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Out to see

High school band in concert tonight

The Franklin County School band will present its annual winter concert at 7 p.m. today, Dec. 13 in the cafeteria.

Eastpoint Christmas celebration Friday

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

Students to present Christmas program Monday

Elementary school students at the Franklin County School will present their annual Christmas program, "Let It Be Christmas" at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, in the cafeteria.

Nobles dancers to perform Tuesday

Pam Nobles Studios will present "Happy Holidays," its annual Christmas program showcasing the talents of its students, at 7:07 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Dixie Theatre in downtown Apalachicola. Advance tickets are \$10, \$12 at the door. For more info, call 653-8078.

Christmas shop at the senior center

Got some last-minute Christmas shopping to do? Come to the Holy Family Senior Center at 203 Dr. Frederick S. Humphries St. in Apalachicola. The seniors have created a variety of gifts available for a donation. Proceeds go to support the seniors program. Items include earrings, knick-knacks, picture frames and more. For more information, call Donna Thompson at 653-6909 or 323-0168.

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FWC Chairman Kenneth Wright, center, talks with FWC Executive Director Nick Wiley, left, and FWC Vice Chairman Kathy Barco.

'The disaster's coming'
Area oystermen appeal for FWC support

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Every year since February 2010, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has held one of its statewide meetings in Apalachicola, with commissioners each year raving about the fishing paradise found in Tallahassee's backyard.

On Dec. 5, they learned about the serious trouble that backyard is facing.

By appealing directly for FWC support, Franklin County's beleaguered oyster industry, bolstered by support from environmental and recreational fishing interests, opened up a new front in the

battle to secure more freshwater coming down the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river system into Apalachicola Bay.

"If we don't get something done in the next 1 1/2 years, we're not going to have a bay," said Shannon Hartsfield, a fourth-generation oysterman and president of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association.

"We're losing our livelihood, and we're going to lose our community," he said. "We're already struggling. The disaster's coming."

Hartsfield said oystermen are lucky to pluck three or four bags of oysters a day out of the bay when

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"The last great bay is somewhere between crisis and collapse. The impacts will be way beyond oysters. This affects many habitats. That's the type of urgency we're trying to convey to you today."



Don Ashley, past president of the Apalachicola Riverkeeper

FCSWA embarks on two-pronged mission

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The Franklin County Seafood Workers Association has been busy, moving forward last week on a proposal to address environmental problems plaguing Apalachicola Bay while also working to organize the upcoming \$2.7 million program to re-shell the oyster bars.

At a Dec. 6 meeting, the FCSWA fleshed out details of the structure of a new community based collaborative effort, the Seafood Management Assistance Resource and Recovery Team, which is designed "to build a local capacity consensus to develop a sustainable and resilient resource management plan to ensure the future of Franklin County's seafood heritage."

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FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Board confronts budget 'crisis'

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The Franklin County School Board voted last week to negotiate a reduction of \$258,000 from this fiscal year's budget with its teacher and support personnel unions.

At the Dec. 6 regular meeting, the board voted unanimously to press for what Superintendent Nina Marks estimated would be the equivalent of reducing payroll by about eight teaching positions, or roughly \$190,000, and four support personnel, or about \$68,000.

The board made it clear that though they seek this volume of cost reductions in the second semester, they are not on the record advocating for any specific cuts in personnel, or even precisely how many would be needed to eliminate what Finance Director Shannon Venable estimated could be a negative balance of almost \$325,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

Venable provided a report that underscored many of the conclusions she has shared with the board over the past six weeks, that a decline in actual property tax proceeds since July's initial estimate has significantly eroded the fund balance.

Venable said the unrestricted fund cushion of about \$581,000, available in July's budgeting, dropped away almost entirely by Oct. 1. This depleted the 5.6 percent of the budget available in the fund balance, which clearly met state standards, to about 0.2 percent, or merely \$18,000, well below what the state considers acceptable.

Venable said the district will be able to recoup about three-quarters of this drop of \$563,000 in property tax proceeds in the

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SHANNON VENABLE
Franklin County schools finance director

New dental clinic brings big smiles to county

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Everyone was smiling Dec. 5 when the Franklin County Health Department Dental Clinic opened its doors.

"This is a wonderful day," said Carrabelle Mayor Curley Messer. "I've fought many a day for this building to stay open. A dental program is a wonderful thing for the people and kids of Franklin County."

As a crowd of about 40 people assembled in front of the newly renovated clinic, the staff lined up behind a red ribbon for a photo opportunity. Dental Program Manager David Walker introduced Dr. Renee Parrish and her staff.

"A dream has come to a reality," he

said. "Our heart is children; we serve the poorest of the poor."

Interim Franklin County Health Department Administrator Marsha Lindeman welcomed visitors to the grand opening of the clinic. She praised the staff of the county health department for making the clinic a reality.

"They took all of the pieces and breathed life into it," she said.

Lindeman was followed on the podium by Florida's Department of Health Chief of Staff Kim Barnhill, a former director of the county health department, who expressed amazement at how rapidly the clinic had come together.

"I'm just the idea person," she said.

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From left, David Walker, dental program manager, stands with clinic staff interview clerk Rhonda Butler; dental assistants Amy Dickerson and Susan Hoffritz; hygienist Shewanna Bethea; eligibility specialist DeErma McMillan; and Dr. Renee Parrish.

# Cape San Blas lighthouse quarters moved

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Moving day arrived Dec. 4 at the Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

The U.S. Air Force began the move of the keepers' quarters and oil house on the lighthouse grounds in the fight to save the lighthouse and buildings from encroaching erosion.

The Air Force out of Eglin Air Force Base, which owns the property on which the lighthouse and buildings sit, contracted with CCI Contractors out of Shalimar, which in turn subcontracted the work of moving the keepers' quarters and oil house to Stone's House Movers out of Sneads.

The keepers' quarters were moved back about 100 feet, leaving them essentially the same distance from the coast as the lighthouse which is not considered in imminent danger.

"This was an Air Force initiative to move these buildings," public information officer Mike Spaits said. "We contracted to have the buildings moved and secured the \$50,000 to fund the move. We had a partner in the (Army Corps of Engineers) but this was an Air Force initiative."

On Dec. 4, the first of the two keepers' quarters was moved, with plans to move the second and the oil house later in the week.

The moves are being made to buy time. The Air Force already has rendered the lighthouse and buildings surplus and the application for applying to take possession of them expired the last week of November.

The National Parks Service is reviewing the applications for a final award. The Gulf



TIM CROFT | The Star

A truck and trailer revved, the move of one of the keepers' quarters is under way on the grounds of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

County commissioners and city of Port St. Joe both submitted applications.

"We are responsible for protecting our historic resources," said Maria Rodriguez, chief administrator for historic resources with Eglin AFB. "That's why we are moving them back, to get them out of harm's way."

Hurricane Isaac this year

was effectively the final straw in the protection of the lighthouse, which has long sat in an area of Cape San Blas that is rapidly eroding.

Isaac took an additional 27 feet of shoreline, rendering the one entrance road into the lighthouse grounds impassable.

A new entrance road was constructed to facilitate the move

of the lighthouse and buildings once a final destination has been determined.

The keepers' quarters and oil house will remain on temporary moorings to facilitate the move to a new location. The county is proposing Salinas Park; a city bay-front area which would be part of George Core Park.

After the buildings are moved,

the Air Force will begin to clear debris from the shoreline surrounding the grounds.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provided a grant to the University of Florida to facilitate the debris removal. The hope is that once clean, what is left of the beach may once again become a nesting area for sea turtles.

## NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC MEETING FOR CITY OF APALACHICOLA CITY OF CARRABELLE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION UNDER F.S. §164.1053 (3), 1055

The City of Apalachicola and City of Carrabelle pursuant to F.S. §164.1053(3) and 1055, hereby provide public notice of the Joint Public Meeting among the City Commissions of the City of Apalachicola and the City of Carrabelle and the County Commission of Franklin County at the Apalachicola City Hall, 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 at 6:00 P.M., E.T., December 19, 2012 to (a) consider the conflict issues specified in the resolutions invoking F.S. 164 (November 1, 2012, City of Carrabelle and certified letter of November 2, 2012; November 6, 2012, City of Apalachicola and certified letter of November 7, 2012); (b) seek an agreement; and (c) schedule additional meeting of the entities in conflict, or of their designees, to continue to seek resolution of the conflict.

## Crum lays claim to Carrabelle property

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A Carrabelle man claims to own several downtown properties.

At the Dec. 6 Carrabelle city meeting, Johnnie Crum told commissioners he has documents proving he owns the Fourth Street boat ramp.

At the meeting, he initially requested to speak to City Attorney Dan Hartman in private, but when told the meeting was public and he was on the agenda, he addressed the commission.

Crum arrived late, accompanied by about a dozen family members who caused a minor disturbance by talking loudly as they entered until reprimanded by Mayor Curley Messer.

Hartman and the commissioners expressed confusion about Crum's claims and said the matter would have to be settled in court.

"The city claims that property and has improved the property," Hartman said. "You need a judge to say which of the two chains of ownership is valid. The city cannot give you that property."

Hartman later referred to the paperwork Crum had presented as a "wild deed," a claim where there are multiple chains of possession for the same land. Crum asserted to city commissioners that his family had paid taxes on the land in the past; Hartman said it had been in the 1930s.

The city attorney said the city purchased the boat ramp from Jimmy Crowder in 1999.

"It is not unusual. I've seen it happen," he said. "It's a common misconception that paying taxes on a piece of property gives you ownership. It does not. I've been through the paperwork (Crum) provided, and I've seen the city deed. It's unclear. We've obviously got a bunch of deeds applying to this property. We need a

court of law to tell us where we stand."

Hartman said Crum has paperwork claiming ownership of other properties as well.

"As your commissioner if that is your property I want you to have it," Commissioner Charlotte Schneider told Crum. "You really should seek the guidance of an attorney. The city can't just say we're going to turn over the property."

Crum maintained that early transactions involving the land had been "written up wrong."

Hartman told him, "The way to get to the bottom of this is to file suit."

Crum said he had an attorney and complained about the cost of representation. "He charges me every time he does something. We are trying to work this out with the city as least a possible," he said. "My family's poor with young'uns to raise. My grandparents have died off. I can show you in 30 minutes."

Schneider said, "You can show me, but I'm not an attorney."

Messer told Crum "this will have to be fought out in court. We could sit up here and give the property away and that would set us up for a liability suit. I'm not going to be put in jail for nobody."

Commissioner Frank Mathes told Crum: "We can't give it to you. It belongs to the people of Carrabelle. It's got to go before a judge. It's not ours to give. That belongs to the people."

Crum said he would prefer to reach a settlement with the city. "You don't get clear title until you've had it for 30 years and a day. I think it's in the best interest to handle it out of court," he said.

"This has obviously been going on in your family for a long time," Commissioner Cal Allen told Crum. "The best way to get closure is to get it over with."



JOHNNIE CRUM

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# Carrabelle sports a buoyant holiday glow

Carrabelle's annual Holiday on the Harbor and Boat Parade of Lights was dazzling as usual.

The night was clear and warm as happy people mingled in the street to celebrate the holidays. This year, the city did not supply a free supper to celebrants but instead encouraged local merchants to stay open late and welcomed not-for-profits to sell snacks in support of a good cause.

Shops and the Carrabelle History Museum remained open along with local cafes. About 20 vendors sold raffle tickets and tasty treats, from popcorn to pumpkin rolls, to the several hundred people strolling the merry streets under dancing Christmas dolphins.

There was an open microphone in the riverside pavilion where local talent could make itself heard. Santa was on hand to hear the wishes of excited youngsters.

A dozen beautifully decorated boats arrayed in twinkling lights motored or paddled down the river before judges Mary Ann Shields, Diana Strickland, Jeff and Sid McOmie and Jack Fonner.

Winners were Pontoon Division (Capt. Clyde Clark); Kayak Division (Tom Herzog); Commercial Division Over 24 feet (Capt. Chester Reese with Natural World Charters); Commercial Division Under 24 feet (Moorings Marina); Recreational Division Under 24 feet (1st - Capt. Charlie Painter; 2nd - Capt. Read Westcott);

Recreational Division 24 to 30 feet (1st - Capt. Barney Crutchfield, 2nd - Capt. Scott and Jenny Holloway, and 3rd - Capt. Millard Collins); Recreational Division 30 to 40 Feet (Capt. Scott and Rachel Lawley); Recreational Division Over 40 Feet (Capt. David Bellamy); Best of Show (Capt. Barney Crutchfield).

