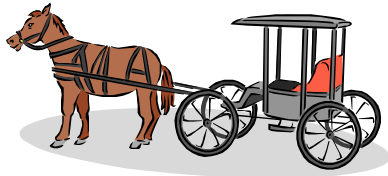


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## Christmas Dinner Big Success



Nita Berry presents award to Nancy Filligim  
Northescambia.com photo

At the annual Christmas dinner, Nancy Filligim was named Member of the Year and was awarded a plaque for her work in support of the Society. She serves as the Society Historian, Museum Curator and was instrumental in creating the Veterans Wall of Honor. The Wall currently displays photos of over 100 local military veterans.

Nancy is a charter member of the society. Members will remember Aubie Filligim, her late husband, who served as president of the Historical Society for many years. It was Aubie's dream to have a museum. Unfortunately, Aubie passed before we moved into the Center. Consequently, the Community Center auditorium is named in his honor.



Christmas carols led by Clint and Tommy Filligim, Jim Rutherford,

Fifty Seven members attended the program which included a talk by Sheriff-elect David Morgan on his experiences in his successful bid to become county Sheriff (*see article page 3*). Seidon Pierce was recognized for his articles in the Pensacola News Journal.

William and Jane Reynolds were recognized for their articles in their NorthEscambia.com web site. Nancy Filligim was presented the Society Member of the Year award.

Other members that were recognized for their hard work were Sara Rikard and Dorothy Casey for calendar sales and Steve Jogan for managing the Center. The program ended with Christmas carols led by Clint and Tommy Filligim, Jim Rutherford, Jeff Perkins, and Lawson Berry.

Our thanks to those who decorated the Center; Exners, Berlys, Linda Gindl, Leila Miranda, Nancy Filligim, Judy Griffy, Sara Rikard, Sharon and Wesley Erickson.



Members enjoying the Christmas program

### Girl Scout Troops 86 & 96



Welcome Girl Scout Troops 86 and 96 as new users of the Center's facilities. Troop 86 is led by Cassandra Diggs for ages 4-8 and Troop 96 is led by Tammy Duncan for ages 9-12. Again, we appreciate the job you're doing and using the Center for this important community activity.

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## Community Clean Up Scheduled for 25 April



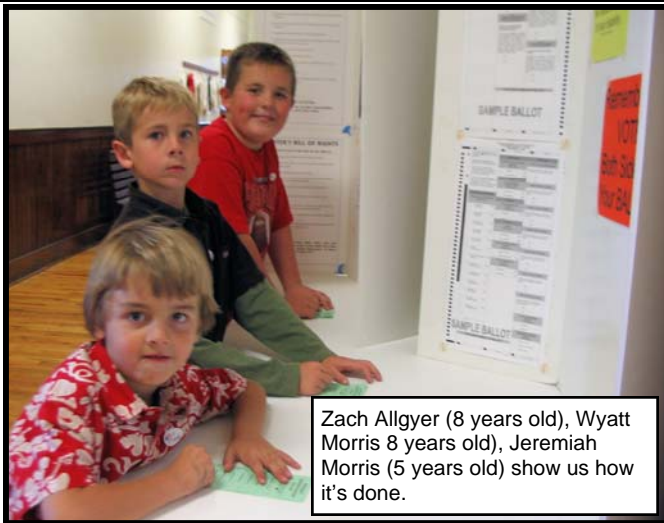
Just part of the trash from last year

The Barrineau Park Historical Society as well as our own Honeysuckle Garden Club have voted again to be a sponsor for this year's community clean up . The event will be held on **Saturday the 25th of April**. Please mark it on your calendar and come down and participate. The event schedule is as follows:

**8:30 - 9:00 am**—Gather at the Community Center to pick up reflective vests, trash bags and get cleaning assignments.

(we try to keep you close to your home)

**11:30 - 12:00 am**—Meet at the Community Center for a free lunch hosted by BPHS and the Honeysuckle Garden Club.



Zach Allgyer (8 years old), Wyatt Morris 8 years old, Jeremiah Morris (5 years old) show us how it's done.

