



Out to see

Apalach Christmas celebration Friday

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

At noon Saturday, 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 non-furry friends.

Full Moon Climb Nov. 28 at lighthouse

The November Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be Wednesday, Nov. 28. The sun will set at 5:40 p.m., and the moon will rise at 5:55 p.m. Reservations are recommended. For reservations or information, call contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 927-7745.

Homebuyers seminar Nov. 29 in Apalach

The Juvenile Justice Executive Council will meet from 10-11:15 a.m. Nov. 29 at the TIGERS site in Apalachicola. Also, the "Home is where the Heart is" seminar for first-time homeowners will be 3-5 p.m. at the TIGERS site in Apalachicola. This seminar is free and open to the public. All are welcome. For more information, please call Carol Barfield at 653-2784

Eastpoint Christmas celebration Dec. 14

Eastpoint will celebrate Christmas with a parade, holiday caroling, a Christmas tree lighting and Santa Claus on Dec. 14. The parade starts at 4 p.m. and will travel from Gillespie Street, west of Sellers Plaza, to Bay Street, then south to Patton Drive, then east to the pavilion. Santa will arrive on an oyster boat and will visit with the kids. We'll have caroling and lots of fun. For information contact the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at 653-9419.

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TDC revenue passes 2011 total

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With August posting its best revenues in the eight years since the two-cent bed tax was implemented, Franklin County is headed toward a record-breaking tourist season. With just one month left in fiscal year 2011-12, Tourist Development Council collections through Aug. 31 have raised \$853,021, almost \$50,000 ahead of last year's total and the best so far for any year in the bed tax's history.

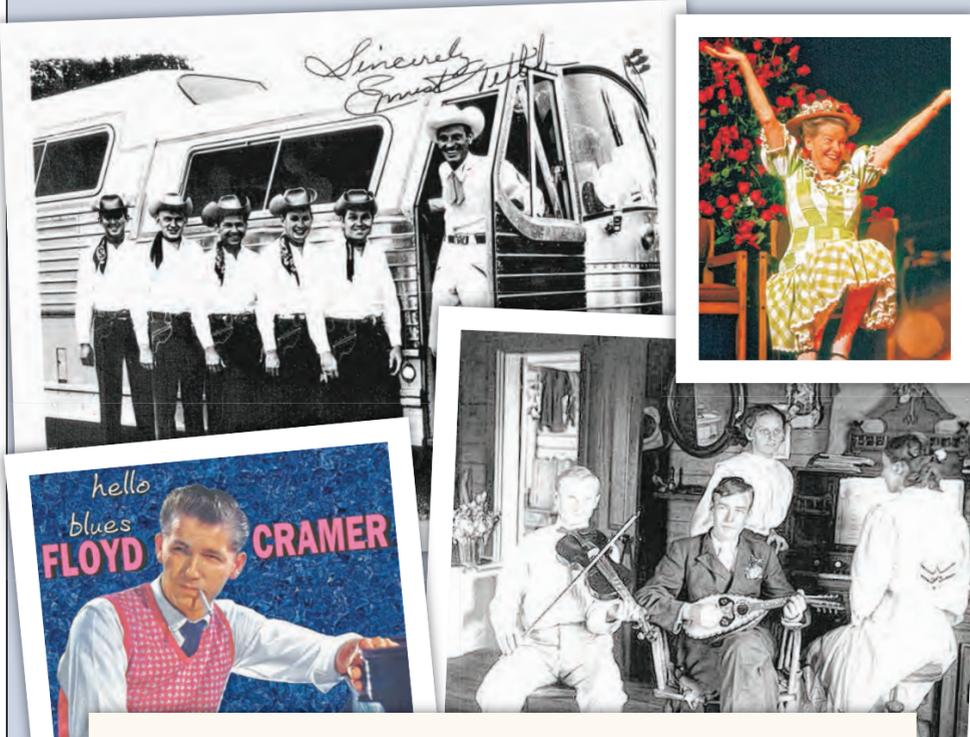
The numbers show August 2012 collections of almost \$94,000 were about 55 percent better than one year ago, a full \$33,000 increase.

The year-to-date total is more than \$105,000 better than where it stood at this point last year, running about 14 percent ahead of last year. And if September proves to be even an average month, the 2011-12 fiscal year total should, for the first time, eclipse the \$900,000 mark.

"Up 14 percent, that's a pretty significant number," said Curt Blair, TDC administrator. "I think we're encouraged by the numbers, and I think we think it's indicative of the success of the BP 'We're Salty' campaign. Clearly, a lot of money went in to developing a new brand and promoting it over the 12 months. We're encouraged we used the right methods

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FRANKLIN COUNTY DREW BIG ACTS IN '40s, '50s



Moonlit music

Opry music echoed across the bay in the 1940s, '50s

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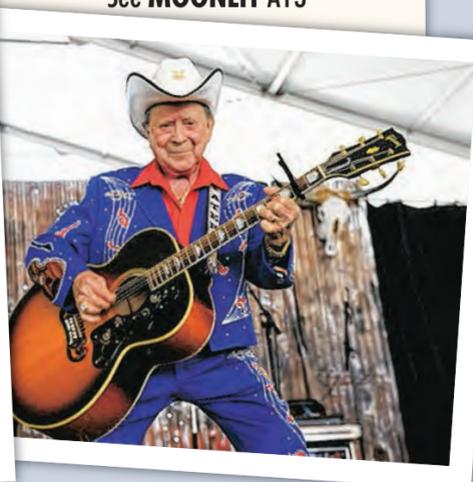
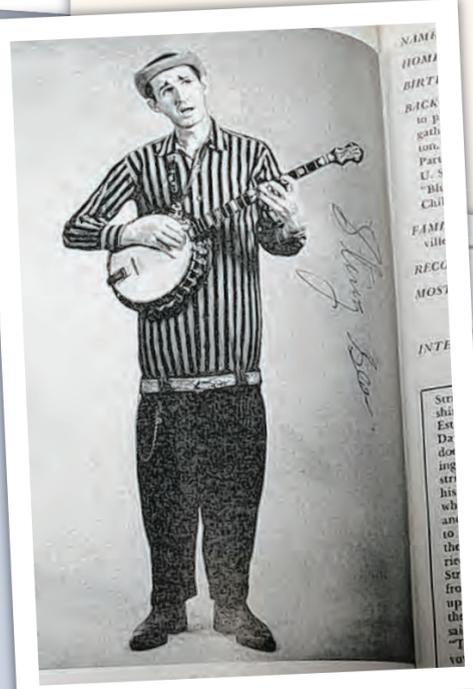
Some famous musical visitors made Franklin County their personal playground 60 years ago. In spite of its remote location, there has never been

a shortage of musical talent in the county. In the earliest days, folks made their own music. The Brown family, early settlers in Eastpoint, taught their children to play musical instruments. A photo in the collection of the Florida Archives memorializes "Eastpoint's Pretenders," the Brown family band.

Preshia Crum of Eastpoint, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, said there were frequent dances in Eastpoint when she was a girl. She met her husband, Lucius Crum, a square dance caller, at one of these. Lucius once told his granddaughter he remembered traveling up the river to dance all night long in the old Hathcock house near the Liberty County line.

Carrabelle's Mary Westberg recalled her father telling her about dances in Eastpoint and Greenpoint, east of Eastpoint. "Daddy met my mother at one of those dances," she said. Her parents told her after the

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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Top left: Ernest Tubb and his Texas Troubadours stand in front of their bus in the early 1960s. Pictured from left are Buddy Emmons, Jan Kurtis, Johnny Johnson, Jack Drake, Leon Rhodes and Ernest Tubb. Top right: Sarah Ophelia Colley Cannon, known to fans as Cousin Minnie Pearl. Center left: Floyd Cramer circa 1960. Center right: Eastpoint Pretenders Herbert Brown, William Tabor and Reba and Elizabeth Brown circa 1912, courtesy of the Florida Memory Project. Above left: "String Bean" Akeman. Above right: Little Jimmy Dickens.

Planning, Zoning to review day care traffic

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Concerned about parking and traffic issues raised by neighbors, the Apalachicola Planning and Zoning Board has granted a 30-day extension for the operation of Apalachicola United Methodist Church's new day care center.

By unanimous vote, P&Z on Nov. 12 granted the extension to the Christ Community Academy, at 75 Fifth St., after the board split down the middle on whether to grant the special exception outright.

Whether the church even needed a special exception to operate its program, which has been in place for several weeks, was an issue itself.

The Rev. Themo Patriotis said the day care program was another ministry of the church and thus is covered under the church's right to operate over its more than century-long tenure at the corner of Fifth Street and Avenue E.

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Apalach man gets 3 life terms for sexual battery

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After a two-day trial, a 49-year-old Apalachicola man was sentenced Friday to three life terms for his having committed, more than 20 years ago, sexual battery on a 6-year-old.



JOHN STAN GRANT

Circuit Judge Angela Dempsey sentenced John Stan Grant to serve the terms concurrently. The crime of sexual battery on a child under age 12 by an adult over age 18 does not allow for the possibility of parole.

The jury of four men and two women reached their verdict after deliberating for less than 30 minutes.

Grant still has a 2010 sexual

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**LETTERS OF THANKS**

A good teacher is a great blessing to any child. Students at the Eastpoint Nest showed some love to the Franklin County School and Franklin County Learning Center teachers, thanking them for their kindness, attentiveness and let's not forget, candy.

Dear Mrs. Ham, I am so thankful you are my teacher again. You are special to me. You have a soft voice. I love it when you give us free time.

Love, Cole Polous

Dear Mrs. Gibson, I am so thankful you're my teacher. You're special to me because you make math playful. We get cookies and drinks in math. We use fake money to pay for them. I love when we do limbo to get the wiggles out. You are very sweet and you are the best teacher.

Sincerely, Emily Smith

Mrs. Sasnett, I am thankful for you.

Love, Sy Bartlett

Dear Mrs. Demsey, I am thankful you are my teacher.

Love, Malichi Rivera

Mrs. King, I am thankful you are my teacher. You are special to me because you are nice and helpful. You help me with reading because you want me to do my best. You give me supplies that I need.

Love, Audry Yowell

Dear Mrs. Dykes, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You are nice and reward us with candy when we are good. You make learning

fun. I love when we play fact or opinion.  
Love, Gage Boone

Dear Mr. Boyd, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You are funny and I love your silly style. Math is hard but you help me through it. You make science fun too! Every morning you say good morning to me when I come in.

Love, Shasta Whitnauer

Dear Ms. Shaffer, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You always help me with my math work, give good instructions for what we will be doing next. You tell everyone to do their best. You are special to me.

Love, Jocelyn Webb

Dear Mrs. Inzetta, I am so thankful that you're my math teacher. I'm amazed that you still teach even though some students are disrespectful to you. You make math easy for me to understand. And you care to help me succeed and pass the FCAT. I'm glad you're my teacher!

Love, Morgan Anderson

Dear Mrs. Cumbie, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You are so nice. Thank you for teaching us adding. You give us candy when we are good. You're the best teacher.

Thanks, Cloey Malone

Dear Mrs. Baney, I am so thankful that you are my teacher. You make the writing process easier. I understand you and you understand me. Thanks again, you're the best.

Love, Brittani Bouzemann

# The Nest students give thanks

By **DESPINA WILLIAMS**  
Special to the Times

On the eve of her performance in the Carrabelle Nest Thanksgiving play, Layla Chisolm was having an identity crisis.

