



# SEAHAWKS SWOOP

Back-to-back home wins set up showdown vs. Cottdonale

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Forget about fancy dinner plans Saturday night, or a trip to the movies.

There's only show in town, and that's at Franklin County's brand spanking new gymnasium.

It will be there, before a packed house, that the Seahawk boys varsity basketball team, fresh off two triumphant wins, will set about digging their claws into the Cottdonale Hornets to claim the Region 1 crown and advance to the Class 2A Final Four.

"We're one game away from Lakeland," said coach Fred Drake, whose squad moved to 25-5 on the year after dispatching the Maclay Marauders 56-30 Tuesday night in the regional semifinals.

"We're one game way. This is the Elite Eight now," Drake said.

Triumphant, back-to-back victories on their home court last week, against West Gadsden 74-58 on Feb. 19 and then Maclay, give Franklin County momentum going into Saturday night's showdown.

They'll take their best shot at stinging, for the second time this season, a 19-10 Cottdonale squad that defeated Baker 72-70 in triple overtime Tuesday night to advance in the regional finals.

Back in December, the Seahawks earned their 10th win of the year when they downed Cottdonale 62-58 in the Langston Invitational Christmas Classic at Chipola College. Tuesday night's blowout of district rival Maclay sent a powerful statement that the Seahawks are ready to do some more marauding.

Moving swiftly between a patient offense and a pesky defense, the Seahawks were quicker on the draw all four quarters as they plundered Maclay

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Seahawks senior Deshaun Winfield slams home a dunk over Maclay's Jared Romero for the final points in Tuesday's night's game. Below, Seahawks coach Fred Drake counsels his players during a timeout Tuesday night. From left are senior Jeremy James, junior Austin O'Neal, senior Deshaun Winfield and freshman Carlos Morris.

## FEB. 24 REGIONAL SEMIS VS. MACLAY

**Maclay** 5 8 7 10 - 30  
**Franklin Co.** 14 10 16 16 - 56

**SEAHAWKS:** Deshaun Winfield 12/16 2s, 1/1 3s, 27 pts.; Zan Simmons 4/9 2s, 8 pts.; Carlos Morris 2/5 2s, 2/2 FTs, 6 pts.; Jeremy James 1/2 2s, 2/2 FTs, 4 pts.; Austin O'Neal 1/6 2s, 3/5 FTs, 5 pts.; Arron Prince 3/5 2s, 6 pts.

**Totals:** 23/43 2s, 1/7 3s, 7/9 FTs

**Rebounds:** Morris, Winfield 9.

Simmons 8, O'Neal 4, James 3, Prince 2

**Assists:** Simmons 6, Prince 4, James, Dalin Modican 3, O'Neal, Winfield 2

**Steals:** Simmons 5, Prince 2

**Blocks:** Simmons, Morris, Winfield

**MACLAY:** Seth Roberts 12 pts, Lee McAllister 2 pts, Sam Bruner 10 pts, Drew Giudice 2 pts, Derek Hettinger 4 pts.



# Restaurants' sewage still noncompliant

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

County Commissioner Joseph Parrish is calling for quicker action to abate continuing water treatment problems on St. George Island, while some restaurateurs complain they have been singled out for persecution.

Jennifer Tschetter, chief legal counsel for the Florida Department of Health, and Jason Flowers, environmental manager for the county health department, reported to the commission Feb. 17 on the status of five notices served last year on St. George Island restaurants calling for them to abate sanitary nuisances.

When six restaurants with aerobic wastewater treatment units were in-

spected last August, five of them — BJ's Pizza, Eddy Teach's Raw Bar, the Blue Parrot, Subway (Hunter Enterprises) and Harry A's — failed to meet wastewater treatment standards.

The five restaurants inspected also exceeded their legal seating capacity. Flowers said some expanded their original seating capacity without upgrading their water treatment unit, making their sewage treatment systems undersized.

At the time, all but Eddy Teach's were issued notices of abatement and given five days to correct the seating and 10 days to improve the quality of their effluent. If the effluent still failed to comply, the business was required to present the health department with an

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# Legislature spares oyster relay money

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

Unless the Florida Legislature does a turnabout when it considers the state budget next month, money for the oyster relay program will be spared for another year.

The \$350,201 for oyster planting that comes out of the state's base budget each year likely will be preserved, at least through 2010, after legislators agreed to take the money out of a trust fund earmarked for agriculture emergency eradication.

"That (the \$350,000) is what we've always had and don't expect to have much more," said Dr. David Heil, the state's assistant director of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Aquaculture.

"The special session decided it wouldn't be funded out of general revenue fund any longer and would be funded out of agriculture emergency eradication trust fund. The governor's office went along with that," Heil said. "My guess is (that fund at one time) was used for citrus canker and med fly spraying."

Heil said the switch to a trust fund is beneficial to the program in that it ensures the funding won't be dependent on the fickleness of state operating revenues.

"In theory, it's good if there's money, cash, in that trust fund and we can spend

that," he said.

A federal grant for oyster re-seeding and reef rehabilitation in the aftermath of hurricane damage actually will go up in size by \$217,175, rising from \$950,000 to nearly \$1.17 million. Heil said that money will be spent at sites throughout the state over the next year.

The aquaculture division did lose two other federal grants, totaling \$830,000, for oyster reef rehab and restoration work, as well as about \$3.5 million in federal money that passes through the state aquaculture program for a variety of uses.

But Heil said losing such funding is typical of the budget cycles, when grants or programs expire and new ones are picked up.

"None of that is surprising to me," he said.

Heil said last month's special session also reduced one full-time employee in the divisions' aquaculture office in Apalachicola, a lab technician slot made vacant when Delores Spears retired.

"It's gone," he said. "And what we hopefully plan to do is to try to see if we can't fill a position with OPS (other personnel services) funds, which is temporary employment, paid by the hour and no benefits."

Heil cautioned that the final budget remains to be approved and that any downturn in revenue estimates could alter the final scenario.



DAVID HEIL

# Woman unhurt by teen's shotgun blast

A teenage boy accused of taking a shot at the mother of an acquaintance Sunday morning is being charged with attempted murder, Apalachicola police said.

Apalachicola Police Chief Bobby Varnes said about 4 a.m. Sunday, a 17-year-old male attempted to sneak into a Heritage Villas home at 398 24th Ave. to visit a female teen and awakened the girl's father.

"Some kind of altercation ensued, and the juvenile ended up going out a window and running away," Varnes said.

The boy returned between 5 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. and fired a .410

shotgun at the girl's mother, Mona Lisa Joseph, who had been sitting outside of the home, Varnes said.

"One pellet struck her in the stomach area, below the rib cage, but didn't penetrate the skin," Varnes said, noting that Joseph was wearing a thick robe. She did not need to go to the hospital for treatment, the chief said.

Varnes said the gun was firing birdshot from a distance of about 40 yards and could have been "much worse" if a different kind of ammunition had been in the gun.

Apalachicola Lt. Gary Hunnings responded to the call, and the juvenile soon was picked up by

sheriff's deputies on an outstanding warrant for petit theft.

Varnes said the boy, whose name is not being released, knew he was shooting at a person when he fired.

"We got a confession saying it was intent," Varnes said. "It's possible he may have thought it was the father."

The juvenile told police the gun was his own, Varnes said, but that he had kept it hidden in the woods.

He was taken to Tallahassee by officials from the Department of Juvenile Justice, where he remains in custody.

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# Gifted Davids bring "Mr. Green" to life

By David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy "Visiting Mr. Green," the two-man drama now running at the Dixie Theatre.

The reasons to take in the show before it closes Sunday afternoon are many.

Perhaps you are a parent, whose son and daughter have chosen to marry someone that you don't entirely approve of.

Perhaps that same child has come home and told you they are attracted to someone of the same sex.

Perhaps you have yourself lost a loved one, a widow or widower still coping with the death of your beloved.

These are some of the themes lovingly brought to life by two gifted actors, David Caldwell and David Poirier, in the second pro-

duction of the Dixie's professional season.

Originally written in 1997 as a star vehicle for Eli Wallach, the gentle comedy by Jeff Baron focuses on two men, an 86-year-old widower and a 20-something yuppie whose worlds collide.

A judge has ordered that Ross Gardiner, played by Caldwell, complete six months of court-ordered community service in the wake of a Manhattan fender bender. Mr. Green, wallowing in the grief of losing his beloved wife after many decades together, is put off by the well-intentioned Gardiner's fussiness.

But both men have secrets to share, disappointments nurtured by their own perceived imperfections within their own family circle.

In his understated performance, suavely metrosexual, Caldwell manages to convey, without anguish



Ross Gardiner (David Caldwell), left, shares a conversation with Mr. Green (David Poirier).

or self-pity, the pain of being an ostracized son in a family unwilling to come to terms with his homosexuality. He instead turns to

the cranky Mr. Green for an odd solace in this spare and moving drama.

But Mr. Green is an unlikely surrogate father to

the young man, as he too finds it incomprehensible that a nice Jewish boy like Gardiner could be, according to the Yiddish term he

uses, "a faigeleh."

Poirier portrays Green as an essentially decent man, a genuinely religious man who has endured the pain of "losing" his daughter to an intermarriage decades earlier. Hobbling across the stage with an unsteady gait, gobbling his soup with the abandonment of old, the veteran actor conjures a Mr. Green that leaves an indelible mark on the heart.

Director Cleo Holladay has brought to the Dixie stage a wonderful, touching version of this popular play. If you want to experience how the release of subdued pain yields an abiding joy, pay a visit to "Visiting Mr. Green."

The Dixie Theatre production of "Visiting Mr. Green," continues Friday and Saturday evening at 8 p.m., and closes Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Call the box office for tickets at 653-3200.

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Pictured above is one of two infant Florida Black Bear cubs that arrived at the Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary Feb. 7 from near the Aucilla River where the Florida Division of Forestry was fighting a wildfire.

# Sanctuary seeks donations for bears

Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary started 2009's Wildlife Rehabilitation season off with a bang.

Two infant Florida Black Bear cubs arrived Feb. 7 from near the Aucilla River where the Florida Division of Forestry was fighting a wildfire. The cubs are both male. The larger weighs 2.5 lbs and the smaller is 2 pounds exactly.

A tractor driver who was plowing a line around the fire to control it paused and heard the cubs screaming. He found them unhurt in their nest. David Arnett, of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, ferried them over to the sanctuary. The nest was destroyed in the fire so there is no possibility of returning the cubs to the wild now.

The sanctuary veterinarian said they are healthy and very young, but the exact age cannot be determined until their eyes open. These are the 42nd and 43rd bears sent to the sanctuary

for rehabilitation since 1985.

The sanctuary is seeking donations of blackberries, huckleberries, blueberries, grapes, acorns, saw palmetto berries, pears, apples and goat's milk. The cubs will remain at the sanctuary until some time in the late fall when they are large enough to return to their natural habitat. Once the cubs are able to drink from a bowl, they will have almost no contact with their caretakers so they won't be imprinted by human beings and risk becoming nuisance bears.

Donations for the cubs can be left at the Carrabelle or Apalachicola chambers of commerce. Betsey Knight said the sanctuary will also accept donations of cash for the maintenance of the cubs and other animals in her care.

The Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc. operated by Betsey R. Knight, Dianna Bryant and Barbara Eells is located at 9287 NW Felix Flanders Rd in Altha.

# Officer says county making progress with bears

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) Bear Officer Kip Froelich told county commissioners at their Feb. 17 meeting that the county is gaining ground in dealing with black bears.



KIP FROELICH

He said eight bearproof dumpsters were provided to local businesses through a grant jointly funded by The Nature Conservancy and a private donor. Other local businesses retrofitted their own disposal areas to bearproof them, Froelich said.

FWC now has a few bearproof containers to loan out, and electric fences for individuals to try

out, he said, noting that his agency has given away about 40 retrofit kits for trash cans in the county.