Last year the Community Center was designated as the principal voting location for Precinct 19. During the general election last November, 2,868 people cast their votes here. Some of our members (Scott Poynter, Bonnie Exner, etc.) have been involved in making this happen. The kids in the photo can't wait to get involved. Your vote counts.

## Membership News

**Congratulations to the following new Life Members:**

**Eleece Gibson  
Charlotte Schwartz**

**Congratulations to the following new members:**

**Anthony & Carol Stevens**

**Congratulations to the following renewing members:  
Art & Joyce Smith**

**Thanks to the Following People for their kind Donations:**

**Gary & Joyce Bennink  
Sara Rikard  
Martha Davis  
Nancy Fillingim  
Lelia Miranda**

Don't forget, membership is \$5.00 for a calendar year beginning in January; or \$50.00 for a life membership.

## Community Center Activities

The Community Center is available for rent with full service kitchen and auditorium for your group activity. Please call during office hours between 9 AM and 11 AM on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, (closed holidays) for reservations and information at 587-5389 or email [bphs@panhandle.rr.com](mailto:bphs@panhandle.rr.com) The Center strives to provide meeting facilities for a wide range of community activities, in addition to the Historical Society meetings. For example, the Center was used as a polling place during the elections held last November (*see photo at left*) and has also been used for weddings. Presently, the center hosts the following:

**Friday night Music**

**Girl Scouts**

**Honeysuckle Garden Club**

**Exercise classes**

**Karate classes**

**String Band lessons**

**Historical Society**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

**Mon & Tues nights**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 2:00 pm**

**9:00 am Mon-Wed-Fri**

**Mon & Wed nights**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10 -11**

## NorthEscambia.com

A little over a year ago "North End" residents William and Jane Reynolds started a website of news and events for the 18 thousand residents in North Escambia County covering Quintette Road northward. The site is brimming with information so check out the [NorthEscambia.com](http://NorthEscambia.com) website or write them at P.O. Box 105 Walnut Hill for current information or to submit articles for publication. We appreciate the service they are providing, as well as their attendance at our functions and allowing us to use some of their photos in this newsletter.

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## *Sheriff-elect Morgan Special Guest*



Northescambia.com photo

The Honorable David Morgan, Sheriff-elect, spoke to the group at the annual Christmas Dinner about his experiences in his successful bid to become Sheriff of Escambia County. With an outsider's fresh views and lack of political

connections to the

area, he and his wife Susan were able to put together a grass-roots organization whose hard work and support swept them into office.

Mr. Morgan believes his zero-based budgeting approach can bring about needed changes in the Department's priorities and will result in a more effective organization that will bring about savings to the county taxpayer. He also feels strongly that the Department must return to serving the public, instead of being served by the public. Other improvements were outlined and his comments were warmly welcomed.

## *Gindl Completes 50 years of Service*



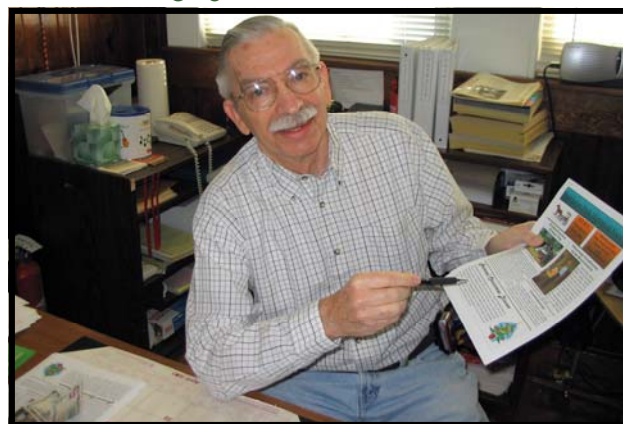
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Peter Gindl, Sr, a product of Escambia County schools and a 1957 Auburn graduate became interested in running for School Board after graduating college. He won a seat and remained in office 20 years. He returned to the classroom in 1996 and retired after

18 years teaching.

He won a seat on the School Board again in 2004 but was not re-elected in 2008, thus ending 50 years in education but not his dedication to helping children. At age 72 and with his health not what it used to be, Gindl said "... I will always, always be here to do what I can to help the children. I just love children."

