**Franklin County Drew Big Acts in ‘40s, ‘50s**

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN

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LETTERS OF THANKS

A nice teacher is a great blessing to any child. Students at the Eastpoint Nest showed some love for the Franklin County School and Franklin County Learning Center teachers, thanking them for their kindness, attentiveness, and willingness to teach, but not forgetting, to play.

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

Love, Cole Pelham

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

Sincerely, Emily Smith

Mrs. Sasser, I am so thankful for you. You are my teacher. You always help me with my school work. You gave good instructions for what we were doing. You tell everyone to do their best. You are special to me.

Love, Joylinn Webb

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

Love, Audley Revell

Mrs. Sasser, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You are nice and sweet. Thank you for being my teacher. You are my teacher.

Love, Betty McCarren

I am so thankful you are my teacher. Your are my teacher. You are my teacher. You have made math fun. You make science fun too! Every morning you say any good morning to me when I come in.

Love, Lasha Whittmauer

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

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Love, Marissa Rodriguez

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Love, Audley Revell

Mrs. Sasser, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You are my teacher. You are so nice. Thank you for teaching us. I give you candy when you are good. You make learning fun. I love it when we play fast or math games. I love it when we play games.

Love, Gage Boone

Dear Mr. Boyd, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You are very sweet and you are my teacher. You make science fun too! Every morning you say any good morning to me when I come in.

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

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Love, Autumn McCarren

By DESPINA WILLIAMS

Special to the Times

On the level of her performance in the Franklin County Thanksgiving play, Layla Chisolm was having an identity crisis.

Like her fellow actors in “The Meal Must Go On,” Chisolm was decked out head to toe as a favorite Thanksgiving side dish. Crushed white paper expertly fastened to her torso mimicked a heaping pile of licorice mashed potatoes, nestled atop an unassuming brown bowl fastened from craft paper. On her head, a pile of flaky cookie crumbs topped by a battery square of yellow foam completed the look.

But even in all her spud-like splendor, Chisolm could not step her classmates from culinarily that would never grace even the humblest Thanksgiving table. She was not, by Sputnik, a school of potatoes! Chisolm could not tuck herself within these tuxedos. At show time, she joined classmates Kayleigh Bowell, Charlie Windsor, Trinity Barron and Dondale Preston, stars of the world of cranberry sauce, turkey, stuffing, marshmallows and gravy, but she was the star of this show.

When the actors began their play, by chic fashioning the best Thanksgiving dish, Chisolm seated her modest table, “...in the same manner, though the potatoes are always in my heart!” Her “The Meal Must Go On,” a reader’s theatre play that featured Chayenne Lawrence, Shaloni Parks, Brianna Sanders, Larry Windsor, September Bowell, Alexis Parker, Jade Allen and Jordan Barnes as Thanksgiving dinner guests and houseguests.

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Dog Island Lighthouse built 62 years ago

By ROBERT MOUNTAIN

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One of the lighthouse superintendents said that the Dog Island Lighthouse is 62 years old. He mentioned that it was built with the use of materials and erecting, row, from centre to centre, to be circular in plan, 17 inches wide from outside of upper floor to scuttle, and 12 1/2 inches wide from outside of upper floor to scuttle. The lantern is to be 16 1/2 feet diameter, to extend 3 feet below the surface of ground. The entire work is to be completed on or before the first day of May, in a faithful and workman-like manner. The glass to be painted with a coat of red lead and oil and copper work to be painted black. The entire work shall be completed so as to be driven 7 feet below the surface of the ground. The work shall be completed so as to be driven 7 feet below the surface of the ground. The entire work shall be completed so as to be driven 7 feet below the surface of the ground.
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Law Enforcement

Mysterious drifter jailed for child pornography

By DAVID JACOBS

A 42-year-old drifter’s violent reaction to having photographs taken of his unusual bicycle has led to the man being jailed for child pornography charges.

The story began around 10:16 a.m. on Nov. 13, when Apalachicola police officer Timothy Davis was dis- tressed to hear a domestic violence complaint on an Indian Island Road residence. Bowen, 47, said he had been sprayed with pepper spray after he tried to photograph a Being, bearded man on a说实话.

Bowen told the officer that he was being pulled over to photograph the man, he was sprayed, and the cupped could be found at the Library Bowen said he had a photo of the man opening it.

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

“He said he knew why I was there,” Davis wrote in his report. “He stated that he sprayed me out of reaction to seeing him with a camera.”

