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Santa to visit Hill Saturday

Join H'COLA, AJ's Neighborhood Bar & Grill and the Elves to welcome Santa to the Hill from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 1 at AJ's. Look for Santa moving around the neighborhood aboard the fire truck as he heads to the AJ's parking lot to pass out goody bags and take photos with the children.

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At 10 a.m. Dec. 7, the Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum will dedicate two flagpoles donated by Woodmen of the World at the new front entrance, and a small commemorative plaque will be placed between them. Afterward, there will be a short ceremony to remember Pearl Harbor. The flag will be placed at half mast as "Taps" is played, followed by a recording of President Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" speech, the original heard by the nation over radio. At 11:30 a.m., "Tora Tora Tora" will be shown. All are invited. Admission is by donation.

Lighting of lights on island Dec. 7

Come to the island Dec. 7 for the annual lighting of the holiday lights at island center. Santa will arrive on a fire engine for the kids. The lighting will take place at dark. Lighthouse tours will be available. For more information, call 927-7744.

Carrabelle's Holiday on the Harbor Dec. 8

On Dec. 8, Marine Street in Carrabelle will be glowing with lights, and the River Walk is the place to be at dark thirty for watching the decked-out boat regatta, the Parade of Lights. Stroll with old friends, make some new ones, sip cider, see Santa and fill your eyes with enchantment. Fireworks are the grand finale for the parade. For more information, call 697-2585.

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District grapples with budget

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No sooner had the Franklin County School Board welcomed a new member and organized itself for the new year when the five members faced the stark reality of an extremely tight budget situation not even halfway through the 2012-13 fiscal year. After detailing a drop of hun-

dreds of thousands of dollars in anticipated revenue and an unsustainable fund balance down to a mere \$114,000 in unrestricted funds, Finance Director Shannon Venable made it clear at the Nov. 20 meeting the situation was serious. "Making these adjustments, we have a negative fund balance," she said. "We won't have enough to pay our bills this year." Venable said the district will have to respond to a \$563,000 loss

in property tax revenues, the result of a 6 percent drop in July at the first certification, and another 7 percent decline after the final certification in October. She said another adjustment she has had to make is in miscellaneous state revenue, which was budgeted at \$95,000 for the 2012-13 fiscal year, even though the district last year received only \$3,000 in this category. Gone is \$95,945 in discretionary

operating funds, as well as \$80,000 in BP funds the district received after the April 2010 oil spill, Venable said. One of the only bright spots in the revenue picture was that the district now will be able to recoup from the food service program about \$30,000 in utility costs, she said. An ongoing preliminary audit is showing \$36,000 in disallowed See BUDGET A7

BLACK FRIDAY DELIVERS HOLIDAY CROWDS



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Dexter and Trenton Teat pose for papa with Santa Claus. On Friday morning, they got a special treat, a new baby brother named Drake. Below, Fairy Princess Amber Kaczmarek gets a hug from the jolly old elf on Black Friday.

IN THE BLACK

Business booms after holiday weekend

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Shops and eateries in downtown Apalachicola say Santa delivered robust sales on his shrimp boat this year.

Apalachicola never looked better with musicians and strolling carolers enlivening the busy street and luminaries everywhere. During the afternoon, glorious blue skies were tickled by wispy white clouds. It was perfect November weather, even if it was a little too warm to feel like Christmas, since Black Friday came a week early this year.

In keeping with tradition, Mr. Claus arrived aboard the shrimp boat Buddy's Boys and mounted his glittering throne. At dusk, Apalachicola Mayor Pro Tem Frank Cook flipped the big red switch to light the city Christmas tree.

The Orman House and Raney House historic sites, both beautifully decorated, stayed open late and served refreshments to visitors. Members of

See BLACK A6



City stalemates on Planning and Zoning ouster

Tom Daly remains chairman of commission

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A special meeting of the Apalachicola city commission Tuesday night gave rise to a stormy confrontation between Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson and Planning and Zoning Chairman Tom Daly after the mayor called for Daly's

ouster from P&Z. After a lengthy discussion, in which several audience members rose in defense of Daly, city commissioners split down the middle and thus took no action on the issue of Daly's removal from P&Z. The mayor had asked commissioners to confirm his recommendation, first made in an Oct. 16 letter to Daly, in which he requested Daly immediately resign from P&Z. Instead, Commissioner Bren-



TOM DALY

da Ash moved, and Frank Cook seconded, that Daly be stripped of his chairmanship of P&Z. That vote was 2-2, with Mitchell Bartley and Johnson each voting no. Commissioner Jimmy Elliott was absent, so his vote likely will be the tie-breaker should the matter be addressed at the Dec. 4 regular meeting or a subsequent meeting. "Instead of complying, Tom Daly has chosen to challenge my

directive in the court of public opinion," Johnson said at the outset of his prepared remarks. "It's a pattern, a continued disregard for established process, procedures and protocol, and an affront to the mayor, staff and residents of this great city. He basically does what he wants," Johnson charged, as he outlined allegations Daly had acted beyond the scope of his authority in several instances. "It's about transparency," the See PLANNING A5

# FCHS greets as Gulf Coast board meets

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Members of the Gulf Coast State College board of trustees had a chance this month to see firsthand the Eastpoint campus where a nice-sized chunk of the college's student body is receiving their high school education.

The tour of the Franklin County School's kindergarten through 12th grade campus, conducted by Principal George Oehlert, was the postscript to the monthly meeting held the morning of Nov. 8 in the high school media center.

The trustees' meetings are frequently rotated among the three counties – Bay, Gulf and Franklin – served by the state college. This month's meeting was the farthest east the trustees have to travel, prompting several of them to remark they now had a newfound appreciation for the travel demands of Franklin County trustees.

"And our service area goes another 25 miles to the east," Board Chairman Denise Butler reminded her colleagues.

Butler, a former teacher, principal and school board member in the Franklin County School District, opened the meeting with an overview of the two decade-long history of the consolidation process.

"It's a testimony to folks here who understand how important combining the two high schools has been" she said. "It's not an easy task for two communities with such different traditions."

One theme woven through the three-page agenda and bundle of paperwork associated with the many agenda items was the excitement building for the estimated June 2013 completion of the 93,000-square-foot, \$32 million Advanced Technology Center (ATC).

Included, and approved, was change order 16, which called for the construction manager, GAC Contractors Inc. of Panama

City, and the contractor, HJ High Construction Co. of Orlando, to revise the contract down to \$27.1 million.

This was because of a \$4.8 million reduction in the first 15 change orders and a \$55,210 drop in change order 16. This last drop came about as a result of about \$400,000 in savings for having the owner direct purchase ATC building materials and \$345,000 in additional costs for having to buy culinary kitchen equipment.

"The ATC is going to make a difference. It's going to be a staple for providing jobs," Trustee Dan Estes said.

During the portion of the meeting where trustees reflected on the recent election, he said "America is going to do well. We're part of that. The world may go through a recession but we don't have to participate."

Trustee Ralph Roberson noted the dozen or so students enrolled in a new welding class at the Gulf-Franklin Center. "That's a tremendous help, and it shows you what the college can do in assisting with job creation at the county level," he said.

Roberson later presented a giant check to GCSC to represent the \$5,000 the Port St. Joe certified public accountant and his wife, Margaret, donated to the ATC Excellence Fund.

"We have a lot of needs," he said. "This is going to be a great thing, and we're glad to play a small part in that."

Dr. Jim Kerley, president of Gulf Coast, later in the meeting presented Butler with a cap with the letter "MIT" across the brow, representative of talks now underway with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology regarding a potential partnership in connection with the ATC.

Butler commented on Gulf Coast officials' recent trip to Boston, to a conference intended to boost academic performance at community colleges. "Kids here are not prepared for the rigor of the next level of education," she



LORETTA COSTIN

said. "This is about changing a culture (and educating) for jobs we don't even know what they look like today.

"This is a very diverse region," she said. "Don't underestimate the power and strength of the retirees who are here."

Both she and Trustee Jim McKnight said they would reach out to Halsey Beshears, the newly elected state representative.

"Let's get him in our camp," McKnight said. "I know he's a friend of community colleges."

The college agreed to approve hiring Panama City attorney Timothy Warner, at an hourly rate of \$250 in case he is needed to defend the school in a lawsuit, and Raymond Jackson by Susan Hernandez. Details of the case were shared in an executive session conducted after the regular meeting.

The trustees received a report from Loretta Costin, in which she outlined details of a three-year strategic plan for the Gulf Franklin Center, over which she is director.

"My goal is we continue to grow," she said. "I'm getting out to Gulf and Franklin counties, and meeting with employers. We'll capture what cities want and need. We're implementing as we go."



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At top, Gulf Coast State College President Dr. Jim Kerley, left, and Trustee Board Chair Denise Butler receive a \$5,000 donation from Ralph Roberson. Above, Gulf Coast State College Trustee Karen Durden, center, hugs Chair Denise Butler after being told she has been selected by the Florida Association of Colleges as "Trustee of the Year." Gulf Coast President Dr. Jim Kerley is at left.

One example that both she and Roberson cited was a recently created welding class for about a dozen students. "Clearly that was something that we heard," she said. She said the campus is also working on a correctional officer program that might serve Franklin County residents closer than the Port St. Joe campus.

Costin also noted the certified nursing assistant program being offered at St. James Bay Rehab Center outside Carrabelle.

"As much as possible," Kerley stressed. "We want to partnership, partnership, partnership."

Oehlert outlined for trustees the math and English courses Gulf Coast is involved in teaching at the Eastpoint campus.

"It's easier to get here than drive to Port St. Joe," he said. "Our students need more to be getting ready for careers. Our students need to see some hope. Family traditions may not be counted on any longer."

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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!

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Wednesday, December 5, 2012

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# Relay program to require mandatory drug testing

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Restrictions including mandatory drug testing are limiting participation in programs to find jobs for oystermen.

Workforce Florida Inc. created in 2000, was conceived to “develop the state’s business climate by designing and implementing strategies that help Floridians enter, remain and advance in the workforce.” In recent months, in response to the failure of seafood harvesting in the bay, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board has stepped up efforts to train Franklin County seafood workers for alternative employment.

Although Workforce Florida is attacking local unemployment on multiple fronts, several hurdles remain to be crossed.

Kim Bodine, executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, appeared before the county commission on Nov. 20 to update them on the progress of training and placement programs and to present Workforce’s newest five-year plan. The commission approved the plan, with Commissioner Noah Lockley opposed.

Lockley questioned Bodine about a proposed oyster relay program for which the county has requested federal funding. He asked who made the bylaws for the program and noted that they varied considerably from previous oyster relay and shelling initiatives funded by the state. He asked why drug testing would be required.