Like her fellow actors in "The Meal Must Go On," Chisolm was decked out head to toe as a favorite Thanksgiving side dish.

Crinkled white paper expertly fastened to her torso mimicked a heaping pile of luscious mashed potatoes, nestled atop an unassuming brown bowl fashioned from craft paper. On her head, a pile of fluffy cotton balls topped by a buttery square of yellow foam completed the look. But even in all her spud-like splendor, Chisolm could not stop her classmates from calling her a dish that would never grace even the humblest Thanksgiving table. She was not, by Squanto, a bowl of popcorn!

Chisolm could not trouble herself with these taunts. At show time, she joined classmates Kayleigh Revell, Charlee Winchester, Trinity Barron and Destanie Proctor. Sure, they were dolled up like cranberry sauce, turkey, pumpkin pie and stuffing, but she was the star of this show.

When the actors began the play by each boasting to be the best Thanksgiving dish, Chisolm seized her moment. "Thanksgiving just wouldn't be the same without me! Mashed potatoes are always everyone's favorite!"

Chisolm's prideful performance was just one of the many highlights of The Nest's two-day Thanksgiving celebration. The Nest, a Franklin County School District



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At top, the performers in "The Meal Must Go On" wear costumes depicting Thanksgiving dishes. From left are Carrabelle Nest students Destanie Proctor (stuffing), Kayleigh Revell (cranberry sauce), Layla Chisolm (mashed potatoes), Trinity Barron (pumpkin pie) and Charlee Winchester (turkey). Above left, Shelby Rotella fills her plate with homemade succotash and a side of pumpkin pie. Above right, Christopher Creek showcases his pumpkin pie in a cup dessert.

21st Century after-school program, staged back-to-back parent nights on Nov. 15-16 that combined food, fun and family.

Carrabelle Nest students performed a medley of song and dance numbers, including the Turkey Pokey, for parents and classmates. Patrick Tipton narrated "The Meal Must Go On!" a

reader's theatre play that featured Cheyenne Lawson, Haiden Parks, Brianna Sanders, Larry Winchester, September Ferrell, Alexis Parks, Jada Allen and Jordan Carnes as Thanksgiving dinner hosts and houseguests.

The Eastpoint Nest staged an ambitious Thanksgiving dinner, with students cooking and

sharing their meal with their families. Students traveled from room to room, cooking cranberry sauce, vegetable stir-fry, turkey and ham sandwiches and pumpkin pie in a cup.

At each cooking station, led by Nest staff members, the students earned a stamp featuring their dish, which they colored and glued to their Thanksgiving brochure's empty place setting. By the end of the program, each student and their family members assembled a complete meal and rated each dish using a score of "Yummy," "Just Okay" and "Gross."

The pumpkin pie in a cup scored the most Yummies. If you want to make it at home, just layer in a cup crushed graham crackers and vanilla pudding mixed with pumpkin, cinnamon and nutmeg, and top with a scoop of Cool Whip. Delicious!

The families all enjoyed the interactive meal. The Nest would like to thank all the families who donated ingredients for the Eastpoint meal and snacks for the Carrabelle play.

To read more about the Nest's Thanksgiving activities, visit the program website, [www.franklincountynest.org](http://www.franklincountynest.org). Students in grades pre-kindergarten to eighth grade are eligible to attend The Nest, and applications are available from the website, Franklin County School and Franklin County Learning Center.

*Despina Williams is project coordinator for The Nest, a 21st Century Community Learning Center administered by the Franklin County School District.*

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## GRAND OPENING! CARRABELLE DENTAL CLINIC

The Franklin County Health Department will be having it's Grand Opening of our new Dental Clinic located at 106 NE 5th Street in Carrabelle, FL.

The Blue Foundation Dental Grant Presentation will also take place at the new dental facility. Please make plans to attend this much awaited occasion for the oral health of the residents of Franklin County!

**- Please Join Us! -**

**DATE:**

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

**TIME:**

10:00 A.M.

**LOCATION:**

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# Opinion

## Dog Island Lighthouse built 162 years ago

By BEVERLY MOUNT-DOUDS

Contributing Writer

*Editor's note: This is one in an occasional series about the beginnings, the building specifications, for lighthouses in the area.*

These next few weeks, I'll be sharing some letters about our local lighthouses.

This could not have been completed without giving thanks first to Mark Curenton and the Apalachicola Area Historical Society. Several years ago, Mark let Marlene Womack and me go through boxes of old papers found in the cottage at the Raney House in Apalachicola.

These boxes covered many areas of local history (one folder covering our lighthouses), and I was lucky enough to get the chance to copy these files.

Since we have been so concerned about saving Cape San Blas Lighthouse lately, I thought that this would be the perfect time to share this past history of another time the lighthouse had to be saved. This first story starts with Dog Island Lighthouse. Most of the papers cover proposals of bids for rebuilding the lighthouses between the Treasury Department and the Superintendent of Lights; what I like is that the papers tell you how they want them built. Here are the letters for Dog Island.

### NOTICE.

CUSTOM HOUSE,  
BOSTON, MASS.

November 18, 1851

**PROPOSALS** will be at this Office until the 8th day of December, proximo, at 12 o'clock M, for furnishing materials and erecting, on Dog Island, in Florida, a LIGHT HOUSE 49 feet in height, of the following materials, dimensions and descriptions, viz:

### TOWER

**Foundations:** The earth to be excavated to a depth of 2 feet below the surface, at which depth it is to be carefully leveled off and to be 22 feet in diameter.

**Pilings:** Within the pit excavated as above. There are to be driven two rows of piles disposed in circles; diameter of outside row, from center to center, 16 feet; diameter of inside row, from centre to centre, 11 1/2 feet; outside row to

be composed of 22 piles; inside row to be composed of 16 piles; the piles to be so driven that the inner piles shall come opposite the openings between the outer piles. The original surface of the ground. The piles to be of sound seasoned oak, not less than 9 nor more than 16 inches \_\_\_\_\_. The piles to be driven 7 feet below the bottom of the excavated pit.

**Grillage:** A grillage, composed of sound, well-seasoned yellow pine timber, 8 by 12 inches, to be pinned with oak treenails, 2 inches diameter, on the heads of the piles. The timbers to be notched 1 1/2 inch, each over the other. The timbers to be laid with the 12 inches horizontally, and to have 12 inches space between them. The space between the timbers to be filled with clean gravel, hard rammed.-- Upon the tops of the timbers, and at right angles to them, there is to be a flooring of plank 4 inches thick, of sound, well-seasoned yellow pine, laid edge to edge, and well treenailed to the grillage timbers, by oak treenails 1 1/2 in diameter and 9 inches long. All the treenails to have their heads wedged after being driven. The diameter of the grillage, from outside to outside to be 19 feet.

**Walls:** The walls of the tower to be composed of the first quality hard bummed brick, laid in the best hydraulic Rosendale cement, every fourth course of brick to be headers through the wall. The mortar to be composed of equal parts of cement and sharp clean sand. No mortar to be used after it has been mixed 8 hours. The wall to be circular in plan, outside diameter at the base on the grillage, 17 feet; thickness at base 3 feet. Outside diameter at the top under the copings, 12 feet. Thickness under coping 2 foot. Height of wall from the top of grillage to under side copings, 40 feet.

**Doors:** The tower to have one door 6 feet by 3 feet broad in clear. Sill to be out of cut granite or compact limestone, 8 inches thick; Lintel of the same material 10 inches thick; Jambs of the same material, 7 inches thick. Sill, Lintel and Jambs to have a rebate of 1/2 inches cut in for wooden door. The wooden door to be composed of well-

seasoned white pine, to be 3 inches thick, double battened and well nailed, to be provided with two composition hinges, lock and bolt; hinge pintals to be well leaded in the jambs. The sills, lintel and jambs to extend through the wall, the sill and lintel lapping on the jambs.

**Flooring:** The interior of the tower to be filed up to the bottom of the door sill with clean pebbles and fragments of rock, and carefully leveled off; on this to be laid 6 inches of concrete, composed of part stone, broken to egg size, one part Rosendale cement, and two parts sand. On this concrete a brick flooring is to be laid in cement, 3 inches thick, with its upper side on a level with the top of the sill.

**Windows:** The tower to have four windows, the top of the top window to be on a level with the springing line of the dome. The sashes and frames to be of clear, sound, well-seasoned white pine. Each window to be glazed with 8 panes of 12x12 inches best quality German glass. The frames to be rebated in a cut granite or compost limestone sill, lintel and jambs, the sill and lintel to lap on the jambs, rebate 1 1/2 inch deep. Thickness of sill, lintel and rebate, 6 inches, all to extend through the wall.

**Dome:** Immediately beneath the coping, the underside of which is touched by the extrados of the dome, is to be sprung a brick dome, 8 inches thick, radius of extrados, 5 feet. Height of inside dome, from springing line, 3 feet 9 feet inches.

**Coping:** The tower to be coped with soapstone 4 inches thick, the pieces composing the outer circle to extend 4 inches within the lantern posts. Exterior diameter of coping 13 1/2 feet. The spandrels between copings and dome to be filled with brick, carefully laid in mortar.

**Stairs:** The stairs to be of the best quality of white pine, 2 inches thick, to be sound, well-seasoned and free of knots; to have 8 inches rise and 15 inches tread at the walls; the tread to project 1 1/2 inch over the riser; thread and riser to be let 4 inches into the wall at one end and fastened to a hollow newel 8 inches square, of the same material, at the other end. The newel to have a hinge door at top and bottom 5x24 inches. The newel to rise through the tower coping to receive the descending weight.

**Upper Floor:** An upper floor to be laid in the top of the tower, top of floor 7 1/2 feet below crown of same. Floor to be composed of white pine timbers 6x8 inches, covered with two thicknesses of 1 inch pine board, well nailed, planned, tongued and grooved at right angles to each other. Floor to fill 2/3 of the circle. Stairs to reach from brick paving at bottom of tower, to top of upper floor. Material all of best quality. A scuttle 22 inches square in clear to be made in coping and dome of cast iron 1 inch thick with 1 inch flange let into coping flush on top and with bottom curved to shape of dome. Scuttle rebated at top for door 1 1/2 inch thick, white pine



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A historic photo of the Dog Island Lighthouse.

covered with sheet copper and fitted with \_\_\_\_ and fastenings.

**Ladder:** A wrought iron ladder to extend from top of upper floor to scuttle, sides of 3 by 1/4 inch, steps 1 1/2 inch diameter shouldered against sides and riveted over; steps 9 inches apart, ladder 22 inches wide from outside of sides. All wood work of the tower to be well painted in 3 coats of yellow ochre and oil. All brick work, without and within to be white washed with two coats of lime.

**Lantern:** The lantern is to be 16 feet diameter, from outside to outside of angle posts, to be 8 sided.

**Angle Posts:** 8 in number, to be wrought iron, 1 1/2 by 3 inches, set with the 3 inches pointing to the centre, to be 9 1/2 feet long above the copings and to be let in the walls of the tower 3 feet below copings, making total length 12 1/2 feet to be rebated 1 1/4 inch deep and 5-16 inch broad for glass.

