



## An accountability guy

Oehlert named Franklin Schools' acting principal

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Superintendent Nina Marks has reassigned popular middle school teacher George Oehlert as acting principal over the Franklin County School, part of a broader strategy of working more closely with the state to improve educational performance.

Marks announced her choice at a Jan. 9 school board workshop in which Florida Department of Education representatives outlined interventions they are embarking on to help the district meet the Adequate Yearly Progress goals of the federal government's No Child Left Behind program.

"I feel like George's past experiences have given him insight as to organizational skills, which we need," said Marks of her colleague, a man she worked closely with when she was dean of the middle school.

"I've been in a position to watch him grow," she said. "He has a way of communicating his expectations to students and their parents, and he can continue that, within this role, what he's already started on the middle school level."

Because Oehlert does not hold state certification as a principal, his status, as of Tuesday when he began his new job, is technically that of a teacher on special assignment.

But the 64-year-old middle school Teacher of the Year, a native of St. Louis, has a wealth of job experience, particularly in the private sector, to serve him well in his new role.

During a rough-and-tumble childhood in a working class German neighborhood, Oehlert was educated both in the public schools, an all-male prep school and a co-ed private high school before earning a bachelor's in education in



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George Oehlert sits in his new principal's office, together with Superintendent Nina Marks.

1967 from Concordia University, a Lutheran school in Seward, NE. He also took business courses at the University of Nebraska during his undergraduate years.

Following that he taught three years in inner-city St. Louis, at a parochial school on the Near North Side adjacent to the Pruitt-Igoe projects, an urban housing complex notorious for its extreme crime, poverty and segregation.

He then went to work for 11 years for the restaurant division of W.R. Grace, with that company underwriting the cost of Oehlert's master's of business administration, which he received from Pepperdine University in 1980.

In 1981 he would open the Grand Café restaurant in St. Louis' theatre district and in 1986 he went to work for the Concordia Publishing House as vice-president of corporate development. He also taught college level business courses at his alma mater.

After taking early retirement in 2000, he returned to education two years later when, as a member of a search committee looking for a principal, he was asked to take the job himself.

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Pastor Delwynn Williams, from St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church in Panama City, gives the keynote address at Monday's community celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King.

## King Day service celebrates a new time

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The anticipated inauguration of Barack Obama as the nation's 44th President rippled through the air of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day community celebration at the Love Center Monday.

The preaching centered on Dr. King, and a loving God who selected him for a sacred and sacrificial mission, but throughout the joyous service, speaker after speaker invoked Obama's name as a symbol of progress made in America over the last four decades.

"Rosa Parks sat so Martin Luther King could march. Martin Luther King marched so Barack Obama could run. Barack Obama ran so our children could fly," said Apalachicola Commissioner Valentina Webb, speaking with her husband, Pastor Thomas Webb, on behalf of the Tabernacle of Faith Church.

Webb's three lines were echoed

later by the service's second president, Apostle Dolores Croom, as the audience filling the seats recited them together.

The symbolism of the community celebration was further accentuated by a large red, white and blue ribbon that Betty Stephens waved aloft whenever she and others danced in front of the aisles.

It was a celebration not given to solemn airing of grievance or of commemorating fallen heroes of the movement.

Instead reigned a sense of exuberant victory, as if the long, painful climb of the civil rights movement was finally being soothed by a less strenuous descent down the far side of the mountain after the peak had been conquered.

### 'Justice meeting joy'

"We've come to a new time, a new day, within this struggle for racial equality," said Pastor Delwynn Wil-

liams, of Panama City's St. John Missionary Baptist Church, the service's keynote speaker.

"It has come under a different roadmap than was dictated to us in the '60s. Something had to shift. Something had to change up," said Williams, a preacher about Obama's age of 47 who brought a youthful edge to his impassioned remarks.

He said today's movement is defined more by response than reaction, and called for African-Americans to renew adherence to the high standards outlined in King's dream.

"A lot of things we did in yesteryear were merely reactions. We got tired of our people being called nig--," he said. "Because we got tired of it, we reacted to what was presented to us."

"Demonstrations such as marches have become antiquated and outdated," Williams said, stressing the movement has graduated into "voting booths and politicians' offices."

"Our actions have to come from au-

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Faye Johnson, foreground, takes notes on a large easel Tuesday morning at Apalachicola's City Hall at a meeting of what will be called the Franklin Cultural Arts Council.

## County to form its own arts council

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

A committee of local citizens are working together to form an arts council for Franklin County.

At a meeting held Jan. 19, the new committee resolved to be known as the Franklin Cultural Arts

Council. Attendees formed an ad hoc group to organize the council and later develop bylaws.

"The first meeting was incredibly positive," said Apalachicola businessman Joe Taylor. "We had representation from all over the county and, in fact the larg-

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## Apalachicola library makes plans for patrons group

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

On Thursday, Jan. 15, friends of the Apalachicola Municipal Library met to elect officers and discuss obtaining not-for-profit status for the group.

At the same meeting attendees discussed retrofitting the existing building at Avenue D and Sixth Street and volunteer librarian Carrie Kienzle reported on the state of the collection.

Lynn Wilson was chosen as president of the friends, Frances Cook vice president and Shirley Taylor secretary. Charles Kienzle, who was not present, was tapped to serve as treasurer.

The group decided to be called Patrons of the Apalachicola Library Society, (PALS). They plan to send

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A view of the newly rearranged interior of the Apalachicola Municipal Library, about to be made even more spacious with the removal of some interior shelves.



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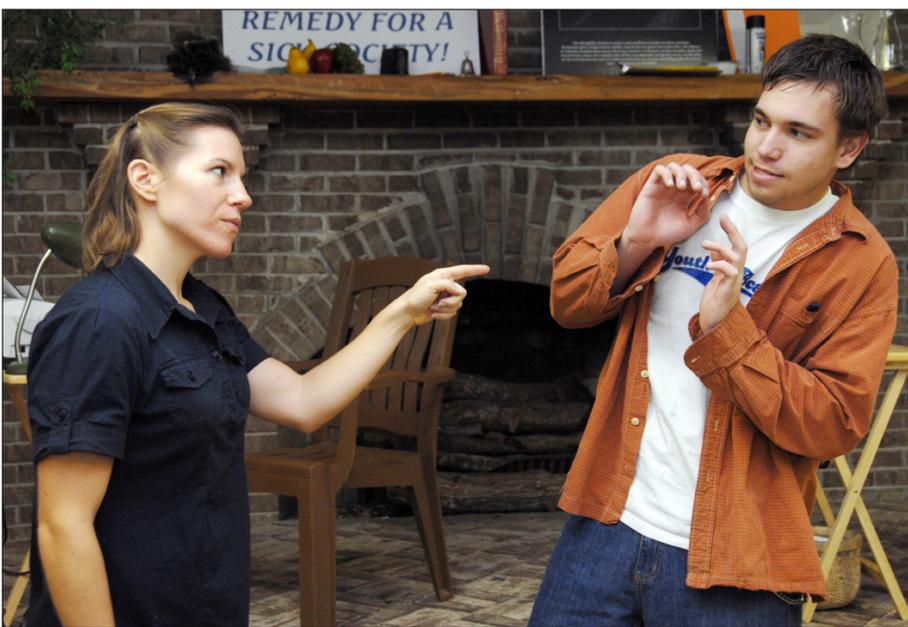
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# Radicals tangle with 'The Star Spangled Girl' in Eastpoint

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Special to the Times

During rehearsals of "The Star Spangled Girl," Sophie Rauchmeyer, played by Megan Lamb, left, confronts radical magazine writer Norman Cornell, played by David Bowen. Performances are Jan. 23-25 at the Eastpoint Firehouse "little theatre."



The Eastpoint Firehouse's "little theatre" will host three performances of The Panhandle Players' production of "The Star Spangled Girl" this weekend.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23-24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Eastpoint Firehouse.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the door, which opens one half hour before curtain, or call 670-8200.

In "The Star Spangled Girl," playwright Neil Simon scripts a frothy, romantic comedy entangling a pair of young

liberal operators of an underground protest magazine with a square, cute, patriotic "girl next door."

Things are great for Andy (Ben Bloodworth) and Norman (David Bowen), friends since college and publishers of the radical weekly magazine "Fallout," until a corn-fed girl from the Midwest moves into the adjoining apartment. Everything turns inside out when Sophie (Megan Lamb), "the star spangled girl," enters the young men's lives.

Dan Wheeler directs this red, white and blue mix-up of patriotism and protest, love and romance that is "The Star Spangled Girl."

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# Should Apalachicola's Veteran's Park be renamed?



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**VETERAN'S PARK:** Workmen laying down sod at Veteran's Park on the riverfront between Avenues D and E.

At the Jan. 6 meeting of the Apalachicola city commission, there was discussion of Veteran's Park on the waterfront between Avenues D and E. Since the creation of Veteran's Plaza on Market St. to showcase the Three Soldiers Detail, the similar names have been confusing to visitors and locals alike.

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce President Joe Taylor said, "When we lit the Tree of Remembrance this year for Hospice, the director came down for the ceremony. It was a big thing. She was

10-minutes late because she went to the wrong park and sat there waiting."

Several people said that the park is sometimes called Riverfront Park.

Councilwoman Valentina Webb suggested that Seafood Workers Park would be an appropriate name but a member of the audience said the county park being developed on the western edge of Apalachicola on the Lombardi property is also called Seafood Workers Park and creating another park with a similar name would simply add to the confusion.

It was suggested the city might have a contest to name the park. The city of Carrabelle held a survey when choosing a name for Classie Lowery Park.

What do you think? Should the name of Veteran's Park be changed and, if so, what should the new name be?

If you have a suggestion, send it by email to [timesnews@starfl.com](mailto:timesnews@starfl.com) or drop a written suggestion by the Times office located at 129 Commerce St. in the High Cotton Buildings. Please submit all opinions before the end of January.

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Even with parents in good health, it's wise to become familiar with their financial, medical and legal recordkeeping so you'll be able to help if needed. You might have to walk a fine line between appearing nosy and not spotting warning signals that something might be amiss.

When you visit, keep an eye out for:

- Unpaid bills, late payment notices or utility shut-off warnings.
- Hints they sometimes must choose between filling prescriptions and buying food, heating or other necessities.
- An overabundance of junk mail, magazine subscriptions or cheap prizes, which could indicate they might be targets for telemarketers or get-rich-quick schemes.
- Unnecessary "home improvements" that might indicate they've fallen prey to con artists. Or conversely, signs they can't afford needed repairs.
- Signs of overspending or other indicators they're living beyond their means.
- Uncharacteristic secretiveness or defensiveness, possibly indicating they're embarrassed about money problems or afraid their independence would be at risk if they confide in you.

Don't be afraid to initiate conversations about your parents' finances. Though it might be awkward at first, you might put their minds at ease by showing that you're looking out for their best interests. A good way to raise the subject is to ask their advice about your own situation. And organize. One of the biggest problems people of all ages have with their finances is getting organized. Offer to help your parents create, and periodically update, files containing:

- Details of major

possessions and relevant paperwork (property deeds, car registration, jewelry, etc.)

- Outstanding debts (mortgage documents, car loan papers, medical bills, etc.)

- All income sources, including Social Security, pension, 401(k), IRA and personal savings.

- Bank accounts, credit cards, safe deposit box and insurance

policies, including password, agent and beneficiary information.

- Will, trust, power of attorney, health care proxy and other documents showing how they want their affairs handled.

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- Past income tax returns and accountant or financial advisor contact information.

Budget. Chances are, your parents' medical, insurance, food and other inflation-impacted bills have risen faster than their income. Your parents need to know exactly how much money is coming in every month and how much is going out. If they don't already have a detailed budget, offer to help create one.

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**JASON ALDERMAN**

## Rep. Bembry: Budget cuts go too far

Wednesday, Jan. 14 marked the end of a nine-day Special Session held to balance the state's budget after news of a \$2.3 billion shortfall in revenues for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

Freshman Democrat State Rep. Leonard Bembry, D-Greenville, was active in negotiations to deal with cuts in agriculture, aquaculture and education. As a member of the Natural Resources Appropriations Committee, he listened as heads of agencies and staff of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Management Districts and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission made recommendations they feel had the least impact on the citizens of the state.

Bembry also was named as a conferee on the Natural Resources Appropriations Conference Committee, where he had the opportunity to deal with the

differences between the House and Senate budgets.

"We had the opportunity to protect Florida agriculture and aquaculture from the thrust of many cuts that would have been very damaging to our future in District 10," he said. "I am relatively pleased with the resolutions we were able to negotiate in the conference committee and could support that part of the budget."

During debate on the House floor, Bembry also had the opportunity to address the members on issues that affect District 10 constituents. He defended cuts to education, medical care for the elderly and the developmentally disabled, tourism and the environment.

"I was unable to vote for the budget as I feel the solutions that we considered were narrowed too much by the House Leadership and did not reasonably address our budget situation," he said. "Education and health care



**LEONARD BEMBRY**

## Lawson urges Crist to recall Legislature

Less than 48-hours after warning Republican lawmakers that their myopic approach to plugging the state's financial shortfall would result in the loss of critically needed state employees, Senate Democratic Leader Al Lawson, D-Tallahassee, on Jan. 16 called on the governor to veto the budget and recall the Legislature to Tallahassee to get the job done right.

He also called on the governor to veto the \$10 million approved for his so-called "economic stimulus" program, a risky gamble he said had been "funded by axing existing jobs for iffy future ones."

"The loss of 66 probation officers not only jeopardizes public safety, it puts more strain on law enforcement and our court system already stretched to the breaking

point," Lawson said. "These people are our first line of defense, the ones who monitor offenders released from prison, among them those charged with serious crimes including sexual offenders."

The Democratic leader in the House was responding to the announcement that the Department of Corrections fired 66 probation officers in response to the \$2.8 billion in cuts levied by the Republican-controlled legislature during the recent special budget-cutting session.

"The Senate Democratic Caucus repeatedly called on the Republican leadership, including Governor Crist, to look beyond cuts," Lawson said. "We showed them again and again how closing some of the special interest tax loopholes would raise at least \$1

billion to stem some of the budget pain and protect services on which Floridians depend, including keeping their communities safe. But they refused to listen.