Bodine said funding for the relay has been requested through a national emergency grant from the U.S. Department of Labor and the rules are based on federal requirements.

“It’s federal money, so drug testing is required,” said Commissioner William Massey.

“In the past, the county ran shelling, and Workforce wasn’t involved in it,” Director of Administrative Services Alan Pierce said. “Last year, we just subbed it out to the (Franklin County Seafood Workers Association) and they ran the plan. In this case, the seafood workers association is not involved. There’s a leasing agency, and they have requirements like drug testing. It isn’t really a change in state law; it’s a change in who’s doing the program.”

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders asked if oystermen would be respon-

sible for providing their own drug tests. Bodine told her they would be tested by the leasing agency.

Pierce outlined three significant changes in the proposed program: Required drug testing, participants receiving a W-2 form from the leasing agency and paid hourly wage as opposed to payment per boatload.

Massey said only two workers will be allowed on a boat. Each will receive \$25 per hour for three hours of travel time to and from the bars and five hours of work time on the bar.

Pierce said he believed that in the past, relayers were paid \$125 per worker for each boatload of shells delivered.

Bodine told commissioners funding for the shelling program has not yet been approved. She said special approval was received from the labor department’s regional office in Atlanta before the grant request was sent on to Washington.

“We were initially concerned that they would allow us to use these dollars for temporary job creation of this nature,” she said. “They haven’t given us approval yet. Our proposal is still with US Department of Labor. We don’t know what additional requirements they may have.”

Bodine said approval has taken longer than expected and blamed the delay on the impact of Hurricane Sandy. “Because the storm is so close to DC, I feel like people are focused on that,” she said.

Bodine said she is calling Washington and the county’s regional partners regularly and urged commissioners to push for approval as well. “I’ve been told the oysters we are trying to use are dying off,” she said. “Time really is of the essence and that’s what I’m telling them now. They don’t really understand a lot about the industry.”

Commissioner Pinki Jackel suggested letters be sent to Congressman Steve Southerland, Senator Bill Nelson and the state legislative delegation.

“The state has told us they don’t have any money,” Jackel said. “This is our best shot.”

Sanders said the county will contact Leslie Palmer, director of the state’s Division of Aquaculture, and ask if money will soon be available for a shelling program proposed in addition to the oyster relay.

Lockley was critical of Workforce. “You’ve got money to put people to



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Kim Bodine

work but the positions aren’t getting filled,” he said.

Bodine told commissioners that other programs are in place to provide employment for displaced oystermen but it has been difficult to get seafood workers to participate.

“People are still trying to harvest what they can from the bay,” she said. “I’m hearing from my case managers people are waiting for the shelling project but shelling is not five days a week. If they are selected for the shelling, I’m sure we can work something out with the county (to allow them to continue training).”

Bodine said Workforce now has 105 seafood workers signed up for training or on-the-job work experience. Another 275 workers who are not saltwater product license holders have also applied for services.

Workforce is currently van pooling 11 trainees to Gulf County four days a week for welding certification. Seven workers have qualified for correctional officer training and three of them have already been hired by a correctional facility. Testing and recruitment of certified nursing assistant trainees is now in progress in conjunction with Gulf Coast State College.

Bodine said 12 work sites in addition to county work sites have been identified for the on-the-job training experience program.

“I’m a little concerned that more people aren’t stepping into those work experience (positions),” she said.

Workforce also recently signed a contract with the county’s literacy program to hire additional tutors and provide a larger facility where people can work on their GEDs which may eventually allow them to seek training for medical or correctional employment.

## GULF COAST WORKFORCE BOARD HOLDS ANNUAL LUNCHEON

On Nov. 13, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board celebrated 16 years of providing workforce services to the region at its annual meeting and luncheon at Florida State University’s Panama City Campus Holley Center.

At the meeting, Executive Director Kim Bodine reviewed the local workforce system performance over the last year which included:

- Assisting 1,096 employers recruit and hire workers
- Serving 60,336 walk ins at the Workforce Center
- Connecting a total of 4,659 individuals to employment
- Providing in-demand training and/or employment services to 1,121 adults, dislocated workers, and youth under the Workforce Investment Act
- Helping 103 families transition from welfare to self sufficiency

“We owe our great performance to our hardworking staff, our dedicated volunteer board members and our service providers,” said Bodine.

Service providers for the Gulf Coast board include Bay District Schools, Bay STARS; Haney Workforce Training Center; Friends of the Franklin County Library, TIGERS Program; Gulf Coast State College, Workforce Center; and Royal American Management. Individuals from each of the service providers along with their case manager were recognized for successfully completing their workforce program.

At the meeting the board welcomed new board member Patti Blaylock from Gulf County and also voted on a new slate of officers for 2012-13. Tommy Ward, with Dave Pybus Electric from Bay County, was appointed to serve as chairman of the board.

Other board members elected as 2012-2013 officers include Vice-Chair Bob Swenk (Bay County); Past Chair Ted Mosteller (Franklin County); and executive committee members Ruth Phillips (Gulf County) and Betty Croom (Franklin County)

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board is a public/private partnership chartered by the State of Florida to administer workforce development programs in Bay, Gulf, and Franklin counties.

Their mission is to provide leadership, oversight, guidance, and assistance to institutions and agencies delivering training and workforce services in order to meet the economic development and employment needs of Bay, Gulf, and Franklin counties.

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## Preserving the dialect of Franklin County

A couple of months ago on CBS's program "This Morning," they were talking about regional dialects across the United States.

They were lamenting the loss or the consolidation of micro-dialects, which identified folks from one of the North Carolina's Outer Banks from another. Wow!

In March 2012, the publishers of the "Dictionary of American Regional English" (DARE, <http://dare.wisc.edu/>) put out the fifth volume. The work was begun in 1965 with interviews of 2,777 people across the country in towns and neighborhoods in cities and out in the countryside. It documents regional and sometimes a small population's use of language. Variations include pronunciation and spelling as well as phrasing. The dictionary also uses as reference sources "diaries, letters, novels, histories, biographies, newspapers, government documents, etc. that cover our history from the colonial period to the present."

In this seemingly more and more homogeneous 21st century population, local dialects still survive as Southerners may have noticed as camera crews fanned out across the New York boroughs and the coast of New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy.

Library friend Jack Freeman, from Havana, dropped in about that time and told us that two white males from



THE LIBRARY  
Coty Greene

Apalachicola were interviewed in 1965. He sent me photocopies of the pertinent pages. The first was born in 1886, had a grade school education

and his occupation was listed as "nautical, fishing." The other was born in 1905, with a high school education and occupation listed in the category of "skilled trades."

The library will probably never own the volumes known as DARE, but we do have a funny book called "Southern Talk, a Disappearing Language" by Ray Cunningham. It contains phrases as well as pronunciations, adding quotations to make the point, as in the word nairn: "A bunch of the boys at school has got yoyos, but I ain't got nairn."

Southern literature and studies on Southern writing are a special collection area for the Apalachicola Municipal Library with funding help from the Tapper Foundation of Port St Joe. Come by and see what we have.

Attention: Until further notice, all faxes sent to the Department of Children and Families will be free. We know this service is available at Franklin's Promise, but the library is open hours when they are closed.

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

## FWC needs another gag grouper grand slam

The FWC takes a lot of hits from local fishermen and Big Bend coastal businesses for their perceived restrictive fishing rules that don't always seem to pass the "local" common sense test. An FWC decision

made last February during a meeting at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy got it right!

The commissioners' decision to have a spring gag grouper season in four Big Bend counties received rave reviews from kids and business owners alike. Now everyone hopes they will add an early fall season in Big Bend state waters.

Ronald Fred Crum, owner of Crum's Mini Mall in Panacea, has been coordinating "Kids Fishing Tournaments" for years, and he explained it this way: "The commission helped to ensure another generation of gag grouper fishers. If young fishermen can experience the exhilaration and thrill of catching a shallow water gag grouper when they are 10 to 15 years old, they are 'hooked' for life. They will eventually buy fishing licenses and become the next generation of offshore fishers."

I agree with Crum's assessment. I volunteer at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center and introduce a lot of youngsters to shallow water gag grouper fishing. It's been my experience that you can't take kids at this young age 40-50 miles offshore on an eight-to-10 hour grouper fishing trip, because they don't "hold up" and a bad experience can "ruin them for life."

These youngsters have a two-to-three hour attention span when it comes to gag



ALLAN LAMARCHE

grouper fishing. You need calm seas and lots of snacks, and you have to get them out there quickly, make sure they can still see land and put them on a shallow water gag grouper to seal the deal. Once

they feel the brute power of that grouper as it digs for the bottom, these kids become our next generation of offshore fishermen and women. We can't give kids this experience in the Big Bend state waters because all of our gag grouper leave by Thanksgiving and they come back just before Easter. By July 4, they are gone again until late September. The ideal "kids" gag season here is March-June and September-November.

FWC uses "Regional Management" practices for redfish, trout and even deer to ensure optimal recreational opportunities for shareholders. There is no reason why the commission shouldn't apply this same local management style to our grouper and snapper. After all, Florida state waters vary tremendously in habitat, depth and fishing pressure from one end to the other, just like they vary from the East coast to the Gulf Coast.

Last year, NOAA Fisheries had asked FWC - in the name of "consistency" - to open the recreational season for gag grouper in all state waters, from July 1, 2012 through Oct. 31, 2012. The problem was that there are no legal grouper in state waters of the Florida Big Bend counties of Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor during the hot summer months of July,

August and September and the cold winter months of December-February. The economies of these four counties are heavily dependent on tourism and fishing during the spring and fall months, and NOAA's proposed dates would further depress a struggling economy.

During oral presentations to the commission, many knowledgeable locals stated, "There are no legal grouper in the shallow Big Bend state waters during the hot summer months when NOAA wants you to open the gag grouper season." During my presentation, I told the commissioners, "If you approve the proposed federal gag grouper season as requested by NOAA Fisheries, it would be akin to opening duck hunting season in the Big Bend from July through October when all of our ducks are in Canada! You can't introduce kids to duck hunting if there are no ducks for them to shoot at."

During that FWC meeting, local fishermen, coastal business owners and a county commissioner testified that eliminating the historic spring gag grouper season would devastate the coastal economy. Traditionally, small boaters from Georgia, Alabama and north Florida who pursue gags in shallow Big Bend waters during the spring and fall months help keep marinas, bait shops, guides, restaurants, motels, campgrounds and other coastal enterprises afloat.

I am pleased to say that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission hit a grand slam with our kids and our Big Bend businesses last winter when they stood up to NOAA

Fisheries and a host of special interests to make a decision based on sound biological principles as well as doing what was the right thing for the folks, for the Big Bend coastal economy and for the gag grouper.

