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Budget accord is reached

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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At the final budget hearing last week, county commissioners pored over possible places to cut and, two and a half hours later, they had reduced the millage to 8.25, while adding slightly more than a one percent payraise for employees.

"I can live with that," said Commissioner Lynn Artz. "I can, too," Commissioner Mike Stewart said. "And I think we've done due diligence as a board."

Commission Chairman Howard Kessler praised the board for their hard work on cutting the budget and to constitutional officers for submitting lower budgets, but said he intended to vote against it. Kessler commented that he thought more cuts should have been made, and had the goal of cutting about \$600,000 from the budget to reduce the millage to 8.0 mills.

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IDA to add more members

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County commissioners decided to pass on approving an ordinance creating an Industrial Development Authority (IDA) so that they could re-advertise it with several changes, including adding more members.

The goal of the IDA is to attract business to the county, usually with some financing for infrastructure with money from issuing bonds.

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Citizens file TRIM petitions

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It was County Commissioner Lynn Artz' idea to put a mailer in TRIM notices going out to property owners in some historic neighborhoods to see if there was any interest in merging, trading, selling or donating lots to the county.

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Preserving the Past...



A film crew from WFSU-TV was in Crawfordville last week working on a short piece on the old Wakulla County Courthouse. They set up to shoot local historian Betty Green in the parking lot with the courthouse in the background on Wednesday, Sept. 23, as she talked about the building's past - its construction by G.W. Tully, the pigs that rooted beneath the floors, how it was moved when the new courthouse was built. The crew also interviewed Chamber of Commerce President Paul Johnson about the recent renovations of the old courthouse. Producer Mike Plummer said the segment will air in mid-October on the program "Dimensions," a community events show, which is broadcast on every other Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and will be available online after it airs at the station's web site wfsu.org.

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Hilton trial date may be set soon

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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The man accused of murdering a Wakulla County woman in December 2007 will likely have a trial date set at a hearing next month by Leon Circuit Judge Terry Lewis.

Gary Michael Hilton, 62, is charged with murdering Crawfordville resident Cheryl Dunlap, whose dismembered body was found in the Apalachicola National Forest by hunters in December 2007.

At a hearing before Judge Lewis in Tallahassee on Friday, Sept. 25, Continued on Page 5A

While Planting for the Future

A Shell Point Beach restoration project and first phase of a cleanup began Saturday, Sept. 26 as part of the annual International Coastal Cleanup activities.

Volunteers met at the cedar tree at Shell Point Beach in conjunction with Keep Wakulla County Beautiful and the Ocean Conservancy.

Phase 1 will include planting native salt tolerant flowers and grasses around the restrooms and parking areas.

Phase 2 will include planting down the road and will include planting of native salt tolerant trees along the beach area.

Phase 3 will involve a retention wall and grasses around the Shell Point cedar tree.

"We will also come back in the spring and plant spring varieties of flowers and grasses in the Phase 1 area," said Wakulla County Extension Director Scott Jackson. "Native vegetation is important along the coastline because it helps protect and stabilize the shoreline.

The species planted on Sept. 26 included sea oats, saltmeadow cordgrass, and muhly grass."

The plants will help sta-

bilize the beach by creating localized areas where wind-carried sand can accumulate. Many beach grasses, like sea oats and panic grasses, have a web of roots that lock captured sand in place. The sea oat rhizomes and roots can extend more than 30 feet.

"Native plants are also great because they are drought tolerant and will not require as much irrigation," he added. "They will also help protect the marine waters from pollution by filtering stormwater runoff.

The nitrogen and phosphorus found in runoff is captured by the plants and used for growth."

During storm events, such as hurricanes and strong storms, released sand from the beach lessens wave energy and provides a shock absorber protecting valuable infrastructure such as buildings and roadways.

Leading the charge for the project are Marj Law of Keep Wakulla County Beautiful, Inc.; Scott Jackson, Wakulla County Extension Director with the University of Florida IFAS; and Ray Gray, Director of the Wakulla County Parks and Recreation.

Gail Campbell of Purple Martin Nurseries, Steve Defibaugh with Steve's

appraiser's office.

