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Out to see



New Year's Eve bonfire on island

From 8 p.m. to midnight New Year's Eve, at Lighthouse Park, 1 East Gulf Beach Drive, ring in the New Year with a bonfire on the St. George Island beach. A deejay will play rock and roll music for everyone's entertainment and dancing pleasure. Call 927-2229 for more information.

Government offices closed for Christmas

Carabelle City Hall will be open only until noon on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day. Both the Franklin County Courthouse and Apalachicola city offices will be closed Dec. 24-26 and New Year's Day.

The Apalachicola Municipal Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 24 and 26, and closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The county libraries in Eastpoint and Carrabelle will be closed through Dec. 26 and on New Year's Day.

Tallahassee Swing Band at Dixie

What an exciting way to start the season! Making their Dixie Theatre debut, this big band ensemble has been playing the '40s, '50s and '60s classics and more for 24 years. Join us on Saturday, Jan. 4 and tap, dance and sway to your heart's content. The Dixie Theatre is at 21 Ave. E in Apalachicola. For more information call 653-3200.

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Franklin a D school

County officials address high school grade

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It wasn't exactly a gift of the magi, but some wise men in Tallahassee bestowed an educational present on Franklin County the week before Christmas.

Which is probably a more gentle week of the year if you have to bring home a D on your report card.

When the Florida Department of Education announced Dec. 18 school

grades for the state's 502 regular high school and combination schools, the Franklin County School was one of just seven Florida combination schools, serving pre-K through 12th grade, to receive a "D" school letter grade.

Ten other regular high schools got Ds, and seven other combination schools received Fs, as did one other high school.

This means that according to this signpost, Franklin County School

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A HISTORY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY GRADES

The following is a list of grades for Franklin County School for the past 14 years. Before 2007-08, the grade was based on the performance of students at Apalachicola and Carrabelle high schools.

2013: D	2008: D	2003: B
2012: C	2007: C	2002: C
2011: B	2006: C	2001: D
2010: B	2005: C	2000: D
2009: C	2004: C	1999: C

CHRISTMAS IN CARRABELLE



PHOTOS BY LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Carrabelle Mayor Curley Messer shows the Christmas cards he received from President Barack Obama, right, and Vice President Joe Biden.

Below: Shawn Oxendine displays his latest buck.

'Twas the week before Christmas

Mayor Curley Messer gets presidential kudos

By LOIS SWOBODA

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On Saturday, unusual doings made it begin to look a lot like Christmas in Carrabelle.

A surprise visitor was greeting shoppers on the corner of Tallahassee Street and U.S. 98. The old elf himself was on hand to direct gift seekers to the gently used clothing shop next door. An array of camo and outdoor wear was drawing a lot of attention from passers-by, and Santa was handy to pose for snaps. He seemed a little warm in his cozy suit. Next time go for the Bermudas, St. Nick.

Over on 11th Street, behind his shop, Shawn Oxendine had his latest trophy buck strung up on display. If you have a sleigh and eight tiny reindeer on the roof, better double-check them. Shawn seems to have gotten a little trigger-happy.

But the biggest excitement in town on Saturday was Mayor Curley Messer showing off the holiday greetings he received last week from both President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

Biden's card was a photo collage of the veep and family signed by everyone, including Champs, the family's German shepherd.



Not to be outdone, the Obamas offered up a three-dimensional cut paper confection created by Chris Hankinson, showing the White House surrounded by a snowy landscape. Making tracks in the snow are Obama's black Portuguese water dogs, Sunny and Bo.

Messer said he is a registered Democrat but not a big fan of Obama. "Things would go better in Washington if they let God take charge," the mayor said.

Messer said once the holidays are over, he plans to have a glass case built for the cards.

"I don't know why they sent them, but it's a great honor. It's good to know Washington remembers a little town like Carrabelle," Messer said.

Reward offered in Eastpoint bear killing

By LOIS SWOBODA

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Sometime between dusk Thursday, Dec. 19, and 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, someone in Eastpoint shot a bear.

The shooting took place on Old Ferry Dock Road between Barber Drive and U.S. 98.

Nearby resident Roger Keene said the bear had been a nuisance in the area for several months. He said it damaged a fence on his property and rummaged in garbage cans and visited a trailer park at nearby Washington Street.

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A bear was fatally shot last week on Old Ferry Dock Road between Barber Drive and U.S. 98.

Weems adds electronic medical recordkeeping

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An important infrastructure change went online in the Weems Memorial Hospital emergency room this month, the first component in the hospital's new electronic medical records system.

The provider, CSS, was selected this fall after a request for proposals that narrowed the finalists down to CSS and Healthland.

At the Dec. 3 meeting of the county commission, together with Don Lindsey, chief information officer for Tallahassee Memorial Health Care, and Dr. Pat Conrad, director of the Weems ER, Weems CEO Ray Brownsworth

detailed the complicated funding mechanism that should enable Weems to recoup about three-quarters of the expensive price tag of the EMR system.

Brownsworth said the out-of-pocket expenses are about \$260,000, and only \$210,000 is reimbursable.

"The \$210,000 is for other things that include equipment interfaces, connection between software and other pieces and conversion of data for nurses and doctors," he said.

He said Medicare will pay a portion of the \$450,000 cost of software, installation, travel and training, as well as the \$118,000 in annual fees for support and maintenance of the system.

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Dear Santa,

Franklin County students send their Christmas wishes to St. Nick

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM PRE-K

Alex Pascual wants a toy car.
Anna Spurlock wants a baby doll.
Ansley Chipman wants a Jeep.
Benton Holland wants a Big Pod.
Brycen Thompson wants a robot.
Charlotte Strahan wants a baby.
Destiny Townsend wants a glow worm.
Fernando Gomez wants a toy car.
Franco Francisco wants toys.
Jaxon Shiver wants a dirt bike.
Jeremiah Russ wants a toy.
Jordan Shiver wants a dirt bike.
Kelsie Davis wants a Barbie doll house.
Lillie Gaskill wants a La La Lucy doll.
Marleigh Shahan wants a barber doll.
Princess Terrell wants a four wheeler.
Riley Rickerson wants a dinosaur.
Sienna Polous wants an easy bake oven.
Trenton Shiver wants a dirt bike.
Mrs. Kulick wants to be Happy & Healthy and for her loved ones to be also. P.s.: a kayak.

Ms. Thomas wants good Health and for all her friends & family to be happy.

Landen Massey wants a dirtbike.
Rodney Yowell wants a monster robot.
Kaeon Barrack wants a choo choo train.
Kaydance Topham wants a puppy.
Jazzlynn Godbott wants a butterfly ring.
Ashton Carey wants a dollhouse.
Malen Henry wants a new T.V.
John Shiver wants a racecar.
Ryleigh Hollenbeck wants a dog.
Drew Rickards wants a Kindle Fire HD.
Adacyn Cruise wants Ariel toys.
Abdul Bessant wants a toy motorcycle.
Korbyn Barrack wants a toy Spiderman.
Faith Porter wants a tea set.
Noah Jenks wants a Ninja Turtle truck.
Sheyanne Russell wants a bike.
Brennen Cook wants a I Phone.
Chase Ford wants a ball.
Autumn Millender wants a doll.
Shelby Flowers wants playdough.
Mrs. Jean wants a trip to Colorado.
Mrs. Murray wants a good book and a quiet nook.

MS. BLOODWORTH'S KINDERGARTEN

My name is Kaitlyn I have good! I hope you have been well. Please bring me a HD Kindle

My name is Kendra I have been good! I hope you have been well. Please bring me a dream Barbie house.

My name is Jaime I have been good I hope you have been. Please bring me a racing dusty.

My name is Layla I have been good I hope you have been well.

My name is Devin I have been good I hope you have been well. Please bring me a transformer voyager.

My name is Jamison I have been good I hope you have been well. Please bring me a big 4 wheeler.

My name is Evan. I have been good! Please bring me a space mander.

My name is Catenin I have been good I need an ipod.

My name is Savannah I have been good! I hope you have been well Please bring me a robot monkey.

My name is Hailey I have been good! I hope you have been well. Please bring me a four wheeler.

My name is Jaliyah I have been good! I hope you have been well. Please bring me a big doll house.

My name is Porter. I have been good! I hope you have been well. Please bring me a green switch Dino

My name is Dalton I have been good! I hope you have been well. Please bring me a BB Gun.

MS. MILLER'S KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Tyler

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Jonathan

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Chanova

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Destiny

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love George

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Jamie

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Jeremiah

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Ryleigh

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Kristina

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Kinny

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Riley

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Blair

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Kyler

Dear Santa I have been good please bring toys. Love Robyn



MS. HOWARD'S KINDERGARTEN

I have been good. I would like a guitar. Your friend Celest

I have been good I would like ipad Your friend Gracie.

Dear Santa I have been good I would like a IPOD. Your friend Shaelyn

Dear Santa I have been good. I would a 4 wheeler boat dirt bike. Your friend Steven

Dear Santa I have been good I would like a bike. Your friend Benjamin

Dear Santa I have been good. Baby doll. Your friend Ahliavia

Dear Santa I have been good real good! I would like stuffed animals Your friend Gwen.

Dear Santa I have been good Your friend Kanira

Dear Santa I have been good I would like a dirt bike. Your friend Benjamin

Dear Santa I have been good. Baby doll. Your friend Benjamin

Dear Santa I have been good I would like a dirt bike Your friend Hubrex

Dear Santa I have been good I have been good Your friend Christian

Dear Santa I have been good I would like a pad Your friend Hanhan

Dear Santa I have been good I would like a dirt bike. Your friend Austin

Dear Santa I have been good! Iphone I would like a dirt bike. Your friend Rodney

MS. BAROODY'S FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa, This year I was good By Buying my mom Stepdad a presit. I love my FAMILY Because they love me. I wish I had a Pock & a pet godfish & a rell majic wod. Love Shaylee

PS Thak you Santa for macking toys!!!!!!!

Dear Santa, This year I Was good By Helping my granny and mom Because I LOVE them! I Hope I See you this year! I wish I had more cat, move up to the hist levil in class and magic won! Thak you for giveing us toys. Love Zariah

Dear Santa, This year I ws good by helping Frinds. I like my Family Becaue they give me toys. I wish I had a pet fish and magic and a another cat. Thank you Santa for letting kids git Prefis.

Love Krista

Dear Santa, I want a present for Christmas and a friend. Thank you for My Family Otto Elf I hope my grndmama will get well. Love Layla

Dear Santa, Thank you and Jesus for making presents. Would you let me see my sisters and brothers. I wish my mama and daddy were happy. I wish my baby sister was good. I wish I could have a good family, friends and day. And I wish everybody was nice. I love Santa love me, Kamora neil

Dear Santa, I want my mom and dad to have a new car. I would like to have a blue dirt bike. Daniel Lively

Dear Santa, I want a pair of high heels and a baby too and I want my memo too get betr I want my bruthr + get Beth Love Ashlyn Vause

MS. PENNYCUFF'S FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa, I want a xbox4. I want a mod siki. I want a four wheeler. I want a go krt too. Bradley Spell

Dear Santa, I want a present for Christmas and a friend. Thank you for My Family Otto Elf I hope my grndmama will get well. Love Layla

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Dear Santa, I want a 4-wheeler and an iPod. My name is Jabin and I want to ride your sleigh with you. I have been a good boy.

Sincerely, Jabin Thompson

Dear Santa, Prince Williams

I want box 360. I like my cousin. I love my sister. I love my baby. I love my uncle. I love my ELF. Prince Williams

Dear Santa, I want a bike remote control xbox 360.

I wish my mama could have some presents like me. Whiddom Nathaniel

Dear Santa, Thank you for the armys and heliacapterr and the x box 360 and go cart too. Sy Bartlett

Dear Santa, I hope my family don't get sick. I love Santa Claus he gives me Presents I love CHRISTMAS because I thanyful for my mom and dad. From, Daylen Gilbert

Dear Santa, Thank you for reading my letter. I want a Barbie. I wish my mom was filling good. I wish my friends plays with me. I wish I had a car. From Lili

Dear Santa, I want my Grandma and dad. to have a new car. WOULD. Like to have a pink dirt bike. Love Mahalah Griggs

Dear Santa, I want a Barbe. I wish my Gremow can wallke. Jordan Barber

Dear Santa, I love Santa and I love mom too! I want a xbox 360 Fom, Kyle Cooper

MS. PARKER'S FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa all I want for Christmas make up doll I phone5 Shakira

Dear Santa all I want for Christmas I phone 5 Ja'michael

Dear Santa All I want for Christmas is a phone and make up. Serenity

Dear Santa All I want for Christmas is a princess doll Shelby

Dear Santa All I want for Christmas 4 wheeler Tyren

Dear Santa all I want for Christmas 4 wheeler Christian

Dear Santa all I want for Christmas is a Mario games Eli

Dear Santa all I want for Christmas is a make up kit and a baby doll baby alive Charity

MS. VAUSE'S FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa, I want a Ipod. I want a buggy that goes really fast. I us a good boy. I don't get in trouble in school or at home. I love you. Cameron Taylor

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie Dream House and I want a necklace and some earrings. I want some blue fingernail polish and a Barbie jump rope. I love Santa because you are soft and your beard is fluffy.

Love, Michelle Weisz

Dear Santa, I want a 4-wheeler and an iPod. My name is Jabin and I want to ride your sleigh with you. I have been a good boy.

Sincerely, Jabin Thompson

Dear Santa, I would like a unicorn, Zmour, a Santa doll and a striped toy zebra and a iPad. I like you. Thank you, Santa!

Summer Bunnell

Dear Santa, I know that you are at the north poll. I

want a race car for Christmas. I want a good

Christmas meal for my family. Also, I want a

new pair of black gloves.

Than k you, Lester Owens

Dear Santa, I want a Zoomr because I have a real

dog and I love dogs. I want a Barbie Jeep.

A recliner so my mom can lay down when

her back hurts. I love you Santa. I want to

see roodolf.

Loghan Carver

Dear Santa, I want a IPOD. I want a buggy to ride in.

I was a good boy at my house. Now I am a

good boy at school too.

Robbie Estes

Dear Santa, I am in first grade. I want a Kindle Fire

and a remote control airplane that glows in

the dark. I love you, dear Santa. I'm going to

feed you reindeer some carrots on Christmas.

Billy Chandler

Dear Santa, I want a doll with cerlee hair. I am Rosa.

I am 7 and in first grade. I love you. My

mama likes and IPAD and my brother wants

a toy car. My daddy wants some new shoes.

Rosa Pascual

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Joel Taylor and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some wonderful choices this year, let me tell you about one that I am real proud of.

I tried to stay on green all week.

Here is my Christmas list: phone, Stunt bike.

I would like you to bring I wu to giv sum mane for my because He is a gud because it is for Santa

Love Joel Taylor

Dear Santa,
My name is Jazmyn Maria Pavon and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some wonderful choices this year, let me tell you about one that I am real proud of.

I took care of my baby cousin in Georgia and I love him.

Here is my Christmas list: lap top, computer, my own room, phone, Kindle Fire and my own baby doll

I would like you to bring ring, necklace, boy shoes, lotion and love for my mom and dad because my mom and dad love me a lot.