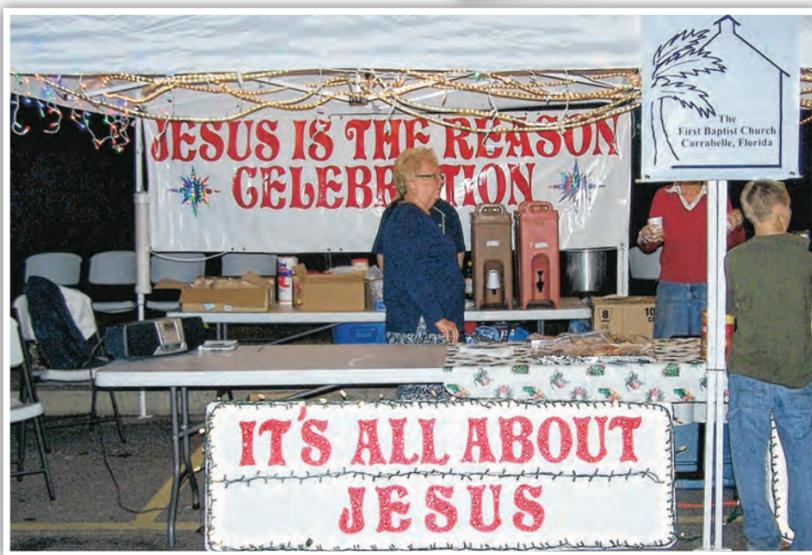
The Marina Challenge was won by Moorings Marina. Every one of the participants was amazing and creative. Thanks to the boat owners who took the trouble to entertain their neighbors.

The evening ended with a breathtaking fireworks display. - By LOIS SWOBODA



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Above: Cayden Cruse, just 10 months old, meets Santa Claus for the very first time. Left: Caulin Sheridan performed on the open mike at the Carrabelle Pavilion.



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# UF study: Pancreas size may be clue to diabetes

Special to the Times

People at risk for Type 1 diabetes may have fewer insulin-producing "beta" cells than people not at risk, a finding that could help researchers shed light on what causes the disease, a new University of Florida study shows.

The study, published Wednesday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, revealed that people at risk for Type 1 diabetes had smaller pancreases than people who were not at risk.

"This is the first time this has been noted," said Martha Campbell-Thompson, a professor in the UF College of Medicine department of pathology, immunology and laboratory medicine. "We still don't know what causes Type 1 diabetes, but if people have fewer beta cells to begin with, other confounding factors such as a virus or genetics could help push them over into having clinical diabetes. There are a lot of possibilities."

Type 1 diabetes occurs when the body's immune system begins attacking its own beta cells in the pancreas, which are responsible for producing insulin the body needs to convert sugar into energy. The beta cells



MARTHA CAMPBELL-THOMPSON, DVM, PH.D.

stop producing insulin, often beginning in childhood. Because of this, patients must take insulin for the rest of their lives. This differs from the more common Type 2 diabetes, which often can be prevented and treated through lifestyle changes, such as improved diet and increased exercise.

Although genetics plays a big role, researchers still don't know what triggers this autoimmune attack, and after it begins, there is no going back, said Campbell-Thompson, director of the pathology core for the Network for Pancreatic Organ

Donors with Diabetes, or nPOD, a human pancreas biorepository housed within the UF Diabetes Center of Excellence.

In the current study, Campbell-Thompson and colleagues at the City of Hope National Medical Center examined 164 pancreases from adult organ donors, including those with auto-antibodies linked to an increased risk for Type 1 diabetes. After examining the organs and comparing them with control samples, the researchers discovered that the people at risk for Type 1 diabetes had pancreases roughly three-fourths

the size of those of patients not at risk for the disease. In addition, patients already diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes had pancreases about half the size of control samples, Campbell-Thompson said.

"Had they not become organ donors, these people might have eventually developed Type 1 diabetes, so we were trying to carefully characterize their pancreases and their insulin-producing cells to see what was going on. A simple part of that was just weighing the pancreas when we got it," she said. "As we got more and more of these donors, a trend started showing up that these pancreases weighed less. They weighed lower than normal controls."

The ultimate goal of the research, and nPOD, which provides pancreas samples to researchers across the country, is to first understand how the pancreas works and then uncover new and better ways to not only treat Type 1 diabetes, but also to prevent it.

"Thanks to nPOD's valuable and rapidly growing collection of pancreas samples and other tissues, its team of researchers was able to examine, for the first time, the pancreas weight of those at risk for developing Type

1 diabetes," said Teodora Staeva, program director for immune therapies at JDRF, the leading foundation focused on advancing Type 1 diabetes research, which funded the study. "The findings raise significant questions about the development and progression of Type 1 diabetes."

Obtaining and analyzing human pancreas samples has proved crucial for researchers because mouse models used to uncover new treatments for Type 1 diabetes are no longer considered good examples of the disease in humans.

"There are major differences between human Type 1 diabetes and the animal models," Campbell-Thompson said. "It's really changing some of our ideas about when this autoimmune attack might occur, and we still don't know all the players."

The researchers now hope to take the study a step further by using noninvasive methods such as magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI, to gauge pancreas size in live patients.

"This could really change some of the ideas we have about Type 1 diabetes," Campbell-Thompson said. "By understanding how it develops we can think of new ways to treat it."

## COMMISSIONERS HONOR DORIS PENDLETON



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

At their Dec. 4 meeting, county commissioners honored Doris Pendleton with a plaque commemorating her 36 years of service with the property appraiser's office, and a proclamation citing her invaluable service on behalf of the citizens of Franklin County.

Pendleton, shown above accepting the plaque from County Planner Alan Pierce, thanked the board for inviting her to the meeting. She thanked God for allowing her to fulfill her duties and her family, staff and the whole county for supporting her.

"The first 24 years working under somebody else wasn't so hard, but the last 12 were tough," she said. "You don't know who your real boss is until you sit in that office, on election night, with those votes coming in. Then you know who your real bosses are."

Rhonda Skipper, the deputy property appraiser who was elected this year to take the in the appraiser's office said it has been "an honor and a privilege working for Doris and training with her."

# Senate Democratic leader files 'American Jobs' bill

Special to the Times

Tired of the stubbornly high unemployment rate in Florida, Senate Democratic Leader Chris Smith (D-Fort Lauderdale) announced Dec. 6 that he has refiled his "American Jobs" legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

"American tax dollars, along with Floridians' tax dollars should be going to rebuild our own economies, not China's

or India's or some other foreign country's," said Smith. "This is an effective way to put the power of our money to work creating American jobs on American soil."

Similar to legislation (SB 678) he filed last year, SB 90 would require that any new state contracts involving call center services and exceeding \$35,000 be staffed by employees located within the United States. The restrictions would apply

not only to the contractor, but any subcontractors as well.

The legislation would also be a welcome relief to customers in the United States struggling to understand call center operators with limited English-speaking abilities and growing concern about the commitment of state dollars to companies that move jobs offshore.

Many businesses already operate domestic call centers and would

not incur significant extra costs as a result of the change. Florida in particular has a strong call center market, and in a state struggling with an above-average unemployment rate, would be well-positioned to take advantage of the new requirement should the bill become law.

During the 2012 legislative session, SB 678 unanimously passed the Senate. The House refused to take it up.

# Easy ways to green your holidays

Special to the Times

The holidays can be a joyous, but hectic time of year. Being eco-friendly is often the least of a busy family's concerns, but you may be surprised by the benefits that your family can enjoy from "greening" your holiday season.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection recommends these 10 easy tips that can help make your holidays not only more cost-efficient and eco-friendly, but fun and stress-free as well.

- Use green cleaners. When preparing for holiday guests, trade in harsh household cleaners for cleaners that are safer for family health and the environment.
- Purchase LED light strands, which require less energy.
- Instead of buying holiday treats

with paper wrappers, try making fun, homemade treats that do not require wrapping or that can be placed in reusable containers.

- Use cloth napkins and reusable utensils in place of disposable paper and plastic alternatives — these may require washing, but they will save you money, conserve water and reduce waste.

- Make your holiday meal sustainable and boost your local economy by shopping for ingredients locally.

- Create nutrient-rich compost for your windowsill or backyard garden from your holiday meal leftovers.

- Buy recycled wrapping paper and holiday cards, and be sure to recycle again after use. Use old newspapers or butcher paper and let the kids draw their own holiday designs for an eco-friendly holiday craft.

- Or instead of wrapping gifts, set up the toys so that the kids can play with them right away rather than unwrapping and setting them up.

- Create holiday decorations such as ornaments with old greeting cards, garlands made from strung popcorn or cranberries, and potpourri made from spices such as cinnamon and cloves. And remember: don't throw decorations away; store them for use during next year's festivities!

- Visit your local Florida State Park and enjoy the holiday lights or seasonal festivals; it's an affordable alternative to more costly weekend outings.

The holidays are a great time of year to start implementing easy and sustainable ways to decorate and celebrate. For more green tips, visit the Department's website at [www.dep.state.fl.us](http://www.dep.state.fl.us).

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## CORRECTION



In the Nov. 15 issue of *The Times*, it was incorrectly reported that the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department Team, winner of this year's fourth annual Lanark Village Gumbo Cook-off, had been "spearheaded by father and son K.C. and Keith Gibson."

In fact, the team was headed by Craig Gibson, and he will attend the World Championship Gumbo Cook-off from Oct. 11-13, 2013 in New Iberia, La. In photo at left, he is shown at right, with his son and gumbo teammate K.C. Gibson.

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they should be tonging 20, providing a first-hand perspective that fit with the bleak scientific data presented in a report to FWC by Dr. David Heil, with the FWC's Division of Marine Fisheries Management.

Heil said before the opening of winter harvesting season, production estimates for two of the bay's more fertile oyster bars, East Hole and Cat Point, were the lowest reported in the past 20 years.

Prolonged drought and continuing low river discharge rates from dams upriver have led to high salinity, which has contributed to increased predation and dermo diseases plaguing the oysters, he said.

Worsening the situation has been increased fishing of this stressed oyster population, Heil said, noting the problem of high oyster mortality extends throughout the Gulf coast from Escambia to Wakulla counties. He told how Bay County issued an executive

order in October cutting in half the daily bag limit, from 20 to 10, available to their commercial oystermen.

Backing the oystermen's call for help was Don Ashley, past president of the Apalachicola Riverkeeper, a nonprofit environmental advocacy group for the Apalachicola river and bay.

"The last great bay is somewhere between crisis and collapse," he said. "The impacts will be way beyond oysters. This affects many habitats. That's the type of urgency we're trying to convey to you today. What we're hoping is to encourage you to help us move this issue forward."

"It's not just a bay that's threatened, it's a way of life," Ashley said. "All the money in the world is not going to restore a working waterfront, and a natural heritage."

"We need the leadership, the ownership, of this industry. We're going to look to you for that leadership," he told FWC.

Ashley outlined several re-

quests of the FWC, topped by having the commission press Gov. Rick Scott to continue dialogue with Alabama and Georgia to address upstream freshwater issues and agree to a "shared sacrifice" distribution plan among the three states.

Ashley urged FWC to help in shaping a strategic plan for the ACF, a point later echoed by Ted Forsgren, executive director of the Florida Coastal Conservation Association, who noted that Florida has a plan of its own to regulate waters within the state.

Ashley appealed for FWC to support efforts by the Florida congressional delegation, led by Sen. Bill Nelson, to gain passage of a Water Resource Development Act that would guide the Army Corps of Engineers' decision-making in releasing water downstream.

"The Corps must consider all fish and wildlife impacts under an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), not just endangered species," he said. "Authorized

uses shall not exceed freshwater flows required to sustain rivers, bays and working waterfront communities."

Ashley also asked FWC to contribute to the collection of data and documentation required to justify a fisheries disaster declaration. In September, Gov. Scott asked the U.S. Department of Commerce for such a declaration, which remains pending.

FWC Chairman Ken Wright said Florida State Sen. Charlie Dean had pledged his support on legislative issues when he and the FWC commissioners were briefed on Apalachicola Bay issues during a Dec. 4 tour of the Apalachicola National Research Reserve headquarters in Eastpoint.

"Let's everybody get one voice, in one direction," Wright said. "It doesn't take much to mess up some of these systems, and you can't then throw enough money at it."