Davis then arrested Patrick J. McGovern, 42, of Minneapolis, Minn., on a battery charge.

The matter likely would have ended there had Mc- Govern not also be the chief of Apalachicola.

When McGovern appeared the man had traveled to the sheriff’s office to sign in at the library to use the computers.

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Karen Brooks, born in Dallas, Texas, worked in the music industry for more than a decade, as a background singer with Jerry Jeff Walker, David Allan Coe and Townes Van Zandt, to name a few. “Faking Love,” a duet she recorded with T.G. Sheppard, topped the chart in 1983. She has also worked with Johnny Cash and Randy Sharp.

Now she has a new home. She is reconnecting with her childhood roots by experiencing heritage. This was done by passing down to the local writer, “she said. Brooks said Pete Winder of Watermark Productions of Tallahassee plans to document the experiences in film.

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Local News BRIEFS

Apalachicola's annual Christmas celebration begins: The Apalachicola Christmas Celebration will light up Apalachicola from 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday. The streets will be lined with luminaries. Merchants will be open late and the sounds of carollers will echo through the town, filling the evening with the Christmas spirit.

Santa arrives on a shrimp boat at 4 p.m. at the City Dock on Water Street. He will hear children's Christmas wishes, and docents dressed in period costumes will lead visitors through the early history of Franklin County. The Raney House Museum will also be decorated in greenery and open for tours.

On Saturday at noon, the fun continues as Santa has a special day devoted to hearing wishes from his furry friends. Support the Franklin County Humane Society and have your pet's picture taken with Santa for a donation. There will be a pet costume contest at 3 p.m. plus stocking stuffers for your new furry friend.

Saturday is also Small Business Saturday. Support local merchants and restaurants by spending money in our little town.

A cast of three men and two women will play the parts of each other all their lives. 'Knowing Each Other All Their Lives,' directed by Dan Sartin, is set on a fishing pier on a lake somewhere in LA (lower Alabama). Four people that have known each other all their lives come to grips with 'knowing each other all their lives.'

The cast will be three men and one woman, all middle-aged or thereabouts. Readings will be from the script. The show is directed by Dan Swoleker. For more info, call 270-0877.

Migratory strategy meeting Dec. 3: Franklin County Emergency Management would like to invite the public to participate in a meeting to discuss and update the Franklin County Local Mitigation Strategy. Hazard mitigation is an action taken to permanently reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from the effects of hazards. Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, hazardous materials spills, fires and earthquakes are some of the hazards experienced by Florida communities. The goal of the mitigation strategy is to identify local hazards and establish a framework to reduce the risk.

The next meeting is at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center 28 Airport Road in Apalachicola.

Nancy Daniels will present the script for the next production, 'Catfish Moon,' at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Raney Carriage House. Auditions for their next production 'Catfish Moon,' a comedy written by Missippi native Laddy Martin, are set on a fishing pier on a lake somewhere in LA (lower Alabama). People that have known each other all their lives come to grips with 'knowing each other all their lives.'

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Jacob Lee completes Middle East deployment

Navy Airman Jacob A. Lee, flanked by his parents, Melissa and Timothy Lee, at a news conference at the Mikel Clark Sports Complex.

St. James Bay Rehab Center holds open house

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

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

There are also too be decorated and creativity activities in the works.

Admissions Director and Medicated Specialist Theresa McCaffrey tours the facility. Residents’ families may reserve a private dining room and bring their own holiday meal.

The home was clean and cheerful, decorated with residents’ art. Smiling residents interacted with the staff and engaged them in conversation.

Administrator Brenda Smith said the rehabilitation center employs more than 150 workers, many of whom are county residents. In addition to assisted living, St. James offers outpatient occupational, speech and physical therapy services. Smith said the center is partnering with Gulf Coast State College to offer training for certified nursing assistants.

After lunch, a number of residents met in the dining room for a game of bingo. Players win currency they can spend in the bingo store. Regifted items are welcome. Prizes include come, Brannen of Eastpoint.