**Lower Panels:** Of cast iron filling, the space between angle posts to be made 3/4 inch thick, with flanges at top, bottom and sides, 3 inches wide all over, flush side to be placed outside. Panels to be 21 inches high, each with a 3 inches diameter ventilator in centre, and to be secured with 2 one inch bolts and nuts at top and bottom, passing through one single post and two panels. All the joints between coping and panels, and between panel and single posts, to be made of white and red lead mixed with oil - to be rebated like single posts on tops to receive glass.

**Upper Panels:** In all respects to be like the lower panels, excepting only in height, which is to be 9 inches, and in having a gutter 5 inches deep and broad cast on it. Top of upper panel to be on same level with top of posts, to be rebated like angle post on bottom to receive glass.

**Rafters:** 8 wrought iron rafters, to be 2 inches deep by 1 1/2 broad, to extend from top of angle posts to a wrought iron circle 20 inches diameter, 2 by 2/4 inches thick. Rafter to be secured to angle post by T heads, 2/4 inch bolts, and to circle in same manner.

**Roofing:** To be covered with copper, 32 oz. to the square foot, double capped, and to be made water tight; to be bent down into gutter and well riveted there, and also to be well riveted to bottom of ventilator.

**Ventilator:** One of Emerson's patent Ventilator, 20 inches diameter, 4 1/2 feet high, to be well secured on top of wrought iron circle.

**Sash Bars:** 8 wrought iron Sash Bars, 1 1/4 inches deep by 2 inches wide, to be placed midway between top of lower panel and bottom of upper panel, so as to divide each side into equal panes of glass; sash bar to be secured to angle posts by T and 2/4 inch bolts and nuts, to be rebated on upper and under side, like angle posts for glass.

**Door:** One of the lower panes of glass to be set in a wrought iron frame, fitted with hinges and fastenings, and hung for a door.

**Railing:** The lantern to be surrounded by a wrought iron railing, composed of 8 post, 1 inch by 3 inch, set opposite to angle post with three inches pointing centre. The lower end of railing post to be well leaded in coping, 2 inches deep and 4 inches from edge, thence curving sharply out to a diameter of 13 1/4 feet; thence perpendicular for a height of 5 1/2 feet above coping; thence curving in on a radius of 1 3/4 feet to the angle post, to which it is to be secured by a T head and blot. There is to be two railing bars of 1 1/3 inch diameter extending around the lantern, the top of the lower one to be

21 inches above coping, the upper one to be placed directly in front of each sash bar. All the iron and copper work to be painted on the outside, with one coat of red lead and oil and two coats of chrome green and oil and all the iron and copper work to be painted on the inside with three coats white lead and oil.

**Glazing:** The lantern to be glazed with 16 panes (2 to each side) of the best quality French plate glass of such size as will fill the before specified sides, and to be 1/4 inch thick. The glass to be secured by putty and lead pins, 1/4 inch diameter, 6 lead pins to a pane.

**Conductor:** A copper electrical rod, 2/4 inch diameter, to extend 3 feet above the ventilator of lantern, with forked tops and to reach four feet below surface of ground, turning off from tower obliquely when within 10 feet of bottom.

**Gutters:** A copper gutter oval form, 1 2/4 by 2 inches to descend from the cast iron gutter, along one angle post to the coping.

The entire work is to be completed on or before the first day of May, 1852, to the satisfaction and approval of the Superintendents of Lights at Apalachicola, Florida or of such person as may be appointed for the purpose of examining the same.

No payment to be made to the contractor until the work shall be completed in a faithful and workman like manner, in accordance with the terms of the contract,

Separate proposals will be received during and approved as above the same period, for furnishing materials and erecting at Cape St. George, Florida, a lighthouse, 65 feet in height, singular to the one above described, subject to the same conditions and the work being approved also by the Superintendent of Lights at Apalachicola.



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# Mysterious drifter jailed for child pornography

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A 62-year-old drifter's violent reaction to having photographs taken of his unusual bicycle has led to the man being jailed on child pornography charges.

The story began around 10:16 a.m. on Nov. 13, when Apalachicola police officer Timothy Davis was dispatched to Avenue D to follow-up on the complaint of an Indian Pass man, Brian Bowen, 47. Bowen said he had been doused with pepper spray after he tried to photograph an unusual-looking, bearded man on a tall bicycle.

Bowen told the officer that when he pulled over to photograph the man, he was sprayed, and the

culprit could be found at the library. Bowen said he had a photo of the man spraying him.

Davis went to investigate, and talked to the man, who admitted what he had done.

"He stated that he knew why I was there," Davis wrote in his report. "He stated that he sprayed the man out of reaction to seeing him with a camera."

Davis then arrested Patrick J. McGovern, 62, of Minneapolis, Minn., on a battery charge.

The matter likely would have ended there had McGovern not offered Davis and Apalachicola Chief Bobby Varnes a plan to pay his \$1,000 bond.

According to Brett John-



PATRICK J MCGOVERN

son, investigator with the sheriff's office, McGovern told the officers that he had bail money in his RV, and that if he could bond out, he would leave town.

Varnes told McGovern that police officials would have to accompany McGovern on a return visit to his RV.

Johnson said McGovern responded by saying that it was OK with him if they followed him inside his vehicle, but cautioned them not to be alarmed when they entered the recreational vehicle because he was a "naturalist," a term often used to describe nudists. He also advised the officers that the camper contained several nude photographs,



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Patrick McGovern's unusual bicycle parked in front of the Apalachicola Municipal Library

Johnson said. When the officers escorted McGovern to his camper, parked near 10 Foot Hole, they observed an extensive

collection of photographs of nude minor children.

"They were everywhere, every cabinet, every wall, every ceiling, everywhere," Johnson said. "There was not an inch of that camper that did not have a nude photograph on it."

The vehicle was later towed to the sheriff's office where two search warrants were executed. After the execution of the warrants, McGovern was charged Friday with 10 counts of child pornography, which is a second degree felony.

Because they are felonies, investigators are empowered to obtain a DNA sample that could be used to determine if McGovern is connected with any unsolved crimes. Johnson took steps Monday to pursue the DNA sampling.

"We are still getting information about his past," said Assistant State Attorney Robin Myers, noting that it appeared the man had traveled extensively throughout the United States and Central America.

Johnson said evidence was obtained in the searches that indicated McGovern had used aliases in the past, including Patricio Juan Pedro, the name he used to sign in at the library to use the computers.

Myers said that while it was not clear whether the photographs depict children engaged in sexual acts, they are suggestive of sexual behaviors.

"We are still trying to determine whether the images meet the definition of child pornography," he said.

## 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), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO). All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### Nov. 9

Jonathan G. Carmichael, 26, Apalachicola, failure to appear (FCSO)

### Nov. 12

Carlos E. Russell, Jr., 40, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

June M. Davis, 29, Eastpoint, DUI and driving while license suspended or revoked (FWC)

Ottis E. Russell II, 47, Carrabelle, DUI and driving while license suspended or revoked (FWC)

### Nov. 13

Robert L. Thompson, 18, Apalachicola, principal in the first degree to attempted armed robbery (FCSO)

Gary M. Barineau, 39, Apalachicola, trespass after warning and violation of probation (FCSO)

Patrick J. McGovern, 62, Minneapolis, Minn., battery (APD)

### Nov. 14

Savannah K. Shiver, 18, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Sean D. Richart, 38, Tallahassee, DUI and refusal to submit to breath test (CPD)

Courtney L. Brownell, 23, Eastpoint, principal in the first degree to attempted armed robbery (FCSO)

### Nov. 15

Michael G. Hicks, 31, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Patrick J. McGovern, 62, Minneapolis, Minn., 10 counts of possession of child pornography (APD)

Robert C. Maples, 18, Apalachicola, battery (APD)

### Nov. 16

Daniel McKenzie, 34, Eastpoint, violation of a domestic violence injunction (FCSO)

Jennifer L. Smith, 32, Eastpoint, principal in the first degree to attempted armed robbery (FCSO)

Eric A. Tatum, 32, Carrabelle, indecent exposure (FCSO)

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# Songwriters' retreat planned for Carrabelle

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A Nashville insider plans to bring a group of songwriters to experience the Forgotten Coast.

Karen Brooks arrived in Carrabelle by boat and liked what she saw. She is still a resident of the waterfront and plans to bring some friends to town to share her new home.

Brooks, born in Dallas, Texas, worked in the music industry for more than a decade, as a background

singer with Jerry Jeff Walker, David Allan Coe and Townes Van Zandt, to name a few.

"Faking Love," a duet she recorded with T. G. Sheppard, topped the chart in 1983. She has also recorded duets with Johnny Cash and Randy Sharp.

Now she has a new project. Brooks wants to help Nashville songwriters reconnect with their working class roots by experiencing the working world first-hand. As part of her project, Brooks said she will bring six songwriters

to Carrabelle in April.

On the agenda for the group is an old-fashioned barber shop shave, a historic tour of Carrabelle, a talk on the city by Carrabelle Mayor Curley Messer and other Carrabelle elders, a writers' workshop at the Carrabelle library and two days on Jim Lycette's working shrimp boat, "Pirate's Sons."

Brooks said the visitors will also perform at the Dixie Theatre one evening during their stay.

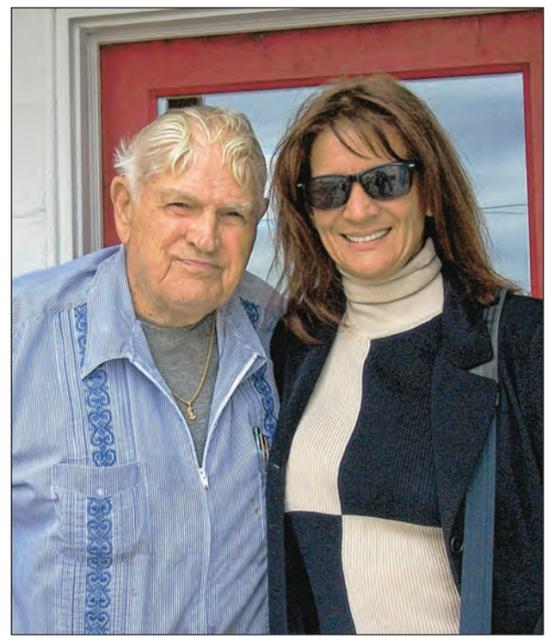
The visit will be the beginning of a tour that will ex-

pose the songwriters to other rural activities including cattle ranching, mountain climbing and prospecting. "These guys are bubbas, and they are going to be so funny," she said.

Brooks said Pete Winter of Winterstone Productions of Tallahassee plans to document the experiment on film.

In a proposal for the project, she wrote, "There was a time when history was passed down to the population for the purpose of preserving their heritage. This was done by storytelling. That is what we do in Nashville, we tell stories in song. We want to give our melodic writers a chance to be a part of this heritage by inviting them to participate in this first-hand experience of the career, humor and life stories that make America the amazing place we live and work everyday."

Brooks said she has about 10 applicants for the program but can only accept six and that Carlene Carter and Chas Sandford are expected to attend. "We hope to include a couple of young writers and a



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Karen Brooks, right, poses with Carrabelle Mayor Curley Messer.

local writer," she said.

Messer and Commissioner Charlotte Schneider are working directly with Brooks on the project. Schneider said she believes the visit will be an eye-opener for the participating artists.

"This coastal area is a way of life that doesn't exist anywhere else," Schneider said.

Brooks agreed. "Where else can you walk on the beach and see a bear playing in the surf?"

