton, both of Indiana, who were visiting grandparents Donna and George Briesbacker in Lanark. Villager Richard McKlean and

R.C. Pippin of Carrabelle acted as judges, and this reporter was called into service as a gumbo judge for the third time.

As the judging was about to begin, an ambulance arrived at the boat club door. This caused a slight disturbance among the judges until it became clear the EMTs had only dropped by for lunch.

JoEllen Chandler, a spokes-

person for the cook-off, said attendance was down a little from last year, but she believes after expenses, the event once again will clear \$3,000.

During the cook-off, a silent and live auction also raised funds for the fire department. One memorable offering was a day's work from Lanark firefighter

Chris Moates, but numerous businesses and private individuals contributed to the fundraiser. Visitors could sample competing gumbos throughout the afternoon and gumbo meals were available in the boat club all day.

For a photo gallery of the cook-off visit www.apalachtimes.com.

Franklin County Toy Project roars into life Saturday

Special to the Times

The Franklin County Toy Project gets under way Saturday with the annual Toy Run.

All motorcycles meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Carrabelle IGA. A police escort will guide and all will ride together at approximately 45-50 mph to Apalachicola, ending at the Riverfront Park. Cost for ride is \$10 each or bring an unwrapped toy.

A quick lunch will be served for the riders at the park.

The Toy Project volunteers also

will be "bagging for bucks" from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the local grocery stores.

The Toy Project is eager to get people willing to volunteer your time to sort and pack toys, give toys out, Adopt-A-Family or post a donation via www.franklintoyproject.com. Tickets are being sold for a raffle of a playhouse (at right) built by inmates at the Bay City Work Camp, and the committee will use funds collected through the raffle to shop for toys for Franklin County boys and girls.

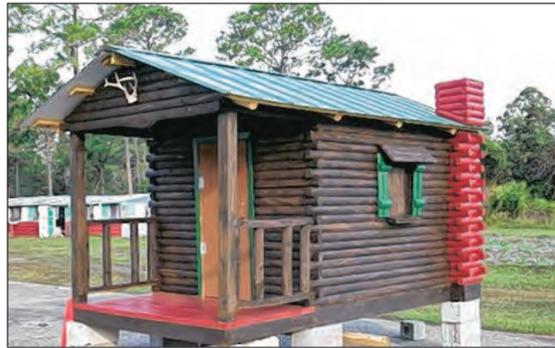
Tickets are \$5 each, three for \$10

or seven for \$20.

Tickets can be purchased at Franklin's Promise office (the former Apalachicola High School), the Resort Vacation Properties administration office or anywhere you see a flyer in the window.

The drawing will be Jan. 11. Please make checks payable to Franklin's Promise, and specify that it is for "Toy Project."

If you know of a family that needs help during Christmas, please refer them to sign up at the county health department.



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FHP to target aggressive drivers

Special to the Times

Cutting off a big truck could cost you a fine, if you survive. In fatal crashes involving cars and commercial trucks, driver error is the cause of 88 percent of the crashes. The Florida Highway Patrol has launched Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks to reduce commercial motor vehicle-related crashes, injuries and fatalities by combining outreach and education with targeted enforcement activities to raise awareness among car and truck drivers about safe-driving behaviors.

"The Florida Highway Patrol is committed to reducing the number of commercial vehicle related crashes," said Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "Crash reduction can be achieved if we all share the highway with each other and avoid aggressive driving behaviors."

Troopers will be on the lookout for violations attributed to aggressive driving such as: following too closely, unsafe lane change and speeding. The campaign will consist of four enforcement and education phases, the first of which will be in north Florida between Pensacola and

Ocala through Friday. Three additional phases will take place in other areas of the state through July 2013.

"Safety on Florida's roadways is a cooperative effort by cars and trucks alike. As an industry, safety is at the top of our minds, it matters above all else," said Florida Trucking Association President and CEO, Mary Lou Rajchel. "We are pleased with the opportunity to take our No Zone message about safe driving behaviors around big rigs on the road with the Florida Highway Patrol. Pairing the big trucks equal big blind spots message with the opportunity to 'see what our drivers see' through community education is a unique approach that we believe will promote responsible driving for everyone."

In addition to targeted enforcement, the campaign will use billboard messaging to increase awareness among car and truck drivers of safe driving behaviors around one another and of the heightened risk of receiving a ticket for a violation. FHP also will collaborate with the Florida Trucking Association to conduct activities at schools and community centers around the state to educate drivers on how to share the road safely with trucks.

Arrest REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests in this week's report were made by officers from the Apalachicola Police Department (APD), Carrabelle Police Department (CPD) and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO). All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Nov. 5

Lataska V. Harris, 31, Eastpoint, trespass on property after warning (FCSO)

Mike Smitherman, 59, Carrabelle, DUI with property damage, resisting officer without violence and refusal to submit to breath test (CPD)

Nov. 6

George V. Vause, 61, Eastpoint, public affray and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon (FCSO)

Nov. 7

Amber N. Vinson, 25, Eastpoint, domestic battery (FCSO)

Nov. 8

Andrew L. Butler, 41, Apalachicola, withholding child support (FCSO)

Phillip S. Creamer, 36, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Nov. 10

Charles L. Fasbender, 43, Apalachicola, criminal mischief, battery and violation of probation (FCSO)

Nov. 3

James R. Glanvill, 23, Parker, disorderly intoxication and resisting officer without violence (FCSO)

Nov. 4

Jeffrey S. Paine, 47, Panama City, driving while license suspended or revoked, and reckless driving (APD)

Tiffany S. O'Neal, 28, Eastpoint, public affray and disorderly intoxication (APD)

Amber E. Adkison, 20, Apalachicola, public affray and disorderly intoxication (APD)

David G. Layton, 41, Eastpoint, public affray (FCSO)

Bobby J. Bullock, Jr., 44, Eastpoint, trespass on property after warning (FCSO)



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Opinion

Stop the spin on small business

As someone who advocates for thousands of small businesses, I know they want fact, not spin. Unfortunately, too often we hear inaccuracies and misinformation about how government policies affect small businesses. Ending the Bush-era tax cuts for the richest 2 percent of Americans is one policy where small business has been caught up in a whirlwind of spin.

So how would allowing the two top tax rates to return to their pre-2001 levels affect small business owners, most of whom pay income taxes on their business income through their personal tax returns?

Everyone seems to agree that fewer than 3 percent of small-business owners with "pass-through" business income (i.e. income from partnerships,

S corporations and sole proprietorships) would be affected should these tax cuts end.

But supporters of extending the high-income tax cuts then argue the top tax rates cannot be allowed to return to their pre-Bush levels because, they say, these 3 percent of small businesses employ about half of the workers in small businesses and account for about half of all pass-through business income.

The assumption is then made that changing the tax code for these small-business owners might lead to fewer jobs.

None of this is true.

The report that leads to this false information appears to be a 2010 Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation report. That report estimated that in 2011, there would be about "750,000

taxpayers with net positive business income" who would be in the upper two tax brackets, and these 750,000 taxpayers would account for 50 percent of all pass-through business income reported to the IRS.

But the report does not say these 750,000 taxpayers are small-business owners. In fact the report tries very hard to stop this equating of these wealthy taxpayers with small business owners.

"These figures for net positive business income do not imply that all of the income is from entities that might be considered 'small,'" reported the JCT. To emphasize this point, the JCT report says that in 2005 there were 19,520 S corporations and partnerships that reported pass-through business income of over \$50 million each.

Who are these high-income

companies and taxpayers who are misconstrued as small businesses and small-business owners? They're pass-through entities like Bechtel, the Tribune Company, Ernst & Young and PricewaterhouseCoopers — certainly not small businesses in most Americans' eyes. Neither are other pass-through revenue recipients such as K Street Lobbyists, hedge fund managers, corporate law practices, accounting firms and wealthy people who invest in financial and real estate partnerships.

Those in favor of continuing tax cuts for the nation's wealthiest know there would be little public support for their position if the face of those extensions were professional partnerships of lawyers, accountants, big businesses and billionaire owners of enormous family enterprises. That's why it is attractive to

instead spin a story about America's small-business owners as victims should the tax cuts at the top expire.

Small businesses are tired of being told how much they're admired while being abused in the political process. While a few of us small-business owners might be considered wealthy, the vast majority of us will not be negatively affected by allowing the tax cuts on the top two income tax brackets to expire. And, by the way, all of us will continue making hiring decisions based on consumer demand, not our personal income tax rates.

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FRANK KNAPP JR.

Obama, Congress must tackle fiscal cliff

Now that the election is over, Washington is finally beginning to focus on the "fiscal cliff."

First, we face the threat of higher tax rates for some or all taxpayers on Jan. 1. Second, there's also a possibility of a sequester; automatic budget cuts also are scheduled to take place Jan. 1.

And politicians have been spending so much money that we're about to bump up against the nation's debt limit.

So it's likely all these issues will get joined as President Obama and congressional leaders attempt to negotiate a deal.