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What a Thanksgiving dinner! Meacham had been at the former corner of Broad and Herdrich, where he was a very good man, husband and father, and the crew, and a big red truck was a very good neighbor. The famous coconut crème pie topped it off. The table settings were made by daughter, Sue Reed. I started off Saturday with my first visit to the Lanark Village Joan’s Fast. A good breakfast and did not look like a lot of table-topping. Then it was off to the Lanark Village Community Church yard sale. I had lunch with the St. George Island Bay High School alumni at the late Frank and Betty Friel, and Jean and Jeff, two of Mary Ann Bowers’ children, and a few of their friends. It was great seeing them. Hope you purchased a CD of Clandestine’s fantastic chiliars! The Birthday Bash was well attended. The Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 34 will be holding a December Birthday Bash on Dec. 13. I am sure there will be an大量 Bingo players! Wednesday night bingo at Chalho Hall will be on again. Members of the Lanark Village Golf Club will be in more. On this Sunday’s ‘Celebrate Recovery’ DVDs now available
A DVD of Barry Rand’s “The Family Portrait,” which was performed at the Duval Theatre in August, is now available. The show includes the production of the show and costs $15. For more information, call 276-2553 or email barrylh20@yahoo.com.

The Franklin County Toy Project got a roaring start on Saturday with the annual Toy Run. A host of motocyclists rode from the Carrabelle IGA to Apalachicola’s Broomwagon Park. Many brought unrolled toys, and all contributed $10, helping raise almost $2,000 for the project. The committee will use these funds as well as the monies collected through a coffee shop to buy toys for Franklin County boys and girls.

Tickets are on sale for the Friday, Nov. 11, 2012,ottie of a playhouse built by Boy Scout Camp Wiccon. Tickets are $5 each, $7 for families, and can be purchased at Franklin’s Promise office (the former Apalachicola High School), Baptist Publishing House’s administrative office or anywhere you see a flyer in the window. Make checks payable to Franklin’s Promise, and specify that it is for “Toy Project.”

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.
Thursday & Friday: 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 6:00 p.m.

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Pastor: Barry L. Schriver
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### UF: Controlling lionfish best done in targeted areas

By MICKIE ANDERSON  Special to the Times

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### Jumping spiders also excellent hunters

By JACOB KEMP

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

Even if you don't like spiders, you are admiring the hunting skills of this amazing animal. Have you ever tried to catch a dragonfly? Thats how it isn't easy.

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

The jumping spiders are the largest spider family with more than 1,000 species. The chief identifying characteristic of jumping spiders is a single pair of eyes that are greatly enlarged and face straight ahead. This pair of eyes gives them excellent vision that they use to track prey. In fact, they are believed to have the best vision of any spider and possibly of any arthropod.

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

Jumping spiders hunt during the day. They have a hydraulc system that allows them to jump great distances by altering the internal pressure of their body. Jumping spiders can jump several feet to land back on their feet.

When a jumping spider is moving forward to prey, it first jumps a distance, then jumps back just before it jumps, to deliver the blow. How far do we have to go to knock them down in order to prevent a potential problem? This was the first time that researchers have gone out and said we're going to quantify and characterize this behavior based on what they have learned.

When a jumping spider is moving forward to prey, it is called Rock Bottom, to the left is a single pair of eyes, how much effort that requires, and ultimately, how much money it cost to continue that effort,” said Fischer, a faculty member with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

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**Boys earn pasta meal with win**

The Lady Seahawks' first district game was an exciting one, as they established they would be a force to be reckoned with this season. “We went into the game with Rocky Bayou not knowing what to expect from their team,” said Valenzuela. “Each of our players and they needed to win both our boys and girls teams,” said the coach. “Stacy Kirvin and I told the boys they would have to work hard and smart and that they could not be more pleased with the way our boys played. They demonstrated great ball control, ongoing communication, and performed equally as well defensively and offensively.”

The squad amassed five goals two from Graham Kirvin, two from Zach Zingarelli, and one from Josh Ritter. Two of the goals were from two penalty shots on goal a save and 15 shots from Casey Sapp.

**The coach said sophomore Katie Soper’s goal line to goal line play kept the Lady Seahawks in the game. She also produced three shots on goal. “I know what was the field was exactly what she was instructed by her coach,” said Valenzuela. “Overall we are still developing our defensive backs and will get better with each game.”**

