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Islanders end talks for utility

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A group of St. George Islanders who had hoped to buy the island's water utility have abandoned their plans, citing an inability to arrive at a suitable price.

In a letter issued Monday to island residents, Tom Slocum, president of St. George Island Water District, Inc. said the price being asked by Gene Brown, owner of Water Management Services Inc.

(WMSI) was too steep.

"Our valuation of WMSI and the owner's valuation are too far apart to make it likely that the gap could be bridged," wrote Slocum. "We came to different conclusions ... about the company's value and its ability to repay a large debt under the current rate structure."

"Paying too much would increase significantly the debt we would have to repay. That would weaken our financial foundation

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Gene Brown speaks at a Public Services Commission rate hearing earlier this year.

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RIB ROYALTY



Kickin' Ash wins cook-off

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The chief of security at a gunpowder plant in Wakulla County cooked up a slab of ribs Saturday explosive enough to win the Eastpoint firefighters' 12th annual rib cook-off.

Teaming up with his cousin, Sterling Kendrick, from the 2k Web Group, Scott Payne headed up the Kickin' Ash team that narrowly won the cook-off edging out the Team Retsyo entry by the Florida Seafood Festival. Right behind was third place Loco Catering, with an Honorable Mention going to the Big Top.

Payne, deputy chief of fire security at St. Marks Powder in Crawfordville, said the winning formula consisted of "a lot of love and care. We put a homemade butt rub on it and then did homemade barbecue sauce, and then cooked it for two-and-a-half to three hours on a custom built (cooker). They just turned out the way they did."

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Cities seek place on Gulf Consortium

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Apalachicola and Carrabelle have each become the first Florida cities to request membership in the Gulf Consortium.

Carrabelle's city attorney Dan Hartman and Apalachicola's attorney Pat Floyd said Franklin County's two incorporated cities are about to become the first municipalities to join the consortium, a joint public entity formed in Oct. 2012 by interlocal agreement among the 23 Florida county governments bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

The attorneys cite Article 3 of the interlocal agreement to justify their membership in the consortium, which was mandated by Florida law.

That article requests the members of the consortium include any of the 23 counties affected by the spill and any "Florida municipality, county or other public agency" that has approved the interlocal agreement and is approved by the majority of consortium representatives. Additional conditions may be imposed by the consortium on members outside the original 23 counties.

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School board members talk disenrollment

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The Franklin County School Board, as well as a Carrabelle community activist who delivered a sharp critique, focused March 7 on how the schools can come to terms with an issue often not publicly addressed—the troubling problem of county students migrating to other schools, and other school districts, for their educations.



DAN ROSIER

Members of the school board grilled Superintendent Nina Marks, and Assistant Principal Eric Bidwell, on enrollment projections, and learned that the district is projecting a total of 1,086 students next year, which includes the nearly 350 students enrolled at the k-8 Apalachicola Bay Charter School.

This would be more than 60 fewer students than are currently enrolled, which is about 1,148 students.

Bidwell said the district lost four students over the past week. He was asked to outline how the school district keeps track of the reasons students and their parents say they are leaving.

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Top: Scott Payne of team Kicking Ash prepares his winning entry. Above left: Ty Gillikin, left, and Bert Hicks, prepare their entry for the Fan-Tastic BBQ Team, which has competed for 11 years. Above right: Taylen Kendrick, 6, shows off his way of cooking ribs for the Kickin' Ash team. Right: Jada Petsch applies face paint to 4-year-old daughter Jules Petsch.

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Payne takes competition seriously, winning about a dozen trophies over the past few years, with Saturday's his fourth first-place finish. He bragged that three years ago, at a cook-off in Tallahassee, he finished ahead of Myron Mixon, a world champion, celebrity chef featured on the reality television show "BBQ Pitmasters."

Payne mainly competes in Wakulla and Leon counties and north Georgia. He decided this year to team up with his cousin. Together, Sterling and Tana Kendrick, and their sons Taylen and Madden, joined forces with Chris and Shelli Payne, daughter Makayla, a junior, and son Matt, a freshman, both at Wakulla High School.

"We've been competing with each other for a while," said Scott Payne. "Finally we decided to link up and do it together."

Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Pruett said



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Team Big Top won several trophies at this year's rib cook-off.

attendance was about the same as last year, a steady stream all day. He said revenue from the event, should be about the same as last year as well, with all of it going to pay down the debt on Engine 3, a multi-use

fire and rescue truck bought a few years ago for \$192,000.

"We're probably about a third to a half of the way there," he said. "The next few years everything we make is going to get that debt down."

The truck went to good use Saturday, with an emergency call in the afternoon to address some woods burning on State Route 65.

One down note for this year's cook-off was the fact that the classic car show drew only a single entrant, a hot rod still with primer on it.

"I know for a fact the silent auction did better than last year," said Pruett. "And we sold out of food - four cases of chicken, 1000 pounds of rib and 15 Boston butts made into pulled pork barbecue. We were very enthused by both of those things."

Ten judges decided on the best among the 14 rib entrants, each provided with their own slab of meat, in keeping with Florida Barbecue Association rules that govern the competition.

In the race for the best Turkey entry, the Big Top team took first place, with second place going to

the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department and third place to Team Retsyo.

The People's Choice award went to Big Top, which raised about \$728, and the Best Rig went to Team Retsyo, which featured a plywood painting of King Retsyo, where visitors could be photographed peeking through the face.

John Solomon, who heads the Florida Seafood Festival team but in past years cooked for the sheriff's office, said seafood festival representatives appeared for the first time at the rib cook-off, but have been active in several community events, including the chili and oyster cook-offs.

"We are a part of this community and we have always loaned out our stuff to all these events but we wanted to go out and support them also, showing we don't just pop up every November, we are involved year round," he said.

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Carrabelle and Apalachicola both passed resolutions approving the interlocal agreement on Feb. 28. Apalachicola posted a letter requesting membership on March 1 and Carrabelle's was mailed March 15.

Neither city has received a reply but Hartman said he is not surprised because the consortium has not convened since the letters were posted. Consortium directors, representatives of the 23 counties, have to vote on new requests for membership.

The city attorneys said they do not believe other cities have applied for membership "The interlocal agreement and its authorizing statute section encourage participation by a variety of public agencies,"

Hartman said, adding that he believes the cities have a "unique perspective that should complement the county perspective."

At Tuesday's county commission meeting, County Attorney Michael Shuler attached a copy of Apalachicola's resolution to join the consortium to his report.

"One can view the city of Apalachicola's adoption of this resolution as a stratagem to bolster their efforts to establish that they are entitled to receive, and control, funding from the RESTORE Act independent of Franklin County," he wrote. "I recommend that the board consider asking the Gulf Coast Consortium to direct the City of Apalachicola to work through Franklin County,

instead of becoming a member of that consortium."

There was no discussion of Shuler's recommendation during the meeting.

Floyd and Hartman believe the cities are underrepresented on the county's 13 member RESTORE Council, set to meet for the first time March 28 in Carrabelle. The council will vet proposed projects within the county, with the county commission retaining ultimate say in who receives funding.

"(The cities) have the bulk of the population so why do they just ignore us?" asked Hartman. "We're not looking to disrupt anything; we just want to be able to participate and be at the meeting. The city is willing to pay their equitable share

of expenses as a member. We can't wait to work with them to the betterment of the county."

Floyd said Carrabelle Commissioner Cal Allen, discovered the clause that allowed the cities to apply for consortium membership. Apalachicola has not appointed a representative to the council.

"We've been trying to meet with the county," Floyd said. "What we continue to seek is a fair share for the cities. We created a distribution plan using the same factors for distribution to the cities that the counties used to assure a fair distribution among themselves. Apalachicola adopted it back in August before the consortium adopted their formula."

Floyd said the formulae for distribution proposed both by the consortium and the cities' proposal are based on amount of coastline, distance from the spill,

population and sales tax collected annually.

"We didn't get anything from the county that assured us we would get a fair share," Floyd said. "We preceded the county in establishing what a fair share would be and tried to meet with them. When it comes down to county level we want to be sure we get our fair share based on population and sales tax and the unincorporated areas get the rest, which is a large percentage."

He believes the cities were purposely left out of negotiations for RESTORE funding by members of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) who formed the Gulf Consortium. "The consortium is the forming of a whole other government entity," said Floyd.

Apalachicola continues to pursue a suit under Florida Statute 164, to force the county to enter into negotiations with the cities. Carra-

belle, while not a party to the suit, is a beneficiary of the litigation.

Shuler maintains that, because the RESTORE Act is a federal law, the county does not have to negotiate with the cities concerning distribution of funds.

In a telephone conference that included Mayor Van Johnson and City Administrator Betty Webb, Floyd said Congressman Steve Southerland has told Apalachicola leaders that the cities would have an equal voice with counties in distribution of RESTORE fines.

"The farther along we got, the less we saw of that," he said. "Our focus is to agree. We thought the county would volunteer to meet with us but they have refused. Since they wouldn't enter into an interlocal agreement with the city, this is another way of staying in a position to be sure the cities maintain a fair share."

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Legislators divided on Medicaid expansion

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Franklin County's legislative delegation split down the middle when it came to supporting Gov. Rick Scott's plan to go along with expanding Medicaid coverage to cover about 1 million more poor people in Florida.

At the annual legislative delegation meeting Feb. 26 in Apalachicola, State Sen. Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee) voiced cautious support, while State Rep. Halsey Beshears (R-Monticello) was adamantly opposed.

Scott, a Republican who bitterly fought President Barack Obama's national healthcare plan as a candidate and in his first two years as governor, reversed course last month and voiced support for a three-year expansion of Medicaid, provided the federal government picked up the full cost for the first three years as promised.

"I think the governor is on the right track," said Montford. "It is the law of the land. The concern I have is what happens three or four years from now when the fed government stops funding."

"You have to play with the cards that you've been dealt," he said. "The best choice at this point is to move forward with expansion as it is and try to make sure we're protected."

Beshears spoke out in opposition to the Medicaid expansion. "The governor is elected to uphold the law," he said. "Whether I agree with it or not doesn't mean have to like it."

"The governor's proposal was a proposal," said Beshears. "I know the Speaker of the House (Will Weatherford) and Senate



BILL MONTFORD

HALSEY BESHEARS

President (Don Gaetz) are studying this very hard. We're faced with a very, very tough decision, I think in three years we're going to be left holding the bag."