The higher tax rate portion of the fiscal cliff exists because 2001 and 2003 tax cuts are scheduled to expire at the end of the year. All taxpayers would see more of their earnings confiscated by the IRS beginning in January if Washington fails to act.

All tax brackets would increase, taxes on dividends and capital gains would rise and families would see their child tax credits slashed.

The total yearly hike would be in the range of \$400 billion. This could have profound implications, both because of immediate reductions in take-home pay and the negative long-run effects of economic stagnation.

The sequester portion of the fiscal cliff exists

because of last year's debt limit fight. It was a mechanism to ensure something was done



DANIEL J. MITCHELL

to restrain the growing burden of government spending. If allowed to occur, the sequester would trim next year's federal budget by about \$100 billion, with half from military spending and half from

nondefense spending. This would be small compared to the potential tax hike, but definitely would be felt by program beneficiaries.

Many are worried about these potential changes, with Congressional Budget Director Doug Elmendorf warning that Americans should expect a "significant recession" and the loss of some 2 million jobs.

From my point of view, all the tax cuts should be made permanent. The bad news, to me, is that Obama wants to raise rates on investors, entrepreneurs, small business owners and other "rich" taxpayers.

The sequester should be replaced by a more targeted set of fiscal reforms to restrain the growth of the entitlement state. Finally, the debt limit should be raised in exchange for a workable and enforceable cap on government spending.

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Library steps up new book purchases

In recent months, the Apalachicola Municipal Library has been gradually increasing its book purchases because of new funding sources, first from



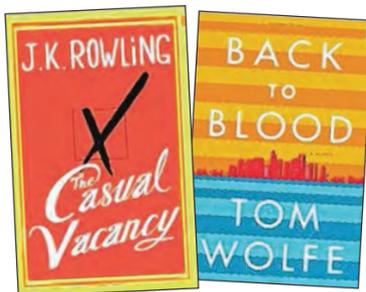
THE LIBRARY
Caty Greene

Patrons of the Apalachicola Library Society and then with a city budget line, the first I believe the library has ever had. As you can imagine, this is fun! No longer

does the librarian put books in the cart only to defer their purchase for another month or two or longer.

Adult fiction is still our principal purchasing area, and with increased knowledge of genres gleaned from my fall Florida State University course, the library is catching up on crime, romance and political fiction, with authors like Jance, Deaver, Hooper, Coulter, Reichs and Thor. Kate Morton's new title, "The Secret Keeper," will be going on my list. Her languid British tales are great bedtime reading.

We are keeping up with Ken Follett, who has just put out the second of his Century Trilogy, "Winter of the World." We have



the first book, "Fall of Giants," in hardcopy and audiobook (donated). We went off the deep end with Tom Wolfe's new book, "Back to Blood," set in Miami; his 1986 "Bonfire of the Vanities" left a lasting impression of New York.

The library also has bought J. K. Rowling's first adult book, "A Casual Vacancy." The reviews seem good for this author who brought us Harry Potter.

New historical fiction authors include two by Ariana Franklin, tales of an Italian-trained female forensic doctor in the 1100s; one by Yale law professor Jed Rubenfeld, set when Sigmund Freud visited New York in 1909; and the first for

the library by Louis Bayard, set in 1818 Paris.

In young adult fiction, the library has just purchased five of the Artemis Fowl Series by Irish author Eoin Colfer. The sixth was donated, and seven will be coming soon. This very popular series is the story of a devious teenager by the same name. In the first book he captures a fairy for a large gold ransom, but by the second book he is allied with the fairies. By the last book he is willing to ... but I don't want to ruin the plot for young readers. Come in and check them out.

Finally we have gotten "The Mark of Athena" by Rick Riordan. His Percy Jackson series, starting with the "The Lightning Thief," is equally beloved by kids and educators. This title is the third of his Heroes of Olympus Series.

The library is so pleased to be able to offer such a wide selection, and we take suggestions and requests from patrons too.

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

UF awarded \$2 million to boost science, math teaching

Special to the Times

The University of Florida is launching a statewide effort to bolster teaching and learning in science and mathematics in the middle school and high school grades.

Officials with the university and the Florida Department of Education jointly announced this month that UF's College of Education has been awarded a two-year, \$2 million grant to create a research-based, professional development support system for new science and math teachers.

The project's most noteworthy feature is the creation of prototype "teacher induction" programs to support teachers in their first two years on the job. Induction will involve online and face-to-face mentoring, professional development and networking opportunities with their peers. Center faculty and staff also will assist partnering school districts in creating coaching programs for novice science and math teachers.

To coordinate the project, UF has established a program called Florida STEM-Teacher Induction and Professional Support, also known as Florida STEM-TIPS Center.

Griffith Jones, a UF science education professor and principal investigator of the project, will oversee development of statewide teacher induction activities. Jones said they will start in Dade, Duval and Palm Beach counties, where UF has existing partnerships with the local school districts, and then scale up to other interested

districts throughout the state.

"The induction support activities will ensure that the training and collegial support of teachers in training won't end at graduation, but will continue into their first two years of teaching," Jones said. "We aim to work with districts to reverse the lack of teacher induction support that historically drives nearly one-third of new teachers from the classroom by their third year of teaching."

Jones said induction activities for new math and science teachers will include professional-development training in new curriculum standards and high-engagement instructional practices, on-the-job training programs and grade-specific mentoring.

UF professors with the center also will lead Webinars and create a Web-based gateway for collaborating and sharing information so science and math educators can network with peers across the state.

Supported by the DOE grant, UF professors also will travel to state universities to share information on a highly touted STEM teacher preparation program called UTeach, which is the model for the University of Florida's own "UFTeach" program. The UTeach model, created by University of Texas-Austin professors in 1997, recruits top science and math majors into teaching by offering a creative curriculum with progressively complex field experiences teaching those subjects in area schools.

For more information, visit <http://education.ufl.edu/stem-tips>.

Experienced

By Richard J. Bowne
Special to the Times

"That's quite a boat."
"Yup. Sure is. Guy and his wife been all over the world on her."
"All over the world, huh?"
"Yup. South America, round the horn, South Pacific, clean up to Alaska and back. All over. Very tricky goin' around the horn, you know."
"So I've heard."
"Yup. Horn's plenty tricky. Gotta be real experienced."
"What's the boat doing here on the Ohio?"
"Came from Chicago. That's where they live, Chicago. Just stoppin' over."
"Where they headed?"
"Nowheres. Not now."
"How come?"
"Guy died. Drowned. Cast his bow line before his stern line. Bow caught the current. Tried to pull her back in. Boat rail gave way. Guy went right in. Been draggin' the river for three days. Can't find him."
"Where was his wife?"
"On the boat. Threw him a line. Had hold of it, too, for a while. River's awful strong here. Swept him away."
"Life jacket?"
"Nope. Like I said, he was experienced."
"Forgot to cast his stern line, you say?"
"Yup."
"Terrible thing."
"Yup. Been all over the world. Thirty years of experience. You got a boat?"
"Over there."
"Nice lookin' boat."
"Thanks."
"How long you been sailin'?"
"About five weeks."
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Richard J. Bowne is a resident of Carrabelle.



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News BRIEFS

Autreys to sign new book Saturday

Author Gill Autrey and his wife, photographer Lane Autrey, will sign their new book, "Gone with the Tides and Other Southern Stories," from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Downtown Books in Apalachicola.

Apalachicola annual Christmas celebration to be Nov. 23

The Apalachicola Christmas Celebration will light up Apalachicola from 4-8 p.m. Nov. 23. The streets will be lined with luminaries and filled with holiday spirit. Merchants will be open late, and the sounds of carolers will echo through the streets,

filling the evening with the Christmas spirit.

Santa arrives on a shrimp boat at 4 p.m. at the City Dock on Water Street. He will hear children's Christmas wishes and carolers will sing. The Orman House Museum will be trimmed in holiday finery, and docents dressed in period costumes will lead visitors through the early history of Franklin County. The Raney House Museum also will be decorated in holiday greenery and open for tours.

At noon Nov. 25, the fun continues as Santa has a special day devoted to hearing wishes from his furry friends. Support the Franklin County Humane Society and have your pet's picture taken

with Santa for a donation. There will be a pet costume contest at 3 p.m., plus stocking stuffers for your non-furry friends.

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Clerk of Court Marcia Johnson announced the official courthouse holiday for 2013 at the Nov. 5 county meeting.

This holiday season, the county courthouse will be closed Nov. 22-23 for Thanksgiving, and Dec. 24-26 for Christmas.

Apalachicola City Hall will close at noon Nov. 21 and remain closed

through Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving and will be closed Dec. 24-26 for Christmas.

Carrabelle City Hall will be closed Nov. 22-23 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 24-25 for Christmas and will close at noon on Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve.

The Apalachicola Municipal Library will close on Thanksgiving Day and will close at 2 p.m. Christmas Eve and remain closed on Christmas Day.

County libraries will be closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 22-24 and Dec. 24-26 for Christmas.

In 2013, New Year's Day will be observed on Jan. 1. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (King Day) will be celebrated Jan. 21. Good Friday is March 29. Memorial Day will be

observed May 27.