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**Apalachicola annual Christmas celebration Friday:** The Apalachicola Christmas Celebration will light up Apalachicola from 4-8 p.m. on Friday. The streets will be lined with luminaries. 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 greenery and open for tours.

On Saturday at noon, 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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**Middle-aged sought for 'Catfish Moon' auditions:** Panhandle Players are holding auditions for their next production "Catfish Moon" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, and at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Raney Carriage House. "Catfish Moon," a comedy, written by Mississippi native Laddy Sartin, is set on a fishing pier on a lake somewhere in LA (lower Alabama). Four people that have known each other all their lives come to grips with 'knowing each other all their lives.' Cast will be three men and one woman, all middle-aged

or thereabouts. Readings will be from the script. The show is directed by Dan Wheeler. For more info, call 370-0957.

**Mitigation strategy meeting Dec. 3:** Franklin County Emergency Management would like to invite the public to participate in a meeting to discuss and update the Franklin County Local Mitigation Strategy.

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are some of the hazards experienced by Florida communities. The goal of the mitigation strategy is to identify local hazards and establish a framework to reduce the risk.

The next meeting is at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center, 28 Airport Road in Apalachicola. All parties can voice their concerns, review the status of old projects and add new ones to the list. For more information, contact Mike Rundel, Franklin County Emergency Management coordinator at 653-8977 or [Em2frank@gtcom.net](mailto:Em2frank@gtcom.net).

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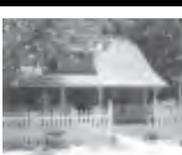
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Navy Airman Jacob A. Lee, flanked by his parents, Melissa and Timothy Lee, earlier this month at the Mikel Clark Sports Complex.

## Jacob Lee completes Middle East deployment

Navy Airman Jacob A. Lee, son of Melissa Shiver Lee of Eastpoint and Timothy O. Lee of Eastpoint, along with the 5,500 sailors and Marines assigned to the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group, recently arrived in Norfolk, Va., after a 7½-month deployment supporting operations in the Mediterranean and the Arabian Seas.

The USS Enterprise's return to Norfolk will be the 25th and final homecoming in her 51 years of distinguished service. The aircraft carrier is scheduled to be inactivated Dec. 1 in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Station.

While deployed, Enterprise CSG served in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility, conducting maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts and missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

During her 238 days away from Norfolk, "Big E," as Enterprise is affectionately known, safely steamed 80,968 miles, and Carrier Air Wing 1 flew more than 8,000 sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and exercises in the 5th and 6th Fleet AORs.

Enterprise was commissioned Nov. 25, 1961, as the eighth ship to bear the name Enterprise. Big E was the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. During her 51 years of service, Enterprise deployed 25 times and participated in every major conflict since the Cuban

Missile Crisis. Enterprise has been homeported in both Alameda, Calif., and Norfolk and conducted operations in every region of the world.

The December inactivation ceremony will be the last official public event for Enterprise and will serve as a celebration of life for the ship and the more than 100,000 sailors who have served aboard the ship.

Enterprise CSG comprises Commander, Carrier Strike Group 12, the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65), CVW 1, Destroyer Squadron 2, guided-missile destroyers USS Porter (DDG 78), USS Nitze (DDG 94) and USS James E. Williams (DDG 95).

The squadrons of CVW 1 embarked aboard Enterprise are Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 11 "Red Rippers," VFA-136 "Knighthawks," VFA-211 "Fighting Checkmates," Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251 "Thunderbolts," Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 123 "Screwtops," Carrier Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 137 "Rooks," Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 40 "Rawhides" and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 11 "Dragonslayers."

Lee is a 2009 graduate of Franklin County High School of Eastpoint and joined the Navy in April 2010.

For more information on USS Enterprise, her legendary history and Inactivation Week events, visit [www.enterprise.navy.mil](http://www.enterprise.navy.mil).

## Birth



### Jescelyn Brannen born

At 4:41 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, Cierra Russell and Cody Brannen of Eastpoint welcomed their little angel into the world, Jescelyn Arnetta Brannen.

Maternal grandparents are Sarah Sanders of Eastpoint and Gene Russell of Eastpoint.

Maternal great-grandparents are Cathi and Walter Gallion of Eastpoint, Christine Russell of Eastpoint and Carlos Russell of Eastpoint.

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Paternal great-grandparents are Donald R. McSweeney and the late Doris McSweeney of Hawthorne; Hazel and John Gill of Panama City; and Chester and Lenora Brannen of Woodville.

Also welcoming Jescelyn into the world were numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family.

## Happy ANNIVERSARY



### McPhersons to mark 60th wedding anniversary

A special reception will be held Sunday afternoon in honor of Leonard and Arlene McPherson, of Carrabelle, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The McPhersons were married Nov. 27, 1952, in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The McPhersons have five children, Connie McPherson of Tallahassee, Chris McPherson of Carrabelle, Shawn McPherson of Panama City and Mishelle McPherson of Mexico Beach. A son, Craig McPherson, passed away in 2008.

The reception at the Carrabelle Boat Club will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25. All family and friends are invited. RSVP and get for more information by calling 363-2694.

## St. James Bay Rehab Center holds open house

The St. James Health and Rehabilitation Center kicked off the holidays Saturday with an open house.

The holiday season already is looming large there, with a turkey dinner planned for Thanksgiving. Residents' families may reserve a private dining room and bring their own holiday meal.

There are also trees to be decorated and crafty activities in the works.

Admissions Director and Medicaid Specialist Theresa Mickens led a tour of the facility. The home was clean and cheerful decorated with residents' art. Smiling residents interacted with the staff and engaged them in conversation.

Administrator Brenda Smith said the rehabilitation center employs more than 150 workers, many of whom are county residents.

In addition to assisted living, St. James offers outpatient occupational, speech and physical therapy services. Smith said the center is partnering with Gulf Coast State College to offer training for certified nursing assistants.

Familiar names among the 71 residents of St. James include Crooms, Fairecloth, Floyd and Braxton. For the first time in years, the center provides assisted living within Franklin County. Mickens said many residents have strong



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Chasity Wardwell looked "Christmassy" in her red pajamas and striped red shoes.

family support locally.

Peggy Woodruff, whose son is a resident of St. James Bay, had high praise for the rehabilitation center, "My son Michael was in a motorcycle accident two years ago. We have some experience with health care centers. This is the nicest facility I have seen. The staff is very caring, compassionate and sincere."

After lunch, a number of residents met in the dining room for a game of bingo. Players win currency they can spend in the bingo store after the game.

You can help the residents and spread a little holiday cheer by donating small gifts and prizes for

the "bingo store." Regifted items are welcome.

Possible prizes include combs, brushes, scented soaps and grooming supplies other than aerosols. Hand sanitizers and other products containing alcohol cannot be distributed.

Sugar free candy or cookies are welcomed. Jigsaw puzzles, coloring books, crossword, Sudoku and word search books crayons and other art supplies are popular. Socks, slippers, T-shirts, hats, jewelry, picture frames and knick knacks are all treasured prizes.

If you would like to contribute, contact Lois at 653-5857.

By LOIS SWOBODA

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Thank You,  
**H.C. Hercule, M.D.**

I would like to "Thank You" the voters of District 5 for your support and donations during my candidacy in the 2012 Franklin County Commission Election. I am humbled by your faith and trust in me. Visiting and talking with voters and residents in the past eight months, I have seen what a truly wonderful county we live in. As your Commissioner, I am excited and looking forward to serving "you the people" of this wonderful county we call home. Together we can make things better.

**Thank you!**  
**William Massey**

# Chillas Hall hosts today's Thanksgiving dinner

What a Thanksgiving dinner we had at the Senior Center last Thursday. It was a very good meal, thanks to Sue and the crew, and a big slice of Merle's famous coconut cream pie topped it off. The table centerpieces were made by our director, Sue Reed.



**LANARK NEWS**  
Jim Welsh

I started off Saturday with my sugar fix at the Lanark Village Boat Club. Had a

good breakfast and did a lot tablehopping. Then it was off to the Lanark Village Community Church yard sale. I had lunch and had a look around and ran into Sharon, daughter of the late Frank and Betty Ferlin, and Joan and Jeff, two of Mary Ann Bove's children, and Jeff's wife, Sue. It was great seeing them. Hope you picked up one of Claudette's famous chocolate éclairs!

The Birthday Bash was

well-attended. The Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 was rockin' December's Birthday Bash will be Saturday, Dec. 15. See ya there!

Attention Bingo players! Wednesday night bingo at Chillas Hall will be coming soon. Members of the Lanark Village Golf Club will be in charge. More on this later.

I'll be watching for you at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Chillas Hall. Serving begins at 1 p.m.

Members of Camp Gordon Johnston will gather at the post for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. This is for members only.

John and Loretta were joined in holy matrimony on Saturday by Mr. Bill. They came to the Legion to celebrate.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound and have a very Happy Thanksgiving Day!

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



**DAVID ADLERSTEIN** | The Times

Amy Goodwin shows off her candy trees at Saturday's sale at the Lanark Village Community Church.

## Faith BRIEFS

### Island Methodists host Thanksgiving Day dinner

The St. George Island United Methodist Church will host its annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner at 12:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share. Turkey and ham are provided. The church is at 201 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island. For further information, call the church office 927-2088.

### '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 holds 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 Sunday through Friday, Dec. 2-7.

Guests of the spectacular will discover unique 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. Santa is scheduled to arrive at 5 p.m. Friday for milk and cookies.

The Sacred Heart Gift Shop is a non-profit fundraising program operated by the Sacred Heart Hospital Volunteer Guild. Proceeds generated from the Gift Shop and this sale will support services at Sacred Heart.

For more information about the volunteer guild, contact Paula Pickett, Guild membership chair, at 227-7535 or visit [www.sacredheartonthegulf.org](http://www.sacredheartonthegulf.org).

For more information about the Gift Shop or the holiday sale, please call the volunteer desk at 229-5788.

## BIKERS KICK OFF TOY PROJECT



**BETH BRINKLEY** | Special to the Times

The Franklin County Toy Project got a roaring start Saturday with the annual Toy Run, as a host of motorcyclists rode from the Carrabelle IGA to Apalachicola's Riverfront Park. Many brought unwrapped toys, and all contributed \$10 each, helping raise almost \$300 for the annual project. The committee will use these funds as well as the monies collected through a raffle to shop for toys for Franklin County boys and girls.

Tickets are being sold for the Jan. 11, 2013, raffle of a playhouse built by Bay City Work Camp inmates. 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), Resort Vacation Properties administration office or anywhere you see a flyer in the window. Make checks payable to Franklin's Promise, and specify that it is for "Toy Project." To volunteer to sort and pack toys and give toys out, Adopt-A-Family or post a donation, visit [www.franklintoyproject.com](http://www.franklintoyproject.com).

## Obituaries

### Gordon Frederick Meacham

Meacham Services for Gordon Frederick (Kelly) Meacham, 90, of Apalachicola, were held at 10 a.m. on Nov. 21 at Allen & Allen Funeral Home Chapel in Thomasville, Ga. Pastor Terry Bernard officiated.

Interment was to be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Magnolia Cemetery in Apalachicola.

Mr. Meacham passed away Sunday, Nov. 18, at Southern Pines in Thomasville, Ga.