In its final decision, FWC made an exemption in the gag grouper season for the Big Bend counties of Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor. They did, however, reduce the season in these counties from four months to three months with April, May and June 2012, being open season for gag grouper in state waters. Federal waters statewide opened on July 1, 2012, and state waters of these four Big Bend counties were closed to gag grouper fishing on June 30, 2012.

The FWC decision last year was a win-win for everybody, and with gag grouper populations rebounding, everyone in the Big Bend is hoping that FWC will make a similar decision at its upcoming Dec. 5 and 6 meeting in Apalachicola when the commissioners set the gag grouper seasons for 2013. This time, coastal business owners, fishers and especially the kids hope that they will be fair and add the fall months, September-November, when our gags ("ducks") come back to the Big Bend shallow state waters.

If you agree, please send a note to the commissioners at Commissioners@MyFWC.com and respectfully ask them to do it for the kids and for the economy!

Allan Lamarche is a retired assistant chief of law enforcement for the former Florida Game & Fish Commission.

## Prevention would quell parvo outbreak

In a single week, we have seen four cases of canine parvovirus. This is a serious disease that mostly affects puppies and unvaccinated dogs. Parvo, if untreated, is often fatal. Even with treatment, survival is not assured. Because treatment for parvo is costly, we stress that prevention is the best medicine. Vaccination at a cost of just a few dollars can prevent a disease that costs \$500-\$2,000 to treat and will save your puppy a lot of suffering.



DR. JOHN DUNCAN

Canine parvovirus was first recognized in 1978. It is a virus that can last a very long time in the environment. Puppies get infected from walking, playing or rooting and

ingesting the virus particles from contaminated soil. Vaccinated dogs still get infected and shed the virus, but they do not develop symptoms. Because so many dogs can be carriers, we cannot control the presence of the virus in the environment.

When a puppy gets infected, the virus spreads through the blood and attacks the cells of the gut and the immune system. By killing these cells, the virus causes destruction of the natural barrier to infection in the gut. The gut has bacteria living on the surface that normally do not cause disease. When the barrier is compromised, however, those bacteria can enter the bloodstream and wreak havoc. To add insult to injury, parvo destroys the immune cells that would fight these bacterial infections. Finally, because the gut wall is compromised, the poor puppy cannot absorb

nutrients and water. He or she will often bleed into the gut, risking catastrophic blood loss. Most parvo puppies are also infected with parasites, which can make matters even worse.

The signs of parvovirus infection are vomiting, bloody diarrhea, dehydration and extreme lethargy. Sometimes there is a fever. These signs come on rapidly. A puppy can be playful in the morning and very sick by the evening.

If this disease were happening to you, you would be placed in an isolation ward in intensive care, with intravenous (IV) fluids, antibiotics and nutrition. Your blood values would be

closely monitored to make sure that you were not developing sepsis (infection in the blood) and to ensure all of your organ systems were as healthy as possible. You would probably be hospitalized for five days or more, and even then you may not recover.

For puppies, the best treatment is IV fluids, injectable and oral antibiotics, anti-nausea medication and special foods. Treatment may be needed for several days.

Vaccination for parvovirus is one of the most important things you can do for a new puppy. The same shot also includes vaccines for distemper

and hepatitis, which are rare diseases but just as serious. It is important that all puppies get the whole series in two-to-three-week intervals until 16 weeks; otherwise they may not be protected. Some breeds, like Rottweilers, need another shot after 16 weeks. Once a dog has had his or her booster at 1 year old, the vaccine provides at least three years of protection each time. If we never saw another case of this sad disease, we would be very happy veterinarians!

John Duncan, DVM is a veterinarian at the Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic in Eastpoint.



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## Church's day care ministry much-needed

I am writing in response to the article in the Nov. 20 issue of The Times ("Planning, Zoning to review day care traffic") regarding operation of the Apalachicola/St. George Island Methodist Church (ASGI) Cooperative Parish's day care on the grounds of the Methodist church in Apalachicola.

I do not feel that a faith-based ministry of a church can be denied by the Apalachicola P&Z. Christ Community Academy is a ministry of the Apalachicola/St. George Island United Methodist Church. It is in no way operating separate from the church as was suggested in the article. Although the Academy has adopted the State of Florida guidelines, the state has deemed this to be a faith-based ministry and it does not fall under the state and does not need a special exception to

operate. This also applies to local governmental agencies such as the Apalachicola P&Z.

While the operation of the day care as a ministry of the church does not come under governmental controls, if neighbors are concerned about parking on the street then that should be an issue for the city. Perhaps the neighbors could agree to an alternative to the existing parking on Fifth Street and could possibly look into "head-in" parking and making the street a one-way street.

I will add that Christ Community Academy does not place a traffic burden on Fifth Street. The maximum number of children that can be accepted is 13 and at this time is not operating at full capacity. Parents drop off and pick up in a designated area during the week. The traffic generated

is minimal. Fifth Street is made up of single-family residences, the church, a commercial establishment (bed & breakfast) and a commercial wedding venue, all using the parking on Fifth Street.

First United Methodist Church has served this community for over a century. As with many "first" churches in small towns, the community has built up around the church. FUMC was a good neighbor in the 1800s and strives to be just that today. A healthy church is one that reaches out in ministry to its community. FUMC does just that, not only with Christ Community Academy but through Bible studies, a dynamic youth group and a 12-step program to name a few. Indeed there is activity around this church.

Christ Community Academy serves Franklin

County in a much-needed way. It is a day care for infants and toddlers allowing for a safe and nurturing Christian environment for children. It employs three Franklin County residents. Finding good, affordable day care is a challenge for many families. Every effort has gone into making Christ Community Academy an exceptional day care facility and every effort has been made to see to it that this ministry continues to serve families in Franklin County.

The Apalachicola P&Z does not have the authority to hinder or stop the ministry of a church but does have the authority and responsibility to address the parking issue raised by concerned citizens and hopefully the parking issue will be resolved.

Mary Lou Short

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mayor said. "I guarantee if I did something like this you would run me out of town. It's not right."

Reading from the statement that further detailed the contents of his Oct. 16 letter, Johnson accused Daly of entering into an unauthorized agreement in his capacity as president of the Apalachicola Area Historical Society to sublet the Raney House Carriage House to city consultant Bill McCartney, a private, for-profit entity.

Johnson said Daly had independently set the rental rate for that space and "publicly voiced his intent to establish an office in that house" out of which he could "discuss projects with developers to create a City Planning Department."

Pressed by members of the audience to detail this allegation, the mayor said "I got it from a reliable source."

Apalachicola resident Susan Clementson, an active member of the historical society, rose in anger.

"As far as I'm concerned, that's slanderous language," she said. "That is total hearsay. That is an absolute absurdity. I can't

believe you, mayor, if you are so concerned about ethics."

Johnson also said Daly "has been involved in a range of troubling activities" that have included not following proper procedures for canceling P&Z meetings or holding them improperly.

Before leaving midway through the discussion, Daly defended actions he had taken on behalf of the historical society, although his version of events differed from that of City Administrator Betty Taylor-Webb, with whom he had met to discuss the possible sublease of space at the Carriage House.

"Betty said, 'I don't have a problem with that,'" Daly said, prompting a swift reply from Taylor-Webb.

"That is not correct," she said, stressing that she advised Daly to go before the city commission to secure approval for the deal.

Taylor-Webb said McCartney works as an independent contractor for the city, to pursue matters of state funding, but is not a registered lobbyist. She said he is paid a percentage of monies he

brings in to the city and carries a business card with the city's seal on it to assist him in his efforts in Tallahassee.

She also noted that terms of the historical society's lease of the Raney House from the city, which has expired and is being reviewed on behalf of the society by attorney Barbara Sanders, are explicit that no subleasing is allowed.

Daly said he was not made aware he needed approval of the city commissioners, but the mayor was adamant that he had.

"You were at the October meeting, when the issue came up about allowing Franklin's Promise to use the fire station as a thrift store. You knew that," Johnson said, pointing directly at Daly. "You never came to this board. We weren't given the opportunity to review it in a public setting. You know you were wrong."

Daly rose in his defense. "I don't believe I've done anything wrong. I have the best intentions for this community," he said. "This is an absolute insult to me. Half of what he said is untrue, if not all of it. I'm not going to stand up here and

confront things that aren't true."

The mayor stressed that P&Z volunteers serve at the pleasure of the elected city commissioners. He declined to address Daly's performance as P&Z chair.

"I'm trying not to discuss that," Johnson said. "He's eventually going to have the city in a lawsuit sooner than you can imagine."

Apalachicola resident Gene Smith spoke on Daly's behalf, noting he "has done an exemplary job of being head of P&Z."

"Did you ever make a mistake?" Smith asked of the mayor.

"I try not to make them over and over again," Johnson said.

Smith said Daly briefed the historical society board a few months ago regarding the lease, and the executive board had approved the idea contingent on city approval. At last month's meeting, city commissioners made clear the sublease was not permitted.

Ed Springer, who sits on the historical society board, stressed that "none of it was done with malicious intent."

Apalachicola resident Bobby Miller suggested there was more to the matter than issues of public ethics. "Sounds like a witch hunt to me," he said. "It almost sounds like he's in the way of something in P&Z."

Apalachicola resident Carrie Kienzle pleaded for commissioners to consider carefully whether such

a harsh step as removal from P&Z was necessary.

"This is a person, a human being," she said. "Is he a careless person? Perhaps. Overenthusiastic? Yes. Tom's got his tail caught. But was there malicious intent? Was there criminal intent?"

"This would be such a humiliation," Kienzle said. "Think with your heart."

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## CITY OF CARRABELLE PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF CITY ORDINANCE

The City Commission of the City of Carrabelle, Florida, proposes to enact the following ordinance:

### CITY OF CARRABELLE ORDINANCE 453

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 115, PERTAINING TO THE LEVY OF LICENSE AND OCCUPATIONAL TAXES ON PERSONS AND ENTITIES ENGAGED IN OR CARRYING ON CERTAIN TYPES OF BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS, PRIVILEGES OR OCCUPATIONS IN THE CITY OF CARRABELLE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The proposed Ordinance may be inspected during regular hours at Carrabelle City Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, FL Monday through Friday, or call 850-697-2727.

The proposed Ordinance will be considered for enactment during a public hearing to be held 6:00p.m., Thursday December 6, 2012(first reading) and Thursday January 3, 2013 (final reading) at the Carrabelle City Hall located at 1001 Gray Ave. Carrabelle, FL.

Interested parties may appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting, (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Keisha Smith at the above address or phone number.