"This state has grown weary of drinking the Republican Kool-Aid," he said. "We called on the governor to lead the state forward by examining alternative options. Without raising a penny in new taxes on working families, closing these loopholes would have netted critical revenue to avert the loss of state services and protections including front line law enforcement officers."

"But rather than lead us away from the land of special interests' protections, he's delivering Florida into the valley of pink slips," Lawson said. "I urge him to rethink his direction, veto this budget and re-summon the Legislature to undo the damage it's done."



**AL LAWSON**

## Letter to the EDITOR

### Does anyone care about Carrabelle pets?

To the Editor:  
I live within the city limits of Carrabelle. Last week, two of my pets died. Not of natural causes. I called Animal Control. No one returned my two calls. I called the

Humane Society. The nice lady said she would try to call them and couldn't get them.

The next day, I called again. Someone answered. He said, "Ma'am, you will see me tomorrow morning." I haven't seen him yet! Six months ago, I called (Carrabelle Mayor) Curly Messer and told him the problem.

Nothing!

What happened to the leash law? Is it only good at the beach? When Animal Control came in the past, they always tell people "you need to tie your pets." That's the end of it. What is it, no one cares?

Pam Meredith

## UF adding veterinary forensics program

Call it "CSI: Animal Edition." But this isn't television. In this real-life drama, necropsies, assessment of skeletal remains for abuse and trauma, and crime scene analysis of hair, fibers and bloodstains are used to solve cases of cruelty to animals.

University of Florida officials are partnering with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to form the first Veterinary Forensic Sciences Program dedicated to the teaching, research and application of forensic science in the investigation and prosecution of crimes against animals. The program will handle cases from around the country — possibly up to 200 within the first two years — and provide consultancy and training. Additional details will be presented at the North American Veterinary Conference this month in Orlando.

"This is a newly emerging field," said forensic toxicologist Bruce Goldberger, director of the William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine at UF. "We are translating our knowledge of forensic science to a new field devoted to solving crimes against animals."

The Veterinary Forensic Sciences Program will increase the number of professionals trained in forensic investigation of animal cruelty cases by potentially hundreds each year, Goldberger said. In so doing, it also could help uncover instances in which the abusers also are targeting people, experts say.

Over the last few years, the number and stringency of laws relating to animal cruelty has increased. Penalties can include extended prison time, such as in the high-profile dog fighting case involving professional football player Michael Vick.

"That means the standards of investigations and of the science used in documenting what has happened to animals are much, much higher than even five years ago," said Randall Lockwood, ASPCA senior vice president for anti-cruelty field services.

There is no national tracking of animal cruelty cases. Each year, the ASPCA investigates more than 5,000 cruelty cases and arrests or issues summonses to more than 300 people. Scenarios include simple neglect, abandonment, animal hoarding and blood sports such as dog fighting. On the basis of media accounts, the animal advocacy Web site [pet-abuse.com](http://pet-abuse.com) reports 1,620 high profile cases in 2008.

Lt. Sherry Schlueter is credited with starting the first animal cruelty investigation unit within a law enforcement agency. Today she is section supervisor of the Special Victims and Family Crimes section of the Broward County Sheriff's Office. She said the new program will help protect not only animals, but humans who might be harmed by the same assailants. She heads one of the first police units in the country in which officers are "cross-trained" to recognize and

investigate links between animal abuse and violence against humans, including child abuse, domestic violence and sexual abuse.

She works to educate fellow officers and others about that link.

"My goal was always to get law enforcement to recognize animal cruelty for the crime it is," she said. "Victims are victims and batterers are batterers, and it shouldn't matter what species, what age, what gender."

The UF program will offer undergraduate and postgraduate courses and continuing education for veterinarians, law enforcement personnel, animal control officers and others. Courses include forensic entomology, buried-remains excavation, bloodstain pattern analysis, bite-mark analysis and animal crime scene processing. Trainings will be done in classroom settings, online and through the just-formed International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association.

Often, veterinarians presented with cases of animal abuse are not sure what to look for to establish cause and manner of death, or to prove a crime was committed.

"Veterinarians are frequently asked to participate in cruelty investigations, yet we don't receive special training on that in veterinary school," said Julie Levy, director of Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida. "There is a substantial unmet need for that training to be provided to veterinarians."

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After training at the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod’s principals academy, he took on a two-year assignment as principal of an elementary and middle school that was undergoing a merger of schools in the parish.

They called it ‘unification’ rather than consolidation,” he said. “They thought it doesn’t sound as bad.”

In 2004, Oehlert and his wife, Margey, moved to Franklin County, after she was hired as a teacher at the Apalachicola Bay Charter School. In 2005 he was hired to teach fifth grade in Carrabelle, and she moved over to Chapman Elementary School in 2007, when he taught social science at the middle school there.

While Oehlert was recently named Middle School Teacher of the Year (Harolynn Walker was named for the elementary grades and Linda Massey for the high school), he doesn’t consider himself necessarily the shiniest apple in the bushel.

“I’ve always hired people who were better than me in some area,” he said. “I was never an expert in anything except people management. I know what I’m good at and one of those things is building a team.

“I will have to prove myself, there’s no question about that,” Oehlert said.

“I’m an accountability guy. I put people’s feet to the fire and I try to do it graciously.”

## District embraces school improvement strategy

Oehlert’s hiring is part of a broader effort, initiated in conjunction with state officials, to reverse the district’s five-year trend of falling short of the goals set by the No Child Left Behind Program.

At the Jan. 9 workshop, Nikolai Vitti, the DOE’s bureau chief of school improvement, outlined for the school board a strategy for state intervention prompted by the district’s being in its fifth year as a School in Need of Improvement (SINI).

The district’s SINI status is dictated by the fact that it has been repeatedly unable to show Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), a key measurement of the No Child Left Behind act. AYP is based on the performance of student subgroups, such as white, African-American, Hispanic, ESE and free and reduced lunch.

“These subgroups need to make mastery in math and reading, and that standard is determined by the individual states,” said Vitti. “If the subgroups do not make the necessary

rate, then the school is not making AYP. Many Title I schools in the state are not making AYP, because Florida has put the bar really high in making AYP.”

Because Florida’s system of school grades is separate from AYP, and can in some cases send a contradictory message, the state has implemented a policy of “differentiated accountability” to better coordinate the federal and state systems as schools move towards mastery by 2014.

“The story of AYP was getting somewhat lost. It was really difficult to talk to communities,” said Vitti. “You still have two accountability systems but we have streamlined school grades and AYP.”

The state’s “differentiated accountability” program created a matrix that incorporated school grades, SINI status and the percentages of students at a school making AYP.

Because the new consolidated school is considered a SINI school for the past five years, is meeting less than 80 percent AYP and is a D school, it falls under the classification of a “Correct 2” school. That category is considered the most serious of the state’s classifications but is short of being among Florida’s dozen schools in the “intervene” category, which means they must

show progress or risk closure or being placed under new management.

“The honus can fall either on the state, district or school, and in the ‘Correct 2’ schools, the honus falls more on the district,” Vitti said. “There are certain things Franklin County must do to be compliant with Differentiated Accountability.”

These requirements include making sure student achievement is part of a teacher’s evaluation, creating common planning times where teachers can meet and adding math and reading coaches.

After former interim principal Nick O’Grady recommended the state conduct an instructional review in October, the DOE surveyed the school operation with three specialists, and came up with a list of commendations, concerns and action.

But the state has waited until a new administration is in place to move forward. “We really didn’t want to move on that until a new superintendent and a new principal was named,” said Vitti. “We’re ready to go and I’m excited about the possibility of change at this school. I think the superintendent and principal have the right expectations.”

The state plans a variety of measures with its inter-

vention team, and Marks is moving to put them into place.

Elementary school dean Deborah Huckeba has been placed in charge of the school’s curriculum, while reading coaches Lynn Clark, for middle school, and Sharon Philyaw, for high school, have assumed expanded duties in a newly created reading observation room.

Pam Marshall has been assigned to teach Oehlert’s middle school history classes, with new teachers Cathy Borders handling high school math, Jimmy Marshall teaching high school science and Rod Murphy teaching high school history and coaching baseball.

Sara Broker has been moved over to teach fifth grade classes, and Fred Drake has been switched to the middle school ESE classes. Connie McGinnis will teach high school ESE and Carla Bankston elementary and middle school physical education.

“They (the state) are not here as a threat. The offer was made and we said ‘Please, come and help us with that,’” said Marks. “They’re here to help us wherever they can. They see we have a need. This is our year to work with people.”

Vitti said the intervention team will probably be at

the school every two weeks. “We plan to create an instructional focus calendar so we identify what the benchmarks are, and align standards with resources and materials,” he said. “We want to create an assessment aligned with the FCATs so we know if students understood that level, and when FCAT (state testing) comes around we’re not surprised.”

Vitti said he especially liked the idea of the reading coaches being directed to work with the students who score 1s and 2s on the FCATs.

“To have the better reading teachers teaching lowest functioning students, that’s ideal. You want your best teachers teaching the ones that are struggling,” he said.

“They (the school district) was very receptive and I think to really transform a school you need the support from the school board, the superintendent and the principal,” Vitti said. “Then there’s no weak link and there’s an opportunity to take advantage of greater accountability because you have every level of administration agreeing that change needs to happen.

“It was reassuring to really hear the board wants changes and wants higher standards,” he said.

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est faction was from Carrabelle. They are excited and ready to get started. The structuring of the board will be a public process.”

Taylor said the next meeting will be in Carrabelle at the new city government complex on Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The creation of the new board marks a split by the county’s arts community with the Gulf Alliance for the Local Arts (GALA), a group begun eight years ago to serve the art needs of Franklin, Gulf and eastern Bay County.

GALA, initially an all-volunteer organization, was formed by a handful of art enthusiasts to create an infrastructure for an umbrella organization to raise public awareness of the arts.

Over the years, the three counties have partnered in a number of cultural events under the auspices of GALA, most notably the highly successful Plein Air Paint Out.

Initially, meetings of GALA moved between the three participating counties, but Franklin County members say more recently, the meetings have taken place only in Gulf County. Others contend the focus of GALA’s activities are now restricted to Gulf County, an idea fueled by an email from newly-hired GALA Director Ally Saxnay that said the focus of arts development over the next three years would be on Gulf County.

local art center, all facilities that Port St. Joe lacks.

She insists Franklin County has received its fair share of grant money, and said records show that over the last several years, GALA has spent more money in Franklin County than in Gulf and eastern Bay counties.

“I resigned in August but I have stayed on to try and help with the transition to the new director,” she said. “Joe Taylor and Richard Carrell now say they don’t want GALA to be the recipient of anything for Plein Air, even though we founded it. They have formed their own 501-c-3 organization, the Forgotten Coast Cultural Alliance, to manage the Plein Air event. GALA gave them \$5,000 in start up money for the Alliance.

“Everybody from Franklin County who said they would be on the board for GALA in 2009 has stepped off. They say they are no longer interested in being on the GALA board,” she said. “We have only had two people on the board from Franklin County because we couldn’t find anyone who wanted to serve. Ed Tiley served for three years, which is the limit. We held the space open for several years and then Joe Taylor came along.”

Tiley, an actor and theatre producer based in Apalachicola, said GALA has worked hard since its inception to serve Franklin County, although not always with support of people here. “There was talk back then that Franklin County should have its own arts council and a number of us on the original board were absolutely convinced that we would be a more successful granting agency if we were to combine forces, to become a three-county arts agency,” he said.

“One of the reasons I

stepped off the board was to allow someone else to take the Franklin County seat and increase county involvement better than I could,” Tiley said. “The Franklin County seat went unfilled for quite some time. People said they would serve and never showed up for meetings. Joe Taylor was asked to join the board because it was felt he would be an effective voice for recruiting Franklin County participation.”

He agreed with Harrison that “in purely monetary forms Franklin County has gotten a lot more in grants from GALA than were ever contributed by Franklin County sources.

“We were very careful to try to serve the entire area evenly, there wasn’t any overt favoring of one county over the other,” he said. “The fact that Franklin County has largely ignored GALA has given rise to the misconception that GALA favors Gulf County and Mexico Beach. Franklin County as a whole has never given GALA an even break.”

Tiley said he was opposed to the split from GALA. “The full potential of GALA will never be realized if Franklin County breaks away from GALA,” he said. “I believe the two of us working together can do so much more. Combined we have the ability to be much more effective.”

Harrison said she dis-

liked the conflict that has arisen. “I think it’s a shame. I think if it’s going to be divided up, it should be an amicable thing. I’m very upset about the whole thing because I have put my blood, sweat and tears into this for six years and I’m just walking away from it,” she said.

## Apalachicola board is impetus for new council

Taylor said creation of the board is not the result of a desire to break away from GALA but rather reflects the desire of Franklin’s arts community to consolidate and grow in its own right.

The move to create an arts board began when the recently formed Apalachicola History, Culture and Arts Board, an organization of Apalachicola artists and art lovers, wrote a letter to the county commission asking that an arts council be endorsed to represent the county.

According to the letter, signed by Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson, the proposed agency “would provide services to arts and cultural organizations, individual artists, and the communities within the county. The agency would encourage and contribute to cultural assessments and planning (and) would support, develop and/or implement

programs, projects or initiatives such as arts in education, lifelong learning, art in public places, marketing and community outreach. The agency would facilitate collaborations that benefit the community at large and provide greater quality and access to arts and cultural programs and activities.”

The letter said formation of the new board would enable arts organizations, artists, and communities to be eligible for funding from “Challenge Grants, Cultural Facilities, Arts in Education, Culture Builds Florida, and State Touring Programs in addition to many others.”

## County gives its blessing to proposal

Included in the letter was the following list of 16 people, and their communities and affiliations, who have volunteered to serve on the council: Liz Sisung, Eastpoint, Panhandle Players; Kay Wheeler, St. George Island, Visual Arts; Joyce Estes, Eastpoint/St. George Island, Franklin County Library; Penny Anderson, Carrabelle, Boys and Girls Club Art Program; Joan Matey, Lanark Village, Visual Arts; Marian Morris, and Pat Moore, Carrabelle Artist Association; Valentina Webb, Apalachicola, Holy Family Senior/Cultural Center; Teresa Martin, Apalachicola, Franklin County

Schools; Pam Mahr, Apalachicola Bay Charter School; Bill Spohrer, Apalachicola Area Historical Society; Marie Marshall, Apalachicola Museum of Art; Ed Springer, Apalachicola, Literary Arts; Lynn Wilson-Spohrer, Apalachicola Pastel Society; Anita Grove, Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce and Taylor.