Montford conceded the issue was a complicated one, particularly since Medicaid reimbursements are so low that many doctors find it does not pay them to see patients.

"Some tell me they would be better financially if they would give Medicaid patients a check and say you find another doctor," said Montford. "General practitioners don't make nearly what they used to make."

The expansion has been fully backed by Florida's publicly owned hospitals. In the case of Weems Memorial Hospital, Medicaid patients make up about 6 percent of the patient base, but account for about 15 percent of collected revenue, according to Steve Lanier, the hospital's chief finance officer.

"That's been very consistent for the last few years but that doesn't mean that everybody in the county who is eligible is on Medicaid," he said. "Some won't sign up for it."

About half the hospital's patients lack health insurance, and this patient load ultimately provides only about 5 percent of the hospital's collected revenue, Lanier said.

Whether the hospital's financial picture would improve by having more of

these self-pay patients covered by Medicaid remains to be seen. A decision made March 11 by a select committee of the Florida Senate to reject the Medicaid expansion plan was widely seen as putting a difficult stumbling block in the plan's way.

Beshears listened quietly throughout the legislative delegation hearing, with Montford offering most all the responses.

Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson opened with an apology for having to leave early to attend her dad's 84th birthday party. She offered a list of proposals, mainly regarding state funding for clerks' functions.

County Commission Chair Cheryl Sanders offered a warm welcome. "This a real treat to see you all two times in one week," she said. "That's good, getting down to the roots of things."

Sanders asked that the legislators be wary of unfunded mandates, and to work to preserve funding for the health departments, road projects and other infrastructure help.

"County pocketbooks are getting kind of slim. It's going to get tighter, the economy's not good," she said. "You get them lobbyists up there but you know it's special and dear to the peoples' heart if you have a county commissioner. We all are closest to the people and you all are closest to us."

Sanders, as well as Apalachicola Mayor Pro Tem Frank Cook and Carrabelle Commissioner Brenda LaPaz, all spoke in favor of preserving the work camps on either end of the county. There has been discussion, although no confirmation, of closing Bay City in Apalachicola,

and no date has yet been announced on the opening for the Franklin Correctional Institution's recently completed work camp in Carrabelle.

"We have a work camp that's here that is to be closed as it's talked right now," said Cook. "We are concerned for two reasons — we depend heavily on the work force itself, to be able to do a lot of work that keeps our city in the condition that it's in. That's a very big part of us being able to do that."

"The second part of that

is when camp was built and we built our sewer system, it was built to support the work camp," he said. "If we lose the work camp we lose the income to support that sewer system."

LaPaz appealed for support for opening FCI's work camp, noting the value it has to the city's recently expanded sewer system and to the number of jobs it would provide to the county.

Montford recalled the history of placing correctional institutions in the Panhandle, which

welcomed them. "North Florida stepped up and made the decision," he said. "This was a good economic development issue, it turned out wonderfully well. There was some donated land to help build these facilities and the inmates would work in your community, a good deal for everybody."

"They've really worked real well, the money they bring is good," Montford said. "When we start pulling back on those, we're not living up to our side of the deal."

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The importance of de-normalizing tobacco use through positive role modeling cannot be overlooked. If students don't see teachers, coaches, school faculty, parents and visitors using tobacco, then they'll be less likely to think tobacco is acceptable and will be less likely to start using. Nine out of 10 current cigarette smokers started when they were teens.¹ In Florida, more than 22,800 kids (under 18) become new cigarette smokers each year.² Tobacco use initiation often leads to a lifetime of addiction, resulting in tobacco-related disease and premature death. Current data suggests that 369,000 Florida children, now under the age of 18, will ultimately die prematurely from their own smoking or from SHS.³

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines comprehensive school-based programs in its "Guidelines for School Health Programs to Prevent Tobacco Use and Addiction." The first guideline recommends that schools develop and enforce policies to prohibit tobacco use by students, staff, parents, and visitors on school grounds; in school vehicles; and at all school-sponsored events, on or off school property. In June 2011, Gov. Rick Scott signed a law amending the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act to give school boards the authority to designate all district property as tobacco-free. While it is not unusual for school boards to implement policies requiring that buildings be smoke-free indoors, an increasing number of school boards throughout Florida have gone 100 percent smoke-free indoors and out.

Another important component of a comprehensive school policy is to prevent pro-tobacco influences from reaching youth at schools. Such policies ban tobacco industry sponsored materials and services, and do not permit school districts to accept gifts from the tobacco industry.

Education is one of the most effective ways to prevent youth tobacco use and to keep them safe from exposure to SHS. Schools that are not smoke-free send conflicting messages to students about the dangers of tobacco use and the health effects of SHS. It's important to continue teaching Florida's youth about socially responsible and healthy behaviors, including not using tobacco. Teaching by example is the first step in doing so.

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The inaugural Honor Flight took place in May, 2005. Six small planes flew out of Springfield, Ohio taking 12 World War II veterans on a visit to the memorial in Washington, DC. The Honor Flight program was conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and retired Air Force captain. Morse wanted to honor the veterans he had taken care of for the past 27 years. After retiring from the Air Force in 1998, he was hired by the Department of Veterans Affairs to work in a small clinic in Springfield. In May of 2004, the World War II Memorial was finally completed and dedicated in Washington, D.C. and quickly became the topic of



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Tom Napier and Mac Kemp represented Tallahassee Honor Flight at Camp Gordon Johnston Days.

discussion among his World War II veteran patients.

Morse asked these veterans if they would ever travel out to visit their memorial. Most felt that eventually, somehow, they would make it to D.C., perhaps with a family member or friend. As time passed, most of his very elderly patients changed their answer. They would never visit the memorial they admitted sadly. It simply wasn't financially or physically possible for

them to make the journey.

Morse could tell that the majority of the veterans had given up all hope of ever visiting the memorial that was specifically created to honor their services as well as the services of their fellow comrades who had paid the ultimate sacrifice. He decided that there had to be a way to get these heroes to D.C.

In addition to being a physician assistant, Morse was also a private

pilot. In December 2004, he offered to fly one of his patients to Washington to see the memorial. That generous offer was the seed that grew into the Honor Flight movement. Soon other private pilots volunteered to fly veterans to Washington at their own expense and shepherd them through the city. By August 2005, an ever-expanding waiting list of veterans made it clear that commercial airlines would be needed to meet the goal of accommodating as many veterans as possible. Honor Flight partnered with HonorAir in Hendersonville, North Carolina; the Honor Flight Network formed.

Over time, the organization expanded its mission to include terminally ill veterans of the Vietnam and Korean Wars.

With the continued support of grateful Americans, by the end of 2009, HFN had transported more than 42,165 veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam to see the memorials built to honor their suffering and sacrifice to keep this great nation free and a world leader.

Applications to travel to Washington as an honored veteran are available at www.honorflightsefl.org. Once the completed application is received, it will be added to the veteran waiting list. Veterans

are selected to go on the trip based on date order that the application is received. Once his or her name comes to the top of the list, they will be contacted and invited to go on the trip.

There are several ways you can help Honor Flight complete its mission of providing every veteran with an opportunity to visit their memorial.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the program. Each flight requires approximately 250 man-hours to bring together and that's before we get off the ground. We need help in many areas: pre-flight operations, fundraising, communications, airport logistics, administration and more.

Volunteers pay their own travel expenses. Medical professionals are especially needed.

All donations to Honor Flight are tax deductible. You can donate with PayPal by visiting www.honorflightsefl.org or send a donation to Southeast Florida Honor Flight Inc., P.O. Box 1503, Stuart, FL 34995.

Are you a runner? Participate in Race the Runway at the Tallahassee Regional Airport on April 13. Your \$10 entry fee will help support Tallahassee Honor Flight. For more information, visit www.racetherunway5k.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Colon cancer is preventable, so get screened

Tragedy strikes when a loved one dies of a disease that is preventable. Colon cancer is often preventable but 40,000 Americans die each year from it. With 140,000 new cases a year, it is the third most common cancer in both men and woman. Death from colon cancer can happen to any of us, our loved ones and good friends.

Those left behind then ask, "Why did this awful thing happen when it was preventable?"

March is National Colorectal Cancer Prevention Month. In cooperation with Weems Memorial Hospital, The Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center and The American Cancer Society I am encouraging citizens to Get Screened.

Many colon cancers are preventable since they start with a non-cancerous growth, called a polyp, which can be removed and thus not turn into a colon cancer. Polyps and early cancers may have no symptoms. The procedure to do this, a colonoscopy, is safe and comfortable.

Who should be Screened?

- Screening starting at age 50.
- Age 45 recommended for

African-Americans.

- Younger ages of screening for individuals with a family history.

Screening includes:

- Yearly testing of the stool for occult blood
- Colonoscopy every 10 years, shorter

intervals if polyps or cancer found and in those with a family history

The above information is an overview and not to be substituted for your personal physician's recommendations. Please discuss Colon Cancer Screening strategies and alternatives with your physician or nurse practitioner. Once you learn more, also discuss Screening with those you love. Often, needless suffering and death can be avoided.

James Stockwell, M.D.

Join in village clean-up day

We all had a great time at the golf club banquet last Thursday, March 14, at the Crooked River Grill. Nola and the crew did it up right. Thanks to them and thanks to those who came and enjoyed the evening.

It's time to say thank-you to all our faithful volunteers.

You can find them at our firehouse, the food bank, our boat club, Chillias Hall, the guys in the work camp who keep our village looking nice, the thrift shop, and the American Legion, and, of course, the senior center. Let them know you appreciate them.

Didn't see you at the monthly covered dish, March 17. The hall was packed. The members of our fire department also joined us. They are ready to shred the mortgage on the firehouse. The donations for the covered dish lunch went to our fire department. Thank you all!

Be looking for you at bingo, next

Wednesday, March 27. Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo at 6:30. Besides the cookies, coffee and soft drinks and drawings for the cake and the 50/50, we also have a lucky number during the second three-part special game. So come on down to Chillias Hall and join in the fun.



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23. On Friday, we will have a spaghetti dinner at Chillias Hall. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. Your donation of \$6 will get you twirling. See ya there!

Saturday is our annual village cleanup day. We will meet at Gene Sewell Park, and Betty Roberts Pavilion at 8:30 a.m. Please join us.