Wilburn Messer, Mayor

Attest:  
Keisha Smith, City Clerk

Publication Date: November 29, 2012

## 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012, AT 10:00 A.M., IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES, APPEALS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

1. RECONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING 5 FEET INTO THE SIDE SETBACK LINE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 1.10 ACRE PARCEL LYING IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, 578 RIVER ROAD, CARRABELLE, FL. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GARLICK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, INC., AGENT FOR WILLIAM LAWLOR, OWNER.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL CONSIDER THIS REQUEST AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 18, 2012.**

\*Persons wishing to comment may do so in person or in writing to the Franklin County Planning & Zoning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, FL 32320. Transactions of this hearing will not be recorded, persons which to record the proceedings must make the necessary arrangements for recording.

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way, drainage ponds, purchase and erection of the 5,000-square-foot Vulcan steel building, including exterior doors and windows, plumbing and an electrical-ready setup.

But when completion of the project was bid in December 2011, the winning bid for the build-out work exceeded the USDA award amount, Ashdown said. The build-out encompassed finishing grading, topsoil, sod and landscaping, limestone base and asphalt paving, partitions, drywall, cabinetry and millwork, acoustical ceilings, insulation, carpet, vinyl tile, painting, book drop, heating and air conditioning, plumbing, electrical outlets and lighting.

She said PSBT's eventual winning bid was \$530,689, which included furniture. By "value engineering," which included revising specifications to cut costs, primarily replacing asphalt paving with limerock and reducing two large doors, the shortfall was reduced to



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The outside of the proposed Eastpoint Library.

\$102,500, she said.

After reapplication to USDA for that amount, the Friends received a supplemental award of \$65,000 in an outright grant and \$37,500 in a loan, Ashdown said. The total award from USDA now is \$480,350, comprising a \$265,000 grant and \$215,350 loan, she said.

The Friends also have received support from the Apalachicola Riverkeeper and the Northwest Florida Water Management District to restore the wetlands on the 13-acre site and to create a nature walk.

Ashdown said comple-

tion is expected in three to six months.

Three new board members, Anna Carmichael, Marabeth Farmer and Christine Hinton, were elected at the annual meeting for three-year terms running 2013-2015. Celeste Wall is retiring as a board member.

Current Friends officers include President Joyce Estes, Vice President Carmichael, Secretary Ashdown and Treasurer Uta Hardy, as well as directors Hinton, Bert Hicks, John Sink Barbara Yonclas and County Librarian Glenda Ondracek.

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Philaco Woman's Club pitched in to help park staff adorn the Orman House and to work with Lynn Wilson in decorating the Raney House on behalf of the Apalachicola Area Historical Society.

The Apalachicola Municipal Library and Franklin Needs Inc. each decorated one of the four trees Wilson provided for the Raney House. Wilson adorned the other two trees, one with a coastal theme and a second arrayed with Russian dolls.

George and Pam Mahr contributed a magnificent nine-foot cedar to the Orman House, where it is on display in the parlor adorned with antique ornaments.

Dale Julian, owner of Downtown Books and Purl and a veteran of many holiday seasons, said this Black Friday seemed a little different to her.

"It had a different feel to it," she said. "We started with strong sales first thing in the morning, and it went on all day. Most years we spend the whole day gift wrapping. This year, people seemed to be buying for themselves."

Christine Knight, a sales person at Artemis Gallery, which specializes in art and clothing, said even with three people on the floor, it was nonstop on Friday.

Susan Wolfe, proprietor of Forgotten Coast Used and Out-of-Print Books, said business was good on both Friday and Saturday. She said many of her customers were in the market for history books about Apalachicola and the Panhandle.

Karen Martinoff, owner of Charming Comforts, an upscale gift and furnishing shop said, "This is our first year at our main street location, so we have nothing to compare it to. We were busy from the minute we opened, even with extra help. We planned to close at 8, but we were here until 8:30 p.m."

"I can say it's the first time we've had a line to check out with two registers open," she said. "We did a lot of gift wrapping. I had one person just to do that. It was a record day for us. Saturday was good, too."

The Stuffed Owl, a specialty kitchen shop, reported sales in line with last

year and remained strong from opening on Friday until about 4 p.m. Saturday.

Many restaurants reported waits for seating and, with downtown diners full, the wealth spread out to encompass Papa Joe's, Captain Snook's restaurant in Eastpoint and other outlying eateries.

At 8 a.m. Saturday, Curt and Beth Blair, owners of Stage Left Pizza, were already in Panama City stocking up on restaurant supplies. "We pretty much sold out of everything last night," Curt Blair said.

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Director Anita Grove said all the downtown businesses she polled reported strong sales that started early and continued until the stores closed on Friday evening, often after 9 p.m.

Santa made landfall a few minutes early. Dance studio owner Pam Nobles and company staged a dazzling review in their hot pink attire.

Philaco and Franklin Needs both raised funds for their organizations at booths and called the crowd extremely generous. The Bay Area Choral Society made the rounds passing the bucket to support the Franklin County food pantry.

The line to see Santa seemed endless, and organizers regretfully closed up shop at 8:30 p.m. with a promise that the man in red would be back Saturday afternoon for a photo op with kids and dogs.

Darlene Pearce of Cairo, Ga., said her family came to stay at their Lanark Village getaway for the holiday. On Friday, she brought daughter Ashton to see Santa but also came to Apalachicola specifically to shop.

"I decided this year, with the economy the way it is, I was going to patronize small businesses and shop locally," Pearce said. "I've already been to Two Gulls and Beach Traders this afternoon."

Late Saturday afternoon, Julian said her business had finally started to drop off. "As a small business owner, I can say it was great, but I'm happy that's over for this year," she said.



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capital project money, which are monies that had been allocated from the 1.5-mill capital outlay funds for maintenance but which never were spent.

"This is the first year it's happened," Venable said. "It's because we didn't spend enough on our maintenance allocation in our general fund."

The finance director also told the board retirement corrections need to be made on payments for two board members, one previous and one current, as well as a reimbursement to Tax Collector Jimmy Harris for property tax adjustments for over assessments. These two items total \$65,000.

Lastly, Venable said expenditures for the operation of the school's physical plant likely will run about \$110,000 over what is currently set aside in the budget.

"I estimate about \$1 million that for one reason or another has gone away," Board Chairman Jimmy Gander said.

To cope with the situation, Marks said she wrote an Aug. 29 letter to the state, and together with Venable, she has met with state education officials who work with school finance.

"They gave us some suggestions," Marks said. "They want us in close contact. They are willing to work with us. They want us to do what we can; this is going to be an ongoing process for Franklin County."

"They were very receptive about helping Franklin County," she said.

Marks shared with the school board a list of \$411,000 in possible budget reductions for the second semester, plus an estimated \$211,000 in additional revenue if a plan to develop affordable housing next to the former Apalachicola High School goes through.

The plan, proposed by Leon Bloodworth, requires approval by both the school board and Apalachicola city commission, as well as funding support next year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. If it comes to fruition and agreement can be reached on the sale price for the land, the northwest corner of the high school tract could see the creation of 44

moderate priced units in the months to come.

The largest chunk of Marks' cost-saving recommendations is \$213,000 through the reduction of eight staff positions at the Franklin County Schools main campus and \$86,000 through the cutback of five positions at the branch campus in Eastpoint where the pre-kindergarten, Learning Academy and Alternative School are housed.

Marks did not outline details of the proposed cuts but said they would not all be teachers. "We're trying real hard to hang on to the instructional part," she said. "It would not take out totally any programs, it would take out pieces of programs."

Venable told the school board labor costs take out about \$5.2 million from the general fund, and benefits take another \$1.5 million.

Teachers were expected today to consider a plan that has emerged from contract negotiations that would see staffers, depending on salary, take between a 1 and 3 percent pay cut.

Marks' other recommended cuts would be \$35,000 for reorganizing bus transportation to Carrabelle locations, \$33,000 by removing the district-funded dental coverage and \$14,000 by reducing the transportation foreman to a part-time position.

Marks also announced plans to shut down district facilities during Christmas week to realize savings to utility costs.

Al London, director of auxiliary services, told the school board he met with bus drivers last week and worked out a way to eliminate the driving of empty buses to and from Carrabelle.

"We finally came up with a plan that will eliminate completely any empty buses," he said, noting the plan would involve having drivers who live in Eastpoint to carpool to the school and then ride together on a school vehicle to and from Carrabelle to the buses they drive.

"Now they're going to have to drive their own vehicles to school," London said. "Just in this instance with these five buses, by doing this we will save \$4.23 a mile, or about \$70,000 a year



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Sworn in last week to four-year terms on the school board are, from left, Teresa Ann Martin, Pam Shiver and George Thompson.

by making this change.

"Everybody was on board; they like the changes," he said. "It wasn't a gripe session, it was a very constructive work session. Even if it saves half that money, we're ahead of the game."

School Board Member Pam Shiver said she would like to see more school employees brought into the cost-saving discussions. "They may see something we don't," she said. "Sometimes you can see things at the working level."

### Gander selected chairman

The Nov. 20 organiza-

tional meeting began on an upbeat note, as County Judge Van Russell swore in Superintendent Nina Marks, who was re-elected to a four-year term without opposition. He then swore in the three school board members elected to four-year terms: Teresa Ann Martin and George Thompson, who returned to office without opposition, and newcomer Pam Shiver, who replaces Carl Whaley.

Board Member David Hinton he moved to elect Gander to another term as school board chairman.

"We're in a really bad budget situation," Hinton said. "It would not be appropriate to nominate an-

other person."

By unanimous vote, Gander was elected chairman and Thompson vice-chairman. Hinton once again was appointed as the board's liaison to the Florida legislature.

"I'd like to thank everyone for the confidence placed in me," Gander said after Marks handed him the gavel. "I'll do my best."

The board voted unanimously to retain Barbara Sanders as school board attorney. She will be paid \$125 an hour for her services, and her associate Donna Duncan \$95 per hour.

One change that appears to be in the offing is the scheduling of two regular school board meetings per month, as opposed to one on the first Thursday of the month.

"I noticed last year we had a lot of special meetings, and my concern is does the board feel we should have two meetings a month and take off the special meetings?" Martin said.

Gander noted that "as the year goes on, we can try to conduct certain types of business at one meeting and other types at the other. We're going to be here twice anyway."

The board agreed to

set its regular meetings on first Thursdays and tasked Marks with coming up with a schedule for a second regular meeting on the third week of each month.

The school board members also unanimously agreed to continue funding the four \$1,000 scholarships they present each year to graduating Franklin County High School seniors. Venable advised them that this scholarship account had in it, as of June 30, \$6,824, and that it would be properly funded if each board member contributed \$33.34 each pay period.

The school board also agreed to continue the forestry scholarship they set up last year as a forgiveness loan to a local student who enrolls in the University of Florida forestry program, which is the only Florida school to offer such a program.