Love Jazmyn Maria Pavon

Love: me

Dear Santa,
My name is Joselyn Ward and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some wonderful choices this year, let me tell you about one that I am real proud of.

I babysat my friend's baby.

Here is my Christmas list: 1 turtle
I would like you to bring Ipod for my Josh because he is nice

Love

Dear Santa,
My name is Erie Price and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some wonderful choices this year, let me tell you about one that I am real proud of.

I took care of my baby sister when my mom was busy.

Here is my Christmas list: phone, turtle, lap top

I would like you to bring a winter hat for my baby sister because she needs it.

Love

Dear Santa,
My name is Promise Amy and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some wonderful choices this year, let me tell you about one that I am real proud of.

I stayed on green for two weeks at school.

Here is my Christmas list: a lap top, Mrs. Ramshill and my mom.

I would like you to bring a necklace for my friend Jazmyn because She plays with me.

Love Promise

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan Mills and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some wonderful choices this year, let me tell you about one that I am real proud of.

I feed my dog every day.

Here is my Christmas list: lap top, computer games

I would like you to bring a dirt bike for my friend Joel because he wants it.

Love Ryan

Dear Santa,
My name is Anthony Khambril and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some wonderful choices this year, let me tell you about one that I am real proud of.

I listen to my teachers and try to stay on green.

Here is my Christmas list: Kindle Fire for Christmas

I would like you to bring a Kindle Fire for my brother Deonay because I love him

Love Khambril

Dear Santa,
My name is Josh Dykes and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some wonderful choices this year, let me tell you about one that I am real proud of.

I have green all day (I have been on "green" all day)

Here is my Christmas list: a mosntr truck and a dr bic

I would like you to bring a monster truck
Love Josh Dykes

Dear Santa,
My name is Shlok Patel and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some wonderful choices this year, let me tell you about one that I am real proud of.

I helped my grandpa dad and brother fix basketball hoop.

Here is my Christmas list: I want a comic books, stunt bike, Monster truck and Killy Pickler.

I would like you to bring a necklace and four my dad a new cae for my Mom and dad because I Love them.

Love Shlok

MRS. MALLON'S SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you are staying warm this winter. I would like a puppy this year and a animal balloon set. I would also like a slushie maker and a barbie dream house.

Love Cassandra

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year! I would like for you to bring an iPod, electric scooter, a xbox 360 , a new squeaky toy for my puppy, and a dirt bike for my brother and me. How are the reindeer doing?

Love Kiana

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year! I would like for you to bring an ipad, a wii, a swingset, and a pool, Xbox one, 3DS, and a toy reindeer and a flying horse.

Love Emma Rowland

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year! I would like for you to bring an wi, for wheeler, clothes, shoes, jewelry, a Barbie Toys, a lap top, makeup, on Drichen, Justin Beber Backpack.

Love Trinity Creamer

Dear Santa,

I've been mediocre this year! I would like you to bring me a sparkle dress, and a diamonds and money.

Love Taylor Pendleton

Dear Santa,

I have been mediocre but I wanted my forwheel Fisite and I wanted a teacher set and a ring and a glit set and a glit bed set and I wanted a belepesing nd a cristle gres and I wanted a ondreshun opust.

Love Aniyah Rivera

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring an iPod, a dirt bike, and a playstation 3 and a box 360 Flat screen tv how is you rian Deer doninen I will make a plat of cookies and a glass of hot choclate and I love your reindeer.

Love Austin White

Dear Santa,

I have been relly good this year
I would like for you to bring an ipod for my

Love Amontaye

Dear Santa,

I have been realy good this year! I would like for you to bring me a dirbrike. For Christmas.

Love Esteban

Dear Santa,

I have really good this year! I would like for you to Bring an iPod, caise, and cut clothes.

Love Isabella Aaron Price

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year! I would like for you to bring me an ipod, a remote control boat and a x-box 3 for Christmas!

Love Reece Juno

Dear Santa,

I think I'm doing good. I want a WWe2K14 For Th Xbox 360. A computer and a WWe Movie and WWe stuff. Thanks for sending you phone number but tell Edward to Stop making messes. How is Rhodolf With the red noes. Merry chrismas!!! Ho Ho Ho

Love, Will luberto

MS. HERRINGTON'S SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,

My name is Malic and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping people

I have shown my good behavior by foling drcing

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a dirt bicealle a horse a kalasaki four wheeler a remote control dirbrike, ar remo control monster truck, a remote control four wheeler, a remote control doom buggy

Santa, my family my mom papa my brthr and me an my gamme

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to have a dirt bike

Dear Santa,

My name is Joslyn Tipton and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by doing chores.

I have shown my good behavior by making A honorele

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with toy A Easy Bake Oven, Pot Belly pig, Art Box, Art Kit, and most of all I want a Marker air Brush.

Santa, my family is the best in the hole wide world.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to have a good job when I'm older.

Dear Santa,

My name is Taylor and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by being good

I have shown my good behavior by getting A onrourl

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with should be paid with money and with my two front teeth.

Santa, my family My family is the coolest family in the world.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to make the world a better place. To help Elderly people and poor people.

Dear Santa,

My name is Peyton and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by making the A honroll

I have shown my good behavior by listening

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with trampelen and other stuff

Santa, my family is the 2nd best family

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future a dino toy

Dear Santa,

My name is Hannah and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by not fighting with my brother and not hitting him

I have shown my good behavior by getting a ipod a scooter and a fake deer that I can shoot

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with AB honroll

Santa, my family is the sweetest family in the hole wide world they care for me and I care for them.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to have a good job.

Dear Santa,

My name is Aubrie and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by listening to my teacher's.

I have shown my good behavior by being good

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year! I would like for you to bring an ipad, a wii, a swingset, and a pool, Xbox one, 3DS, and a toy reindeer and a flying horse.

Love Emma Rowland

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring an wi, for wheeler, clothes, shoes, jewelry, a Barbie Toys, a lap top, makeup, on Drichen, Justin Beber Backpack.

I have made some great choices this year by making A's

I have shown my good behavior by make great choice in school

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with family

Santa, my family nice

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future family to be together

Dear Santa,

My name is Andie and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by being good

I have shown my good behavior by showing good behavior

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with Xbox halo 4 and a toy rabbit.

Santa, my family is very nice!

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to give me a jet pack

Dear Santa,

My name is Reagen and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by being good

I have shown my good behavior by being good

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a marker drawing board, a Stocking full of candy

Santa, my family is so nice and I love them

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I want a human size Rudolph doll.

Dear Santa,

My name is Cody and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by I made straight A's

I have shown my good behavior by allways help my family in some special stuff.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a poisonous snake, famous football players

Santa, my family is very nice to me and I am nice to them.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future that I become

Dear Santa How is Rudolf doing? A Christmas hat. I want a kick ball. I want a boat. Logan

Dear Santa how is Rudolph doing? Is he doing good. I believe in you and Rudolph. I would like to have a dirt bike and a new bike and a pogo stick. Bricyn

MS. LUBERTO'S SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa

This is Chase I have been kinda good naughty and nice you have lost weight I would like some boots please I also want my dirt bike fixed if that's not too much trouble I deserve this because I have helped my mama and she has 5 boys love Chase

Dear Santa This is Evan I have been nice this year how are the reindeer? I hope they are ready for Christmas because I am Do you know what would make me happy is a blue bike I deserve this because I helped my mom decorate. Love Evan

Dear Santa My name is Austin I've been pretty good this year What are you doing right now? I'm in school. I hope you are doing good for Christmas I would like a new bike and a game. Love Austin

Dear Santa This is Ary I've been nice how is my elf doing is he doing good. I would like my elf back and this is something that I want some shoes. case for I phone rainbow headphones and an Ipad and American girl doll and Iphone5

Dear Santa This is Hannah I have been nice this whole year I would like for you to bring me a diamond ring and a ninehd ds I also want an Ipad I deserve this because I been nice to my sister and that's hard to do. Love Hannah

Dear Santa This is your friend Blake I have been good this year I want an Ipad. I think I should get these things because I'm doing my work. Love Blake

Dear Santa My name is Corbin How are the reindeer? Got any new ones? Nevermind The gift that I really want is a play station 4 PS4 and an Xbox one I deserve these because I've been nice. Love, Corbin

Dear Santa This is Onamae How are your reindeers doing? I want a tablet for Christmas. I have been super nice and nice Love Onamae

Dear Santa I have done some good things and some bad I will try to be good next year This year I would like an xbox 1 and games for it. And headphones for mp3 player I think I should git these because I've helped my mom. Love Jordon

Dear Santa My name is Rebecca I have been nice this year How have you been this year? I hope good! I relly want on I Pod for Christmas. I also want a Kindlefire. I deserve these because I'm a good girl. Love Rebecca

MS. BROWN'S SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa I have been good today that's because my teacher says I'm special I want a monster truck race car, and a snow bord. Your friend Nathan

Dear Santa I want a kindle fire , Barbie doll and elf and I want a art set and my family to have a good Christmas Your friend Remi

Dear Santa I'm 7 years old I have been good These three things that I want for Christmas I want a lego set a cat and a lego hero factory. Your friend Owen

Dear Santa I have been good I see you sent a elf to my house right we put up our Christmas tree prince touched the elf Also I want some new Barbie, a puppy and some new friends. Your friend Bradlynn

Dear Santa I want a dog for Christmas and a dirt bike and a lego city set and that all. Your friend Zack

Dear Santa I want a Barbie doll because Santa gives us presents and put the presents under are Christmas tree that's way I like the holidays cause it was snowing outside. Your friend Josie

Dear Santa I wont a dirt bike Because I was all wanted own An I wont a 4 ten were I can go hunting and a bow because I like them And a bow beuse I like them I thrid to be good. And I wish you a merry Christmas Thank You Dakota

Dear Santa I would like a dog lego set 4-10 please I'm sorry if I wuse bad merre Christmas Santa Your friend Bryson

Dear Santa I am the only boy out of five children This is my wish for Christmas. I would like a airplane, bike and remote control. Your friend Nicholas Cooper

Dear Santa Baby alive scooter a brbie house. Your friend Hayden

Dear Santa I trid my best to be good I have been good in school I clen my room to my three things I deserve them the three things I want is a remote control truck a remote control boat and kindle fire HD Your friend Kaden

Dear Santa I want a iphone 5 a tablet and a kindle fire HD and I all ways have been good all with the chargers to all of them for Christmas. Your friend Laelah

Dear Santa What do I whot for Christmas I wont hair stuff and Barbie play set and a toy cat and dog I'm 7 years old your friend Cayleigh

Dear Santa today I will get an elf and I will take a book and a Barbie doll and I'm 8 years old I'm a girl I been good. Your friend Jacqueline

Dear Santa I want a skateboard and a willeler and a rele bow I have a beg bedroom and a beg yard I ben good I am 7 years old and I have the best mom and Dad and sister. Your friend Gaven

Dear Santa I wont a new dollhouse and a new playhouse a new art set so if you wont to no how old I am 8 years old but what is a kindle that is what my mom is going to ask you ok Your friend Ansley

Dear Santa I want a four wheeler and a remote control helicopter and a ipod I ben good I am 8.Your friend Matthew

Dear Santa I try to be good. I'm not the best. And please get me a iphone 5 a Xbox 360 and minecraft And I'm 8 years old. Your friend Lonnie

Dear Santa This Christmas I would like a toy shark and a toy dinosuar and one more thing I would like and it's a toy tiger. Your friend Bentley

Dear Santa What I want for Christmas Santa Claus is a kindle and a Barbie doll and a new set of headphones and everything in the world!!!!!! Your friend Imani

MS. HAM'S THIRD GRADE

My name is Emaleigh Segree. I am almost 9 year old. I have been a good girl this year. I want a pink dirt bike, American Girl doll, angry bird stuff, a new pink bike, and a horse. Why can't we see you? How are your raindeer? I hope the elfs love to make toys. Thank you for all my toys I hope to get more ever year.

Love, Emaleigh

Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike. I want a mudre thruk. I want an x box. I want to see you. From Thomas

Dear Mister santa,
I've been good all year and I woud like asp 4, psvdq, xbox, chemistry set, traen a linehead, ipod. That's all I want. Oh wait, I also want a treehouse. Thanks Santa! Love Dayton

Dear Santa, My name is Parker. I am nine years old, and I want a hubpbe green machine. Goodbye! Your friend, Parker.

Dear Saint Nick
I've been a very good girl. I would like a bike, monster high dolls, monster high hotel, lots of dark diaries books, Santa doll, a rain deer, kidle fire HD and a barbie movie.

Your friend, Sarci

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a very good girl this year and for Christmas I want a big doll house, puppy, new bike, Monster high motel, furby, angry bird and Barbie fairy secret move.

Love, Aubree

To Saint Nick,
I've been very nice this year so for Christmas I want the Skynaders swap force dark edition. Christmas is my most favorite holiday in the universe. It's not about getting it's about giving. Oh and Merry Christmas to you.

Love Trott

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good girl this year even though my annoying brother Jack Harris! He needs some coal in his stocking. Nay ways all I want is peace, and love, and oh wait a minute let me get my toys on my list. Ok, I want a American doll Julie ivy for chirstmas and I want Mario cart and Infinity, the wii games in my stocking.

Love Marissa Gilbert.

Dear Santa,
I am nine years old and my name is Shalyn. I want a moped, elf on the shelf and a good Christmas. I have been very good this year. I am all ready for Christmas. Love Shalyn

Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old and I'm in 3rd grade. I want a blue bike, a new phone a real one, and a cleaning set so I canhelp mom clean. I have been a good girl this year. I will set out eggnog for you this year and milk chocolate milk, and cookies to : Santa Claus from your friend Kimberly Segree.

Dear Santa Claus

How are you all? I will put out milk and cookies out & carrots for the rein deer. What I really want for Christmas is a karoke, radio & keep sake box. I also want a cross made out of marbles.

Merry Merry Christmas!

Thank you Santa!

Your Friend Grace.

My name is Jerelyn. I am 9 years old. I have been good. I've liked all the Christmas presents that you put under my tree, and what I want for Christmas is and elf on a shelf because I think it is cool. I would also like for you to bring me an ipod please.

Your friend, Jerelyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Madlyn and I am a 5th grader at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by cleaning my mom's house.

I have shown my good behavior by obeying my family and respecting the elders.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a I pad touch!

Santa, my family and I are goping to put out 3 extra cookies! (you're welcome!)

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I would like to be rewarded with a pair of Sperrys.

Don

Dear Santa,

My name is Jorden. I want a Bowen errow

For Chismas. Your Elf is doing a good job. And

I want a helicopter to. Love Jorden

Dear Santa,

I would like gravity boots for mChristmas

because they let me jump higher and I want to go to a slam dunk. They also let you run in slow motion. I want to run in slow motion. They also let you run fast if you try to walk.

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Dear Santa,

My name is Adalyn and I am a 5th

Dear Santa,
My name is Jabra Pearson and I am a student at the ABC School. I am a good student.