When Taylor and other supporters of the new board appeared before the commission on Jan. 6, some commissioners were less than enthusiastic about the proposal, observing that the new arts board was dominated by residents of the west end of the county.

“I think it needs to be opened up more,” said Commissioner Pinki Jackel.

“We have poets and people who have written books over in Lanark Village and Alligator Point. They should be a part of this,” said Commissioner Cheryl Sanders.

“We want this to be open to everyone,” said Taylor. “If we don’t have this agency, we can’t apply for Department of Community Affairs (DCA) grants in support of the arts.”

“Will other agencies applying for those grants have to go through you? What have we done in the past?” asked Jackel.

“We’ve never applied for DCA grants in the past because we never had an arts

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## Dissatisfaction builds with GALA organization

Former GALA director Kim Harrison points to the fact Franklin County already has a museum, a theatre and Cotton Exchange, which now functions as a

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council," said County Planner Alan Pierce.

Joyce Estes of Eastpoint, owner of Sea Oats Gallery on St. George Island and supporter of the new board, said "GALA is the umbrella we've been working under and we don't get our fair share."

### Concern over 'Area of Critical Concern'

Commissioner Smokey Parrish said that in her recent email, Saxnay wrote that the alliance's efforts over the next three to four

years would be focused on Gulf County. Parrish said GALA wants to represent Franklin County because Apalachicola is a state-designated Area of Critical Concern and is eligible for grant money not available to Gulf County.

"If we're going to be used to get funds, then those funds should be used in Franklin County," Parrish said.

The commission approved a motion to endorse the new county arts council with a caveat that membership is open and that there is fair and equitable representation of communities

throughout the county.

County Attorney Michael Shuler told the representatives of the arts board, "I want to inform you that, under the Sunshine laws, you cannot commit the county to any action without informing the commission first."

Shuler said he would assist in the preparation of the bylaws for the arts board, which must be approved by the commission.

Commissioner Noah Lockley said there should be a county commissioner on the arts board. Because no commissioner came forward to serve, Pierce said a representative from his

office would act as liaison to the new group.

### 'To some extent, we've been used'

The board has already begun to collect signatures and solicit donations from prospective supporters. A petition in support of the group can be found on the counter of Taylor's downtown business.

Taylor said collecting signatures was not necessary for formation of the board or to apply for a particular grant, but that the petition

would demonstrate general support of the arts board and could be used when seeking future grants.

The group will apply for an organizational grant from the Florida Department of Cultural Affairs to offset start-up costs. They will have to work fast because the grant is due Feb. 6.

One of the early founders of GALA, Dixie Partington, director of the Dixie Theatre, said she liked the idea of separating from GALA.

"I'm in favor of it. The Dixie Theatre was the first member of GALA. It was supposed to be a collabora-

tion. I'm not sure what anybody's intentions were, but I feel to some extent, we've been used," she said.

"The first organizational meeting was held here in Apalachicola in Alice Jean's studio. For a while, we switched off, but then it got to be that the meetings were always in Port St. Joe," Partington said. "Not a lot of us went to the meetings. I didn't have time for that with the theatre and everything else. GALA did give us a nice grant for a DVD projector, but they haven't done much for Franklin County at all. By them, I mean myself too."

## 1 dead, 3 injured in Carrabelle crash

A man from Lanark Village died and three people from Eastpoint were injured in a wreck on U.S. 98 on Tuesday.

Donald Bruce Jordan, 48, of Lanark Village was killed in the crash, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report. He was not wearing a seatbelt, according to the report. He was taken to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

Injured were Margaret Lanier Mathis, 40, Allen Mathis, 34, and Lindsey Hightower, 10, all of Eastpoint. Their injuries were minor, the report said, and they were transported to Weems Hospital for treatment. All were wearing seatbelts, according to the report.

The accident happened

when the unnamed man, driving a 1996 Ford pickup, was traveling west on U.S. 98 in a posted construction zone about one mile east of Carrabelle at 3:50 p.m. The 2001 Chevrolet SUV driven by Margaret Mathis was stopped in the westbound lane by a flagman.

The Ford failed to stop as it approached the SUV. The front of the pickup struck the rear of the SUV. Both vehicles were totaled, according to the report, and both came to final rest facing west on the north shoulder of U.S. 98.

The FHP was assisted on scene by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Franklin County EMS.

### Correction

Funds for the construction of the new pergola in front of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce and for signage that will hang from the structure were provided by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

## Coral reefs topic of Jan. 22 FSU lecture

From 7-9 p.m. today, Jan. 22, The Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory will host "Florida's Coral Reefs: Threats, Decline, Management and Signs of Hope," the next lecture in the lab's ongoing series of free public lectures on coastal and marine conservation.

The talk will be given by John Bruno, a noted marine ecologist and conservation biologist and an associate professor of marine science at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Refreshments will be served.

Bruno's research has focused on

understanding and conserving the dynamics of coastal marine communities. He works in a variety of marine habitats, including coral reefs, coastal wetland communities, oyster reefs and seagrass beds. He currently is investigating the link between ocean temperatures and regional-scale coral disease epidemics; the importance of predator biodiversity in food webs; and the meta-community dynamics of marine plants and animals.

Bruno earned his doctorate in 2000 from Brown University; was a postdoctoral fellow at Cornell Uni-

versity; and in 2001, joined the marine sciences faculty at UNC. He serves as an editor for the journals Ecology and Ecological Monographs and as an editor and contributor to The Encyclopedia of Earth.

The marine lab is at the intersection of U.S. 98 and 319, halfway between the towns of Panacea and Carrabelle and about 45 miles southwest of Tallahassee.

For more information, visit [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu) or contact Sharon Thoman at 697-4095 or [sthoman@fsu.edu](mailto:sthoman@fsu.edu).

## News BRIEFS

### New work camp to employ 70

At Tuesday's meeting of the Franklin County commission, County Planner Alan Pierce said funds have been allocated for the construction of a new work camp north of the existing correctional facility of US 98.

He said the facility is scheduled for completion in February 2010 and will employ 70 people.

"Franklin County residents interested in pursuing a career in corrections need to be pro-active and obtain their correctional officer certification during the next 10 months, as those individuals who are already certified officers will be hired over in-

dividuals who do not have certification," Pierce said.

Initially, the new facility will not be subsidizing training for prospective officers and those seeking work must pay for the educational program on their own, Pierce said.

### Harris keeps status as budget officer

At Tuesday's county commission meeting, Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson told commissioners Tax Collector Jimmy Harris sought approval to remain a budget officer funded and salaried by the county, rather than operate as a fee officer;

where his department's expenses would come directly out of his collections.

She said tax collectors must chose from the two options following the election cycle every four years. The board voted unanimously to accept his proposal.

Johnson also told commissioners she has received bonds from Harris, Property Appraiser Doris Pendleton, Sheriff Skip Shiver and her Clerk of Courts office.

She said the sheriff, tax collector and clerk all pay a \$10,000 bond, and the appraiser and the elections supervisor pay \$5,000 because they handle less money.

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# County opts for new probation contractor

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

*"We will do our best to hire a local person."*

**Richard Stewart**  
spokesman for Judicial Correction Services

At their regular meeting Tuesday morning, Franklin County commissioners voted unanimously to award the contract to oversee the county misdemeanor probation program.

Commissioner Noah Lockley was absent due to President Obama's inauguration.

Beginning March 15, Judicial Correction Services, Inc. based in Atlanta, will take charge of local probationers. The firm was awarded a three year contract.

The commission interviewed both Judicial and the Salvation Army, which currently handles county probationers.

Commissioner Smokey Parrish told Salvation Army representatives he was concerned about the lack of transparency in the current probation system.

"I went to the Clerk of Court to try and get information about the number of probationers and whether their fines were

being paid and I was unable to get any information. It's hard to sit here and make a decision based on nothing really. It does concern me," he said.

"We've gone a whole month and not collected any money at all. We do definitely need some kind of technology because I don't know how many people are on probation due to lack of being informed," said Clerk of Courts Marcia Johnson.

John McMahon, spokesman for the Salvation Army, said they installed a computer program last week that would allow the clerk and her staff to access information on probationers online and generate reports.

Bobbie Fester, probation officer in the county under the Salvation Army, said there are 83 probationers in the county. She said she eventually collects

95 percent of the fines for her clients and that a bookkeeping error caused the county not to receive a check last November.

Richard Stewart, who spoke on behalf of Judicial Correction Services, told commissioners his company has up and running an online management program called Probation Tracker. He said his firm manages probation programs in 114 counties in the Deep South, including Bay, Gulf, Volusia and Osceola in Florida.

"I can sit in my office and see everything one of my correctional officers is doing," he said.

Stewart said Judicial increased collections in Bay County by 62 percent and that the minimum collection percentage is 85 percent.

"The county incurs no costs," he said. "The

money is divided, with the county taking the first 70 percent and the company taking 30 percent. We don't make any money if we don't collect any money.

"We will do our best to hire a local person," Stewart told the commission.

He said a bachelor's, preferably in criminal science, was required for the position. He said one probation officer can handle up to 250 cases, so that only one employee will be based in the county.

Judicial's program includes training events and job fairs to help probationers get back into the system, Stewart said.

"You'd be surprised how many people don't know how to write a resume or how to dress for a job interview," he said.

Stewart said he would meet with Alan Pierce to discuss community service, and alcohol and drug treatment programs, offered locally.



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Former Bay County Commissioner Richard Stewart represented Judicial Correction Services, Inc. at Tuesday's meeting of the county commission.

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Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, January 27, 2009 by 4:00 p.m.

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Beyla Walker, smiling from the shoulder of her dad, Pastor David Walker, of Covenant Word Church.



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Takaya Quann, performing with the Love Center Chosen Generation group, delivers a rap poem at Monday's community celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King.

thority," he said. "We have to fulfill our demanded contribution by representing the race that will now hold the keys to the White House."

This embodiment of political success calls for a stepped-up effort in social and cultural areas, Williams said.

It means you can't be running around with your south-paw jeans down around your...," he said, his voice trailing off to widespread amens. "There is a new standard. You got to raise up the standard. We got to be authentic in our preparation, auspicious in our presentation and authoritative in our procedures."

The fiery preacher, orating in what he called the Baptist tradition, then focused his remarks on an unabashed Gospel message by beginning with the concept of "justice meeting joy."

He called for the audience to use the Holy Spirit to deepen their knowledge and transform it into a greater understanding, by drawing on their own experiences as well as the lessons of the Gospel.

"You can be wise even in your youthfulness," he said. "Wisdom is when the Holy Spirit takes a hold of your knowledge to give you a greater understanding of what you think you know."

Williams cited an incident of his youth, when his grandmother repeatedly warned him not to touch the glowing red unit inside the space heater that so fascinated him. Eventually, he defied her warning and was burned.

"You really don't know something until you go through some stuff yourself," he said. "Now that you're on the other side of it, you have a greater understanding of how God can touch your life."

He referred to his own youth in Jacksonville, as an elementary school student, when he was once taunted by white youth, and he mentioned the funny looks he has seen on white store owners when someone walks in with an Obama t-shirt.

"I can appreciate the struggle when you have a struggle your own self," Williams said. "You got to realize God has allowed you to go through all that so you can be all the more wiser."

He closed with a focus on the omniscience, omnipresence and omnipotence of God, attributes of God that render unnecessary the offering of "ignorant prayers and ignorant praise" and allow one to avoid "ignorant people."

Following Williams' speech, attendees organized outside for a motorcade, coordinated by Croom, that went down 10th to US. 98, down to 6th Street, across to Martin Luther King Blvd and then back to the Love and Worship Center.

Sheriff Skip Shiver, Apalachicola Police Chief Bobby

Varnes and Fire Chief Bert Simmons all took part in the motorcade, which was led by the Franklin County School's drum line. That ensemble consists of Deanna Quick, Haley Lemieux, Mac-ey Hunt, Carli Hunt, Brook Pittman, Tomilee Dowden, Damien Davis and Will Collins, and is conducted by music teacher Carl Lester.

## Exuberant service, for young and old alike

The service was held under the direction of Apostle Shirley C. White, overseer of Love Center Churches, and hosted by Love Center Pastors Leonard D. and Sheila White Martin.

Prophetess Temolyn Wintons served as first presider, speaking in front of a slide presentation of Dr. King's famous "I have a dream" speech.

After his wife offered an opening prayer, Leonard Martin welcomed the audience. "We're witnessing the dream become reality," he said. "We thank our white brothers and sisters who have stood beside us in the face of injustice. We are together, we are one, we are united and we are the Kingdom of God."

After two selections from the Love & Worship Center Praise Team, White rose to offer greetings.

"We're not in hurry, as we are conscientiously taking the time to celebrate a life that was given sacrificially for you and for me," she said. "This is a day to celebrate a dream, a vision. The dream has come alive through a series of high-profile events."

"We are witnessing a breakthrough in the history of mankind," she said. "A mighty move of God is here, and it's time to celebrate the name of God."

Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson offered his greeting, reminding the audience that "Dr. King's dream did not begin or end with the election of Barack Obama. We still have a lot of work to do."

Reading from the back of her daughter Deanna's shirt, Elinor Mount-Simmons read the poem "A Dream Deferred" by Langston Hughes, one of the great artists to come out of the early 20th century's Harlem Renaissance.

"Have you or will you realize your dream?" asked Mount-Simmons. "Make this your goal, to realize your dream in 2009."

## Recalling a march with Dr. King

After the Webbs spoke on behalf of their church, the Love Center's Chosen Generation performance group then chanted the words to Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech. Takaya



Bishop Ella Speed, of the Love Center Church.



Pastor Barry Hand of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



Former Chapman Elementary School teacher Loraine Banks.

Quann offered a rap song that she wrote about President Obama.

Following the offering, Croom introduced former Chapman Elementary School teacher Loraine Banks, from St. Paul AME Church, who shared her real-life experience of marching with Dr. King.

In 1965, Banks was a senior at Alabama State in Montgomery when she and her classmates took part in a march to the state capitol. They met at St. Jude Catholic School, and waited for several hours before "everybody's excitement just overflowed" when King arrived.

As they joined the march, they heard bystanders uttering "negative remarks. You heard the N-word over and over again."