"We have received a grant to hire a liaison officer for Franklin County and the surrounding area and expect to hire someone for that position soon," he said.

"I myself think a box of bullets would take care of the bears," said Commissioner Noah Lockley.

"How many bears have we got in Florida?" asked Commissioner Bevin Putnal.

Froelich said there are an estimated 3,500 bears in Florida.

"It's not about the numbers, it's about the problem. We are trying to solve

the problem," said Froelich.

"I would like you to go and talk to Lanark village and Alligator Point and don't leave out St. Teresa. They have a terrible problem. I would appreciate it if you would provide these people with some education," said Commissioner Cheryl Sanders. "We have ordinances that you have to clean up after dogs. Maybe FWC should come down here and clean up after the bears."

Froelich said "part of living in Florida now is this interface. When bears become a human safety risk, we try to move them and we are not opposed to euthanizing them. Frankly, bears have a huge range. The best approach is to work at eliminating the attractants."

Florida law prohibits

intentionally attracting bears with garbage or other potential forage like pet food or birdseed. The sale or purchase of any bear carcass or part, including taxidermy mounts unless legally acquired, is illegal, as is to possess, transport, molest, harass, or sell any bear except with special state permit, usually granted only to scientific researchers.

## Telesco named new state coordinator

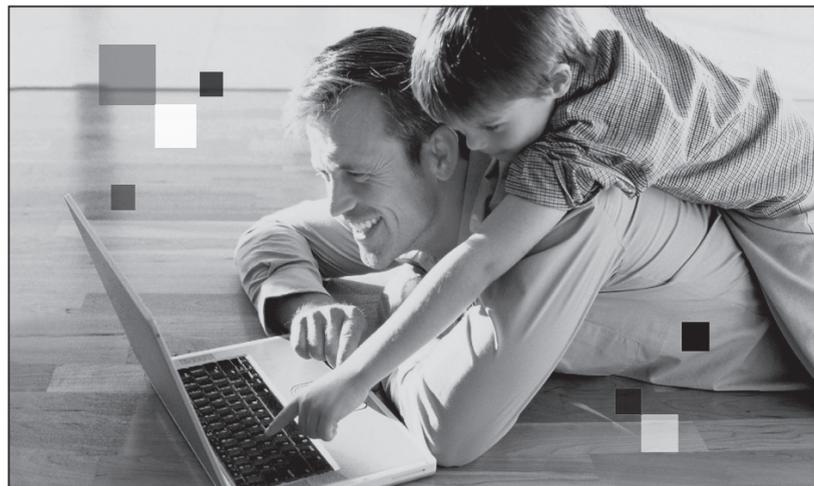
David Telesco has replaced Stephanie Simek as FWC's bear program coordinator.

Telesco received his bachelor's in wildlife science from Virginia Tech University and his master's from the University of Tennessee.

"I'm excited to work here," he said. "Florida has the largest fish and wildlife agency in the country. I think this is a really progressive agency and we have the potential for a very successful program."



DAVID TELESKO



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## Red, White and ROUX

## Students' attention spans fickle and short

I used to write a library and book column for the Times entitled Gobbledybook. I read all the time, so finding fodder to share with readers was a fairly easy task.

After a while the focus of the column shifted to school and community issues, obituaries, and nostalgic reflections of days gone by. We renamed the column, and I had a broader palette for discussion.

That's a good thing, because my reading has shifted to young adult literature. I could cite the lofty reason of wanting to read books I can personally recommend to my kids. I could even say that familiarity with these books keeps me current and makes me a better teacher. In education we used to call that quality "with-it ness."

Young adult literature doesn't take concentration. It gets to the point quickly, and reading it can be done in short spurts. I spend very little time ruminating and rereading.

The truth is: I don't trust my attention span anymore. I'm nowhere near as bad as the kids, but the situation is getting serious.

I spend a half hour on the Internet every morning – scanning and clicking. Six newspapers are the usual, plus my horoscopes, and the Huffington Post. I practically inhale the news points of the day. Granted, I read quickly, but this is getting almost ridiculous. How can anyone take in that much information? Actually, I only pretend to be concerned. I am an information and research junkie. I love my plugged-in world.

I'll read the serious novels this summer, just like I'll wash all of the curtains, and really build a raised bed for vegetables.

If my addiction to the digital age is this



DENISE ROUX

profound at age 56, what about those who are 40 years younger?

They all have attention deficit disorder. So sue me. I'm not a psychologist, but I know when kids are tuned into me and tuned out to whatever tap dance

I am performing that day.

They say, "Ms. Roux, you are one of the only ones who really teach."

By that they mean walk around the class and lecture. I do it, but only in short stretches of 10 to 15 minutes before their attention wanders to checking their cells or flirting with the boy sitting nearby.

God forbid there is someone in the hall with a drug dog, or a fire or tornado drill. If there is a fight, there goes a good hour of instructional time. Add in sports, neighborhood brouhahas, and who did who at the party last weekend.

Does anyone really think they are going to concentrate on how to properly answer extended response questions on the FCAT? Even when the folks from Tallahassee came down last week and talked directly to the students, the kids were still distracted.

Recently, I had a straight - A child late with a major assignment. I asked what was wrong.

She said, "I just don't have time because I have to go to work."

"I believe it might be time for you to make some choices about what is really important."

"I have to make a car payment. Work is more important."

ARRRRGH.

This came from one of the best, the very best we have.

Are any of them paying attention to what is really important?

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## Boyd attends fiscal summit

Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) Monday attended a fiscal summit at the White House convened by President Barack Obama to discuss the serious fiscal challenges facing our nation.

Boyd was invited by Obama to participate in the summit because of Boyd's long held commitment to reduce the debt and restore fiscal responsibility to the federal government.

Obama invited about 100 guests to the fiscal summit, including both Democratic and Republican members of Congress, economists, industry leaders, and members of his Cabinet. The three-hour meeting took place just a day before Obama will deliver his first speech in front of a joint session of Congress and a few days before he releases his first budget outline.

The meeting opened and closed with remarks from the President and included several productive discussions on reducing our national debt and getting the country on a path to fiscal responsibility.

"Today's fiscal summit was

ALLEN BOYD  
D-Monitello

about coming together, taking a hard look at our long-term fiscal challenges, and charting a course to fiscal responsibility and economic growth," said Boyd. "Over the past weeks and months, the Blue Dogs and I have been working with President Obama and his team with the goal of developing a strategy to put

the country back on sound fiscal footing. This goal is not beyond our reach. Together, we can begin to heal the economy, pay off our debts, and leave this country a better place for our children and grandchildren."

As a leader of the Blue Dog Coalition, Boyd has been a vocal advocate of fiscal responsibility and pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) rules as important steps to address our long-term fiscal challenges.

"Reducing our national debt is not just a fiscal issue; it's a national security issue. Our long-term economic growth and the strength of our nation demand that we reduce our federal debt and stop spending more than we have," Boyd said. "I understand the seriousness

of our economic situation, which is why I supported the final stimulus bill to help blunt this economic downturn in the short-term. But in order to strengthen our economy in the short and long run, this must be coupled with a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility. If we don't do this and continue to deficit spend, then the level of our national debt – the likes of which we have never seen before – will be worse than the current recession."

The fiscal summit follows a Feb. 10 meeting at the White House with Boyd and more than 40 members of the Blue Dog Coalition about fiscal responsibility and reducing our debt burden.

"I am encouraged by the commitment that President Obama has made to address our long-term fiscal problems – he knows that these problems are substantial and bipartisan solutions are needed," Boyd said. "It is my hope that the conversations that began at today's summit will continue so that we can take the necessary steps to restore fiscal responsibility to the federal government for the health of our people and the strength of our great country."

## Time for seniors to tighten their belts

By Jason Alderman  
Special to the Times



JASON ALDERMAN

Thanks to the rocky economy, most people's retirement savings have taken a beating in the past year. In fact, many folks have been forced to postpone retirement because of their shrinking nest eggs. And, those who've already retired no doubt have noticed that their money doesn't go as far because of increases in housing, food, utilities, prescription drugs and virtually everything else.

Even optimistic economic observers don't anticipate things will improve significantly any time soon, so it's time to tighten the belt. Here are a few areas where retirees – and retirement wannabes – can stretch their dollars and reducing spending:

**Pay down debt.** List your outstanding credit card and loan balances by interest rate and pay off those with the highest rates first, thereby lowering the amount of interest you pay overall. And always make at least the minimum payment on each account – on time – to prevent credit score damage that

could increase your interest rates.

**Medical expenses.** If your Medicare or other health insurance doesn't cover a specific medical expense, ask the doctor's office about discounts for paying in cash. Also, explore using generic drugs and see if your plan offers discounts for ordering several months' worth of routine medications at once by mail.

**Insurance.** To lower monthly premiums, consider raising deductible amounts on your auto and homeowner or renter's insurance. Also, rates typically decrease when you reach age 50 or 55, especially if you take a defensive driving course, so be sure to ask.

**Government programs.** Many government-sponsored benefits, grants and financial aid programs exist to help low-income families, seniors and others pay their bills, including:

- **LIHEAP,** the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which provides grants to help pay utility bills. To see if you qualify, go to [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap)

- **Medicaid.** Many uninsured people who aren't yet eligible for Medicare can obtain medical coverage through state-administered Medicaid programs. To learn more, visit [www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicaidGenInfo](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicaidGenInfo).

**Senior discounts.** Before purchasing anything, ask if they offer senior discounts. Always ask at the beginning of the transaction – waiting until you settle the bill may be too late.

**Check your affiliations.** Organizations like AARP, AAA and credit card issuers often offer member discounts on various items and attractions. Check their websites or mailers regularly for new offers.

*Ensuring a worry-free retirement requires a lot of planning, both before and after you leave the workplace. Visa's free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/retirement) contains many tools that can help.*

*Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To sign up for a free monthly personal finance e-Newsletter, go to [www.practicalmoneyskills.com/newsletter](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/newsletter).*

## Changing America means facing what we miss

By Zachary Jones  
Special to the Times



ZACHARY JONES

*Editor's note: The following is the winning essay in a competition, sponsored by the sixth annual African-American History Festival held last weekend at the Sixth Street Recreation Center. Franklin County High School student Adreenah Wynn finished in second place, with Breanna Gordon in third and Isaiah Taylor receiving an honorable mention. The essays, on the theme of "Bring Change to America," were read aloud at Saturday's festival.*

I'm all for changes in America but there are some issues we have to face first.

When we talk about changing we should also talk about changing the little things we can't see. How

can we say we changed everything when we haven't even looked at the little things that we have bypassed or the little people we haven't even thought about. Do you think Martin Luther King forgot about the whites? No! He wanted us all to get along and be equal to one another. He wanted no one to say they are better than the next person.

Bringing change to America is dealing with the racial issues that we are still facing today. Bringing change is getting rid of all these drugs that are in our community because we need our kids in the schoolhouse instead of the courthouse, and ultimately the jailhouse or the graveyard.

Bringing change is finding an affordable cure for AIDS. Why are we letting so many innocent people die because the world is greedy and they want so much money? How

can we deal with AIDS when we can't even deal with cancer? A lot of our families have been touched or destroyed by cancer.

Bringing change is paying the teachers more money, instead of the judge, because the teachers are furthering our education while the judge wants us to suffer behind bars.

In order to bring change to America you have to start at home first. Once you have gotten your own house in order, or as the church song says "sweep around your front door," then you begin with change in you community. Finally you bring change to America.

Bringing change to America means so much more but if we don't work together, than how can we even change a simple light bulb? Like the saying "United we stand but divided we fall." we must all stand together to bring change to America.

*Zachary Jones is a junior at Franklin County High School.*

## Letter to the EDITOR

## Close tobacco loophole to help Healthy Start

Dear Editor:

Just like Florida's families deciding around their kitchen tables how to make do with less; our Legislature must decide how to balance a shrinking budget while protecting public priorities.