I have made some great choices this year by listening in class being respect in class, home...

I have shown my good behavior by being good in school, home, with dad...

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a medium fourwheeler not to slow not to fast just right

My family needs nice light bulbs for Christmas because our two lights are out.

I wish for the future that nobody gets sick, injured....

Dear Santa,
My name is Mikaela Sanford and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping people and my family by crushing the cans and washing the dishes and cleaning my room and making my bed.

I have shown my good behavior by helping my friends with their work and projects when they need any help. I help almost everybody.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with my nice friends and family. That is all I want for Christmas. I want my family together one more time because these past year I lost half of my family. Santa, my family is awesome nice and wonderful to me. They help me with my homework and everything I need

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to keep my family together forever because we might not be together one last time to say sorry for bad things I'd done. I love my family and that is going to change.

Love Mikaela
Thank you Santa,
Your girl Mikaela

Dear Santa,
My name is Shyanna Cogburn and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by doing all my work and doing all my chores.

I have shown my good behavior by being good to my family, and being good at school.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a tadlet, Iphone and a lap top.

Santa, my family loves me and cares for me and gives lots of my love.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be much better and clean.

Thank you Santa many Christmas Love Shyanna

Dear Santa,
My name is Colin and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping my friends, doing homework and a lot of good things.

I have shown my good behavior by following directions, listening doing it.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a big elefant like a big hookin' present like a pet elefant

Santa, my family has really been wanting stuff and its all up to me to be good.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future We can have a really good Christmas and spend time with my family.

Dear Santa,
I know I already wrote a note to you but I actually like it. And now I'm listing the toys! A remote control airplane, human hamster ball, WWE belts! Intercontenetus, WWE Championship basket ball goal for door.

That's about it.
From Colin Stuart Wefing to Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Jackson Segree and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by not trying to talk during instructions.

I have shown my good behavior by being realy quiet and helpful.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a infinity characters like some Cars characters.

Santa, my family needs a billion bucks and a new car if that's okay.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future for people not to be hungry and I wish ther's no scarryness accept on October.

Dear Santa,
My name is Eric Lau and I am a student at the ABC School. I am 8 years old.

I have made some great choices this year by doing my work in my class.

I have shown my good behavior by listening, following directions and respect others.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with an Ipad 2 because I have been working hard.

Santa, my family are hard workers. I think they deserve the things they need.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I would like to do my best on my test and prove my answer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kylan Ross and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping others, doing my work and trying my very best.

I have shown my good behavior by listening, being helpful and using kind words.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a really good present. I want something that I could keep forever. I want a computer.

Santa, my family wants to take a vacation to Hawaii to relax and have some fun.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be a safer place and for people to recycle all the time to help the world.

Thank you Santa.

Merry Christmas from Kylan



Dear Santa,
My name is John Michael Thompson and I am a student at the ABC School (Apalachicola Bay Charter School).

I have made some great choices this year by using my manners at computer center.

I have shown my good behavior by using my manners at computer center.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with more Skylander Characters.

Santa, my family needs more money (for food).

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future more Skylander characters.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kendall Hill and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by cheering people up and helping people.

I have shown my good behavior by being respectful and listening.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with an android laptop.

Thanks Santa Kendall

Dear Santa,
My name is Laithan Kent and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by Listen to my mom. Don't be mean to my sister!

I have shown my good behavior by Be good at home I take care of my dog!

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a new Xbox and some new games! My Xbox broke!

Santa, my family needs some new dogs! It will be crazy at my house!

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MERRY

CHRISTMAS



Dear Santa,
I want an xbox dns, a Playstation, a Fak shot kit, a dirtbike, a fourwheeler, a toy coffee maker, water-proof boots up to my knees, and finally, a pair of camouflage waders.

From: Lee

Dear Santa,
I am at a point in my life where needs have replaced wants. I need a job! Can you find me one? That's probably a silly question. I don't want video games, or a new bike, or a car. I don't want cookies, or taffy, or a giant candy bar.

I only want happiness, peace, harmony and joy. All of these things are much greater than a silly toy. I could use some khakis. Do you know my size? Of course you do, you're Santa! That's no surprise.

What I'd like from you, I hope you can give. Til the age of 90, I would like to live. You are the best, that is for sure. Could you eradicate cancer? Or at least find a cure.

Your Biggest fan,
Mr. Fulmer**MRS. BOCKELMAN'S
FOURTH GRADE**

Dear Santa,
My name is Myia and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by making good grades on my test. And following directions the first time given, raising my hand when I want to speak and keeping my hands and feet to myself.

I have shown my good behavior by helping Mrs. Bockelman when she needs help and helping my friends when they need help and being a good friend to one another. And doing what my parents tell me to do all my chores like cleaning my room.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with nothing I just want to help people like my mom and dad when they need help like wash the dishes and vacuum the floor for my parents and do the same thing for my nanny and papa.

Santa, my family is the best family ever they are loving and caring. I love them so much when I need them they are there for me every single time. I need them.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I want to be a singer and be famous when I grow up. I wish I will pass my drivers test and have a great education and go to college.

Dear Santa,
My name is Meredith Alford and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by making good grades, helping out with chores around the house without being asked, and usually having a good attitude about things.

I have shown my good behavior by making good grades, being nice to my brother, playing with my two dogs, being helpful at home and at school.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a mini ipad or iPhone, a longboard, a flat screen tv, a hamster, an airbrush crayon marker, a crayola marker maker, the Dark Diaries series, the DVD of Frozen and if I get the hamster a hamster cage.

Santa, my family is filled with generosity, support, emarably helpful love that is exrrdinary to have. My mom is always there to help me with school projects and good things like that. My dad is just the awesomest person in the world with no exceptions. My little brother is annoying sometimes but no matter what is my favorite!

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future that I will be successful in school, will go to college and start my future by becoming a veterinarian. I hope to pass my drivers test and be a good girl.

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooklyn O'Neal and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by doing my test and getting good grades. Having good behavior. Attending every assignment even if I like it or not. Paying attention and listening to the instructions.

I have shown my good behavior by doing my work. Helping my teacher by constracting on what my teacher is teaching. Also by helping keep the classroom clean.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a 4 wheeler a cyron maker a airbrush maker a marker maker.

Santa, my family is the most wonderful family in the world. I just wish you would just let us have a wonderful Christmas like always.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I hope to be famous and go to college, and have a wonderful life as a model.

Dear Santa,
My name is Raymonia West and I am a student at the ABC School.

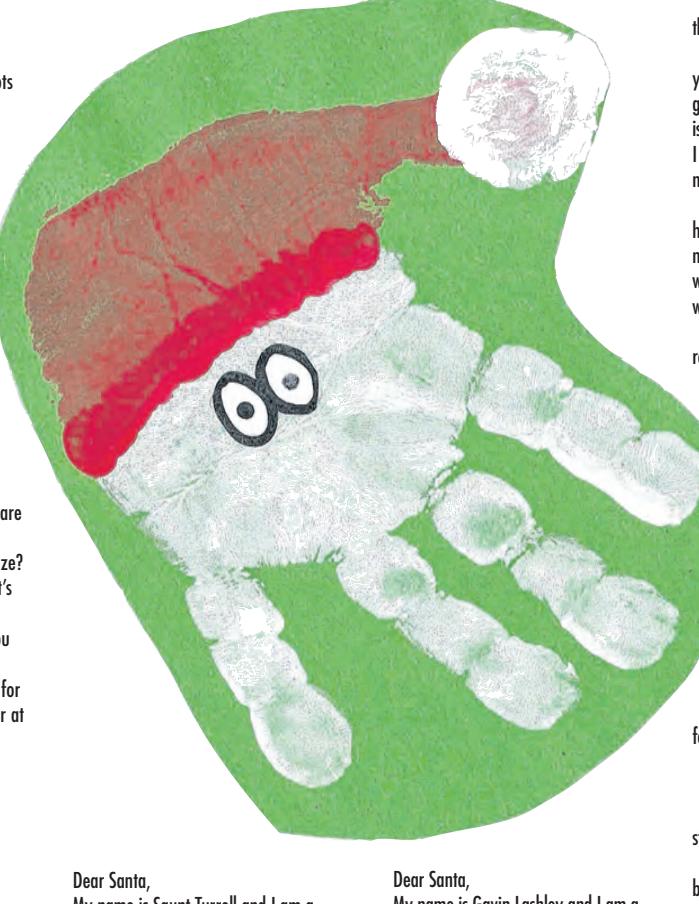
I have made some great choices this year by becoming a good student.

I have shown my good behavior by helping my aunt with her baby, the dishes helping Grandpa, Grandma

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a iphone, a kindle, a marker maker, a trantoline, pink beats, a bike, a scooter, and what ever you get me

Santa, my family has been good so please reward them with what ever they want.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be good in life.



Dear Santa,
My name is Saunt Turrell and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping my m around the house and in school I helping my teacher around the classroom I love helping in doing some for some one.

I have shown my good behavior by I follow deretion I and a wonderful friend a super sister I am a marvelous student I love to have excellent behavior.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with I should get rewarded for excellent behavior which is a iphone, a cow girl hat, cow girl booses and definitely som beats my kindle fix.

Santa, my family is very exceptional in they love me I love them we are a great big family.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I wish I was ateacher, a million air, a grar wondful teacher.

Dear Santa,
My name is John E. Sanders and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by showing respect to my teacher and my mom, grandparents and aunts and uncles.

I have shown my good behavior by following the rules and staying out of fights. Helping injured animals and being a great friend. I clean my room, do the dishes vacuum and dust.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with anything I can get. I don't care if I get nothing but I will still be thankful.

Santa, my family is poor and can't get a lot of stuff. All we got are a dvd player dvds and tape tvs and beds.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be great and get an awesome. I hope for a good job a good wife and kids.

Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan #6 and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by being good at school obeying my parents at home also doin g chores around the house and helping friends out when they need help.

I have shown my good behavior by having a good attitude and respecting others. Also I have good sports man ship and I don't drag. Listening to teachers in school.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a new bike and shoes, video games.

I love my whole family and that includes my mom, grandma uncle and my ant. Also my cousins.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I wish that I become a billionaire and I would donate to homeless people and things like that.

Dear Santa,
My name is Nico Valenzuela and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by doing my work and listening to the teacher. I also never missed a day of school.

I have shown my good behavior by being honest and positive all year. I have shown other things like helping out and giving things a try.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with presents or books I really love books for Christmas because I love reading. I only like specific books.

Santa, my family also loves books. I think we are people who read the most in Apalochicola. We have at least 7 bookshelves!

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be rich as bill gates. To go to the moon like neil armstrong to be invisible as superman to be a sneaky as batman and robin.

Dear Santa,
My name is Gracie Smith and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping others being successful at home and at school I also help my family and they help me. I help them by doing chores.

I have shown my good behavior by doing chores around the house. Helping my mom, my sister, my dad, and my nana. I also help by getting good grades.

I have been nice to my friends. I have been respectful. I have gave tests my best. I have made my family happy for who I am.

Santa, my family loves me even if I make bad choices. My family is nice to me they will always love me.

Dear Santa,

My name is Tarin and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by one of my things I did is clean my granmas car and windows and one thing I did is water my granmas garden and at my moms I cleaned my room and sweped the floor at my granmas.

I have shown my good behavior by helping others and my family like by hepin my mom clean sometimes and spending time with her like meditating and hepining my mom whit the baby.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded by wishing every one a merry crishmas also the best of luck for this holiday and hoping my famle has a good holiday to.

Santa, my family is extodaraing and speal to me to feel like the lukiest kid every to have such a great family. That help me when I am sad and apresat me for how I am.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I wan to help pepol how need help to heal sick pepol and help the poor help pepol whit chores. Make a cure for canser help kids in the hospital.

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex Itzkovitz and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by not sending my sister to the hospital, making good friends & being good in school.

I have shown my good behavior by following the rules, took care of two kittens until they were adopted & now I'm taking care of another kitten.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with helpful, nice and perfect friends and a lot of fun. And I definitely want a new lego set.

Santa, my family is really fun, exciting & really creative. My mom started the Oyster Cook-Off. My dad owns to restaurants. My sister might grow up to be a stunt double in one of my movies.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be great enough for me to be on So You Think You Can ance like my dance teacher. I would all so like to make sci-fi movies.

Dear Santa,
My name is Eulalia Gregorio and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by being nice to people and do a great job in school and do my best to make my teach and parent happy on my grades also I want every body to do there best to.

I have shown my good behavior by respecting my parents and my whole family and also respecting teachers the teachers have done all the best and thank you teachers for teaching us every thing we need to know.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a great present. I want a Kindle fire because I always wanted one since I came here that want for Christmas.

Santa, my family is amazing it's also big and I have lots of uncles aunts I have every single family. I m iss some of them because they live in Guatemala but I hope they have a great Christmas.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be great and every Person to believe in there self and I hope the future to be all better and every one to help each other and help nature to so every person and animal has a family like us and have a real great life.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jamal Robinson and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by following directions Dowing my chores Do my work in class listen to the teacher do something when I'm told the first time.

I have shown my good behavior by Dowing what is spozed to do being a good friend feedin an animal pick up trash enjoy my family Good sportming Hap my frined

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a lot of present for cristmas A Adobi Z some kolone xbox 360 PSP wii u and Play Station OS KING I Phone I Pad I Glogswick.

Santa, my family celebrates crismase read the bible Loves me cares for thrarecte me rign give what I want let me get in the front seat

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I will be a drummer a vet a happy family a wife.

MRS. AMMONS' FIFTH GRADE

Dear Santa,
My name is Kierston Orince and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by cleaning my room and washing dishes, washing clothes, turning in my homework everyday and being nice to everyone.

I have shown my good behavior by listening to my parents and grandparents and not back talking to them not screaming at them.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a laptop, a camera, a 2-seat scooter, a kindle, a beats and a whole stack of clothes and shoes.

Santa, my family loves you and we wish you a happy Christmas and a happy new year.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I will live long and my parents will still live to age 500.

Dear Santa,
My name is Haley Miller and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by like helping my mom by helping my mom with the baby.

I have shown my good behavior by doing what I was told when I was told.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with veary grate presents from u Santa

Santa, my familyis veary and we rilly want some good presents.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be good and grow up to be a good person.

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by being good.

I have shown my good behavior by not talking.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with nothing.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be a video designer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Gregory Wilson and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping teachers set things and being good in school.

I have shown my good behavior by being good in school.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a great Christmas with my mom and dad.

Santa, my family is the best and the most kind outgoing family you can have.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I become a millionaire in the future.

Dear Santa,
My name is Quaniera Croom and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by working hard in math and trying not to get in trouble and cleaning sometimes.

I have shown my good behavior by being nice try not to yell or get mad.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a tablet, a tea cup dog, new shoes, a wii, a gameboard, xbox 1...ect

Santa, my family loves me with all their big heart.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I can be a doctor have a lot of kids and have a really really good life.

Dear Santa,
My name is Charles and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping my teacher.

I have shown my good behavior by being good.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with beat, ps4, xbox 1, call of duty ghost.