## *Steve Jogan, a Tireless Worker*



Pictured above is Steve Jogan, who has, along with others, brought the Society to fruition, together with the Barrineau Park Community Center. Steve is Treasurer of the Society, manages the Community Center, publishes and distributes this newsletter and runs the office which is open Monday/Wednesday/Friday (except holidays) from 9 am — 11 am.

## *Wall of Honor Surpasses 100*



A project of the Historical Society, the Wall of Honor, depicts photos of military veterans from the local community. With much support of local families, there are now over 100 photos honoring those who gave so much for freedom here at home and in distant lands.

All gave some; some gave all in World War II, Korea, Viet Nam and more recently in Iraq.

As President Nita Berry said, "It was something we could do to honor our veterans. It's a very small thing compared to what they did for us."

## *Blueberry Festival June 13th*



Escambia County Neighborhoods and Community Services Bureau and UF IFAS Extension presents a Blueberry Jamboree. Please join us for Blueberries and Bluegrass in a free community event on Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 8am-8pm at the Barrineau Park Community Center. The day will include live music, a kids zone, food, a 5K run, arts and crafts and of course our very own Blueberry Court. For information call Brandi Daigle 475-5220 or e-mail: brandi\_daigle@co.escambia.fl.us.

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## Music Night News



The Chestang Family Band

We're off and running for another year of music on the first Friday night of each month. We have some excellent groups lined up, some you've heard and some you might not have heard, to perform for us. Music Night continues to be a favorite of folks in and around the community. It is always good to see old friends and be able to chat and catch up on the latest happenings in their lives. The music is always good, as there is an abundance of talent in and around the local area. We are now serving meals before the music starts. Archie Weaver and family are providing catered meals for those who would like to have an evening of dining and entertainment. The menu will be varied, but the food is always excellent. This is something folks have asked for, and in order to continue to provide this service, we could use a little more participation. If you have suggestions in this area, let us know. Good attendance just causes everything to work better.

Many musicians have voiced approval of our enthusiastic audience. Your appreciation of these musicians is known all over the area. Just remember, applause is the life blood of a musician, and if you want to hear the very best he/she has to offer, give them enthusiastic feedback with your applause.

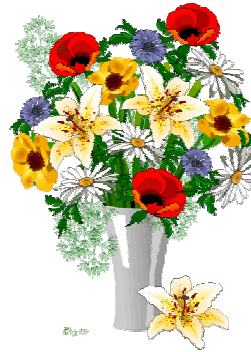
We recently had an "All Gospel" night (January 2<sup>nd</sup>) in which the gospel Quartet, "Lookin' Up" performed along with gospel singer, Stephanie Leavin. A great time was had by all who attended. Any feedback on this will be appreciated.

Many thanks go out to all who help out on Music Night. We couldn't get everything done without Bonnie and Craig Exner helping with setting up and taking down chairs, David Senn handling the sound system, Scott Poynter helping out with MC and chair set-up, Sara Ricard baking those wonderful pound cakes, Nancy Fillingim keeping the museum open, and many others who handle a hundred different details to make everything come together.



## Tribute to Faye McBurney

The following is presented verbatim from a letter from Martha Davis, a Life Member of the Society, regarding the death of Faye McBurney, also a Life Member.



After a bout with lung cancer, Faye Marie Dreadin McBurney died on 6 October 2008. A self taught genealogist, Faye had served for the last ten years as the historian for the descendants of S.P.H Dreadin, her paternal great-grandfather, and had organized annual family reunions during that time. Faye also worked with Judith Taylor Roy in compiling the history of her maternal family, the "Taylor Clan," and was responsible for a number

of items being contributed to the Barrineau Park collection.

Born in Tampa, Florida on 3 April 1944, Faye attended Hillsborough High School and earned her master's degree in English at the University of South Florida. She taught at college level for a number of years, specializing in English and courses in public speaking at the University of Tampa, where she directed the Writing Center. For the last eighteen years she had worked as a bankruptcy assistant in the Charlottesville, Virginia law firm of Musselman and Little. She was an accomplished poet, and loved to crochet and quilt.