FWC Executive Nick Wiley said he would keep the commis-

sioners abreast of developments regarding the Apalachicola Bay, but that there were limits to what effect FWC could have on a fishery declaration.

"The key is economic loss, and we can't document that until it happens," he said. "And it's happening right now. We need all hands on deck to address this crisis."

FWC Vice Chair Kathy Barco said more needs to be done to convince Atlanta's 4.2 million residents of the problems that overconsumption at the rivers' source waters create for the estuary.

"Those are the people we have to convince of the impact, and there's such a disconnect," she said.

"This area is so special for so many reasons," FWC Member Brian Yablonski said. "This is one of the few places in all the world where men and women harvest wild oysters. This is what we're about, preserving the wild, native heritage of Florida."

## SCHOOL BOARD from page A1

2013-14 fiscal year, but it is lost for the current year.

In an interview earlier this week, Rhonda Skipper, the property appraiser-elect, said the county's computer vendor failed to properly factor in a required report on those properties valued in excess of a million dollars.

"There was an error that was on the school taxable values that did not kick out," she said. "It was a \$6 million data entry error. We were going to do whatever we could (to remedy the problem), but the school district's millage rate had already maxed out."

Skipper noted the diminished property tax proceeds did not stem from any actions made by the Value Adjustment Board, which considers property owners' challenges to their appraisals. Of the two dozen or so petitions submitted to the board, all ended up being withdrawn before the board had to decide on their merits, she said.

### Forecasts miss enrollment decline

Compounding the district's budget woes was a decline in the number of students enrolled in the district compared to initial forecasts. Funding for each full-time student (FTE) is provided by the state at between about \$3,500 and \$4,000, depending on a variety of weighted factors.

Chairman Jimmy Gander said the 2012-13 budget was built on an estimate of 1,298 students, but the certified enrollment is now at 1,142, a difference of 156 students, worth in the neighborhood of \$600,000.

"How do you miss it by 156 students? That's over 10 percent," Board Member George Thompson said.

"I commend you on bringing the facts, as horrible as they

may be, if we have to do things as drastic as what we're talking about now and if there's a possibility of losing over 100 students with FTE," Gander told Venable. "What's the next step? Are we going to do this again?"

Gander also said he was surprised to learn the district recently found almost \$400,000 in additional savings, mainly based on about \$300,000 that Nick O'Grady, the district's director of curriculum and vocational education, was able to save by amending the budgets of federal grants to cover salaries.

"If it's there today, why wasn't it there when we built this budget?" Gander said. "Why can't it be done on July 1? Was it easier to do in December than it was in June? That really bothers me."

Marks said O'Grady found the savings by paying salaries out of these grants. "Those grants are not intended initially to pay for all these salaries," she said. "That's what he did; he shifted it. He's had to amend his grants and go to the state and get permission to switch them to salaries."

Gander continued his criticism. "I don't understand why all the procrastination," he told Marks.

"I don't think there's been any procrastination," she said.

Marks presented the school board with an outline that detailed several of the factors that contributed to what Venable said would be an almost \$325,000 deficit by year's end if \$1.1 million in cost savings wasn't found. These included lowering budget estimates for anticipated state revenue and raising the cost of plant operations to bring the district, as Venable put it, "in line with reality."

Marks outlined several options for finding about \$800,000 in savings, including the personnel reductions and federal grant

adjustments, as well as \$35,000 for reorganizing Carrabelle transportation routes, \$14,000 for reducing the transportation foreman to part-time status and \$14,000 in energy savings by shutting down school buildings for two weeks over Christmas and Easter breaks.

Marks said she intended to ask school employees, through the collective bargaining process, to consider taking five furlough days, which likely would be scheduled on paid holidays so as not to disrupt school, as well as a 5 percent pay decrease and ending district coverage of the cost of dental insurance.

The superintendent initially wanted the board to specify the number of teaching and support personnel positions they intended to cut, based on average salaries, but School Board Attorney Barbara Sanders cautioned against defining the process that way.

"Those items by themselves have to be negotiated," she said. "They were not advertised on the agenda, and this takes out items that have to be negotiated. We would have to negotiate a system for RIF's (Reduction in Force). It's a lot more delicate than stating were going to fire (people). Whoever that eight and four (people are), it will involve the union contract. There are steps that have to be followed."

### Union reps speak out

The meeting began with remarks by both Tammy Sasnett, president of the support workers union, and Cathy Wood, who leads the teachers union.

"We have talked to our members, and we are really supportive of trying to help us through this crisis," said Sasnett, a paraprofessional who works as a teacher in the voluntary pre-kindergarten

program. "We would just like to be involved in that process. This is our first job; this is where we want to be."

"We are the least paid employees, in the lunchroom, custodians, bus drivers," she said. "We are willing to work to get through this crisis, but we need to keep our positions."

Wood said warning signs had emerged at a faculty meeting earlier in the week.

"Some catch phrases are used whenever we gather, like 'We're in this for the kids' and 'We have our jobs because of the kids,' and yet the morale is low, low, low," she said.

"I know the economy has devastated our property values and that you have promised to lead us through this crisis. We need to work together every day," Wood said. "We need more stakeholders that are being part of the process."

Wood made mention of the pending union talks, which must work out a deal regarding any potential salary, benefit or personnel cuts.

"We are still at the negotiation table, and we must use collective bargaining when we make any decisions," she said. "Collective bargaining has to be used so we don't have to consider any unfair labor practices."

Both union representatives said their rank-and-file were concerned about the rumors circulating regarding job cuts. "It's all hearsay, and it's frightening," Wood said. "We need a clearer line of communication."

Marks said the administration has been on a tight timeline with state officials, who want to know what steps the district plans to take.

"They want an answer," the superintendent said. "They want the board to approve some type

of action. Shannon came up with an average income (for positions), and that's how we put those numbers together; to try to satisfy the deficit. We asked (Franklin County School Principal George Oehlert) to take the dollar amount of savings for eight positions. It doesn't matter where he pulls that from."

Neither Marks nor the board member went into details as to what might be cut. But board member Pam Shiver and Gander indicated some of their reasoning.

"If we continue to eliminate programs and the morale's down, the FTE's going to continue to go down," Shiver said.

Gander suggested he was opposed to any pay cut being retroactive to the start of the fiscal year. "I don't think we ought to ask people to give back money that they've already received," he said.

Gander also requested, and the board approved, a portion of the motion that asked the Florida Department of Education to become more directly involved with them on the process.

"I'd like to have DOE be a part of that. I want to get to the bottom, if we built this budget on the property values that we turned in," he said. "There's water coming in the boat, and we're bailing it out."

The meeting concluded with an item that underscored the school's budget woes, when the board voted down a request by the sheriff's office to have them waive fees for an upcoming staff program.

Only Shiver and Thompson voted to waive the \$400 fee, with the other three opposed. Marks noted that was for a social event for the department.

Board member Teresa Ann Martin said she supported the waiver "when it's a hardship. But when we're in hard times, I don't feel we should."

## DENTAL CLINIC from page A1

"We got this done in record time. It doesn't matter how many balls we throw at David Walker, he keeps them all in the air."

She called Kimberly Albritton, who found funding for the clinic, a "grant writer extraordinaire."

The main funding for the facility comes from two grants. The Florida Low Income Pool, a government funding source established to support health care services to Medicaid, underinsured and uninsured populations, will provide \$400,000 per year for two years.

The Blue Foundation, the philanthropic affiliate of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, will provide \$100,000 per year for three years. Walker said 115 applications were received for the funding in 2011, and the top 15 were funded. Franklin County's dental clinic was in the top three.

"This shows what can happen with government entities working together," Commissioner Cheryl Sanders said. "Even though we can't have primary care here, we have dental care."

Barnhill said Commissioner Pinki Jackel was pivotal in the creation of the clinic.

"When the primary care clinic went away, I went to Tallahassee to see what we could get," Jackel said after the ceremony. "Franklin County had no low-income dental care facility. Folks west of the river had to go to Gulf County and on the east side all the way to Taylor County. It wasn't fair, and transportation was a problem for some of those folks."

After the ribbon cutting, everyone took a tour of the new clinic and enjoyed a festive holiday buffet prepared by the clinic staff.

The new facility boasts two examination rooms. Five of the six employees of the clinic are county residents. The new dentist, Dr. Renee Parrish, is a resident of Thomasville, Ga., and has been a frequent visitor to the county in the past.

Office hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The clinics will serve uninsured children from 6 months to 20 years old and Medicaid-eligible pregnant women and will provide emergency care for adults whose income is at 200 percent of the poverty level or less.

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# Joggers jingle down the lane



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About 20 runners and several dogs took part in the annual Jingle Jog on Friday night to celebrate Santa's annual visit to St. George Island. Winners, from left, are Lanay Pritchard and Heather Rickerl, who tied for third; Matthew Turner who took first place; and Brandon Loy who came in second. In the back is George Kirvin Floyd, who was fourth to finish. Each participant received a holiday hat and a jingle bell.

# Island lights twinkle for Santa

There was a nip in the air and everyone was smiling as Santa arrived on his traditional island transport a bright red fire truck to match his suit.

Numbers were down for this year's St. George Island visit from St. Nick. Fewer than 150 children came to share their wishes with the old elf and each received a goodie bag full of candy and fruit courtesy of island merchants.

Cookies and cocoa were available for a small contribution and a bevy of calendar girls was on hand to autograph Franklin Need's latest fundraising effort.

In what has become a charming tradition, the girls of Scout Troop 200 serenaded the crowd with Christmas carols before joining the scramble to sit on Santa's knee.

Everyone was in high spirits when the lights popped on at dark-thirty illuminating the palms and the stately lighthouse keeping watch over the island. — By LOIS SWOBODA



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Girl Scout Troop 200 made the holidays sparkle with traditional carols.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will be accepting separate sealed Request for Proposals for the following:

### SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS

Specifications are on file in the office of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320.

Proposals must be received in the office of the Franklin County Clerk of the Courts, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 by 4:30 P.M., EST, on December 31, 2012. Proposals must be clearly labeled for each separate proposal. The sealed proposals will be publicly open and read aloud at 10:00 A.M. EST, on January 02, 2013, in the County Commission Meeting Room located in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. For further information contact Fonda D. Davis Sr., Director, Franklin County Solid Waste Department at (850) 670-8167.

**An original and one copy of each proposal shall be furnished in a sealed envelope or container, plainly marked "SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS".**

The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all proposals.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA



Santa arrives by ladder truck on St. George Island.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO SALVAGE METAL FROM TWO FISHING PIERS

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners hereby requests proposals for salvaging metal wire inside a conduit attached to the Eastpoint Fishing Pier and the St. George Island Fishing Pier.

Each person responding to this proposal ("the proposer") shall, at a minimum, submit a letter specifying their financial ability to perform the salvage operation in a safe manner, the equipment and personnel that the person intends to use in the salvage, together with information describing how that person intends to perform the salvage operation, such as, without limitation, reeling the wire onto a spool from the mainland, or salvaging from the water or the bridge, or some combination thereof. Furthermore, the proposer shall state the amount to be paid to Franklin County for the salvage rights.

The winning proposer shall be responsible for all permits, costs of salvage and insurance requirements. They also shall be required to repair any damage to the fishing piers that result from the salvaging operation. All debris or remnants from the salvaging operation shall be cleaned up and removed by the winning proposer before they complete the salvage operations.

Franklin County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or withdraw the bid at anytime, and to waive technical defects. Franklin County reserves the right to impose insurance requirements, and to require a hold harmless and indemnification from the winning proposer.

All proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelopes marked "Fishing Pier Salvage Proposal" and shall be delivered to the Franklin County Clerk of Court, Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida by 4:00 p.m. on December 17, 2012.

All proposals shall be opened at the Franklin County Board of County Commission meeting on December 18, 2012 at 10:45 a.m. at the Carrabelle City Hall, 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, Florida.

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Presenting the Prosecutor of the Year award are, from left, FWC Commissioner Richard Corbett, Col. Jim Brown, FWC General Counsel Bud Vielhauer, Commissioner Liesa Priddy, Robin Myers, Jared Paterson, Chairman Kenneth Wright, Commissioner Kathy Barco, Commissioner Charles Roberts and Commissioner Ronald Bergeron.

# State attorneys honored at FWC meeting

Special to the Times

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission recognized Franklin County Assistant State Attorneys Jarred Paterson and Robin Myers on Dec. 6 at its commission meeting in Apalachicola.