Santa, my family everything for them except my momma.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future of marrying salana gomasear & having 2 kids

Dear Santa,
My name is Brandon Shattuck and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping the teacher and my friends and my family

I have shown my good behavior by helping myself and by helping my friends and family to do things and follow instructions.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with some presents from you and my family.

Santa, my family is good to me and I am helping my family build a tree house.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be good not bad have good jobs and a sarts of thing that's how I want my future to be

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by getting my homework done every single night.

I have shown my good behavior by helping out my teacher with things.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with candy!!!! And presents.

Santa, my family has been good this year.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be how I want it to work out.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelsey Leila Griffin and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by cleaning my room and being sweet to my parents.

I have shown my good behavior by being sweet to my friends.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a lot of good presents.

Santa, my family is nice and giving also real funny.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I want to work at my own fastion store in the mall or a nurse or dentist.

Dear Santa,

My name is Skye Huber and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping out other stuent whith ther home work if they don't get it.

I have shown my good behavior by helping out my teacher.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with some candy.

Santa, my family is very nice they help people in need and much more.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be great for my family and me.

Dear Santa,

My name is Stanley Gay and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by not going to the office and being friendly to the new kids.

I have shown my good behavior by try to be good, not being mean.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with \$1,000,000,000,000, that's my prize.

Santa, my family has been nice and be's very good to me.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future I will be a NFL Player, or a consrution worker.

Sincerely Lyndsey



Dear Santa,
My name is Camille Davis and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by goods grades & gifted & talented.

I have shown my good behavior by being nice to people.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with anything Im not picky.

Santa, my family has been very good to me.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be as great as the present.

Dear Santa,
My name is Livia-Aimee Duciometiere-Monod and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by not talking when the teacher is and not being mean.

I have shown my good behavior by being well trying to be good.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a doll.

Santa, my family is Mom, Papa, Eve, Gabby, Andrew, Me, Robert, Rose, Papie, Mamie, Uncle Steve, Uncle Steven, Aunt Frederic, Uncle Frederic, Aunt Lacy, Aunt Paige, Aunt Jenny, Uncle Ricci, Tatigani, Papi beaprit, B, Pa, Lillie, Graie, Jacki, Hannah, Scott, Essinene, and many more!

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future to be an artist and a marine biologist.

Love Jayden.

Dear Santa,
My name is Leslie Escobar and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by helping my sister with homework.

I have shown my good behavior by helping my mom cook.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with some beats.

Santa, my family is a big family and deserves some presents.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future was bright and right.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jadyn and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have shown my great behavior by doing good in shool and helping out at home.

I think my AWESOME! behavior should be rewarded by allk of the gifts on my list from the top to bottom.

Santa, my famley has been a top notch famley. I couldn't ask for better.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for the future good thing in my future.

Love Jayden.

Dear Santa,
My name is Arryonna and I am a student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by being a good friend and doing my work all the time and much more.

I have shown my good behavior by having a positive attitude and trying my best to achieve my goals.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a phone, Ipad, and much more.

Santa, my family is hard working and sweet and much more.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish for love and care in my future.

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Love Jayden.

Dear Santa,
My name is Maliah Lockley and I am a very intelligent student at the ABC School.

I have made some great choices this year by being polite and sharing. I do need more clothes. I need some beats to go with my Kindle fire. I think you get the idea. I would like anything you get me!

I have shown my good behavior by not raking my Mimi's yard.

I have shown my good behavior by helping my mom cleaning up the house.

I think my good behavior should be rewarded with a basketball goal with a basketball.

Santa, my family is the best in the world. Without them I wouldn't even be here.

I know I am still little but my future is strong and positive. I wish I will have a great future, So, Santa I wish you can get me my basketball goal and my basketball.

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I think my good behavior

County's unemployment rate rises

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Franklin County's unemployment rate rose last month, as the workforce continues to shrink during the offseason.

According to preliminary numbers released Friday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the county's jobless rate for November stood at 5.3 percent, an increase of three-tenths of 1 percent, up from 5.0 percent in October.

The unemployment rolls added 14 people last month, rising from 257 to 271 people in search of work. This increase in unemployment occurred as the workforce shrank by 18 people, from 5,176 to 5,158. The current work force comprises 163 fewer workers than one year ago, when it comprised 5,321 workers and the jobless rate was sharply higher, at 6.4 percent.

Franklin County's November jobless picture tied it with Bradford, Seminole and Leon counties for 10th best in the state, behind Monroe County, at 3.7 percent, Walton at 4.0 percent, Okaloosa, at 4.5 percent, Alachua and St. Johns at 4.9 percent, Jackson, Jefferson and Wakulla at 5.1, and Broward at 5.2 percent. Many of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates have relatively high proportions of government employment.

Franklin had the lowest unemployment in the Gulf Coast Workforce region, which also includes Bay and Gulf counties, which were at 6.3 and 6.7 percent, respectively. The region's overall rate was 6.3 percent in November, 1.8 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate, and one-tenth of 1 percentage point above the state rate of 6.2 percent.

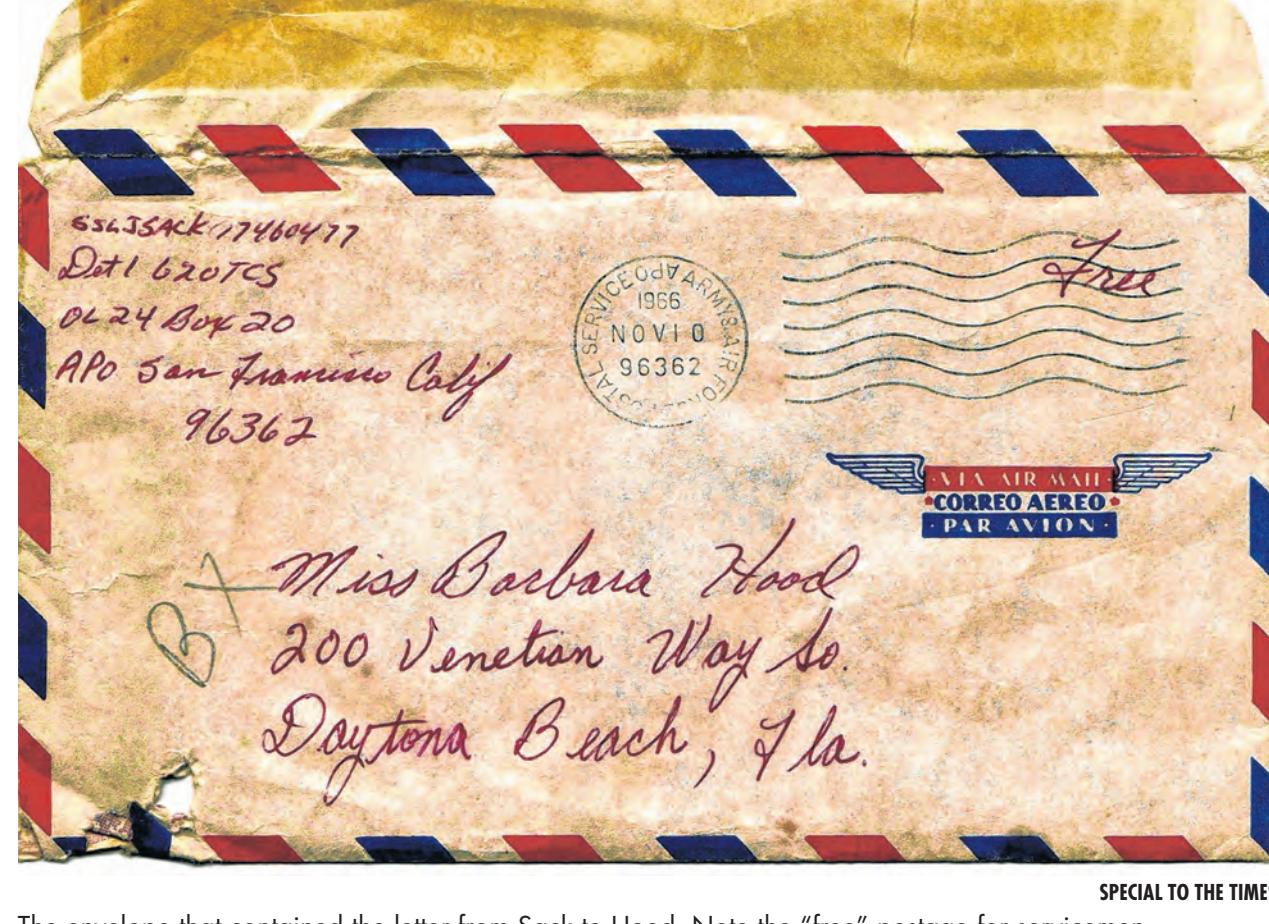
"With so many jobs

tied to tourism in our area, it is typical to see unemployment rise during the winter months when tourism is slower," said Kim Bodine, executive director for Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "On a positive note, our local employment situation seems to be improving over the year - showing an increase of advertised job openings and significant decrease in the number of unemployed individuals compared to last November."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported the Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach metro area lost 1,600 jobs over the year, an annual job loss rate of -2.3 percent. Both the Gulf Coast Workforce Board and Labor Market Statistics with the Department of Economic Opportunity question the accuracy of the job loss numbers based on positive local economic indicators such as bed tax collections, sale tax collections, and job openings.

Based on the BLS data, two out of 10 industries gained jobs over the year and six industries lost jobs over the year. Mining, logging, and construction and manufacturing (+200 jobs each) were the only industries that gained jobs over the year. The industries losing jobs were government and leisure and hospitality (-600 jobs each); trade, transportation, and utilities (-500 jobs); and education and health services, professional and business services, and financial activities (-100 jobs each). Information and other services remained unchanged over the year.

The Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach metro area had the highest over the year growth rate in manufacturing employment (+5.9 percent) of all metro areas in Florida.



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Christmas in Vietnam, 5 decades ago

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After 46 years, Leon "John" Sack received a letter that reminded him of a special Christmas gift from long ago.

In 1966, 11-year-old Barbara Hood received an assignment from her sixth grade teacher, Charlotte Hogan. Her class was asked to write a letter to an unknown soldier stationed in Vietnam.

When Master Sgt. Leon Sack went to the post office to pick up mail for his crew, the attendant told him about a group of letters received from schoolchildren back in the States and asked if he was interested in taking some of them.

Sack took seven, one for himself and each member of his crew. Back at the barracks, he distributed the letters and for a time the men were transported away from the battle zone by these unexpected letters from home.

Sack later wrote to Barbara, "In a combat environment, two of the biggest enemies of any soldier are loneliness and fear. As we sat and read the letters, for a short time, these two enemies disappeared."

Sack and his comrades were members of the First Combat Evaluation Group and stationed in Dong Ha, the northernmost outpost in South Vietnam only six miles from the demilitarized zone and six miles from the Gulf

of Tonkin. His job was to direct bombers to targets in North Vietnam and evaluate the success of bombing runs.

The First Combat Evaluation Group had the distinction of having the highest number of casualties per capita of any ground-based Air Force Unit in Vietnam. "The fact is we were constantly under siege," said Sack. "Always in peril. It was pretty nerve-wracking."

Christmas was a particularly vulnerable time for the soldiers. "Christmas was bad because I couldn't be home with the wife and kids," he said. "Christmas dinner was whatever we could scrounge. One year they called a truce on Christmas Day and we were all playing pinochle at noon, when all hell broke loose."

The children's letters were a ray of sunshine in a frightening existence. They were shared among Sack and his friends and faithfully answered.

"When we sat and read the letters and it was like we were kids again. For a couple of hours we really forgot where we were at. It is my happiest memory of Vietnam," Sack said.

Sack told Barbara about his life and his own family with six daughters. He went on to serve three tours of duty in Southeast Asia, two in Vietnam and one in Thailand.

He was touched by the children's letters but, over time, they became

a distant memory and he didn't save Barbara's missive, a fact he would later regret.

In January 2012, he got the surprise of a lifetime when he received an envelope containing his original letter of reply to Barbara including the original envelope with free postage. It also contained a letter of reply from Barbara.

Barbara was now a grown woman, living in Daytona Beach, her married name Duffy, with a career and a family of her own.

She came across Sack's letter in a box of mementos and decided to return the 1966 letter to her soldier. Barbara sent it off to an address she found on the internet, but the envelope was returned as undeliverable.

Then she remembered Sack's wife's name was Ouida and looked for an address for Ouida Sack in the area around Apalachicola. That's how she located the Sack's Eastpoint home.

"Throughout the years, I have often wondered what became of those brave souls who received our letters," Barbara wrote to Sack. "Then very recently, I came across that letter I had carefully packed away decades ago. It is my hope that I am returning it to its author. I hope the years have been kind to you and yours."

Mostly I wanted to let you know that your efforts so far away and long ago did not go unnoticed by

a schoolgirl who grew up with a better appreciation for life."

Sack said he was affected by Duffy's letter. "It really sent me back," he said. "It kind of got to me a little bit."

Sack wrote back to Barbara thanking her.

"When I received your letter, I had no idea what to expect," Sack wrote. "After reading its content, I was overwhelmed, amazed, humbled and pleased. For the second time in 46 years, I have received a letter from you that has completely brightened my day and confirmed my belief that there are still wonderful people in the world."

Barbara replied to Sack's second letter that in her life only twice had she been "happily" devastated into tears."

The first time was when she danced at her son's wedding and the second was receiving Sack's letter in 2012.

Barbara related the story of one of her classmates, Debbie James, who had also

written to an unknown soldier and asked him to send her something from Vietnam. On opening the reply to her letter, dirt poured from the envelope.

"Dirt was apparently the only thing readily available," Barbara wrote. "She scooped it up and saved it as if it were gold."

Sack said he hopes to meet Barbara someday, but for now, simply knowing she exists, brightens his world.

My fond memory of Christmas

EDITOR'S NOTE:
Times Staff Writer
Lois Swoboda
asked around about
fond Christmas
memories, and
received this
wonderful story
from County
Commissioner
Pinki Jackel.



PINKI JACKEL
Franklin County
commissioner

and biscuits and sausage are waiting for us. In our family system, we are all children believing in Santa Claus on Christmas morning, no exceptions allowed.

Some of my fondest memories of Christmas past though, are of Christmas Eve and my father. My father has been gone for years, a young victim of lymphoma. He was not an overly demonstrative man and not a shopper at all. However, he made one ceremonious trip to the mall every year,

on Christmas Eve, and I only was his faithful companion. On this day, his tradition was to shop for my mother, my sister, and me. I'm certain he passed something along to my brother as well. We shopped together among the craziness of all the last minute desperate shoppers. Decisions were made very quickly, as daddy was more of a buyer than a shopper. He was resolved though to find mama, "something nice."

Twenty-three years later this Christmas, I still miss Daddy the most on Christmas Eve. That was our day. I relished every minute of guiding my father through the

perils of last-minute gift selections. As a child, our trip to town was concluded by stopping by our local town store to buy a brown paper sack full of fireworks to set off that night. Cherry bombs notwithstanding, I am lucky to still have 10 fingers!