For Palm Sunday, the vigil Mass will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, March 23, at Sacred Heart Church 2653 US 98, Lanark Village. Holy Thursday services will be at 4 p.m. followed by adoration. On Good Friday,

communion service at 4 p.m., and Easter Sunday Mass will be at 11:30 a.m. Come join us!

"Pay honor to the hero for a veteran died today." - Our good friend Elmer Wedele, passed away Jan. 20. Elmer was a World War II veteran serving in the Navy. He was 88 years old. He loved our Legion post, especially Friday night. He would have one of those huge hamburgers he shared with his friends, Debby and Rhonda Meloche. His daughter Marsha and her husband John Martin always saw that he got to the Legion and back. Those of us who knew him will miss him very much.

Remember volunteers make it happen. Become one today.

Be kind to one another; check in on the sick and housebound. Contrary to popular opinion, God's last name is not damn.

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

Franklin County jobless rate rises

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Franklin County saw a hike in its unemployment rate for January, as it rose to the 6.9 percent level.

According to preliminary numbers released Monday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the county's jobless rate in Jan. 2012 rose three-tenths of 1 percent to 6.9 percent. Eight people were added to the unemployment rolls, growing them from 349 to 357 people in search of work.

The workforce also shrank by 55 workers, from

5,252 to 5,197, but remained larger than one year ago, when it comprised 5,117 workers, and when the jobless rate was sharply higher, at 8.1 percent.

Franklin County's jobless picture worsened in comparison with the other 66 counties, as it slipped from eighth best in the state into a tie with Clay and Liberty counties for 15th best. Monroe County, at 4.6 percent, had the state's lowest unemployment rate, followed by Walton County (5.6 percent), Okaloosa and Alachua counties (6.0 percent), St. Johns County (6.2 percent) and Wakulla County (6.3 per-

cent). Many of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates were those with relatively high proportions of government employment.

The unemployment rate in the Gulf Coast Workforce region (Bay, Franklin, and Gulf counties) was 8.7 percent in January, up 0.2 percentage point from December.

The January 2013 rate was 0.7 percentage point above the state rate of 8.0 percent, and 1.3 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 10.0 percent. Out of a labor force of 96,776, there were 8,416 unemployed Gulf Coast resi-

dents. Bay County's jobless rose to 8.8 from 8.6 percent, and Gulf County's unemployment rose to 8.4 from 7.9 percent.

"Unemployment typically peaks in December or January for our local area due to the number of seasonal jobs. Our area is doing much better than this same time last year," said Kim Bodine, executive director for Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "In January we reported the highest number of job orders placed (275) at the Workforce Center since May 2007, the first such significant increase since the recession."

Southerland introduces Gulf Fisheries Fairness Act

Special to the Times

U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland, II joined colleague Rep. Jo Bonner (R-Ala.) in introducing legislation to extend state water boundaries for Florida and the Gulf Coast region, providing exclusive management of reef fish to Gulf states struggling with shrinking access to an already restricted fishery.

"With a two-fish-per-day limit and a red snapper season set at 27 days and shrinking Florida's fishermen face

unacceptably severe challenges that are forcing them off the water," Southerland said.

"Our legislation — the Gulf Fisheries Fairness Act — casts a life preserver to fishermen and coastal economies struggling to stay afloat amid crippling federal regulations that fail to reflect the successes of a fishery built upon the sacrifices of the Gulf's commercial and recreational fishermen. Our legislation stands tall on the 10th Amendment, fighting back against the ever-

tightening grip of Washington overregulation."

The Gulf Fisheries Fairness Act resets state water boundaries for reef fish management in the Gulf to a depth of 120 feet or nine nautical miles, which could reach offshore as many as 60 miles. Florida's current boundary is nine miles.

Southerland last week applauded an agreement between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency empowering Florida authorities to regulate nitrogen and phosphorous pollutants in state waters. Southerland worked with a coalition of state stakeholders last year to introduce legislation requiring the EPA to adopt Florida's successful state standards for numeric nutrients.

"By getting Washington out of the way, Florida can focus on building upon previous successes in strengthening the health of our waterways," Southerland said.

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and limit the flexibility a new company needs to move forward effectively and to serve the residents of our island well."

Representatives of the not-for-profit islander group had been in talks with Brown since autumn 2012, when a move by the city of Carrabelle to buy the water utility went nowhere.

"We found dealings with Mr. Brown to be cordial and professional. It didn't work out, at least so far," Slocum said.

Brown said the islanders "were very reasonable to deal with. They were acting in good faith and they acted responsibly. We came to different conclusions

about the value.

"I'd rather find another buyer, or keep it, than sell it for less than it's worth," he said. "If I can't get my price, I'll keep it. That's an owner prerogative I think."

Slocum confirmed Brown had stuck to his \$15 million minimum selling price. Brown said this was based on a 2005 appraisal by Orlando's Gerald C. Hartman, who he termed the leading utility company appraiser in Florida.

"That was back before we added 200-300 more customers and got a rate increase," said Brown. "It's worth more now than it was then but we're kind of stuck on that value. Since then,

revenue has increased, and the system is in better shape now. There's no reason to sell for less than the appraised value."

In his letter, Slocum indicated the water system was in good working order. "It is good to know that the island's water supply is abundant and of good quality. The system is in reasonable shape with no unexpected maintenance needs. WMSI already has plans to fix the major issue - replacing the water storage tank on the island," he said.

Slocum said the residents' intentions all along has been to secure ownership of the company, and

then transfer it to an entity with the resources to operate a water utility. "Our ultimate goal was not to take it over ourselves," he said. "Our interest was to transfer it to a user-owned not-for-profit. We formed the company to give us a mechanism to get into research and analysis."

Slocum said funding, all from private donations, was used to cover the cost of an attorney, engineering company survey, any costs associated with meetings with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Rural Water Association and other expenses.

"We would be eager to

re-engage the discussions if circumstances change for him (Brown) or for us," Slocum said. "He was open to that possibility, but also said he will examine other options and will look for another buyer. In the event our talks do resume, we will keep SGI Water District a going concern."

Once all their debts are paid, the islander group will

have about \$3,000 to \$5,000 remaining, he said. In the events the talks with WMSI do not resume, the group plans to donate the money to the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department.

Brown said he plans to put the company back on the market and see if there is interest. "I intend to start focusing on it this spring and summer," he said.

DISENROLLMENT from page A1

"Most has been academic struggles; the child has actually been behind. A lot of times it's a problem between two students," he said. "We need ROTC, we need the building program, we need some things to keep these kids in school. We have to have some strategies to keep these students in school."

Marks said several students have moved to the First Baptist Christian School.

School board member Teresa Ann Martin suggested teachers have to shoulder some of the responsibility for the problem. "If they're not teaching it well to the student, it's frustrating to the student," she said. "It's not always the student's fault with something like that."

In his remarks as a member of the audience, Carrabelle's Dan Rosier was even more explicit in his critique that a segment of the faculty is part of the problem.

"I am troubled, by the good, the bad and the ugly," he began. "We have a brand new school, we have good teachers, good students and we have good parents too."

But, he continued, "we have a very high withdrawal rate and no one can tell me why. That's the ugly thing. We've had 12 withdrawals from December to January, I can't understand that."

"We have staff using social media to discredit the administration, that's an ugly thing," said Rosier. "We have a divisive element within the staff that impedes our progress. We need to get rid of them."

"We're having kids going to Wakulla County, kids going over to Gulf County

"We have a very high withdrawal rate and no one can tell me why. That's the ugly thing. We've had 12 withdrawals from December to January, I can't understand that."

Dan Rosier, Carrabelle resident

for school when they live here in Franklin County," he said, noting that even Gadsden County has a higher letter grade than here.

"They have an A and we have a D," he said. Franklin County High School and District actually are graded as C schools by the Florida Department of Education, although that grade is in keeping with a state policy that a district cannot drop more than a single letter grade in a given year.

"I'm just a citizen but I'm an advocate for the students, the board and the superintendent," Rosier said. "We have an opportunity to do something. We can't stand by and let this stuff go on. We're not making good decisions."

He said he "had a parent tell me the other day, that in sixth period her kid is on the phone calling, and the parent is begging her 'We have three more months, hang in there.'"

Rosier offered five suggestions, in-

cluding improving the food and school uniform, shortening the days, putting in an auto shop and replacing some staff.

"This is all I'm hearing, replacement of staff," he said. "I think some of them are parading themselves as teachers. All the teachers I know that teach real well have a passion for teaching."

Rosier said the district needs to follow a procedure in which employees receive verbal, and then if necessary, written warnings followed by suspension if it is warranted.

"The next step is termination," he said. "I don't know if it still works that way or not, but that's how we get rid of them."

He said with average teacher pay in the county about \$50,000, including benefits, "we should expect more from them and we should get more."

"What's the difference between that school and the ABC School?" Rosier asked. "How many withdrawals have we interviewed to find out why they leave? How many school districts have we visited to see what models they have? What will the profile of our next principal look like? What changes are we willing to make to improve the achievement level of the Franklin School?"

Rosier said he and his preacher have prayed about the situation. "I say to you even though the odds might be stacked against us, if we do the right thing God will show favor," he said, adding that "If the devil has his foot on your neck, his gonads are exposed."

"If we all start rowing in the same direction I think we can raise the level of achievement here," he said.

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The Franklin County TDC will be conducting a workshop on Thursday March 28, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. at the Eastpoint Firehouse. The purpose of the meeting is to receive public input regarding policies and procedures governing the operation of the Franklin County Visitor Centers. Included in the discussion will be issues relating to distribution of information to the public including referrals and the Visitor Center operations in general.

More than one member of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners and Franklin County TDC may be in attendance at this meeting. For more information, please contact the FC TDC at 653-8678.

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Appleton exhibit celebrated



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Mel Remy, left, and Marie Marshall thank Appleton for her exhibit as they stand in front of one of the artist's larger assemblages.

On Friday afternoon, several dozen art lovers gathered to celebrate Beth Appleton's successful month-long exhibit at the Apalachicola Museum of Art with tea and sherry.

The exhibit of cut-paper assemblages complemented Appleton's new

children's book, "Gently Down the Stream." Children from the Apalachicola Bay Charter School and the Franklin County School visited the exhibit over the past five weeks, and "Bring Me a Book Franklin" distributed 600 copies of Appleton's book to young readers.