Faye is survived by her daughter, Shannan Stewart, her sister, Martha Dreadin Davis, two grandsons, Nicholas McBurney and Ian Stewart, two nephews, Tom J. and John J. Davis, and a great niece, Ryan S. Davis.

A memorial service will be held for Faye at the Old Pleasant Grove Cemetery Pavilion on Crabtree Church Road in Molino at two o'clock on the first Sunday in July of 2009. The family asks that persons wishing to honor Faye make contributions to Abington Hospital Home Care (2510 Maryland Rd., Suite 250, Abington, P A 19090), the American Cancer Society, or the Barrineau Park Historical Society.

**Thank you Martha Davis for the generous donation in memory of Faye McBurney. We deeply regret her passing.**

The past does not repeat itself,  
but it rhymes.

—Mark Twain—

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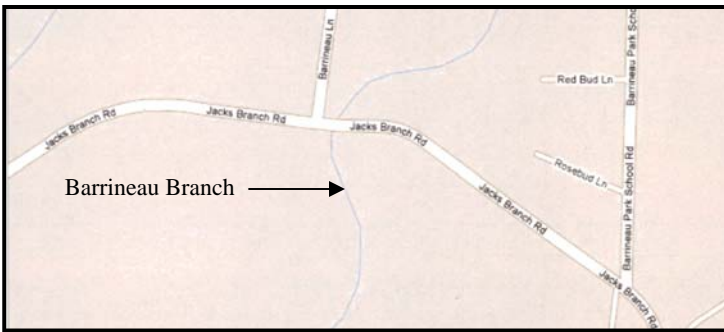
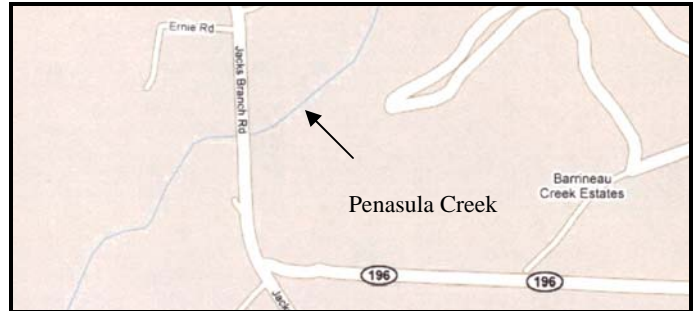
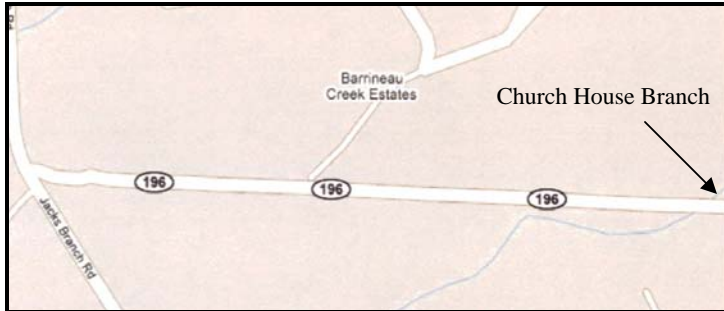
## *Take a trip with Craig Fxner to Barrineau Park*

In the olden days before paved roads with bridges, travel was by foot, horseback, or wagon with horses, mules and oxen. The "roads" and paths depended on shallow river crossing points called "fords." Local knowledge of creek and river names and fording points was important information, thus every stream large or small was named.

Today we zip along in our cars/pickups/SUV's giving little thought to the importance of stream names in yesteryear let alone where the fording points were. To help keep this knowledge alive, let's drive to Barrineau Park via today's three paved roads, recalling the stream names and imagining travel in olden times.