Between the two of us, I'm sure I enjoyed those Christmas Eve shopping adventures the most. However, my father's delight was knowing that Santa had come and gone, and left behind something that would bring a smile of surprise to my mother as we all opened our gifts early on Christmas morning.

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SING A SONG OF LANARK

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Most places happen by chance. Lanark Village was chosen.

Before personal cars became commonplace, members of the middle class, who could afford to travel for pleasure, frequently did so by train.

Even if father remained in the city to work, families frequently spent a month or more in the country where children could enjoy exercise and fresh air. Families traveling to resorts also took along nannies and other servants.

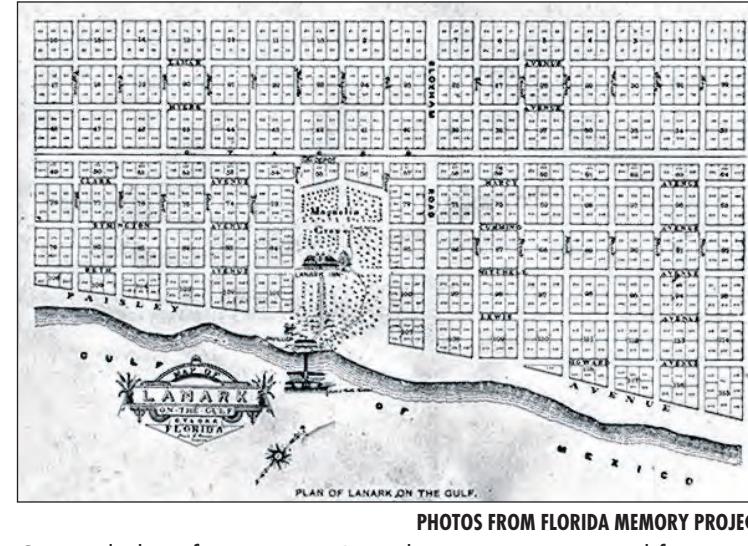
During the 1890s, Tallahassee grew rapidly.

As the town became prosperous, Panacea and St. Teresa grew into popular resorts for the city dwellers, but both were difficult to reach, requiring a train trip followed by overland travel. Also, because of their remoteness, there were no stores and vacationers had to bring their own supplies.

In September 1893, the Scottish Land and Improvement Company was organized in New Jersey. William Clark, of Lanarkshire, Scotland, was president of the firm, whose business was buying, selling and developing land in North America.

Clark and his associates established the Clark Syndicate Companies and purchased large amounts of land in Leon, Wakulla and Franklin counties.

To make their empire accessible, the syndicate built the Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad between Tallahassee and Carrabelle with stops in several timber outposts along the way. At the time, the largest station on



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Original plans for east-west Lanark streets were named for members of the syndicate board, and north-south streets were named for trees. At the center of the vacation village, the Lanark Inn sat in a grove of magnolia trees.



The pier and dancing pavilion circa 1914.

the line was McIntyre, a town that no longer exists. The investors also purchased the steamboat "Crescent City" which made regular trips between Apalachicola and Carrabelle.

The syndicate decided a hotel directly accessible by rail would be a good investment. They surveyed the territory along the tracks and settled on a section of coast protected by barrier islands with huge springs to provide ample drinking water. The area contained a freshwater spring that bubbled up through the bay creating a curiosity that some believed to be a healing bath.

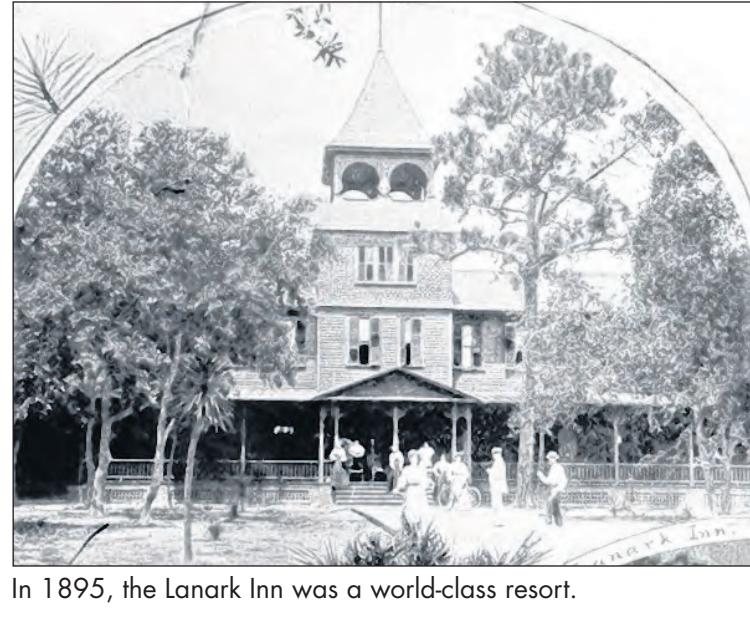
Clark named the planned settlement and resort for his

home in Scotland and "Lanark On The Gulf" was born.

The choicest waterfront lots, in a section called Paisley, were west of the inn, roughly from the current site of the Lanark Market to Ho Hum RV Park.

'The jewel of the syndicate'

The Lanark Inn, known as the "jewel of the syndicate," sat several blocks off the shoreline roughly north of the boat club and marina. According to an old brochure, "Lanark possesses four miles of waterfront land, the whole shaded by oak, pine, hickory and magnolia trees from 40 to 60 feet in height, this



In 1895, the Lanark Inn was a world-class resort.



The second Lanark Hotel built around 1930.

affording a cool and delightful retreat from the hot sun...

"The hotel at Lanark is lighted with gas and each room is connected with the office by electric bell. It is also provided with spring beds, hair mattresses and all modern conveniences.

A porch 200 feet in length and 15 feet wide affords an elegant promenade. A board platform walk 500 feet long connects the hotel with a spacious dancing pavilion on which is located two large bathhouses for ladies and gentlemen respectively each being fitted with private dressing rooms for bathers. An area for bathing has been fenced off to avoid any mishaps with sharks in

the water. A fine fleet of pleasure boats is provided for hotel guests and fishing off Lanark cannot be surpassed on the coast."

After the resort was founded, Lanark consisted of a dozen cottages and the grand hotel. A small store sold soft drinks and candy.

Joe Barber remembers that, when he was a child in the 1920s and 30s, his cousin, George Wakefield, ran a similar concession stand. Barber said the train delivered ice to keep Wakefield's goods cool.

There was no train station at the resort. The train simply

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Florida Department of Health in Franklin County Closing the Gap Program Chronic Disease and Health Promotion Information

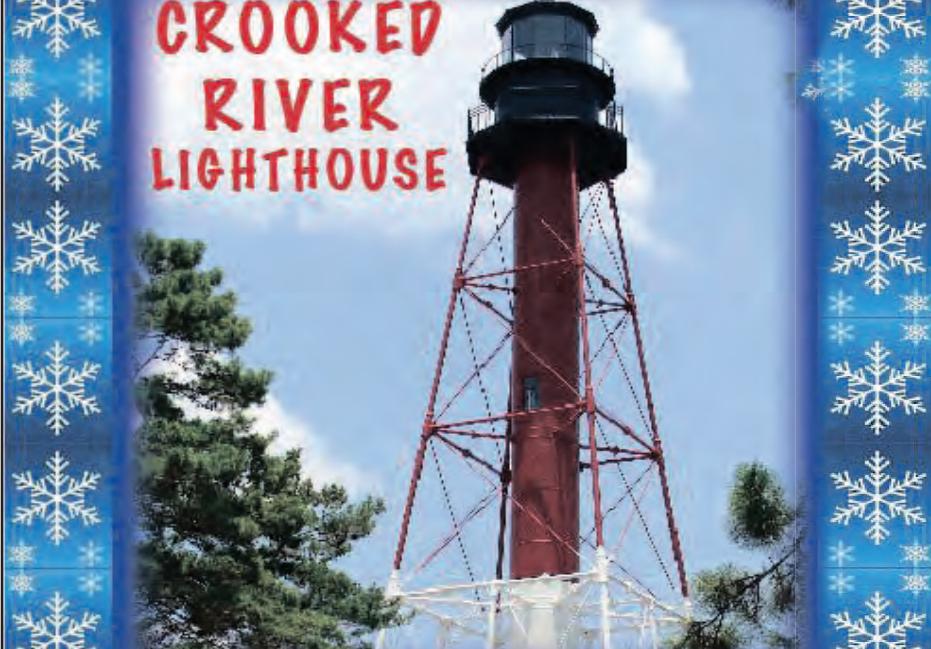
Chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and arthritis are among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health problems in the United States.



- Arthritis is the most common cause of disability, with nearly **19 millions Americans** reporting activity limitations.
- Diabetes continues to be the leading cause of kidney failure, non-traumatic lower-extremity amputations, and blindness among adults, aged 20-74.
- Excessive alcohol consumption is the third leading preventable cause of death in the U.S. behind diet and physical activity and tobacco.

Steps to a healthy diet

1. Consume a variety of foods within and among the basic food groups while staying within energy needs.
2. Control caloric intake to manage body weight.
3. Be physically active every day.
4. Increase daily intake of fruits and vegetables, whole grains and nonfat and low-fat milk and milk products.
5. Choose fats wisely for good health.
6. Choose carbohydrates wisely for good health.
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pulled onto a spur of track that ran south from the main line and passengers disembarked near the little candy store. The main tracks were several blocks north of the inn along the same route as Oak Street.

Mary Westberg, of Carrabelle, said her grandfather, John P. Westberg was a machinist for the railroad and later headed the maintenance shop. Fond of Lanark, he moved the line's machine shop to the settlement sometime in the 1890's.

"Eventually he retired because he had other businesses and things he wanted to do," said his granddaughter. "My father brought home all the old tools from the shop and put them under our house. When we were kids, we played with all of those old-fashioned tools."

The magnolia grove surrounding the inn was fenced to keep out feral hogs roaming in the surrounding country. The property contained cottages that housed the help.

The summer cottages outside the compound were on three sand streets with board sidewalks. When vacationers came to their beach cottages, they often brought cows and chickens to provide milk and eggs and penned them in the yards.

The inn was the center of activity in the little colony. Each day, mail call was held in the lobby after the train passed through to Carrabelle. There was dancing in the evenings, sometimes with live musicians transported by the train or by boat.

During the day, there were bridge games. In the cool of the evening, people gathered along the dock or in the pavilion to chat, socialize or swim.

1899 hurricane flattens Carrabelle

On August 1, 1899 disaster struck the resort at around 4 a.m., when the second tropical storm of the season made landfall directly over Carrabelle as a Category 1 hurricane.

The bathing pavilion and pier were destroyed. A train carrying passengers to the inn was picked up and blown more than 100 yards from the track and 30 miles of track were destroyed.

During the same storm, the train depot in Carrabelle and most of the town were flattened, and McIntyre erased from the face of the earth.

Eventually, the railroad was repaired and the Lanark Inn reopened but never regained its former glory.

With the resources of timber and turpentine greatly depleted, the syndicate faltered and the railroad went into receivership in 1926. By 1928, automobiles were



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The sales office for Lanark Village circa 1956.

increasingly common and railroad service to Carrabelle was greatly reduced.

In November 1929, the Apalachicola Times wrote that new roads made the drive from Tallahassee to Carrabelle "a joy."

By this time, Prohibition was in full swing and this too had an effect on Lanark. During the summer of 1928, the inn was raided for serving alcohol. In Sept. 1929, the sheriff mustered deputies to search the swamp between Carrabelle and Lanark for rumrunners and their merchandise believed to have been off loaded on Dog Island.

The paper never reports the bootleggers were found.

In 1929, a second hurricane damaged the old inn and again destroyed the pier and bathhouses. A new hotel was built around 1930 and remained in business until 1942. Bathing suits could be rented at the concession stand, which sold hot dogs and sodas.

'Hell by the sea'

In 1942, Lanark took on a new persona when the US Army came on the scene.

Because it was an island, St. James was picked to be the largest training center for amphibious soldiers; men schooled in assault science and the use of landing craft, including seagoing jeeps, amphibious tanks, landing barges and the two-ton DUKW landing craft.

In all, 165,000 acres were leased or purchased for Camp Gordon Johnston developed around Lanark.

The rows of one-story apartments that make up much of the village today were officers' quarters and the inn was commandeered for women's quarters.

Carrabelle's current mayor Curley Messer was among the first Army personnel on the scene.

He and seven members of his combat MP unit were dispatched to Florida from New Orleans the day the war broke out in Dec. 1941.

The Army Corps of Engineers was already on the site, surveying and preparing plans. Local people were hired to do the construction and later maintenance and they were glad to have the work, according to old-timers,

because the area had not yet recovered from the Depression.

"When I got there it was really nothing but a sand bed," said Messer. "The train delivered the lumber and nails and all, and we guarded it. The first barracks they built were for us. It was a 60' by 20' wooden building with a sand floor. Unless you found a piece of plywood or something to put under your cot, in the morning, you'd be laying on the ground because the legs of the cot sunk into the sand."

"I never knew a man who liked it there. They called it 'Hell by the Sea.' We'd have to go across the river at night, in full gear holding on to a rope. The water would be over your head and there'd be snakes and everything else," he said.

Camp Gordon Johnston was the first training facility to employ live ammunition and booby-traps and some soldiers died in training, including a group that mistakenly walked off a landing barge into deep water one stormy night.

Westberg said her father worked in the painting department at the camp.

She said Area 1 of the camp began at about western edge of the current Lanark Village. This was largely barracks. Area 2 was the area around the old Putnal Service Station on US 98. There were offices, a theatre, a commissary and "nice little shops" selling clothing, jewelry and other personal items.

More than 25,000 soldiers trained at the camp and led the landings at Normandy and in Asia.

In 1946, the camp was deactivated. The Army withdrew, leaving only post office personnel to forward mail. The camp fell into disrepair, was looted and vandalized.

'Live for less' in Lanark

In 1945 most of the land was purchased by Lanark Estates, Inc., a Miami based firm, with Frank Newman its president. In 1955, the company filed a plat of a planned retirement village.

Putnal's service station containing a small grocery store was already

CHRISTMAS EVE IN LANARK VILLAGE

Editor's Note: The following poem was written by J. Kenneth Foster, and appeared in the Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times, dated Dec. 29, 1977

Twas the night before Christmas and all through our town,
No noses were frozen, no snow fluttered down.
No children in flannels were tucked into bed,
They all wore their short pajamas instead.
To find wreaths of holly was not very hard
For holly trees sprouted right in the front yard.
In front of the houses were granddads and moms
Admiring the bushes and all of the palms.
The slumbering grandkiddies were dreaming in glee
And hoped they'd find water skis under the tree.
They all knew that Santa was well on his way
In a Mercedes-Benz instead of a sleigh.
And soon he arrived and started to work,
He hadn't a second to linger or shirk.
He whizzed over the highways and zoomed up the roads,
In a shiny new sports car delivering the loads.
The tropical moon gave the Village a glow,
And lighted the way for old Santa below.
As he jumped from the auto he gave a wee chuckle,
He was dressed in Bermudas with Ivy League buckle.
There weren't many chimneys but that caused no gloom
For Santa came in through the Florida room.
He stopped at each house and stayed only a minute
And emptied his sack of the stuff that was in it.
Some dentures and hearing aids – and they were quite neat
Were left for old gramps, as a special treat.
Before he departed, he treated himself
To a glass of orange juice left on the shelf.
Then he turned with a jerk and bounced back in his car,
Remembering he still had to go very far.
He stepped on the gas and put it in gear,
And drove through our Village singing with cheer.
And I heard him exclaim as he went on his way,
"Merry Christmas Lanark Village, I wish I could stay."

in operation at that time as was the old Ells Court Motel.