"But being a believer I had to hold my tongue," said Banks. "Dr. King was a peaceful man and he practiced what he preached."

When the marchers reached the capitol, they were met by a representative of Gov. George Wallace, then one of the most vocal segregationist politicians in the South.

"And whose name is signed on my degree? None other than George Wallace," said Banks. "But that didn't make any difference because I had my degree."

Banks recounted when while a teacher at the all-black high school in Gulf County in 1966, she was asked by the principal to take a teaching assignment at the white school during the early years of integration.

"I thought my heart would just fall out of my chest," she said.

Banks, who taught science, befriended a white fifth grade teacher, Betty Sue Akers, at the school, whose faculty and parents she found cordial and accommodating.

Banks closed with praise of the new President, and his wife, First Lady Michelle Obama "God knew right then and there he needed a very intelligent wife to be by his side," she said. "I can see Barack Obama as being a bridge builder, as Dr. King was."

Bishop Ella Speed, from the Love Center, who is 88, then read a poem "The Black Man's Plea for Justice," written by Ephraim David Tyler, the poet laureate of Shreveport, LA.

Pastor David Walker, from Covenant Word Church, then spoke, accompanied by his young daughter, Beyla, who offered a sweet solo rendition of the song "Wonderful."

Pastor Clifford Williams, from the First Born Church, then presented, closing with the singing of "The Lord's Been Good to Me."

Pastor Barry Hand, a native of Apalachicola who last year was named to head Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, began by recalling influential adults during his school days here. "My God, what a day in Apalachicola," he said. "It is a commandment that we rejoice and be glad in it."

Hand said he was considering keeping his young son home from school Tuesday to watch the inauguration, but realizing the child's love of learning and devotion to perfect attendance, he decided against it. "I believe he (Dr. King) would tell me to send that child to school," said Hand.

Sister Marcia Thomas, appearing on behalf of the Church of God in Christ, then gave a reading based on the letters of Dr. King's name.

She was followed by Bishop Robert and Elder Jacquelyn Davis, from the Love Center, who closed with a beautiful duet before introducing the keynote speaker.

# WEEKLY ALMANAC

## Temperature

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Jan 22	62°	48°	0 %
Fri, Jan 23	68°	56°	10 %
Sat, Jan 24	67°	51°	30 %
Sun, Jan 25	65°	52°	10 %
Mon, Jan 26	69°	54°	10 %
Tue, Jan 27	68°	53°	30 %
Wed, Jan 28	67°	47°	10 %

## TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

	High	Low
Cat Point	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27a

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

	High	Low
Bald Point	Minus 9:15	Minus 0:03

## APALACHICOLA

01/22 Thu	08:20AM	-0.5	L	04:29PM	1.1	H
	07:13PM	1.0	L	11:44PM	1.3	H
01/23 Fri	09:04AM	-0.6	L	04:44PM	1.1	H
	08:13PM	0.9	L			
01/24 Sat	12:47AM	1.3	H	09:41AM	-0.6	L
	05:01PM	1.1	H	08:58PM	0.9	L
01/25 Sun	01:43AM	1.3	H	10:13AM	-0.5	L
	05:17PM	1.1	H	09:37PM	0.8	L
01/26 Mon	02:32AM	1.3	H	10:39AM	-0.5	L
	05:30PM	1.1	H	10:13PM	0.7	L
01/27 Tue	03:18AM	1.3	H	10:59AM	-0.4	L
	05:41PM	1.1	H	10:48PM	0.6	L
01/28 Wed	03:18AM	1.3	H	10:59AM	-0.4	L
	05:41PM	1.1	H	10:48PM	0.6	L

## CARRABELLE

01/22 Thu	06:07AM	-0.8	L	03:04PM	1.8	H
	05:00PM	1.6	L	10:19PM	2.1	H
01/23 Fr	06:51AM	-1.0	L	03:19PM	1.8	H
	06:00PM	1.4	L	11:22PM	2.1	H
01/24 Sat	07:28AM	-1.0	L	03:36PM	1.8	H
	06:45PM	1.4	L			
01/25 Sun	12:18AM	2.1	H	08:00AM	-0.8	L
	03:52PM	1.8	H	07:24PM	1.3	L
01/26 Mon	01:07AM	2.1	H	08:26AM	-0.8	L
	04:05PM	1.8	H	08:00PM	1.1	L
01/27 Tue	01:53AM	2.1	H	08:46AM	-0.6	L
	04:16PM	1.8	H	08:35PM	1.0	L
01/28 Wed	02:39AM	1.9	H	09:04AM	-0.5	L
	04:27PM	1.8	H	09:12PM	0.6	L

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# LIBRARY from page A1

out letters soliciting memberships, which will be offered on a sliding scale in different categories.

The new friends group stems from a Jan. 8 meeting at the Water Street Hotel, in which Sandy Newell, a liaison from the state library, met with 16 interested local citizens.

Those in attendance at that meeting were members of the Apalachicola Municipal Library Board, chaired by Denise Roux with members Susan Clementson, Fred Flowers, Ina Margaret Meyer and Harolynn Walker.

Barbara Holmes and Carrie Kienzle represented staff at the meeting, which also included Francis Cook, Rita Sawyer, Paulette Moss, Candace Springer, Bill Spohrer, Charlie and Sally Williamson, Wilson and Taylor.

Out of that Jan. 8 meeting was formed a steering

committee, charged with establishing a 501-c3. Carrie Kienzle said there are numerous reasons to form such a group, to be involved in outreach, fundraising and volunteer work in and around the library.

"This community was founded by people who thought it would be an intellectual, cultural and commercial success and they have not been disappointed," she said. "My mission is to create more capacity to serve. The stewardship has not been there and that's one of the major things I think a Friends group could do."

"When Mrs. (Margaret) Key left her money to the library, the library had no capacity to take it. If we had a Friends group, they could receive a bequest," Kienzle said, noting that people before they die often ask that donations be made in their name to the

local library.

Kienzle said the stacks of the municipal library are strong on both adult and youth fiction and that audiobook collection, largely donated, is outstanding. She also said the library has a very good collection of books about Florida, but is weaker on nonfiction. This is a point which may need to be addressed as more and more students make use of the library.

"Many students will not have access to the library of the consolidated school in the evenings," she said.

Kienzle said the size of the building is restrictive. "It's an issue in this town to be able to have a small group of people meet. That is usually the function of the library," she said.

She said another issue is that the existing shelves, which are beautiful handmade wood but not adjustable. They work well

for adult fiction, but are a problem for other kinds of books. She also said the current front desk is too large for the space.

Kienzle said that Harry Arnold, owner of Executive Office Supply, has offered to donate to the library furniture from his warehouse of used fixtures. Members of the board will take measurements and visit the warehouse to pick out a new desk and possibly some adjustable shelves.

Because of the availability of Darrell Smith, funded by Workforce Development monies, the library is open 40 hours a week, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Wednesday it's closed from noon to 1 p.m.

There is no charge for checking out a library book, and wireless Internet is available free onsite.

For more info, call the library at 653-8436.

# SEAHAWKS DOWN ST. JOE

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

The Franklin County Seahawks entered the packed gymnasium in Port St. Joe Saturday night facing the possibility of a third regular season loss on the court to their rivals to the west.

As the Tiger Sharks were introduced inside the darkened and noisy gym, many of their fans holding glowing cell phones aloft, it felt like St. Joe might be poised to strike a third, and potentially humiliating, blow.

Following the opening tipoff, the Tiger Sharks opened an 8-2 lead and memories of the two earlier losses no doubt surfaced in Seahawk fans' minds.

But everything is not always what it has been and not what it seems.

Launching a 14-2 run, punctuated by dunks from senior Deshaun Winfield and freshman Carlos Morris, the Seahawks stayed ahead the rest of the way as they combined disciplined effort and consistent execution en route to a 71-63 victory.

"The kids finally stuck with the offensive game plan," said coach Fred Drake, whose squad moved to 17-4 on the year. "The goal was to get the ball inside and attack them in the post. On paper there's nobody that can stop Carlos and Deshaun in the post. We had the height advantage."

The Seahawks also had the advantage of a boisterous crew of fans, who didn't stifle their enthusiasm when St. Joe fans grew quiet.

"We had to get the crowd out of the game and I think our crowd took them out," said Drake. "I wasn't expecting that big of a crowd. I was worried they might not be as supportive after the losses."

"I was very surprised and impressed by our fans' turnout and I think that made a big difference too," he said.

Early in the second quarter, Port St. Joe managed to trim the margin to 24-22, but senior Jeremy James drove the basket, scored, was fouled and hit the free throw to widen the margin back to five.

By halftime the margin was seven, 33-26, which the Seahawks then widened to 14 points, 51-37, after Morris hit a trey and a bucket with about three minutes left in the third quarter.

In all the freshman added 20 points, two fewer than Winfield, who hit 11-of-15 from the field.

"Deshaun and Carlos stepped up to play real big, especially Carlos," said Drake. "I told him he has to play physical and he has to play inside, and he played big like he was



The Seahawks' Arron Prince, left, battles it out against Port St. Joe Saturday night.



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Port St. Joe's Darrell Smith, left, goes up against Seahawk Deshaun Winfield in Saturday night action.

supposed to."

Trailing 53-43 at the start of the fourth quarter, the Tiger Sharks weren't yet willing to call it a night.

A three-point play by St. Joe's Calvin Pryor narrowed the margin to seven, but Seahawks junior Austin O'Neal and senior Zan Simmons followed by each hitting both of their free throws to stop the advance.

In all the Seahawks shot 16-of-27 from the charity stripe, much improved over many of their performances earlier in the season.

A thunderous Winfield dunk with 3:17 left in the game once again gave the Seahawks an 11-point cushion.

But 3-of-4 free throws from Roman Quinn, and a bucket from Pryor, narrowed the margin to 63-57 and prompted Drake to go to his slowdown offense with a little more than two minutes left to play.

O'Neal hit a free throw, and then with a little more than a minute left, Quinn ran the length of the floor and laid it up to give the Tiger Sharks hope, 64-59, with a little more than a minute left.

Quinn would score four more points for his team in the time remaining, but it was junior guard Arron Prince who coolly nailed 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch to ice the win for the Seahawks.

"That was big," said Drake. "I kind of knew he and Austin would play well. I finally looked in their eyes before the game and saw they weren't scared. It looked like they wanted to prove me wrong."

The coach said that because the referees didn't make themselves a part of the game, the Seahawks players didn't get slapped with questionable fouls and thus could play their brand of defense.

"I can only press if my guys not in foul trouble," said Drake. "The refs played a part in those previous games. The refs gave us a fair adequate game (this time), and it was the best called game out of the three."

The Seahawks also managed to thwart coach Derek Kurnitsky's full court pressure. "During the week we practiced against that pressured defense, that man-to-man trap or what most coaches call the run-and-jump," said Drake. "We spent one day just practicing that, against the press."

"That was a must-win game, not

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## SEAHAWKS STATS

**Jan. 16 home vs. Jefferson County**  
Jefferson Co. 12 7 15 20 - 54  
Franklin Co. 15 24 16 19 - 76

**SEAHAWKS:** Arron Prince 1/3 2s, 1/4 3s, 5 pts. Carlos Morris 4/8 2s, 3/5 3s, 2/2 FT, 19 pts.; Deshaun Winfield 7/9 2s, 1/4 3s, 1/5 FTs, 18 pts.; Austin O'Neal 5/11 2s, 3/6 FTs, 13 pts.; Jeremy James 1/6 3s, 6/8 FTs, 9 pts.; Zan Simmons 1/4 2s, 2/6 FTs, 4 pts.; Patrick Jones 2/2 FTs, 2 pts.; A.J. Williams 1/3 3s, 3 pts.; Brandon Hand 1/2 3s, 3 pts.

**Totals:** 18/43 2s, 8/29 3s, 16/33 FTs

**Rebounds:** Winfield 10, Morris 8, Simmons 6, O'Neal 5, James, P. Jones 4, Williams 3, Zack Jones

**Steals:** O'Neal 3, Prince, Winfield 2, Simmons, Hand, James

**Assists:** O'Neal 6, Winfield 3, Morris, Simmons, Williams, James 2

**Blocks:** Winfield 2

**Jan. 17 at Port St. Joe**  
Franklin 16 17 20 18 - 71  
PSJ 13 13 17 20 - 63

**SEAHAWKS:** Prince 2/2 2s, 5/8 FTs, 9 pts.; Morris 7/9 2s, 1/4 3s, 3/3 FTs, 20 pts.; Winfield 11/15 2s, 22 pts.; O'Neal 4/8 2s, 4/8 FTs, 12 pts.; Simmons 3/5 FTs, 3 pts.; James 1/2 2s, 1/1 FTs, 3 pts.; Dalin Modican 1/2 2s, 2 pts.

**Totals:** 26/42 2s, 1/6 3s, 16/27 FTs

**Rebounds:** Morris 7, Simmons, Winfield, O'Neal 6

**Assists:** Morris 7, O'Neal, Simmons 5, Winfield 4

**Steals:** Simmons, O'Neal, Morris 2

**TIGER SHARKS:** Fonda Davis 2 pts.; Roman Quinn 23 pts.; Raheem Clemmons 10 pts.; Darrell Smith 7 pts.; Willie Quinn 6 pts.; Calvin Pryor 15 pts.



MATT ORTON | The University of Montevallo

Montevallo guard, No. 5 Dorian Evans, in action Jan. 15 at home against Alabama-Huntsville.

## Dorian Evans joins Montevallo Falcons

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN  
Times City Editor

After completing two successful years playing on the community college level, former Apalachicola Shark point guard Dorian Evans has moved on to the University of Montevallo for his junior and senior seasons.

Initially planning to attend Florida A & M University, Evans was a late addition to Montevallo's roster, playing for the first time this season on Jan. 3 in Monticello, AK, when the Falcons fell to No. 5 University of Arkansas - Monticello 71-62.

Evans, wearing No. 5, played 24 minutes and contributed two assists and two steals, while turning the ball over once. He added seven points, nailing a trey on his only try.

The 2004 Apalachicola High School graduate joined the team over the Christmas break after deciding Florida A & M University wasn't where he wanted to finish his college career.

"He started to go to FAMU but he ended up not going," said Montevallo Coach Danny Young, now in his sixth season at the school.