Paterson and Myers, who work in Florida's Second Judicial Court with offices in Apalachicola, were selected as co-recipients of the Prosecutor of the Year award by the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement.

Commissioners praised

the attorneys, thanking them for standing up for Florida's fish and wildlife and the local community.

"We are fortunate to have these two working closely with our officers," said Col. Jim Brown, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement. "They consistently strive to communicate with our staff and better understand managing fish and wildlife."

Paterson and Myers have been instrumental on a wide range of cases. They have sought fair and impartial prosecutions for felony

drug, driving and boating under the influence and misdemeanor wildlife cases. They have also worked diligently on recreational and commercial fisheries violations.

"Their efforts include the prosecution of oyster poachers who threaten the legal oyster industry and the quality of products for which the area is known," Brown said.

The FWC says Paterson's and Myers' proactive efforts are making the communities in northwest Florida a better place.

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



### Dec. 4

Dana M. Taylor, 33, Apalachicola, violation of probation and Wakulla County warrant for failure to appear (FHP)

Joseph B. Stevens, 26, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

Robert Creamer, 63, Eastpoint, two counts of manslaughter by driving under the influence, and two counts of DUI with property damage (FHP)

battery-pregnant victim and violation of probation (FCSO)

Ray L. Cooper, 43, Eastpoint, Brevard County non-support and Leon County non-support (FCSO)

### Dec. 5

David B. Charlton, 32, Carrabelle, withholding child support (FCSO)

### Dec. 6

Gary D. Caples, 48, Apalachicola, failure to appear (FCSO)

### Dec. 7

Mary Nowling, 24, Eastpoint, robbery (FCSO)

Charley S. Petty, 41, Eastpoint, domestic battery and violation of probation (FCSO)

Joseph S. Haynes, 25, Eastpoint, grand theft of a motor vehicle, criminal mischief, aggravated

### Dec. 9

Joseph A. Arroyo, 44, Lanark Village, Collier County non-support (FHP)

Richard J. Hodge, 45, Alligator Point, DUI, driving while license suspended or revoked, refusal to submit to breath test (FHP)

### Dec. 10

James D. Creamer, 31, Apalachicola, grand theft of a motor vehicle and criminal mischief (FCSO)

Stephen R. Pearson, 42, Carrabelle, violation of probation (FCSO)



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**Carrabelle City Hall**  
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Drawings and Specifications may be obtained at the office of MLD Architects, Inc., 211 John Knox Road, Suite 105, Tallahassee, Florida, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders upon receipt of \$50.00 deposit per set. All materials furnished and all work performed shall be in accordance with Drawings and Specifications. Each Bid shall be addressed to:

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and be marked:

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All bids shall be delivered by a representative of the Bidder or by registered mail with return receipt requested. Bid security in the amount of five percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid and to reject any or all Bids in whole or part, with or without cause, and/or accept the Bid that in its judgment will be for the best interest of the City of Carrabelle, Florida.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held on December 20, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Project Site, 106 Avenue B SE, Carrabelle, FL 32322 Carrabelle, Florida, and all bidders or their representatives are encouraged to be in attendance. The Pre-Bid Conference date is subject to change.

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**CHRISTO HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Prominent Apalachicola resident Christo Poloronis, injured in a fall in October, is home in time for the holidays. Cristo said he is on the mend and happy to be back in Apalachicola. No doubt the many cats in town are also pleased at his return.

**KINSLEIGH EVANS BORN**



Jessica Locklear and John Edmond Evans III would like to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Kinsleigh Nichole Evans.

She was born Monday, Nov. 19, 2012 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, weighing six pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

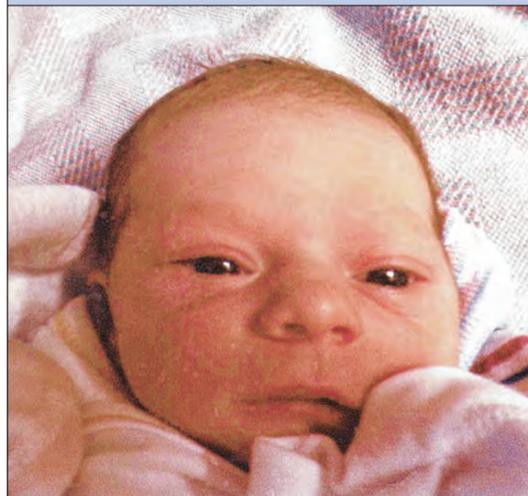
Maternal grandparents are Beth Shiver and Michael Holton, of Carrabelle.

Paternal grandparents are Shiela Evans, of Carrabelle, and John Evans, currently of Milton.

Maternal great-grandparents are Aleta and Kenny Baker, and Charlene and Reedy Holton, all of Carrabelle; and the late Ramen Shiver.

Paternal great-grandparents are Hoyt and Brenda Bailey, of Douglasville, Ga.; the late Sharon and Charles Ray Tucker; and the late John Edmond Evans and the late George and Dalsie (Boots) Evans.

**DRAKE TEAT BORN**



We are pleased to announce our newest arrival, Drake Rider Teat.

Proud parents Adam and Alecia Teat welcomed him on Friday, Nov. 23, 2012 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Panama City.

He weighed five pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long. He joins older brothers Dex, 5, and Trenton, 4, in the Teat household.

Paternal grandparents are Eric and Wanda Teat, of Apalachicola.

Maternal grandparents are Gloria Ward, of Wakulla County, and the late Roger Ward.

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 Agent

**Births**

**Birthdays**

**KNOWLEDGE RICHARDS TURNS 1**



Knowledge NuWisdom Richards will celebrate his first birthday on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012.

He is the son of Ann and Allen O'Neal, of Apalachicola.

Maternal grandparents are Charlie Mae Richards, of Apalachicola, and John Hughes, of Apalachicola.

Paternal grandparents are Sharon Hall, of Apalachicola, and Harry Hall, of Apalachicola.

Godparents are Anna Staples and Reggie James. Happy first birthday!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AUNTIE**



On Wednesday, Dec. 12, Jessie Mae Harris celebrated her 66th birthday.

With love, have a blessed day, now and always, GiGi's great-grandkids Kyera and Donate, Love always, The Family

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has scheduled a public information meeting regarding State Road (S.R.) 30 from County Road 384 (12<sup>th</sup> Street) to the Apalachicola River Bridge. Franklin County, Florida

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).

## Cards of THANKS

### THE GAY FAMILY

We would like to say a big thank-you to all who responded and helped with the motorcycle accident this week. We would probably leave out someone if we tried to name them all. We live in a great community and are very blessed to have such a wonderful support system in time of emergency or need.

**Billy and Serita Gay**

### THE ODOM FAMILY

Charles and I would like to thank everyone, especially the sheriff's department, the churches, and all our friends and family in Franklin County. You were all there for us in our time of need.

**Charles and Alicia Odom**

## Faith BRIEFS

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

**Candlelight Christmas Choir opens rehearsal:** The Candlelight Christmas Choir will perform at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22 in downtown Apalachicola. If you are interested in singing, rehearsal dates are Monday, Dec. 17 and Friday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 98 Avenue E, Apalachicola.

For more information, call Pastor B. Hand at 276-2550.  
**Christ Community Academy accepting children:** Christ Community Academy is accepting children, from 6-weeks-old to age 3. After-school care and drop-in care is also available. The academy is located in the Sunday school building of the First United Methodist Church, 75 Fifth Street, Apalachicola. Contact information is 653-1416 or www.fumcapalach.com  
**Christmas shop at the senior center:** Got some last-minute Christmas shopping to do? Come to the Holy Family Senior Center, at 203 Dr. Frederick S. Humphries Street in Apalachicola. The seniors have created a variety of gifts available for a donation. Proceeds go to support the seniors program. Items include earrings, knick-knacks, picture frames and more. For more information, call Donna Thompson at 653-6909 or 323-0168.

## Senior class to sponsor Tonya's Hope Walk

Special to the Times

The Franklin County senior class will sponsor their first ever Tonya's Hope Walk at the school on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

The Tonya's Hope Cancer Foundation is a nonprofit organization started five years ago to help Tonya Bridges with expenses incurred during her bout with multiple cancers. With her blessing after her death, Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 in Lanark Village continued to raise money at an annual pig roast to help residents of Franklin County being treated for cancer.

The elementary and middle school students will walk during their physical education class and the seniors will start their walk during sixth period, which starts about 1:10 p.m. The community is invited to join them.

If you plan to attend, make sure you bring ID. There is no charge to participate in the walk, but donations will be appreciated. Please



**TONYA BRIDGES**

be generous with your pledges as the goal is \$10 per student.

If you are being treated for cancer with radiation, surgery or chemotherapy and need help with non-medical expenses such as gas, babysitting, utilities, rent, groceries, etc., call Tonya's Hope at 625-0382, and we will mail you an application. We are here to help relieve some of the stress of everyday expenses.

Tonya's Hope Cancer Foundation Corporation would like to thank the Franklin County School senior class and Mrs. Stephanie Howze Jones for helping the Franklin County residents with this wonderful idea.

## Obituaries

### Vicky Ann Carnes

Vicky Ann Carnes, 52, passed away Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, in Carrabelle.

She was born February 29, 1960, in St. Petersburg and had lived here 36 years. She worked in the seafood industry and was a Baptist. She was very much loved and will be missed by her family.

She is survived by two grandchildren, Jordan and Alissa Carnes; one brother, Victor

Carnes, Carrabelle; and four sisters, Loretta Westbrook (John), Carrabelle, Tina Ryals, Panama City, Diane Reid, Zephyr Hills, and Crystal Ratliff (Terrell Chisholm), Carrabelle.

She is predeceased by her parents and son, Lathaniel Jordan Carnes.

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

### Ruth Elizabeth Cameron Northcutt

Ruth Elizabeth Cameron Northcutt, 65, of Anahuac, Texas, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, at San Jacinto Methodist Hospital in Baytown, Texas with her family by her side.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 12, in the chapel of Sterling Funeral Home in Anahuac. Interment will follow in Anahuac Cemetery. A gathering of Liz's family and friends was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, at the funeral home.

Liz was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ruth



**RUTH ELIZABETH CAMERON NORTHCUTT**

Cameron, and brother, Gary Cameron. She was a champion oyster shucker in Apalachicola in 1977.

Liz is survived by her husband of 30 years, Bobby Ray Northcutt; sons, Troy Williams and wife,

Denise, Lenny Williams, and David Williams; daughter Marilyn Moore and husband, Bobby; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; sisters Mary Williams and husband, Coy, and Carol Samford; brother Jimmy Cameron and wife, Blanch; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Please view, sign and share memories of Liz in her guestbook at www.sterlingfuneralhome.com.

### Harry Papadopoulos Jr.

Harry Papadopoulos Jr., 81, of Carrabelle, passed away Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012, in Lynn Haven.

Mr. Papadopoulos was born Sept. 30, 1931 to the late Harry and Katherine Papadopoulos in Tallahassee. He was the owner of Harry's Georgian Restaurant. He loved playing golf at the Wildwood Country Club, fishing, hunting and going to casinos. Mr. Papadopoulos listened to talk radio and was a huge Florida State University fan. Above all, he loved spending time with his grandchildren and his great-grandchild.

Mr. Papadopoulos is

survived by a daughter, Lucile Tindell and husband, Tony, of Lynn Haven; grandchildren, Katherine, Tiffany and Samantha; his great-grandchild, Tristan; and two sisters, Eva Papadopoulos and Julia P. Thompson, both of Carrabelle.

Graveside funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 12, at Evergreen Cemetery in Carrabelle. Condolences may be submitted or viewed at www.southerlandfamily.com.

Southerland Family Funeral Home, Panama City, in charge of arrangements.

### Atkinson Edwin Pooser III

Atkinson Edwin (Ed) Pooser III passed away peacefully at home in Winter Garden on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, at the age of 96.

He was born in Wauchula on Nov. 24, 1916, to Atkinson Edwin Pooser II and Adelaide McEwen. Both parents came from pioneer Florida families. His paternal grandfather was a captain in the Confederate Army, serving in the Florida Brigade, which surrendered his company at Appomattox. His maternal great-grandfather, William Penn McEwen, was one of the early Methodist circuit riders in Florida.

Educated in Florida public schools, Ed attended the University of Florida. On his birthday and Thanksgiving Day in 1938, he married the love of his life, Janette Jenkins of Bartow. They were happily married for 74 years.