Westberg worked for the company as an office manager. She said the village was being marketed as a self-contained community.

Three community buildings were planned.

The Village Mall facing Oak Street is still in existence.

It would contain a laundry, beauty shop and an IGA grocery store owned and managed by Ken Foster.

The post office was in the mall at the spot now occupied by the thrift shop.

The former commanding general's quarters was to be remodeled as a clinic, the post administration, and officers' recreation hall were remodeled as to contain Lanark Village's administrative offices, a bar, restaurant, dance hall, recreation rooms and a chapel.

The utilities and water and sewer system were refurbished throughout the existing barracks and expanded to include other areas.

The buildings were painted inside and out and renovated. Broken windows and doors were replaced and roofs were restored.

Within a year, advertising was in progress and sales began, with ad campaigns in New York, Washington DC, Chicago, Miami, Atlanta and in the Times. The ads read,

"Life e in Lanark Village is beautiful and satisfying and you can live for less."

Westberg said customers began to arrive by the busload. The four salesmen on staff couldn't keep up with the demand

and Westberg took on some sales as well as running the office. She received a 5 percent commission in addition to her salary.

The cost of a unit ranged from \$4,995 for an efficiency to \$7,995 for a three-bedroom. You could buy on time. An efficiency was \$39.95 down and \$39.95 a month.

A number of Scots took up residence in the village drawn by the familiar name.

Westberg said the first residents arrived before completion of the public buildings and the company took great pains to keep them satisfied.

Every morning there was mail call in Westberg's office. A bus was acquired and residents signed up for weekly shopping excursions to Apalachicola or Tallahassee. Local churches sent volunteers to ferry village residents to Sunday morning service.

No hanging clothes outside overnight

The Lanark Village Association formed in October 1956 to give residents a say in the management of their home. Hugh Lillie was the first president.

In 1957, the recreation center opened. In 1959, The St. Joe Company donated 11 acres for a church.

The Women's Christian Fellowship formed and began raising money for construction of the building. They sold pavers and Bryan McKissack gave organ concerts. The sanctuary was dedicated on May 27, 1962.

In 1957, American

Legion Post 82 was organized along with an auxiliary. The first commander was Melvin Robbins and his wife Alexandria was first president of the auxiliary.

In 1960, a set of rules was drafted and endorsed by petition to govern the activities of residents.

Among the stipulations, no antennae could be attached to a building without prior written permission from the developers. No pets could be kept other than dogs, cats or birds and were limited to two to a unit. No trailers or tents were allowed and no clothes could be hung to dry overnight. Washing clothes was forbidden on Sunday and grandchildren could not visit for longer than two weeks.

The Lanark Village Boat Club formed in November 1960.

In 1965, after attempting to expand their holdings, Lanark's developers went bankrupt. Westberg said there was no wrongdoing involved; the company had simply tried to grow too fast.

The Lanark Village Association took on the task of managing the village. In May 1970, the members purchased the current site of Chillas Hall and that year the village Christmas party was held on the vacant lot.

Henry Chillas, the association president, proposed to sell bonds to finance construction. One hundred bonds were sold for \$100 each, each paying 5 percent interest annually. Beginning in 1974, 10 names were drawn each year and repaid in full. The first meeting in Chillas Hall was held in Sept. 1971.

If you look, you can still see plaques on some of the window frames dedicating part of the new structure to departed friends and family.

In 1981, the association voted to name the hall for Henry Chillas the man who made it possible. His memory lives on in the meeting place that is the heart of Lanark Village.

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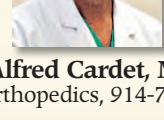
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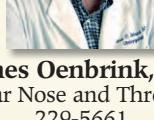
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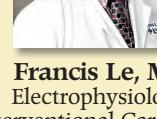
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ranked in the lowest 5 percent in the state of these schools.

It was the first D for the school since 2008. It was only the fourth D in the last 14 years, with the other two in 2000 and 2001, before consolidation.

The state assigns grades based on points assessed, half of them based on student achievement and learning gains data from state assessments, such as how many learning gains were made among all students, as well as the lowest performing students. The FCAT results are a major part of this half.

The other half of the total points is based upon components outside state assessments, such as participation and performance in accelerated classes, graduation rates and college readiness.

Schools that earn at least 1,115 points receive an A, with Bs going to schools with 1,050 to 1,114 points, and Cs to those with between 925 and 1,049 points.

In all three cases, these schools have met learning gains targets for the lowest performing students, as well as reading performance requirements.

With D schools, which tally between 840 and 924 points, there is no requirement for learning gains or reading performance.

Franklin County School tallied 915 points, and though it was just 10 points short of a C, Superintendent Nina Marks said she doesn't expect the district will appeal.

"It doesn't appear that we have grounds for that," she said. "Ours is going to stand."

Low graduation rate hurt score

Marks released a more-than-500-word prepared statement a day after the school grades came out that tried to find some fringes of silver tinsel lining the edges of this giant red letter.

In terms of overall improvement in math performance between 2011-12 and 2012-13 at the school, Franklin saw the numbers of students at grade level or better improving by 11 percent, which ranked it 137th out of 3,053 schools throughout the state. Among combination schools, the rank was 13 out of 294, which was in the top 5 percent, and among 1,628 Title I schools, which are ones with high percentages of low-income students, Franklin was 86th.

In contrast, learning gains in reading over the last two school years were zero, which ranked the school just above the middle of the pack.

As for the basic measurement — the percentage of students scoring at grade level or better regardless of how well they did the year before and indicated by a 3,4 or 5 on the five-point FCAT exam — only 44 percent of students were at that level in reading, ranking the school in the lowest 25 percent of the schools.

In math, it was 51 percent at grade level or better, which corresponds to about the lowest third. And in science, it was 54 percent, which is in the top 25 percent of Title I schools and the top half of all schools.

"We had enough points

"The district impact on families is evident. The local economy and lack of employment greatly affect the success of our students. Our children need everyone — school personnel, parents and community — to work together to support our children in their pursuit of a brighter future through education. ... We need your help to increase the number the students that successfully graduate. Please volunteer, share your expertise and talents or be a mentor."

Nina Marks, Franklin County Superintendent

in the FCAT (portion) that we were a solid C," Marks said.

The superintendent opened her statement by quoting Education Commissioner Pam Stewart as saying "the latest round of school grades comes amid ongoing debate over the accuracy and complexity of the grading formula."

She then shared Stewart's remarks that outlined how grades for high schools are based on test scores, as well as graduation rates and college readiness. Stewart noted that "schools receive points based on how many students take college-level courses and how they score on tests such as the SAT."

In terms of graduation rate, Franklin received only 124 out of a possible 200 points, because the school's four-year graduation rate is hovering around just 60 percent. The graduation rate dropped just slightly from the year before, 59 down to 58.8 percent.

The drop-out rate climbed slightly, to 4.3 from 4.1 percent in 2011-12, but

remained more than double the percentage statewide of 2.0 percent. "These are areas of concern and the leadership will be addressing the graduation and dropout rates in January 2014," Marks said.

In terms of high school students' participation and performance in what is called "accelerated curriculum," courses such as advanced placement and dual enrollment in a state college or other venue, Franklin School received 151 out of a possible 300 points. The school showed a drop in students taking part in such courses, and no growth in how well they performed.

As a combination high school, Franklin also received a middle-school acceleration component, worth up to 100 points, which measures middle school students' participation in and performance on high-school level end-of-course assessments. The school received a total of 78 points, with performance outpacing participation.

Post-secondary readi-

ness in reading improved, by about 12 percentage points to 61 percent, but there was no change with math, which has a percentage of no better than one-third of the students being ready for college level courses.

Marks says picture is improving

School officials and school board members privately said they are not shocked by the D score, given the statistics they had examined from testing in early 2013.

"The Franklin County School District began a transition toward change on July 1, 2013," Marks said. "Data results were studied, and professional development was held based on identified weaknesses and areas of need."

She said the district "created a proactive plan of action to include new administration, an on-site principal and assistant principal, dean, reading coach, guidance department and media specialist

as additional leadership support."

Marks said once the strategic plan was initiated in August 2013, the new principal, Eric Bidwell, began one-on-one conferences with faculty, focusing on changes required by DOE, the teacher evaluation process and the level of expectation for this school year 2013-2014.

"Communication is improving among all levels at the school, district office and in the community," Marks said.

She said data results from these state reports "have the district looking again, at the economic situation our community is facing."

"The district impact on families is evident," she said. "The local economy and lack of employment greatly affect the success of our students. Our children need everyone — school personnel, parents and community — to work together to support our children in their pursuit of a brighter future through education."

Marks said programs focused on college and career readiness "will prepare our students for the workforce," citing a partnership with Gulf Coast State College to increase the opportunity for dual enrollment.

"Currently, there are over 40 students taking dual enrollment courses and many more preparing to exit Franklin County PreK-12 School with industry certification."

"We need your help to increase the number of the students that successfully graduate. Please volunteer, share your expertise and talents or be a mentor."

BEAR from page A1

"We have had some people report a bear or bears in the area," he said. "We have taken these reports seriously, but we don't necessarily move a bear simply because they come into urban or semi urban areas."

Nearby residents said the area where the bear was shot is a dumping ground for garbage. Bears are attracted to easy food items, especially in the fall and winter. It is illegal to shoot or harass a black bear in Florida.

FWC is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the shooter. Kirkland said rewards range from \$25 to \$1,000.

"We need somebody who knows who shot this bear to contact our wildlife alert hotline at 888-404-3922," he

said. "We guarantee anyone who calls anonymity."

Florida law makes it illegal to "take" a bear and defines that as pursuing, hunting, molesting, capturing or killing, or attempting those actions, whether or not such actions result in possession of the bear.

In addition, rules prohibit anyone from possessing, injuring, shooting, wounding, trapping, collecting or selling bears or their parts or attempting to engage in such actions without prior authorization from FWC.

Violation of these bear rule is a misdemeanor, which can result in fines up to \$500 and/or 60 days in jail for a first offense. Prior offenses can result in higher penalties, with imprisonment up to one year, a fine of up to \$1,000

and suspension of recreational hunting and fishing licensing privileges.

It is illegal to intentionally place food or garbage out that attracts bears and causes conflicts. Anything that attracts dogs, cats or raccoons will attract bears, too. Residents dumping garbage at the roadside or feeding pets and wildlife in unsecured containers are luring bears to the area and committing a crime.

The FWC advises residents who are troubled with visiting black bears to make sure not to feed them unintentionally. Secure household garbage in a shed, garage or wildlife-resistant container. Put household garbage out on morning of pickup rather than the night before. Protect gardens, apiaries, compost and livestock

with electric fencing. Encourage your homeowners association or local government to institute ordinances on keeping foods that attract wildlife secure.

Feed pets indoors or bring in dishes after feeding. Clean grills and store them in a locked, secure place. Remove wildlife feeders or make them bear-resistant.

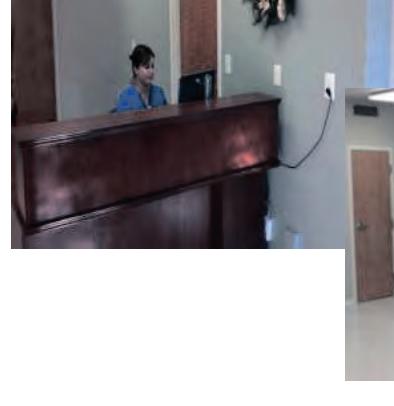
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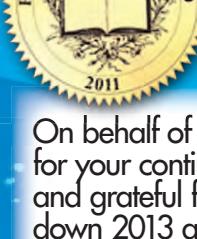
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God bless our two little angels, Charles and Mary Lou King



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The Franklin County Public Library's youth program had its annual Christmas dinner Dec. 16 at the Eastpoint firehouse. **At top left**, the evening opened with a presentation to new county librarian Anne Birchwell, from former librarian Eileen Annie Ball. **Above**, Denise and Cliff Butler, longtime supporters of the library youth program, came forward to lead 12 young people in a hilarious presentation of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Guitarist Randy Mims, **center right**, entertained the gathering, as did emcee Carol Barfield, **top right**, who, together with her sister Patricia Jones and her aunt Irestine Bouie, sang "Oh Holy Night."

Duke Energy Foundation awards Refuge House grant

Special to The Times

The Duke Energy Foundation has awarded Refuge House a \$15,000 grant to support critical services and programs for individuals who are survivors of domestic abuse.

Refuge House, the region's state certified provider of direct services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, provides crisis services to more than 5,000 individuals in the Big Bend area every year.

The \$15,000 grant will be used to help increase the availability of services and resources for victims of domestic and sexual violence in Taylor County. This grant will

allow for staff support for counseling, support group, prevention education, as well as increasing resources for the Refuge House 24 Hour Crisis Hotline services in that county.

"We appreciate the Duke Energy Foundation's special support for the rural communities that we serve in the Big Bend region," says Meg Baldwin, executive director of Refuge House. "From Franklin County to Taylor County, people are connected through powerful community commitments to supporting victims of violence. We are grateful for the Duke Energy Foundation's dedication to supporting the welfare and dignity of survivors in partnership with our local

communities."

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annually by shareholder funds.

Founded in 1978, Refuge House is the state certified domestic violence and sexual assault center serving "Big Bend" eight counties in north central Florida. Our comprehensive services include two 24-hour crisis lines, two emergency shelters, rape crisis SANE services, transitional housing, individual and group counseling for adults and children, therapy, childcare services, community education and professional training, and courthouse advocacy.

For more information about Refuge House, Inc and the services they provide or to find out how you can give back please visit www.refugehouse.com or call (850) 922-6062.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

FRANKLIN COUNTY CDBG CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is preparing to submit an application for Community Development Block Grant funds. The Franklin County Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF) will meet to review the potential grant application projects and provide recommendations for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners, for FFY 2013 and/or 2014. Other items may also be discussed relating to housing and economic development.

The CATF meeting will be held 6:00 p.m., January 13, 2014 in the Community Services Center, 66 Fourth Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The meeting will be open to the public.

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NOTICE OF FAIR HOUSING EDUCATION and CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a brief fair housing educational session. The topics will include an introduction to fair housing laws, the local fair housing ordinance, enforcement and assistance.

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a first public hearing to obtain comments or suggestions for one or more proposed FFY 2013 applications to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to \$700,000.

The categories of activities for which these grant funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as construction of infrastructure (roads, water, sewer, drainage), acquisition of real property for eligible uses, loans to private-for-profit business, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings. For each activity that is proposed, at least 51% of the persons benefiting must be in the low or moderate income range. In developing an application for submission to DEO, the County must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities, and is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons. Various factors affecting the competitive score of the application must be considered. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing.