"We had the departure of a kid who quit on us. We were looking for a point guard and we saw him (Evans) last year," said the coach, who last season guided the Falcons to their fifth consecutive Gulf South Conference Tournament.

The program has transformed into one of the stronger NCAA Division II programs in the country. In a four year span, the Falcons appeared in two "Elite Eight" appearances, four consecutive NCAA Division II South Regional Tournaments, including back-to-back regional championships and three Gulf South Conference championships.

Montevallo is home to approximately 3,000 students on a beautiful 160-acre central campus in the geographic center of Alabama, 35 miles south of Birmingham. Founded in 1896, the school is one of only 25 public liberal arts universities in the United States.

Evans and his Falcon teammates play in the 3,500-seat People's Bank and Trust Arena and are currently 9-10 on the year, 1-2 in Gulf South

Conference play.

Evans, backcourt leader of Coach Joe Hayes' 2004 Shark squad (25-7) that played in the Class A state championship game, proved himself a standout over the last two seasons for the Alabama Southern Community College.

Last year the 5'10 guard finished with nearly seven assists per game, ranking him third in the Alabama Community College Conference's Div. I. He also shot 40 percent from the field and averaged about six points a game.

In his second game for Montevallo, Jan. 8 at the Coliseum in Carrollton, GA, against West Georgia, Evans scored four points and snared an offensive rebound in the 16 minutes he played in this conference opener. The Falcons won 74-65.

On Jan. 10 in Florence, AL, when the Falcons lost a heartbreaker 75-72 to conference leader North Alabama, Evans led the team with five assists in the 21 minutes he played. He also added two defensive rebounds and five points and a steal.

At home Jan. 15 against Alabama-Huntsville, Evans started his first career game at Montevallo, and dished out eight assists and grabbed seven rebounds in the 34 minutes he played. Although he didn't hit any of the four shots he took, he had two steals and seven defensive boards in the Falcons' 64-61 loss.

On Saturday, when Montevallo romped 100-59 over Carver Bible College, Evans played 19 minutes. He contributed four assists, three steals and one blocked shot, while hitting a bucket and grabbing two defensive rebounds.

"He's doing a good job," said Young. "He's very dependable and can run the team and play defense and get people involved. He's done pretty good being thrown into the fire like that. He's working very hard."

The Falcons return to action Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. as they host the University of West Florida in Gulf South Conference action.

On Jan. 24 they are at home against No. 18 Valdosta State University, and on Jan. 29 travel to Livingston, AL to face the University of West Alabama in conference action.

## This week WITH THE SEAHAWKS

Thursday, Jan. 22

Lady Seahawks Varsity Basketball plays at home against Altha. Tipoff time is at 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23

Seahawks JV and Varsity, and Lady Seahawks Varsity, Basketball play at Tallahassee Maclay in district action. First tipoff is at 4:30 p.m., followed by 6 and 7:30 p.m. games.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Seahawks JV and Varsity Basketball play at home against Wakulla. First tipoff is 6 p.m., followed by a 7:30 p.m. game.

Monday, Jan. 26

Seahawks JV and Varsity, and Lady Seahawks Varsity, Basketball play at Blountstown. Tipoff time is 6 p.m. Eastern.

Thursday, Jan. 29

Lady Seahawks Varsity Basketball plays at Wewahatchka. Tipoff time is 6 p.m.

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## GOLFERS COMPETE ON LANARK LINKS



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

The weather was perfect for a golf tournament at Lanark Village on Saturday, Jan. 10. Five teams of three, pictured above, competed in the semiweekly golf tournament at Lanark's six-hole course. This week's winners were Ricky Beattie, Ray Courage and Ward Godburn, who won with a score of two over par. Beattie said this is his fourth consecutive win. The next Lanark tournament will be Jan. 31. If you are interested in competing in an upcoming tournament, call Joe or Joyce Manzanaras at 697-5146.

## SOCCER THRILLS AND CHILLS



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

The Newell family kept warm Friday night at Seahawks Stadium as they took in the soccer team's only home game of the year, held under chilly conditions. The co-ed team for the fledgling program fought hard against Port St. Joe's boys reserve team but eventually fell 7-1. The Franklin County goal came from Megan Newell with an assist from Casey Sapp, warming the hearts of the Newell family in the bleachers. From left are Maegan Andrews, Christopher Newell (in Gator blanket), mom Rhonda Newell, dad James Newell and Michael Newell.

## Seahorse bids farewell to Miss Dolores

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

After 21 years of faithful service to a series of employers, Dolores Buzzett is retiring from her position at the Seahorse Florist and Gift Shop in downtown Apalachicola after Valentine's Day.

The hands that have brought the beauty of flowers into thousands of lives are laying down their clippers for the last time. Or at least for right now.

Buzzett began working at the Seahorse on June 30, 1988, and has watched the business pass through four sets of owners, beginning with Mary Ann Siprell and Margaret Stokes and culminating with the Thompsons, who own the store now.

"The people I worked with have all been super nice," she said. "I've never had any problems other than an occasional cut from the clippers and we've all had them."

Buzzett began as a delivery person but started doing flower arrangements when Anne and Frank Page bought the business.

"She didn't know anything about flowers and we had to learn together," Buzzett recalled.

She said the shop has had some unusual requests for floral arrangements over the years. There was an arrangement in the shape of a man's



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Dolores Buzzett at work.

hat, a spray wrapped in fish net with butterscotch candies glued to it and a diamond arrangement for the funeral of a woman who loved jewelry.

"It's always uncomfortable when you come into a new job," said co-worker Jeffrey Jones. "Ms. Dolores went out of her way to make me feel comfortable and is now one of my best friends. One of the nicest perks of my job."

Sammy Thompson, owner of the shop, said, "You don't realize how many lives you touch in this business, how many families with weddings and funerals and proms. Ms. Dolores has touched people and people come in here and ask for her by name. We will miss her. I hope she comes back and helps us from time to time."

Buzzett said she was not sure what she would do with

*"You don't realize how many lives you touch in this business, how many families with weddings and funerals and proms."*

**Sammy Thompson**  
owner, Seahorse Florist and Gift Shop

her new leisure time and that she might come back occasionally to help out.

"You just put in there that I love Jeffrey and Sammy," she said.

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really for our district purposes but to get the community and fans back on our side," said Drake. "The kids needed that win for their confidence. The players really wanted to win that game for themselves and it always helps get the community and fans back on your side."

Drake noted that senior James, still nursing a nagging injury from football that he fell on wrong Friday night, de-

decided to call it quits after scoring just three points against St. Joe.

"He wasn't feeling good and playing good. He took himself out of the game," said Drake. "I'm glad he was honest and said that to me. That shows senior leadership. I really appreciated that."

On Friday night at home, the Seahawks scored an easy 76-54 win over Jefferson County to stay undefeated in the district.

"I think Jefferson County has the ability to come out a rival," said Drake. "They're young, and they

have probably the best guard in the district, sophomore Chris Mays. They're who we'll probably end up playing in the first round in the district, which is at Jefferson County."

With seven more regular season games to go, including a Saturday night home game against Wakulla, Drake likes the way his team is playing.

"I think we're starting to peak now. We're starting to get that confidence all the way around," he said. "The guards' play has crossed that hurdle. I just hope it stays consistent."

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## For the birds

# Ducks dominate Christmas Bird Count

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Once again, the Christmas Bird Count, held Dec. 28, enjoyed glorious weather.

And lots of ducks.

Seven teams of bird-counters went into the field. The volunteers traveled a total of 186 miles by foot, car and boat and dedicated 320 man hours to the count.

The National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count is an early winter survey of birds that began in 1900. The count takes place within "count circles" about 15 miles in diameter, which focus on specific geographical areas. Volunteers count all birds they see in the circle during a single day.

The bird count is scheduled between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 each year. Local counts occur on one designated day, usually a Sunday, between those inclusive dates. The birders working in each circle are led by a count compiler, who organizes the event.

Beginning birders can join a group that includes one or more experienced birdwatchers. If your home is within the boundaries of a count circle, then you can stay home and report the birds that visit your feeder or join a group of birdwatchers in the field.

The energy that drives this institution is not purely scientific; other motivations include the desire to find rarities and to socialize with other birders. Despite its limitations, the bird count still can have great value as a barometer of overall population trends. Researchers have found that population trends reflected in count data tend to correlate well with those from censuses taken by more stringent means.

Nationwide, more than 1,500 counts were carried out last year, and a total of more than 32 million observations of birds already have been turned in with only 825 counts reporting in so far. The total number is being tabulated.

In Franklin County, birders focus their attention on six areas: Apalachicola Bay and the Gulf, North and South St. Vincent Island, the Miles west of Apalachicola, the former Box R ranch, Apalachicola and Little St.

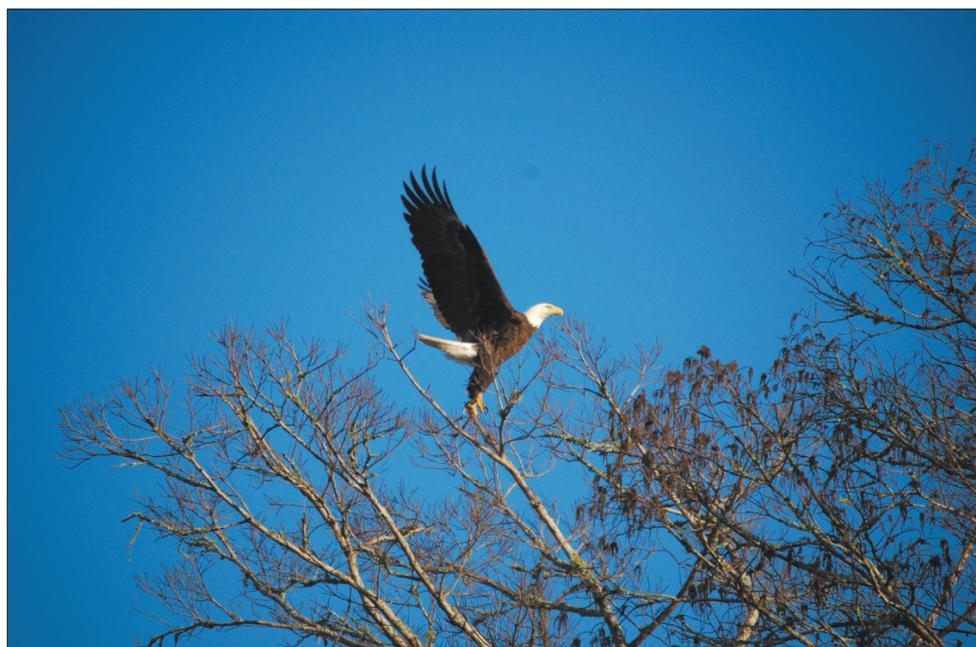


PHOTO BY ALAN KNOTHE

This bald eagle was spotted from a boat up the river above Scipio Creek during the bird count.



George Island.

"The count went very well this year with the number of species being a bit higher than in previous recent years and the number of individuals increasing by incredible numbers," said organizer

Alan Knothe. "The individual birds counted were two-and-a-half times the number counted last year (16,400) and almost four times those counted in 2005 and 2006 (approximately 10,500).

"The main reason for this large



PHOTO BY JOHN SPOHRER

**Above:** Tens of thousands of the small duck lesser scaup were observed landing on Apalachicola Bay.

PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA

**LEFT:** Seth Blich, of Apalachicola, and Pam Stevens, of Tallahassee, began the day on a misty beach.

area south of St. Vincent Island, I estimated a group of 20,000 birds. I observed more individual ducks there than anywhere I have ever been in 18 years of birding."

Based on back records of the local count, this was the largest group of a single species observed during the Christmas count here. Birders participating in the count reported seeing flock after flock of lesser scaups, a small duck named for its mating call, landing on Apalachicola Bay at the end of the day. The sound of the birds hitting the water as they came to rest for the night was discernable from a quarter-mile away.

The birders recorded a total of 40,959 birds belonging to 145 species. There were 40 species found by only one team of birders. This year, the team working in Apalachicola sighted the most species, 104, and the team working on the Gulf and Bay sighted the least, 59.

Notable among the unusual birds spotted were a group of 20 American white pelicans, three rusty blackbirds, a reddish egret, a merlin, a surf scoter and a single wood stork spotted on St. Vincent Island.

Birders on Little St. George sighted a pair of red knots, a red-headed woodpecker, a small flock of grasshopper sparrows and a large group of American green-winged teal. Osprey, cedar waxwings, yellow and orange-crested warblers, and American woodcock were found only in Apalachicola. A pair of rare and elusive sprague's pipits was spotted at the airport once again.

Knothe said John Murphy spotted a yellow warbler in Apalachicola, an extremely unusual sighting during the winter months.

Bald eagles were seen in every one of the seven designated areas. A total of 40 were noted, 10 of which were immature. This is a new high for the count, topping the 37 eagles observed last year.

"The upturn in the local eagle population just shows that conservation methods are paying off," Knothe said.

## Birds in Art/Art in Birds CHALLENGE

People of all ages are invited to go outside and look for Birds in Art/Art in Birds for a contest sponsored by the Celebrate Urban Birds project at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Celebrate Urban Birds is a free, year-round citizen science project focused on birds in neighborhood settings.

For the Birds in Art/Art in Birds challenge, you can take photos, do some painting, write a story or create a sculpture. What do you see in a bird that is beautiful, stirring or inspirational? It could be a broken-down nest in winter, a song recording, video of a bird perching on your window, something that makes you stop, look twice, laugh, cry.

Prizes include bird sound recordings, books, gift certificates, "green" products and more. We'll send the first 50 entrants a copy of our "Doves and Pigeons" poster by Julie Zickefoose. Selected images will be posted on the Celebrate Urban Birds Web site.

How to enter:

- E-mail your photo, art or video entry to urbanbirds@cornell.edu. Links are acceptable for videos.
- Write "Art in Birds/Birds in Art contest" in the subject line.
- Include your name and mailing address.
- Tell us why you submitted your entry to the Art in Birds/Birds in Art contest.

Deadline for entries is Feb. 28.

Visit the Celebrate Urban Birds Web site for more information.

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## Whooping cranes return to winter at St. Marks

Apalachicola's A.J. Smith was among the estimated 2,000 people who gathered in the bitter cold Saturday morning to watch the seven endangered whooping cranes and their ultralight companions fly over St. Marks.