Last year, Florida's Healthy Start program served 195,998 at-risk pregnant women and infants. The program is credited with reducing infant mortality since it began.

This year, Healthy Start, which

provides prenatal health services for pregnant women and babies, is threatened with a 22 percent funding cut that could strip health services from more than 43,000 babies. This means in Bay, Franklin and Gulf counties alone over \$2,000 fewer moms and babies would have access to vital help needed for a healthy outcome.

With lives at stake, we must consider other options. One solution for our Legislature to consider is to close a loophole in Florida's tobacco policy that allows companies that make budget cigarettes to avoid nearly \$90 million in state payments

that other cigarette makers have to make.

If the Legislature closed this loophole, they could raise enough money to fully fund Healthy Start and other programs that protect the health of Florida's mothers and babies.

The choice is simple: protect babies and provide funding for vital services. As our Legislature gathers around their big kitchen table, let's hope they make the right choice.

**Sharon Owens**  
Executive Director,  
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# News BRIEFS

From staff reports

## Sol Verde chosen for island bike path

At the Feb. 17 meeting of the county commission, commissioners chose Sol Verde Renewable Energy Solutions of Apalachicola to install solar lighting and park benches along the St. George Island Multi-Use Path.

Because of time constraints related to the availability of grant money, the Florida Department of Transportation agreed to allow the county to seek three quotes and award the work without going through the formal bidding process.

Sol Verde was awarded the work for the low bid of \$47,000. The other two bids received were both over \$60,000.

## FEMA finicky about Alligator Point Road

On Feb. 17, County Planner Alan Pierce told the county commission that FEMA has approved only \$300,000 of the estimated \$2.6 million needed to repair damage to Alligator Point Road caused by Hurricane Gustav and install additional revetment.

"I have not signed the (project worksheet) prepared by FEMA, because it does not adequately reimburse the county for the cost of repairing the road to its prestorm condition," Pierce said. "Part of the problem is that, since C.W. Roberts just finished paving the entire road, FEMA inspectors do not accept the county's argument that what we paved over is not properly compacted. They are requiring that we do soil borings and geotechnical testing. The county put down asphalt to give the residents a temporary surface to drive on. The road is so vulnerable it will be damaged by any

minor storm."

Pierce said the state supports the county's request to FEMA to be excused of the cost of geotechnical testing.

## St. Joe turns Indian giver on ramp

The St Joe Company has placed a price tag on land the county believed it would receive as a gift.

County Planner Alan Pierce told the county commission Feb. 17 that the St. Joe Company has changed their proposal to provide land for a boat ramp on the west side of the Ochlocknee River.

In its latest offer, the company proposes to sell the land, less than one third of an acre, for \$7,500 with the stipulation that if the county ever ceases to operate the ramp, the land reverts to the company for the original purchase price of \$7,500. Under the same agreement, the county would be responsible for maintaining a fence around the ramp, cleaning up trash and hazardous waste disposal.

"I have a real problem with putting a reverter clause on this property for the same price after we do \$500,000 worth of work there," said Commissioner Cheryl Sanders.

"They want to sell us this property that's going to benefit their development down the road," said Commissioner Smokey Parrish, pointing out that the land adjacent to the proposed ramp belongs to the St. Joe Company.

"When we did the visioning and the large-scale land use changes on St. James Island, it became clear that we needed more water access on that end of the county," Pierce said. "We approached the St. Joe Company about this land because the Ochlocknee River is the best site available because it has deep water. The boat ramp would be of benefit to that whole end of the county. It

would be the closest water access to Summer Camp. When we originally asked the St. Joe Company about acquiring the land, there was certainly never any discussion of us having to pay for it, but I don't believe there was a formal agreement."

The parcel is a thin wedge about 300 feet long but only 18 feet wide. The commission instructed consulting engineers to see if the ramp could be constructed without the St. Joe Company's land contribution.

"We can probably build this ramp without that piece of land. It would have provided extra parking or a bigger turnaround for the ramp," Pierce said.

## Gulf County donates radios

At the Feb. 17 meeting, Pamela Register, director of emergency management, told the county commission that the Gulf County Sheriff's Office has donated two portable 800 MHz radios to Franklin County Emergency Management.

The radios will allow Register's department to communicate more easily with firefighters, police officers and other service providers in the event of an emergency.

Register said she would obtain the code to activate the radios from Sheriff Skip Shiver and put them into service immediately.

## Firefighters' Association update

Both dispatchers and firefighters will receive additional training in the near future.

On Feb. 17, Jay Abbott, president of the Franklin County Firefighters' Association, told county commissioners that Progress Energy operations manager Hugh Irwin and community relations manager Bobby Pickels attended the

## STORMWATER PROJECT TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE



GRAYSON SHEPARD

The ongoing stormwater drainage work in the center of St. George Island should be complete by the middle of this week and should eliminate the problem of flooding after hard rains. Duggar Construction is the contractor on the project, after posting a low bid of \$34,000. In addition, work is wrapping up on transporting rocks from the boat ramp to shore up the revetment outside of Sawyer Street. "The day we chose was a full moon so we had the lowest tide and were able to do what we needed to do," said County Commissioner Pinki Jackel.

February meeting of the firefighters' association.

"Progress Energy will be making some changes for the fire departments including paying for some additional training to help us be safe until power company employees arrive at the scene of a fire," Abbott said.

"You mean our power bills went up 25 percent and now they're training us to do their job?" asked Commissioner Bevin Putnal.

Abbott said response time by Progress Energy was slower than response time by firefighters because there is a fire station in each community.

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders said the delay was greater now that the power yard in Carrabelle was no longer manned. She said the power company would not be able to reach Franklin County communities from Crawfordville in the event of flooding.

"I asked Hugh Irwin

and Bobby Pickels what their plan was in the case of a storm. This county is full of bridges. We are essentially on an island," she said.

Abbott said county dispatchers also would receive additional training in the near future. He said there have been problems with emergency dispatch recently. He said there would be a meeting to discuss the dispatch system at the sheriff's office at 9 a.m. March 11.

"It looks like it's coming down as a state order that dispatchers everywhere be trained. It's a 258-hour course. In the meantime, any problems fire departments have with 9-1-1 calls are to be documented and, in some cases, reported immediately to the sheriff's department," he said.

Abbot said support for the firefighters' association is growing and that Apalachicola sent a representative to the last meeting.

"Now we just need representation from Carrabelle," Abbott said.

## County commission to hold night meetings

Beginning in April 2009, the county commission will hold one night meeting per quarter. The night meeting will be the second meeting of the quarter so the next night meeting will take place on April 15.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the change at the Feb. 17 meeting.

## Jackel appointed to energy committee

At the Feb. 17 meeting of the county commission, Alan Pierce, county planner, announced that Commissioner Pinki Jackel has been appointed to the Florida Association of Counties Energy Independence Work Group.

The committee will seek funds from the federal stimulus package.

## FCTDC PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

**March 3, 2009 - Franklin County Courthouse Annex, Full Council 3:00 pm**

**March 17, 2009 - SGI Firehouse, Individual Committee Meeting 1:30 pm**

**April 7, 2009 - Franklin County Courthouse Annex, Full Council 3:00 pm**

**April 21, 2009 - SGI Firehouse, Individual Committee Meeting 1:30 pm**

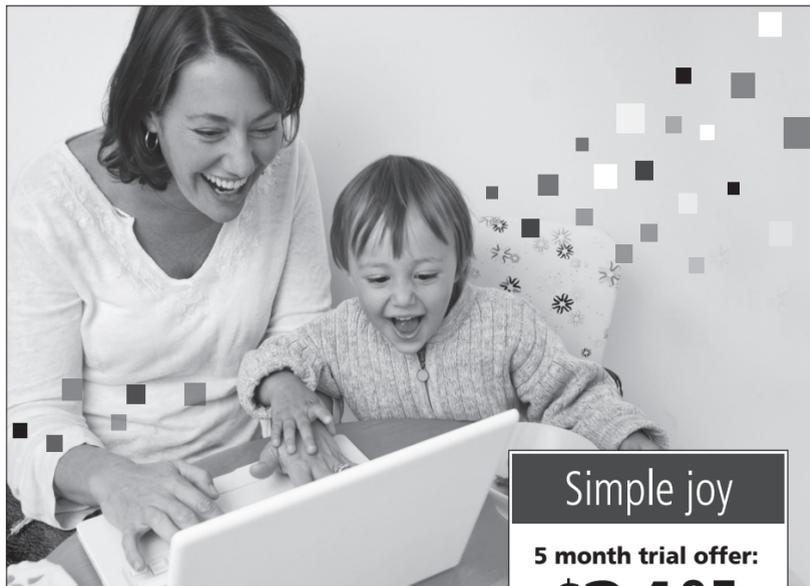
## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009, AT 9:00 A.M., IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES, APPEALS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

- 1 - RECONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING 50 FEET INTO THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 9, BLOCK 35, UNIT 4 EAST, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY BEN BLOODWORTH, AGENT FOR JTB, LLC, OWNERS.
- 2 - APPEAL OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION TO REQUIRE REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A DECK 15 FEET INTO THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 94, BLOCK 10, UNIT 1, SOUTHERN DUNES, ALLIGATOR POINT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY DANIEL COX, AGENT FOR DAVID AND JANET FOSHEE, OWNERS.
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engineer's report demonstrating how the problem will be remedied. Failure to comply carries a potential loss of restaurant license.

Prior to August, Eddy Teach's had been served notice of non-compliance and was pumping out its sewage tanks weekly.

## Blue Parrot now in compliance

On Feb. 17, Tschetter said the Blue Parrot is now in compliance. Owner Steve Rash said he reduced his seating immediately after receiving the notice to abate and hired an engineer to design a new system.

Tschetter said Harry A's is pumping out its sewage tanks weekly. The restaurant has until October to take advantage of a variance and make the needed corrections to come into compliance. She said the health department will hold off on legal action until the variance expires in October.

Eddy Teach's remains out of compliance with wastewater treatment standards and is still allowed to pump sewage tanks weekly.

"I received a call from Mr. Frost (the owner of Eddy Teach's) and his engineer," Tschetter said. "They said a system is being designed. If they get a variance to cross the undeveloped road (that runs in front of the raw bar) and if they get the system in place, I am hopeful."

BJ's Pizza and Subway have been less forthcoming. Both businesses now are pumping their tanks weekly, as required by the warning letter, but little other progress has been made,

*"I can hold (the restaurants) in contempt of court and fine them every day they stay open, but I don't want their money. That won't protect the environment."*

**Jennifer Tschetter**  
Florida Department of Health



Tschetter said.

"We've had a lot of phone calls," Tschetter told the commission. "I'll get back to you next week and that sort of thing. Now the health department has come to me reluctantly with the possibility of further legal action. I can hold them (the restaurants) in contempt of court and fine them every day they stay open, but I don't want their money. That won't protect the environment."

## First inspection in 20 years for one business

"Isn't there a way we can reduce seating until such time as they install a new system?" Parrish asked. "I've asked you this before. I'd like to reduce seating to what the system can handle. That's what I'd like to see and sooner than later."

"It's not hard to see a system is failing if there are obvious breaches. If there's sewage out back, I've got to shut that business down. That's what I'd do every time. It's not a vendetta against one person. It's about protecting the environment."

Commissioner Pinki Jackel

said, "We need that, and we need businesses open on St. George Island."

Billy Blackburn, owner of BJ's Pizza, addressed the commission.

"I've been waiting to see what other people will do. If I go back to the 20 seats Jason wants, I might as well close the doors. I can't continue to employ my 15 employees."

"My system was good 15 years ago. Now it's a bad system. I think the state is partly at fault. The state gave me 78 seats 15 years ago. I can document that," he said. "All I need is a bigger system. I have the biggest drain field (two lots) of any business on the island."