For the first 10 years of his married life, Ed sold life insurance in Bartow and then Jacksonville.

In 1948, he began working for the state of Florida as an investigator with the transportation department of the Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission (now the Public Service Commission). After appointment as district supervisor, he became assistant director. In 1959, he became director and remained in that position until 1980 when trucking was deregulated.

In an article in Florida Truck News in April 1973, it was stated, "Pooser has organized a transportation law enforcement force which is second to none. It has gained national recognition for its efforts in eliminating illegal transportation. Other states have patterned their enforcement procedures after the Florida Commission's operation. Enforcement personnel from many other states have been sent to Florida for training in these procedures."

After 32 years in transportation, following deregulation Ed retired. Within two months he was back at work with the Florida Trucking Association. Ed became known as "Mr.



**ATKINSON EDWIN POOSER III**

Transportation" and was FTA's "Man of the Year" for 1989.

Many of the transportation laws now on the books in Florida began as legislation drafted by Ed Pooser. He was a past president of the National

Conference of State Transportation Specialists and served as chairman of that organization's Conference Committee Joint Board.

He was on the Reciprocal and International Relations committee of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. He saved Florida's trucking industry untold millions of dollars through the various reciprocal agreements he negotiated with other states and Canada.

Ed was an excellent administrator. His two pet requirements were you "always answer your correspondence" and you "make a report on everything that happens." Years after he left state government, questions on past procedures were easy to answer because of Ed's policies.

One major accomplishment of Ed's was setting up the first firearms training for transportation enforcement officers. When legislators questioned why the DOT officers needed guns, Ed replied "Have you ever tried to arrest somebody with a pencil?"

Ed is survived by his wife of 74 years, Janette Pooser; son, Atkinson Edwin (Ned) Pooser IV (Polly) of Franklin County; and daughter, Mary Janette (Jenny) Brown (John Paul) of Winter Garden; grandchildren, Atkinson Edwin (Ted) Pooser V, Barbara Janette Olson, Holly Baulier, John Pooser, David Pooser, Daniel Pooser and P.J. Brown; great-grandchildren, Ashley and Kimberly, and great-great-grandchild Levi.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert James (Jim) Pooser.

Visitation and funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9 at Robarts Garden Chapel, Wauchula. Interment is in Wauchula Cemetery. Arrangements by Robarts Family Funeral Home, Wauchula.

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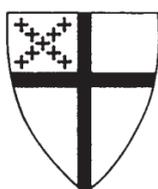
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Worship Praise	11:00am
Sunday Night	7:00pm
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Wednesday - "Youth at S.P.L.A.S.H."	7:00pm

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Worship Services 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

"Celebrate Recovery" Mondays 7-9 p.m.  
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 102 NE Ave. B Carrabelle - 697-3672  
 Pastor: Aaron Batey

#### Eastpoint United Methodist Church

Worship Service 9:00 a.m. every Sunday  
 Sunday Brunch 10 a.m.

Youth Group Tuesdays 6 p.m.  
 317 Patton Dr. (corner of David St.)  
 Pastor: Aaron Batey

#### St. George Island United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

201 E. Gulf Beach Dr. 927- 4635 www.sgiumc.org  
 Pastor: Rev. Themo Patriotis



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Redfish continue to prowl Northwest Florida marshes so long as water temperature remains in the 60s. Currently, it is about 64 degrees.

## WINTER WANDERING IN PANHANDLE WATERS

By FRANK SARGEANT

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A crystal ball would help. Forecasting Panhandle fishing for December is a bit like forecasting the BCS champion in September — lots of prognostications, but nobody really knows what's going to happen.

A whole lot depends on the weather; recent winters have been mild, basically extending November fishing all the way through Christmas; reds and trout both on the flats — on sunny afternoons — and in the creeks and holes on cool mornings.

With night temperatures at least through December 10 forecast to drop no lower than the mid-50's, it looks like the winter of 2012 will be a lot like 2011—without a burst of severe cold, fish on the flats remain on or near their fall haunts.

The water is clear due to less algae, the new and full moon tides are at their lowest, and it's sight fishing for reds at its finest so long as the water temperatures cooperate—currently around 65 degrees afternoons in the bays from Fort Walton to Apalach.

That's prime temperature for reds and trout as well as flounder.

Poling the flats and looking for the fish on slough edges, around oyster bars and in potholes does the job — and a good hand with a fly rod can even connect with streamer flies, though long casts with a live shrimp or a Gulp! crab are a much easier way to go.

The same fish that come up to "sun" on the afternoon flats on bright days are likely to be in tidal creeks and potholes in Apalachicola's East Bay, around the back of St. Vincent's Island, in lower St. Joe Bay, in West Bay and upper North Bay, and in the east end of Choctawhatchee Bay.

Many of the tidal creeks that feed into the above-named bayous have oystery potholes in them — average creek depth might be two feet, but a couple hundred yards in you find 3 to 5 feet — and lots of fish on chilly mornings. The bottoms are black mud which probably acts as a heat sink to warm the waters and attract the fish.

It takes some chart study and some low-speed probing in a shallow draft boat — or a kayak — to find these spots — or hire a guide who already knows where all of them are — but when you get on one of these spots on low water, it can literally be fish-in-a-barrel

— they won't leave on low tide, and so long as you stay well back and don't spook them, you can wear them out by simply casting live shrimp into the hole. It can be a potpourri, with sheephead, black drum, ladyfish and jacks in the mix along with the trout and reds.

Finding the fish is a matter of easing along on the trolling motor and casting a live shrimp on a size 1 or 1/0 hook via spinning gear with 10-pound-test braid, weighted with a BB-shot, into every observable hole. (A piece of cut shrimp on a 3/16 ounce jig head is easier to cast and also works pretty well.

Use only fresh-cut shrimp — frozen shrimp draws few bites.) Most anglers use 18 inches of 20-pound-test fluorocarbon between running line and hook — the added stiffness of this leader helps prevent tangles, and the fluoro is more durable around oyster shells than straight braid.

Tie it in with a double-line doubled unknit, that is doubling both the leader and the running line before you tie the two unknits.

The doubled line prevents the braid from cutting through the leader when you put on the pressure to land a chunky red.

## ANERR HOSTS CHAMBER MEETING



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve hosted the monthly meeting of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce on Dec. 5. Director Lee Edmiston welcomed the group and told them the beautiful state of the art research and outreach facility has been visited by 29,000 people since January. "Some of the refuge centers have to close for part of the year because there isn't enough traffic," he said. "We haven't found a time when we can close." The chamber collected gifts for the Franklin Toy Project. Keynote speaker was Melissa Strawser of Gulf Coast State College who explained continuing education opportunities. Luncheon was a low country boil prepared by Roy Ogles and members of the ANERR staff.

## WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Dec. 13	59°	44°	20 %
Fri, Dec. 14	69°	51°	10 %
Sat, Dec. 15	70°	58°	10 %
Sun, Dec. 16	73°	50°	30 %
Mon, Dec. 17	68°	51°	20 %
Tues, Dec. 18	67°	48°	40 %
Wed, Dec. 19	64°	44°	0 %

## TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

## APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
13	Th	10:9am 1.4	5:29pm 1.1	9:51am -0.7	9:01pm 1.1
14	Fr	20:1am 1.5	6:06pm 1.0	10:37am -0.7	9:51pm 1.0
15	Sa	2:56am 1.4	6:37pm 1.0	11:22am -0.6	10:44pm 0.9
16	Su	3:52am 1.3	7:05pm 1.0	12:04pm -0.4	11:44pm 0.8
17	Mo	4:50am 1.2	7:31pm 1.0	12:44pm -0.2	
18	Tu	5:55am 1.0	7:56pm 1.0	12:51am 0.7	12:11pm 0.0
19	We	7:11am 0.9	8:22pm 1.0	2:07am 0.5	1:56pm 0.2
20	Th	8:48am 0.7	8:50pm 1.0	3:27am 0.3	2:31pm 0.4
21	Fr	10:59am 0.7	9:21pm 1.1	4:42am 0.1	3:10pm 0.6
22	Sa	12:6pm 0.7	9:55pm 1.1	5:48am -0.1	4:05pm 0.7
23	Su	2:47pm 0.9	10:34pm 1.1	6:44am -0.3	5:17pm 0.9
24	Mo	3:31pm 0.9	11:17pm 1.1	7:38am -0.4	6:27pm 0.9
25	Tu	4:46pm 1.0		8:18am -0.5	7:25pm 1.0

## CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
13	Tu	3:27pm 2.4		7:17am -0.5	6:51pm 1.9
14	We	12:35am 2.9	4:24pm 2.4	8:04am -0.6	7:30pm 2.1
15	Th	11:7am 2.9	5:18pm 2.4	8:53am -0.8	8:11pm 2.1
16	Fr	20:2am 2.9	6:08pm 2.2	9:45am -0.6	8:58pm 1.9
17	Sa	2:53am 2.9	6:55pm 2.2	10:37am -0.5	9:58pm 1.9
18	Su	3:49am 2.6	7:36pm 2.1	11:32am -0.2	11:14pm 1.8
19	Mo	4:55am 2.4	8:13pm 2.1	12:26pm 0.2	
20	Tu	6:15am 2.1	8:46pm 2.1	1:24am 1.4	12:11pm 0.5
21	We	7:59am 1.8	9:16pm 2.1	2:13am 1.1	2:15pm 0.8
22	Th	10:05am 1.6	9:45pm 2.2	3:28am 0.8	3:08pm 1.1
23	Fr	11:59am 1.8	10:12pm 2.2	4:29am 0.3	3:58pm 1.3
24	Sa	11:9pm 1.9	10:40pm 2.4	5:20am 0.0	4:45pm 1.6
25	Su	21:7pm 1.9	11:08pm 2.4	6:06am -0.2	5:29pm 1.6

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## FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



### Freshwater

Increasing saltwater has slowed down freshwater fishing in the back waters of our county. Most anglers are reporting on sheephead and blackdrums well into the Howard Creek and The Brothers right now. Good reports of crappie and bream are the norm at Depot Creek this week.

### Inshore

Most inshore action has turned to the I.C.W. in our area. Good reports of sheephead and small trout at the "T" and under the powerlines. Live shrimp will also entice mangrove snapper in the deeper holes and around structure here as well. Red fish are still moving through our area and can be caught along side whiting and pompano in the surf.

## Number of bears in the area on the rise

By LOIS SWOBODA

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This is a bumper year for acorns, and with acorns come hungry bears.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission bear biologist Adam Warwick said it is by far the busiest season he has experienced. He said several of the FWC commissioners heading back to Tallahassee after last week's Apalachicola meeting got to see several bears when passing through Lanark Village.

In Carrabelle, East-point and Lanark Village conversation is abuzz with bear stories. One woman reported seeing six bears in a single oak tree. Warwick said he saw 13 bears on one day while working around Hinton Road in Lanark.



ROD GASCHE | Special to the Times

These two bears were spotted near the "frog pond" on the Carrabelle waterfront.

Most comments have been positive, with people telling how beautiful and healthy the bear population has become. Lots of folks are scrambling for their cameras. Cal Allen managed to get photos of a male bear that followed in a path blazed by a mama

and three cubs in the Allens' front yard. "The bear seemed quite unconcerned of my presence except for an occasional glance, most likely happy he could feed in peace without the yapping little Jack Russell," wrote Allen. "This is the eighth day in a row we have observed these beautiful creatures in our neighborhood."

Even though it's warm, bears are stocking up on calories for winter, one reason they are so visible right now. Bears here don't hibernate but they do become less active in cold weather, especially pregnant females, so they fatten up in preparation.

Problems arise when bears have access to food sources such as pet foods, garbage, barbecue grills, bird seed or even livestock feed. Bears are adaptable

and learn quickly to associate people with food. Even though black bears are normally too shy to risk contact with humans, their powerful need to find food can overwhelm this fear.

Bears can smell food from more than a mile away and will travel great distances to track down these tasty smells, often crossing roadways and bridges to do so, which creates risk to both themselves and motorists. Drive carefully, especially at night, and keep alert for bears on the move.

Bears are driven by their need to eat, so anything edible and easily accessible is a potential bear attractant. Presently, garbage is by far the biggest bear attractant in Florida. A fed bear is a dead bear; don't leave food sources around you home to entice them.

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# Lady Seahawk hoopsters open with wins

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN  
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The Lady Seahawks girls varsity basketball team has opened with a strong start, emerging with a 4-2 record, 2-1 in the district.