Independence Day is July 4 and Labor Day is Sept. 2. Veteran's Day will be observed Nov. 11. Thanksgiving Day will be Nov. 28, and the courthouse also will be closed Nov. 29 in observance of the holiday. The courthouse will be closed Dec. 24-Dec. 26 for Christmas.

Tobacco-Free Partnership to meet Dec. 5

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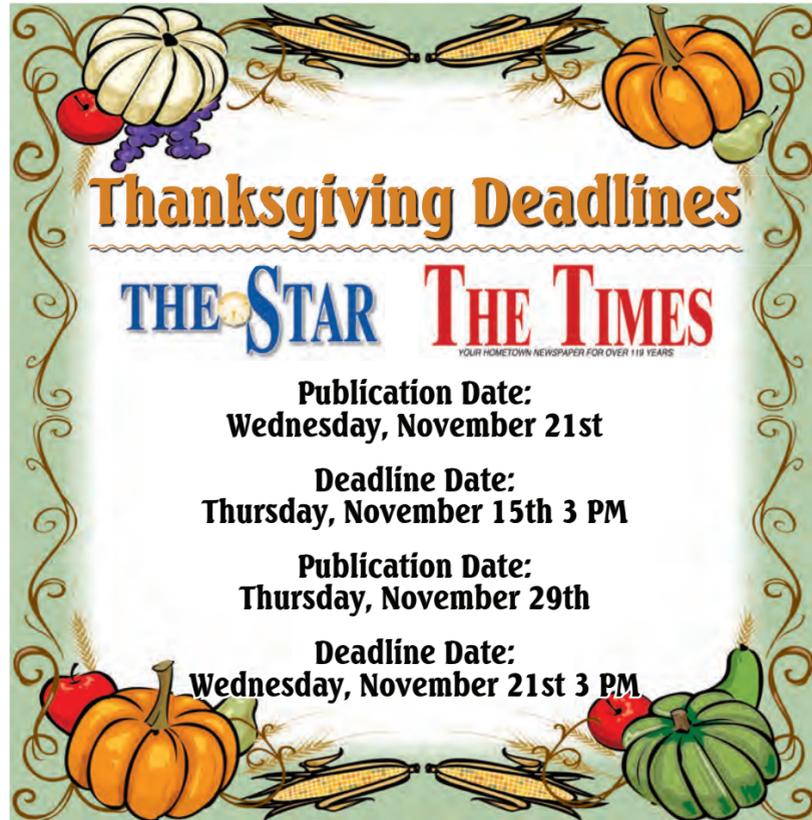
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When the county failed to respond to the proposal, Apalachicola City Attorney Pat Floyd wrote to the county in October asking to enter into negotiations based on Chapter 164 of the Florida Statutes, which provides for creating a governmental conflict resolution procedure to provide an "equitable, expeditious, effective, and inexpensive method" to avoid courtroom squabbles between government entities.

Shuler replied with a letter stating that no conflict existed between the cities and county because the distribution of RESTORE funds is mandated by federal law.

Floyd said local distribution is the root of the conflict between cities and county. "It is true that the distribution of the fine funds to the eight disproportionately impacted county areas is mandated," he said. "But there is no specification from that point forward of how the money will be dealt with locally."

The problem of who will allocate RESTORE funds within the counties is the subject of an ongoing debate. At the Oct. 16 county meeting, Commissioner Smokey Parrish, who acted

as county liaison in matters related to the oil spill, said he no longer would represent the county in that capacity, after the commission voted 3-2 not to join the Gulf Consortium, a board proposed by the Florida Association of Counties to vet and approve local projects funded by BP fines. Any future involvement by the county in the consortium could affect the decision-making powers of a local council.

At the same meeting, commissioners voted to form the local council that would vet projects within the county, but under this plan, the county commission has the ultimate say in who receives funding.

The RESTORE Act does not outline a process for what happens after money reaches Florida's affected counties, but the FAC has suggested the creation of these RESTORE councils to decide where to spend the local funds, a suggestion echoed by Rep. Steve Southerland during a recent private meeting with some local officials.

FAC spokeswoman Craigin Mosteller said although counties are not required to form RESTORE committees, the FAC has recom-

mended it to invoke transparency in the process.

"We have certainly encouraged (the counties) to develop those committees — transparency is going to be critical in this process," Mosteller said. "From the time of the spill, our cities and counties have worked very well together, and I believe that will continue."

Carrabelle joins with Apalachicola

At their Nov. 1 meeting, Carrabelle commissioners voted unanimously to join Apalachicola in seeking talks with Franklin County over distribution of RESTORE Act funds.

In a letter to the county commission sent by Mayor Van Johnson on Oct. 15, the mayor wrote that "the obvious conflict that has developed between the county commission and the city commissions of Apalachicola and Carrabelle is that the county commission has refused and failed to agree to the local distribution plan adopted by all the cities and has failed to include the cities in a plan or even the discussion of a plan."

Johnson said because of the county's refusal to

"even to discuss a plan that gives an equal voice to the people of these communities through their elected mayors and city commissions, we were forced to take a step further to attempt to deal with this conflict by participating in an intergovernmental conflict resolution procedure."

Both Apalachicola and Carrabelle have expressed displeasure with the county's unwillingness to discuss the RESTORE Act.

"We submitted something to the county a month ago asking them to meet with us about RESTORE Act funding, and we haven't received an answer," Commissioner Cal Allen said at Carrabelle's Nov. 1 meeting. With so much money at stake, we want to be sure everybody has a seat at the table."

He said he believed the cities and the county have equal standing before the state as local entities eligible to receive RESTORE funds as "coastal political subdivisions," a term used in the RESTORE Act.

Floyd and Carrabelle City Attorney Dan Hartman agree. Hartman said the Florida League of Cities also maintains that municipalities are on equal

footing with counties under RESTORE. Hartman wants the county to open a dialogue with the cities on the RESTORE Act Council proposed at the county's Oct. 16 meeting.

"I agree that the cities have a seat at the table, but it is an equal seat with the county commission regarding this important distribution that is to be attained," Floyd said. "In the original proposal from the FAC, the city with the greatest population or suffering the greatest impact from the oil spill had equal representation with the county commission on the proposed council. This just points up how council configuration is not part of the RESTORE Act and continues to be changed by the county."

He said he would like to see the county "show its independence from the other counties and the FAC that are trying to pressure them into the mold of another level appointed government both locally and regionally."

Floyd said county commissioners should agree to "a fair and clear plan for distribution of the monies with its two cities. That way the elected officials of the cities who know the needs within their jurisdiction will have the responsibility for approval of their projects for the RESTORE Act within their city limits."

At the Nov. 1 meeting, Carrabelle commissioner Brenda La Paz questioned whether demanding a dialogue would exclude the cities from participation in

the proposed county RESTORE council. She asked if it would be possible to negotiate without going to court.

Hartman told her Carrabelle could not be excluded from participation in the council and that statute 164 is designed to keep government disputes out of court. In a later interview, he said the cities could consider suing the county to force them to the table.

"You cannot underestimate the importance of this amount of money," Hartman said. "The county's got way ahead of us on this. None of this is in the RESTORE Act. There's nothing about these county-level councils."

Floyd said, "Whenever a Florida statute requires a government entity to participate in a conflict resolution, it means what it says. County governments have to comply with the law just like everybody else."

"Why wouldn't the county want to sit down and discuss this?" Hartman asked in a telephone interview. "It's going to have to talk with the local governments. This will save everyone time and money."

He said his letter to the county "supports Apalachicola's initial request for negotiation. We will resort to legal remedies which may include seeking a determination by the court that a conflict exists and any remedies available under statute."

Hartman said the case would be tried in the circuit court, and the county could only avoid a court appearance by defaulting.

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high as they charged onto the field.

It concluded on a solemn note Monday morning, as the First Baptist Christian School held its annual program to honor all who served.

Guest speaker for the service was Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul Plazarin of Blountstown, son of the church's pastor, the Rev. Bill Plazarin, who introduced his son, a career military man born Dec. 22, 1969.

"His mother said he was brought home in a Christmas stocking as a Christmas present," Bill Plazarin said.

The Plazarins' three sons all have served, with Paul going on 19 years in the Army, including two overseas tours, one for the Gulf invasion and the second for 14 months in Kuwait.

"We're proud to say he came back safe and whole," his father said. "Not all did."

The younger Plazarin, dressed in Army camouflage, focused his remarks as a pointed reminder of the meaning of the day.

"Why is it we put so much emphasis on Veterans Day? Why do we care? Why should we care?" he asked. "The answer is found in a simple phrase: 'All gave some, and some gave all.'"

"For 230 years, Americans have kept the wolf at bay and our freedoms safe," Paul Plazarin said. "In an unstable world, our military has been called to keep the terrorist and tyrants at bay.

We take the fight to the enemy. Heroes fight and die so we can sit in our homes with our families and enjoy a normal life."

To elaborate on his point, Plazarin focused on two true-life stories, one he read about while doing research on the Internet and the other which he knew of first-hand.