Flowers said aerobic systems work well when they're properly managed.

"In a lot of these systems, the tanks are just too small for the amount of affluent. Depending on food processing and other things going on, your sewage may be stronger than is typical. Get your maintenance entity to have your filters cleaned and your system tweaked. Draw your own samples and resubmit them to us."

Blackburn told Flowers that in 20 years, "you are the first person

who ever came and checked our system.

"I apologize, sir," Flowers said. "I can't speak for the past."

Parrish told Blackburn, "We were kind of rough on Mr. Flowers when we had complaints that some of the businesses were being insensitive about the environment. We asked him to (test) so that we could make an informed decision."

Commissioner Noah Lockley said, "This wouldn't have happened if people hadn't come to us and complained. The problem is still there. You all need to get together and work it out."

## Rental house license renewals to be scrutinized

Terry Brewer, owner of Harry A's, accused the commission of favoritism.

"Look at the reports for the last nine years. Alligator Point, why don't they pass? There's no restaurant out there. The state park, how often do they fail? What are you doing about them?" he demanded.

"Finni's is one of the largest restaurants on the island. They won't even be tested until their system fails and they get an aerobic system and they don't even pay an annual fee like we do. Our cost for this (required) system is \$200,000. Do you know how many burgers that is? Do you know how many beers?"

Flowers said because Finni's, Aunt Ebby's and Oyster Bay are on older anaerobic systems and not on the newer aerobic systems, legally, they do not need to be inspected.

County Attorney Michael Shuler advised Brewer to take his

objections to the Florida Department of Health.

Brewer and Blackburn both said rental houses on the island are bigger polluters than commercial properties.

"There are places that are designed to sleep 10 and are being advertised for 16," Parrish said. "That's just as egregious."

Houses coming in for their rental license renewal now are being required to come into compliance with wastewater treatment laws, based on their size and the number of bedrooms, Flowers said.

"We're sending out a form that specifies the number of occupants each (residential) system is designed to serve. We're putting them on notice. Also, as systems fail, we're informing owners we will deny their biennial renewal unless they bring their system up to a compliant size, but we have no way to police how many people check in on Sunday night," Flowers said.

Linda Raffield told the commission she represented "most of the people who made the complaints about what's going on out there. We know what it's like to have your business shut down. All we need is one illness or the threat of illness or bacteria to shut down that bay and it can be shut down indefinitely."

"This is not just about the bay. If one person gets sick or dies and we could have done something about it, we'll all be liable," she said.

"What is at risk here is far greater than a business or a residence," Jackel said. "We need people to work together. We want to protect the bay as well as business."

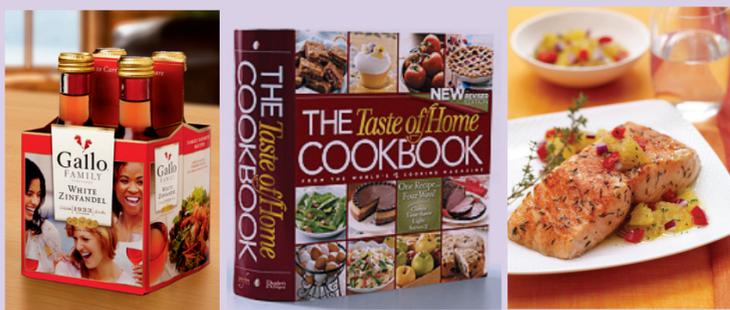


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## Lady Seahawks top Maclay, Munroe

The Lady Seahawks claimed their first district win of the season on Feb. 17 against Maclay.

The 14-12 score should have been greater, but the girls started losing control during the bottom of the sixth inning.

"We always seem to pick one inning and make several errors. This is something that we have to discontinue or it will eventually catch up to us," said coach Christy Thompson.

After leading 14-5 in the top of the sixth, the team let Maclay come back in the bottom of the inning. Maclay began hitting the ball as well but only earned three of their seven runs in that sixth inning rally.

"We have to learn to play the full seven innings tough and remain focused throughout the game," Thompson said. "It will all come together for the Seahawks, game by game. These young girls have a lot to be excited about if they stick together and continue playing softball. They have the chance to do something that has never been done in Franklin County, to win the district title and then some in the future."

Sophomore pitcher Shelby Shiver struck out five to

record the win. Freshmen shortstop Tiffany Varnes led the team offensively with a triple, double and three stolen bases, while eighth grade centerfielder Chena Segree followed closely, with a triple, single and four stolen bases.

On Feb. 19, the Lady Seahawks played their second home game of the season against Munroe and shut down the Lady Cats within five innings 11-1.

"I think the girls are beginning to play more in sync with one another. I wanted to see fewer errors this week, and they accomplished that goal with only committing seven," Thompson said. "Munroe put the ball into play and we executed well defensively."

"Offensively, the Seahawks had 11 hits, but I feel like this would've been more if the starting pitcher were able to finish the game," the coach said. "The Cats pitcher injured her hand during a line drive by junior catcher Leigh Redmond. "The backup pitcher threw much slower and this really affected the timing of our bats. We have been working so hard at timing of the bats and this just put things in backward motion."

After two innings, the team adjusted to the slower pitch-



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The Lady Seahawks varsity softball team, from left, includes junior Leigh Redmond, senior Khrystal Davis, freshman Morgan "Noodle" Newell, freshman Ciara Moore, eighth grader Chena Segree, sophomore Shelby Shiver, junior Kendyl Hardy, freshman Tiffany Varnes, freshman Megan Newell and freshman Harley Tucker. Not pictured is sophomore Shelbi Maxwell.

ing and begin hitting again.

"The girls got things started during the bottom of the fourth inning and scored six to put us up by nine runs. The Lady Cats were shut down by the defense displayed by the Seahawks and this meant that we needed only one run to put this one in the books," Thompson said. "We were successful in this feat and called it a day."

Shiver struck out four batters and allowed only four hits, while Redmond lead the team offensively with a double and single and played a great game behind the plate. Freshmen Harley Tucker and Tif-

fany Varnes both had a pair of singles to aid in the smack-down.

With a record of 3-2, the Lady Seahawks play in a tournament this weekend at Godby High School.

"This tournament will be tough, but that is the way that I want it to be for the girls. The girls need to be tested and forced into better thinking habits on the field. Playing more experienced teams will only make these girls more prepared to play for the district title this year," Thompson said. "There is no letting up on the preparation. I will keep reiterating the goal."

## Sports SHORTS

### Franklin club to join Big Bend Baseball League

The monthly business meeting of the Big Bend Baseball league was held Feb. 14 at league headquarters in the Apalachee Restaurant in Bristol.

Business matters consisted of confirming a slate of officers for the 2009 baseball season. Officers are Morrell Bailey, league commissioner; Donald Stephens, assistant commissioner - Western Division; Ray Carver, assistant commissioner - Eastern Division; Donna Milton, administrative assistant to the commissioner; Charollett Bailey, treasurer; and Harold Bailey, promotional and publicity chairman for the league.

Also, five teams committed to entering the league, with three additional teams expected to franchise at the special meeting in Bristol on Feb. 28.

Teams committed to league play thus far include the Chattahoochee Red Birds, the Bristol Diamond Dogs and the Quincy All Stars, with a Franklin County team expected to commit Feb. 28.

In the western division, teams committed were the Bay County Brewers, Gulf County (Wewahitchka/St. Joe), and Calhoun County (Blountstown/Altha), with Jackson County Blue Jays expected to commit Feb. 28.

### Lady Seahawk JV tops Liberty County

The Lady Seahawk junior varsity softball team topped Liberty County 16-3 on Feb. 12.

Eighth grader Morgan Kelly pitched and struck out six.

Players on the team include Meagan Andrews, Emily Hatfield, Brooke Harper, Tiffany Carroll, Oneika Lockley, Tasia Simmons, Kara Harrelson, Anna Lee and Shelby Myers.

"We pulled up four middle school softball players in order to field a team. We plan to do this for every game," said coach Christy Thompson. "These are our up-and-coming talent. Morgan Kelly, Ally Millender, Morgan Mock and Gracy Kirvin joined us for the trip and played great."

## SEAHAWKS from page A1

for the third time in four meetings this season.

"Tonight was just an overall team effort," Drake said. "This was the best team performance we've had all year long."

In front of a packed crowd in the first season at the new consolidated school's gymnasium, both teams started out slowly, as coach Mike McGrotha's Maclay squad set about evening the series over the past two years at 4-4.

But with freshman Carlos Morris driving in for layup at the end of the first quarter for a 14-5 lead, the Seahawks signaled they weren't about to balance the scales. Buckets by Maclay junior guard Seth Roberts and senior center Sam Bruner helped chip the Seahawks' lead to eight in the second quarter as Franklin County took their time preparing for the last shot of the half.

With just seconds on the clock, senior forward Deshaun Winfield nailed a trey, the team's only one of the night, giving the Seahawks a 24-13 lead, and the momentum they needed, going into the locker room.

Opening the second half with a defensive adjustment that would shut down Seth Roberts and keep senior forward A.J. Roberts scoreless, the Seahawks got the scoring they needed inside from Winfield to widen their lead to 40-20 at the end of three stanzas.

The Seahawks stayed out of reach the entire fourth quarter, ending with back-to-back dunks by Winfield and Morris that put a period on the night before pandemonium broke out.

Winfield led all scorers with 27 points, going 12-of-16 from the field. He was bolstered by eight points and six assists from senior center Zan Simmons, who perpetuated the effort on the defensive end with six assists, five steals and a blocked shot.

### FEB. 19 REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS VS. WEST GADSDEN

**W. Gadsden** 6 12 12 28 - 58  
**Franklin Co.** 11 19 22 22 - 72

**SEAHAWKS:** Deshaun Winfield 12/18 2s, 0/1 3s, 2/2 FTs, 26 pts.; Zan Simmons 1/3 2s, 2 pts.; Carlos Morris 4/5 2s, 3/7 3s, 4/4 FTs, 21 pts.; Jeremy James 3/4 2s, 3/5 FTs, 9 pts.; Austin O'Neal 2/5 2s, 4/6 FTs, 8 pts.; Patrick Jones 1/1 2s, 2 pts.; Arron Prince 2/3 2s, 2/2 FTs, 6 pts.  
**Totals:** 25/41 2s, 3/9 3s, 15/19 FTs

**Rebounds:** Morris 10  
**W. GADSDEN:** John Battles 22 pts.; Jessie Winbush 22 pts.; Mario Williams 6 pts.; Kaldrick Jones 8 pts.

"Zan brings out the energy on offense, and he was very impressive defensively," Drake said.

Morris and junior guard Arron Prince each added six points, while junior guard Austin O'Neal added five and senior guard Jeremy James four.

Disappointed in his team's lackluster performance, McGrotha was unsparing in his praise of the Seahawks.

"We just kind of had some breakdowns, but they played extremely well," said McGrotha, now in his 31st year of coaching, the last 14 at the Maclay helm. "When they got up, they pulled the ball out. They did a good job of spreading the floor. We had to come out of our matchups."

"It's going to be a tough place for anyone to come in and win. I hope they go all the way."

### Seahawks overrun West Gadsden 74-58

Franklin County had an answer for the Panthers on Feb. 19 in their regional opener.

Outmuscling and outthrusting West Gadsden from the opening tip, the Seahawks delighted an enthusiastic crowd in Eastpoint with a 74-58 victory.

"West Gadsden came out with a game plan I wasn't expecting; they went into a stall," Drake said.

Making the adjustments after starting out cautiously, the Seahawks lead 30-18 at the half before breaking it open in the third quarter, outscoring the Panthers 22-12 to go up 52-30 going into the final period.