Marks said no local students have yet applied for the scholarship, which is funded through \$20,000 set aside each year from funds contributed to the school district, in lieu of taxes, by the state forests.

"I don't think we need to keep adding money to it if nobody's using it," Hinton said.



## FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE

THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS:

**November 27, 2012 – 1:30 PM – Committee Meeting**

**December 11, 2012 – 3:00 PM – Board Meeting**

**December 25, 2012 – 1:30 PM – Committee Meeting**

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# Christmas comes to Eastpoint

Special to The Times

County Commissioners William Massey, left, Pinki Jackel and director of Administrative Services Alan Pierce pose with three of the 27 new power pole ornaments debuting in Eastpoint this holiday season. Jackel proposed the ornaments and found funding for their creation. Massey oversaw their placement along U.S. 98 in the Eastpoint business district. Inmates at the

Franklin Correctional Institution built the ornaments from rebar. Employees of the county parks and recreation department painted them and wrapped them in lights and tinsel.

Pierce said the ornaments weigh about 10 pounds each and are attached to the poles with a metal mount slightly modified from the design used to mount the ornaments hung along U.S. 98 in Apalachicola. The ornaments were a bargain at \$2,100, with money first allocated

by the county commission in 2010.

Eastpoint will celebrate Christmas on Dec. 14 with a celebration and a visit from Santa. 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 and east to the pavilion. Santa will be arriving on an oyster boat. For information, call the Apalachicola Area Chamber of Commerce at 653-9419.



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## OWL CAFÉ HOLIDAY TRADITION



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Cassie Gary slices turkey with help from mom Susan while Sally Williamson, right, prepares gravy for Thanksgiving dinner. On Thanksgiving, with the help of volunteers, the Owl Café prepared 50 dinners for delivery to shut-ins by Meals on Wheels. Dinner was turkey with all the trimmings and pumpkin pie. The Meals on Wheels offering was the same as the Thanksgiving dinner served that afternoon to the Owl's regular clientele. "Some of these people may not have more food delivered over the holiday weekend, and we want them to have enough for several meals," Susan Gary said.



Photos by PETE BURGHER | Special to the Times

At left, oyster bars are seen in Apalachicola Bay. Right, a winter wind brings a sparkle to the waters of Apalachicola Bay.

## Resident raising money by snapping patterns in the water

By TIM CROFT  
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tcroft@starfl.com

Indian Pass resident Pete Burgher has been flying airplanes since he was a child.

So steering with his knees and legs to capture a gorgeous photograph hundreds of feet in the air is, Burgher said, like "duck soup, though maybe you shouldn't say that."

Burgher has turned a love of flying and a passion for aerial photography to new heights in an effort to raise funds for the Apalachicola Maritime Museum.

Those funds, he said, will help keep a legacy — a history — alive.

The first product of Burgher's work is a calendar titled "Patterns in the Water" which features 13 of the more than 50 photographs from a coffee-table style book to be published by Christmas 2013.

The calendar and book were outcomes from Burgher's frequent flights around the area.

"I had thought a long time about the idea of a book of photos showing the unusual features you could see from the air," he said. "So I began collecting those photos."

"I fly every chance I get and every chance the weather gives me the opportunity. The more I flew around here the more I started noticing the striking images from the water."

"There is so much to see and it is so beautiful. You end up with hundreds of (photo) candidates and it is hard to whittle that down."

George Kirvin Floyd owns and operates the Apalachicola Maritime Museum, for which Burgher is a volunteer on boating trips up the Apalachicola River and floodplain.

"His family goes way back in

Franklin County and owns quite a bit of shoreline in Apalachicola and the area," Burgher said of Floyd. "He established that museum to maintain that heritage."

One day Floyd and Burgher were perusing Burgher's work and talked about Burgher's idea for a book when Floyd offered a proposition.

Floyd would ensure the book was published if the museum could be the beneficiary of the profits.

"The book will be on photographic paper and have a nice layout," Burgher said. "The book is done but probably won't be printed until sometime next year, probably in time for Christmas. The book will be a reflection on the beauty of our area."

The calendar came about by happenstance.

Floyd's company had contracted with the Franklin County Tourism Development Council to provide welcome center services on St. George Island and elsewhere. His first thought was getting some of those striking Burgher images to the public to sell the area and thought a calendar the perfect vehicle.

"He wanted me to take out some of the photos to make a calendar," Burgher said. "I agree to forfeit any royalties and Ramsey's (Printing and Office Supply) worked hard on getting them printed quickly and looking good."

The calendar is available at a variety of outlets in Franklin and Gulf counties for \$10.

"I can go fly anytime I want and I always carry my camera with me," Burgher said. "I get to see those patterns, that beauty, every day. Isn't it nice to be able to share it with other people? We really have a remarkable place."

## TREES REFLECT BOTH OLD AND NEW



Photos by LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

TOP: This Christmas tree decked with pink bows and pictures of the Franklin Needs Calendar Girls is one of four themed trees on display at the Raney House through New Years Day. The 2013 calendar to benefit women's breast health in Franklin County is now available at many locations. For a donation of \$25, these calendars make great stocking stuffers and support a great cause. ABOVE: This tree decorated with oyster shells and cotton bolls at the Orman House captures the simplicity of Christmas long ago.

## PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



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# Bingo previews to start Tuesdays at Chillas Hall



**LANARK NEWS**  
Jim Welsh

Holy cow! Chillas Hall was decorated for the Thanksgiving dinner, and there were tables of families and friends. We all enjoyed all of that glorious food. Thanks to all who brought dishes, baked the turkeys and the desserts. Your full breakfast will be waiting at Chillas Hall on Saturday. Members of the

Lanark Village Golf Club will be on hand to prepare and serve it for you. Your donation of \$5 will fill a plate for you. Come over and start the morning off with your friends and neighbors. There will be previews of Bingo at Chillas Hall the first three Tuesdays of next month, Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Doors open

at 6 p.m., and bingo will start at 7 p.m. There will be free coffee and cookies, door prizes and bingo. We will have a good time, so plan to try and join us. The bingo will be sponsored by the Lanark Village Golf Club. Mark your calendars for Dec. 8, and join us at the Lanark Village Boat Club for your sugar fix. Members of

the boat club will prepare and serve pancakes/French toast, eggs, bacon, juice and coffee for your donation of only \$5. See you there! Of course, the breakfasts and bingo are open to the public. Then, Saturday night, Dec. 8, enjoy the Parade of Lights on the Carrabelle

River. Holiday on the Harbor will begin at dark-thirty, and fireworks too! Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and housebound and remember to get a grip, tie a knot, hang on to Jesus. Until next time, God bless America, our troops, the poor, homeless and hungry.



Photos by DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Students in the Take Stock in Children mentoring program, together with the Youth Advisory Council of the Franklin County Education Foundation, provided a free meal and fellowship Nov. 20 at the Apalachicola Community Center in honor of Thanksgiving.

## Take Stock students give back

Times staff reports

Students in the Take Stock in Children mentoring program, together with the Youth Advisory Council of the Franklin County Education Foundation, provided a free meal and fellowship Nov. 20 at the Apalachicola Community Center in honor of Thanksgiving. Lois Catlin, chairwoman of the foundation, said the students cooked macaroni and cheese, stuffing, greens, and chicken corn chowder, all the food except for the salmon, which was handled by Phoenix Family Health Care Center. Other donations included cakes by Rhettta Strange at Strange Creations, turkey



Amber Henning ladles out chowder.

and cornbread by RMS Construction, dinner rolls by the Carrabelle IGA, salad by Hog Wild, deviled eggs and green beans by Patty Dempsey, bottled water by the Tucker Family, and cole slaw by

The Fisherman's Wife. The mentees, who worked from 11 a.m. and then served through the evening, included, above from left, freshman Jessica Schmidt, junior James Bailey, senior Yvonne Mitchell, freshman Chance Barfield and freshman Amber Henning. Also taking part in the event, which enabled the participants to earn their community service hours required by Take Stock in Children were sophomores Aaliyah West and Morgan Martin; juniors Deborah Dempsey, Jathan Martin and Andrea Cupid; senior Cheyenne Martin; and Apalachicola Bay Charter School eighth-grader Marshall Sweet.

## Faith BRIEFS

Times staff reports

### Santa to visit Hill on Saturday

Join H'COLA, AJ's Neighborhood Bar & Grill and the Elves as we welcome Santa to the Hill from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. Look for Santa moving around the neighborhood aboard the fire truck as he heads to the AJ's parking lot to pass out goody bags and take photos with the children.

### Holiday Fresh Market Saturday in Apalachicola

Mark Saturday in downtown Apalachicola as your day not to fight the crowds and traffic at the malls. Come for the day to the Holiday Fresh Market and shop in a relaxed, hassle-free environment. Buy handcrafted Apalachicola specialties from seasonal wreaths

to vintage European glass bead jewelry, and specialty food delights. Your shopping has never been easier. For information, call 653-9419 or visit [info@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:info@apalachicolabay.org).

### 'Family Portrait' DVDs available

A DVD of Barry Hand's "The Family Portrait," 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 850-276-2550 or email [barrylh20@yahoo.com](mailto:barrylh20@yahoo.com).

### Sacred Heart hospital guild holds 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. Event hours will be from 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 hospital's Volunteer Guild. Proceeds generated from the 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 holiday sale, call the volunteer desk at 229-5788.

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Sunday Bible Study	10:00am
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Sunday Night	7:00pm
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102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672  
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Sunday Brunch 10 a.m.  
Youth Group Tuesdays 6 p.m.  
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Pastor: Aaron Batey

**St. George Island United Methodist Church**  
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10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour  
201 E. Gulf Beach Dr. 927- 4635 [www.sgiumc.org](http://www.sgiumc.org)  
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## Whooping cranes follow their ultralight guide to St. Marks

By TOM MACKENZIE  
Special to the Times

Five endangered whooping cranes arrived Friday on their wintering grounds at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in Wakulla County.

These cranes are the 12th group to be guided by ultralight aircraft from central Wisconsin to the Gulf Coast. The Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership, an international coalition of public and private organizations, is conducting the reintroduction project in an effort to restore this endangered species to part of its historic range in eastern North America. There are now 115 whooping cranes in the wild in eastern North America thanks to WCEP's efforts.

"This is the earliest the birds have arrived at St. Marks, and we are thrilled to have them here so soon," said Terry Peacock, refuge manager at St. Marks NWR. "I was in the blind at the pen site to watch the birds arrive. I just have to say that it never gets old watching the birds come to the refuge. It was as touching this time as it was the first time."



WCEP | Special to the Times  
Whooping cranes follow their ultralight guide to St. Marks. At right is a whooping crane in the wild.



the U.S. Geological Survey's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and National Wildlife Health Center, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, and the International Whooping Crane Recovery Team.