ENDOWMENT

Melcent Remy composed and read her poem "Endowment" in honor of Appleton. She came bearing gifts:

Artist-woman, brilliant and unassuming,
In a dream I saw her,
Leading the parade
With a flag of many colors -
Children and as well the old
Carrying books and pictures,
Displaying their art she fostered;
Bearing both endangered and plentiful,
Loving this world and longing
For its healing.

They circled the shores of bay
And crossed the river, wild and calling.
The gracefully squiggled line
Of humanity then stood
At river's edge, looked skyward
And honored all.

We are each endowed
With that which makes us whole,
To know it and to use it
Is our gift to a threatened world.
Once a little mermaid,
Now a woman before us,
She has swum to depths untold
In a microscopic array
Of fanciful and real,
Of familiar and unknown.
May we each do as well
With our inalienable rights to give -
Not to live selfishly but to gift forward
With that with which we each
Are endowed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TRINITY BARRON

Happy birthday to Trinity Barron, who will celebrate her 10th birthday on Friday, March 22.

She is the daughter of Rachel Benjamin, of Carrabelle.

She is the granddaughter of Classie Benjamin, of Carrabelle, and granddaughter of Marvin and Necie Benjamin, of Apalachicola, and the niece of Marvin Benjamin, in Carrabelle.



Oysters make a splash at Tourism Day

By LOIS SWOBODA

Members of the Franklin County Tourist Development Council (TDC) and helpers traveled to Tallahassee to participate in Tourism Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 13.

Tourism Day is an annual event sponsored by the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association designed to bring attention to the importance of tourism on the state's economy.

The TDC representatives participated in the street party on Adams Street by treating legislators and participants from around the state to fresh Apalachicola oysters and materials highlighting the county's tourism resources and attractions.

Representing the county were TDC board member Paul Parker; TDC Administrator Curt Blair and staffer Fran Edwards; Apalachicola City Administrator Betty Taylor-Webb; Cindy Clark of Bay Media; Joe Taylor, director of the Franklin's Promise Coalition; and Shannon Hartsfield and Devon Barber from the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association.

A special appearance was made by Oyster Manny, a creation of Lanark Village artist Joan Matey.

The promotional effort highlighting Franklin County tourism and seafood was made possible in part by funds from a Visit Florida grant. Some 500 people participated in the overall event.



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Devon Barber, left, Marcia Mathis of State Sen. Bill Montford's office, and Franklin County Seafood Workers' Association President Shannon Hartsfield, right, pose with Oyster Manny.

Blair said the event provided "an excellent opportunity" to showcase Franklin County's

resources, beaches, history and seafood to legislators, and statewide association partners.

Dempsey selected for college honor society

Jessica Dempsey, of Carrabelle, has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).

Dempsey, valedictorian of Franklin County High School's Class of 2012, is in her second semester at Florida State University, majoring in biochemistry. She is the daughter of Patricia and David Dempsey.

"NSCS is more than just a symbol of academic achievement. Membership gives students access to a number of amazing benefits including career and networking resources, scholarships, travel, and service projects both on campus and in the community," said Stephen E. Loflin, NSCS founder and chief executive officer. NSCS is a member

of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. NSCS has nearly one million lifetime members and 300 chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

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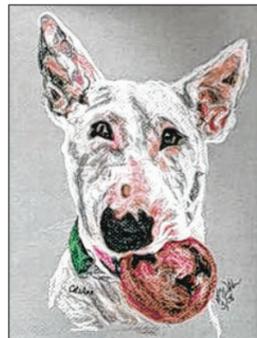
about The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, please call (202) 265-9000, visit NSCS' website at www.nscs.org



Take a chance on portrait of photogenic pet

Artist Lynn Wilder has generously agreed to donate a portrait to benefit the Franklin County Humane Society. She specializes in pastels and pastel/watercolor portraits of pets. She enjoys capturing the essence of the animal she paints and the society is thrilled she has agreed to assist us with this fundraiser.

You may purchase raffle tickets at Petunia's Pet Supply in Apalachicola or at the adoption center in Eastpoint; one for \$5 or three for \$10. The drawing will be held Saturday, March 23, the day of the Apalachicola Art Walk.



The winner of the raffle will need to provide Wilder with a 5x7 or 8x10 photograph of the pet to be painted and she will finish the piece and have it delivered to your home.

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Bishop visits for St. Patrick's Day

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It was a perfect storm for Catholics in Apalachicola Sunday, as the diocese's bishop visited St. Patrick's Catholic Church on, of all days, St. Patrick's Day.

Father Gregory Parkes, bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, celebrated Mass Sunday morning, flanked by Father Paul Lambert, the Priest Secretary to the Bishop, and Father Roger Latosynski, pastor of the congregation of about 160 families.

The sanctuary was full of worshippers eager to hear from Parkes, a former banker who earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Florida State University, before his ordination, at age 35, as a priest in 1999. After serving congregations in Orlando and Celebration, Parkes was named chancellor of the Orlando diocese from 2005-12 and its vicar general from 2009-12.

One year ago this week, Pope Benedict XVI named Parkes



Bishop Gregory Parkes, with Priest Secretary Paul Lambert at left, holds aloft the wine and unleavened bread of the Eucharist.

DAVID ADLERSTEIN
The Times

bishop, and he was ordained in June 2012 at St. Paul's Church in Pensacola.

"Since June, I have been to 50 of the 55 parishes for either a visit or for Mass," he told the congregation, as he stepped forward to speak from directly in front of the pews. "You might be saying to yourself 'What took you so long to get here?' I was saving the best for last."

Parkes drew laughter when he addressed the most obvious question on everyone's mind, none of

whom had difficulty catching a glimpse of him.

"C'mon, fess up, you know what you're thinking," he chided the church gathering. "The question of course is 'How tall are you?'"

He said one woman had told him just prior to the service that "You are the biggest bishop I've ever seen."

Parkes confirmed that he was 6'8", and noted that the diocese now had the distinction of having "the tallest bishop in the United

States of America."

The bishop opened his homily by sharing that he had learned from his Twitter feed that the newly-selected Pope Francis had celebrated Mass at the Church of St. Anna in Vatican City that morning.

"The Holy Father only preached for five minutes, and since I am very obedient and respectful for the Holy Father, (I will follow suit)," he said.

Parkes spoke on the subject of the day's Gospel reading, from John 8:1-11, about a woman caught in act of adultery. The law proscribed that she should be stoned to death, but Jesus advised the crowd that "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." He later told the woman to "go, and sin no more."

The bishop reminded the congregation that "God is indeed rich in love and in mercy and when we receive God's mercy we should be filled with gratitude and joy in our hearts. But we also have to express that gratitude (with) firm

intentions to not keep doing those things over and over again.

"We need the grace, the mercy and forgiveness of God," Parkes said, and then cited a portion of the new pope's remarks that morning, in which he had said "God never tires of forgiving us but sometimes we tire of asking for His forgiveness."

"Perhaps in our weakness we feel unworthy to receive his love and forgiveness," said the bishop. "Perhaps we become despondent that we can ever overcome that weakness or that sin in our lives."

"Brothers and sisters, don't ever lose hope," encouraged the bishop. "Always hold on to the hope that with God's grace we can become those people God has called and created us to be, despite our weaknesses."

"It is only when we shut out God's grace from our lives that we should lose hope of ever making progress in the spiritual life," he said. "Praise be to God that He never grows tired of forgiving us. Let us never grow tired of asking for His forgiveness."

Faith BRIEFS

Live Easter production on Good Friday

"This is the night ... something happened," is a live Easter production on Good Friday, March 29, at 6 p.m. at New Life Church on 16th Street in Apalachicola.

Celebrate the life of the risen Christ and experience the love, peace and joy that knowing Him brings! Sponsored by Hillside Dancers for Christ, and community wide of Apalachicola. For more information call Teresa Ann Martin and

Barbara McNair.

Easter egg hunt

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Gulfside IGA will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at noon. The egg hunt will take place on the field adjacent to the sheriff's office on US Highway 65 in Eastpoint. All kids are invited to come out and participate in a wonderful day of egg hunting, with lots of prizes to be given away. The sheriff's office

will be grilling hotdogs for the occasion free of charge. Come out and enjoy the fun.

Relay for Life moved to June 1

Because of conflicts with the high school prom, and JBG Rockfest, the annual Relay for Life has been moved to Saturday, June 1, beginning at noon, and running until Sunday, June 2 at 6 a.m. This year's theme is "carnival for a cure." The relay, to raise funds for the American

Cancer Society, will be held at Riverfront Park in downtown Apalachicola.

Merissa Beasley is this year's honorary chair. There will be games, food, free samples, and much, much more. Make sure you mark it in your calendar and come out and walk to support those who are fighting cancer and those who have lost their battle with cancer. There is still time to register a new team, sponsorship, or help with committee. For more info, call Chala at 370-0832 or Kyla at 850-348-6268.

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Love, Merissa Myret Beasley and family

Segree Family

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2013 Segree reunion. There was lots of wonderful food.

This year it was hosted by Pam Segree Clemonts and Byron Youngblood. The music was great as always, but the star was Alonah Segree. She sang Kelly Clarkson's "Mr. Know It All."

God willing, we will see you all next year.

Inez Segree

Obituaries

Ruthie Mae Martin

Ruthie Mae (Johnson) Martin of Carrabelle, went to be with our Heavenly Father Thursday, March 7, 2013 on the Hospice Floor of Bay Medical Center, Panama City.



RUTHIE MARTIN

Ruthie was born Feb. 9, 1936 in Mulat, to the late Walter Stanley Johnson and the late Nancy Mae Rowell Johnson.

Also preceding her in death were her sisters Ruby Faye Freeman and Alma Lora Lindsey, and her brother Stanley (Catfish) Johnson.

She worked throughout the years as a waitress, a caregiver and in activities in nursing homes. Ruthie was known for writing beautiful poetry and stories. She once traveled to California to be honored by Red Skelton and Phyllis Diller for one of her poems.

Ruthie is survived by her brother William (Bill) Johnson and his wife Shelia. Ruthie is also survived by her beloved children, Marsha Snyder Hill and her husband Bo, Michael (Mike) Snyder, and William (Bill) Snyder.