The Seahawks' defensive pressure on high-scoring junior guard John Battles kept him at 22 points, the same total as tallied by Jessie Winbush, leaving only 14 points to be shared by Kaldrick James and Mario Williams.

The Seahawks divvied up their points more equitably and more efficiently, as the team hit 28-of-50 from the field, including three treys from Morris, who finished with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Banging in the buckets underneath was Winfield, who nailed a game-high 26 points. James added nine, O'Neal eight, Prince six and Simmons and Patrick Jones each two.

### SEAHAWKS BASEBALL REPORT

**Feb. 17**  
**Franklin Co.** 0 0 0 0 0 0  
**Port St Joe** 2 0 3 0 0 6 - 10

Bobby Garrett struck out five in a 10-0 loss against Port St Joe. The bats were silenced by the St. Joe pitchers, who struck out nine of the 19 batters faced.

**Feb. 19**  
**Franklin Co.** 0 2 0 1 0 1 - 4  
**Aucilla** 3 0 1 1 1 0 x - 6

Jason Thompson struck out seven and scattered three hits in a 6-4 loss against Aucilla Christian. Leading hitters were Stephen Babb 1-for-3, and Thompson 2-for-3 with a double.

**Feb. 20**  
Franklin County vs. East Gadsden had to be rescheduled due to time constraints.

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## Hillside Heritage

### Science brings new edge to African American festival

Photos and story by  
David Adlerstein  
Times City Editor

In the field across from the old Holy Family School, Ronald L. Williams had his work cut out for him this past weekend.

Surrounded by gadgets and gizmos, helium and liquid nitrogen, the Florida A & A University professor of physics manned the busiest booth at this past weekend's sixth annual African American History Festival at the Sixth Street Recreation Center.

It didn't take a handwritten sign out in front that read "Science is fun" to attract the steady stream of youngsters who took advantage of Prof. Williams' demonstrations.

They were drawn by all the excitement.

Williams, whose mother, Lucille Wynn-Williams, resides in Apalachicola, spent the weekend bringing the magic of science to life, patiently presiding over hands-on demonstrations of everything from the chilling powers of liquid

nitrogen to the gripping powers of a vacuum.

"It's a little bit windy for the balloons," said Williams earlier in the day.

But by the time the afternoon rolled around, the professor, holder of a 1992 doctorate in physics from UCLA, had drawn the balloons out of bag of experiments and illustrated the ability of air pressure to power a winger rotor.

The power of a magnet to balance on a pencil eraser.

The power of inertia to stop a ball dead in its track.

The power of a solid surface to conduct heat.

Things seemed to defy common sense.

Ice cubes placed on a surface that felt colder to the touch actually melted faster than the ones placed on a surface warmer to the touch.

Fruits dipped in a liquid froze more solid than ice in just a few minutes.

"By his making science fun with the kids, they could see their futures are not limited to athletics. They can be scientists and university professors,"



Amina Mubarak, right, shares her candy apple with her twin brother, Nasr, at Saturday's African American History Festival.

said Elinor Mount-Simmons, president of H'COLA, which stands for Hillside Coalition of Laborers for Apalachicola, a nonprofit organization community service organization begun in 1999.

H'COLA sponsored the festival for the sixth straight year, with support from a Tourist Development Council

grant.

The number of booths this year seemed more robust than in recent years. Next to Williams' science adventures was an outreach by the county health department for its Tobacco-Free Florida program, headed by David Walker. Across the way was parked a bright green van from the state's anti-tobacco program which

housed photo equipment.

Those who volunteered to have their photos taken could see a hypothetical photo image of how their skin would age and wrinkle after several years of smoking.

Next door to the anti-tobacco booth were tables from Apalachicola's Community Garden, passing out T-shirts and enlisting volunteers, and

another from the Franklin County Health Network. Sponsored by Franklin Needs Inc. (the breast cancer calendar ladies) and the county health department, the booth sought to enlist volunteers from every religious community and from all parts of the county to help with linking people

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FAMU physics professor Ronald Williams demonstrates the properties of liquid nitrogen to youth at Saturday's African American History Festival.



Yazid, a family of drummers from Tallahassee, graced the stage Saturday afternoon with a performance of African percussion rhythms. Below, Love Center youth perform.



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Society

Timothy Smith to turn 14

Timothy Smith celebrated his 14th birthday Wednesday, Feb. 25, with family and friends. Happy Birthday, Timmy!

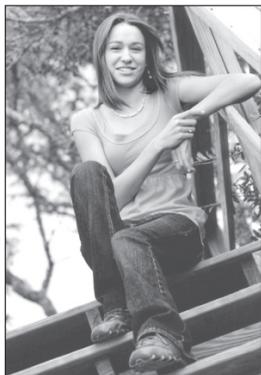


Love,  
Mama, Daddy, Ricky, Pooky, Logan, Nana and Papa

Happy 18th birthday. Parrish!

We love you, Dad, Mom and Kati-Morgan

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- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Weddings and ENGAGEMENTS



Heather Osburn, Ryan McClain to wed

Robert and Suzanne Osburn of Apalachicola are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Heather Osburn, to Ryan McClain.

Ryan is the son of Lynn and Tina McClain of Apalachicola.

The couple will be wed at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at Living Waters Assembly of God in Apalachicola.

A reception will follow at Fort Coombs National Guard Armory. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Bridal shower for Jackie Lee Hollon

There will be a bridal shower in honor of Jackie Lee Hollon at 2 p.m. March 14 at the Carrabelle Christian Center.

The bride-to-be is registered at JC Penney and Target. All family and friends are invited to attend. No invitations will be sent.

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The Apalachicola Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday March 9, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center, 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Fl to discuss the following special exception request.

The Property owner of Block 176 Lots 6-10 (203 7th Street) is requesting a special exception in order to operate a Senior Center at the Holy Family School site. The Apalachicola Land Development Code allows for the issuance of a special exception in certain circumstances.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to Cindi Giametta at apalachbuild@tcom.net or 653-9319.

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An 80th birthday for a special Daddy

When we think about our family, it always comes to mind how blessed we are. We reflect on our Daddy and Mama, Bill and Burnell Martina, and the way we three girls and two boys were raised.

We were raised in a very special environment. You see, our daddy has been deaf since he was 16 years old. He contracted spinal meningitis at a time when not much was known about it. The result was the loss of his hearing. He's told us he wouldn't have lived had it not been for one of his sisters, a nurse, our Aunt Margaret. She insisted he see a doctor and administered medicine to him. We can only imagine how difficult it must have been for him to suddenly be deaf at age 16, an age when most boys are only interested in girls and having fun. We've been told Daddy was a great athlete with potential at the time. Daddy has always had a sense of humor, so perhaps that helped him to keep going, or maybe it was just that he was always as strong and persistent as he is now.

Daddy's parents and eight brothers and sisters could've been a force to deal with. His father was devastated, and he tried every way he could to find a cure. He arranged for a local pilot to take daddy up on a flight when he was told if daddy's eardrums popped, his hearing could be restored. Our Papa arranged a trip to another state for Daddy to attend a revival where a faith healer would be present. Papa and Nana took Daddy to various doctors (some were quacks, according to Daddy), and they finally enrolled him in a deaf and blind school in St. Augustine. Daddy has relayed to us many stories about his adventures while there, from leaving school without permission to get coffee to watching blind kids fighting. His sense of humor prevailed although his hearing didn't return. He did learn the sign language alphabet while attending the school.

Daddy returned to Apalachicola and maintained as normal a life as possible. He had his family support



and his friends. Throughout the years, we've heard many tales involving some of them, including Pete Poloronis, Gene Brocato, Anthony Taranto and Costa Sintikakis.

Fast forward to about eight years after going deaf. This is when our mama came into the picture. Daddy got lucky. Mama was a beautiful blond, and she was interested in him despite his being deaf. Of course, Daddy never felt he was the typical handicapped person. He was quite handsome, and he'd been continuously working in seafood for years. He never wanted anyone's sympathy.

Daddy was born on Feb. 26, 1929. He will be 80 today, Feb. 26. It's hard to believe because he doesn't act old. He seldom complains, and he still works. He is a crabber and maintains lots of crab traps. As far back as we can remember, Daddy has always read the newspaper front to back and paid attention to the news on the television. For years, Mama had to sign to him what was being said. The invention of "closed captioning" opened a door to a man who prides himself on being knowledgeable about what is happening in the world. Daddy is truly the hero of his children and the smartest man we know. His

predictions usually come true, so we all pay attention when he speaks.

Daddy has accomplished much in his 80 years. He is still married to the greatest mom with whom he raised five children without any help from the government. He owns his home and never purchased many things on credit. Growing up was fun for us, and Daddy enjoyed playing with us. We have so many good memories. Our parents also taught us about honesty, morality and God.

Daddy coached a ladies softball team for years that our Mama and all three daughters played on. The trophies in his home attest to his coaching skills. He and Mama later coached softball for Apalachicola High School. Those athletes still have admiration for him.

Daddy is truly an example to be followed. We are so proud to be his family, and we love him, and want to share our story for other's enjoyment and encouragement. We hope he lives to be 100, and he'll live on in us, our children, and our children's children.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DADDY.

Love,  
Monica, Marcia, Janice, Kenneth and Kevin

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Enter our second annual Panhandle Peep Show Diorama Contest

By Despina Williams  
Florida Freedom Newspapers

Some like their marshmallow Peeps with a tall glass of milk. We like ours in hunting clothes, cruising up the river and lounging on the beach.

At The Times, we've made it our mission to liberate the iconic Easter candies from their oppressive cellophane wrappers and transport them to a more pleasing environment.

Namely, the Florida Panhandle. That's why we're pleased to announce our second annual Panhandle Peep Show Diorama Contest.

What's a diorama, you ask? It's a scene depicting three-dimensional figures and objects against a painted or modeled background.

Now pick a familiar Panhandle scene and substitute all human and animal characters for Peeps, and you have the idea.

Last year's winning entries included surfing Peeps, praying Peeps, camping Peeps, even Peeps stung repeatedly by



"Redneck Peep Club," a collaboration between Wewahitchka High School students Lena McLeMore, Kelly McLeMore and Jessica Messick, won Best in Show in last year's contest.

honey bees.

We received more than 20 entries and are hoping for more this year.

The only rules are that all characters must be Peeps, and all scenes must depict some aspect of Panhandle living. You can work in pairs, teams or by yourself.

And please, don't take the "Peep Show" literally. This is a family newspaper.

Since most of our entries came from students last year, we've reconfigured our categories to

include more age groups:

- 6-9
- 10-13
- 14-18
- 19 and up

To encourage local businesses to create dioramas depicting their workplaces and employees, we also have a special business category.

Last year's winning business entries portrayed dinner theatre at the Fish House Restaurant and condo-building by a local construction company.

We will award first, second and third places in all categories.

Judges will base their decisions on the diorama's design, quality of execution, creativity and resemblance to our area.

All dioramas must be returned, with entry forms attached, to The Times office by 5 p.m. ET April 3. The winning entries will be featured in our April 9 edition and on our Web site.

We will display the dioramas in our office as they arrive, so if you're in need of inspiration, pay a visit. To view a video and photo gallery of last year's Panhandle Peep Show dioramas, visit www.starfl.com, and see a video from last year's contest at www.apalachtimes.com.

Sponsorship and prize information will be forthcoming, so stay tuned.



Official Entry Form



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Tape the entry form to the back of the diorama and submit the finished work by 5 p.m. (ET) on April 3 to:

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# ElderCare can enroll seniors in Medicaid waiver program

By Lois Swoboda  
Times Staff Writer

The state has eased restrictions on the embattled Medicaid waiver program, but in the Panhandle, ElderCare Services is struggling to survive.

At a meeting Feb. 12 at the Coombs Armory in Apalachicola, ElderCare Services CEO Dr. James Crouteau told the Franklin County advisory board Florida has agreed to allow some seniors to enter the Medicaid waiver program after two years in limbo.