At about 8:45 a.m., the cranes made their first appearance in the distance just above the eastern treeline. Quickly, it was over, and the birds made their way to their safe haven near Live Oak Island. Officials who tracked the cranes said at one point, the birds were close to 10 miles off course and heading more easterly.

Finally the cranes, led by lead pilot Richard Van Heuvelen and wingmen Brooke Pennypacker, Chris Gullikson and Joe Duff, ended the long flight that originated out of the cranes' summer grounds at Nece-dah National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin on Oct. 17. The birds will winter at St. Marks in a holding pen built especially for them by St. Marks National Refuge staff and volunteers before heading north to their summering grounds in the spring.

Whooping cranes were on the verge of extinction in the 1940s. Today, there are only about 500 birds in existence, 350 of them in the wild. Aside from the 74 Wisconsin-Florida



PHOTO BY A.J. SMITH

A view of the seven endangered whooping cranes, led by an ultralight, as they fly over St. Marks.

birds, the only other migrating population of whooping cranes nests at the Wood Buffalo National Park in the northwest territories of Canada and winters at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas coast.

Whooping cranes, named for their

loud and penetrating unison calls, live and breed in wetland areas, where they feed on crabs, clams, frogs and seeds. They are distinctive animals, standing five feet tall with white bodies, black wing tips and red crowns on their heads.

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# PET OF THE WEEK



December was a very successful adoption month. We had puppies being adopted all over Florida from Pensacola to Lakeland. I even put one on a plane to Tucson, AZ.

Unfortunately, the older puppies and adult dogs (Jojo pictured above) are still waiting to be adopted. All of them are wonderful, affectionate dogs. They are leash trained and some are housebroken. Please consider an older and wiser lifelong companion.

Call Kam at 670-8417 for more details or visit the Franklin County Humane Society at 244 State Route 65 in Eastpoint. You may log onto the website at [www.forgottenpets.org](http://www.forgottenpets.org) to see more of our adoptable pets.

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# Lil' Tebow

## Baby named after Gators' star quarterback

By Despina Williams  
Florida Freedom Newspapers

Three-year-old Tyler Mason returned home from his first Gator game with a singular preoccupation.

In the Swamp, amid fans cheering Florida to a 63-5 victory over Kentucky, Tyler arrived at a name for his new baby brother.

He'd heard the name called repeatedly over the loudspeakers at the Gators' homecoming game. He liked the way it sounded, appreciated its one-word superhero quality. Though unorthodox, Tyler decided it would be a fine name for his little brother.

The decision made, Tyler lacked only parental approval.

When his pregnant mother, Kelley, asked him for name suggestions, Tyler repeated his two favorite syllables.

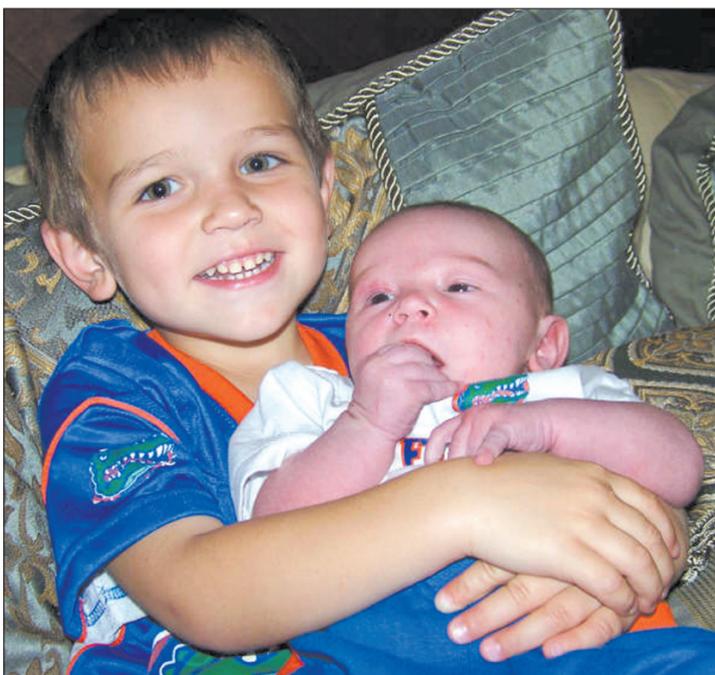
“Te-bow.”

“I thought it was just the word of the day, but it stuck,” recalled Kelley. “Anytime anybody asked him, he said, ‘Tebow.’”

Tyler's suggestion sparked an immediate Mason family controversy.

Dad, Jack, made no secret of his preference for the name “Cody” and called Tebow not a name, but a nickname.

Kelley, however, was torn. A



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tyler Mason holds his baby brother, Cody Tebow, born the day after the Florida Gators won the national championship. Tyler suggested the name “Tebow” after attending his first Gator game last October.

lifelong Gator fan, Kelley had inherited her love of Florida football from her parents, Duane Bartley of Apalachicola and Michelle Bartley of Orlando.

A season ticket holder since a teenager, Kelley traveled with former coach Steve Spurrier on a golfing tour through Ireland at age 17 and was in New Orleans when Spurrier led his team to their first national championship.

A die-hard Gator fan, no doubt, but could she name her son after quarterback Tim Tebow?

By Christmas, she was heavily leaning toward including the name in some fashion, even as a JLo-style nickname.

If she gave her son the middle name, “Bo,” all she'd need was a first name that began with the letter T.

See **TEBOW B8**

## Weddings and ENGAGEMENTS

### Anastasia Townsend, Jerrod Watson to wed

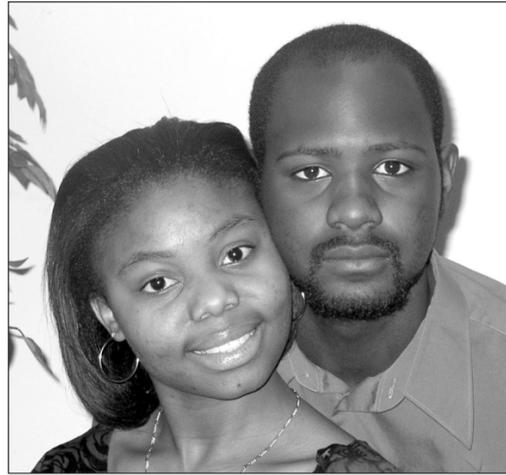
God is a good God. And we wholeheartedly appreciate His favor. We honor God for blessing the up and coming unity of Anastasia Townsend, of Apalachicola, and Jerrod Watson, of Panama City.

They will join together in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the Love and Worship Center Church at 151 10th St., in Apalachicola. The ceremony will be officiated by the Honorable, Apostle

Shirley C. White.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Daren and LaTonya Wallace, of Dothan, Ala. Her grandparents are Pastors Rufus and Annie Townsend, also Mr. Rufus Wallace and the late Mrs. Carolyn Clark. Great-grandmother is Ms. Frankie Mae Wallace.

The future groom is the son of Ms. Karen Scott of Panama City and Mr. Tommy Welch Jr. of Port St. Joe. His grandparents are Mrs. Gennie Mae Watson and the late Mr. Cleophus Watson; also the late Ms. Selma Welch.



## Births and BIRTHDAYS

### Our Princess is 4

Brooklyn Faith Freeman celebrated her 4th birthday on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009.

She is the daughter of Renae Fincher and David Freeman, both of Apalachicola.

She is the granddaughter of Bobby Fincher and Anna Fincher of Apalachicola and Kenny and Shirley Freeman of Eastpoint.

Happy Birthday Brooklyn! With love,

Mommy, Gabe, Daddy, Crystal, Bob, Nana and Papa, Granny, Grandma Linny and Papa Gaven, Matthew, Elizabeth, and Emily



### Austin Taunton to turn 5

Austin James Taunton will celebrate his 5th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009.

He is the son of Diane Creamer of Apalachicola. Maternal grandparents are Dinah and the late James Taunton of Apalachicola.

He will celebrate with his sisters, LaDonna, Ashley, Amanda and Valerie.



### Stephen and Emily Smith celebrate birthdays

Stephen and Emily Smith celebrated their birthdays on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at the Pirate Ship on Carrabelle



Beach.

Stephen turned 7 on Friday, Dec. 19, and Emily turned 4 on Sunday, Jan. 11.

Stephen and Emily's dad, Richard; stepmom, Sissy; and Sissy's children, Kaley and Alex Causey, joined the festivities.

Grandparents Richard and Morna Smith, Winfred and Estelle Register, and Aunt Susette Davis, along with other friends and family members, enjoyed hot dogs, chips, punch, birthday cake and loads of fun on the pirate ship!

### Curtis Whiddon born

Curtis and Krista Whiddon are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Curtis Dwayne Whiddon II.

He was born on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, at 8:20 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.



### Allison Yowell turns 9

Allison Yowell turned 9 years old on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009.

She is the daughter of T.J. and Amanda Yowell of Eastpoint and Carman Horton of Apalachicola. Her brother, Steven Dalton, and sister, Audrey Yowell, celebrated with her.

Grandparents are Sheila and Billy Ray Hill of Sumatra, Phyllis and Tony Lanier of Sumatra, Diana and Don Yowell of Mexico Beach, and Howard Horton of Apalachicola.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Herbert and Elizabeth Shiver.

She was joined by friends and loved ones, and all had a great time. We love you girl!



# Obituaries

## Bettie MacRae

Bettie Holtzclaw Post Cleghorn MacRae, a longtime resident of Maine as well as Pennsylvania and Florida, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009 at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Maine.

Born Oct. 12, 1918 in Candler, a town founded by her grandfather, Bettie was raised in Florida and California. As a young woman during World War II she was married to Van Post who served as a colonel under Gen. Douglas MacArthur and who died in Okinawa. Bettie had a daughter, Pamela, from that marriage.

Several years later she married Edward Cleghorn in Ocala. The family moved to Reading, PA where Ed pursued a career in the newspaper business and later advertising. Bettie had two children, Charlotte and Christopher, with Ed Cleghorn who died in 1965 at the age of 46.

In 1971 Bettie married Alexander MacRae, who died 10 years later. She lived in Wyomissing, PA until a few years ago. For 35 years she was a summer and year-round resident of Islesboro, Maine as well as having homes in Florida, most recently Apalachicola.

Bettie was very active as a community volunteer and leader. In the Reading area, she served on numerous boards of cultural and human service organizations including the League of Women Voters, Berks County Historical Society, and the Reading Area

Community College. She was responsible for establishing a new camp for the Berks County Girl Scouts for which she served as a leader for a number of years. She had a career in the 1960's as director of volunteers for St. Joseph's Hospital.

Her life was characterized by a deep interest in arts and culture. She was a collector of antiques and works of art. She befriended and provided for many. Especially as she grew older she developed friendships across generations. Bettie nurtured a deep love of nature, loved living near the ocean and cultivated a lifelong knowledge and appreciation for trees, plants and flowers.

She is survived by her children, Pamela Keith Post Cleghorn, Charlotte Dudley Cleghorn, and Christopher Gaskill Cleghorn, in addition to three grandchildren, two great grandchildren, a sister, Virginia, and she was predeceased by her brother Keith.

A memorial service was held in St Alban's Episcopal Church, Shore Road, Cape Elizabeth on Saturday, Jan. 17.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice or to a fund created in Bettie's memory by her children to support Islesboro women seeking to further their education: Bettie H. MacRae Fund, Maine Community Foundation, One Monument Way, Ste. 200, Portland, ME 04101.

## J.P. Encalade

Jackson Peter "JP" Encalade, 71, of Carrabelle, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009.

He was born Sept. 29, 1937, in Golden Meadow, LA, to Jack and Emma Encalade. He graduated from Golden Meadow High School in 1956 and moved to New Orleans, and graduated from Draughon Business School in 1957.

He moved to Carrabelle where he married Laverne Carroll in 1961. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 through 1964. He was in the construction business most of his life,

most recently with Couch USA.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Laverne Encalade; daughter Laurie Williams and husband Brian; daughter Jan Cook and husband Bobby; and granddaughter, Jolie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Emma Encalade, and four siblings, Harold Encalade, Leroy Encalade, Rena Encalade, and Bernice Carroll.

Services were held Jan. 21 at Carrabelle Assembly of God Church with burial at Evergreen Cemetery in Carrabelle.

## Phil Shiver

Kenneth Philip "Phil" Shiver, of Carrabelle, a native and longtime resident of Pompano Beach, passed away Sunday night, Jan. 18, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Edgar Shiver and Annie Ruth Shiver.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Delores Shiver; children, Kenneth Phillip and Sharon Shiver; Laurel and Bob Egan, Bartow Jefferson and Marie Shiver; and Matthew Warren Shiver; brother, Larry Shiver; sisters Sylvia and Dale Gallagher and Coral and John Tribble; aunt Evelyn Jacquess; grandchildren, Katherine, Phillip, Sarah, Christina, Morgan and Victoria; and many wonderful nieces,

nephews and cousins.

He was born and raised in Pompano Beach. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy, after which he became a Pompano Beach lifeguard. He served on the Pompano Beach Fire Department for 24 years and was Fireman of the Year for the state of Florida in 1976.

He retired from his job as assistant fire chief in 1982 and moved to the north Florida Gulf coast. He spent many years fishing from his dock and enjoying his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 at Kraeer Funeral Home, with burial at the City of Pompano Beach cemetery.

## Lula Chipman

Lula Jane Chipman, 69, passed away Jan. 15, 2009 in Carrabelle. She was a lifelong resident of Franklin County. She was a member of the Carrabelle Assembly of God.

Funeral services were Jan. 17 at the Carrabelle Assembly of God. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

She is survived by three sons; Hubert Chipman, Curtis Chipman and Edmond Chipman, all of Carrabelle; one

daughter; Ruby Gilliard, of Carrabelle; three brothers, Buddy Crum, of Sopchoppy, Albert Nichols, of Hosford, and Steve Nichols, of Albany, GA; one sister; Frankie Gray, of Carrabelle; three grandchildren; William Chipman, Brittany Prichardo, and Heather Mulkey; and two great-grandchildren; William Chipman and Ethan Prichardo.

Harvey-Young Funeral Home, Crawfordville, handled arrangements.

## Martin Nelson

Martin Nelson was born Sept. 18, 1925, to the now late Mary Ellen and Martin Nelson, in Boston, MA.