She's also survived by

six grandchildren, Melenna Dickerson King, Robert William Dickerson, Heather Dickerson Howard, Heidi Snyder Jones and her husband Richard, Nancy Snyder and Allison Hill Stettler and her

husband Keith. She had 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren on the way!

Ruthie was loved by many and special to her was her "adopted daughter" Cynthia Hall who spent hours and hours on the phone singing and talking to Ruthie, Cynthia's daughter Crystal Hall, Gernard Gowdy, Edna Shirley, Judy Wyatt, Jackie Stone and (Barefoot) Jim Clements. As loving as Ruthie was, all who were special can't possibly be listed but those unnamed here know who they are!

A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m. at the Carrabelle Christian Center at 142 River Rd. Officiating will be Pastor Don Carroll. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Carrabelle Lions Club in care of Tony Minichiello, 2171 Hwy 98 West, Carrabelle, FL. 32322

Coley Houston Miller

Coley Houston Miller, also known as "The Candy Man," passed away Sunday, March 17, 2013.

His funeral was held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26 at the First Baptist Church of

Eastpoint, 447 Avenue A. Bro. Garry Kent and Bro. Bobby Shiver will be officiating.

Visitation was at the church from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for family, and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for friends.

Marjorie Elizabeth Cox White

Marjorie Elizabeth Cox White, 76, of Apalachicola, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2013 in Tallahassee.

She was retired as executive secretary for the Franklin County School District and was a member of First Baptist Church where she was organist for 45 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther Thomas and Martha Jane (Thompson) Cox, Sr.; paternal grandparents, George and Eva Cox and maternal grandparents, Ivey and Grace Thompson.

She is survived by her husband, Richard White of Apalachicola; two sons, Richie White, also of Apalachicola, and Randall White, of Tallahassee; a

daughter, Debbie White, of Tallahassee, and her fiancé, Gary Ballard, of Ormond Beach; a brother, Tom Cox and his wife Lynn of Tallahassee; a sister, Barbara Andrew and her husband Terry of Sage, Arkansas; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, March 23 in the First Baptist Church in Apalachicola with Reverend Bill Plazarin officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to First Baptist Church, 46 Ninth Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320.

Adams Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.adamsfh.com



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Maundy Thursday, 6:00 PM, March 28

Good Friday, March 29
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Holy Saturday, 10:00 AM, March 30

Easter Sunday, March 31
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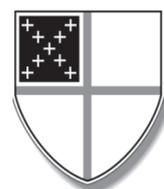
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GONE COASTAL

Don't get caught up in 'March Madness'

By ALAN PEIRCE
Special to the Times

Unless you are glued to the tube watching your favorite basketball team, March is the time of year when everyone is ready to charge out on the beach piers and jetties to take part in the spring runs of Spanish mackerel, bluefish, king mackerel, cobia and tarpon.

When it comes to fishing, that old real estate saying about "location, location, location" is also very applicable, and that's exactly why the best shoreline fishing spots can get very crowded when the weather and fishing conditions are right.

Human nature is human nature, and if you shoreline fish in crowded areas long enough, it is very likely that you will one day witness or be involved in an ugly confrontation. While everyone is out there to have a good time, when space is limited and anglers try to pack in too tight on jetties or piers, problems are bound to happen, and these situations can really spoil a great day for everyone around. From what I have seen, problems generally boil down to competition for fish and space, a lack of common courtesy or a lack of understanding of the basic code of fishing ethics.

For starters, many of the public piers, jetties and fishing causeways have posted rules that are designed to keep everyone safe. Review and follow the posted rules, and carry a copy of the current saltwater fishing regulations. Debates over bag



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A view of the Eastpoint fishing bridge.

limits, size limits, seasons and species identification are common, especially when many of the anglers are tourists or locals who may not fish on a regular basis.

Public fishing spots are "first come, first serve," so it can be helpful to get an early start and get set up in a good location before the crowd arrives. It also helps to scope out the location ahead of time so you know what species are being caught, what tackle and gear is required, and what baits and rigs are being used successfully.

Once you are in your spot, stick with it, and don't be tempted to relocate every time you see another angler bring in a fish. While location is important, if someone is catching fish 50 yards away, it probably has a lot more to do with the bait, tackle or presentation than

the actual location where you are standing. This is especially true if you are fishing for the pelagic species that are always moving around in search of baitfish.

The second thing you can do is maintain a safe distance from those who are fishing around you (which is easier said than done when people start squeezing in) and keep your bait and line in the area in front of you. Depending on the wind and current, this can be very challenging, but allowing your bait to drift down the pier, jetty or causeway and block access for others who are trying to fish is a guaranteed way to start some March Madness, and I'm not talking about basketball.

One thing that helps is to fish the way the locals (who are usually pretty easy to spot) are fishing. If

they are all free-lining live bait (not using weights or floats and allowing the bait to swim freely in the water) in a particular drift pattern, you may want to fish in the same manner to help keep the lines from crossing or getting tangled up. Similarly, if they are all casting spoons, jigs or tube lures, you should probably try the same thing, as this will help to keep the lines separated.

When crossed and tangled lines do occur, it's best to simply apologize and help untangle the mess rather than starting a debate about who was at fault.

The third thing you can do is pay attention to what's going on around you and be ready to get out of the way! If someone hooks a cobia, king, tarpon or other large fish that cannot be controlled during the fight, it is engraved in the basic code of fishing ethics that adjacent anglers need to quickly bring in their lines and let that person fighting the fish move laterally down the pier or jetty as needed.

If you can't get your line in fast enough, at least let the other angler pass over you or under your line to avoid a tangle. If you accidentally get hooked on the line of someone who is fighting a large fish, by all means open your bail or disengage your reel to give line freely. Applying tension on your line in this situation will easily break the tight line that has the fish on, and this is a guaranteed recipe for some immediate March Madness.

A final piece of advice that is critically important when fishing in

any crowded area is to look behind you before you make a cast. Barbed hooks are not an ideal tool for body piercing, but I have seen them used for this purpose on many occasions. These accidents are most common in crowded shoreline fishing locations, and they can start a March Madness situation before you can say "call 911."

Protect yourself as well, as you can't count on everyone else to be safe out there. Large brim hats, a good pair of wrap-around sunglasses and a loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirt should be considered standard equipment, unless you are looking for a free piercing in a location that you don't get to choose.

Keep your eye on nearshore water temperatures during the next month or two. When the temperature hits 70-plus degrees Fahrenheit, your favorite coastal pelagics should be showing up and they should be hungry and ready for action.

Don't forget to record all of your catches on the iAngler phone app or at snookfoundation.org. Share your photos, video and fishing tales with us as well by emailing them to Alan.Peirce@MyFWC.com.

Peirce is also available to answer questions by phone or email anytime, and we would love the opportunity to share information through in-person presentations with recreational or commercial fishing organizations. To contact the Regulatory Outreach subsection call (850) 487-0554 or email Alan.Peirce@MyFWC.com.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Mar. 21	66°	54°	20 %
Fri, Mar. 22	71°	61°	40 %
Sat, Mar. 23	72°	55°	40 %
Sun, Mar. 24	66°	50°	30 %
Mon, Mar. 25	66°	47°	10 %
Tues, Mar. 26	65°	49°	0 %
Wed, Mar. 27	66°	50°	0 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
21	Th	2:03pm 1.2	11:30pm 1.2	7:03am 0.1	6:50pm 0.9
22	Fr	2:39pm 1.2		7:57am 0.1	7:56pm 0.8
23	Sa	12:53am 1.2	3:06pm 1.2	8:42am 0.1	8:46pm 0.7
24	Su	2:05am 1.3	3:28pm 1.3	9:20am 0.2	9:28pm 0.5
25	Mo	3:07am 1.3	3:47pm 1.3	9:54am 0.3	10:06pm 0.3
26	Tu	4:03am 1.4	4:05pm 1.4	10:25am 0.4	10:42pm 0.2
27	We	4:57am 1.4	4:25pm 1.4	10:54am 0.5	11:18pm 0.0
28	Th	5:51am 1.4	4:47pm 1.5	11:22am 0.7	11:58pm -0.1
29	Fr	6:48am 1.4	5:14pm 1.6	11:51am 0.8	
30	Sa	7:49am 1.3	5:47pm 1.6	12:42am -0.2	12:21pm 0.9
31	Su	8:58am 1.3	6:25pm 1.6	1:34am -0.2	12:55pm 1.0
1	Mo	10:18am 1.2	7:12pm 1.6	2:38am -0.2	1:36pm 1.1
2	Tu	11:48am 1.2	8:11pm 1.5	3:56am -0.1	2:43pm 1.1

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Gallinippers

A number of emails have circulated recently regarding so-called monster mosquitoes or gallinippers.

Described as "One of the most ferocious insects you've ever heard of; the size of a quarter and with a painful bite compared to being knifed."

Oh please. This sounds like Jaws with wings.

Gallinippers, properly known as Psorophora ciliata, are a large species of mosquito native to Florida. They are floodwater mosquitoes, which means the females lay their eggs on the ground in areas likely to flood. The eggs may stay dormant there for years but, as soon as standing water accumulates, the baby mosquitoes rapidly mature.

Gallinippers are rare in Florida except after a tropical storm or an active storm season.

In a telephone interview, Dr. Phil Kaufman of the University of Florida said these insects favor cool shady areas with lots of standing water.

Kaufman, who lives in Gainesville, said they are tenacious biters. He said that last year after Tropical Storm Debby, when he sampled in the woods around Gainesville, the gallinippers would continue to follow him after most other species had given up the hope of a fresh meal. Gallinippers do not commonly carry disease organisms although they may sometimes vector

viruses. Adult gallinippers feed exclusively on mammals. Most disease bearing mosquitoes feed on birds as well.

Given the amount of rain that has already fallen and the very mild winter we have experienced, Kaufman said 2013 may be

another banner year for the gallinippers, but not necessarily in Franklin County.

While these mosquitoes are found throughout the eastern US, they prefer inland locations. You might encounter a few in Tate's Hell but coastal dwellers, especially those on the island are not likely to be troubled by gallinippers. They are not strong flyers and don't fare well under windy conditions.

Don't worry; there will be plenty of other mosquitoes buzzing around your ears.