Ten Franklin County seniors will be enrolled in the program. To be eligible, one must be at least 60 years old and have a maximum monthly income of \$1,886 for an individual or \$3,738 for a couple.

People seeking entry into the program will be placed on

a waiting list. Priority will be given to those assessed with the greatest need. Seniors chosen will wait two to three months for services to begin.

The Medicaid waiver program allows seniors to stay in their own home and communities rather than be placed in nursing homes. It provides services such as personal care, meal delivery, companionship and advocacy and an emergency alert system. This benefits seniors by allowing them more privacy than an institution and the comfort of familiar people and surroundings. The waiver program is also good for taxpayers because it is much cheaper than maintaining a senior in a nursing home.

Crouteau said ElderCare can cover their cost of operation but not overhead. He said last

year, Franklin County ElderCare served 32,000 meals to more than 100 clients at a cost of \$110,000. He said a minimum of \$46,000 in additional income is needed to maintain services at their current level in Franklin County.

The board discussed several possible fundraising strategies but did not settle on a specific plan.

Franklin County ElderCare Director Bert Ivey said part of the shortfall is because ElderCare is required to reassess every Meals on Wheels recipient annually. He said the state budgets \$18 per client, but the actual cost is more than \$50.

Ivey said Meals on Wheels is seeking additional volunteers for delivery routes in Carrabelle and Apalachicola.

"For the most part, compared to two years ago, we are much

better off in our Meals on Wheels program. We're a lot better off than we've ever been. We don't have anyone who is genuinely needy in Franklin County who is not being fed," he said. "I do need additional help in certain situations. For instance, if somebody offers us a used washing machine, I need help picking it up and delivering it to a senior."

"Meals on Wheels needs delivery help in Apalachicola every day but Friday. We need help in Carrabelle on Monday and Friday. We will adjust routes to help people with a time issue. In other words, we'll shorten the route if that's what it takes for them to give a little time to help the senior. Thirty minutes to an hour is the longest any route should take," he said.

Ivey also reminded local caregivers ElderCare sponsors

a luncheon and discussion group for them the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Carrabelle Library. Attendees can bring a bagged lunch or order with the group from a local restaurant. ElderCare provides speakers on topics of interest to those caring for an elderly or disabled person.

A sitter can be provided to give the caregiver respite to attend the luncheon if you contact the Carrabelle office, 697-3756, at least two weeks in advance.

Persons wishing to apply for the Medicaid waiver program should call 800-96-ELDER (35337).

If you seek other information or services or want more information about Medicaid Waiver or if you wish to volunteer or make a donation, please call 697-3756.

## Lanark NEWS

First of all, I wish to correct the mistake I made in last week's column. The 17th annual Community Breakfast is this Saturday, Feb. 28. I am truly sorry about this.

Serving will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. Chillias Hall is the place to be. Just walk right in, sit right down and one of the waiters will bring your orange juice, take your order and bring your coffee, and your order, to you. And, after you're full of a hot, delicious breakfast, you can pick up something from the bake sale table. Hope to see you there. A donation of \$6 is required.

Members of the Lanark Golf Club will serve breakfast on Saturday, March 7. The reason for the change, this month only, is so you can enjoy your breakfast on March 14 at the Curfew Lodge in Carrabelle. This breakfast is during the Camp Gordon Johnston Reunion, and serving begins at 7 a.m. so you can be ready to enjoy the big parade and other

events of the day. Donation for this breakfast is \$6.

Thanks for your support at the lasagna dinner. Had a good crowd and a very good meal.

After your breakfast at Chillias, you can go over to the Community Church Hall and see the items for sale and pick up a Soup-to-Go. I hope they have a pretty day for their bazaar.

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 27. We have our regular Mass at 9:30 a.m., then at 5:30 p.m. we will have Stations of the Cross. The Ladies Guild members will have a meatless soup and sandwich supper afterward in the parish hall. Our church is located at 2653 U.S. 98 E., in Lanark Village, or you can call 697-3669 for directions.

Be kind to one another and check in on the sick and housebound, and God is Good, He loves Franklin County people.

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



LANARK NEWS  
Jim Welsh

## Card of THANKS

### Habitat for Humanity Franklin County

Thank You, Franklin County!

The sixth annual Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County Mardi Gras celebration at the Dixie Theater was a resounding success, with proceeds going

directly toward building affordable housing in the county.

Hundreds of contributors enjoyed an evening of blues, jazz and pop music from local and area bands. Local citizens

donated time and labor, local restaurants and distributors donated food and beverages, local businesses donated silent auction items, and the net result to Habitat in the midst of a down

economy was in excess of \$4,000.

To help Habitat in its work to continue providing affordable housing in the county, visit [www.habitatfranklin.org](http://www.habitatfranklin.org) or call 653 3113.

### Big Bend Hospice sponsors plant swap

On Friday, March 6, the Big Bend Hospice Franklin County Advisory Council will sponsor a Memorial Plant Swap at The Farmer's Market in Apalachicola from 3-5 p.m.

Please bring a beautiful flower or plant in honor, or in memory, of a loved one and swap it with others who are remembering their loved ones at this time of year.

Special "Hands for Hospice" windsocks will add a touch of whimsy to any garden and have been handmade by Karla Ambos and Bev Hewitt.

The "Hands for Hospice" windsocks make a great gift for any garden lover and are available for a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds will go directly to providing care to our patients and families in Franklin County.

Please come and join Council members Hewitt, Ambos, Donnie Gay, Pam Mahr, Joe and Jeanette Taylor, Sandra Smith, Judy Cook, Ella Speed, Betty Croom, and Paula Harmon at the Farmer's Market in front of the Medicine Shop in Apalachicola and swap

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## Obituaries

### Carolyn Mae Mariolis

Carolyn Mae Mariolis, loving and devoted wife of Theodore (Teddy) N. Mariolis, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, quietly with family and friends by her side at The Bridge at Bay St. Joe.

Born Jan 5, 1928, she is survived by her loving husband of 53 years; and son Nicholas Theodore Mariolis, of California.

The Mariolis made their home in Gulf Aire at St. Joe Beach for the past nine years, having previously resided in Lanark Village and the Great Smokey Mountains of North Carolina.

Carolyn, born in Baltimore City, Md., worked in the research department of John Hopkins University Hospital for 10 years. She also worked at Columbia University Hospital, where

she met Teddy 56 years ago. She had many hobbies, from fishing and crabbing to quilting and painting. She loved animals, especially manatee and dogs.

She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. Teddy and Carolyn were members of the First Methodist Church of Mexico Beach, AARP and the Council on Aging.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. CT Saturday, Feb. 28, at the First Methodist Church of Mexico Beach, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, please contribute to Save the Manatee Club or the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

### James Trawick Jr.

James (Jimmy) Floyd Trawick, Jr., 63, passed away Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 in Carrabelle.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Martha Jean Trawick.

He was born in Dothan, Ala., and moved to this area in 1983, coming from Abbeville, Ala. He owned a paint and body shop and was a former commercial fisherman. He served in the United States Army.

He loved to fish, made custom fishing rods and loved NASCAR. He was a loving son, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his mother, Marcella Trawick; a son, Jamie Trawick of Carrabelle; a daughter, Nita Massey (husband

Rod) of Carrabelle; four grandchildren, Preston Massey, Dakota Massey, Devin Trawick and Claudia Gref; an adopted son, Mark Bryan (wife Jennifer) of Quincy; and many other family members and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Floyd Trawick Sr.

Services were held Feb. 24 at Assembly of God Church in Carrabelle, with burial at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308. Harvey-Young Funeral Home, Crawfordville, handled arrangements.

### Charles Gibbs

Charles Hubert Gibbs, 84, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

He was born Jan. 23, 1924, in Macon, Ga., and was a longtime resident of Lanark Village. He was a World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Burma F. Wilson Gibbs; two children, Charles W. Gibbs and Elizabeth D. Earl; two grandchildren; and quite an extended family in the wings.

Kelley Funeral Home handled arrangements.

### Wayne E. Rhodes Jr.

Wayne E. Rhodes Jr., 41, an Apalachicola native, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009.

He leaves to cherish his memories a loving mother, Alice "Faye" Rhodes-Norman; stepfather Carl Norman; daughters Casharri Norman and Sandriuna Rhodes; brothers Bobby,

Carlos, and Reginald Rhodes; and sisters Vickki Jordan and Tiffany Norman.

Memorial services will be held at St. Nicholas Memorial Gardens at noon Saturday, Feb. 28, in Jacksonville. Funeral arrangements handled by Sarah L. Carter Funeral Home.

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## County CALENDAR

### Thursday, Feb. 26

- 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

### Friday, Feb. 27

- The Dixie Theatre presents "Visiting Mr. Green" at 8 p.m. Call the Dixie box office for tickets at 653-3200.
- 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.

### Saturday, Feb. 28

- The Dixie Theatre presents "Visiting Mr. Green" at 8 p.m. Call the Dixie box office for tickets at 653-3200.
- Community Breakfast at Chillas Hall in Lanark Village, sponsored by the Masonic Lodge. 8-11 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee. Donation \$6. Call 697-2795.
- Women's Christian Fellowship Circle will host a Bazaar with eight kinds of Soup to Go from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lanark Village Community Church. Call 697-2587 for more info.
- Fish Fry benefitting Camp Gordon Johnston Museum starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Carrabelle Palms RV park with live music by Journey. \$6 per plate.

### Sunday, March 1

- The Dixie Theatre presents "Visiting Mr. Green" at 3 p.m. Call the Dixie box office for tickets at 653-3200.

### Monday, March 2

- Breakfast at 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 at 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, March 3

- The Franklin County Commission meets at 9 a.m. in the courthouse annex. For more info, call 653-8861, ext. 100.
- The Apalachicola City Commission meets at 6 p.m. in the City Hall chambers at Battery Park. For more info, call 653-8715.
- Carrabelle Lighthouse Association will meet at the Carrabelle branch of the Franklin County Library at 5:30 p.m. For more info, call 697-5555.
- Art Club at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. 2-4 p.m. Call 697-3760.
- Bingo. 7 p.m. St. George Island Fire Dept. \$1 / card. Proceeds go to St. George Island Civic Club. Call 927-4654.

### Wednesday, March 4

- The Bay Medical Blood Donor Center will be at the Carrabelle Branch of the Franklin County Library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All donors will be entered into a drawing to win a Wii and Wii Fit. For more info, call Aimee Palmer, area blood drive coordinator, at 850-747-6570.
- Card Club. Franklin County Senior Center. 1 p.m. Call 697-3760.
- Bingo for the Bus. Chillas Hall in Lanark village. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 697-9626.
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### HAVE YOU SEEN DUKE?



Clay Bailey is offering a \$100 reward for the return of his male black Labrador retriever, Duke. Duke is 1 year old and weighs about 100 pounds. The dog last was seen near U.S. 98 between Port St. Joe and Apalachicola at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. He might be injured. When last seen, he was wearing a collar and two tags. If you have any information about Duke, please call 653-9077.

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

### Thursday, March 5

- 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.

### Friday, March 6

- Art preview for 27th annual Charity Chili Cook-off on St. George Island. From 5-7 p.m. in the civic hall of the Jay Abbott fire house on East Pine Street. Admission is \$5 donation. For more info, call 927-2322, ext. 7163.
- 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.

### Saturday, March 7

- 27th annual Charity Chili Cook-off on St.

George Island. Close to 60 teams from around the Southeast will each be vying for a berth in the International Chili Society's World's Championship Chili Cook-off in October. 5K Red Pepper Run is at 8 a.m. Amateur crock pot chili competition starts at 9:30 a.m. Formal competition begins at 10 a.m. Charity auction begins at 11 a.m. The Miss Chili Pepper and Mister Hot Sauce judging is between noon and 1:30 p.m., with chili judging at 2 p.m. For more info, call 927-2322, ext. 7163.