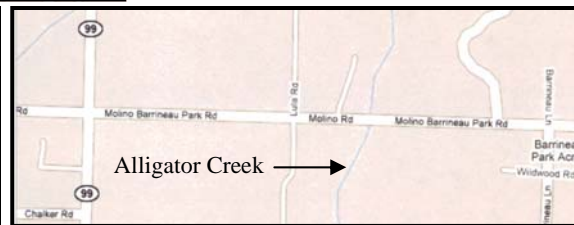
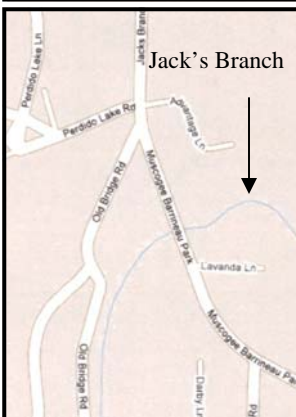
There are three routes to Barrineau Park. The first is to go north on highway 29 and about 6 miles north of Cantonment turn left on Hwy 196 also known as the Barrineau Park Road. As you roller-coaster on two hills, you pass the old German dance hall on the left. You level off for about one mile then you come to Church House Branch Bottom. You pass St. Elizabeth Church and cross Peninsula Creek. As you come up the hill and level off for a mile or so you cross Barrineau's Branch. Going about another mile, you can either turn right to go to Bay Springs or go straight to cross Perdido River to Baldwin County, AL.

A second way to Barrineau Park is to go north on Jack's Branch Road (Hwy 97). About 1/2 mile past River Annex Road, you will



cross Jack's Branch. Another mile will bring you to Cow Devil Creek. (Before cars, cows & oxen had a devil of a time going up the steep hill. A different explanation is there was a biting insect called cow-devil). Latham's Chapel is another mile and lies between two branches called Church House Branch. Jack's Branch Road merges with Barrineau Park Road at St. Elizabeth's Church. Follow Barrineau Park Road as described in the routing above from St. Elizabeth Church on Hwy 196.

A third route to Barrineau Park is via C-182 (Molino Road.)



Travel two miles west from Molino and you pass Pugh's Chapel and Little Flock Church. All the water from this area flows toward Peninsula Creek. As you continue west

on Molino Road you cross Alligator Creek and come to Bay Springs Rd. (S-99). Turn right to go to Bay Springs or left to go to Perdido River. At the junction of these roads was another German dance hall. (Those folks loved to dance.) The Bay Springs Road will take you to Crabtree Church Road going back across Alligator Creek to Sunshine Hill.

As you leave Barrineau Park going to Bay Springs you cross McDade

Creek which drains a large area known as the Pilgrim Tract of land.

So take a drive and notice the streams and let's keep some of the old folklore alive.

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## *History is our middle name*



The history of our community members and their culture is the cornerstone of the Barrineau Park Historical Society and we need your help. The community of today is the legacy left behind by our forefathers as they toiled to feed, clothe and educate families and maintain a sense of community. That culture embodied important moral and ethical standards based on respect for fair dealings with their fellow man, as well as religious beliefs.

The Society needs your help in recalling those who have passed on in order to record, honor and to celebrate their lives. So please come join our Society and contribute a bit of time to help remember them.

## *Good Citizen*



David Senn with Stephanie Leavins  
David is the glue that holds the music night together. Stephanie Leavins was a featured performer during our Gospel Night in January.

We have many good citizens in our community. One in particular is Society member, David Senn. David stepped up when we needed someone to operate the sound system on Music Night. He is in charge of set-up and take-down as well as the actual operation. He has stuck with it and maintained a positive, helpful attitude. We get many compliments from the musicians, as well as guests, about the quality of the sound on Music Night. He seeks to learn more and more of the intricate adjustments within the system. All of us who are present on Music Night appreciate the effort put forth by David. Without him, the quality of our sound would not be the same.

## *Insurance Premiums Increase*



The insurance premium for our liability insurance has almost doubled this year. Since Escambia County is self insured and we rent the building to others the burden is on us to carry sufficient liability insurance. The bottom line is that we are seeing an increase of expenses that will cause a slight increase in rental rates across the board. Since we maintain a rural Community Center we don't want to increase rates beyond the capacity our area can handle but we wish everyone to know that we're doing our best to keep it as reasonable as possible and we still challenge anyone to find a better deal than what the center has to offer for the money.



Children from Mrs. Sims 2nd grade class at Molino Park Elementary sent us the photo above as well as a bunch of hand made thank you cards for the folders we helped the school purchase. Our Partner in Education donation enabled all the school's students to have these folders to help them in their homework assignments. A sample of some of the wonderful cards we received are in the photo on the left.