The team, under the direction of coach Carlos Hill, delighted hometown fans Saturday night with a 38-29 win over West Gadsden.

The team was paced by 17 points from sophomore Dyshereah Key, with seven points each from senior Shelby Myers, and sophomore Myesha Campbell. Senior Anna Lee added five points, and eighth-grader Tyanna

Townsend kicked in three. The victory followed a 56-21 away game win Dec. 7 against Bozeman, where Key was again the most potent offensive force, nailing 16 points.

Campbell scored 10, and Myers six, with seven points from freshman Clarina Langineeo.

The back-to-back wins followed a .500 start for the Lady Seahawks.

The team lost their Nov. 20 home opener 49-29 against Aucilla Christian, as Campbell poured in 11 points.

The Franklin County girls evened their record a week later, with a 44-34 win at John Paul II. Campbell was again



Lady Seahawks Coach Carlos Hill diagrams a play for his squad.

PHOTOS BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

the leading scorer, with 15. The Lady Seahawks downed Wawahitchka in a Nov. 29 away game, winning 34-26 behind Campbell's 10 points.

The girls then lost in a district game at West Gadsden Dec. 1, falling 21-10. Hill said West Gadsden was coming off a game the night before

against Blountstown, marred by fighting, so the referee made it clear in the Seahawks game that there would be no intimidation allowed.

"The girls played a shell defense. They didn't want to get thrown out," Hill said, and then added after Saturday's win "We definitely made up for that tonight."

# Rocky Bayou tops Seahawk boys soccer

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The Seahawks boys soccer team posted a tie and a loss last week, as they continue to refine their passing game.

On Dec. 5 at Greensboro, the team tied the West Gadsden Panthers 2-2, with goals by Graham Kirvin and Zack Howze on a penalty kick.

Goalkeeper Casey Sapp posted 18 saves.

"We played a skillful team; they had more touches on the ball than us," Coach Luis Ramon Valenzuela said. "It was a very interesting game, very even on both parts, rough and a lot of shots on both ways."

"We could have done much better that night, but this is the way soccer is. I told the boys, 'It takes one second to change the entire game.'"

On Friday night at home, the team fell 3-1 to district rival Rocky Bayou.

The team's lone score was by Christian Jones, assisted by Howze on a corner kick. Sapp posted 17 saves.

"We started the game with a lot of confidence, since we won the first district match-up, but they came out harder this time," Valenzuela said. "They knew where to mark and how to play against us. Our key players were attacked by either two or three of them, stopping us from getting to their goal."

"Once again, we cannot lower our guard against our district counterparts. Even though we will see them again, we have to play a little bit smarter than them, with more passing, and making those passes shorter to make for open situations to be able to get to their goal. We cannot shoot from 30 or 40 yards away from the goal, not in our district matches. Short passes are the key to break their defensive barrier."

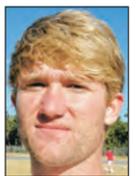
The boys face district rival Freeport at home Friday night, and then travel to Baker Monday for a non-league match-up.



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# Rocky Bayou loss mars Lady Seahawks' week

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A tough 2-1 loss at home Friday night to district rival Rocky Bayou marred an otherwise upbeat week for the Lady Seahawks girls soccer team.

The Rocky Bayou Lady Knights struck first with a goal midway through the first half. Then, just before the water break in the second half, the Lady Knights put another goal in the net, giving them a 2-0 lead. Minutes later, Franklin County junior Gracyn Kirvin threw the ball in to sophomore Katie Seger for a 25-yard shot that made it a 2-1 game.

"We had multiple scoring opportunities, including five great corner kicks right in front of the goal," said Coach Kelli Wright, whose record fell to 6-2 on the year. "We just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net."



Christey Kirvin | Special to the Times  
Junior Deborah Dempsey drives against John Paul II.

Sophomore goalkeeper Macy Hunt had 10 saves for

the match. Kirvin managed five shots on goal and Seger four, for the game.

On Dec. 5, the Lady Seahawks defeated the West Gadsden Lady Panthers 6-0 in Greensboro.

The goals were distributed among four Lady Seahawks players. Kirvin and eighth-grader Allie Zingarelli each

had a pair of goals. Seger and eighth-grader Ali Kirvin also contributed with one goal each. Shields had three assists in the game, and Seger had one assist. Macy Hunt had five saves in the match.

"This game gave some of our inexperienced players valuable field time," Wright said.

The team opened the week on Dec. 4 with a thrilling 1-0 win over John Paul II, after Gracyn Kirvin's assist led to a Shields goal in the first half.

"Our defense played a great game against John Paul II, shutting down their leading goal scorer," Wright said. "Macy Hunt made some tremendous saves in the second half of the match. She had nine saves and also recorded her second shutout of the season."

"When junior Adriana Reeder was injured in the second half, Jessica Shields really stepped up and helped our team defensively."

## FCSWA from page A1

FCSWA President Shannon Hartsfield told the audience of about 40 attendees that seafood workers were considering research received from experts to see which suggestions were feasible.

"When we went and asked for help, we started receiving ample opportunities with the county commission and Workforce," he said.

FCSWA Vice President Chris Millender outlined his proposal to bring together 15 experts from government and academic institutions, together with local know-how. Millender proposed SMARRT should consist of 15 workers from the seafood industry: three oystermen, a crabber, two shrimpers, two fishing guides, two seafood dealers, one FCSWA representative, one Franklin County Seafood Dealers Association representative, two commercial fishermen and one clammer.

According to a flyer, these 15 stake holders have "full voting rights." It lists the cut-off date for nominations to the SMARRT as Dec. 13.

Joe Shields, environmental administrator for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at the Apalachicola Shellfish Center, said the proposed committee is, "similar to the Oyster Task Force, which went away. This seems to be something similar. It's a good thing. Obviously you want as many people as possible involved to make decisions. Maybe with severity of this problem, the answers will be forthcoming."

Shields serves on the University of Florida Oyster Recovery Team, a group of researchers seeking to explore the problems with the fishery. Millender's proposed SMARRT board would communicate with the task force and other organizations. Any decision would have to receive unanimous support from team

members. "There must be complete consensus," Hartsfield said. "It's scary on the bay as it is with the lack of fresh water. Without this SMARRT team, I don't see what's going to happen. If we had good communication, you have the possibility to make changes."

County Extension Agent Bill Mahan, a member of the ad hoc committee, said it is uncertain who will tap members of SMARRT.

"It's very fluid," he said. "Workforce Florida will pay a facilitator to help establish SMARRT. We're planning a January meeting to kick this off."

Along with Millender, the chairman and Hartsfield, ad hoc committee members include Tommy Ward, who represents the seafood dealers association; Jennifer German, deputy director of Workforce; Angie Lindsey, community outreach coordinator for Healthy Gulf, Healthy Communities, an academic advisory group; Joe Taylor, director of Franklin's Promise; and Shannon Lease, deputy director of the Apalachicola Riverkeeper.

Lindsey said the ad hoc committee will choose the SMARRT representatives. "The main thing the ad hoc is looking for is to have that equal representation of the different parts of the industry," she said. "Everybody's here together to address this particular emergency. Seafood workers have been incredible partners about keeping us on task."

Taylor said the ad hoc committee will not actually choose the board members. "I think that's going to work itself out at the Jan. 9 meeting," he said. "That's why we have hired an independent facilitator to lead that and bring the group to consensus."

On Monday night, Hartsfield detailed plans for the upcoming oyster

relay program, which will pay oystermen \$25 an hour for an eight-hour day, for up to six months. He outlined that workers must be fully licensed and enrolled in Workforce, which is overseeing the program, funded by a \$2.7 million federal grant.

In addition, they must pass a drug test, available free at the county health department, and must pass an eight-hour occupational health and safety course, available online and for which they will be paid. The oystermen will use their own boats, which must be at least 22 feet long. "If you do not have a boat, you will have to find another person with a boat," he told the audience at the Eastpoint firehouse.

Both County Commissioner William Massey and Marcia Mathis, a representative of Sen. Bill Montford's office, were in attendance but did not address the gathering.

Hartsfield said initial plans beginning the first week of January are to relay oysters, tonged from permanently closed areas near the river channel, and to relocate them to the west near Green Point Beach. After two weeks there, the oysters will be suitable for harvest.

Hartsfield also told oystermen there are paid opportunities to take out researchers on their boats.

Taylor told the gathering about help available through Franklin's Promise. Providing a chili dinner on the cold night were representatives of Carrabelle's United Methodist Church, accompanied by Pastor Aaron Beaty, and Eastpoint's First UMC.

Homer McMillan, from Fellowship Baptist Church, was there to distribute 75 blankets, on behalf of the Foundations of Justice, which has received support from ministerial groups in Carrabelle and Apalachicola.



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Lady Seahawk sophomore Myesha Campbell has regularly scored in double-digits, as well as proved herself a star performer in the classroom with a better than 3.0 grade point average. "She's been consistent with her play," said coach Carlos Hill. "She's been playing good defense, moving her feet, helping spread out our offense more so we get better looks at the basket."

Congratulations, Myesha!



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# News BRIEFS

**FDOT public meeting today on U.S. 98 roadwork:** The Florida Department of Transportation will host a public information meeting

concerning the resurfacing of U.S. 98 from 12th Street to the Apalachicola River Bridge from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. today, Dec. 13.

## TIGERS host homebuyers' seminar



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

The TIGERS program in Apalachicola hosted on Nov. 29 a "Home is where the heart is" free seminar for first-time homeowners. Attendees got a chance to learn details about buying a home from such participants as attorney Kristy Branch Banks, right, and Cadence Bank's Stephnia Turrell, left. Also taking part were Cadence Bank's Shelly Burns; Centennial Bank's Joan Buckner and Amber Lowry; Randall Webster representing the Franklin County Land and Trust Development; and Gloria Salinard, on behalf of the Realtor Association of Franklin and Gulf counties.

The meeting at the Apalachicola Community Center, 1 Bay Ave, will cover FDOT's proposal to resurface existing travel, auxiliary and parking lanes, and perform minor drainage improvements. Additionally, Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements, which may consist of repairing deficient sidewalk, replacing/retrofitting non-compliant curb ramps, and constructing an access ramp are included in this project, as are modifications to on-street parking.

**High school band in concert tonight:** The Franklin County School band will present their annual winter concert at 7 p.m. tonight, Dec. 13 in the cafeteria.

**Food pantries to host food program:** The Gulf, Franklin and Wakulla county health departments, extension programs and Workforce Board are developing an educational food, nutrition, cooking, budgeting and container gardening program.

The program will be conducted at the food pantry sites in the three counties. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.

at the Franklin County Health Department, in Apalachicola.

For information call 653-2111.

**Students present Christmas program Monday:** Elementary school students at the Franklin County School will present their annual Christmas program "Let It Be Christmas" at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17 in the cafeteria.

**Nobles dancers to perform Tuesday:** Pam Nobles Studios will present "Happy Holidays," its annual Christmas program showcasing the talents of its students, on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:07 p.m. at the Dixie Theatre, in downtown Apalachicola.

Advance tickets are \$10, and \$12 at the door. For more info, call 653-8078.

**Traffic Safety Team to meet Wednesday:** The next meeting of the Community Traffic Safety Team is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 19 at noon at the Carrabelle City Complex.

**Health department to provide drug screening:** Interim Franklin County Health Department Administrator Marsha Lindeman said the department is working with Quest Labs to provide drug screening.

Lindeman said the DOH is working to make the tests available before the end of the month to help individuals seeking alternative employment. For information call 653-2111.

**Free flu shots for seafood workers:** The Franklin County Health Department will provide a free flu shot to persons who present a valid saltwater harvesting license, as well as their spouse and children.

The shots normally cost \$25. For persons 65 and older, a "high dose" vaccination is \$35.60. Shots are available Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The health department has vaccinated more than 500 people this flu season and urges everyone to get protected. For information call 653-2111.

**Bids for St. George Island fishing pier:** The county commission will open bids for repairs to the St. George Island Fishing Pier on Jan. 15.

Preble-Rish, the county engineering consultant for the project, has received the permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers to make the repairs, at an estimated cost of \$700,000.

In October, county commissioners voted to take funds from the repairs from the bridge fund while pursuing damages from the owners of the barge that caused the damage during Tropical Storm Debby. The county hopes to reopen the entire pier for public use by June 2013.