He died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, in Panama City at Bay Medical Center at the age of 83.

He was a vocational technical instructor in St. Petersburg prior to moving to Eastpoint where he has resided for some 25 years. He was a United States Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Nelson, of Eastpoint; children Brian Nelson and Cynthia Howard; granddaughter Eva Smith; and great-grandson Blake Smith.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. at Kelley Funeral Home, 149 Avenue H, Apalachicola. Viewing will be held from 2 p.m. until service time on Saturday, Jan. 24. Memorialization by cremation.

## Fred Lively

Fred "Blimp" Nelson Lively, 57, a commercial fisherman, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 in Carrabelle.

Survivors include three sons; Freddie Kilgore, of Eastpoint, Jonathan Kilgore, of Crawfordville, and Jimmy Kilgore, of Perry; a daughter; Tina

Kilgore, of Crawfordville; two brothers; Donald Lively, of Carrabelle, and Harrison Lively, of Panacea; a sister; Marie Bill, of Carrabelle, and six grandchildren.

Service will be held at a later date. Independent Funeral Home, Quincy, is handling arrangements.

# Weems to unveil Arts in Medicine program

Representatives from the Shands Hospital Arts in Medicine Program will be in Apalachicola on January 24 to host an informal reception announcing a new Arts in Medicine program at George E. Weems Memorial Hospital.

The Apalachicola Arts in Medicine (AIM) Program, is a collaborative effort between the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, Shands Arts in Medicine and George E. Weems Memorial Hospital.

The reception will be held Saturday, Jan 24, at 5:30 p.m. at That Place in Apalachicola. During the informal meeting, leaders from the Shands Arts in Medicine program will speak about the impact of

## MORE INFORMATION

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the Arts at Shands Hospital and about how the public, as well as professional artists, can become involved in this new program. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Apalachicola is the latest community chosen by Shands to participate in the national program which been in place at Shands Hospital since 1990, according to Jill

Sonke-Henderson, director of the Shands Arts in Medicine Program in Gainesville.

Shands Arts in Medicine (AIM) was founded in 1990 at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. AIM is a multidisciplinary organization, with programs in the visual, literary, musical, and performance arts. AIM serves inpatients and outpatients of

all ages, their families, visitors, health care providers, the Gainesville and statewide communities. The program is focused on transforming healthcare environments through the arts, and providing leadership for hospital arts programs throughout the nation.

AIM has active programs in three hospitals and numerous out-patient clinics, and is known internationally as one of the leaders in the field of arts in healthcare. In 2006, AIM for Africa, a project sponsored by the University of Florida and Shands Healthcare, established the first-known formal arts in medicine program in Africa at the Mater Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya.

# Lanark NEWS

You did get your ticket for the Spaghetti Fest, didn't you? We will be a Chillas Hall to enjoy Chef Joe M's dinner that he and his helpers have prepared. You may get your ticket at



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Jim Welsh

the door - \$8 each, children under 10 get to eat free. Serving begins at 4 p.m. and closes at 7 pm. The members of The Lanark Golf Club will be happy to serve you. See you Saturday, Jan. 24.

Glad to see one of the county's great ladies has finally been honored. The late Classie Lowery now has a park named for her. Thank you. I know she would be proud.

Be sure to mark you calendars for Saturday, Feb. 14. We will have the Second Saturday Dance at Chillas Hall. You bet The Journey Band will be there to play your favorite old songs. Fun starts at 7 p.m.

Enjoy pancakes or French toast? Well you need to be at Chillas Hall on the second Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m. Chef Joe M., along with other

members of The Lanark Golf Cub, will prepare pancakes, French toast, sausage, coffee, and orange juice for you. Your donation of \$5 will be collected at the door and it will help our golf club.

You can holler "Bingo" every Wednesday night at Chillas Hall. Bingo for the Bus starts at 6:30 p.m. Homemade cookies, coffee, and soft drinks are on hand. Come on over to The Hall and have a fun evening with us.

Pizza is still being served on Wednesdays and Sundays at The Legion. Friday night is hamburger and fries, and we have dinner on Saturdays. Serving for all the above starts at 5 p.m., and as always, they are open to the public. Along with the hamburgers and fries, our very own Chuck Spicer spins the platters and heads the trivia game. Hope to see you there.

Be kind to one another and check in on the sick and housebound. Remember friends are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they are there!

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

# News BRIEF

## BCL gets island boat ramp contract

On Tuesday morning, the Franklin County commission awarded the contract to enhance the St. George Island boat ramp to BCL Civil Contractors of Panama City. BCL was one of five companies who bid on the job and at \$39,800 was the lowest.

Because there was a wide range of bids submitted, with CW Roberts of Hosford offering

the highest estimate, \$192,000, the commission asked Clay Kennedy of Preble Rish, consulting engineers for the county, to review bids while the commission met and to come back with a recommendation.

After examining the bid packages he recommended BCL saying, "They're (BCL) aware of what they're in for. They moved the rock out there and they're the lowest bidder."

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SUNDAY	10 AM
SUNDAY SPANISH MASS	5 PM
TUESDAY - FRIDAY	8:30 AM

# LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT



## Jan. 12

Sharon A. Brownell, 38, Eastpoint, withholding child support (FCSO)  
 Fred J. Thompson, 50, Eastpoint, driving while license suspended (FDEP)  
 Eric A. Tatum, 28, Eastpoint, sale of a prescription drug (FCSO)  
 Michael S. Hales, 54, Niceville, possession of cannabis, possession of paraphernalia, reckless driving and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (FCSO)

## Jan. 13

Thomas J. Smith, 33, Apalachicola, served Floyd County GA warrant

for violation of probation (FCSO)

## Jan. 14

Amy M. Joyner, 24, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)  
 Martin L. Ginn, 51, Packwaukee, WI, violation of probation (FCSO)  
 Robert J. Register, 22, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)  
 Loreal L. Daniels, 27, Apalachicola, battery and possession of a legend drug without a prescription (FCSO)

## Jan. 15

Charles L. Fasbender, 39, Apalachicola, criminal

mischievous and battery (FCSO)

Jason Shuman, 35, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)  
 Jeremy L. Matheny, 29, Eastpoint, violation of probation (FCSO)

## Jan. 16

Marion B. Wilson, 22, Crawfordville, failure to appear (FCSO)

## Jan. 17

Michael L. Hendels, 23, Apalachicola, trespass after warning (APD)

# Counterfeit money surfaces in county

The Franklin County sheriff's office is investigating a rash of counterfeit bills that surfaced last week in the county. No one has been arrested, and authorities are being tightlipped about the matter.

Undersheriff Joel Norred confirmed that both \$5 and \$50 bills have surfaced. Both the Gulf State Community Bank and the Piggly Wiggly have said they have received bogus bills.

"There's an ongoing investigation with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Secret Service will be involved, although we don't know to what extent," Norred said.

He declined comment on whether any of the bills were linked to a local counterfeiting operation. He also declined comment on rumors the

bills had arrived here via an Atlanta-based counterfeiting operation.

"I encourage readers to take a close look at these bills, and there's a strip in these bills they can look at. If there's no strip, I wouldn't take it," Norred said.

He said individuals and business owners are not required to take a bill they suspect is counterfeit.

"They can refuse to accept it for payment. What we don't want them to do is get into a confrontation with someone," said Norred, noting that the individual using the bills for payment may not be aware they are bogus.

Those who want law enforcement to take a closer look at a bill are asked to call the sheriff's office at 670-8500 and an officer will help, Norred said.

# Restored Jeep donated to World War II museum

Sue Stallman of Thomsville Georgia recently contacted Franklin County's Camp Gordon Johnston Museum in Carrabelle with a unique request.

Her late husband, John Stallman, was a veteran of the 28th Infantry Division and trained here during World War II. He later shipped overseas and fought with the division until wounded. He then was assigned to the Ninth Air Force for the duration of the war.

Stallman never forgot his time here in Franklin County and was overjoyed when he learned of the museum's existence. He regularly attended the Camp Gordon Johnston Days reunions and drove his beloved jeep in the parades both here and elsewhere. He was excitedly looking forward to the 2007 reunion when he passed away just one week before the event.

His wife said Stallman never forgot the museum's efforts to preserve the

camp's history, and neither did she.

"In donating his restored Willys jeep, she feels he will always be a part of the organization he grew to admire and support. And we feel the same," said Museum Director Linda Minichello.

Currently housed in the new museum locations research library, the plan is to put it on display in a corner of the "War Room" with a special tribute to John Stallman.

"We also hope to drive the jeep in the March 14th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days parade," Minichello said.

The Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum is located at the Carrabelle City Complex at 1001 Gray Ave. Operating hours are 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Tours are welcome, and the entrance fee is a donation. Call 697-8575 or visit [www.campgordon-johnston.com](http://www.campgordon-johnston.com).



# Fickling and Co. debuts rental management service

Fickling and Company of Macon, Ga., and Fickling of Florida LLC are offering a new service at their St. George Island offices.

Wanda Alonzo, Fickling's rental office manager, said after several months, the company has developed a new rental division to manage both long-term and short-term rental properties.

"In July 2008, we got the reservation system in place, and the Web site is still a work in progress," she said.



WANDA ALONZO  
Rental office manager

An experienced property manager, Alonzo worked in long-term property rental in Kansas City and then was employed by Resort Vacation Properties for several months in short-term rentals before accepting her current post.

Alonzo said Fickling is taking a different approach to property management in that unlike other rental companies, it charges no assessment fee for inspection to determine if a house is ready for occupation by renters.

"To me, it's to my advantage to make sure a home is ready for a renter. I shouldn't charge for that," she said.

Fickling's rental division offers a flexible approach to property management.

"There are no tack-on reservation or rental fees. What you see is what you get," she said. "Items like bulbs and filters can be provided by the owner, or we can provide them. We have maintenance staff to do the work. Right now, we're contracting with maintenance personnel.

"We have wonderful people we can send out for any situa-

tion. We are on call for emergencies," she said. "We try to make a partnership with our renters. We feel we do that really well. Each owner has my cell phone number."

She said there is no rental deposit from the renter but that Fickling asks for a 50-percent good faith payment upfront. Also, there is a nonrefundable charge for pets in some homes.

Fickling also is seeking to woo homeowners who want to change property managers.

"If it's a new property that's never been a transient rental, there's a \$5 registration charge

and then we bring it under our Fickling umbrella. If they already have a license, there's no charge," she said. "We are ready to work with owners who might have had a bad experience with another company or just want some alternatives."

Fickling Vacation Rentals' Web site is [www.ficklingvacationrentals.com](http://www.ficklingvacationrentals.com) or call 927-2218.

Fickling is licensed with the Florida Division of Hotels and Restaurants under Chapter 509 of the Florida Department of Revenue. Homes listed with Fickling are covered under the same license.

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# Three generations of Partingtons premiere at Dixie

By Marsha Gitkind  
Special to the Times

If you have ever doubted the power of how genetics works in families, you will have a chance to test your skepticism when you see the production of "Everybody Loves Opal," beginning its run at the Dixie Theatre on Jan. 21 and playing through Feb. 1.

Veteran actresses Dixie Partington and her mother, Cleo Holladay, will be joined onstage for the first time by Cara Partington, daughter of Cleo's son Tony. These fine thespians have a collective 88 years of acting experience among them, and there is no question the acting genes have been passed on to the third generation of Partingtons.

Cara makes her professional debut at the Dixie after seven



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

Dixie Partington, Cleo Holladay and Cara Partington.

years of acting at performing arts schools in the Minneapolis area. She is joining the cast by special arrangement with Perpich Center for the Arts in

Golden Valley, Minn., where she is a theatre major in her senior year of high school.

Growing up in Abingdon, Va., home of the Barter Theatre,

where grandfather Rex was artistic director for 20 years, Cara had many chances to learn the trade by watching her relatives perform.

"I am so excited about this opportunity" Cara said. "It is a dream come true to act with my grandmother and my aunt. Ever since the theatre opened, I'd hoped I would act on this stage."

Cara plays a policewoman in this comedy based on the shenanigans of Opal, an eccentric older woman who collects anything she can cart around in her little red wagon. It is an uplifting comedy, especially in these bleak economic times, as Opal's goodness and belief in the human spirit shines through.

It should be a magical evening watching Cleo, whose illustrious career has led her to Apalachicola as a resident artistic treasure, performs

alongside her daughter, Dixie, who took over the theatre's artistic direction from her father in 2004. The addition of the youngest Partington actress to the cast of this production is a treat for all those wise enough to purchase tickets during the run of the show. Don't miss the rare opportunity to watch these three generations light up the stage as you laugh your way through an evening with Opal and her "frens."

Sharing the stage with the Partington women is audience favorite David Caldwell, best remembered for his work in "Smoke On The Mountain," and newcomer Terry Wells, who also will appear this season in "Murderers."

Call the box office at 653-3200 for reservations or visit [www.DixieTheatre.com](http://www.DixieTheatre.com) for more information.

## Keep plants alive in January and February

Brrr, if you recall I mentioned in part one of this story that winter is the hardest time of year for gardening because of the rapid temperature changes. Hopefully, our latest cold front didn't damage any of your plants! As promised, here is part two of Panhandle gardening tips for January and February.



BILL MAHAN  
World Around You

### Lawns

- Check soil moisture during winter and water as needed. Once the grass is dormant, water your lawn every 10-14 days. Of course, a rain event counts as a watering.

### Trees and shrubs

- Select and plant camellias. For more information about Camellias in Florida, visit [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/document\\_ep002](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/document_ep002) or call the Franklin UF IFAS Extension Office.
- Pick up and destroy fallen camellia blooms to help control camellia petal blight.
- Florida's Arbor Day is the third Friday of January. Celebrate by planting a native

tree in the right place. For a list of recommended trees, request the Trees for North Florida publication from our local Extension Office or visit <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/EP007>.

- Prune dormant shade trees, if needed. For information on pruning techniques, request the Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs publication from your local Extension Office or visit <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/MG087>.

- Prune summer flowering deciduous shrubs such as althea and hibiscus. Because they flower on current season's growth, flowering actually can be enhanced by proper pruning.

- Do NOT prune the spring flowering shrubs yet. Azaleas, spiraeas and forsythia flower during early spring because buds were formed last summer and fall. Pruning now would therefore remove most of the flower buds.

- Cold damaged trees and shrubs should NOT be pruned until new growth appears. You want to preserve as much healthy plant material as possible.