Born Nov. 9, 1922, in Port Allegany, Penn., he was the son of the late Victor Meacham and Frances Cady Meacham. For 59 years, he was married to Jewel Cooley Meacham of Beaumont, Texas, who survives.

He was a retired veteran of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army with 23 years of service including World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. As an Army officer, he directed aircraft operations of up to 120 military personnel. Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Meacham began flying for the Army Air Corps in fixed wing aircraft before training on every rotary aircraft the U.S. Army flew. He was decorated with the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the



**GORDON FREDERICK MEACHAM**

National Defense Service Medal and the Army Aviator Badge. CWO Meacham was given the second highest Army Aviation Honor for flying more than 25 combat missions in Vietnam. He continued to work

for the government as a flight instructor with the Civil Service and later with the Department of Veterans Service.

He received a bachelor's degree in social studies and business administration in 1976.

Other survivors include his children, Larry Cady and wife, Vickie of Missouri; Marylou Erway and husband, Gordon, of Pennsylvania; Barry James Meacham and wife, Marty, of Kentucky; (Ron) Ronald F. Meacham and Monica Buengener of Germany; Kathleen Meacham Perdue and husband, Tommy of Georgia; and Faye Meacham Gibson and husband, Murray of Massachusetts; 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Leonard Meacham, Eugene Meacham, (Bill) William Meacham, Barry Meacham and Dale Meacham.

Friends and family may sign the online guest register at [www.allenfhn.com](http://www.allenfhn.com)

### Cynthia Ann Smith



**CYNTHIA ANN SMITH**

Cynthia Ann "Cindy" Smith was born Aug. 13, 1957, in Englewood to Ava Jean and Ernest "Corky" Smith. She passed away Sunday, Nov. 11.

She was graduated from Carrabelle High School and later became a certified nursing assistant.

Cindy is survived by one brother, Brent Barber; aunts, Miki Peddie,

Edwina Paul, Margie Langley and Estelle Register; uncle, Manuel James; niece, Stephanie Gragg; nephews, Cody Barber, Caden Barber and Cale Barber; two great-nephews; four great-nieces and dear friend, Renee Howell.

A memorial service was held Nov. 16 at the Carrabelle Christian Center.

### Nixon Shiver

Nixon Lee "Nick" Shiver, age 73, of Eastpoint, passed Sunday, Nov. 11, in Tallahassee after a brief battle with cancer.

Nixon was born on Aug. 31, 1939, in Calhoun County, and lived in Eastpoint for most of his life. He worked in construction with C.W. Roberts for about 20 years, owned a seafood house for 20 years in Eastpoint and then went back to work for C.W. Roberts for four years before retiring back to Eastpoint.

He is preceded in death by a son, Ricky Shiver; his mother and father, Toy and Leroy Shiver; a brother, Jamie Shiver; and a sister, Thelma Gragg.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Ethel Shiver; a son, Rocky Shiver and his wife, Rachel; and two daughters, Venitia Watford and her husband, Thomy, and Tina Brown and her

husband, Buddy. He has nine grandchildren: Lisa, Heather, Daniel, Katie, Leigh, Ashley, Richard, Sandy and Jada; and 19 great-grandchildren, Clayton, Lynzi, James, Kristen, Ashlynn, Tyler, Josh, Troy, Noah, Jacob, Kristianna, Christian, Rebecca, Jordan, Ethan, Korbyn, Olivia, Laelah and one on the way.

Nixon has three sisters, Sherill Carroll (Tiny); Betty Braxton (Buddy) and Barbara Jean Shiver; a brother, Bill Shiver (Audrey), and one sister-in-law, Jeannette Shiver; and lots of nieces, nephews, friends and extended family.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 15, at United Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bobby Shiver officiating.

Burial was in Eastpoint Cemetery. Kelley Funeral Home handled all arrangements.

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Sunday Brunch 10 a.m.

Youth Group Tuesdays 6 p.m.

317 Patton Dr. (corner of David St.)

Pastor: Aaron Batey

#### St. George Island United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Service

10:00 a.m. Worship Hour

201 E. Gulf Beach Dr. 927- 4635 [www.sgiumc.org](http://www.sgiumc.org)

Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis

## Residents make St. George Island more beautiful

### Special to the Times

St. George Island residents recently pitched in to clean up and landscape the island's entrance.

"We had some money left from bingo proceeds, and that, together with a lot of volunteer hours, talent and effort allowed us to make the island even more welcoming to our residents and guests," said Newt Colston, who chaired the SGI Civic Club committee that decided on the project. The committee also included Pat O'Connell, Fred Stanley, Terry Kemp and Ann Giknis.

"We contacted Burkett & Son Well Services, who were able to get an old well near the site working again. This provided water for irrigation and made the

rest of the project possible," said Giknis, a Master Gardener and island resident who designed and supervised the project.

"Then, working with The Garden Shop in Apalachicola, we ordered plants that we knew would do well under tough island conditions," Giknis said. "Once we got going, the actual physical project took about two weeks to clean up and prepare the area, repaint the welcome sign, lay out the irrigation and install about 200 plants.

"Many islanders come out and worked hard to make this happen. We are really proud of the outcome," she said.

This project compliments the clean up and beautification efforts in the Lighthouse park and elsewhere on St. George Island.



St. George Island workers pose in front of their newly painted and landscaped sign. Kneeling, from left, are Ann Giknis, Rita Culbertson and Pat O'Connell. Standing from left are Candy Howington, Cindy Tyminski, Barb Paget, Fred Stanley, Glynda Ratliff, Tom Slocum, Tom Siciliano, Chris Jensen, Bill Rogers, Ed Barnell and Dany and Marty Ray. Not pictured are Newt Colston, Fran Giknis, Jane Nipps, Susan Kearney, Pinki Jackel, Terry Kemp, Dave and Sharon Hutchinson and Jim Troyan.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

## Outdoors BRIEF

### Beekeepers Field Day to be Dec. 1

There will be a Beekeepers Field Day and Trade Show on Dec. 1 at the Washington County Extension Office in Chipley. Registration begins at 9 a.m. CT.

Class rotations begin at 10 a.m. and continue until noon. There will be a smoker lighting contest, lunch and judging before a general session at 1:15 p.m. on Pollen and Nectar Producing Plants, presented by Laurence Cutts and Elmore Herman.

Topics in the rotations include hive assembly by

Doug Corbin and Herman; open hive demonstration by Jeff Pippin, Jamie Ellis and David Westervelt; and winter hive management by Cutts.

Beekeeper advanced training classes will be offered by interactive videoconference to selected counties Feb. 18 and 25, and March 4 and 11. More details to follow.

Cost of the Field Day and Trade Show is \$15 per person, \$10 for additional family members.

For more information, call the Gulf County Extension Office at 639-3200 or the Franklin County Extension Office at 653-9337.

## Jumping spiders also excellent hunters

I got this picture of a jumping spider, or Salticid, feeding on a dragonfly on the fence surrounding the airport.

Even if you don't like spiders, you have to admire the hunting skill of this amazing animal. Have you ever tried to catch a dragonfly? I have, and it isn't easy.

This little guy probably nabbed this dragonfly that looks to be about twice his size while it was perched on the fence.

The jumping spiders are the largest spider family with more than 5,000 species. The chief identifying characteristic of jumping spiders is a single pair of eyes that are greatly enlarged and face straight ahead. This pair of eyes gives them excellent vision that they use to track prey. In fact, they are believed to



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have the best vision of any spider and possibly of any arthropod.

Jumping spiders have color vision and are capable of learning, recognizing and remembering colors, and of adapting their hunting behavior based on what they have learned.

Jumping spiders hunt during the day. They have a hydraulic system that allows them to jump great

distances by altering the internal pressure of their body fluid. Most jumping spiders can jump several times the length of their body.

When a jumping spider is moving from place to place, and especially just before it jumps, it tethers a filament of silk, or dragline, to whatever it is standing on in order to break the fall if its jump should fail. Like many other spiders that leave a practically continuous silk trail, jumping spiders impregnate the silk line with pheromones that play a role in reproduction, and possibly in navigation.

Jumping spiders use their vision in complex courtship displays. Males are often quite different in appearance from females and might have bushy, colored or iridescent hairs, front leg fringes and other, often bizarre, modifications. These are displayed with complex sideling or zigzag movements as part of a courtship "dance."

## WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Nov. 22	70°	46°	0 %
Fri, Nov. 23	72°	48°	0 %
Sat, Nov. 24	71°	44°	0 %
Sun, Nov. 25	65°	48°	0 %
Mon, Nov. 26	69°	50°	0 %
Tues, Nov. 27	71°	53°	0 %
Wed, Nov. 28	71°	52°	20 %

## TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

### APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
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
28	We	136am 1.5	539pm 1.3	1013am -0.3	933pm 1.1
29	Th	211am 1.5	609pm 1.3	1044am -0.3	1007pm 1.1
30	Fr	250am 1.5	638pm 1.3	1113am -0.3	1044pm 1.1
1	Sa	303am 1.5	640pm 1.1	1114am -0.3	1059pm 1.0
2	Su	346am 1.2	710pm 1.1	1142am -0.2	1147pm 1.0
3	Mo	423am 1.2	739pm 1.1	1212pm -0.2	
4	Tu	527am 1.1	810pm 1.1	1244am 0.9	1247pm -0.1

### CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
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
28	We	1211am 2.4	414pm 2.1	800am -0.5	720pm 1.8
29	Th	1246am 2.4	444pm 2.1	831am -0.5	754pm 1.8
30	Fr	125am 2.4	513pm 2.1	900am -0.5	831pm 1.8
1	Th	250am 2.7	622pm 2.4	1010am 0.0	939pm 2.1
2	Fr	325am 2.7	703pm 2.4	1042am 0.0	1018pm 2.1
3	Sa	405am 2.7	747pm 2.4	1117am 0.2	1108pm 1.9
4	Su	350am 2.6	732pm 2.4	1059am 0.2	1112pm 1.9

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## UF: Controlling lionfish best done in targeted areas

By MICKIE ANDERSON  
Special to the Times

Invasive lionfish might never be eradicated from Florida's coastal waters, but it's possible to keep them under control — in specific, targeted areas and using plenty of manpower, a new University of Florida study shows.

Efforts have been made in some areas to control lionfish by holding derbies, where divers and snorkelers spear or net as many fish as possible in a given time period. The UF study, led by Tom Frazer, a professor and interim director of the School of Natural Resources and Environment, attempted to determine

how intense and consistent such efforts would need to be to effectively curb a lionfish population.

"How far do we have to knock them down in order to prevent a potential problem? This was really the first time that researchers have gone out and said we're going to quantify and characterize how many fish we can pull off these reefs, how much effort that requires and ultimately, then, how much money it might cost to continue that effort," said Frazer, a faculty member with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

The team's work is outlined in the current issue of Reviews in Fisheries Science.

The UF team spent much of 2011 working with the Central Caribbean Marine Institute, local dive masters and scuba volunteers who removed lionfish weekly from several sites off Little Cayman Island, in the Caribbean Sea. The team asked the divers not to remove lionfish from an area called Rock Bottom Wall, so it could be used as a control site.

At the lionfish removal sites, lionfish density decreased over time, and the size of the fish that remained were smaller on average. In comparison, lionfish numbers increased markedly at the control site.

When the study began, it wasn't unusual to capture lionfish that measured about 400 millimeters long. But by June 2011, at one dive site called Blacktip Boulevard,

the removed fish ranged from 140 to 295 millimeters in length, with 83 percent of the fish smaller than 220 millimeters.