Boys’ teams included a handful of young players. Zingarelli got her first on a lot of balls in the middle of the field, and eighth grader Ali Kirvin contributed at forward to forward to success. The win moved the Lady Seahawks to 3-1 in the district as they prepare for the rivalry Port St. Joe in an away game Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 5 p.m.
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battery charge pending involving a girl who was 7 at the time. The case for which he was sentenced was filed on Sept. 12, 2011, and involved a court-ordered court appearance against a victim who is now 27 and married. Attorney General Dennis A. Myers said his office is discussing the possibility of a retrial in the second case, which is not yet set for trial. Details surrounding that case’s trial followed in hot weeks after the trial the victim was allowed to testify. Florida law makes allowances for testimony from victims of crimes that have not gone to trial when it is successfully argued that it shows a pattern of misconduct by the defendant. Grant tried to avoid the crimes against the first victim on Sept. 12, but that trial ended in a mistrial. Myers said he was in the process of arguing before D’Amour, outside the presence of the jury, that the second victim’s testimony should be allowed, when the girl broke down in tears. A juror who heard the commotion had been allowed by the court to enter the courtroom, heard the commotion and opened the door. Defense Attorney Gregory Cummings moved for a retrial, and was granted, a mistrial. The focus of this retrial was on whether Grant, on three separate occasions in 1991, inappropriately touched a victim and challenged the credibility of Grant’s mother, who is now 27 and married. Myers said evidence showed that the first girl came forward to say Grant had tried to have sex with her. The girl was 7 at the time not to put her daughter through the pain of trial and the matter was not disclosed to law enforcement officials. The issue of what had happened in 1991 resurfaced in July, 2010, as the second victim came forward to say Grant had tried to have sex with her. The girl was examined with a sexual assault nurse at Weiss Memorial Hospital, and testimony was provided by health officials, including Dr. Jody Lyon, that revealed “a presumptive positive to the presence of blood.” Myers said, “It was after this incident allegedly occurred to the second girl that the first girl came forward to tell law enforcement officials what she said happened to her 15 years ago.” Also figuring into the trial was the testimony of Grant’s mother, who appeared on behalf of both the prosecution and defense. She said that she had become aware of a problem with one of the victims at the time, but took her at her word that the commotion had been because of a nightmare. The defense made an attempt to plug holes in Grant’s mother’s recollections, and challenged the credibility of both of the female victims. Myers said the trial had been a difficult one, and noted that there is no statute of limitations in Florida law such as this. “It was hard case for every- body having to live with the facts of the first girl’s testimony,” he said. “We’re not here to determine the existence of somebody’s character. We’re here to determine whether the actions constitute a crime.” The victim has 30 days to decide whether to appeal the verdict.

Robert C. Bruner
Attorney

BATTERY

Raffle to benefit humane society

Nationally recognized writer and photographer John Andrew has donated the framed original of a photograph beautifully captured at St. Marks Refuge Wildlife Sanctuary. The photo is on display at the Apalachicola Area Chamber of Commerce where raffle tickets can be purchased for $1 or two for $5. Monies raised is to support the Franklin County Humane Society.

Community EVENTS

Full Moon Climb at island lighthouse

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

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Homeowners society at TIGERS site

The Juvenile Justice Executive Council will meet Thursday, Nov 2 at the TIGERS site in Apalachicola, from 10 until 11:15 a.m. The “Home is where the Heart is” seminar for first time homeowners will be at the site from 9 until 10 a.m. This seminar is open to the public. All are welcome. For further information please call William Cross at 670-7135.

Tobacco-free partnership to meet

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Troop 200 Girls Scouts tour new firehouse

By LOIS SWOBODA
G33-53061 (Apalachicola Times)

On Nov 5, Franklin County County Scout Troop 200 visited the Apalachicola firehouse and police station to learn about safety and the folks who help in allsizes.

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

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

“The old station on Water Street lasted about 30 years,” he said. “But after every hurricane, it was an awful mess, full of mud and without electricity. That old station caused a lot of headaches.”

Watkins said the Apalachicola volunteer fire fighters meet twice a month and respond, on average, to 11 fires monthly. He said the firefighters carry curry papers to alert them to emergency cases and tell them where to go, what to do and what kind of problem to expect.

“We are a small team given this,” he said. “We try to help each other out and have fellowship wherever we can.”

Watkins said the station houses four fire trucks. The oldest truck was put into service in 1988, and the newest truck is a 2006 model.

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

The girls answered “911” in unison. “But we don’t play on 911,” Watkins reminded them.

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

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

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

The girls then toured the truck barn and checked out various emergency vehicles. Watkins told them the new truck, Number 2, is the fastest and that it responds first on most calls.

He said to save fuel, the department sometimes doesn’t use a siren. “That is the sure way to get out,” he said.

The girls posed for pictures with the firefighters and EMTs after the demonstration.

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