### Monday, March 9

- Breakfast at 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 at 670-5951 and set up a time.
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## PET OF THE WEEK



Chess, a 2-year-old Maltese and Poodle mix, arrived at the Adoption Center almost three weeks ago. He is a very sweet boy and the ultimate lap dog. Chess has tested positive for heartworms and is in need of a loving home and a sponsor for his heartworm treatment.

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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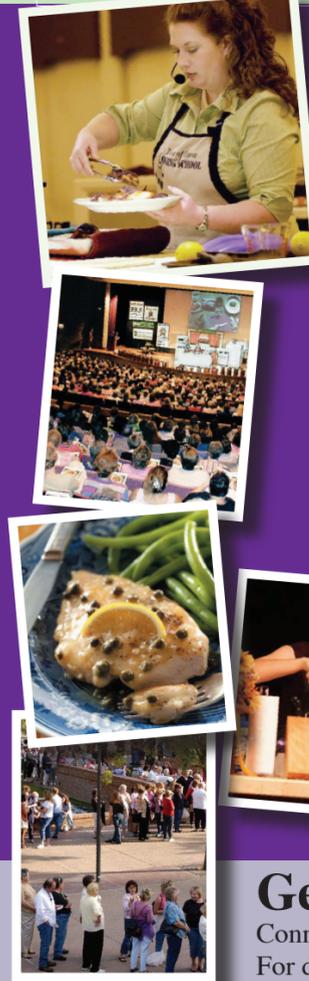
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# Retirees show appreciation of educators

Members of the Franklin/Gulf Retired Educators Association recently brought information regarding the benefits of joining F/GREA, as well as good things to eat, to teachers at the Franklin County Consolidated School and the Apalachicola Bay Charter School.

This outreach activity is done annually to let school personnel know that retired educators in the community

appreciate the work done by members still "in the field."

F/GREA members also offer scholarships to graduating seniors who wish to pursue a career in education. Three scholarships are available to Franklin County high school seniors in May 2009. School counselors have the scholarship forms. The association encourages any student who plans a career in education to apply.

F/GREA membership is open to any person who has retired from the education field under the Florida Retirement System with five years or more of service or any person who has retired from the educational system of any other state or from any privately funded or parochial school with five or more years of service.

For information, contact Margarita at 697-4200.



# Who released these turkeys?

Beverly Douds, busy working on an upcoming book on Apalachicola, has received plenty of good photos, although some helpful providers do not know who is in the photo, or when the photo was taken. Douds is reaching out to Times readers for their help in advance of her mid-April deadline.

"So far we have more than 198 photos for the book, but there are a couple of more I am hoping for," she said. "I would love to get more photos from the Hill, for example, Holy Family School, the Tolliver family, Rose McCoy, Dr. Fred Humphries and Bell Smith. I also need photos of the Marshall family, the Wefing Marine Store,

A.A. Core, William Fry and the Star of the Sea School."

Douds will discuss the book project when she serves as guest speaker at the Port St. Joe Library for their Friends Membership Drive on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. She is also available on Tuesdays at Dolores Sweet Shoppe in Apalachicola.

If you can identify the men releasing turkeys at the Box-R Ranch in the photo above (the one in the middle is named Sawyer) or if you have pictures to share, call Douds at home at 850-229-1094 or at work at 850-229-1151 or e-mail csblighthouselady2008@gmail.com.

## SAME RECYCLING, NEW LOCATION

The municipal recycle bins have moved from their old location in Apalachicola beneath the John Gorrie Memorial Bridge. The bins now are in the public parking area at the east end of Commerce Street, across from Veterans Memorial Plaza. Recycling and Solid Waste Director Van Johnson said Franklin County last year recycled 997 tons of waste material.



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

# German POW finds museum on Web

Last week, the Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum was contacted by the son of Alfred Heimann via e-mail. Alfred was a German Soldier during WWII. After the museum e-mailed a response the son, the father, a former CGJ POW (German), responded. Because his English was poor, this communication took some time. Following is the message the museum received from Mr. Heimann:



COURTESY OF ALFRED HEIMANN

These unknown German prisoners of war were held in Telogia in 1945.

Rudy Vessely from Vienna. In this camp I remained until the beginning of the closing about June 1946. Via Camp Shanks and Belgium I was shipped to England.

Meanwhile, on the Internet I have seen the museum in Carrabelle. I have no picture

of myself but two pictures of unknown men from Telogia. It would be nice to have those photos you mentioned from Telogia. I wish you much success with the museum.

Regards,  
Alfred Heimann

# Gulf Coast opens Spring C registration

Gulf Coast Community College is registering students for Spring C classes, which begin Thursday, March 5.

Spring C, an alternative for those with busy schedules, is an eight-week semester that begins March 5 and runs through May 8. Students receive the same outstanding, high-

quality classes with the one-on-one support and guidance from faculty, just in a shorter period of time.

Spring C is designed to give students as many options as possible for flexible scheduling. See all the courses online and register at [www.gulfcoast.edu](http://www.gulfcoast.edu), or call 850-769-1551 for more information.

It was my son who first contacted you. I was surprised and thankful for his having made this contact for me. I am in possession of a remarkable book, Hitler's Soldiers in the Sunshine State by Billinger. I have read many interesting details of Camp Gordon Johnston and Telogia. Even the four prisoners are named who escaped in August 1944 from the Telogia camp. One of them, they called him Simmel, invited my friend Manfred Daub and me to have English lessons. His aim in life was to become a teacher.

I was captured in September 1944 in France, near Epinal. Via Marseilles and Oran (Afrika) and Norfolk, Va. I was brought first to Clinton, Miss. From there, I was brought to Telogia, where I worked very hard from February to October 1945 in the woods of Apalachicola. Sitting on top of a pile of timber pieces, there happened a truck accident. I was wounded and immediately brought to the hospital of Camp Gordon Johnston. In the Camp Gordon Johnston hospital, I was very well treated, so that I was able to recover in a fortnight.

I did not go back to the tents of Telogia, but I became an inmate of Camp Gordon Johnston. There I dwelled in the last house on the camp border, opposite a small building where on Sundays classical music was being presented.

I first worked in the hospital, where I had to inspect every morning all the toilettes in the hold area, even in the part where colored people were stationed, even the civilians. With a rubber stick in my hand I was allowed to pass everywhere. After that I had to clean very long corridors floors. Later I worked in the kitchens and in a store.

I remember the very nice chapel in the camp and a priest whose name was Paul. My best friend was

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# SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests are made by officers from the following county, and state law enforcement agencies: Apalachicola (APD), Carrabelle (CPD), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FLDOACS).

All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## Feb. 16

Timothy Custer, 21, Carrabelle, violation of probation (FCSO)  
 Tammy H. Shiver, 40, Eastpoint, sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

## Feb. 17

Clifford Sutcliffe, Jr., 20, Carrabelle, domestic battery (FCSO)

## Feb. 18

Sammy L. Taylor, 35, Tallahassee, three counts possession of a controlled substance, possession of cannabis, and three counts of sale or possess a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a park (FCSO)

## Feb. 19

Marjorie L. Boozer, 47, Lanark Village, driving while license suspended or revoked, and domestic battery (FCSO)

## Feb. 20

Wendy M. Smith, 35, Eastpoint, sale of a controlled substance (FCSO)

William F. Cargill, 32, Apalachicola, sale or possession of a controlled substance and resisting arrest without violence (APD)

Bobby J. Duncan, Jr., 35, Apalachicola, trafficking in a controlled substance (FCSO)

Jeffery J. Banks, 21, Apalachicola, possession of a controlled substance (FCSO)

## Feb. 21

Brian C. Shack, 24, Dothan, AL, violation of probation (FCSO)

George J. Tolliver, 32, Apalachicola, driving while license suspended or revoked, possession of paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance (FCSO)

David A. McClellan, 49, no address given, failure to appear (FCSO)

Jeffery L. Horne, 39, Lake City, domestic battery and burglary with assault or battery (FCSO)

## Feb. 22

Brady L. Kerece, 56, Sebring, DUI (FCSO)

Jewayne M. O'Neal, 31, Apalachicola, domestic battery (APD)

# ANERR celebrates cleanup of derelict crab traps

Despite postponement and freezing temperatures, the fourth annual Apalachicola Bay Derelict Crab Trap Cleanup last month was a huge success and brought in 342 traps.

Volunteers smashed the previous record of 308 and brought the four-year total of recovered traps to 1,236. Each year, the event, organized by the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) and approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), brings in the largest number of traps of any removal in Florida.

Twenty-three participants staffing nine boats, including three airboats, spread out around East Bay, the Two-Mile Channel, Cat Point, Crooked Channel, Scipio Creek and the mouth of the Apalachicola River to search for the traps. The full moon, combined with a north wind, kept tides very low for most of the day, allowing maximum access to these areas.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute in Eastpoint, Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area, Apalachee Wildlife Management Area and the Bureau of Invasive Plants Management offices all came out to help. Plus, volunteers Pat Tollefson of Carrabelle and Guy Hogan of Eastpoint boated and walked the shoreline to assist in removal efforts.

The collected traps were transported on ANERR trailers and recycled free of charge thanks to the Franklin County Central Landfill and Recycling Center.

Apalachicola Bay is an essential habitat for blue crabs. From 1994 to October 2008, a little more than 4.8 million pounds of blue crabs and approximately 360,816 pounds of soft-shelled blue crabs were landed in Franklin County.

Blue crabs are harvested both recreationally and commercially year-round using coated metal traps. These traps can become hazards to humans and marine life when the buoy is separated from its trap by boat props, storms, vandalism or abandonment by fishermen.

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The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission estimates 250,000 derelict blue crab traps are added to Gulf of Mexico waters each year. Once traps are separated from their buoys, they are difficult to see from the water's surface and often can be navigational hazards to boaters. A derelict trap continues to catch marine life including blue crabs, stone crabs, commercial and recreational fish, and other marine life. These organisms die and become bait for more fish and crabs continuing the mortality cycle. Marine life in the bay, boating safety and the crabbing industry all benefit from trap cleanup events.

If approved, a different removal method could be planned for 2010. FWC has proposed to completely close the blue crab season for 10 days. Every trap left in the bay, regardless of its condition, would be "fair game" for removal during this period. A public hearing is scheduled to discuss the idea this month. Similar programs in other states have been very successful in decreasing derelict crab trap numbers.



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## News BRIEFS

### County not responsible for beach refuse

At the Feb. 17 meeting of the county commission, commissioners discussed several letters received from Dr. Mike Horan, of Carrabelle, requesting the county remove stumps and other debris along the beach side of U.S. 98 west of Carrabelle at the Tarpon Run subdivision.

Commissioner Smokey Parrish pointed out that some people consider driftwood to be an attractive part of the local landscape and that removing partly rooted stumps could lead to increased erosion in the event of a storm.

"The county should not take responsibility for that which we are not obligated to do because by doing so we may inadvertently incur increased obligations," said County Attorney Michael Shuler. He said the beachside property was the state's responsibility.

County Planner Alan Pierce said he would send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation regarding the debris.

By Lois Swoboda

### Sea grant specialist to visit

Dr. Steve Otwell, University of Florida Sea Grant Specialist, will be in Apalachicola today, Feb. 26, to meet with seafood dealers and workers to

discuss local issues.

In addition, he will meet with Extension Agent Bill Mahan to plan the 2009 Shellfish School.

For more information about Dr. Otwell's visit, call the extension office at 653-9337.

### County to sponsor All Hazard Workshop

The Franklin County Emergency Management office and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office will sponsor an All Hazard Workshop for businesses, homeowners associations and citizens who live on the islands in the county.

The workshop will be at 6 p.m. March 10 at the Eastpoint Firehouse, 24 6th St. Businesses or homeowners associations having an emergency plan in place should bring a copy of it.