The sessions will be held during the January 9, 2014 Board meeting that begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission meeting room, located at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320. Questions should be directed to Mark Currenton, Assistant County Planner, telephone (850) 653-9783. The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any disabled person wishing to attend the public hearing and requiring an interpreter or special accommodations should contact the County Clerk's Office, telephone 653-8861 (or call 711 for the Florida Relay Service for hearing impaired TTY/TDD) at least two business days prior to the meeting.

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Time to make plans for the new year

Have a happy new year! Congratulations to Mayor Curley Messer. Curley received a Christmas card from President Obama.

Missed you at lunch last Thursday at the Senior Center. Sarge had a good meal ready for us. We will line up for lunch after the first of the year.

Hope you can come over to Chillas Hall on Christmas morning, and enjoy a smoked turkey sandwich or two. Bob Dietz will have the door open at 8 a.m. See ya there!

Ron Vice will be on hand to play the music for your dancing and



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Jim Welsh

listening pleasure. The doors will open at Chillas Hall at 8 p.m. New Year's Eve. So grab you favorite snack, your beverage of choice, your dancing shoes and, oh yes, your main squeeze and stroll on over and ring in the new year with us.

There will also be a celebration at the Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 on New Year's Eve. Greg K and the crew will provide the music, and you can help fill the dance floor. I will probably pop in from time to time. Party hearty!

On New Year's Day, members of

the Lanark Village Boat Club will prepare and serve the traditional black-eyed pea lunch, starting at 1 p.m. Be watching for you!

Joy to the World. Wednesday Night Bingo at Chillas Hall. The season opener will be held Wednesday, Jan. 8, and the doors will at 6 p.m. Bingo at 6:30 p.m. Come on over and have a fun evening. Who knows, you might just win a game or two.

Be kind to one another, check in on the sick and the housebound and remember, miracles do happen.

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

County library plans expanded hours

Special to the Times

The Franklin County Public Library has some fun and interesting activities coming up in January. All activities are open to the public and free of charge.

The Eastpoint branch will be starting off the new year with our first Cinema Day. Please come and join us for a showing of "Monster University" at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 3. Parents with young children should plan to stay and watch the movie with their child.

Denise Williams will be teaching Yin Yoga at the Eastpoint branch at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays starting Jan. 7. This type of yoga is very gentle and

available to all levels of yoga skills from beginner to advanced. If you have a yoga mat, please bring it; otherwise, a large towel will work.

Marian Morris will be leading a special story time for the kids at the Carrabelle branch at 3 p.m. Jan. 14.

Come by the library in Eastpoint and meet the St. George Island Quilters. They will be sharing their skills and enthusiasm for quilting at 10 a.m. Jan. 15.

Computer class with Carly is a great way to learn something new in the new year. She can help you with your tablets and readers or just help you with basic or advanced computer skills. Drop in between noon and 4:30 p.m. Jan. 21 in

Eastpoint or Jan. 23 in Carrabelle.

Both Eastpoint and Carrabelle branches have community meeting rooms that can be reserved. If you need a space for a meeting, please come by and talk to us.

We will be expanding our hours at both library branches. Starting Jan. 6 the Eastpoint branch will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Carrabelle branch will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For any questions regarding library hours or programs, call 670-8151 for the Eastpoint branch or 697-2366 for the Carrabelle branch.

AA MEETINGS

The following is the updated schedule for Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings in Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Eastpoint, and the St. George Island areas. For more information, call the Hotline at 653-2000.

MONDAY
7:30-8:30 p.m.: Closed AA, Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church, 79 Sixth Street

TUESDAY
Noon to 1 p.m.: Open.

Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church

7:30-8:30 p.m.: Carrabelle, Church of the Ascension, 110 NE First St.

WEDNESDAY
6-7 p.m.: Women's AA, Closed, Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church
7:30-8:30 p.m.: Men's AA, Closed, Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church

THURSDAY
Noon to 1 p.m.: Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church

7:30-8:30 p.m.: Open AA, St. George Island United Methodist, 201 E. Gulf Beach Drive

FRIDAY

5:30-6:30 p.m.: AA Happy Hour, Open, Apalachicola, Trinity Episcopal Church

7:30-8:30 p.m.: Carrabelle, Church of the Ascension

SATURDAY

7:30-8:30 p.m.: AA Speakers Meeting, Open, Eastpoint First United Methodist Church, 317

Patton Dr.

5:30-6:30 p.m.: Discussion Group, Alligator Point Mission By The Sea

SUNDAY

7:30-8:30 p.m.: AA Big Book Study, Open, Eastpoint First United Methodist Church

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



On Monday, Dec. 23, members of the Philaco Woman's Club's home life committee and friends met at the Holy Family Senior Center to prepare fruit baskets for Meals on Wheels recipients. Pictured from left are Anne Sizemore, Monica Lemieux and Marilyn Hogan decorating baskets. Elaine Kozlowsky of Eastpoint was accompanied by grandniece Sandy and great-grandniece Sonja, who are visiting for the holidays. The groups decorated more than 40 fruit baskets, provided at cost by Gulfside IGA.

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"We will be mandated to have something as we go along," Conrad said. "Whatever will affect the best transfer of data will help save lives. We won't immediately make money, (but) we will immediately stop a greater loss of money."

"All of these small hospitals nationwide are faced with this," he said. "I'm not going to advocate buying the most expensive system. A bad system will slow things up. Good modules will allow you with a few clicks to get the correct information (while) a cheap system equals morale problems."

County Commission Chairman Cheryl Sanders supported the acquisition, but noted that "I wish we had somebody local instead of bringing somebody in from out of state."

Brownsworth said the intention is to go in-house with billing in three to five years. As it stands now, CSS is incentivized by making a percentage off the increase in cash payments they are able to collect. He said the deal eliminates about \$232,000 in annual costs now going to ARx and Healthland for billing and insurance verification.

"With CSS, we only start making payments for these revenue cycle services once we make more cash than we are right now," Brownsworth said. "In order for them to get paid, they have to increase the amount of money we get paid, and then they get one-third of the increase."

Commissioner Pinki Jackel said she wanted to see a report made to the board prior to any payments to CSS. "There are benchmarks we have to hit before approval for government reimbursements," she said. "I want to be sure we're meeting benchmarks in a timely fashion."

"We've got to do a better job of collecting every penny we can," she said. If we don't do a better job, we cannot continue to operate at these losses. (It's a matter of) the fish or cut bait stage, if we're continuing to take money out of the trust fund to build a new facility."

Commissioner Smokey Parrish supported the EMR deal, and agreed the county needed to "get to a point where we quit drawing money out of the trust."

"This is a 'win-win' of us not hav-

ing to put up money upfront," he said. "It's a way for doctors completing charts in a more timely fashion, which has been a problem in the past."

Brownsworth said he was not concerned CSS was not yet certified for Phase 2 of Medicare's electronic health record mandate, because only six vendors on the market are certified as of now.

"That's more than a year away, in January 2015, and they anticipate to be certified in October or November of 2014," he said.

The EMR system is expected to go live in the rest of the hospital, the clinics and ambulance system by March 1, Brownsworth said.

He said advanced registered nurse practitioner Dana Whaley and Dr. Eugene Charbonneau have been seeing about 20 to 25 patients per day at Weems East in Carrabelle, while Weems West has only been attracting about eight to 10 patients per day. He said he expects the clinic's volume in Apalachicola to rise once renovation is fully complete on Dr. Stephen Miniat's former offices.

Card of THANKS

The Ward Family

The family of Frances Louise Ward would like to thank all of our family, friends and neighbors for the flowers, food and loving support after the recent loss of our mother. Your concern and compassion is appreciated more than we can express.

The Ward family

In Loving MEMORY

Sonya Murray Russell

Dec. 8, 1966, to Sept. 16, 2013

Happy birthday and Merry Christmas and a happy new year, my love. Just wanted you to know how much we love and miss you here with us. But knowing you're with our Lord and all our loved ones who went before you gives us peace in our hearts.

We hope to be with you again some sweet day. God bless.

Your husband Eugene Russell, Mom and Daddy, and mother-in-law Mary Lou King and family.

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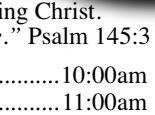
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Seahawks down Liberty, fall to Blountstown

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The Seahawk varsity basketball team defeated Liberty County in an away game Dec. 17, but then stumbled Dec. 19 at home against Blountstown.

The Hawks jumped out to a 17-13 lead after the first quarter in Bristol against the Bulldogs, but fell behind 28-27 at the half.

The Seahawks were up by one after three quarters, and a strong fourth quarter, in which they outscored their opponents 26-18, accounted for the 73-63 victory.

Kelsey Jones had an outstanding game for the Hawks, hitting 13-of-17 free throws to account for almost half of his 27 points on the night. He drained 7-of-13 two-pointers, and had seven rebounds and two assists.

Kenneth Wilson added 11 points, after hitting three-of-four treys, and had six rebounds. James Gordon had one trey, and eight points on the night, along with five rebounds.

Cameron White also had eight points, including a perfect four-for-four from the charity stripe. He led the team with nine rebounds, and added two assists.

Tyler Howard contributed five points, and five caroms. Marshall Sweet tallied three points by nailing a trey. Mercury Wynn had two points. Wesley Norred had three assists.

As a team the Hawks shot 64 percent from the free throw line, hitting 21-of-33 of their shots. They shot 42 percent from free point land, but just 31 percent of their two-pointers.

Against Blountstown,



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Cameron White prepares to shoot against South Walton.

the Hawks jumped to a 10-9 lead after the first quarter, but fell behind 26-20 at the half. Blountstown out-

scored the Hawks in each of the last two quarters to win

GET READY FOR HOLIDAY HOOPS

Franklin County will be the site of the Battle on the Gulf holiday hoop tournament Jan. 2 to 4. Six boys and six girls teams will be playing on a format based on overall record, and both the gym and multipurpose building will be used.

THE BOYS

On Thursday, Jan. 2, Liberty County plays Wewahitchka at 3:30 p.m. at the high school. Yulee vs. Bay is the 5:30 p.m. game, with Franklin County against North Bay Haven at 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 3, North Bay Haven plays Liberty County at 3:30 p.m., with Bay vs. Wewa at 5:30 p.m. and Franklin vs. Yulee at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 4, the fifth seed (based on tourney play) will play the sixth seed at 5:30 p.m., with the third seed against the fourth seed at 3:30 p.m., and the first and second seeds squaring off at 7:30 p.m.

THE GIRLS

On Thursday, Jan. 2, North Florida Christian plays Wewahitchka at 3:30 p.m. at the high school campus. Franklin County vs. Liberty County is the 5:30 p.m. game, with Bolles against North Bay Haven at 7:30 p.m.

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"It was probably our worst played game of the season," said Coach Mike Sweatt. "In the second half we just didn't show up on offense. We couldn't make a shot anywhere."

"The first half we didn't really play well either but we were still in the game," he said.

The team was led by 10 points each by Jones and Howard, with six from Barahona on the back of his two treys. Norred had five

points, and Gordon four, with Sweet nailing a three-pointer, and Wynn, White and Wilson each one free throw.

The team hit just one-fourth of their 12 free throws, and shot 22 percent from the three-point arc, and 39 percent from two-point land.

Sweet said in addition to Gordon's defensive performance, he is pleased that both Sweet and Norred have been stepping up and playing well.



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Middle schoolers complete winning year

Franklin County's middle school boys basketball finished the regular season this month with a winning record. Players included eighth graders Tyler Farmer, Nathan Jones, Landon Nash, Johnny Jones, Mikalin Huckeba, Eric Sowell, Elijah DeCoursey and Rory Countryman; and seventh graders Jake Patterson, Rufus Townsend, Jan Lowe, Daijon Penamon, Tyrell Green, Keondre Sewell, and Dalin Sheridan; sixth grader Jonathan Jones and fifth graders Josh Farmer, Lamarius Martin and Clint Rester. Coaches include Jeremy Williams, standing at right, and assistant Ricky Jones, at left.

SKATEBOARD EVENT 'AWESOME'

Organizer Chip Sanders said the Saturday, Dec. 7 "Christmas Skateboard Experience" event at the Justin B. Griffin Skate Park, adjacent to the former Apalachicola High School went well.

The event featured dedication of a new sign and garden, with a safety and protection course and demo skate classes at noon. There were lessons on how to build your own ramp, and prize and ramp giveaways.

"Special thanks to Journeys of St. George Island, Sam Fortunas, D.J. Flint, Coble Griffith, Elisabeth Thomas, Zachary "Gump" May, Ethan Rapack, Michael Luberto, Mike Moron, City of Apalachicola, Franklin Work Camp, Kenny Wilson, Robert Osborne Sr., John Solomon, Anderson Williams, Team Ace Hardware, and all who participated in this year's first 'Christmas Skateboarding Experience,'" said Sanders. "Thanks for the support, leadership and dedication of your time and hearts for the awesome youth of this county," he said. "It would not have been possible without you all!"



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Gulfside IGA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Jamie Gordon



The defensive play of guard James Gordon "has been stellar" for the Seahawks boys basketball team, said Franklin County High School Coach Michael Sweatt. The 5'8, 165-pound senior guard had two blocked shots against Liberty County Dec. 17, and a total of nine blocked shots on the season. He has 13 steals in nine games, and is averaging more than four rebounds per game.

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Four charged in bogus FCI prison release

Arrest REPORT

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — A Florida man was charged with helping his brother's killer and another murderer escape from prison with bogus court documents, authorities said Dec. 19 in announcing more charges in the scheme.

Willie Slater Jr. helped Charles Walker and Joseph Jenkins escape from Franklin Correctional Institution this fall because he owed Jenkins a favor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement special agent Danny Banks said. Jenkins and Slater were behind bars together, and Jenkins helped get Slater out of prison in 2009 by giving false testimony that he committed a home invasion Slater was convicted of, Banks said.

Walker murdered Slater's brother, Cedric, in 1999. "It seems odd that he would help get his brother's murderer out of jail, but he owed a significant favor to Mr. Jenkins which he fulfilled," Banks said.

Even stranger, Slater was arrested after Jenkins and Walker were caught and charged with making death threats to Walker's family. Jenkins and Walker were captured Oct. 19 and Slater was arrested Oct. 28.

Slater was one of four people charged with helping Walker and Jenkins escape. The others are Nydeed Nashaddai, Terrance Goodman and Jeffrey Forbes.

Nashaddai was the mastermind behind the scheme, according to FDLE Commissioner Gerald Bailey.

Nashaddai used forged documents to get out of a Pinellas County jail in 2009. He was captured in less than a day, sentenced to 20 years for escape and taken to the Franklin County prison where Walker and Jenkins were serving life terms. That's where he taught them to forge court documents, Bailey said.

Forbes also helped create the

documents using prison computers and printers and he made a similar escape attempt, which was thwarted by a detective who discovered that his release date had been changed, Bailey said.