The size of the fish has food chain implications, as the larger lionfish are more likely to consume bigger prey, such as grouper or snapper, while smaller lionfish prefer to nibble on shrimp, he said.

The appearance of lionfish recently near the Big Bend area of Florida has scientists concerned, he said, because that area's large seagrass beds provide critical nursery-ground area for gag grouper, an important sport and food fish.

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### Freshwater

Crappie are starting to show up in deeper creeks and in the main rivers and soem area lakes. Live crappie minnows work the best, however, small grubs may find the fish faster. Lake Wimico has reported on a few bass and bream catches this week, but nothing to brag about.

### Inshore

Trout fishing continues to be hit-or-miss in St. Joe bay and around the Forgotten Coast. Weather and wind are the main factors in poor fishing conditions lately. Red fish are still being caught on most area beaches and on the piers and docks in and around St. Joe Bay. Good action can be found on cut bait such as mullet or big shrimp. A few pompano and whiting are showing up, but not in string numbers yet.

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- FRIDAY, NOV. 30**  
vs. Baker  
5 p.m./7 p.m.
- SATURDAY, DEC. 1**  
@ Freeport  
Noon/2 p.m.
- TUESDAY, DEC. 4**  
vs. John Paul II  
5 p.m. (Girls only)
- FRIDAY, DEC. 7**  
vs. Rocky Bayou  
4 p.m./6 p.m.
- TUESDAY, DEC. 11**  
vs. Port St. Joe  
6 p.m./ 8 p.m.
- THURSDAY, DEC. 13**  
@ Rutherford  
7 p.m. (Girls only)
- FRIDAY, DEC. 14**  
vs. Freeport  
5 p.m./7 p.m.
- MONDAY, DEC. 17**  
@ Baker  
5 p.m./7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9**  
vs. Rutherford  
7 p.m. (Girls only)
- THURSDAY, JAN. 10**  
vs. West Gadsden  
5 p.m./7 p.m.
- JAN. 15-18**  
GIRLS DISTRICT  
@ Port St. Joe
- JAN. 22-25**  
BOYS DISTRICT  
@ Freeport

## Soccer teams sweep against Rocky Bayou

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It was a good start for the Franklin County High School soccer teams last week, as both the girls and boys squads picked up their first season wins in their matchups against district foe Rocky Bayou in Niceville.

The girls squad, under the direction of coach Kelli Wright, notched a 2-1 triumph, while the boys squad, under coach Luis Ramon Valenzuela, tallied a 5-2 victory.

In the girls opener, the Lady Knights struck first with a goal with 10 minutes left in the first half to establish a 1-0 lead that carried through the end of the first half.

But strong second-half offensive play and counterattacks by the Lady Seahawks led to two excit-

ing goals and many other scoring opportunities.

Five minutes into the second half, junior Jessica Shields served up one of her two great direct kicks into the box that resulted in a score. The first kick bounced to eighth grader Ali Zingarelli, who then assisted junior Gracyn Kirvin for the first Lady Seahawk goal of the match.

Roughly five minutes before the first water break, Shields served up her second free kick in the penalty box which Kirvin found a way to put it in the net for the second goal of the match. Kirvin totaled five shots on goal.

That would be all the Lady Seahawks needed to secure their first district win. "Sophomore Macey Hunt played another excellent game at goalkeeper with 12 saves," said Wright. "She just keeps making great saves to keep our team in the game."

The coach said sophomore Katie Seger's goal line to goal line play kept the Lady Seahawks in the game. She also produced three shots on goal.

"I knew when she came off the field she was exhausted by the way she went to the ground to try to recover her energy," said Wright. "Overall we are still developing our defensive backs and will get better each game."

Both teams included a handful of young players. Zingarelli got her foot on a lot of balls in the middle of the field, and eighth grader Ali Kirvin contributed at forward to team success.

The win evened the Lady Seahawks record at 1-1, after the Franklin County varsity girls dropped a 4-1 match at John Paul II on Nov. 8.

In that match, in which John Paul senior Beatrice Menjor nailed a trio of goals, the Lady Seahawks trailed 1-0 at the half before John Paul exploded in the second half with three goals.

Franklin County managed its lone goal when Gracyn Kirvin sent it through the net on an assist from Shields. Junior Adriana Reeder and Seger each managed two shots on goal.



The Lady Seahawks next match will be another district road test against rival Port St. Joe on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.

## Boys earn pasta meal with win

The Seahawks' first district game was an exciting one, as they established they would be a force to be reckoned with this season.

"We went into the game with Rocky Bayou not knowing what to expect from their team," said Valenzuela. "Obviously, we decided to play hard and smart and I could not be more pleased with the way our boys played. They demonstrated great ball control, ongoing communication, and performed equally as well both defensively and offensively."

The squad amassed five goals, two from Graham Kirvin, two from Zack Howze and one from Josh Reeder. Two of the goals were from two penalty kicks against Rocky Bayou. Franklin County produced eight shots on goal and a save and 19 shots from Casey Sapp

"Stacy Kirvin and I told the boys if they won, we would cook pasta for them. We are pleased to do this for the team - they definitely gave it their all on the field," said Valenzuela. "Each one of them played the way we wanted them to play, intensely and using the skills they learned at practice. The boys are noticeably becoming stronger players and they needed to win their first district game to build their confidence in their skills."

The boys square off against arch-rival Port St. Joe in an away game Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. "We would like to invite our community to support both our boys and girls teams," said Valenzuela.

"This is going to be our second district game and the boys are excited to get out there and attempt a win again."

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

### 2012-13 FCHS Varsity

**TUESDAY, NOV. 27**  
@ John Paul II  
6/7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 29**  
@ Wewahitchka  
5:30/7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 1**  
@ West Gadsden\*  
6/7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 7**  
@ Bozeman\*  
6:30/8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 8**  
vs. West Gadsden\*  
6/7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, DEC. 10**  
vs. Tallavana Christian  
6/7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 13**  
vs. Liberty County\*  
5:30/7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 14**  
@ South Walton\*  
6:30/8 p.m.

**MONDAY, DEC. 17**  
@ Tallavana Christian  
6/7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 18**  
@ Blountstown\*  
5:30/7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 21**  
vs. Port St. Joe\*  
6/7:30 p.m.

**DEC. 27-29**  
Franklin County Hoops 'Battle on the Gulf'

**FRIDAY, JAN. 4**  
@ Wakulla  
2 p.m. (Girls only)

**TUESDAY, JAN. 8**  
@ Liberty County\*  
6/7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 10**  
vs. South Walton\*  
5:30/7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 11**  
vs. John Paul II  
6 p.m. (Girls only)

**TUESDAY, JAN. 15**  
vs. Blountstown\*  
5:30/7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 18**  
vs. Bozeman\*  
6:30/8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 19**  
@ Port St. Joe\*  
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**TUESDAY, JAN. 22**  
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**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23**  
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6:30 p.m. (Girls only)

**THURSDAY, JAN. 24**  
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5:30 p.m. (Girls only)

**FRIDAY, JAN. 25**  
vs. Wewahitchka  
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Girls District Tourney  
@ South Walton

**THURSDAY, JAN. 31**  
vs. John Paul II  
(Senior Night)  
7 p.m. (Boys Only)

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Boys District Tourney  
@ South Walton

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### Youth Basketball

**TUESDAY, NOV. 27**  
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**THURSDAY, NOV. 29**  
Blountstown  
5 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 4**  
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6 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 7**  
@ Riversprings  
5 p.m.



## Gulfside IGA PLAYER OF THE WEEK SPONSOR



Player of the Week Seahawk senior **Zach Howze**, chosen by his soccer teammates to be captain this year, scored two goals against Rocky Bayou. "He is taking his role very seriously and we are proud of his efforts and the leadership he is providing to his peers," said Coach Ramon Valenzuela.

**Congratulations, Zach!**



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Lynn Wilson, left, and Atul Patel review plans for the new Family Dollar proposed for Apalachicola.

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But questions were raised as to whether the academy had a separate financial identity, and the discussion continued regarding the special exception.

At the heart of the issue were traffic and parking issues raised by several neighbors, including Gene Smith and Will and Jodi Rosenbaum. They said problems had been exacerbated by the new academy, as well as other church activities such as 12-Step meetings it sponsors. In addition, questions were raised about whether the alley behind the church is being used appropriately.

P&Z member Lynn Wilson raised parking issues on behalf of her business, the Coombs House Inn, which is across from the church. She stressed that though she supports the work of the many churches in the area, she felt obliged to speak out whenever hers or neighboring businesses

are affected.

After P&Z member Geoffrey Hewell moved to grant the academy a special exception, Wilson cast one of the four nay votes. Only Hewell, Bachrach and new member Robin Vroegop voted to grant the special exception outright, with P&Z Chairman Tom Daly, Sally Williamson, newly appointed member Atul Patel and Wilson voting no.

Daly and Williamson stressed they supported the academy but wanted to see a 30-day extension to give all parties a chance to work out difficulties with parking and traffic that persist in the area at various times in the week.

Patriotis said he had been working out details of the issue with the neighbors, including placement of a clearly marked stopping, but not parking, area in front of the church. He said he had confidence matters could be worked out to satisfy the concerns of the

neighbors and the needs of the church.

The church issue was not the only matter to stir heated discussion at the meeting.

P&Z members reviewed plans for a new Family Dollar store to be placed at the corner of U.S. 98 and Clairmont Avenue, in the wooded lot adjacent to the Best Western.

In April, the board had moved unanimously to confirm that the new store, slightly larger than the existing facility adjacent to the Gulfside IGA, was consistent with the C-3 zoning district.

But after lengthy discussion at this month's meeting, developer Brett Woodward was told the store would require a special exception, which will require a public hearing.

In addition, Hewell told the developers there still needed to be a review of both signage and tree removal proposed for the site.

*"... It's indicative of the success of the BP 'We're Salty' campaign. ... We're encouraged we used the right methods and used the right vehicles in promoting that right. It's a positive message and one that seems to be working."*



Curt Blair, TDC administrator

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and used the right vehicles in promoting that right. It's a positive message and one that seems to be working."

Blair said though the overall numbers are strong, the fact that August was so strong after two consecutive months of declines was less significant as an indicator of specific programming success.

"The only thing we can interpret from it is the collectors of the tax have different schedules," he said. "August is a not a big month normally compared to June and July. The different reporting periods throw it off. If it's low one month, it tends to get picked up the next."

"We were concerned we would see a drop in the summer," Blair said. "This tells us our tourism community has some staying power. It remains to be seen what happens when the effect of the BP money begins wearing off."

As good as the August numbers were, the TDC received disappointing news earlier this month, when the county was not among more than 100 nonprofit groups and government entities, including several in the Florida Panhandle, picked to get shares of \$43.7 million in BP funds to promote the Gulf Coast's tourism and seafood industries after the company's 2010 oil spill.

The first round of grants announced Nov. 7 by court-supervised claims administrator Patrick Juneau is part of a proposed class-action settlement between BP and a team of private plaintiffs' attorneys. The deal calls for BP to fund a total of \$57 million in tourism and seafood promotion grants.