He told of a Vietnam-era story he read about by Vietnam veteran Colby Dunn concerning a Capt. Little, a physician who, despite suffering battle wounds, tended to men in his unit and saved many of their lives.

The second story took place nine years ago in Baghdad, just after its liberation by American troops, when an Iraqi insurgent approached two soldiers and shot them, seriously wounding each of them, protected only by flak jackets.

One of them, a National Guardsman named Willie, was fortunate to survive.

"That is how prayer works," said Paul Plazarin. "The bullet did not go through that jacket, but he had a bruise over his heart."

"He is still in the National Guard, and he is still a good friend of mine," he said.

"I wanted to put names and events in your heart," Plazarin said. "These two people answered the call to stand up and fight, no matter the hardships they face."

"Sometimes we can forget where we come from and who gave us these rights. We need to be reminded we owe



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times
Paul Plazarin addresses the Veterans Day program while his father, the Rev. Bill Plazarin, listens at left.

a debt that cannot be repaid. "We can never forget. That's what we do, we never forget."

The active-duty soldier opened his remarks by offering a belated thank-you to those members of the local community who had, in 2003, sent him a box full of Bibles to distribute to his fellow

service men and women on their overseas deployment.

"The community support is awesome," he said. "That makes me proud, to stand up tall in this uniform. It's a humbling experience."

Paul Plazarin closed by challenging attendees "to make a difference in your own lives," including taking

the time to show respect and honor for the nation's military and its veterans.

"Not everybody addresses these things as they should," he said. "What's going through their minds as the National Anthem is being played? Maybe Dr. Little will come to your mind, or Willie. It's a simple act of respect we can do to pay honor."

"It's not about the politics, by no means. It's not about how much you have or how much land you own. It's about how you live your life as an American."

"Thank God for your salvation, and thank a veteran for your freedom," Plazarin said in closing.

Monday's service was hosted by Carline Kembro, the school's director, and opened with a procession of flags by the school's juniors and seniors.

Students as young as the kindergartners took turns

offering the singing of patriotic songs, as well as the reading of poems, including an original acrostic poem written by the third- and fourth-graders.

The program closed with a hushed reading of the names of the county's war dead, dating back to World War I. Senior Sarah Strickland read the names, as senior Anna Harris stood in front, holding a basket in which her fellow students came forward to plant a small flag reading "God bless America" with each name.

The service closed with the folding of the flag, as Bill Plazarin narrated while the duty was performed by World War II vets Oscar Medley and Red Sizemore, who were joined by Louis Van Fleet, in honor of his older brother, who died in the Pacific near the end of the war.

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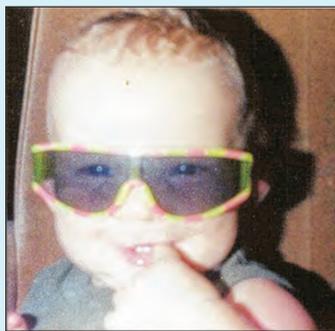
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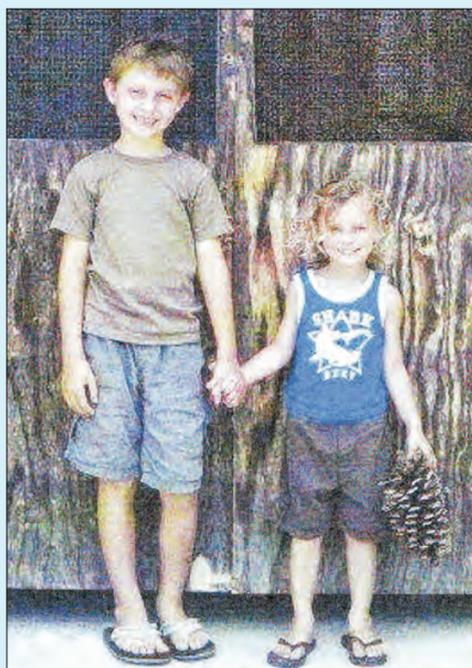
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Nichols brothers celebrate birthdays

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John Talon Mathes turns 3

John Talon Mathes celebrated his 3rd birthday on Sunday, Oct. 14, with family and friends. His party had a Western theme. Guests enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and a cowboy-themed cake. Toddler guests had fun smashing a candy-filled boot pinata and took home Western goodies. John Talon is the son of Parrish Johnson and Justin Mathes. Grandparents are Darren and Chimene Johnson and Riley and Joyce Mathes.

KEY CHOSEN AS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

At the Nov. 6 county commission meeting, Fonda Davis, director of the solid waste and animal control departments, presented William Key, left, with the department's first Employee of the Month award. Davis, who said he plans to honor outstanding employees in the future, read portions of a letter to the editor, written by Fran Giknis, that appeared in the Times praising Key for his service above and beyond the call of duty when investigating a dog bite on St. George Island. "I was most impressed with the help and expressions of interest from William, perhaps because they were sincere and unexpected," Giknis wrote.

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Adele Colston presents Shirley Taylor, right, with a Philaco tree.



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and Howard Karchmer (Liz Sisung and Henry Kozlowsky), who sparkle in their roles, second and third from right. Both manage to capture the energy and clash of longtime married couples who confront their fears. To snap her husband out of his comic self-pity, Norma asks friend Dorothy Arnfield, portrayed with pizzazz by Judy Loftus, far right, to shake up his fantasies. The widow Dorothy has her own admirer, Sydney Hersch, played by Apalachicola resident Bob Inguagiatto, far left. The Karchmer's grown daughter Louise, local fisheries biologist Katie Maxwell, brings home her new boyfriend Frederic Kahler, further complicating matters. Both add a youthful excitement



JOHN INZETTA | Special to the Times

that is a pleasure to watch. The show will be performed Friday and Saturday evenings, with dinner and the show available for \$40. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. On

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It's Birthday Bash time already! Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 will be rocking Saturday night from 6-10

p.m. Come on over and enjoy the evening. We'd love to see you!

There will be no covered dish on Sunday, Nov. 18, at Chillax Hall. Be sure to stop in at Chillax Hall, though, and sign up for the

Thanksgiving Dinner to be held Thursday, Nov. 22. There is a sign-up sheet for your name, number in your party and what you will bring. Serving begins at 1 p.m. See ya there, pilgrim!

We had many faithful, and one black bear visitor, at Mass Saturday, Nov. 10. We went into the church hall for a potluck supper. Bishop Parkes tablehopped and had his picture taken many times. Fuzzy Wuzzy wanted to join in the Mass but had trouble with the kneeling and sitting.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound and ASAP - Always Say A Prayer.

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



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

Delta Kappa hears from Bolivian missionary

Special to the Times

Members of the Delta Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at The Red Pirate Restaurant in Eastpoint on Nov. 5.

President Karen Ward brought the meeting to order and introduced the guest of honor, Jack Spiers. Jack, who is the brother of member Babs Bailey, reported on his mission work in Bolivia.

He shared that he is working to improve the El Faro mission on the banks of the Beni River in Bolivia. Delta Kappa Chapter members are longtime supporters of his missionary work and were happy to give him a check at the meeting. Members also will be taking school supplies to the Taunton Children's home in Wewahitchka, another community service project of the organization.

Members also shared stories connected to items they brought that were old and dear to them for various reasons.

Others in attendance were Laura Baney, Cathy Creamer, Beverly Kelley, Laura King, Lydia Countryman, Missy Cumbie and Arlene Oehler.

DKG is an international organization of more than 100,000 educators dedicated to promote professional and personal development of women educators and excellence in education.



ARLENE OEHLER | Special to the Times

Jack Spiers, pictured with sister Babs Bailey, has been doing mission work in Bolivia.

Your County LIBRARY

E-Books, Teen Underground mark 20th year

Special to The Times

As Franklin County Public Library moves into its 20th year, we are thrilled to offer e-Books to all our patrons. Anyone owning a Kindle, iPhone or iPad is able to download books. The go-to website is <http://fcpl.wildernesscoast.org>, which offers e-Books, and the library catalog for Franklin, Wakulla, and Jefferson County libraries, all part of Wilderness Coast Public Libraries. The patron will need his or her library card number for the user ID and the

password, which is the last four numbers of their library card. If anyone has questions regarding this process, the staff at either branch will be happy to assist them.

A new service at the library in Eastpoint is the Teen Underground, which just celebrated its grand opening. After school, teens who wish to access a computer either for homework or searches have that opportunity. This area is designed so that teens have computer accessibility, snacks and a place to read and quietly

socialize. Interest and attendance is increasing each day.

The county library had more than 32,000 items circulated last year. Our volunteers are the heart of our success and allow us to offer programs to the children, teens and adults who frequent our doors. Services such as providing assistance for food stamps, unemployment, job searches, faxing to the Department of Children and Families, as well as business development

and job skills are offered daily. Basic computer skills instruction is offered weekly by appointment.

The library staff is proud to be such an active part of Franklin County and look ahead with anticipated success and excitement for another remarkable 20 years of serving the citizens of Franklin County.

For information about our programs or services, call Eastpoint at 670-8151 or Carrabelle at 697-2366.