Many other flyway states, provinces, private individuals and conservation groups have joined forces with and support WCEP by donating resources, funding and personnel. More than 60 percent of the project's budget comes from private sources in the form of grants, public donations and corporate sponsors.

To report whooping crane sightings, visit [www.fws.gov/midwest/whooping-crane](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/whooping-crane). For more information, visit [www.bringbackthecranes.org](http://www.bringbackthecranes.org).

Tom MacKenzie can be reached at [tom\\_mackenzie@fws.gov](mailto:tom_mackenzie@fws.gov)

In addition to the five birds led south by WCEP partner Operation Migration's ultralights, six cranes are making their first southward migration as part of WCEP's Direct Autumn Release program. The DAR cranes were hatched and raised by biologists with project partner International Crane Foundation. The six birds were released in the company of older cranes from whom the young birds learn the migration route south.

Five of the DAR cranes have completed their migration and are located in

Hendry County. The sixth bird is at Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area in Pulaski County, Ind. The ultralight-led and DAR cranes this year are joining two wild-hatched chicks in the 2012 cohort.

Whooping cranes were on the verge of extinction in the 1940s. Today, there are only about 600 birds in existence, approximately 445 of them in the wild. Aside from the WCEP birds, the only other migratory population of whooping cranes nests at Wood Buffalo National Park in northern Alberta, Canada, and winters at

Aransas NWR on the Texas Gulf Coast. A non-migratory flock of approximately 20 birds lives year-round in the central Florida Kissimmee region, and an additional 14 non-migratory cranes live in southern Louisiana.

WCEP asks anyone who encounters a whooping crane in the wild to please give them the respect and distance they need. Do not approach birds on foot within 200 yards; remain in your vehicle; do not approach in a vehicle any closer than 100 yards. Also, please remain concealed and do not speak loudly enough that the birds

can hear you. Finally, do not trespass on private property in an attempt to view or photograph whooping cranes.

Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership founding members are the International Crane Foundation, Operation Migration, Inc., Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

### Outdoors BRIEFS

Special to The Times

#### Beekeepers Field Day Saturday

There will be a Beekeepers Field Day and Trade Show on Saturday 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. CT on Pollen and Nectar Producing Plants, presented by Lawrence Cutts and Elmore Herman.

Topics in the class rotations included hive assembly by Doug Corbin and Elmore Herman; open hive demonstration by Jeff Pippin, Jamie Ellis and David Westervelt; and winter hive management by Lawrence Cutts.

Beekeeper advanced training classes will be offered by interactive videoconference to selected counties on the evenings of 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.

#### Turtle, shorebird funding to assist county

While Franklin County did not receive any direct funding in the second round of BP grants awarded through the Natural Resource Damage

Assessment process, two projects submitted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service will affect the county.

The two projects funded, at a cost of \$6.3 million, are nesting shorebird habitat improvement, and reduction of artificial lighting for nesting sea turtles.

One of the projects proposes to protect nesting habitat for beach nesting birds from disturbance, by restoring nesting habitats that were disturbed from oil spill response activities. The second project plans to reduce artificial lighting impacts on nesting habitat for sea turtles, specifically loggerhead turtles, which will begin to restore nesting habitat impaired by disturbances from the increased lighting and machinery on the beaches from oil spill response activities.

In Florida, both of the proposed projects are planned to take place in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties. The projects in this plan are being addressed separately from other early restoration projects in order to derive more natural resource benefits by implementing them in time for the 2013 nesting season.

Visit [www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov](http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov) to access public meeting information, to view additional details of the proposed early restoration projects, and ways to submit public comment. Public comment will be accepted until Dec. 10.

For more information on the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process and projects being submitted visit

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon>.

#### New ways to help Florida Wild Mammal Association

With 2013 just beginning, the Florida Wild Mammal Association has lots to be thankful for.

The Batchelor Foundation, which supports projects benefiting the environment, has offered Florida Wild Mammal Association a \$10,000 Challenge Grant. The shelter will receive up to \$10,000 in matching funds for donations received by June 2013.

The staff and volunteers have been hard at work on Edgar Poole Road this summer and fall. All of the chain link runs were given new galvanized roofing and refurbished inside with funding from the Earth and Animal Foundation and the Batchelor Foundation. The front deer pen was brought up to standard by adding 2 feet to the top of the existing fence and a new deer house was added.

Rob Olin of St. George

Island is putting together a team and funding to repair the flight aviary used in hawk, owl and eagle rehabilitation. The aviary was damaged during Tropical Storm Debby. If you can help with funding, materials or volunteer labor, contact him at [rob@olinandassociates.com](mailto:rob@olinandassociates.com).

Because FWMA is a licensed wildlife rehabilitation facility visitors are not allowed except on special occasions. FWMA receives injured wildlife from US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and other government agencies but no government compensation for their work or supplies. FWMA is totally funded by grants and donations.

You can send a tax-deductible donation to Florida Wild Mammal Association, 198 Edgar Poole Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, or visit <http://www.wakullawildlife.org/> and use the Paypal button to make an instant donation. If you find an injured animal, bring it to 198 Edgar Poole Road.

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### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Nov. 29	67°	52°	0 %
Fri, Nov. 30	71°	54°	10 %
Sat, Dec. 01	71°	54°	0 %
Sun, Dec. 02	72°	51°	20 %
Mon, Dec. 03	70°	50°	30 %
Tues, Dec. 04	69°	50°	30 %
Wed, Dec. 05	69°	49°	30 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

### APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
29	Th	2:11am 1.5	6:09pm 1.3	10:44am -0.3	1:00pm 1.1
30	Fr	2:50am 1.5	6:38pm 1.3	11:13am -0.3	1:04pm 1.1
1	Sa	3:03am 1.3	6:40pm 1.1	11:14am -0.3	1:05pm 1.0
2	Su	3:46am 1.2	7:10pm 1.1	11:42am -0.2	1:14pm 1.0
3	Mo	4:33am 1.2	7:39pm 1.1	12:12pm -0.2	
4	Tu	5:27am 1.1	8:10pm 1.1	12:44am 0.9	12:47pm -0.1
5	We	6:32am 1.0	8:40pm 1.1	1:52am 0.8	1:27pm 0.1
6	Th	7:56am 0.9	9:11pm 1.1	3:07am 0.6	2:12pm 0.3
7	Fr	9:41am 0.8	9:42pm 1.2	4:22am 0.4	3:03pm 0.5
8	Sa	11:40am 0.8	10:15pm 1.2	5:28am 0.2	4:04pm 0.7
9	Su	1:36pm 0.9	10:52pm 1.3	6:27am -0.1	5:12pm 0.9
10	Mo	2:54pm 1.0	1:33pm 1.3	7:21am -0.3	6:19pm 1.0
11	Tu	3:56pm 1.0		8:13am -0.5	7:19pm 1.1

### CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
29	Th	12:46am 2.4	4:44pm 2.1	8:31am -0.5	7:54pm 1.8
30	Fr	1:25am 2.4	5:13pm 2.1	9:00am -0.5	8:31pm 1.8
1	Th	2:50am 2.7	6:22pm 2.4	10:10am 0.0	9:39pm 2.1
2	Fr	3:25am 2.7	7:03pm 2.4	10:42am 0.0	10:18pm 2.1
3	Sa	4:05am 2.7	7:47pm 2.4	11:17am 0.2	11:08pm 1.9
4	Su	3:50am 2.6	7:32pm 2.4	10:59am 0.2	11:12pm 1.9
5	Mo	4:42am 2.4	8:16pm 2.4	11:48am 0.3	
6	Tu	5:48am 2.2	8:56pm 2.4	12:33am 1.8	12:44pm 0.5
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**Inshore/Bay**

We are seeing an improvement in our fall inshore fisheries lately. Better weather conditions and sunny skies have the redfish still biting around area docks and in the I.C.W. canal. Trout are starting to show up in better numbers this week, but they are still elusive in St. Joe Bay.

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# Lady Seahawks trounce St. Joe for district lead

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The Lady Seahawks, fresh from their season-opening district win over Rocky Bayou, traveled to district rival Port St Joe Tuesday night and made it two in a row.

The Lady Seahawks found themselves trailing 1-0 at the first water break, but that changed quickly when sophomore forward Katie Seger served up a great ball to junior midfielder Gracyn Kirvin to bring the game to a 1-1 tie at halftime.

The Lady Seahawks, under the direction of coach Kelli Wright, came out with a charge in the second half. Junior forward Jessica Shields shot a beautiful shot 20 yards from the goal that rebounded off the crossbar, and Kirvin netted her



JESSICA SHIELDS



GRACYN KIRVIN



KATIE SEGER



ALLIE KIRVIN



ADRIANA REEDER



ALLY MILLENDER



MACEY HUNT

second goal of the game off the rebound to give the Lady Seahawks a 2-1 lead.

"They continued their tenacious play all over the field," Wright said.

Five minutes later, the Lady Seahawks struck again with another goal, when Shields assisted Kirvin for her third goal of the game to extend the lead to 3-1. She now has five goals in district play with a total of six on the season.

With 10 minutes left in

the game, eighth-grade forward Allie Kirvin scored her first goal of the season off a cross from junior midfielder Adriana Reeder. That gave the Lady Seahawks a 4-1 lead, which they never relinquished.

Wright said a strong defensive effort, anchored by first-year player junior sweeper Ally Millender along with junior halfback Deborah Dempsey, junior Adriana Reeder and Seger, shut out the Lady Tiger Sharks in the second half.

Sophomore goalkeeper Macey Hunt had another great performance with 11 saves. "I thought we responded well in the second half after being down 1-0," Wright said. "They passed the ball well in the first half and had us on our heels."

"Jessica Shields continues to create scoring opportunities for our team with her excellent play. Gracyn Kirvin keeps making the most of her scoring opportunities," the coach said. "Our defense is be-

ginning to communicate better and play well together. The younger players are also stepping up and contributing. It's been a whole team effort."

Other members of the team include senior midfielders Karli Tucker and Stephanie Marxsen, junior midfielder Brook Pittman, junior fullback Laura Gallegos, sophomore midfielder Erin Riley, freshman midfielder Jessica Schmidt, freshman forward Kitana Peralta,

eighth-grade forward Allie Zingarelli and seventh-grade midfielder Sophie Kirvin.

The Lady Seahawks now face a grueling stretch in their schedule, as they travel to West Gadsden today and are at home Friday night against Baker.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Lady Seahawks travel to Freeport, and then on Tuesday, Dec. 4, they host John Paul II. On Wednesday, Dec. 5, the girls host Rickards.

## Seahawk boys soccer falls to St. Joe

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The Franklin County High School boys soccer team evened their district record at 1-1 as they fell 5-1 to district archrival Port St. Joe in Gulf County Tuesday night.