The 110 grant recipients were picked from a pool of more than 350 applicants. In Florida, 33 organizations will receive \$13.4 million, while in Alabama, 21 groups will get \$8.3 million. In Mississippi, 13 organizations will share \$6 million, and in Louisiana, 43 recipients will get \$15.9 million. The amount each organization received has not yet been announced.

"The grants should go a long way toward bolstering the Gulf's tourism and seafood industries and help revitalize the region's economy," lead plaintiffs' attorneys Steve Herman and Jim Roy said in a statement.

Blair said Franklin County applied for a grant to cover the cost of a moveable kiosk and informational campaign. "The whole emphasis was seafood and promotions, so we combined some of the stuff from the original grant and expanded on it," he said. "This is money that came out of a class action lawsuit and portions set aside to four states to do something they envision for seafood and marketing."

"That was about all they told us, to put together your own proposal, no guidelines on it," Blair said. "We don't really know what they used for criteria. About \$15 million was not funded, and I don't

**GRANT RECIPIENTS IN FLORIDA**

- Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce
- "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge
- Collier County Department of Natural Resources
- Naval Aviation Museum Foundation
- Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce
- PASCO Office of Tourism Development
- City of Naples
- City of Marco Island
- Pensacola Math, Engineering, Science & Stuff
- Pensacola State College
- Sacred Heart Health System
- Mexico Beach
- Lee County Visitors & Convention Bureau
- Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park
- Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency
- Santa Rosa Island Authority
- St. John's Cemetery
- National Flight Academy
- West Florida Preservation Inc.
- Latino Media Gulf Coast
- Baytowne Wharf Neighborhood Association
- Horizons of Okaloosa County City and Port of St. Joe
- Visit Pensacola
- Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners
- Gulf Coast Marine Life Center
- Santa Rosa County Tourism Development Council
- Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater
- Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel
- Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Wakulla County Tourist Development Council
- Navarre Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Improvement Board-Panama City

Source: AP

know whether they're planning another round or what. They haven't responded to anybody; it's a little like shooting in the dark."

Blair said the TDC has been pleased to learn that, after completing a screening process, it has been approved by the Florida Humanities Council to be eligible to submit grants and is putting an application together for these humanities funds.

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**NOTICE OF INTENT IS GIVEN THAT FRANKLIN COUNTY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE EASTPOINT PAVILION BY PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL, LOITERING AND PUBLIC NUISANCES.**

Notice is hereby given that on December 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida at the Courthouse Annex, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance captioned as follows:

- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SHALL NOT BE CONSUMED AT THE EASTPOINT PAVILION, FORBIDDING LOITERING; FORBIDDING PUBLIC NUISANCES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Interested Persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

Any party who may wish to appeal the decision made at this public hearing is responsible for making a verbatim transcript of the hearing.

Those persons requiring assistance to attend the meeting must call deputy clerk Michael Moron at **850-653-8861 x100** at least three business days before the meeting to make arrangements.

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dance, the young folk often bunked down on the floor and slept before departing by the light of day.

A memorable local band was the "Paradise Pals," headed by Carol McLeod, who frequently played dances at the Coombs Armory and private homes in Apalachicola in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

During the late 1920s, as traffic through the area increased and automobiles became more common, public venues with dance floors began to appear. In 1928, the dances in Carrabelle were so popular that Wing's Ferry added a 2 a.m. crossing on Saturday nights to transport revelers returning home to Apalachicola.

When Camp Gordon Johnston was home to 10,000 servicemen and women, Carrabelle boasted two dance halls.

There was a large building near Carrabelle Beach some people refer to as the skating rink. It occupied what is now a vacant lot across Gulf Beach Road from 2 Al's at the Beach Café. Westberg said she does not remember it being called or being used as a skating rink. She said she referred to it as the Pavilion. Both she and Delores Roux of Apalachicola agree it had a beautiful dance floor and was the scene of weekly parties and dances with live music.

In Eastpoint, the Gorrie Service Station was the site of much revelry. This was a large wooden building covered with green shingles near the Eastpoint end of the Gorrie Bridge on the

north side of the highway. The compound originally boasted gas pumps, but these later were removed. The main building housed a restaurant, bar and excellent dance floor. It was surrounded by several small cabins for travelers. Roux said Altha and Art Parvis ran the roadhouse that frequently presented live bands. There was also a juke box.

There was another juke in Eastpoint. Elmer Smith ran a bar in a big old house at the end of Old Ferrydock Road by the ferry landing. When interviewed on the occasion of his 100th birthday, Spiro Buzier of Apalachicola remembered dancing and brawling in Smith's bar before the bridge was built.

Westberg remembers touring bands, including famous artists like Ernest Tubb, the Texas Troubadour, whose compositions included "Blue Christmas" and "Walking the Floor." Tubb toured widely in the South and made numerous recordings including duets with Loretta Lynn. Bands like the Troubadours, traveling by private bus, would stop in the small towns along the coast and play wherever there was a stage. In Carrabelle, they performed in the school auditorium. Westberg said she believes they gave a portion of their earnings to the school for use of the room. Such concerts cost a dollar or less.

Sue Chronkite of Apalachicola said Hank Williams was a frequent visitor to the Panhandle and played all around the area. "We

used to go see him wherever he played," she said. "His music had a really good beat to dance or jitterbug to."

## Gulf Coast Opryland

During the 1940s and '50s, the county had some distinguished visitors who used the undeveloped coast as their private playground.

A few folks still remember members of the Grand Ole Opry making regular trips here. Most frequently mentioned among these is Sarah Ophelia Colley Cannon, also known as Cousin Minnie Pearl. Other Opry stars known to have visited include comic musicians "String Bean" Akeman and Little Jimmy Dickens.

Westberg said Cannon's husband, Henry, a pilot, often brought performers down by private plane and landed at Carrabelle's Thompson Field. Cannon became the Opry's personal charter service after he married his famous wife.

Curley Messer, a police officer at the time, said on other occasions, Opry stars and their friends flew into Tallahassee and he fetched them back to town in his squad car.

Westberg said a group from the Opry came at least once a year for many years. They stayed at the Grice Hotel next to the current Chamber of Commerce office and went fishing during the day on commercial fishing boats belonging to the Jackson brothers, Earl, Seburn and Catfish.

Messer said he be-

lieves these pleasure trips kicked off the popularity of the snapper boats that took parties offshore in the 1950s and '60s.

"Everything they got was free," Westberg said. "The hotel was free, and the boat was free. I think the restaurants probably fed them for free, too."

In the evenings, in a bandstand at the corner of U.S. 98 and Tallahassee Street, the visitors repaid their hosts by performing. Carrabelle residents and an occasional tourist would gather 'round and enjoy the show. In the days before television, it was a remarkable opportunity.

Westberg said Cannon was good to Carrabelle, too, frequently taking residents for airplane rides when he was in town.

Lillian Smith said like the touring bands, the Opry stars played in the old school. She remembers that Minnie Pearl wore her trademark hat with the dangling label. She said restaurateur "Greek Mike" Thermos, owner of Mike's Greasy Spoon, and his wife, Emmy Lou, were close friends with all of the musicians, and she believes this friendship was the reason the performers first visited Carrabelle.

Messer said the show folk loved to party and drink. "Grandpa Jones was my buddy," he said. "And

Minnie Pearl was crazy."

"Grandpa" was yodeler, banjo player and comedian Louis Marshall Jones, a prolific recording artist and charter member of the cast of "Hee Haw." Perhaps his best remembered hits are "Mountain Dew" and "Night Train to Memphis."

Another frequent visitor to Carrabelle was American Hall of Fame pianist Floyd Cramer, at the time one of the most sought-after studio musicians in the U.S. Cramer was the pianist on Elvis Presley's recording of "Heartbreak Hotel" and recorded with artists as famed as Brenda Lee, Patsy Cline, Jim Reeves, Eddy Arnold, Roy Orbison and the Everly Brothers.

Messer said one night, the piano from the Baptist church was loaded into the bed of a pickup truck along with Cramer. A group of merrymakers, perhaps under the influence, carried the musician and his instrument to Pine Log in Tate's Hell, where he "played all night long."

On another occasion, Messer said a group of Nashville visitors came down to go duck hunting. A hunting party including him and Greek Mike went to Cash Creek and launched in duck boats. The hunters were already a little the worse for wear.

Greek Mike, reportedly a large man, "rolled overboard. We thought we'd need a crane to lift him. He must have weighed 500 pounds," Messer said.

Eventually, he was rescued with the help of some ropes supplied by Herbert Mock. "It was freezing cold, and I thought he'd be mad," Messer said. "But when we got him out, he laughed till he cried."

Minnie Pearl and some of her friends spent time on St. George Island, too.

Joe Barber said long before there was a ferry and when there were very few structures, she and some other Opry performers would visit the island during the summer.

Walter Yearty, "a big stout old fellow" lived in a little cottage called Bliss's and looked after cattle for the Kirvin brothers. Minnie Pearl and her entourage would hire a boat and go to stay with Yearty in his tiny home. They swam and fished and he netted mullet and cooked for them.

"They continued to come for quite a while," Barber said. "I don't know how they met up with him. I think they liked the idea of having the island all to themselves. There was nothing out there then. They could enjoy the beach, and there was nobody to bother them."



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battery charge pending involving a girl who was 13 at the time. The case for which he was sentenced Friday stems from a Sept. 22, 2010 arrest and involved acts committed sometime in 1991 against a victim who is now 27 and —married.

Assistant State Attorney Robin Myers said his office is discussing a possible resolution to the second case, which has not yet gone to trial. But details surfaced in last week's trial after the victim was allowed to testify. Florida law makes allowances for testimony from victims of crimes that have not gone to trial when it is successfully argued that it shows a pattern of misconduct by the defendant.

Grant first was tried for the crimes against the first victim on Sept. 12, but that trial ended in a mistrial.

Myers said he was in the process of arguing before Dempsey, outside the presence of the jury, that the second girl's testimony should be allowed, when the girl broke down in tears. A juror who was seated with the others, in a separate room adjacent to the courtroom, heard the commotion and opened the door. Defense attorney Gregory Cummings moved for, and was granted, a mistrial.

The focus of this retrial was on whether Grant, on three separate occasions in 1991, inappropriately touched the victim. The victim testified in a closed courtroom before the jury.

With children so young, "it is impossible to remember the exact dates," Myers said. "It's based on what grade they were in."

Myers said evidence showed the girl had told her mother of the incidents in 1997, when she was 12. He said the mother decided at

that time not to put her daughter through the pain of a public trial, and the matter was not disclosed to law enforcement officials.

The issue of what had happened in 1991 resurfaced in July 2010, after the second victim came forward to say Grant had tried to have sex with her. The girl was examined with a sexual assault kit at Weems Memorial Hospital, and testimony was provided by health officials, including Dr. Joda Lynn, that revealed "a presumptive positive to the presence of blood," Myers said.

It was after this incident allegedly occurred to the second girl that the first girl came forward to tell law enforcement officials what she said happened to her 19 years earlier.

Also figuring into the trial was the testimony of Grant's mother, who appeared on behalf of both the prosecution and defense. She said that she had become aware of a problem with one of the victims at the time, but took her at her word that the commotion had been because of a nightmare. The defense made an attempt to punch holes in Grant's mother's recollections, and challenged the credibility of both of the female victims.

Myers said the trial had been a difficult one, and noted that there is no statute of limitations in capital cases such as this.