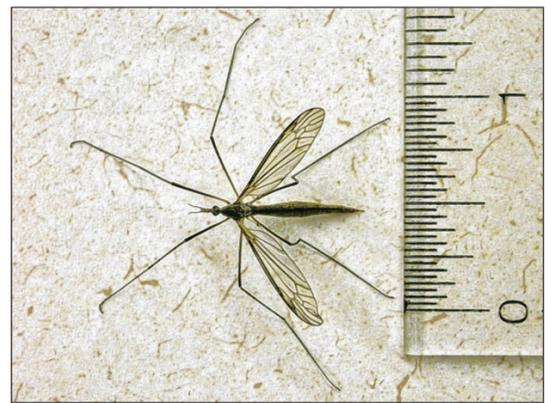
To avoid being bitten, cover up and wear insect repellent when you go outside. Avoid going out at dusk and dawn. That's prime time for hungry mosquitoes although some, gallinippers among them, will also bite during the day.

Many mosquito species lay their eggs in standing water so don't allow water to stagnate in plastic toys, bird baths, buckets, tires, potted plants, gutters, etc.

The name gallinipper is also used to refer to another type of fly, the crane flies or Tipulids. These delicate creatures bear a superficial resemblance to mosquitoes



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Gallinippers are large mosquitoes.

but lack the needle-like mouth that allows female mosquitoes to drink blood and both sexes to sip nectar from flowers. Nectar, not blood, is the staple food of adult mosquitoes. Only females drink blood to obtain protein for egg production.

Mosquito larvae are tiny, fierce, aquatic predators that feed on small insects including other mosquito larvae and even small fish and tadpoles.

Mosquitoes are pollinators of plants including grasses, goldenrod and orchids.

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Freshwater

Lakes and creeks in our area should be back to normal levels this week. Springtime fishing will increase with the good, mild weather on the way for us. As we enter the first week of spring, good reports are coming from Howard and Depot Creeks this week.

Inshore

Red fish are still holding in schools under the George Tapper bridge this week. Last week we saw a huge number of fish caught here including trout and flounder. Spanish mackerel are being sighted and a few being caught, but no word yet on how strong this fishery will be this spring. Pompano and whiting are thick on the beaches from St. Andrews to Indian Pass right now.

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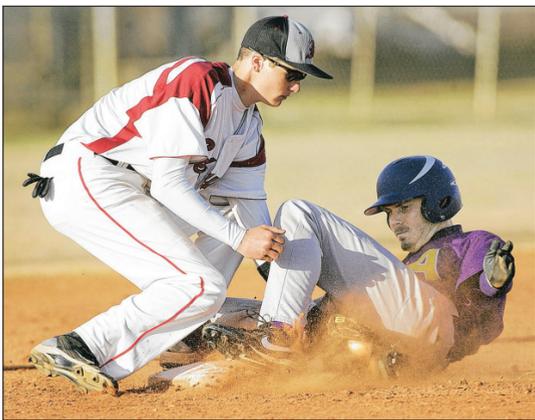
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Seahawks looking for March victory

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN
The Franklin County Seahawks have been producing runs, but are still looking for a win in March.
“We are playing better but still making too many errors,” said coach Mike Emerson, whose team record stands at 1-8.
On Tuesday night at Blountstown, the Seahawks fell 11-6. Junior James Newell started the game and pitched three-and-a-third innings to take the loss. Senior Skyler Hutchinson came in in relief and hurled the final two-and-two-thirds

innings.
Hutchinson whacked a hit with one RBI, Newell smacked a double and had a RBI and Alex Causey had a hit.
On March 12 at home, the Seahawks fell 8-2 to Liberty County.
On Friday, also at home, Franklin County lost 9-5 to Aucilla Christian. Aucilla jumped to a 6-1 lead after the first inning, with the Seahawks adding four runs in the fourth to tighten the game.
Franklin County had four hits and committed three errors.



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An Aucilla Christian runner tangles with Logan McLeod at second base.

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Lady Seahawk JVs battle St. Joe

by DAVID ADLERSTEIN
The Franklin County JV Seahawks exploded for a five-run first inning on March 5 at Port St. Joe, but ended up falling 10-8 after the Lady Tiger Sharks posted their own five-run third inning.
The JV Seahawks saw victory slip away after a furious charge from St. Joe.

Sixth grader Sophie Kirvin led the JV Seahawks' offensive threat, as she got on base four times in the game. Sixth grade pitcher Alexis Johnson gave up five hits over four innings, walked one and struck out three, to take the loss.

Franklin County jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the top of the

first when eighth grader Kimmie Boone singled. Eighth grader Allie Kirvin singled, bringing home Sophie Kirvin. The Lady Seahawks added more runs when Boone scored on an RBI single by eighth grader Myranda McLeod, who then scored on an RBI single by freshman Bre Barrack. Eighth grade Adriana Butler and freshman Lacey Hutchins each scored on steals of home.

St. Joe quickly matched the JV Lady Seahawks' strong inning with a five-run inning of its own in the second. The Lady Tiger Sharks scored on a wild pitch, an error, an error, and a steal of home.

St. Joe stayed on top until the final out after



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Members of the 2013 JV Lady Seahawks team are, front row, from left: freshman Clarina Langineo, sixth grader Alexis Johnson, freshman Laila Murray, seventh grader Madison Smith, freshman Lacey Hutchins and eighth grader Kimmie Boone. Back row, from left: assistant coach Shevial Weston, freshman Anna Riley, eighth grader Allie Kirvin, eighth grader Adriana Butler, eighth grader Myranda McLeod, freshman Bre Barrack, sixth grader Sophie Kirvin and coach Lisa Sweatt.

taking the lead in the third, scoring four runs on a two-run error, a solo home run and an RBI single. The JV Lady Seahawks remain winless.

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Seahawk second baseman junior Logan McLeod went 2-for-4 in Franklin County's 11-6 loss at Blountstown Tuesday night. "He was moved to the leadoff spot in the lineup two weeks ago and has done a great job," said coach Mike Emerson. "In the last week, his on-base percentage has been over .500 percent, and he has improved his batting as well. I am very proud of how he has stepped up."

Congratulations, Logan!



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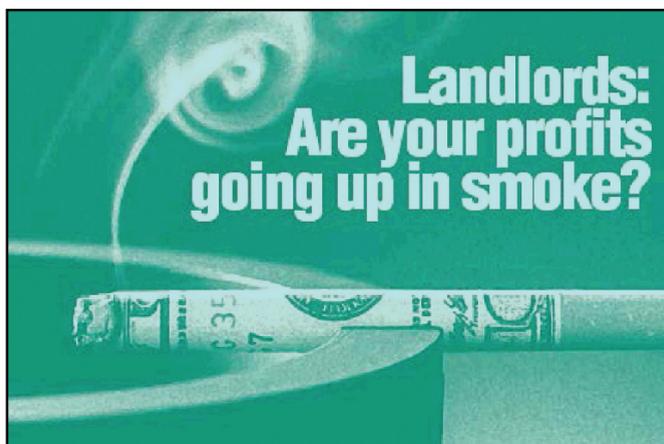
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Patti Dempsey: Good Citizenship: Adrionna Butler, Michael Polous; Perfect Attendance: Josiah Friddle
Valerie Miller: Good Citizenship: Chrome Wheeler, Estela Peralta; Perfect Attendance: Nyashia Evans, Mahalah Griggs,

Jerzy Jackson, Ben Tipton
Mary Williams: Good Citizenship: Elijah Banks, Kirsten Barron; Perfect Attendance: Kirsten Barron

First Grade
Sarah Brown: All As: Brayden Barwick, Lonnie O'Neal; A/B: Natalie Gibbens, Lynzi Kelley, Reid Nix, Anyah Rivera, Anthony Stulsky, Kassidy Sander; Good Citizenship: Lynzi Kelley, Daylen Gilbert; Perfect Attendance: Brayden Barwick, Max Thompson
Katrina Ham: All As:

Ethan Markham, Onamae Millender, Braden Shiver; A/B: Logan Bentley, Maryssa Branch, Owen Golden, Kirsten Martina, Gavin Millender, Cole Polous; Good Citizenship: Hannah Creamer, Gavin Millender; Perfect Attendance: Devin Barber, Gavin Millender, Cole Polous, Braden Shiver
Debbie Childress: All As: Austin Chapman, Kayleigh Leonard; A/B: Marcus Clayton, Kaden Downing, Emma Maldonado, Haiden Parks, Remi Turner; Good Citizenship: Gabriela Diaz,

Dominic Durbin
Leigh Smith: All As: William Chipman, Mason Pace, Alonah Segree; A/B: Nathan March, Marissa Taylor, Ava Gragg; Good Citizenship: Denim Chastain; Perfect Attendance: Ja'Marcus Turrell
Brenda Vause: All As: Chase Millender, Terry Proctor; A/B: Aden Bass, Tyler Baxley, Aryauna Benjamin, Caitin King, Rebecca Mahon, Jaydan Richards, Chandler Sanders, Ansley Savage, Gavin Shelley, Dakota Shiver,

Jesse Whitted; Good Citizenship: Ansley Savage, Chase Millender; Perfect Attendance: Chandler Sanders

Second Grade
Shellie Blackburn: All As: Kyera Crawford, Sarai Crumbliss, Kylie Rudd; A/B: Lee Adkins, Ethan Edgecomb, Emma Gragg, Kelsey Martina, Ryland Martina, Kaylee Segree, Evan Stanley, Ariana Tipton; Good Citizenship: Kaylee Segree, Brittany Wright, Bryson Carmichael;

Perfect Attendance: Kyera Crawford, Sarai Crumbliss.
Missy Cumbie: All As: Don Davis, Autumn Loesch, Jaylan Prince, Jada Allen, Bradlynn Hutchins, Emily Patterson, Corbin Pritchard, Christian Wilson; A/B: Dax Chitty, September Ferrell, Ethan Shirley, Xavier Glass, Zachary Thompson; Good Citizenship: Autumn Loesch, Kimberly Segree; Perfect Attendance: Autumn Loesch, Dax Chitty, Cloey Malone, Jaylan Prince, Emily Patterson

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY RESTORE COUNCIL

Notice is given that on March 28, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. (ET), at the Carrabelle City Hall, 106 SE Avenue B, Carrabelle, Florida 32322, the Franklin County Restore Council shall hold a public organizational meeting. For additional information contact Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, at 850-653-9783, Ext. 161.