The Seahawks controlled the ball for the first part of the match but allowed the Tiger Sharks' sophomore striker Marcel Duarte to net four goals before the end of the first half.

The Hawks got on the board early in the second half with a quick strike goal from junior Graham Kirvin off of junior Stefan DeVaughn's assist. Duarte added his fifth score moments after for the final goal of the night.

"Graham Kirvin, our player of the week, is an amazing player and teammate," Coach Ramon Valenzuela said. "Tuesday night he never gave up, was running all over the field. He took his prize, an awesome unstoppable goal."

Valenzuela said he and



GRAHAM KIRVIN



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assistant Coach Stacy Kirvin were proud of the team effort and thought the game gave their squad a better idea of what they need to do against St. Joe in two weeks when they meet again.

"We give credit to Coach Henley's Port St Joe team and the impressive individual performance of Duarte," Valenzuela said. "It seems that we took this loss hard, but we never gave up the entire night."

The Seahawk head coach said captains senior Zach Howze and junior Alex Causey showed positive leadership under the night's conditions and are aiming at evening the series at the

Seahawks' home field Dec. 11.

"Once again, I told the boys, 'Let's learn from this, and let's make sure that next time, at home, we fix these mistakes,'" Valenzuela said. "Obviously, we were not prepared for this game, after a week off, but physically we persisted. We had our own shots to the St. Joe net, and our great strategies, but we were mentally down."

"I know now how our boys feel, and the amazing thing for me is the our captains: Alex Causey and Zach Howze spoke for the first time, supporting what Coach Stacy and I have been talking since the beginning

of the season," Valenzuela said. "Play any position, be ready when coach calls you, communicate and support each other."

The team also includes seniors Julio Ramirez, Elisha Patriotis and Casey Sapp; juniors James Harris, Lenny Ward and James Bailey; sophomores Austin Carter, Logan Allen and Dalyn Parrish; freshmen Joshua Patriotis, Jacob Montgomery and Walker DeVaughn; and eighth-grader Tyler Pendleton.

Both boys and girls are in action again in the home opener at 5 and 7 p.m. Friday against district opponent Baker High School. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All area youth soccer players are invited to attend free of charge provided they wear their team jersey.

The Seahawks face a tough stretch in their schedule, as they travel to West Gadsden today. On Saturday, Dec. 1, the boys travel to Freeport, and then on Wednesday, Dec. 5, they host Rickards.

## Sports SHORT

From Staff Reports

### UF, FSU TIE AT ST. JOE BAY GOLF TOURNEY

The annual University of Florida Gators vs. Florida State Seminoles Golf Tournament was Nov. 18 at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club. This tournament is a longstanding one out at the club and traditionally is played just before the two football teams hit the gridiron for bragging rights.

In the history of the tournament, usually the team that wins the golf tournament has led to the other side winning the football game. That proved a false prediction this year because the golf tournament brought about a 48-48 tie.

The overall winners of the golf tournament were Dan Van Treese and Bobby Bunn for UF and Bennie Sherrill and Kenny Weimorts for FSU.

In second place for the Gators were Mike Alldis and Bill Morrissey, and in second for the Seminoles were Marvin Shimfessel and Dick Davis.

The Closest to the Pin on Hole 12 winner was Penelope Evanoff, and the longest drive winners were George Skinner and Andy Smith.



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### CITY OF CARRABELLE PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF CITY ORDINANCE

The City Commission of the City of Carrabelle, Florida, proposes to enact the following ordinance:

#### CITY OF CARRABELLE ORDINANCE NO. 454

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, TO CREATE PART 4.03.00 ENTITLED WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE PRACTICES PROVIDING FOR WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING PRACTICES, PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDING FOR WATER USE, PROVIDING FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed Ordinance may be inspected during regular hours at Carrabelle City Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, FL Monday through Friday, or call 850-697-2727.

The proposed Ordinance will be considered for enactment during a public hearing to be held 6:00p.m., Thursday December 6, 2012(first reading) and Thursday January 3, 2013(final reading) at the Carrabelle City Hall located at 1001 Gray Ave, Carrabelle, FL.

Interested parties may appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting. (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Keisha Smith at the above address or phone number.

Wilburn Messer, Mayor

Attest:

Keisha Smith, City Clerk

Publication Date: November 29, 2012

### Gulfside IGA PLAYER OF THE WEEK SPONSOR



Junior forward Jessica Shields had two assists in the Lady Seahawks' 4-1 win over Port St. Joe Tuesday night, for a total of four assists on the year. "Jessica has stepped up her game, and keeps creating scoring opportunities for our team," said Coach Kelli Wright.

**Congratulations, Jessica!**



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

**Nov. 19**

Jacquelyn K. Warner, 52, Eastpoint, driving while license suspended or revoked (FHP)

Darin W. Cruson II, 24, Carrabelle, possession of paraphernalia, possession of cannabis and driving while license suspended or revoked (FCSO)

**Nov. 20**

Jacquelyn K. Warner, 52, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Robert L. Thompson, 18, Apalachicola, burglary of a dwelling (FCSO)

Alice A. Amerson, 22, Carrabelle, violation of probation (FCSO)

Stephen D. Bartley, 62, Apalachicola,

aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (FCSO)

**Nov. 21**

Jennifer L. Smith, 32, Eastpoint, petit theft (FCSO)

Steven Shiver, 35, Eastpoint, DUI (FCSO)

**Nov. 22**

Erik A. Tatum, 32, Carrabelle, trespass in an occupied structure (FCSO)

Ben Turrell III, 35, Apalachicola, DUI (APD)

James D. Creamer, 30, Apalachicola, violation of probation (APD)

**Nov. 24**

Curtis E. Nowling, 44, Eastpoint, trespass on property after warning (FCSO)

Christopher K. Franzen, 36, Land O'Lakes, failure to appear (FWC)

**Nov. 25**

Anna Staples, 45, Apalachicola, domestic battery (APD)

**Nov. 26**

Kimberly D. Harrington, 45, Lanark Village, criminal mischief, trespass on property and grand theft (FCSO)

## SWEARING TO SERVE



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William Massey, newly elected county commissioner for District 5, left, was sworn in Nov. 20 together with incumbents Pinki Jackel and Noah Lockley, who were both reelected to four-year terms. County Judge Van Russell handled the honors. Elected by her colleagues as chair was Cheryl Sanders, who last served in that capacity in 2006. Massey was appointed the vice chairman, as well as the county's representative to the Apalachee Regional Planning Commission. Jackel will serve as the commissioners' representative to the Tourist Development Council and as alternate to Florida's Small County Coalition.

### Coastal Foot and Ankle Clinic

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**You can call 653-FEET (3338) for more information.**



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# News BRIEFS

**Dance in Carrabelle this Saturday evening:** The Carrabelle Senior Center will hold a dance at 7 p.m. this Saturday. Admission is free. Music will be provided by local disc jockey Ron Vice, serving up a lively mix of Big Band dance tunes and mellow pop hits. Come down to the Senior Center this Saturday night to dance... or just to listen to the music! The Senior Center is at 201 NW Avenue F, on the corner of First Street and NW Avenue F in downtown Carrabelle. For more information on the dance and other activities at the Senior Center, visit [www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com](http://www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com)

**Middle-aged sought for 'Catfish Moon' auditions:** Panhandle Players are holding auditions for their next production, "Catfish Moon," at 4 p.m. on Sunday and at 7 p.m. Tuesday 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 information, call 370-0957.

**Mitigation strategy meeting Monday:** 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. Hazard mitigation is any action taken to permanently reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from the effects of hazards.

Every community is

exposed to some level of risk from hazards. Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, hazardous material spills, fires and sinkholes are some of the hazards experienced by Florida communities. It is the goal of the local mitigation strategy to identify local hazards and establish a local framework to reduce the risk of those hazards.

Our next meeting will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center, 28 Airport Road in Apalachicola. This will be an opportunity for all parties to voice their concerns; review the status of old projects and add new ones to the list.

For more info, contact Mike Rundel, Franklin County Emergency Management coordinator at 653-8977 or [Em2frank@gtcom.net](mailto:Em2frank@gtcom.net).

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

**Oyster recovery roundtable Dec. 6:** The Seafood Management Assistance and Recovery Team (SMART) and the University of Florida Oyster Recovery Team will host a roundtable discussion on Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Apalachicola Community Center from 1:30-4:30 p.m. to hear updates from the recovery team committees and to learn more about the developing SMART Initiative.

The roundtable is open to the public and folks are encouraged to attend and participate. From 2:40-2:55 p.m. there will be an update on the schedule of planned oyster restoration activities by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. This will be an informal

roundtable meeting to exchange information on progress made to date and activities under way by researchers evaluating existing and collecting new data, an update by the SMART Team and the Healthy Gulf Healthy Community Team, followed by a discussion about next steps and an opportunity for questions and answers from any interested person who wants to attend. We will have time for open discussion after 3 p.m.

Expert speakers Andy Kane (contaminants, pathogens); Bill Pine (water flow, salinity); Karl Havens (nutrient inputs); David Kimbro (food web, predation, oyster population dynamics); and Ed Camp (fisheries modeling, management model development) will be on hand to join the discussion. For more information, call 653-9337.

**ABC School to host community book fair:** The Apalachicola Bay Charter School will host a Scholastic Book Fair, Dec. 3-6, to help raise funds for purchasing books and media for the school. The fair will feature specially priced books and educational products, including newly released works, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

The Fair will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the ABC School Library.

Parents, children, teachers and the community are invited. On Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the Book Fair will feature a special family event. All members of the community are welcome to visit and shop.

Fair attendees can help build classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List program. Fair proceeds also will be used to purchase essential classroom resources and support school projects at the ABC School. Sponsorships are available.

Area businesses interested in making a donation are asked to contact Heather Friedman at 653-1222 or via e-mail at [friedmanabc@gmail.com](mailto:friedmanabc@gmail.com)

**FCSWA to meet Dec. 10:** The Franklin County Seafood Workers Association's regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 10, in Eastpoint at the firehouse starting at 6 p.m. We will be sharing updated information regarding solutions for the bay issue and possible further outreach to displaced workers. Please continue to follow us on Facebook for any updates, new information or details. Please contact FCSWA Secretary Jennifer Millender at 597-0787.

**County Commission acknowledges hospice and diabetes:** At their Nov. 20 meeting, in response to a

request by Sandi Hengel, a spokesperson for Big Bend Hospice, the county commission recognized November as National Hospice Month. At the request of Commissioner Cheryl Sanders, the board also recognized November as National Diabetes Month.

**County commission to meet in Carrabelle:** On Tuesday, Dec. 18, the second December meeting of the county commission will be held in Carrabelle at the municipal center on Gray Ave. at 10 a.m.