"It was a hard case for everybody, for the victims, for the family, for the jury," he said. "We're not here to determine the content of somebody's character. We're here to determine whether the actions constitute a crime."

Cummings has 30 days to decide whether to appeal the verdict.

# Raffle to benefit humane society

Special to the Times

Nationally recognized writer and photographer John Spohrer has donated the framed original of a photograph of a beautiful cat photographed at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

The photo is on display at the Apalachicola Area Chamber of Commerce where raffle tickets can be purchased for \$3 or two for \$5. Monies raised go to support the Franklin County Humane Society.

Only 500 tickets will be sold so don't procrastinate. The more tickets you buy the better your chances of winning. For information call 653-9419.

The FCHS is a 501c3 non profit organization. County funding was cut 10 percent this year and contributions are down by 30 percent. The FCHS is in desperate need of donations from animal lovers who want to make a difference in the lives of the homeless companion animals at our facility.

Donations are tax deductible and all donations will benefit the animals we are housing. Send donations to FCHS, P.O. Box 417, Eastpoint, FL 32328

The shelter always needs dog treats, collars, leashes, hard rubber chew toys, tennis balls, braided chew rope, cat litter, bleach, hand soap, laundry

detergent, utility water and food bowls (all sizes), kitchen trash bags and 39-gallon yard bags. Bring donations to the shelter or to the Apalachicola Times, at 129 Commerce Street, Apalachicola.

The shelter frequently has special needs pets that require more than routine medical care. You can make a difference by sponsoring an animal with medical problems. To learn about these special need animals or make a donation, visit [www.forgottenpets.org](http://www.forgottenpets.org)

The shelter is also in constant need of volunteers to socialize animals in their care. For information call 670-8417.

## Community EVENTS

### Full Moon Climb at island lighthouse

The November Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 28. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association (SGLA).

The sun will set at 5:40 p.m. and the moon will rise at 5:55 p.m. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for SGLA members.

The Cape St. George Light is located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island, where Island Drive ends at Gulf Beach Drive. Parking is available in lots at either side of the park. Because space

is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 927-7745.

### Homebuyers seminar at TIGERS site

The Juvenile Justice Executive Council will meet Thursday, Nov. 29 at the TIGERS site in Apalachicola, from 10 until 11:15 a.m. The "Home is where the Heart is" seminar for first time homeowners will be at the site from 3 until 5 p.m. This seminar is free and open to the public. All are welcome. For further information please call Carol Barfield at 653-2784

### Tobacco-free Partnership to meet

There will be a Tobacco-Free Franklin Partnership Coalition Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at the Franklin County Health Department, 139 12th Street, from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room."

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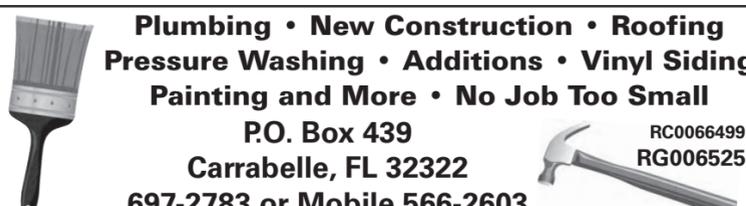
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89412T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000270

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking institution, as successor by merger to WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.  
DONNA C. SOUTHWICK, et al., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Pursuant to Chapter 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 22, 2012, entered in Case No. 2011-CA-000270 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking institution, as successor by merger to WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is the Plaintiff and DONNA C. SOUTHWICK, et al. are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the lobby on the second floor of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 at 11:00 a.m. EST. on the 4th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

START AT THE INTERSECTION OF SECTIONS 2 AND 3, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, AND SECTIONS 35 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, AND TRAVEL EASTERLY ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 1086.1 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 30 (U.S. HIGHWAY #319) RIGHT OF WAY. NOW TURN AND GO A DISTANCE OF 146 DEGREES 56 MINUTES TO THE RIGHT AND GO A DISTANCE OF 625 FEET TO A STAKE. THENCE TURN AND ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES TO THE LEFT AND GO A DISTANCE OF 90.7 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF ABOVE MENTIONED STATE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY. CALL THIS PLACE OF BEGINNING. NOW TRAVEL IN THE SAME DIRECTION AND GO A DISTANCE OF 119 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATER LINE OF ST. GEORGE SOUND. CALL THIS LINE THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY. NOW TURN TO THE RIGHT AND TRAVEL WESTERLY ALONG THE WATERS EDGE TO A POINT WHICH IS ON A LINE 75 FEET

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DISTANCE FROM AND PARALLEL TO THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE, NOW TURN TO THE RIGHT AND TRAVEL NORTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 105 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO AN IRON STAKE ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID ROAD RIGHT, THENCE TURN TO THE RIGHT AND TRAVEL ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID ROAD RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POB. SAID PROPERTY BEING AND LYING IN FRACTIONAL SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT PROPERTY MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY A RECENT SURVEY FROM EDWIN G. BROWN & ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED JULY 19, 1996, BEARING JOB NO. 96-405 (PSC-13419) AS FOLLOWS, COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE 1088.03 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 98, THENCE RUN SOUTH 56 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST 624.45 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 33 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 72.08 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF SAID U.S. HIGHWAY 98 FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 171.57 FEET TO THE APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH-WATER LINE OF ST. GEORGE SOUND, THENCE RUN SOUTH 42 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID MEAN HIGH-WATER LINE 78.14 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 33 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST 169.65 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF SAID U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 98, SAID POINT LYING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST. THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND ALONG SAID CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 2258.83 FEET THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 41 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 78.64 FEET THE CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING NORTH 41 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 78.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TO: WENDELL HARRELSON

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

Together with all improvements located thereon and a 1968 Fleetwood Mobile Home, ID# DK1268277.

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 petition.

DATED on November 1, 2012.

Marcia Johnson Clerk of Court

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

**90831T PUBLIC NOTICE**

Weems Memorial Hospital in Apalachicola,

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2012.

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**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**

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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](http://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

**90833T PUBLIC NOTICE**

Weems Memorial Hospital is seeking proposals to replace 8 pair of 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 [crgibson@weemsmemorial.com](mailto:crgibson@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 Moran, Weems Fire Door Bid, 33 Market St., Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320. November 15, 22, 2012

**91009T PUBLIC NOTICE**

Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority (NWFCA) Meeting Notice. The NWFCA recently commissioned HDR Engineering, Inc. to prepare a major update to their regional Master Plan, originally adopted in 2007. As part of the initial phase of the update, HDR is working with key stakeholders (Florida DOT, FHWA, city and county reps., etc.) and the Authority to help analyze future transportation projects by assessing their respective economic benefits, developing an investment plan and proposing viable funding strategies. As part of this process, workshops were held in March & July 2012. A third series of workshops will be held at two alternate locations: December 6, 2012, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Central Time at the Days Inn & Suites, Navarre Conference Center, Room A, located at 8700 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, Florida and December 7, 2012, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Central Time at the Florida State University Holley Academic Center, Panama City Campus, Room A213 (Faculty Conference Room) located at 4750 Collegiate Drive, Panama City, Florida. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Corridor Authority at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Alicia Stephen at (850) 429-8905 or by email: [Alicia.Stephen@hdinc.com](mailto:Alicia.Stephen@hdinc.com). Please RSVP by November 30, 2012 if you plan to attend. November 22, 2012



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# Troop 200 Girls Scouts tour new firehouse

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On Nov. 9, Franklin County Girl Scout Troop 200 visited the Apalachicola firehouse and police station to learn about safety and the folks who keep us all safe.

About 20 scouts from Apalachicola, Eastpoint, Carrabelle and St. George Island attended the meet and greet.

Fire Chief George Watkins told the scouts the new station is in a good spot because it is centrally located in the city and near a food store and the hospital.

"The old station on Water Street lasted about 30 years," he said, "But after every hurricane, it was an



awful mess, full of mud and without electricity. That old station caused a lot of headaches."

Watkins said the Apalachicola volunteer firefighters meet twice a month and

respond, on average, to 11 fires monthly. He said the firefighters all carry pagers to alert them to emergencies and tell them where to go, what to do and what kind of problem to expect.

"We are a small-town group," he said. "We try to help each other out and have fellowship whenever we can."

Watkins said the station houses four fire trucks. The oldest was manufactured in 1988, and the newest truck is a 2000 model.

Ginger Creamer, a firefighter and police officer, quizzed the girls about safety. "What number do you dial to get help?" she asked.

The girls answered "911" in unison.

"But we don't play on 911," Watkins reminded them.

Watkins told them the police are an important part of the firefighting team. "The police usually get there before the volunteer fire department," he said.

Emergency Medical Technician Heather Hunter cautioned the Scouts to always wear a seat belt and sit in the back seat until the age of 12.

Creamer discussed fire safety and reminded the scouts to crawl and roll to get out of a burning building and avoid inhaling smoke.

The girls then toured the truck barn and checked out various emergency vehicles. Watkins told them the new truck, Number 2, is the fastest and that it responds first on most calls. He said to save fuel, the department only deploys the big truck, Number 1, when needed.

The girls got a taste of the siren on Num-



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Above left, Troop 200 poses with the firefighters and emergency response technicians who led their tour of the fire house and rescue vehicles. Above, Troop Leader Heather Friedman accepts a plaque from Fire Chief George Watkins thanking Troop 200 for their \$100 donation to Apalachicola's volunteer firefighters.

ber 1. "That is the sure enough sound of an old-time fire truck," Watkins said. "When you hear that sound, be sure to get out of the way."

EMTs Hunter and Travis Osburn explained the features of an ambulance to the Scouts and asked for a volunteer to help with the demonstration.

Mahaley Shuler stepped forward and was given the full treatment. She was fitted with a neck brace and strapped to a backboard gurgling while the fascinated girls observed.

Next, firefighter Keith Gibson donned firefighting safety gear, starting with suspended trousers and finishing with a protective mask. He told the girls the firefighters are trained to don their gear in one minute and 34 seconds.

"He looks like a horse," shouted one of the Scouts.

Gibson said he couldn't smile at the Scouts because they couldn't see his face. "Never be afraid of a fireman," he told them.

He said the gear could make a firefighter seem strange, but it was needed to protect him or her from the dangers of a blaze.

The girls posed for pictures with Gibson and the EMTs and then adjourned to the firefighters' meet-

ing room where Camille Williams, the most senior member of Troop 200, drew a ticket to choose the winner of a 12-gauge Remington Express shotgun raffled to raise money to support the fire department. Jennifer Allen was the lucky winner.

The girls also toured the new police station with Officer Tim Davis on hand to answer questions.

Then it was back to the truck barn, where the troop presented the fire department with a check for \$100 raised through the sale of cookies.

Troop Leader Heather Friedman said the girls sold more than 5,000 boxes of cookies this year. She said they decided to add the fire department to the list of causes they support.

Watkins presented Friedman with a plaque thanking the scouts for their gift. The girls then sang "Make New Friends" for the rescue workers and received goodie bags, juice boxes and cupcakes prepared by Gibson.

For a gallery of Troop 200's visit to the firehouse, visit [www.apalachtimes.com](http://www.apalachtimes.com).

The Apalachicola VFD is seeking to furnish a kitchen at the station and is in need of appliances etc.



EMTs Heather Hunter and Travis Osburn fit Mahaley Shuler with a collar to demonstrate what can happen if you are in an accident.

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