The fake release orders were mailed to Slater, who helped deliver them to the Orange County clerk of court's office, Bailey said.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the men had attorneys. Either jail records did not list lawyers for them or officials didn't immediately return email.

Jenkins and Walker were let out of the prison on Sept. 27 and Oct. 8, respectively, and they registered as ex-felons at the Orange County jail to keep the ruse going. The escape was discovered when a relative of Roscoe Pugh, who Jenkins murdered, asked the state attorney's office why Jenkins was out of prison.

The state automatically notifies victims or their families when

violent felons are being released.

Once discovered, Goodman helped the pair run from authorities, driving them to Panama City Beach and renting them a motel room, Bailey said.

Goodman also served time in the Franklin County prison with Jenkins and Walker. He was arrested Dec. 19 in Panama City. The three other men charged were already in custody.

Bailey said the investigation was not over. "We're at six now, there are other leads, there's other evidence that may lead to other individuals and may lead to other arrests," he said.

The documents were written and produced in the prison using computers and printers in the law library. Department of Corrections Secretary Michael Crews said the agency is reviewing what it is constitutionally required to provide in-prison law libraries and will remove what is not required.

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests listed here were made, as noted, by officers from the Apalachicola Police Department and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All defendants are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Dec. 18

Robert Joseph Burch, 60, Apalachicola, violation of domestic violence injunction (APD)

Dec. 20

Brandon E. Lashley, 23, Apalachicola, domestic battery (APD)

Nicholas C. Roesner, 29, Paducah, Ky., violation of probation (FCSO)

News BRIEFS

Apalachicola mayor plans office hours

Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson plans regular open office hours in his office at the recently named Mayor Van W. Johnson, Sr., Recreation & Community Service Complex at 192 Coach Wagoner Blvd., Suite 1, the site of the old Apalachicola High School.

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, and thereafter on two designated days each week, (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 2 to 4 p.m.) Apalachicola residents and others will have the opportunity to meet with the mayor on a drop-in basis, without an appointment, to discuss whatever issues, ideas or concerns are on their minds.

"The establishment of an open office with

regular hours is essential for communication and it gives the residents direct access to local government and a place to meet face to face with their chief elected municipal official", Johnson said. "It is one of my core beliefs that government should be open and accessible to its people."

Any resident who would like to meet with the mayor, but cannot do so during the designated days are encouraged to telephone Revena Ramsey at City Hall at 653-9319 or email her at revenaramsey@cityofapalachicola.com to schedule a more convenient time.

DOT funds coming to county

On June 18 the Florida Department of Transportation announced

it was providing funds for the re-marking of Lake Morality Road, and on Dec. 10, County Planner Alan Pierce told county commissioners the joint project agreement (JPA) had arrived.

"While Lake Morality Road is a county road, the state is providing funds because of a fatality that occurred, and because of the high percentage of Department of Corrections traffic using the road," Pierce said.

Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the agreement. The county will advertise and open bids on this project in January or February.

At the same meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to sign a JPA for \$271,115 with DOT for the rehabilitation of pavement at the Apalachicola airport.

Pierce said DOT will be sending down another JPA for \$1.2 million, early in 2014, to build a new taxiway that will connect the county's undeveloped industrial park to the runway.

This will make the industrial park have airport access and will make it more desirable for aviation related uses.

No more 'payments in lieu of taxes'?

At the Dec. 10 county commission meeting, Director of Administrative Services Alan Pierce told commissioners that the county finance office has been notified that Congress has not authorized any PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) this year for the US Forest Service.

This notification has come after the county

budget has started, and in this year's budget the assumption was made that the county would receive the same amount of PILT funds as 2012, which was \$230,000.

If Congress does not fund PILT, then the county's revenue stream for this year will be short by \$230,000. PILT funds go to support the Franklin County school district as well. Commissioners instructed Pierce to write county's federal delegation and ask them to support PILT.

New correctional officer training to start

A new correctional officer training program will be starting at the Gulf/Franklin Campus of Gulf Coast State College in Port St. Joe, Jan. 22, 2014.

This program is designed to prepare students for the state officer certification exam.

Individuals who pass this exam are eligible for employment in any state, county or privately run correctional facility in Florida.

The program will be conducted using the new shorter curriculum and will last approximately three months. The program will be offered during the day and will run from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, Monday through Thursday.

For more information, please call Brenda Burkett at 227-9670 ext. 5507 or email her at bburkett@gulfcoast.edu.

The application deadline for Pell Grants and financial aid is fast approaching, so call today or come by the Gulf/Franklin Campus to pick up your application packet.



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

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 19-2012-CA-000297

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRADLEY R. BLACKBURN, et. al.

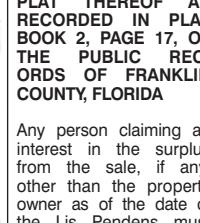
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment entered in Case No. 10-2012-CA-000297 in 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. The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Second Floor Lobby of the Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida, 32320 at the hour of 11:00AM, on the 9TH day of JANUARY 2014, the following described property:

The ADA Coordinator for the courts in Leon County if 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 court-



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DATED this 5th day of

December, 2013.

MARIA JOHNSON

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Michele Maxwell

Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:

MORALES LAW GROUP, PA

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with

a disability who needs

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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

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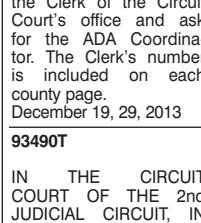
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 19-2011-CA-000169

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC,

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

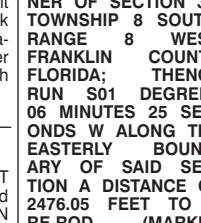
RAESHELLE LARAE REESE, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 17, 2013 and entered in Case No. 19-2011-CA-000169 in the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida where in OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC was the Plaintiff and RAESHELLE LARAE REESE, ET AL., the Defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the 2nd Floor Lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Franklin St., Apalachicola, FL 32320 on the 8th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 3 (UNRECORDED)



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Iachicola, FL on January 9, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. EST, the following described real property as set forth in the Amended Stipulated Uniform Final Judgment of Foreclosure Nunc Pro Tunc:

Begin at an old concrete monument marking the Northwesterly corner (also being the most easterly corner) of Lot 1, Block "16", Unit No. 4 of Lanark Village Subdivision, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 6, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida, and thence run South 62°28'04" West 125.61 feet, thence run South 60°20'22" West 37.64 feet, thence run South 27°57'1" East 200.22 feet to the Northwesterly right-of-way boundary of U.S. Highway No. 98 ~ 319, thence run North 62°30'05" East along said right-of-way boundary 318.10 feet to the Southwesterly right-of-way boundary of Newman Drive, thence run North 64°59'40" seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 254.23 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Situate, lying and being in Fractional Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, Franklin County, Florida.

and

Lot 34 of Holiday Beach Unit 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page(s) 3, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

Dated on this 10th day of December, 2013.

/s/ Joseph T King
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FL Bar No. 0637051
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Attorneys for Plaintiff, Crimson Alligator Drive, LLC

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
Clerk of Circuit CourtBy: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

ATTENTION: 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. December 19, 26, 2013

**966457
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

Notice if hereby given that, W. E. SALMON, INC., the holders of the following certificate have filed said certificate for tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 1462

Year of issuance: 2011

Description of property: LOTS 7 & 8 BLOCK A CARRABELLE ET AL Full Legal Can be Obtained in the Franklin County Clerk of Circuit Court's Office

PARCEL NO: 29-07S-04W-4170-000A-00 70

Name is which assessed: ROBERT & PATRICIA EDWARDS

All of said property being in the State of Florida, Franklin County.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on the first (1st) Monday in the month of JANUARY 2014, which is the 6th day of January 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2013.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
CLERK OF COURTS
FRANKLIN COUNTY,
FLORIDA

By: Cassie B. Sapp
Deputy Clerk
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013

**966475
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

Notice if hereby given that, DAVID E. BARBER, the holders of the following certificate have filed said certificate for tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the prop-

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erty and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 1142

Year of issuance: 2010

Description of property: SEC 32 T8S R6 W ET A1

Full Legal Can Be Obtained in the Franklin County Clerk of Circuit Courts Office

PARCEL NO: 32-08S-06W-0000-0015-00 00

Name is which as-

essed: MICHAEL C. KELLER

All of said property being in the State of Florida, Franklin County.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on the first (1st) Monday in the month of JANUARY 2014, which is the 6th day of January 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2013.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
CLERK OF COURTS
FRANKLIN COUNTY,
FLORIDA

By: Cassie B. Sapp
Deputy Clerk
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013

96821T

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 13-00125-CC

WILLIE MARY CLARK
JOSEPH fka WILLIE M. DANIELS, Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM LOVE AND JULIA LOVE, and all parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all unknown natural persons, if alive, and if dead, or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other persons claiming by, through or under those unknown natural persons; and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in and to the lands herein-after described in the complaint. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: WILLIAM LOVE AND JULIA LOVE, and all parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all unknown natural persons, if alive, and if dead, or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other persons claiming by, through or under those unknown natural persons; and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in and to the lands herein-after described in the complaint.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

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Defendants.

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Defendants.

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Defendants.

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Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: WILLIAM LOVE AND JULIA LOVE, and all parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all unknown natural persons, if alive, and if dead, or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other persons claiming by, through or under those unknown natural persons; and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in and to the lands herein-after described in the complaint.

Defendants.

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CUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 13-000124CC

VEDEL M. BUNYON and SHANNON H. BUNYON, Plaintiffs,

vs.

MARY HAWKINS, and all others claiming by, through, or under MARY HAWKINS, including any unknown natural person, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any known or unknown person who is known to be dead or is not known to be either dead or alive, and JAMES HAWKINS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: All parties claiming interests by, through, under, or against MARY HAWKINS, including all parties having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property herein described:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to the following property in Franklin County, Florida, described as;

The Northeast one half (NE 1/2) of Lot 1, in Block 166, of the City of Apalachicola, Florida, according to the map or plat thereof in common use

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Barbara Sanders, Sanders and Duncan, PA, who is attorney for plaintiffs, whose address is P.O. Box 157, Apalachicola, Florida 32329, on or before the 20th day of January, 2013, 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 petition.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2013.

MARCIA JOHNSON

Clerk of Circuit Court

Franklin County, FL

By: Terry E. Creamer

As Deputy Clerk

BARBARA SANDERS

Attorney for Plaintiffs

FL Bar No. 4442178

Sanders and Duncan, PA,

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Students take on science fair

Under the direction of science teacher Spencer Tolbert, students in the Franklin County elementary and middle schools had their science fair earlier this month. The following are the results.

Middle School

OVERALL

- 1st: Jake Paterson, What A Drag
- 2nd: Rory Countryman, Swish
- 3rd: Hannah Hogan, Which Toothpaste Whitener Is Better?

PHYSICS

- 1st: Dalyn Sheridan
- 2nd: Connor Mathes
- 3rd: Matthew Turner

CONSUMER SCIENCE

- 1st: Hannah Hogan
- 2nd: Jack Harris
- 2nd: Makenzie Shuman
- 3rd: Jonathan Ham

ENGINEERING

- 1st: Jake Paterson
- 2nd: Jacob Stalvey
- 3rd: Christopher Newell

ANIMAL SCIENCE

- 1st: Emily Owens
- 2nd: Aracely Gallegos



SPENCER TOLBERT | Special to the Times

Elementary school science fair winners pose with their projects in the multipurpose building.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

- 1st: Leah Reeder
- 2nd: Lauren Tarantino

BOTANY

- 1st: Breanna Murray
- 2nd: Morgan Anderson
- 3rd: K.T. Nessly

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

- 1st: Duncan Whaley
- 2nd: Tyrell Green

MATHEMATICS

- 1st: Halyi Mock

CHEMISTRY

- 1st: Casey Riley
- 2nd: Michael Owens
- 3rd: Marjorie Morrow

Elementary School

OVERALL GROUP PROJECTS

- 1st: Jaylyn Segree and Bryce Gilbert, Chemical Energy in a Bottle
- 2nd: Jennifer Owens, Sage Brannan and Madison Shiver, Vortex Smoke Launcher
- 3rd: Gracie Patterson and

Annie Smith, Which Grows Lima Beans Better: Orange Juice, Milk or Water?

OVERALL

- 1st: Garrison Cook, More Water, Less Decay
- 2nd: Layla Chisholm, Chewing the Mass
- 3rd: Brianna Cooper, Which Plant Grows Better?

PHYSICS

- 1st: Layla Chisholm

- 2nd: Ashley Neel
- 3rd: Madison Whitten
- Honorable Mention: Christian Mann, Eli Whaley

CONSUMER SCIENCE

- 1st: Garyson Cook
- 2nd: Alexis Parks
- 3rd: Haley Creamer

BOTANY

- 1st: Brianna Cooper
- 2nd: Tressie Edwards

CHEMISTRY

- 1st: Jaylyn Segree and Bryce Gilbert
- 2nd: Jamela Ray
- Honorable Mention: Destiny Proctor, Madeline Weisz, Aaliyah Moran, Caden Evans

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

- 1st: Ethan Anderson

MICROBIOLOGY

- 1st: William Grey
- 2nd: Ashton Topham
- 3rd: Cameron Evans

ENGINEERING

- 1st: Hollie Larkin
- 2nd: Tiauan Benjamin
- 3rd: Breuan Shiver
- Honorable Mention: Charlee Winchester

to exchange kisses beneath the sprig of what plant?

Holly, Ivy, Chive, Mistletoe

ANSWERS

- 1) 1958.
- 2) 7-10.
- 3) Greek.
- 4) Tom Smith.
- 5) Montgomery Ward.
- 6) Cookies.
- 7) 4th.
- 8) NYC.
- 9) Ralph.
- 10) Germany.
- 11) Ebenezer.
- 12) Snow.
- 13) D.
- 14) Mistletoe.



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1) It wasn't until what year that Scotland declared

Christmas a public holiday?

1918, 1945, 1958, 1977

2) The average commercial live Christmas tree takes how many years to mature?

1-4, 5-6, 7-10, 11-12

3) "Xmas" is a common abbreviation coming from which alphabet?

Italian, Greek, Spanish, Roman

4) In 1847, who

Invented the Christmas cracker?

Bob Hammett, Tom Smith, Bobby Watts, Henry Fudge

5) Which department store created Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer?

Montgomery Ward, Macy's, Wannamaker's, JC Penney

6) Along with milk, what is often left out for Santa?

Popcorn, Money, Sandwich, Cookies

7) In what century was St. Nicholas first

mentioned?

4th, 8th, 12th, 16th

8) Where did the "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947 movie) take place?

London, Chicago, NYC, Boston

9) Who wanted a Red Rider BB gun in "A Christmas Story"?

Ronald, Robbie, Ralph, Rudolph

10) In what country did the Christmas tree tradition originate?

Germany, England,

Mexico, Spain

11) What's the first name of Scrooge?

Marley, Ebenezer, Wilfred, Obadiah

12) St. Nick's beard is like what feature of winter?

Wind, Rain, Snow, Coldness

13) At 3 what's the most common starting letter of Santa's reindeers?

C, D, P, R

14) It's customary

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