- If cold weather has damaged your palms, proper care may

prevent loss of the palm and encourage recovery. For more information, see Treating Cold Damaged Palms at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/MG318>.

### Fruits

- Citrus might need protection from extreme cold. Kumquats and satsumas can survive temperatures in the low 20s if they are dormant. Other citrus types won't tolerate such cold temperatures.

- Apply dormant oil spray to peach, plum, nectarine and other deciduous fruit trees to help control scale insects.

- Prune dormant fruit trees if needed.

- In January, plant fruits such as apples, peaches, nectarines, plums, pears, figs, pecans, blueberries, blackberries, grapes and persimmons.

*Bill Mahan is a Florida Sea Grant Agent and the Director of the Franklin UF-IFAS Extension Program. Contact him at 850-653-9337, 697-2112, ext. 360; or via e-mail at [bmahan@ufl.edu](mailto:bmahan@ufl.edu).*



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Harpists Mary Brigid Roman and Jamie Gossett will perform Sunday at Trinity Episcopal Church.

## Harp duo to perform Sunday

The Apalachicola Area Historical Society's Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts series will present an unusual concert on Sunday, a renowned harp duo.

The concert features a harp professor and her accomplished student, Mary Brigid Roman and Jamie Gossett, and will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Roman, associate professor of harp at the Florida State University College of Music, heads one of oldest harp departments in the country. After training at Eastman School of Music, she joined the FSU faculty in 1968 and since has appeared as a solo and ensemble performer throughout the Southeast. A special interest in chamber music for flute and harp has led to collaborations with Albert Tipton and Charles DeLaney.

As an orchestral harpist, she has performed under such conductors as Dorati, Gould, Kachaturian, Shaw and Stravinsky and currently is principal harpist with the Valdosta Symphony (Ga.) Orchestra and the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra.

Roman has served as adjunct faculty for Valdosta State University, Stetson University and Mercer University and has served as a competition judge and been a member of the board of directors of the American Harp Society.

Gossett began studying harp with Roman while pursuing a bachelor's in political science at FSU. She has been principal harpist with the FSU Symphony and currently is second harpist with the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra.

She has performed in numerous orchestras in Florida, Georgia and Alabama and with several touring companies when they came to Tallahassee, such as the John Phillip Sousa Band, Johnny Mathis, The Moody Blues and the Broadway production of Peter Pan during the farewell tour with Cathy Rigby.

Her solo and chamber performances and recordings with Trefoil, a trio of harp, guitar and violin. They have produced two CDs, the first, "Latin Connection," featuring music from South America and the second traditional Christmas music from around the world in unique arrangements by the trio.

The Ilse Newell Fund is funded primarily by the generous contributions of committed sponsors, patrons, associates and friends. A suggested donation of \$2 is asked of concertgoers to support the series, administered by The Apalachicola Area Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving the rich history of Apalachicola and the surrounding area.

For more information, call 853-9550 or 370-6201.

## County CALENDAR

### Thursday, Jan. 22

**Wandering Star Quilting Club.** Chillas Hall Lanark Village. 1-3 p.m. Call Christine Hinton 697-2551.

**Luncheon and Information Specials** at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Noon. \$3 donation. Call 697-3760.

**Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership Steering Committee** meets at 1 p.m. at the Carrabelle Branch of the Franklin Public Library. 670-2366.

**Apalachicola Community Pride Partnership** at 6 p.m. at the 6th Street Recreation Center. For info, call 653-9419.

### Friday, Jan. 23

**Breakfast** at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Coffee at 7:30 a.m., meal at 8 a.m. \$2 donation. Call 697-3760.

**Bocce Club.** Franklin County Senior Center. 1 p.m. Call 697-3760.

**Everybody Loves Opal by John Patrick** at Dixie Theatre. 8 p.m. Reserved seating \$25. Call 653-3200.

### Saturday, Jan. 24

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper and Franklin County Parks and Recreation will sponsor a **free educational paddling program** at

Indian Creek Public Park. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A short educational talk will be followed by a 3.5-hour kayak/canoe trip led by experienced Riverkeeper Staff and Volunteers. Participants should bring water and lunch and be comfortable paddling open water, tidal streams and narrow creeks. Reservations required. Call 653-8936.

**Reception for Arts and Health in Apalachicola.** That Place in Apalach. 5:30 p.m. Wine and light refreshments. Call 653-9419.

**Everybody Loves Opal by John Patrick** at Dixie Theatre. 8 p.m. Reserved Seating \$25. Call 653-3200.

### Sunday, Jan. 25

**Everybody Loves Opal by John Patrick** at Dixie Theatre. 3 p.m. Reserved Seating \$25. Call 653-3200.

### Monday, Jan. 26

**Breakfast** at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Coffee at 7:30 a.m., meal at 8 a.m. \$2 donation. Call 697-3760.

**Computer classes** at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Call Joyce Durham 670-5951 and set up a time.

**Billiards Club** at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. 1 p.m. Call 697-3760.

**GED classes** are offered at the Franklin County School from 3-6

p.m. every week in Building 1100, Room 1105. Call 670-2800.

### Tuesday, Jan. 27

**Art Club** at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. 2-4 p.m. Call 697-3760.

**Franklin County Community Partnership for Children and Youth.** Eastpoint Church of God 3:30-5 p.m. Call 653-4789.

**Bingo** 7 p.m. St. George Island Fire Dept. \$1/card. Proceeds go to St. George Island Civic Club. Call 927-4654.

**Carrabelle Historical Society** at 5:30 p.m. at the Carrabelle Library. For info, call Tamara Allen at 697-8380

### Wednesday, Jan. 28

**Card Club.** Franklin County Senior Center. 1 p.m. Call 697-3760.

**Bookmobile.** Apalachicola Piggly Wiggly 3:30-4:30 p.m. Eastpoint Apartments 4:45-5:45 p.m. Call 556-1556.

**Everybody Loves Opal by John Patrick** at the Dixie Theatre. 3 p.m. Reserved seating \$25.

**Bingo for the Bus.** Chillas Hall in Lanark Village. 6:30- to 8:30 p.m. Call 697-9626.

**GED classes** are offered at the Franklin County School from 3 to 6 p.m. every week in Building 1100, Room 1105. Call 670-2800.

# Helen Spohrer, Paul Parker reappointed to TDC

Franklin County Commissioner Cheryl Sanders recently was appointed by the county to serve on the county's Tourism Development Council (TDC) Board.

She replaces Russell Crofton, who served from 2007 to 2008 as the previous county representative to the TDC board. Sanders will serve as vice-chairman of the board.

Helen Spohrer, a longtime lo-

cal real estate professional and executive producer for Forgo-ten Coast TV, as well as Paul Parker, owner of Harbor Point Realty, recently were reappointed by the county commission to the TDC board for four-year terms. Spohrer will serve as the TDC chairman.



SPOHRER

In other news, the TDC and county commission have formalized a contract extension with Geiger

and Associates for another media tour scheduled in 2009 for Franklin County. Geiger and Associates has conducted three media tours over the past year and a half.

These "fam" tours are intended to familiarize writers from high-profile publications throughout the country to the amenities and resources of the county. The idea is to encourage writers to develop feature articles for their respective publications, which will in turn attract

visitors to the county.

The fam tour concept is considered an effective marketing tool by tourism development professionals because it increases visibility for an area without a direct advertising expenditure.

"Media tours help our TDC meet its marketing objective of bringing new people to the area," Spohrer said.

The next Franklin County media familiarization tour is expected to occur in early sum-

mer 2009.

In addition to the fam tour marketing, the TDC has developed its own compatible marketing vehicle for promoting the county through the use of a monthly electronic newsletter to more than 2,000 media contacts and web-based subscriptions, strong internet marketing and television production services.

For additional TDC information, please contact the administrative offices at 653-8678.



**LEGAL ADVERTISING**  
**1100**

JORDAN, JR., deceased, File Number 08-00068-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Franklin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida 32320. The estate is testate, and the date of the will is October 4, 1999. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's Attorney are set forth below. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative venue or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

Any person entitled to exempt property is required to file a petition for determination of exempt property with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR WITHIN FORTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF TERMINATION OF ANY PROCEEDING INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION, ADMISSION TO PROBATE, OR VALIDITY OF THE WILL OR INVOLVING ANY OTHER MATTER AFFECTING ANY PART OF THE ESTATE SUBJECT TO SECTION 732.402, FLORIDA STATUTES.

A surviving spouse seeking an elective share must file an election to take elective share within the time provided by law.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 22, 2009.

Personal Representative: PATRICIA DIANA TODD 2338 East 34th Place Panama City, Florida 32405 Attorney for Personal Representative J. GORDON SHULER of SHULER AND SHULER Post Office Drawer 850 Apalachicola, Florida 32329 (850) 653-9226 Florida Bar NO 0700959 January 22, 29, 2009

**9871T Notice of Receipt of Stormwater Application**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes and Chapter 62-346, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the following application for an Individual Stormwater Permit has been received by the Northwest Florida Water Management District:

Application #583 received

**LEGAL ADVERTISING**  
**1100**

January 8, 2009 from the City of Apalachicola for retrofit of an existing stormwater system on Avenue G. The project extends from the corner of Avenue G and Water Street to the corner of Avenue G and Market Street, Apalachicola.

Interested persons may comment upon these applications or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ERP Office, Suite 2-D, The Delaney Center Building, 2252 Killlearn Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. within 14 days from date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding these applications. Persons wishing to remain advised of further proceedings or to receive a copy of the Technical Staff Report should request that in writing to the address above or by e-mail to [ErpPermits@nfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:ErpPermits@nfwmd.state.fl.us).

Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report. January 22, 2009

**9877T** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

LOUIS D. PARKER and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-000451-CA

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 5, 2009, in Case No. 08-000443-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and LOUIS D. PARKER and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on February 19, 2009, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 14, DRIFTWOOD, a subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page(s) 42, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

DATED: January 13, 2009

MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court BY: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth & Bowden PA, 1300 Thomaswood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308 January 22, 29, 2009

**9890T** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

REGIONS BANK, etc., Plaintiff,

v.

SHARON Y. BRADBERRY, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 08-000288-CA

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Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth & Bowden PA, 1300 Thomaswood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308 January 22, 29, 2009

**9878T** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

LOUIS D. PARKER and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-000451-CA

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 5, 2009, in Case No. 08-000451-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and LOUIS D. PARKER and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on February 19, 2009, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 14, DRIFTWOOD, a subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page(s) 42, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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**9890T** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

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Description of Mortgaged and Personal Property

Lot 21, Block "86", ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES, UNIT NO. 5, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 16, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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A minimum of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) required. A Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) is preferred. 1 - 5 years of Public Health Nursing experience and previous supervisory experience preferred.

**Licensure Requirements:**  
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This is an administrative nursing position requiring planning and directing of a public health nursing program in a county health department (CHD). The CHD serves a county population of approximately 11,000 inhabitants. The individual in this position exercises independent judgment in formulating policies and procedures which have significant impact on service delivery and accountability. The employee performs duties under the supervision and direction of the CHD Administrator, and may serve as the Acting Administrator in the Administrator's absence. This position is responsible for the integrity and confidentiality of data sets under his/her control. Incumbents may be required to perform emergency duty before, during, and/or beyond normal work hours or days.

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## Poirier engaging as Ben Franklin

Actor David Poirier opened the 12th annual theatre at the Dixie Theatre last weekend with a stellar performance in the one-man show "Revolutionary Wizard: Ben Franklin."

Dressed in resplendent 18th-century attire, Franklin shared lessons of his life, describing himself as a newspaper publisher who today might be regarded as a "media baron."

He touched on controversial details of his past, such as being the cause of creating "a naughty girl with child" and

his "intrigues with low women."

Mostly, though, Poirier brought to life the range of warm emotions in this great American's life, from losing his wife to becoming estranged from his son. All performed with wonderful good humor by an accomplished actor, slated to appear again in shows this season.

One point that did not come up in the script, written by Eric Peterson, is the fact that Franklin County was named after the great inventor and statesman when it was formed in 1832.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The entire Mason clan championed Tyler's suggestion to name their brother "Tebow." Rhiannon, Tyler, Katie (holding Cody Tebow) and Daniel are fourth-generation Gator fans.

## TEBOW from page B2

"I played with it and played with it," said Kelley, who ultimately abandoned the pursuit. "There were no names that I liked that started with a T."

When creative spelling failed, Kelley looked to the universe for a sign.

When Tebow lost the Heisman to Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford, Kelley fixed her eyes on the national championship game.

If she gave birth during the game, Kelley decided, she'd have no choice but to name her son Tebow.

Kelley watched the game at her Groveland home with her mom and kids Rhiannon, Daniel, Katie and Tyler. It was a 24-14 victory, full of thrills, but lacking in labor pains.

Those came the following day, as Kelley checked into the South Lake Women's Center in Clermont.

At the hospital, Kelley and Jack continued the debate. Kelley consented to the name Cody but could not let go of Tebow.

"I kept going back to wanting Tebow in there because of Tyler," Kelley said. "I couldn't break his heart."

As the couple considered the Gator quarterback, they thought of his Christian upbringing and missionary work throughout the globe. Suddenly, the name didn't seem such a bad choice after all.

"I know that had he not been a Christian and not been the person he is off the playing field, it would

not have been an option. We would not have named our kid after someone who only played football well," Kelley said.

At 10:59 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, Cody Tebow Mason entered the world, looking as fit and sturdy as the quarterback for whom he is named.

He weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

All the Gator-loving Mason children were thrilled with the baby's middle name, especially Tyler.

"He was happy, but no matter what we told him, he wouldn't have called him anything else," Kelley said.

"He tells people, 'That's my brother, I named him Tebow Mason.'"

The day after little Tebow's birth, the elder Tebow announced he would return to Florida for a final season.

Kelley, who is scouring the Internet for a number 15 infant jersey, was thrilled to hear the news.

"I can put the baby in all the Gator stuff one more year," she said.

Kelley is anxious to see if the moniker sticks.

When her infant finally enters school, his teachers undoubtedly will call him by the first name listed on the roll — not Tebow, but Cody.

"Whether he corrects them and says, 'Well I use my middle name' — that will really be up to him," Kelley said.

But for now, he's Tebow, a welcome addition to the Gator Nation.

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