"We also ask that you review any insurance policies that your business might have to see if there are any 'curfew' clauses in them," said Emergency Management Director Pam Register.

She said the purpose of this workshop is to start to put together a streamlined emergency plan for the community as a whole.

"We need you, as a member of this community, to have an input into this," Register said.

For more information, call Emergency Management at 653-8977.

## Troopers to conduct vehicle inspections

Members in Troop H, Quincy district, of the Florida Highway Patrol plan to conduct driver's license/vehicle inspection checkpoints during daylight hours at the following locations in Franklin County:

- March 1-March 5: State 30, State 30A and State 65
- March 6-12: State 384, State 67, State 377 and State 385
- March 13-19: County 370, County 157 and County

- March 20-26: County 374, County 30A and State 300 (St. George Island Causeway)
- March 27-31: State 30, State 30A and State 65

All personnel participating in the checkpoints will be responsible for following the procedures outlined in Chapter 17.12 of the Florida Highway Patrol Policy Manual regarding driver's license and vehicle inspection checkpoints.

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**1150T PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Eastpoint Water and Sewer District is designating the position of Office Manager from Regular Membership Plan to Senior Management Service Class with the Florida Division of Retirement. If you have any questions please contact Loretta Whaley at the District office (850) 670-8177. February 19, 26, 2009

**1158T REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL AND OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS**

Franklin County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, requests proposals for legal and official advertisements pursuant to chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

Each such proposal shall set forth their qualifications as a publisher of periodical matters within the meaning of §50.031, Florida Statutes (2008), the size of the point type to be used for such advertisements and the cost per square inch of all such advertisements. Each proposal shall describe the procedure used by the newspaper for submitting advertisements for publication, such as deadlines for submission of advertisements and contact information.

Each such proposal shall be submitted to Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 no later than 4:00 p.m. (ET) on March 9, 2009. All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the outside of the envelope with the statement "Request for Proposals for Legal and Official Advertisements." Each proposal shall submit seven copies.

The proposal shall be opened at the March 17, 2009 County Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m. (ET).

Franklin County reserves the right to reject all proposals. February 19, 26, 2009

**1184T THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

KAREN A. MURPHY, ROY K. LODDESOL, SCOTT S. LODDESOL, and GARY A. LODDESOL Plaintiff, vs.

W. RUTH URBAN, if alive, and if deceased, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against her, and all unknown natural if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other persons parties claiming by, through, under or against those unknown natural persons, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant; and all claimants, person and parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status unknown, claiming under any of the above names or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands described in complaint, Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-000315-CA

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

You are Notified that an action to Cancel a Mortgage and Note on the following property in Franklin County, Florida:

Lots 14,15 and 16, Block 8 (192) Keough's Second Addition to The City of Carrabelle as per the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 20, Franklin County, Florida.

Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Thomas M. Shuler, Plaintiff Attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 850, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, on or before March 23, 2009, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be

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entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court  
By: Michele Maxwell  
As Deputy Clerk  
February 19, 26, 2009  
March 5, 12, 2009

**1235T STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT**

This intent to issue a permit (File No. 19-0199923-001-DF) to Seagrass Enterprises of Apalachicola, c/o Caroline Maddren, 123 Water Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, requesting a sovereignty submerged land lease modification appurtenant to the applicant's riparian ownership at the Rainbow Motel and Marina, wharf lots 13 & 14, Apalachicola, on the Apalachicola River for the purpose of modifying a 6-slip to a 10-slip commercial marina docking facility preemting 14,982 square feet, is hereby granted unless a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes as provided below. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below. The project is located at 123 Water Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, on Apalachicola River, Class III Waters of the State, Special Outstanding Florida Waters, near the Apalachicola Aquatic Preserves, Prohibited Shellfish Harvesting Area, a portion of Section 1, Township 09S, Range 08W, in Franklin County, Latitude: 29°43'37.2"N, Longitude: 84°58'54.6"W, Franklin County, Florida.

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

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

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

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

In accordance with rules 28-106.111(2) and 62-110.106(3)(a)(4), petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

Under section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, however, any person who has

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asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 2-1 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

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

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

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

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

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

This permit constitutes an order of the Department. The applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under section 120.68 of the Florida Statutes, by the filing of a notice of appeal under rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of the appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served to the Department within 20 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

The application is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at Department of Environmental Protection, 160 Governmental Center, Suite 201, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5794. February 26, 2009

**1240T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FL**

DONALD J. MASON and DEBORAH JEANNE MASON Plaintiffs,

VS.

PIRATES COVE MARINA, LLC. LAWTON M. CHILES,

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III, UNIDENTIFIED JOHN DOES AND UNIDENTIFIED JANE DOES

Case No. 08-000419-CA

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Franklin County, Florida, described as:

(a) The real property located in Franklin County, Florida, and more particularly described as:

That certain Condominium Unit of Pirates Landing at Timber Island composed of Unit Number H-45, H-46, H-47 and H-48, and the undivided 1/48 interest in the Common Elements appurtenant thereto, in accordance with and subject to the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, recorded in Official Records Vol. 879, Pp. 348-372 and Declaration of Condominium of Pirates Landing at Timber Island, recorded in Official Records Vol. 879, Pp. 373-541, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

(b) All easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the real property described above;

(c) All rents, issues, profits, revenue, income, condemnation awards, insurance proceeds and other benefits from the property described above;

(d) All improvements now or hereafter erected on the property described above in (a);

(e) All equipment, personal property and fixtures owned by Mortgagee located on said real property;

(f) All licenses, permits, development orders, regulatory approvals and other governmental approvals used or required in connection with the development, construction on and use of said real property;

(g) All leases of said real property, or any portion thereof, now or hereafter entered into and all right, title and interest of Mortgagee thereunder, including, without limitation, cash or securities deposited thereunder pursuant to said leases, and all rents, issues, proceeds and profits accruing with respect thereto;

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Front Steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on March 19, 2009. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Michele Maxwell  
Deputy Clerk  
February 26, 2009  
March 5, 2009

**1254T NOTICE OF FINAL AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is given that stormwater permit number 422 was issued on December 23, 2008, to Florida Department of Management Services for construction of a new office building for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission on Graham Drive, Carrabelle. The project includes paved parking, paved drives, and stormwater management facilities.

The file containing the application for this permit is available for inspection Monday through Friday (except for legal holidays), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ERP Office, The Delaney Center Building, Suite 2-D 2252 Killbuck Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57 F.S., or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-404, Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 81 Water Management Drive,

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Havana, FL 32333-4712. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice or within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing notice of this intent in the mail for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., concerning the subject permit. Petitions which are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of intent. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceedings, in accordance with the requirements set forth above. February 26, 2009

**1281T 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 #651 received February 10, 2009, from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, for removal of an existing gravel parking area, construction of a stormwater management facility, and paving of two small parking lots that will serve the Orman House, The Botanical Gardens, and The Three Service Men Memorial, at Market Street and Martin Luther King Blvd., Apalachicola.

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with the county's medical services.

Former Chapman Elementary School teacher Lorine Banks had assembled a booth full of inventions thought up over the year by African Americans. The well-known ones, like George Washington Carver's ingenuity with peanuts, were there, as well as lesser-known inventions, such as the egg beater (Willis Johnson, 1884), lawn mower (J.A. Burr, 1899), tricycle (M.A. Cherry, 1886), and the folding chair (Purdy and Sadgwar, 1889).

The annual festival got underway on Friday afternoon with the traditional ribboncutting, handled by Mount-Simmons as she was flanked by a host of county officials.

Parade Grand Marshall Commissioner Noah Lockley was called way on a medical emergency and in his place, Barbara McNair took part in the ceremony.

On Friday night, gospel music and local talent dominated the stage, constructed by Mark Rodgers' Apex Sound.

The parade began Saturday morning on the crisp and sunny day, complete with festival royalty who included youngsters Marcus Clayton, Alonna Brown, Meleah Croom, Kaniya Ray, A'Jaiden McNair and Jhamere Rhodes.

The collection of 13 famous and storybook characters, organized by Brenda Benjamin, were once again on hand in full-colorful dress. They included Hillary Clinton (Rhonda Skipper), President Obama (Antonio Sanders), Clown (Celia McIntyre), Condoleeza Rice (Benita Smith), Nun (Annie Austin), Queen of the Nile (Ashley Robinson), Mrs. Santa Claus (Brenda Benjamin), Superwoman (Barbara McNair), Super Girl (Sharavia McNair), Pirate (Tracy Garner), Scarecrow (Tami Ray Hutchinson), Mad Scientist (Terry Tipton), Fairy (Stella Bryant).

At the opening ceremonies, Willie and Ella Speed were honored



Fonda Davis holds up an original work by Florida Highwayman artist Robert L. Lewis, Winner of the painting, valued at close to \$700, was Carla Whitehead.



Willie and Ella Speed were honored for embodying "the true spirit of our people, family-focused, spiritually devoted and community activist."

for the contributions as "an African American couple who embody the true spirit of our people, family-focused, spiritually devoted and community activist."

The afternoon featured gospel music, sung by Beyla Walker, of Covenant Word, and by Temolynn Wintons and Love Center youth.

A performance by Yazid, a family of African

heritage drummers from Tallahassee, graced the stage Saturday afternoon, followed by an ethnic fashion show organized by Brenda Cummings.

The evening entertainment included former Apalachicola resident J. Blakk, an up-and-coming rap and hip-hop artist, followed by the P & W. Trio from Albany GA as headliner.

The festival continued

in earnest Sunday with a community worship service featuring clergy from through the Hillside's churches. Pastor David Walker was speaker this year.

Mount-Simmons said H-COLA plans to expand the number of booths next year, with even more focused on cultural and educational theme. The group is also planning to create a scholarship fund.

# WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	Temperature		
	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Feb 26	69°	53°	10 %
Fri, Feb 27	71°	57°	10 %
Sat, Feb 28	70°	55°	30 %
Sun, Mar 01	68°	45°	10 %
Mon, Mar 02	66°	49°	10 %
Tue, Mar 03	68°	52°	0 %
Wed, Mar 04	70°	54°	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

02/26 Thu	04:19AM	1.3 H	10:42AM	0.1 L
	04:41PM	1.3 H	11:02PM	0.2 L
02/27 Fri	05:11AM	1.2 H	11:01AM	0.3 L
	04:55PM	1.3 H	11:38PM	0.0 L
02/28 Sat	06:09AM	1.1 H	11:21AM	0.5 L
	05:14PM	1.4 H		
03/01 Sun	12:20AM	-0.1 L	07:17AM	1.0 H
	11:42AM	0.7 L	05:38PM	1.5 H
03/02 Mon	01:14AM	-0.2 L	08:47AM	1.0 H
	11:56AM	0.9 L	06:08PM	1.6 H
03/03 Tue	02:28AM	-0.2 L	06:47PM	1.6 H
03/04 Wed	04:09AM	-0.2 L	07:39PM	1.5 H

## CARRABELLE

02/26 Thu	02:54AM	2.1 H	08:29AM	0.2 L
	03:16PM	2.1 H	08:49PM	0.3 L
02/27 Fri	03:46AM	1.9 H	08:48AM	0.5 L
	03:30PM	2.1 H	09:25PM	0.0 L
02/28 Sat	04:44AM	1.8 H	09:08AM	0.8 L
	03:49PM	2.2 H	10:07PM	-0.2 L
03/01 Sun	05:52AM	1.6 H	09:29AM	1.1 L
	04:13PM	2.4 H	11:01PM	-0.3 L
03/02 Mon	07:22AM	1.6 H	09:43AM	1.4 L
	04:43PM	2.6 H		
03/03 Tue	12:15AM	-0.3 L	05:22PM	2.6 H
03/04 Wed	01:56AM	-0.3 L	06:14PM	2.4 H

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