**'Butts and Clucks' set for Jan. 5:** The Weems Memorial Healthcare Foundation will hold its annual "Butts and Clucks by the Bay" cookoff on Saturday, Jan. 5 from noon until 5 p.m. at Riverfront Park in downtown Apalachicola.

The foundation is sponsoring a pork butt and chicken cooking contest. Local, state and out-of-state teams can participate in this contest. Awards are given for cooking, presentation of booth, presentation of food, etc. Dinner is served to the public and an auction will be held with Harry Arnold as auctioneer.

For more information or to enter call 670-8261.

**Apalachicola Oyster Cook-off Jan. 19:** The third annual Oyster Cook-Off to benefit the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department will be held Saturday, Jan. 19. On Friday evening will be

a preview of the oyster-related silent auction items, along with a sampling of Apalachicola Bay's tasty bivalves.

The cook-off on Saturday will start at 11 a.m. Contestants are encouraged to enter with their favorite recipe. All forms of oysters will be available to taste - raw, steamed, fried. Other food items and refreshments will be available for purchase. The day's activities will include live music and dancing performances. More information will be posted soon at [www.oystercookoff.com](http://www.oystercookoff.com), and the event can be followed on Facebook.

**Arts in Medicine plans Holy Family garden:** On Dec. 11, Arts in Medicine volunteers met to plan for 2014. A group of 24 specialists, including 12 Florida State University students, will visit Franklin County in March for an intensive program including creation of a garden at the Holy Family Senior Center and performance art for health education, in which the group plans to educate high school students about reproductive health and self esteem. A program dealing with hygiene and nutrition is also planned for younger students.

In addition, teams of health workers plan to focus on problems of seafood workers and inform them of services available.

**Holiday hours for St. George Lighthouse:** The Lighthouse and the Keeper's House Museum and gift shop will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1. From Dec. 27-29 the facilities will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Dec. 30 the lighthouse and keeper's house will open noon to 5 p.m. On Dec. 31 the facilities will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After the holidays, winter hours - from noon to 5 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays - resume through March 1.

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

## All A's

### FIRST GRADE

**A. Carlton:** Hannah Grace Abel, Amontaye Austin, Peyton Blackburn, CJ Conway, Reece Juno, William Luberto, Taylor Pendleton, Jostyn Tipton, Kiana Weeks

**L. Allen:** Cody Abercrombie, Caelyn Constantine, Trinty Creamer, Andie Hutchins, Maya Itzkovitz, Esteban Bernabe, Conner Lolley, Jolie Mallon, Lucy Neill, Malic O'Neal, Emma Rowland, Wes Taranto, Jordan Yon

### SECOND GRADE

**J. Mallon:** Eric Lau, River Sheridan, Trinity Taylor, John

Michael Thompson, Colin Wefing  
**S. Herrington:** Alisha Arroyo, Kendall Hill, Arav Patel, Jabara Pearson, Owen Poloronis, Kylah Ross, Mark Willis

### THIRD GRADE

**W. Martina:** Andrew Monod, Alex Itzkovitz, Sophia Salman, Nic Valenzuela

**T. Moses:** Weston Bockelman

### FOURTH GRADE

**M. Lee:** Livia Monod  
**L. Bockelman:** Alex Joanos, Abby Johnson

### FIFTH GRADE

**B. Linane:** Cade Juno, Camille Williams

### SIXTH GRADE

**B. Banks:** Kevin Flores, Alexis Johnson, Bryce Kent, Adria Valenzuela

**K. Ward:** Scout McLemore, Grayson Constantine, Chloe Davis, Jan-Michael Lowe, Conner Messer, Becca Willis

### SEVENTH GRADE

**A. Keel:** Savannah Montgomery  
**T. Joanos:** Faith Sapp

### EIGHTH GRADE

**T. Ward:** Jayla Alley, Corie Cates, Holly Chambers, Allie Kirvin, Mikayla Lloyd, Alexis O'Neal, Astrid Ramirez, Alexis Segree, Mallorie Shiver, Alina Valenzuela

**M. Copeland:** Emily Gay

### A/B

#### FIRST GRADE

**A. Carlton:** Isabella Price, Landon Schoelles, Aubrie Thompson, Jayla White  
**L. Allen:** Charles McClain

#### SECOND GRADE

**J. Mallon:** Laithan Kent, Jayden Nichols, Nathan Richards, Rainey Smith, Leah Wren  
**S. Herrington:** Wyatt Abercrombie, Miranda Diaz,

Faline Everitt, Mason Moses, Jackson Segree, Mahaley Shuler

### THIRD GRADE

**W. Martina:** Caleb Abel, Nadia Etheridge, Sevrin Everitt, Ella Friedman, Eulalia Gregorio, Gavin Lashley, Genevieve Montgomery

**T. Moses:** Meredith Alford, Lanie Allen, Carson Davis, Jasmine Richards, Gracie Smith, Wil Varnes

### FOURTH GRADE

**M. Lee:** Arryonna Cargill, Kaylee Hicks, Ava Neill, Avery Scott, Austin Shiver

**L. Bockelman:** Cecil Gay, Skye Huber, Jadyne Luberto, Elizabeth McAnally, Clint Rester, Caden Turrell, Gregory Wilson

### FIFTH GRADE

**B. Linane:** Janacia Bunyon, Matthew Gay, Bailey Herrington, Jayden Justice, Kalahn Kent, Alyssa Martina, Allison Register,

Alyssa Robinson

### SIXTH GRADE

**B. Banks:** Madison Coulter, Hailey Gay, Sophia Kirvin  
**K. Ward:** Karolynn Myers, Dajion Penamon, Haley Scott

### SEVENTH GRADE

**A. Keel:** Christian Amison, Brooke Martina, Andrew Nguyen, Lucas Sasnett  
**T. Joanos:** Michaela Cassidy, Nick Joanos, Ethan Moses, Georjanna Myers, Kobe Myers, Alyssia Shirah, Madison Smith

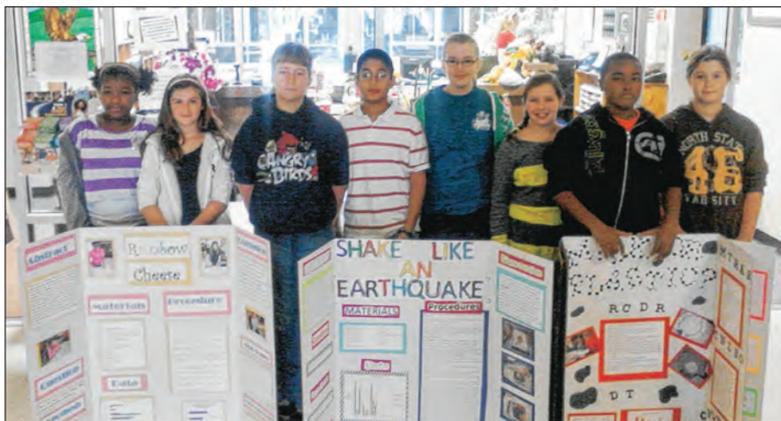
### EIGHTH GRADE

**T. Ward:** Eve Bond, Cash Creamer, Logan Crosby, Jaylon Gainer, Bianca Huber

**M. Copeland:** Emily Crosby, Tia Cummings, Juliana Gay, Kacey Howard, Bobby Kilgore, Austin McKee, Alyssa Shiver, Katy Spann, Marshall Sweet, Xuripha Tiller, K.K. Wilson, Emily Zingarelli

## ABC School holds annual Middle School Science Fair

### SIXTH GRADE SCIENTISTS



The Apalachicola Bay Charter School held its annual Middle School Science Fair Nov. 28. Students were required to write a research paper with information about their proposed project, to follow the scientific method to complete their experiments and to display results on backboard presentations. The sixth grade winners, from left, are first place, "Rainbow Cheese," Karolyn Myers and Scout McLemore, second place "Shake Like an Earthquake," Kevin Flores, Bryce Kent and Hailey Gay; and second place "Milk or Plastic?" Becca Willis, Haley Scott, and Sean Williams.

### SEVENTH GRADE SCIENTISTS



The seventh grade winners, from left, were first place, "Which Soil is Best?" Savannah Montgomery and Brooke Martina; second place "The Frightened Grasshopper," Michaela Cassidy; and third place "Penny Transformation," Faith Sapp.

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LEON E. O'NEAL II, et al., Defendants

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IBRAHIM QUINONES; MARIANA PEREZ; JOEL QUINONES; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVIISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MARIANERS LANDING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PHASE II, LLC, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 19-2012-CA-000119 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 16th day of January, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. on the Front Lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 10, MARINERS LANDING, PHASE II ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY FLORIDA

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

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administrator Phone: (850) 577-4401

DATED AT APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.

Marcia M. Johnson CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

89576T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION Case No. 11-000120-CA

TIB BANK, Plaintiff,

APALACH CLASSIC SYSTEMS, INC., a Florida corporation; SALLY A. LEACH; GREGORY E. LEACH a/k/a GREGORY E. LEACH, M.D.; ADVANCED MEDICAL CENTER, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; LOGICAL INVESTMENTS, LLC, a

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Florida limited liability company, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS, WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVIISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AND UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure, dated September 25, 2012, and the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale in the above-styled case in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, I will, on January 9, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, in the city of Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property:

Parcel 1: Lots 1, 2 and the Southeast 30 feet of Lot 3, Block 52, of the City of Apalachicola, according to the map or plat thereof now in common use at the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Franklin County, Florida.

Parcel 2: Northwest 30 feet of Lot 4, Northwest 46 feet of Lot 8, and all of Lots 5, 6 and 7, all in Block '52' of the City of Apalachicola, as per map or plat in common use on file at the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Franklin County, Florida.

Parcel 3: The Southeast 30 feet of Lot 4 and the Northwest 30 feet of Lot 3, in Block 52, of the City of Apalachicola, as per map or plat in common use on file at the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Franklin County, Florida.

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

Dated on this 6th day of December, 2012.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court Franklin County, Florida

Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

91227T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-162-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK Plaintiff,

vs. LYDIA BURNS, DREAM MERCHANT, L.L.C., FAIRWAY PARK SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2012, in Case No. 12-162-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, in

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which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and LYDIA BURNS, DREAM MERCHANT, L.L.C., FAIRWAY PARK SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, and FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on January 9, 2013, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8 OF FAIRWAY PARK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 15, PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED: November 27, 2012

MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Garvin B Bowden, Esq. Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia, & Wright, PA. 1300 Thomaswood Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32308 December 6, 13, 2012

91237T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-108 CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation P.O. Box 610 Crawfordville, Florida 32327, Plaintiff,

vs. RONALD D. BOOZER, MARJORIE L. BOOZER a/k/a MARJORIE LOUISE BOOZER, CLERK OF COURT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, and DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE on behalf of SCDSS Foster Care, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, will on January 9, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) at the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes offer for sale, and sell to the highest and best bidder, the following described real and property situated in Franklin County, Florida:

LOTS 6, 7, 24, AND 25, BLOCK 237, GREATER APALACHICOLA, A SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF IN MOST COMMON USE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, A P A L A C H I C O L A , FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Franklin County Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes offer for sale, and sell to the highest and best bidder, the following described real and property situated in Franklin County, Florida:

LOT 1, BLOCK 48 (211), KEOUGH'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1977 AMHE MOBILE HOME, IDENTIFICATION NO. 21G6842D.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Franklin County Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes offer for sale, and sell to the highest and best bidder, the following described real and property situated in Franklin County, Florida:

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure, dated November 27, 2012, in Case No. 12-162-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, in

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FL (850) 653-8861 at least 7 days before the scheduled foreclosure sale, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 28th day of November 2012.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 6, 13, 2012

91239T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2012-135 CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation P.O. Box 610 Crawfordville, Florida 32327, Plaintiff,

vs. BOBBY A. WINTONS, TEMOLYNN W. WINTONS, THE UNKNOWN #1 TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 178 22ND AVE, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320, and THE UNKNOWN #2 TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 178 22ND AVE, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, will on January 9, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) at the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes offer for sale, and sell to the highest and best bidder, the following described real and property situated in Franklin County, Florida:

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this 28th day of November, 2012.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at (850) 577-4430. December 6, 13, 2012

91245T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-454-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES W.SMITH, JR., and SISBRO INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a Georgia corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2012, and entered in Civil Action No. 2010-000454-CA of the Circuit Court in and CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to Coastal Community Bank, and the Defendants, JAMES W. SMITH, JR., and SISBRO INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a Georgia corporation, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 9th day of January, 2013 at the front door foyer on the second floor of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 12, Block 74, of ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES UNIT NO. 5, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3 at page 17 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED AT APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

91247T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000030

SYNOVUS BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS COLUMBUS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST

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THROUGH NAME CHANGE AND BY MERGER WITH COASTAL BANK AND TRUST OF FLORIDA f/k/a VANGUARD BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs. DIRT ROADS DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., a Florida limited liability company, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Marcia Johnson, Clerk Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, will on the 9th day of January, 2013 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 22 Market Street, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Franklin County, Florida:

Lots 19 and 33, LAKES ON THE BLUFF, according to plat thereof recorded in the public records of Franklin County, Florida in Plat Book 8, Pages 33, 34 and 35.