This year, there have been 39 appeals filed, counting five cases that have since been withdrawn. That includes 21 cases from Shell Point filed by George Heaton, and seven properties in the Villages at St. Marks.

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Shell Point restoration project began as part of the Coastal Cleanup activities.

Landscape and Ted Gilbert from Just Fruits and Exotics provided assistance with knowledge about the native grasses and plants.

"Thanks go to the Sea Searchers of the Wakulla County 4-H program who helped out Saturday," said Jackson. "Without their assistance with planning, financing and love for their county, this project would not be possible."



4-H Sea Searchers get their hands dirty working.

Comment & Opinion

Established in Wakulla County in 1895

When is cutting a budget not really cutting it?



By **KEITH BLACKMAR**
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Each year the summer months bring familiar activities to Wakulla County. We watch out for hurricanes, try to stay inside the air conditioning as much as possible, listen to politicians talk about protecting the taxpayers and attend two public hearings each for school board and county commissioners.

The Wakulla News attends every budget hearing. The public does not. A grand total of two people attended the school board hearings with one gentleman attending to talk about property values, something the board doesn't control. The final county commission budget hearing had a grand total of one speaker.

Last week the final hearing was held by the county commission. Both boards have now adopted their 2009-2010 budgets.

I was not surprised by the actions of the two boards, but I was a little disappointed by the actions of the county commission.

When is cutting the budget not really cutting the budget? When the county commission attempts to sell it as cut.

In the budget business we have what is called the rollback rate. The rollback rate is the millage rate that will produce the same amount of revenue as the previous year based on the current year's tax appraisals.

During what we used to call a normal budget year, the

rollback rate would be lower than the previous year's millage rate because the county was experiencing growth and the taxable value was also increasing.

That isn't the case in Florida anymore. Taxable values are declining and forcing rollback rates to increase. The rollback rate this year was actually higher than the millage rate was last year, an 8.9 mill rollback rate versus 8.1 final county commission millage rate.

In speaking to Wakulla County Property Appraiser Donnie Sparkman, he told me property owners can expect to see their taxable values continue to decline next year which will produce less revenue for the county commission and school board.

When Superintendent David Miller and the School Board say they have a lean budget they do not offer salary increases to their employees.

When the county commissioners sing a song of the tight budget they offer payraises of more than one percent. Now a one or two percent raise is not much, however the raises come at a time when many other members of the local workforce are in the same boat as the school board employees.

With a total budget of \$48.9 million and a General Fund of \$21 million, the county commission gets out that sharp butcher knife and cuts \$22,500, yes I said \$22,500, in the form of travel and office supplies.

County commissioners dipping into cash forward and reserve funds to balance a budget is unacceptable.

The net effect in November when tax bills arrive is a tax increase for property owners at a time when some relief was in order. Or as they refer to it in county government, business as usual.

Keith Blackmar is Editor of The Wakulla News.

Thanks for attending

Editor, The News:

Despite weather gurus telling us it would rain all week last week, the weather held out Thursday for a beautiful afternoon chamber mixer co-hosted by The Wakulla News and Hamaknockers. Adjacent buildings made for a comfortable, shady gathering spot between the two driveways for guests to meander back and forth talking and tasting.

Special thanks goes out to all the folks who stopped by for a visit. It was great seeing familiar faces and exciting to meet some for the first

time. Thanks also goes out to members our staff at The News who worked hard to spruce up the office for the event.

The News held a newspaper terminology quiz that provoked some fun conversation and some very funny answers to the traditional lingo that has been circulating in newsrooms over the years.

A fun evening topped off by good company and a lot of laughs.

**Tammie Barfield
General Manager
The Wakulla News**



The Great White Elephant Caper



**Nurse
Judy's
Nook**

**Judy
Conlin**

I read in The Wakulla News that an elephant had been stolen from in front of the little antique store The White Elephant in Crawfordville. I knew the place since I had found some treasures there, myself. I quickly pointed out the story to my alter ego, Nurse Judy. "It probably wasn't taken at all," she said.

"What do you mean?" I asked. "The lady who owns the shop said it disappeared. She wouldn't make that up."

"Oh, I'm sure it was missing," Nurse Judy replied, "but I bet she's just like you. She put it away somewhere and forgot where she put it."