Interested Persons may appear at the meeting and be heard.

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

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Misty Luberto: All As: Tucker Brown, Marissa Gilbert, Parker Mock, Emaleigh Segree, Aubree Swango-Moore; A/B: Emily Fichera, Daylan Hunnings, Shalyn Massey, Riley O'Neal, Adia Siler, Ty'Asia Yarrell Demarion Burch, Brianna

Sanders; Perfect Attendance: Aubree Swango-Moore, Adia Siler, Daylan Hunnings

Third Grade

Marvin Boyd: All As: Casandra Gibbens, Rachel Rudd, Kristen Stancil; A/B: Ariel Andrews, Raleigh Boatwright, Kyler Custer, Grace Patterson, Annie Smith; Good Citizenship: Ariel Andrews, Kyler Custer; Perfect Attendance: Alexis Britcher, Casandra Gibbens

Cathy Creamer: All As: Garrison Cook, Austin Segree; A/B: Bradley Burch, Anthony Roberts, Jerymiah Stephens, Jacob Thompson; Good

Citizenship: Garrison Cook, Austin Segree, Bradley Burch; Perfect Attendance: Garrison Cook

Jeanie Ford: All As:

Larry Winchester, Brianna Sutcliffe, Dylan Griffin; A/B: Janaria Lane, Landon Boone, Austin Taunton, Rebecca Shiver, Robert Nessly; Good Citizenship: Janaria Lane, Blakely Curry; Perfect Attendance: Brianna Cooper, Dylan Griffin

Pam Schaffer: All As: Sage Brannan, Marina O'Neal, Maddison Whitten; A/B: Trinity Barron, Trinity Cassell, Emma Crum, Tate Stanley, Jalynn Segree, Andrew Kuhner, Brendon Polous; Good Citizenship: Maddison Whitten, Tate Stanley; Perfect

Attendance: Tate Stanley, Brendon Polous, Marina O'Neal, Maddison Whitten.

Fourth Grade

Donna Barber: A/B: Destanie Proctor, Brycin Huckleba, Tressie Edwards, Steven Malone; Good Citizenship: Rayna Chandler; Perfect Attendance: Andrea Cooper, Caden Evans, Ryan Granger, Steven Malone, Jarvis Turrell

Lynn Clark: All As: Tina Granger, Madalyn Thompson; A/B: Katie Cox, Marci Kelley, Brooklyn Turner, Logan Waller; Good Citizenship: Micah Enfinger, Tina Granger; Perfect Attendance: Katelyn Cox, Makayla Varner

Laura King: All As: Camille Davis, Austin Gray, Katie Newman; A/B: Ethan Anderson, Tiauna Benjamin, Layla Chisholm, Camron Evans, Francisco Juan, Hollie Larkin, Landen Millender, Shirah Pelt, Breanna Shiver, Eli Whaley, Charlee Winchester; Good Citizenship: Austin Gray, Katie Newman; Perfect Attendance: Tiauna Benjamin, Camille Davis, Camron Evans, Austin Gray, Francisco Juan, Landen Millender

Fifth Grade

Audrey Gay: All As: Brandon Farr, Mikel Register; A/B: Cale Barber, Rosie Davis, Nicholas Hutchins,

Kimberly Turrell; Good Citizenship: Honesti Williams, Brandon Farr; Perfect Attendance: Allyson Emswiler, Nicolas Hutchins

Melanie Humble: All As:

Jace Faircloth, KT Nessly, Keondre Sewell, Jacob Shirley; A/B: Chasity Ard; Good Citizenship: KT Nessly; Perfect Attendance: Alex Hardy, Morgan Malone, Zander McCalpin, KT Nessly

LeeAnna Parrish: All As: Chloe Owens, Drake Stanley; A/B: Isaiah DeCoursey, Takiah Ford, Summer Granger, Jesse Ray; Good Citizenship: Teri Messer, Tommy Varner; Perfect Attendance: Isaiah DeCoursey, Kaleb Foley, Teri Messer, Tommy Varner

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92733 PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue an environmental resources permit and sovereignty submerged lands authorization for dredging of the Eastpoint Federal Navigation Channel, File No. 19-0270106-003-EI, to Curtis M. Flakes, Chief Planning & Environmental Division, US Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, 109 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, AL 36602.

The purpose of the permit is to authorize dredging the Eastpoint Federal Navigation Channel to a depth of 6 feet plus 2 feet of advanced maintenance and 2 feet allowable overdepth for a total of -10 feet mean low water, and dispose of the approximately 244,000 cubic yards of dredged material in a 26-acre dredged material containment cell on the south side of the existing western East-point breakwater. The dredged material containment cell is proposed to be constructed of a geotextile-fabric covered sand base, sand-filled geo-

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tubes, and sand dikes using sand from the bottom of St. George Sound adjacent to the sand structures as shown on the attached drawing. The elevation of the sand and geotube berms and sand dikes will be approximately +3 feet MLLW, and the base of the berms and sand dikes will be approximately 30-40 feet wide. The dredged material containment cell will be approximately 2,500 feet long and between 400 and 500 feet wide. The activities are proposed to occur over approximately 46 acres of sovereignty submerged lands (20 acres dredging, 26 acres dredged material containment cell). Proper turbidity and sedimentation control measures will be employed during the activities.

The project will be located in and around the existing Eastpoint Federal Navigation Channel and Eastpoint breakwaters south of Eastpoint, Florida, south of Sections 31 and 32, Township 8S, Range 6W in Franklin County, at Latitude 29° 44' 10.2502, Longitude -84° 52' 19.3766" within St. George Sound, a Class II Outstanding Florida Waterbody, Prohibited and Restricted for Shellfish Harvesting.

Based on all the above, and with the application of general and limiting specific conditions of the permit, the Department has reasonable assurance the project, as proposed, fully meets the environmental 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 hearing proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statute. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

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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), 4, Florida Administrative Code, petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 14 days of receipt of written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice. Under Section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statute, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of those rights. A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's

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action is based must contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d)

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of the Florida Statute, a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition is filed in accordance with the 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

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through Friday, except for legal holidays, at the Northwest District office, 160 W. Government Street, Pensacola, Florida, March 21, 2013

90404T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CASE NO.: 12-000037-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking Corporation, as Assignee of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Apalachicola State Bank, a division of Coastal Community Bank, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure, entered in this case, will sell the property at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, except as set forth hereinafter, on April 25, 2013, at 11:00 am Eastern Time at the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described real property lying and being in Franklin County, Florida, to-wit:

A parcel of land 100 feet by 142 feet, in the NW ¼ of fractional Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 8 West, Franklin County, Florida, and further described as follows: from an iron pipe stake

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marking the intersection of the South boundary of the 50 foot State Highway No. 10, with the West boundary (air port fence offset 10 feet West) of the E ½ of said NW ¼, run due South 700 feet, then East along the North boundary of a 66 foot street, 900 feet to a point for beginning; run thence North 142 feet; thence East 100 feet; thence South 142 feet; thence West, along said street, 100 feet to the point of beginning.

This Notice dated this 27th day of February, 2013.

Marcia M. Johnson
Franklin County Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk
March 14, 2013

90406T

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 19-2012-CA-000184

ONEWEST BANK, FSB Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID POTEETE; KATHY POTEETE; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Fi-

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nal Summary Judgment dated February 25, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 19-2012-CA-000184, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, wherein ONEWEST BANK, FSB is Plaintiff, and DAVID POTEETE; KATHY POTEETE; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

This property is located at the Street address of: 134 CRAIG ST, CARRABELLE, FL 32322.

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

LOT 14, DEER RUN ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on February 26, 2013.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON CLERK OF THE COURT

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Elizabeth R. Wellborn, Esquire... 350 Jim Moran Blvd. Suite 100 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850.577.4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, 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. March 14, 21, 2013

90470T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 19-2012-CA-000297

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. BRADLEY R. BLACKBURN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 19-2012-CA-000297 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, and, BRADLEY R. BLACKBURN, et al., are Defendants. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Franklin County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Apalachicola, Florida, at the hour of 11:00 am on the 2nd day of May, 2013, the following described property:

LOT 4, BLOCK 1 OF ADDITION TO MAGNOLIA BLUFFS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, 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 this 4th day of January, 2013.

MARCIA JOHNSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administration at (850)577-4401 or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding: If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

The ADA Coordinator for the courts in Leon County is Doug Smith. He may be reached at (850)577-4444 or through the Florida Relay Service, TDD at 1-800-955-8771. The address for the Office of Court Administration is: Leon county courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301. In all other counties in the circuit please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office and ask for the ADA Coordinator. The Clerk's number is included on each county page. March 21, 28, 2013

90472T PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that The Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority will hold a meeting on March 28, 2013. The meeting will be held at

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10:00 a.m. Central Time at Pensacola City Hall, City Council Chambers, 222 W. Main Street, Pensacola, Florida. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Corridor Authority at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Alicia Stephen at (850)429-8905 or alicia.stephen@hdrinc.com. March 21, 2013

90484T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 19-2010-CA-000194

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. MATTHEW MCCULLOUGH, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 11, 2013 and entered in Case No. 19-2010-CA-000194 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC*, is the Plaintiff and MATTHEW MCCULLOUGH; DANIELLE MCCULLOUGH; 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, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; FRANKLIN COUNTY; TENANT #1 N/K/A DONALD DEMPSEY are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at INSIDE FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 33 MARKET STREET, APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA at 11:00 AM, on the 3rd day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 4 BLOCK 187, KEOUGH'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF CARRABELLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 908 NE 6TH STREET, CARRABELLE, FL 32322

*Plaintiff name has changed pursuant to order previously entered.

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 seal of this Court on February 12, 2013.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk

Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L. PO. Box 25018 Tampa FL 33622-5018 File #: F10016145

**See Americans with Disabilities Act 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: Mr. Doug Smith Office of Court Administration Leon County Courthouse 301 S Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301 Phone: 850-577-4401 Fax: 850-487-7947 March 21, 28, 2013

90508T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 19-2012-CA-000292

ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B. Plaintiff, v.