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this 28th day of November, 2012.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at (850) 577-4430. December 6, 13, 2012

91248T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-454-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES W.SMITH, JR., and SISBRO INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a Georgia corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2012, and entered in Civil Action No. 2010-000454-CA of the Circuit Court in and CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to Coastal Community Bank, and the Defendants, JAMES W. SMITH, JR., and SISBRO INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a Georgia corporation, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 9th day of January, 2013 at the front door foyer on the second floor of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 12, Block 74, of ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES UNIT NO. 5, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3 at page 17 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED AT APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

91249T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000030

SYNOVUS BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS COLUMBUS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST

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

DATED this 28th day of November, 2012

Honorable Marcia Johnson Clerk of the Court Franklin County, FL

By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk December 6, 13, 2012

91265T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 19-2011-CA-000411 SEC.:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. DAVID STUDY A/K/A DAVID L. STUDY; KIMBERLEE L. STUDY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVIISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER C L A I M A N T S ; BLUEWATER BAY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 28, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 19-2011-CA-000411 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 16th day of January, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. on the Front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 27, BLUE WATER BAY, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 31 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

DATED AT APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

91277T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 19-2009-CA-000627 DIVISION-CA:

SUNTRUST BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. MELANIE JANE TURNER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 27, 2012 and entered in Case No. 19-2009-CA-000627 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVIISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; STANLEY W. BENECKI; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 33 MARKET STREET, APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 9th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, ON DOG ISLAND, IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 36, IN DOG ISLAND SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 23-24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND FROM SAID POINT RUN NORTH 48 DEGREES 21 MINUTES WEST 298.70 FEET TO THE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE OF ST. GEORGE SOUND, THENCE FOLLOWING

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administrator FL Phone: (850)577-4401

If you are hearing or voice impaired, call Florida Relay Service, hearing 800-955-8771, voice 800-955-8770.

DATED AT APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

91271T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

PREMIER BANK, a Florida banking corporation Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES F. WEATHERLY, JR. Defendant.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Default Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, The Franklin County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

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iting specific conditions of the permit, the Department has reasonable assurance the project, as proposed, fully meets the environmental resources permitting requirements of Chapter 62-346, Florida Administrative Code, and will not harm the environment.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statute. The petitioner must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

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

Under subsection 62-110.106(4) of the Florida Administrative Code, a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. If a request is filed late, the Department may still grant it upon a motion by the requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect.

In the event that a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code.

In accordance with subsection 28-106.111 (2) and subparagraph 62-110.106(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 14 days of receipt of written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60 (3) of the Florida Statutes, must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice.

Under Section 120.60 (3) of the Florida Statute, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of those rights.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

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terial fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d) of the Florida Statute, a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petitioner does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition is filed in accordance with the above. Upon the timely filing of petition this order will not be effective until further order of the Department.

This permit, when issued, constitutes an order of the Department. The applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under Section 120.68 of the Florida Statute, by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of the appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

The application for this permit is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, at the Northwest District office, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd MS 55, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, December 13, 2012

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CASE NO.: 192009CA 000612CAXXXX

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,

vs.

DANIEL D. GRIFFIN; SARAH A. MACMILLAN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MORTGAGEE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; PICKETT'S LANDING HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 24, 2012, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on November 27, 2012, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida, described as:

UNIT 3, BLOCK "D" OF PICKETT'S LANDING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

a/k/a 1302 PICKETT'S LANDING COURT, CARRABELLE, FL 32322

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door of the courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, Franklin County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on February 6, 2013

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within 50 days after the sale.

Dated at Apalachicola, Florida, this 27th day of November, 2012.

Marcia Johnson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk  
December 13, 2012

914177 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 10-454-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES W. SMITH, JR., and SISBRO INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a Georgia corporation, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2012, and entered in Civil Action No. 2010-000454-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to Coastal Community Bank, and the Defendants, JAMES W. SMITH, JR., and SISBRO INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a Georgia corporation, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 9th day of January, 2013, at the front door foyer on the second floor of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 12, Block 74, of ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES UNIT NO. 5, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3 at page 17 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

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

DATED this 28th day of November, 2012.

Honorable  
MARCIA JOHNSON

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Clerk of the Court  
Franklin County,  
Florida

By: /s/ Michele Maxwell  
As Deputy Clerk  
December 13, 20, 2012

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3320 - Plants & Shrubs/Supplies  
3330 - Restaurant/Hotel  
3340 - Sporting Goods  
3350 - Tickets (Buy & Sell)

**GARAGE/YARD SALES**  
**3230**

**NEW TODAY**

Carrabelle: 208 1st St. NE, Saturday December 15th, 9am til ??  
**HUGE YARD SALE**

**NEW TODAY**

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**5 Family Yard/Moving sale**

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6110 - Apartments  
6120 - Beach Rentals  
6130 - Condo/Townhouse  
6140 - House Rentals  
6150 - Roommate Wanted  
6160 - Rooms for Rent  
6170 - Mobile Home/Lot  
6180 - Out-of-Town Rentals  
6190 - Timeshare Rentals  
6200 - Vacation Rentals

**APARTMENT RENTALS**  
**6110**

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**Historic Apalachicola Charming Cottage**  
2br/1ba. In prime historic Apalachicola location. Short walk to water. Wood floors, new washer/dryer, ceiling fans, new cent. heat/ac, w/nice size yard. Pets allowed upon approval/ deposit. \$1,000mo. Call 850-832-2275 for appointment.  
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**6170**

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**7100-7200**  
**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

7100 - Homes  
7105 - Open House  
7110 - Beach Home/Property  
7120 - Commercial  
7130 - Condo/Townhouse  
7140 - Farms & Ranches  
7150 - Lots and Acreage  
7160 - Mobile Homes/Lots  
7170 - Waterfront  
7180 - Investment Property  
7190 - Out-of-Town Real Estate  
7200 - Timeshare

**LOTS AND ACREAGE**  
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0% Interest  
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# Museum remembers 'day of infamy'

In a solemn ceremony Friday at the Camp Gordon Johnson World War II Museum, memories of the day President Franklin Roosevelt said "would live in infamy" rippled through the air.

The attendees who gathered outside the wall were there not only to remember Pearl Harbor 71 years ago, but to dedicate two flagpoles presented the museum by the Woodmen of the World.

Jesse Goodson, a field representative from Tallahassee for the life insurance society, addressed the gathering. Also on hand was Lance Mayers, an area manager for Woodmen's central Panhandle unit.

"We believe in our flag," said Woodson. "I wasn't even born, but I still know what this day represents. Maybe we won't have to do this anymore."

Museum board member Tony Minichiello, husband of museum curator Linda Minichiello, emceed the ceremony, which opened with Carrabelle Mayor Curley Messer leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sid Winchester, chaplain of the museum association, conducted the raising of the flag, which was initially at full staff and then lowered to half-staff just before a recording of President Roosevelt's original



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**Above:** World War II vet Robert Franklin listens to the national anthem. **Right:** Museum chaplain Sid Winchester raises the flag on the new flagpole.

"Day of Infamy" speech was played. A showing of the movie "Tora Tora Tora" followed.

Among the World War II veterans on hand was Lanark Village's Robert L. Franklin, 89, who served with the Army's 122nd medical department, 386th emergency battalion, 29th infantry during the war, seeing action in England, France and Germany, including the Battle of the Bulge

in summer 1945, the last great battle of the European front.

As a backdrop to the flagraising was a newly painted image on the museum's outside wall of Allied soldiers storming the beach at Normandy. The design was painted earlier in the week by a crew of Carrabelle artists led by Joe Kotzman and Fred Aman.

— David Adlerstein



# Local author writes Christmas love story

Special to The Times

Wawahitchka author Michael Lister is known mostly for his gritty mysteries set in the North Florida Panhandle, but this Christmas he's publishing his first romance. "I actually started



MICHAEL LISTER

writing love stories first," Lister said, "but my crime fiction was the first to get published and what I became known for."

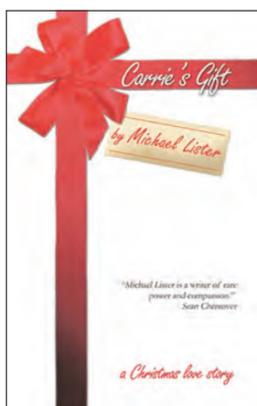
"Carrie's Gift" is a Christmas love story involving two former high school classmates from the '80s reuniting at the funeral of a friend. It's about what might have been and what can still be — and the connection that nothing can sever, not time or space or even the grave.

"Everything I write fits within the school of romantic literature," Lister noted. "The movement that started in Europe that involves a heightened interest in nature, an emphasis on the individual's expression and a rebellion against established social rules and conventions."

Even Lister's crime novels have romance in them.

"I see 'The Big Goodbye' as much a romance as anything else, and I think of 'Double Exposure' as a meditation on love. The Blood series is, among other things, about John's love life and 'Burnt Offerings' features a couple falling in love."

Lister's longtime readers



and fans of his mysteries will recognize many familiar elements.

"'Carrie's Gift' is similar to my other books in style

and theme and worldview," Lister said, adding with a smile, "minus the murder."

When asked why his love story is set at Christmas, Lister responded, "Christmas, like love, is magic. To me, the feeling of falling in love and the feeling surrounding the Christmas season are not dissimilar. Some of my favorite romantic movies are set at Christmas — 'It's a Wonderful Life,' 'Love Actually,' 'The Holiday,' 'Love Affair' and 'The Family Stone.'"

The two main characters of "Carrie's Gift" were in high school together in the '80s, and the book includes a lot of '80s elements.

"I'm a child of the '80s," Lister said. "'Carrie's Gift' gave me a chance to revisit my teens: the music (Lionel Richie love songs), the fashion (parachute pants), the events (the Challenger space shuttle disaster) that shaped our lives. It was so much fun. The book also gave me the opportunity to reflect on love and loss, life and death, meaning and what really matters in life."

Lister will be signing and discussing "Carrie's Gift" from 1-3 p.m. ET Saturday, Dec. 15, at Downtown Books in Apalachicola and later from 4-8 p.m. CT at a "Carrie's Gift" Christmas Party at CityArts Coop in downtown Panama City.



## Notice of Vacancy Franklin County Tourist Development Council Board Member

The Franklin County Tourist Development Council is composed of nine members appointed by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. Anyone interested in being considered for this volunteer position is encouraged to send a letter of interest and qualifying resume to the FCTDC at the address below.

This is a volunteer position with no financial compensation. Board members are required to attend regular board meetings and are expected to participate in the Committee activities of the Board.

Prospective applicants must be engaged in a tourist-related business and must be a resident of Franklin County. All members of the council shall be electors of the county. Interested persons should reply no later than February 1, 2013. A recommendation will be forwarded to the Franklin County Commission for their consideration. Applications may be submitted to:

Franklin County Tourist Development Council  
P O Box 819  
Apalachicola, Florida 32329  
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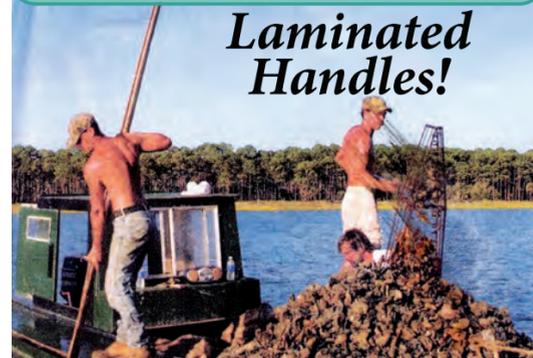
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