**Sixteen apply to serve on RESTORE Council:** At the Nov. 20 county meeting, Director of Administrative Services Alan Pierce read a list of applicants for seats on the proposed RESTORE Council. Under the ordinance presented by Commissioner Pinki Jackel at the Nov. 6 meeting, there are 15 seats on the council. The cities of Apalachicola and Carrabelle were each given a seat, although both cities are disputing the validity of the RESTORE board and neither has chosen a representative.

Jim Cummins and Marvin Heymann have both applied for the Alligator Point seat. No one from Lanark Village has applied to represent that community. Both Sandra Allen and James (Tom) Durham seek to represent Eastpoint. Larry Kinzer has stepped forward for St. George Island.

All of the five councils and boards in the county who were asked to choose a representative have named their choices. Paul Parker has been chosen to represent the Tourist Development Council. Newly elected school board member Pam Shiver will represent the schools. Vice President Ricky Banks will speak for the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association. Jim Bachrach will represent the board of Weems Memorial Hospital. The Seafood Dealers Association has chosen Lynn Martina.

So far, five people have thrown in their hats for the four at-large seats. They are Valentina Webb and Robin Vroegop, both of Apalachicola; Vance Millender and Leslie Cox, both of Carrabelle; and Dan Tonsmeire of Magnolia Bluff and Eastpoint's Durham, who has also applied under this category.

The commission voted to extend the application period to Dec. 3 with Smokey Parrish opposed. Jackel said she no longer feels it is necessary to pass an ordinance to create the RESTORE council. "We don't have to operate by ordinance," she said. "We will operate by bylaws."

She said she would bring proposed rules to the next meeting. Commissioner Noah Lockley moved that an ordinance be passed but the motion died for lack of a second.

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**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

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 Financial Project Identification Number: 428745-1-52-01

**Thursday, December 13, 2012**  
**5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST**  
**Apalachicola City Hall**  
**1 Bay Avenue**  
**Apalachicola, Florida 32320**

This public information meeting is being held to afford interested persons an opportunity to preview the proposed improvements and ask questions concerning this project. There will be no formal presentation. Maps, drawings and other information will be available for review. FDOT representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the Department's Project Manager, Alaina Webb, E.I., toll free at (888) 638-0250, extension 447 or via email at [Alaina.Webb@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Alaina.Webb@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven days prior to the meeting. For additional project information, please contact Ian Satter, FDOT District 3 Public Information Director at (888) 638-0250, extension 205 or via email @ [ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us).



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These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Franklin County, Florida and Incorporated Areas.

The preliminary FIRM and FIS report can be viewed at http://portal.nwfwmd/flood-maps.com.

These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fh

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LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 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 ANGLE 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 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 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

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2012.

Marcia M. Johnson CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk November 22, 29, 2012

89442T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. PO. Box 9800 Maryville, TN 37802 Plaintiff, vs. DONALD RANDOLPH LAWSON, RHONDA MICHELLE LAWSON, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KARLENE E. SPENCER, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TINA M. HILL, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT H. CAPSACK, JR., and FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, through its State Housing Initiative a/k/a SHIP Program, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: DONALD RANDOLPH LAWSON, RHONDA MICHELLE LAWSON, THE UN-

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 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 FOR 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 HIGHWATER LINE OF ST. GEORGE SOUND, THENCE RUN SOUTH 42 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID MEAN HIGHWATER 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.

KNOWN SPOUSE OF KARLENE E. SPENCER, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TINA M. HILL, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT H. CAPSACK, JR.:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court, County of Franklin, State of Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Legal Description of a 1.16 Acre Tract Certified To: Donald Lawson and Rhonda Lawson, Vanderbuilt Mortgage, Wakulla Title Company, Inc., Chicago Title Insurance Co.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct representation of the following described property and that this description meets the minimum technical standards for land surveying (Chapter 61G17-6, Florida Administrative Code).

A portion of Lot 1 of Willow Acres Estates, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 27 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an iron rod and cap (marked #7160) marking the Southeast corner of Lot 1 of Willow Acres Estates, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 27 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run North 01 degrees 17 minutes 22 seconds West along the Westerly right-of-way boundary of Baywood Drive a distance of 77.50 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #7160), thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run South 88 degrees 55 minutes 22 seconds West 665.06 feet, thence run South 21 degrees 04 minutes 42 seconds East 82.45 feet, thence run North 88 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds East 637.15 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 1.16 acres, more or less.

The undersigned surveyor has not been provided a current title opinion or abstract of matters affecting title or boundary to the subject property. It is possible there are deeds of records, unrecorded deeds, easements or other instruments which could affect the boundaries

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You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Timothy D. Padgett, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 2878 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plain-

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 tiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2012.

Marcia M. Johnson CLERK OF COURT

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Timothy D. Padgett, Esq. Timothy D. Padgett, PA. 2878 Remington Green Circle Tallahassee, FL 32308 (850) 422-2520 (phone) (850) 422-2567 (fax) Nov 29, Dec 6, 2012

89462T PUBLIC NOTICE FRANKLIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

The Franklin County Humane Society would like to invite the public to our annual general meeting on Saturday, December 8, 2012. It will be held at the Light-house Park on St. George Island at 10:00 AM. The Humane Society is proud to serve the Franklin County community with the help of caring, concerned citizens like yourselves. It would not be possible to continue to help our less fortunate, 4 legged citizens without you. Come join us and show your support for the Franklin County Humane Society!

Thank you. Nov 29, Dec 6, 2012

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A parcel of land described as all of Block 126 and approximately the West 40 feet of Lots 6 through 10 of Block 131, according to the City Map of the City of Apalachicola in general use, Franklin County, Florida.

The parcel of land will be subject to a deed restriction that the land must be used for affordable housing approved by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and other restrictions as contained in Resolution 2012-025 adopted by the Board on November 20, 2012. The Board will consider a minimum bid of \$211,000.00. All closing costs shall be paid by the bidder, including title insurance and costs of advertising. The Board will select the closing agent and title insurance company. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check payable to the School Board of Franklin County, Florida, in the amount of \$5000.00, to be placed with an escrow agent acceptable to the Board. No other forms will be acceptable. Upon the acceptance of her bid, the success-

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The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities. Dated this 20th day of November, 2012.

The School Board of Franklin County, Florida

By: Jimmy Gander, Chairman ATTEST: Nina Marks, Superintendent Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 2012

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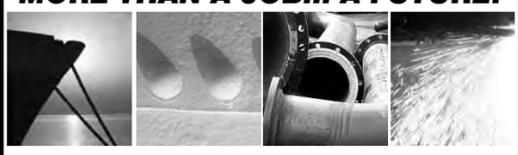
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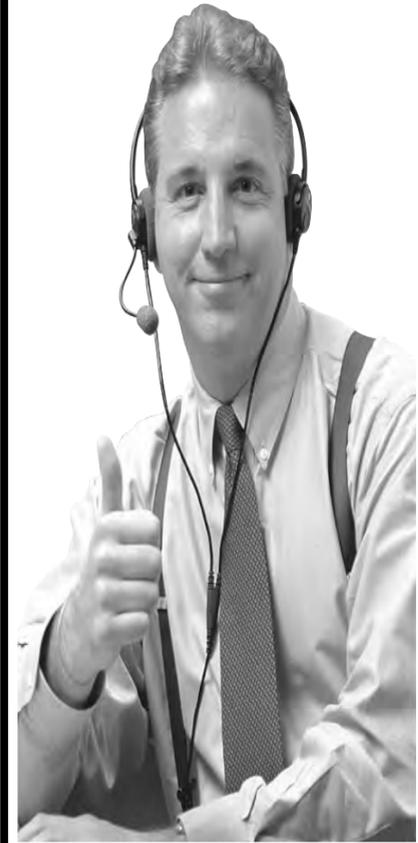
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# Reindeer rule at canine costume party

By LOIS SWOBODA

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On Saturday, a dozen pups and their companion humans turned out to vie for best of show at a canine costume party.

The contest was part of a Christmas celebration held from 1 to 4 p.m. to benefit the Franklin County Humane Society. Pups and people had a chance to tell Santa their holiday wishes and check out some of the animals available for adoption at the local shelter.

The costume contest was held at 3 p.m. and for those who did not have a costume at home, there were some loaners on hand. More than a dozen entrants came prepared; many wore holiday regalia.

Reindeer were the most popular entry, there were six, and a pair of reindeer; Electrifying Elijah and Alabama Abigail took first place. The winners belong to Heath and Patricia Usry, of Gadsden, Ala.

Second place went to Kali and Lili, a pair of terriers dressed as Santa and a red-booted reindeer and shown by Danny Spear and Susan Hudson.

Bringing in their place was Oliver, a rescued pit-bull dressed as a Kong dog toy complete with milk bones. Owners Gene and Susan Pinnock said the suit was handcrafted from two tee-shirts, stuffing and felt.

Cheryl Whaley's dog also appeared as a reindeer: Lucky Dog, of Apalachicola, was shown off leash by owner Ed Tiley.

Melissa Brooks of Eastpoint brought her Italian greyhound Daphne in a sparkling mermaid costume. Her friend, Mason Pace, showed her dachshund Weenie, dressed as a weenie in a bun.



**Top left:** Electrifying Elijah, left, and Alabama Abigail, shown by Heath and Patricia Usry, took best of show as "Reindeer in Transition." **Top right:** Daphne the Italian greyhound, shown by Melissa Brooks of Eastpoint, was beautiful in her mermaid costume. **Far left:** Undoubtedly the best trained dog in the line up was Apalachicola's own Lucky Dog, shown by Ed Tiley. **Left:** Oliver, a rescued pit bull with a heart of saltwater taffy, was festive in a Kong toy costume hand crafted by Sarah Pinnock.

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Taffy the dog, dressed as a bunny, came with Raquel Nugent of Roswell, Ga. Ray and Moxie Steiger and Jackson Gray, all of Apalachicola, brought Santa Paws and two Chihuahua helpers.

A late arrival was Frankie, a blue-eyed pit bull with matching necktie. Ricky Ray Ruddy of Rockwell, described by owner

Larry Kiley as "a naked redneck dog," refused to wear a costume but barked instructions to the contestants.

Shelter Director Karen Mar-

tin was pleased with the turn-out and the day. "People were very generous," she said, displaying a jar full of money. "And we found a home for a puppy."

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### GULF VIEW FROM WEST PINE

4 bedrooms (2 are masters), 3-1/2 bath, extra living area or 5th BR, large open Living/ Dining/ Kitchen area with tile floors, furnished, Interesting Architectural features, private POOL, enclosed outdoor shower, screened porch, covered parking & ground level entry.



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### CORNER LOT ON WEST BAYSHORE

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