Faith BRIEFS

Dry Bones Ministry to host Saturday lunch

The Dry Bones Ministry invites you to come out for a day of fun, praise worship and lunch at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Sixth Street Recreation Center in Apalachicola.

Evangelist Annie Austin Pierce is hosting the event and said she is thankful for each of you and our relationship that God has blessed us with. "We have so much, and I look forward to the many more blessings God has in store for us," she said.

Take Stock offers free Thanksgiving meal

The Take Stock in Children mentoring program and the Youth Advisory Council invite you to a free Thanksgiving Meal and Fellowship from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Apalachicola City Hall Community Center at Battery Park.

The meal will be prepared by TSIC students and the Youth Advisory Council of the Franklin County Education Foundation as part of their civic responsibility to the less fortunate than themselves. We welcome all to our table to have a meal and laugh with us. Please show our students that their time does matter.

Also, you can help with making the meal a success by adding your name to our donors. Contribute a food or paper item from your restaurant or business. To become a donor, email Betty Stephen at boogiebetty23@yahoo.com or Shirley Barfield at sbarfield@aol.com

'Family Portrait' DVDs now available

A DVD of Barry Hand's "The Family Portrait," which was performed at the Dixie Theatre in August, is now available. The hour-long DVD includes the entire production of the show and costs \$15. For more information, call 276-2550 or email barrylh20@yahoo.com.

Sacred Heart hospital guild to host Dec. 2-7 holiday sale

The spirit of the holidays will come alive in the main hallway of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf as the hospital's Volunteer Guild hosts its third annual Christmas Spectacular on Dec. 2-7.

Guests will discover holiday decorations, tree ornaments, manger scenes, angels, gift items, holiday games, festive toys and table décor. The event hours will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday.

"We even hope to have a visit from Santa on Friday," said Paulina Pendarvis, volunteer coordinator.

Santa is scheduled to arrive at 5 p.m. Friday for milk and cookies. "Santa did mention that he'd love for parents to bring their cameras to take pictures of him with their children," Pendarvis said.

Proceeds generated from the Sacred Heart Gift Shop and this sale will support services at Sacred Heart.

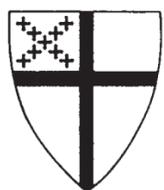
For more information, call the volunteer desk at 229-5788. Display booths are not available for the public.

At the core of Sacred Heart's long tradition of caring for the sick, the poor and the vulnerable stands a group of volunteers whose willing hearts and helping hands have served generations of families during their time of need. More than 90 volunteers freely give of their time, talents and energy.

Collectively, the volunteers have given 18,000 hours of service since the hospital has been opened. Through membership dues, fundraising activities and gift shop sales, the Volunteer Guild will provide donations for the hospital and our community.

For more information about Sacred Heart Volunteer Guild, call Paula Pickett, guild membership chair, at 227-7535 or visit www.sacredheartonthegulf.org.

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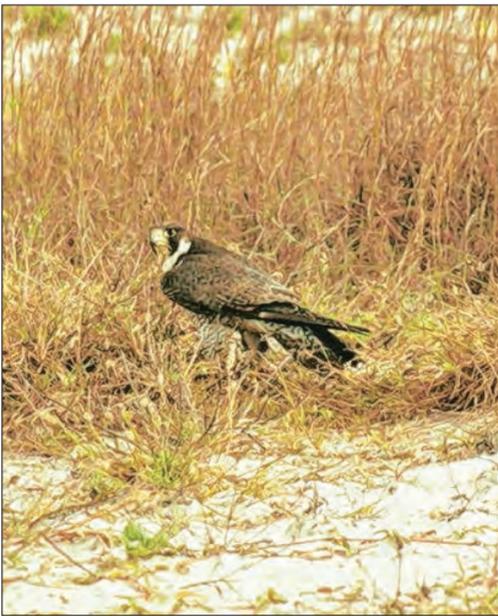
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FALCON AWAITS RETURN



ROD GASCHE | Special to the Times

Dr. John Hitron and Rod Gasche attempted Monday to release to the wild a young male peregrine falcon on the eastern end of Dr. Julian Bruce St. George Island State Park, where it was found last month by a park ranger. He had been injured, was weak from lack of food and parasites. Chris Beatty and her staff at the Florida Wild Mammal Association cared for it and believed he should be allowed to attempt to return to the wild. Although he quickly headed out into the sand dunes the door was opened, he was unable to fly well enough to survive. He strived several times to rise above the tops of the grasses and bushes but was unable to get up. Because of coyotes on the island, the men were afraid the falcon never would survive, let alone be able to feed himself as he could not continue to soar for his food. After a few attempts to recapture him, the bird tired and Gasche was able to toss a tablecloth over him and return him to the safety of his shelter. Beatty and her volunteer staff will do further tests and continue to work on the falcon's health until he can take care of himself.

Brice band reels in the redfish

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It isn't every day that you get to fish with a country singing sensation, and when that day comes along, you sure hope the fish are biting.

In the case of Capt. J. B. Layne, it got about as good as it gets.

Layne, along with Florida Seafood Festival President John Solomon, had a chance Nov. 4 to go fishing with Lee Brice and members of his band. After a fantastic concert Saturday night to close out the 49th annual festival, Brice and his boys were ready for the fishing adventure.

Brice's tour manager had called Layne late Saturday night to arrange the trip. "All we want to catch is redfish," he told Layne.

"I can take them where they're at," Layne told him. "It's your job to reel them in."

Leaving out of Ten Foot Hole about 11:30 a.m. the following Sunday, Brice brought along a high school buddy, his personal trainer, drummer and lead guitarist. Layne found them a spot over near Dry Bar, and the boys went to work, reeling out with 10-pound test line to prove their mettle against the fierce fighter.

"Everyone was real knowledgeable, but they grew up mostly on bass fishing," Layne said. "This was the first redfish any of them ever caught."

And caught they did, each of them snaring at least one, and some of them two, for more than a dozen on the day, most all of them deemed oversized and thrown back.



JOHN SOLOMON | Special to the Times

Lee Brice, second from right, shares in his band's redfish catch. Charter Capt. J. B. Layne, is standing at left.

"Every one of them was over 27 inches except three of them," Layne said. Size limits call for not less than 18 inches and no more than 27 inches total length.

The biggest one of the day, 38 inches long and 22 pounds with the Boga grips, was caught by lead guitarist Travis Bettis. Layne coached him how to let out the line, and then get the fish to turn his head as he heads to the bottom. The charter captain had Solomon hoist the anchor to ensure against losing the bull red, and they didn't, finally landing him after Bettis proved as able with the rod as he is with his guitar.

Layne said the fishing trip was a wholesome affair, with Brice's personal trainer mixing the alcohol and having them drink coconut water instead.

"(Brice) is really big into football, he monitors it 24/7. Every 30 minutes

or less he has to check his phone and the scores," said Layne of the former Clemson football player, who he said made the large-framed Layne look tiny.

"It was a blast, they're just regular guys, down to earth," Layne said. "Every one of them caught one, and that was the best part."

With three keeper reds in tow, Layne dropped them back off at Sikes Cut, near where the band was staying in the Plantation at a unit provided by Resort Vacation Properties.

Layne beached the boat and then cleaned them right there, asking only that Brice autograph his shirt and hat. The singing star was more than happy to oblige.

"It's the least I can do for you," he told Layne.

"They were real nice people," Layne said. "Everyone was super nice."

Commercial fishing gets easier for Florida vets

Special to the Times

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission honored Florida's heroes on Veterans Day by implementing changes to commercial licensing requirements. The changes make it easier for Florida veterans and veterans with disabilities to enter the commercial fishing industry.

"We have a tremendous opportunity not only to give thanks to the men and women that served our nation so courageously, but also to provide them with more support so they can pursue careers in fishing here in Florida," Gov. Rick Scott said. "This initiative will expand job opportunities for our veterans and get more folks involved in the commercial fishing industry, which is a win-win for Florida."

The FWC adopted these changes at its September meeting and made a formal announcement of the changes in a media event on Nov. 9.

"I am excited to be extending this opportunity to the men and women who so bravely served our country," Commissioner Charles W. Roberts III said. "Job creation and Florida's economy are priorities for everyone, including the FWC. Our hope is that more of Florida's veterans and veterans with disabilities, especially those who have recently returned from active duty, will be able to partake in the commercial seafood industry and benefit from this opportunity."

The changes will modify income requirements for many of Florida veterans seeking a commercial restricted species endorsement, which allows commercial harvesters to fish for and sell species that are designated as restricted.

Spanish and king mackerel, flounder, shrimp, mahi mahi and several reef fish are among the list of species that require a restricted species endorsement.

Commercial harvesters attempting to qualify

for a restricted species endorsement must have a Florida Saltwater Products License, which is Florida's commercial saltwater fishing license, and be able to attribute \$5,000 or 25 percent of their total annual income during one of the past three years to sales of saltwater products.

With the new changes in place, restricted species endorsement income requirements will be waived for one license year (July 1 to June 30) for Florida veterans who were honorably discharged between Sept. 11, 2001, and June 30, 2014. After June 30, 2014, this income-requirement waiver will continue to extend to Florida veterans as long as they apply within four years of an honorable discharge.