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH,

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UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LOUISE H. HOBBS, DECEASED: BLAIR M. HOBBS A/K/A BLAIR M. PUGH; CINDY MARIE BRISBIN A/K/A CINDY MARIE BAILEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC F/K/A CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP.; MAGNOLIA RIDGE ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; TERRY NEWELL; LINDA BACKMAN; MARY BRISBAN; ENA BUCY; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LOUISE H. HOBBS, DECEASED.

whose residence is unknown Defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein

TO: BLAIR M. HOBBS A/K/A BLAIR M. PUGH

Last Known Address: 77 Gilbert Street Eastpoint, FL 32328

Current Address: Unknown

Previous Address: Unknown

TO: LINDA BACKMAN

Last Known Address: 539 N. Franklin Street La Grange, TX 78945

Current Address: Unknown

Previous Address: Unknown

TO: MARY BRISBAN

Last Known Address: 163 Kirkland Drive Crawfordville, FL 32327

Current Address: Unknown

Previous Address: 77 Gilbert Street Eastpoint, FL 32328

Previous Address: 407 SE 7th Street Carrabelle, FL 32322

TO: ENA BUCY

Last Known Address: 539 N. Franklin Street La Grange, TX 78945

Current Address: Unknown

Previous Address: Unknown

TO: ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown Defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Franklin County, Florida:

LOT 4 OF INGRAM ACRES (UNRECORDED): COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 25 (ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36), TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY,

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FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 25 (AS MONUMENTED) 50.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF A 50.00 FOOT WIDE COUNTY GRADED ROAD (GILBERT ROAD). THENCE RUN SOUTH ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 159.82 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261) MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 107.01 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261). THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST 407.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME VIN # CV02AL0258375A AND VIN # CV02AL0258375B WITH TITLE # 0084695571 AND TITLE # 0084695470

This property is located at the Streed address of: 77 Gilbert Street, Eastpoint, Florida 32328

YOU ARE REQUIRED to serve a copy of your written defenses on or before a date which is within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 350 Jim Moran Blvd., Suite 100, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's Attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 7, 2013.

MARCIA JOHNSON CLERK OF THE COURT

By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Randolph Clement, Esq., Jacquelyn C. Herrman, Esq., Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A., 350 Jim Moran Blvd., Suite 100 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

Phone: (954)354-3544 Fax: (954)354-3545 Primary email: rlclemente@erwlaw.com Secondary email: servicecomplete@erwlaw.com

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850.577.4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, 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. March 21, 28, 2013

90510T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 19-2013-CA-000035CA

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., 2006-AR6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR6, Plaintiff, vs.

CLIFFORD K. BRODY, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: CLIFFORD K. BRODY Last Known Address Unknown also Attempted At: 127 SPOONBILL DRIVE, PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL 32456; 180 HARBOR DRIVE, APT. 52, KEY BISCAYNE, FL 33149; 249 LEAVENSWORTH ROAD, HINESBURG, VT 05461; 260 CRANDON BLVD., SUITE 32, KEY BISCAYNE, FL 33149 AND 2746 HWY 98 W, CARRABELLE, FL

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32322 Current Residence Unknown

SALLY H BRODY A/K/A SALLY A. BRODY Last Known Address Unknown Also Attempted At: 127 SPOONBILL DRIVE, PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL 32456; 180 HARBOR DRIVE, APT. 52, KEY BISCAYNE, FL 33149; 249 LEAVENSWORTH ROAD, HINESBURG, VT 05461; 260 CRANDON BLVD., SUITE 32, KEY BISCAYNE, FL 33149 AND 2746 HWY 98 W, CARRABELLE, FL 32322 Current Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

ALL OF LOT 5, AND THE EAST HALF OF LOT 4, AND WEST HALF OF LOT 15, AND THE EAST 86 FT. OF LOT 16, SAVE AND EXCEPT THAT PART OF LOTS 15 & 16, LYING NORTH OF HIGHWAY 98, ALL IN WATERFRONT BLOCK "F" OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, A SUBDIVISION OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO: THAT PARCEL OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5, OF WATERFRONT BLOCK "F" OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, AND RUN SOUTH 18 FT. TO A CONCRETE POST; THENCE WESTERLY 150 FT. TO A CONCRETE POST, THENCE NORTHERLY 19.7 FT. TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 4 OF SAID BLOCK "F". THENCE EAST 150 FT. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 5th day of March, 2013.

MARCIA JOHNSON As Clerk of the Court

By: Terry E. Creamer As Deputy Clerk March 21, 28, 2013

92613T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-161-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM PATRICK KINSER A/K/A WILLIAM P. KINSER, U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Reformation of Mortgage dated February 25, 2013, in Case No. 12-161-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM PATRICK KINSER A/K/A WILLIAM P. KINSER and U.S. SMALL BUSINESS AD-

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Choice Legal Group, P.A., attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49th STREET, SUITE 120, FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 on or before within thirty (30) days after the first

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publication of this Notice in THE APALACHICOLA TIMES and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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MINISTRATION are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., East-ern Time, on April 3, 2013, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Reformation of Mortgage and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 19, Block C of ST. JAMES ISLAND PARK UNIT NO. 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

DATED: February 27, 2013.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of Circuit Court

Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Garvin B Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. 1300 Thomaswood Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32308 March 14, 21, 2013

92681T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION Case No.: 2010-CA-000273

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff, vs.

MAUREN C. PROCTOR, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Consent Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000273 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Apalachicola, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Franklin

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County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 3rd day of April, 2013 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 22, BLOCK 86 OF ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES, UNIT NO. FIVE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 16 & 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 this 30th day of January, 2013

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Terry E. Creamer Deputy Clerk March 14, 21, 2013

92695T PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RFO Emergency Management Contractual Services

The Franklin County Emergency Management will receive sealed qualification documents at the Emergency Management Office at 28 Airport Road, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 until Friday, March 22, 2013 at 2:00 PM. Qualifications received will be publicly opened on Tuesday, April 02, 2013 at Franklin County Board of County Commissioner meeting for the following:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Any qualifications received after Friday, March 22, 2013 at 2:00 PM, will be retained at the Emergency Management Office. Emergency Management reserves the right to reject any and all documents received, waive formalities and re-advertise and award the RFO in the best interest

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of Franklin County. The Board of County Commissioners does not discriminate because of race, creed, color, national origin or handicap status. Anyone wishing to obtain RFQ documents may contact Emergency Management at 850-653-8977. Any questions concerning the RFQ specifications should be directed to Pamela Brownell. Five sets of qualification documents must be submitted and labeled on the outside of the envelope as "SEALED RFQ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTRACTUAL SERVICES" March 14, 21, 2013

92749T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO: 13-000012CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF SARAH MAXWELL BABBIT Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Sarah Maxwell Babbitt, deceased, File 13-000012CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market St., Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE

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Arrest REPORT

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

March 12

Larry M. Bunn, 53, Jackson, Ga., sexual act with child under age 16 (FCSO)

March 14

Tucker M. Bohling, 36, Tallahassee, delivery of a controlled substance and soliciting prostitution (FCSO)

March 15

John W. Nowling, 40, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)
Richard J. Elhard, 31, Carrabelle, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, and possession of a

controlled substance (FCSO)
Martin R. Raulerson, 52, Carrabelle, domestic battery (CPD)
Samantha J. Falk, 27, Eastpoint, disorderly intoxication (APD)

March 16

Tonya C. Seamon, 39, Carrabelle, domestic battery and escape (CPD)

March 18

Jeffrey D. Nowling, 23, Eastpoint, harvesting oysters from prohibited waters and harvesting oysters between sunset and sunrise (FCSO)
Michael R. Holland, 53, Apalachicola, harvesting oysters from prohibited waters, harvesting oysters between sunset and sunrise, no saltwater product license and no Apalachicola Bay Oyster Harvesting license (FCSO)
James E. McCord, 57, Carrabelle, violation of probation (FCSO)
Jesse G. Smith, Jr., 47, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)
Larry E. Kent, 63, Apalachicola, sexual battery or attempted sexual battery (FCSO)

Officer finds rightful owner of found money

Sheriff's Deputy Officer Ronnie Segree has set an example for honesty we can all be proud to copy.

On Friday, things were a little slow at the courthouse when he decided to reduce the clutter in his station at the security entrance. Segree obtained permission from Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson to open a sealed envelope labeled "Shot Records" that was enclosed in a plastic bag.

The bag had lingered in the lost-and-found since November, when someone had handed it in to the security guards.

Inside the envelope, Segree found two \$100 bills and vaccination records for Hobbie and Belle, two cats whose owner was listed as David Joshua Allen of St. George Island.

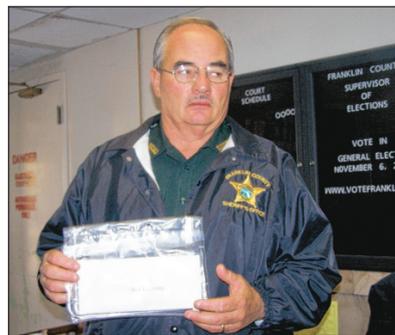
Segree looked Allen up in the phone book and called. His wife Marie Allen answered the phone and was mystified about how the envelope had been left at the courthouse.

She called her husband, who was on the golf course in Port St. Joe, and he agreed to pick up the found money on his way home. He paid Segree a \$50 reward for his good works.

"I was already having a good day because I was on the golf course. It just made it that much better," said David Allen, in a telephone interview. "We try to live by the golden rule and it's always nice when somebody does the same thing back. This is a good example of it. We're very seldom disappointed in people."

After thinking back on it, David Allen was able to solve the mystery of the envelope.

The money and shot records were originally attached to a cat carrier in the summer 2009 when the Allens went on a cruise.



RONNIE SEGREE

They left their cats in the care of neighbors and prepared the cage in the event the island was evacuated due to a storm.

The cats were never evacuated, and eventually the Allens bought another cage that fit more easily in their car, and the envelope, unopened, was removed and placed on David's desk. He believes he must have grabbed the bag containing the money and papers when he came to the courthouse last November to buy tags for his car. Apparently, the package was found by an honest pedestrian who turned it in to Segree.

"He has a moral compass that points in the same direction as mine," said Marie Allen.

Segree would accept no praise for his actions. "No way would my conscience allow me to take it," he said. "Integrity is doing the right thing when nobody is watching."

Johnson praised the security officer. "I think it's a nice story to share," she said.

— By LOIS SWOBODA

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