The one-license-year waiver also extends to all honorably discharged veterans with service-connected disabilities, regardless of when they were discharged. After the one-year waiver expires, veterans with service-connected disabilities will also have a reduced income requirement of \$2,500 instead of \$5,000. All other veterans must meet the

\$5,000 income requirement after the one-year waiver expires. To qualify for these exemptions, veterans must be certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the U.S. Armed Forces to have at least a 10-percent disability that is service-connected.

"I salute the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for making it easier for Florida's veterans to become commercial fishermen," said Mike Prendergast, executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. "With more than 1.6 million veterans in Florida, including nearly 260,000 with service-connected disabilities, this new opportunity provides an avenue to help them achieve their dreams after honorable military service."

Applicants should visit MyFWC.com/License and click on "Commercial Saltwater Products" or call 487-3122.

To learn more about commercial saltwater fishing in Florida, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing; click on "Saltwater Fishing" and "Commercial."

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Nov. 15	73°	49°	20 %
Fri, Nov. 16	70°	48°	10 %
Sat, Nov. 17	69°	44°	20 %
Sun, Nov. 18	69°	47°	0 %
Mon, Nov. 19	70°	45°	0 %
Tues, Nov. 20	69°	49°	0 %
Wed, Nov. 21	71°	50°	0 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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
15	Th	242am 1.8	643pm 1.5	1106am -0.5	1024pm 1.3
16	Fr	327am 1.8	733pm 1.4	1158am -0.4	1111pm 1.2
17	Sa	418am 1.8	820pm 1.4	1250pm -0.3	
18	Su	514am 1.6	901pm 1.3	1211am 1.2	145pm -0.1
19	Mo	620am 1.5	938pm 1.3	127am 1.1	239pm 0.1
20	Tu	740am 1.3	1011pm 1.3	257am 0.9	334pm 0.3
21	We	924am 1.1	1041pm 1.3	426am 0.7	428pm 0.5
22	Th	1130am 1.0	1110pm 1.4	541am 0.5	521pm 0.7
23	Fr	124pm 1.1	1137pm 1.4	642am 0.2	611pm 0.8
24	Sa	244pm 1.2		733am 0.0	658pm 1.0
25	Su	1205am 1.5	342pm 1.2	819am -0.1	742pm 1.0
26	Mo	1233am 1.5	428pm 1.3	900am -0.2	822pm 1.1
27	Tu	103am 1.5	506pm 1.3	938am -0.3	858pm 1.1

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
15	Th	117am 2.9	518pm 2.4	853am -0.8	811pm 2.1
16	Fr	202am 2.9	608pm 2.2	945am -0.6	858pm 1.9
17	Sa	253am 2.9	655pm 2.2	1037am -0.5	958pm 1.9
18	Su	349am 2.6	736pm 2.1	1132am -0.2	1114pm 1.8
19	Mo	455am 2.4	813pm 2.1	1226pm 0.2	
20	Tu	615am 2.1	846pm 2.1	1244am 1.4	121pm 0.5
21	We	759am 1.8	916pm 2.1	213am 1.1	215pm 0.8
22	Th	1005am 1.6	945pm 2.2	328am 0.8	308pm 1.1
23	Fr	1159am 1.8	1012pm 2.2	429am 0.3	358pm 1.3
24	Sa	119pm 1.9	1040pm 2.4	520am 0.0	445pm 1.6
25	Su	217pm 1.9	1108pm 2.4	606am -0.2	529pm 1.6
26	Mo	303pm 2.1	1138pm 2.4	647am -0.3	609pm 1.8
27	Tu	341pm 2.1		725am -0.5	645pm 1.8

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Freshwater

Winter weather is on the way for 2012. November is usually a good crappie month for freshwater fishing in our area. Crappie reports are steady now, with most action in the Depot and Howard Creek. Some bass are on the move, however, most are in the 2- to 3-pound range.

Inshore

Red fish continue to be the best bet in and around the St. Joe area. Good reports of huge "bull" reds are common right now from Mexico Beach to Indian Pass. Most anglers are using cut baits, and good artificial bait colors are glow, gold, and rootbeer right now. Surf fishing or pier fishing is the best way to land a big red fish this week.

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South Walton spoils Seahawk Senior Night

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South Walton was the better of a pair of Seahawks Friday night, as they snapped a season-long losing streak with a 37-10 win over Franklin County.

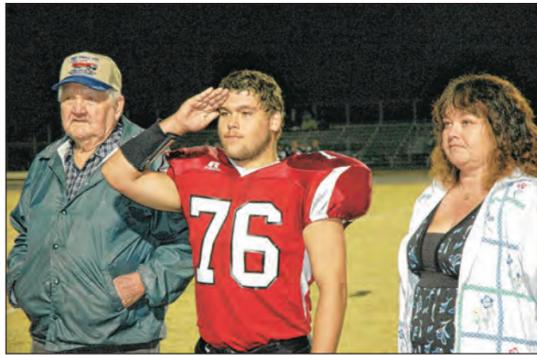
Sophomore quarterback Johnathan Ortnier punctured the pass defense with a 19-for-26 performance for 219 yards and three touchdowns, handing Phil Tisa his first win after nine losses in his inaugural season as South Walton head coach.

"Those were a hard 10 weeks," he said. "It was a rough schedule. Seven of the 10 teams on our schedule are in the playoffs, but we stayed together and got better each week. During those nine losses, I never lost those kids wanting to play for me, and that lets me sleep at night."

The visiting Seahawks spotted the hometown ones a field goal early on, when senior Zach Howze nailed a 29-yarder with 5:16 left in the first quarter.

Franklin County sophomore Cameron White managed an interception in the first half, and a 15-yard runback, but no scoring resulted. South Walton added 16 unanswered points before halftime, including successfully completing the team's first field goal attempt of the year with no time left on the clock, when freshman Joe Ledo-Massey split the uprights from 27 yards out.

With 2:15 left in the first quarter, Ortnier threw a



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Flanked by his granddad, Paul Orr, and his mom, Cindi Brackin, Seahawk senior Karl Sanford salutes during Senior Night ceremonies.

15-yard touchdown strike to senior wide receiver Drew Pheiffer for South Walton's first touchdown. Pheiffer finished the night with eight receptions for 132 yards.

Pheiffer also snared an interception that set up a 39-yard scoring scamper by senior running back Brandon Whalen with 6:36 left in the third quarter. Whalen, who led the team with 10 carries on 59 yards, also put himself into position to finish tops among Walton County ball carriers for the year, with more than 700 yards on the ground.

South Walton's second score came in the first minute of the second quarter, when Ortnier connected with junior running back Sage Roberts on a four-yard pass for the score. Ledo-Massey failed on the extra point try when the snap went awry.

With 8:18 left in the third quarter, Ortnier lofted a high 15-yard heave to

senior wide receiver Bishop Waldrop for his third touchdown pass, with Ledo-Massey booting his second of four extra points of the night.

South Walton wrapped up its scoring with 10:43 left in the game, when senior wide receiver Hampton Schaffer ran it in from the one-yard-line for a 37-3 lead.

Franklin County, who fell to 2-7, 1-3, on the year, offered fans some excitement late in the game, when senior lineman Mason Ray recovered a fumble on the team's own 30-yard line.

On the opening play of their next possession, Franklin County junior quarterback Logan McLeod, filling in for the injured starter Dwayne Griggs, threw to junior tailback Mercury Wynn for an 80-yard touchdown play, with 1:07 left in the game.

McLeod completed 4 of 13 passes for 97 yards and

one touchdown and was intercepted twice.

Senior Ladarius Rhodes led the team with 12 rushes for 79 yards, while senior Skyler Hutchinson ran a dozen times for 35 yards. Hutchinson caught three passes for 13 yards and Rhodes one for four yards.

McLeod and Rhodes led the team with six tackles each.

In addition to Rhodes, Howze and Hutchinson, seniors honored in the pre-game ceremonies were David Butler, Chase Golden, Karl Sanford, Tevin Jones, Jeff Murray and Daniel Carrino.

Senior drum major Stephanie Marxsen also was honored as were cheerleaders Roxana Barahona, Cheyenne Diorio and Cheyenne Martin, who also performs with the band.

Franklin County Coach Josh Wright named Rhodes and Wynn Offensive Players of the Game, and tackle Buddy Jones was Defensive Player of the Week.

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Lady Seahawk junior middle fielder Gracy Kirvin nailed one of her two shots on the net to score the team's lone goal in Franklin County's opening season 4-1 loss to John Paul II in the non-league bout Nov. 8.

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Seahawks boys drop soccer opener

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The Franklin County varsity boys soccer team dropped its opener 3-1 at John Paul II Nov. 8, but new coach Luis Ramon Valenzuela is confident the boys will rebound from this.

"We have talent, and we are going to pursue the best this season," he said.

With an injury to starting goalie Dan Carrino, the team relied on senior Casey Sapp, who had 19 saves.

The team's lone score came from the leg of Graham Kirvin, who was closest fighting to score near the goal after several rebounds by the Seahawks.

Zach Howze had two shots on goal, James Newell had four and Kirvin and Josh Reeder had one each.

"We played the entire time very hard, until the last minutes when they scored two goals against us," said Valenzuela, who is assisted by Stacy Kirvin. "Defensively, we were strong the entire time. I told the boys to take this as a positive experience and let's learn from our mistakes."

"We have a long season ahead to play our best, since we have been practicing for three weeks, trying to find the chemistry between players and coaches," said the first-year head coach, who has 15 years of experience coaching Little League and high school soccer.

"I think they gave all they had on the game," Valenzuela said. "We will need to brush up our foot skills and focus on accurate passing; in other words, ball controlling."

The Seahawks travel to Rocky Bayou today for the first district game. "I am sure Coach Kirvin and I will try our best to win this game, but once again, it will take practicing hard," Valenzuela said.

Mexican-born, Valenzuela has played soccer since age 7. He holds a bachelor's degree from the College of Philosophy of Missionaries of the Holy Spirit and a another in Spanish translation from Kent State University.

Seahawks varsity players this year include Sapp, Howze, Newell, Reeder, Kirvin, Elisha Patriotis, Julio Ramirez, brothers James and Billy Harris, Alex Causey, James Bailey, Joshua Patriotis, Jacob Montgomery, brothers Stefan and Walker DeV Vaughn, Dalyn Parrish, Austin Carter, Logan Allen and Tyler Pendleton.

St. Joe Bay golfers raise funds for CGJ

Special to the Times

The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club hosted a fundraising silent auction on Friday and a golf tourney on Saturday.

The auction and the golf tournament raised funds for the Camp Gordon Johnston museum in Carrabelle, dedicated to preserving and protecting the heritage of the soldiers of World War II, especially those who trained at Camp Gordon Johnston after the camp opened in 1942 to prepare amphibious soldiers and their support groups. A quarter of a million men were trained at CGJ before it closed in April 1946.

On Friday, entertainment was provided by The

Boyer Band, made up of George, Cletus and Tom Boyer.

The tournament on Saturday was preceded by an Honoring America's Veterans ceremony. Two World War II veterans were special guests: Jim Sealey and Fred Fitzgerald.

Dan Van Treese, golf club president, and Tony Minichiello, president of the museum association, were co-emcees; the invocation was delivered by Father Phil Fortin of the St. Joseph Catholic Church; the Port St Joe High School junior ROTC presented the colors; and retired Chief Master Sgt. Wanda Warruck, from the Connecticut Air National Guard, was prin-

cipal speaker.

The team of Guerry Magidson, Mel Magidson, Rex Buzzett and Mark Edenfield came in first place; Danny Warruck, Buddy Renfro, Kenny Wood and Dan Anderson came in second; Paul Penn, B.J. Richards, Mish Fuller and David Warriner were third; and Tom Adams, Hershell Neel, Penelope Evanoff and Gary Howze took fourth. All teams winning cash prizes generously donated the funds back to the museum and the club.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012CA 000060

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERTA J. SNYDER A/K/A ROBERTA SNYDER, et al. Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 24, 2012, and entered in 2012CA000060 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, is the Plaintiff and ROBERTA J. SNYDER A/K/A ROBERTA SNYDER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERTA J. SNYDER A/K/A ROBERTA SNYDER; TOAD HOLLOW CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWHEQ INC., CWHEQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-1; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendant(s). Gail Wadsworth as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash 2nd Floor, Civil Dept, Kim C. Hammond Justice Cntr 1769 E. Moody Blvd. BLG 1, Bunnell, FL 32110, at 11:00 AM on December 12, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THAT CERTAIN CONDOMINIUM UNIT COMPOSED OF UNIT NUMBER 207, BUILDING B, AND THE UNDIVIDED 1/7 INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS A P P U R T N A N T T H E R E T O , I N A C C O R D A N C E W I T H A N D S U B J E C T T O T H E C O V E N A N T S , R E S T R I C T I O N S , R E S E R V A T I O N S , L I M I T A T I O N S , C O N D I T I O N S , L I E N S , E A S E M E N T S , T E R M S , A N D O T H E R P R O V I S I O N S O F T H E D E C L A R A T I O N O F



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CONDOMINIUM OF TOAD HOLLOW, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 793, PAGE(S) 169-250, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 25th day of October, 2012.

Marcia Johnson
As Clerk of the Court

Terry E. Creamer
As Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
3010 N. Military Trail, Suite 300
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: 561-241-6901
Fax: 561-241-9181
November 8, 15, 2012

89314T PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF INTENDS TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of intends to issue an environmental resources permit for a Single Family Dock, Permit Number 19-0268670-003-EM to Phillip & Barbara Gillaspay, at 113 North Bayshore Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328, c/o Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., Post Office Box 385, Apalachicola, FL. The purpose of the permit is to authorize construction of a Single Family Residential Dock, 407 ft. in Length and 4 ft. in Width, with a Terminal Platform 26 ft. in Length and 6 ft. in Width. The project also consists of an uncovered boat lift 20 ft. in Length and 12 ft. in Width. The project site is located at 113 North Bayshore Drive in the Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Based on all the above, and with the application of general and limiting specific conditions of the permit, the Department has reasonable assurance the project, as proposed, fully meets the environmental resources permitting requirements of Chapter 62-346, Florida Administrative Code, and will not harm the environment. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statute. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Because the administrative hearing process



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is designed to re-determine final agency action on the application, the filing of a petition for an administrative hearing may result in a modification of the permit, or even a denial of the application. Accordingly, the applicant will not commence construction or other activities under this permit until the deadlines below for filing a petition for an administrative hearing, or request for an extension of time, have expired.

Under subsection 62-110.106(4) of the Florida Administrative Code, a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. If a request is filed late, the Department will still grant it upon a motion by the requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect. In the event that a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code. In accordance with subsection 28-106.111 (2) and subparagraph 62-110.106(3)(a), 4, Florida Administrative Code, petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 14 days of receipt of written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60 (3) of the Florida Statutes, must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice. Under Section 120.60 (3) of the Florida Statute, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period



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shall constitute a waiver of those rights. A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;
(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and
(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d) of the Florida Statute, a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed. This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition is filed in accordance with the above. Upon the timely filing of petition this order will not be effective until further order of the Department. This permit, when issued, constitutes an order of the Department. The applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under Section 120.68 of the Florida Statute, by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of the appeal accompanied by the applicable



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filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department. The application for this permit is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, at the Northwest District office, 160 W. Government Street, Pensacola, Florida. November 15, 2012

90695T

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

CASE NO.: 12-000038-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, as Assignee of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Bayside Savings Bank, organized under the laws of the United States of America. Plaintiff,

vs.

KARMIN L. WILSON f/k/a KARMIN L. WALKER, a/k/a KARMEN L. WILSON, RUTH J. FLETCHER, DAVID WALKER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure, entered in this case, will sell the property at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, except as set forth hereinafter, on December 4, 2012 at 11:00 am Eastern Time on the 2nd floor lobby at the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described real property lying and being in Franklin County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 5, Block 74, St. George Island Gulf Beaches Unit 5, according to the Plat recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 16, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

This Notice dated this 23rd day of October, 2012.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
Franklin County Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
November 8, 15, 2012

90705T

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 12-00007-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, as Successor in Interest to Coastal Community Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.



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CHRISTOPHER T. GIAMETTA, ET AL., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: CHRISTOPHER T. GIAMETTA, JAMI GIAMETTA, CHRISTINA GIAMETTA, and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THEM, OR ANY OF THEM, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS, IF ALIVE, AND IF DEAD, OR NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, THEIR UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE UNKNOWN PERSONS.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to reform and foreclose a mortgage, or alternatively, establish and foreclose an equitable lien, on the following property located in Franklin County, Florida

LOT 39 OF TARPON SHORES UNIT NO. 2.

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST 1914.27 FEET ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 20 TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF RIDGE ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 63 DEGREES 44 MINUTES WEST 2620.31 FEET ALONG SAID ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST 380.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 63 DEGREES 44 MINUTES WEST 114.63 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 26 DEGREES 16 MINUTES WEST 380.0 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF RIDGE ROAD, THENCE NORTH 63 DEGREES 44 MINUTES EAST 114.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, A/K/A LOT 94 OF RIDGE ROAD.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1994 PLAN DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME (VIN# HMST8922AGA and HMST8922BGA) PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE REAL PROPERTY.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Edward W. Wood, the plaintiffs attorney, whose address is KING & WOOD, P.A., 1701 Hermitage Blvd., Suite 104, Tallahassee, FL 32308 within 30 days of first publication of this notice, and file the original with the clerk of



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this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED: October 22, 2012

HONORABLE MARCIA JOHNSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
November 8, 15, 2012

90765T

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-185-CA

CADENCE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JTB, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and BENJAMIN T. BLOODWORTH and JOHN P. DAY Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 23, 2012, and entered in Civil Action No. 10-185-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the plaintiff, CADENCE BANK, and the Defendants, JTB, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, BENJAMIN T. BLOODWORTH, and JOHN P. DAY, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 11th day of December, 2012, at the front door foyer on the second floor of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 9, Block 35, St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Unit No. 4, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, pages 14 and 15, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus



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from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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

DATED this 25th day of October, 2012.

Honorable MARCIA JOHNSON
Clerk of the Court
Franklin County, Florida

By: Michele Maxwell
As Deputy Clerk
November 8, 15, 2012

90801T

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 12-185-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, a foreign banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBORA G. COLLINS; et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: WENDELL HARRELSON

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action on a promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following pro-



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perty in Franklin County, Florida:

Lot 3, Block K of Lanark Beach, Unit No. 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 13 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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has been filed against you, Debora G. Collins; Larry D. Everett and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under, and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, grantees or other claimants, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Rick A. Savage, Esq., of the Savage Law Office, PLLC, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 385, Tallahassee, Florida 32302 on or before 30 days from the date of the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of court of this Court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or peti-

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By: Terry E. Creamer
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November 15, 22, 2012

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NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Laura's Cleaning located at 141 Patty Lane in the County of FRANKLIN, in the City of Eastpoint, Florida, 32328 intends to register the said name with the Divisions of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Eastpoint, Florida, this 5th day of November, 2012.

Laura Ward
November 15, 2012

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Weems Memorial Hospital in Apalachicola, FL is seeking Request for Proposals (RFP) for the hospital's Electronic Health Record (EHR) system. The successful EHR company must be familiar with the Meaningful Use Criteria and compliance regulations of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as well as have the ability to provide licensed software, hardware, and services of an EHR program. RFP applications may be requested through the Weems Memorial Hospital website at www.weemsmemorial.com. Deadline for submissions is Dec. 2, 2012 and should be mailed to: Weems Memorial Hospital, 135 Avenue G, Apalachicola, FL 32320, Attn: Charles Edwards
November 15, 22, 2012

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fire rated doors within the hospital. Fire doors must meet all specifications under NFPA 101-2006 LSC Fire Doors. Contractors must provide proof of commercial license and insurance. Please contact Craig Gibson/Plant Operations Director at cgibson@weemsmemorial.com for information and requirements. Bids are due by Dec. 3, 2012 at 4:00pm. Bids will be opened at the Franklin Co. Board of Co. Commissioners meeting on Dec. 4, 2012. Please send all bids addressed to: Mr. Michael Moron, Weems Fire Door Bid, 33 Market St., Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320.
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took place amid ongoing talks with the teachers union which, because it is a lean year, are not expected to result in pay hikes. Significant changes to the health insurance offerings, however, will be made, after both the school board and the teachers have agreed to a new blended plan that enables employees to enroll in either the Capital Health Plan HMO or the traditional Blue Cross Blue Shield plan.

This move is expected to save the district \$150 a month for each teacher that it insures. This could save the district \$328,000 a year, according to Scott Fenstermaker, the owner of Strategic Benefits Group, the district's health insurance consultant.

The issue of cost cutting loomed large over the workshop, beginning with a report by Shannon Venable, the new finance director, who told school board members the district was about \$780,000 over budget and facing declining revenues.

Venable said property values had declined 7.3 percent, leading to a \$563,000 drop in property tax revenue, which makes up about three-quarters of all the monies received from local sources.

She then ticked off a list of budgetary items that would pose challenges, including \$80,000 already budgeted in BP-related funds that Venable had doubts the district would ever get.

In addition, there are an additional \$30,000 in property tax refunds placed in the 2012-13 budget, and about \$106,000 in expenses that were under-budgeted in the \$216,000 set aside for plant operations, such as infrastructure needs and including investment in computer equipment, she said.

This total deficit of \$779,000, Venable said, could balloon to \$1.19 million, if the district is saddled with another \$407,000 in expenses. Of this, \$300,000 would be for resuming funding teachers' entire pension contributions, rather than benefiting from a 3 percent shift to employee, as the Florida legislature has passed. The remaining \$107,000 could come if the possible sequestration of federal monies comes to pass early next year.

Superintendent Nina Marks said the

district had so far made \$313,000 in cuts, prompting Gander to suggest more needed to be done.

"All these things are good ideas, maybe they're not," he said. "But when you look at the budget and some 90 percent are salaries and benefits, everything else is really immaterial.

"We shouldn't go back to our employees and ask them to give any more up. The only thing you can do is have fewer employees and the way to do that is through attrition. I think that would probably be as fast as anything we can do; people leave the systems all through the year.

"If three people leave and three people aren't rehired, it could be \$200,000," he said. "To me that's the only way. The only way you're going to save is to make cuts in personnel."

Elementary school teacher Paula Dykes said, "We're talking about teachers, again cutting teachers, but then we turn around and we make up new positions that's not teachers and we fill those positions. Teachers are working with kids; they're the ones that are needed."

Gander granted that "you got to attrition everybody."

"We thought that (consolidation) was going to be the end of our problem," Dykes said, "but since we've moved here, nothing's been roses.

"It's the same problem we had at all three schools. I haven't seen anything different; the same problems we've had for the longest," Dykes said. "I don't see y'all being able to balance the budget on the backs of the teachers.

"The teacher is the most important thing in that child's life, and y'all need to think of some of the way to balance the budget other than teachers," she said.

Gander said he did not believe in "rifting" meaning enacting a Reduction in Force procedure.

Dykes said more than one-third of the district's 73 teachers were on hand for the session and represented a broad spectrum of views.

One issue the teachers pressed was the issue of how digital information is handled at the administration level. Al London, who oversees infrastructure

demands on the district, said a decision has been made to cut ties with Blue Manta regarding their contract to handle E-Rate filings that recoup reimbursements for implementing telecommunication and Internet access.

"We have tried doing E-Rate in-house and on top of the normal jobs people were doing. E-Rate is complicated, time-consuming and exacting, and we were not successful.

"We were down to a deadline where we had to file E-Rate, we were coming up against a deadline, so we hired Blue Manta," he said, noting the deal was \$225 a month plus a percentage.

"We received \$22,000, and we have since then notified Blue Manta the agreement has been terminated," London said.

Teachers also raised the issue of comp time for such things as doctors appointments, and Board Attorney Barbara Sanders made it clear that such comp time was available only for hourly employees and not for professional workers.

"This has been the biggest morale killer of all," Dykes said. "Anything y'all could have done when they started taking our time like that?"

"In my heart I know I'm wrong, because I'm supposed to be doing it for kids, but if you don't care, why should I?" she said.

Marks said there is no evidence that any teachers have been docked time, but Gander appeared to disagree, noting that he had seen evidence in a teacher's paycheck.

"We've checked in finance, and there's not been one penny taken from anybody," Marks said. "I would like to see it."

School Board Member George Thompson, a postal service employee, said he has to use leave time, or go without pay, when he does not complete his scheduled time.

Wood sounded a conciliatory note, saying it should be "left up to the administration to find the abusers who constantly come in late and sign out early.

"The consequences are offensive and insulting to people," she said. "We need to go back to that unwritten policy."

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Putnal praised County Attorney Michael Shuler's work on the county's behalf. "I want to make sure I appreciate you keeping us out of the courtroom," he said. "It's hard to make decisions up here legally when you're trying to help people, and sometimes you can't because it's against the law. You always kept me on the straight and narrow path."

"Mr. Putnal, we appreciate you," Shuler said. "You've always led us by example and by prayer, and it's an example I intend following myself in the future."

Chairman Pinki Jackel said, "Commissioner Putnal, it's been my honor and privilege to serve with you as county commissioner. This county loves you. This board loves you, and all the county workers admire and respect you. You began an era here. You've had a helpmate all these years, and we want to recognize Miss Patsy this morning as well because you don't go these roads alone."

Jackel asked Patsy Putnal and other family members to come forward. Putnal said his wife had been "really my mentor and my secretary. She always kept me on the ball."

Patsy and son Rusty came to the podium along with several younger members of the Putnal clan. Bevin Putnal indicated a great-grandson and told the commission, "Me and him's going hunting."

Jackel presented Putnal with a plaque praising his service to the people. It read, "Your leadership and loyalty will always be remembered" and looked forward to "new beginnings and happy memories."

Commissioner Noah Lockley said, "It's been an honor and a privilege to serve with you for these last eight years." Commissioner Smokey Parrish told Putnal, "There ain't much to say but what's on that plaque. I wish you the best and a successful hunting season."

Jackel commented she had saved the best for last when she turned the floor over to Commissioner Cheryl Sanders.

A tearful Sanders said, "He's been my left-hand man for 15 years. I'm happy for them, but at the same time, I'm sad. When I first came on the board, he was here with Jimmy Mosconis, and they broke me in well. He's been at my left hand for ... at the next board meeting it will be 15 years.

"My favorite quote that he's always made is this: 'In the beginning God made a perfect environment to grow oysters here in Apalachicola Bay.'

"While it's sad, I'm happy he's living and he can take care of his grandchildren and they won't have to wait on answering the phone 15 or 20 times a day.

"This man has been my left hand, and I'm gonna really, really miss him."

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