"An elephant?" I queried. "Where could you put an elephant?"

"She might have taken it home with her, set it down in her living room, and gone off to work the next morning forgetting all about it," Nurse Judy declared. This made me smile. I thought of the saying "there's an elephant in the room" (a situation where everyone knows something is going on, but they try to ignore it because they don't know what to do about it). In this case, however it would be literal. That's what made me smile.

"Nurse Judy," I explained, "People don't mislay elephants. They are much too large. I admit I lose my keys. I lose my glasses. I can't remember where I put my purse, but even I have never lost an elephant."

Nurse Judy began to argue. "You don't know how big this elephant was." Then, I

saw her countenance begin to improve. "You do lose big things," she said. "How many times have you lost your car? That surely is bigger than the elephant."

Well, she had me there. Havana is where I do a lot of treasure hunting. Havana is a small town, but when I come out of a store there, I often can't find my car. Sometimes it's around the corner at the hairdressers. Sometimes it's around the other corner at the newspaper office. Sometimes it's at Planter's Exchange. That little car sure gets around. Nevertheless, I can always eventually find it, (unlike the time I lost it in Albany, N.Y. but that's another story. I had to concede that she had made her point.

"You need to call her and let her know she needs to check around places where



Elephant gets all dressed up for vacation.

she usually puts things when she wants to remember where they are," Nurse Judy responded to my concession.

While her last statement sounded completely convoluted, I understood it completely. I am always changing the places where I put something so I can find it more easily, only to find that I keep returning to its original place of origin and have no idea where its new resting place is. I didn't know how to convey

this to the proprietress of The White Elephant, however, without sounding like someone wallowing in dementia. Nevertheless, I had to try.

Resolutely, I began working on a plan to casually inform the lady that perhaps the elephant was hiding in plain sight. Thankfully, I was saved from totally embarrassing myself, because the next week's paper had a thank

you to the person who had returned the elephant. It had been taken and it had been returned. Hurrah! Nurse Judy and I have resolved to mind our own business, but then again--will I remember that I resolved this?

More later,
Judy/Nurse Judy
www.nursejudyinfo.com
Judy Conlin and her alter ego write from Havana.

For online community calendar visit www.thewakullanews.com and click on calendar.

WEEK IN WAKULLA

Thursday, October 1, 2009

ALANON meets at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville at 6 p.m.
COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB meets at Posey's Up the Creek in Panama at noon.
ROTARY CLUB meets at the senior center at noon.
TOWN HALL MEETING for county commissioners will be held at the Sopchoppy gymnasium beginning at 6 p.m.
VFW BINGO will be held at the VFW Post on Arran Road from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, October 2, 2009

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets at St. Teresa's Episcopal Church in Medart from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
PICKIN' N' GRINNIN' JAM SESSION will be held at the senior center from 10 a.m. to noon. (Also on Tuesdays)
QUILTERS GROUP meets at the public library from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to make quilts for traumatized children. The "cruiser quilts" are donated to deputies for children in need. For information, call 926-6290.

Saturday, October 3, 2009

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS will be held at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge beginning at 9 a.m. The class is free. For reservations, call 925-6121.
MIGHTY MULLET FESTIVAL, a celebration of local heritage, held at Woolley Park in Panama from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$3 for adults, free to children younger than 12.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 3240 Crawfordville Highway at 5 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.
OKTOBERFEST, a fundraiser for Trinity Lutheran Church, will be held at the church beginning with a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m., yard sale and bake sale and arts and crafts vendors, with a lunch of grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, hot dogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad and more.
WETLANDS HEARING, an opportunity for public input on the county's wetlands ordinance for the citizens advisory group, will be held at the livestock pavilion beginning at 1 p.m.

Monday, October 5, 2009

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 1 p.m.
MOOSE LODGE #2510 meets at the lodge in Panama for a members meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

ALANON meets at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville at noon.
ART SPARKS, for middle schoolers, meets in the public library main meeting room at 3 p.m.
CONGRESSIONAL STAFF from the office of U.S. Rep. Allen Boyd will be at the commission complex from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to discuss issues of local concerns.
COUNTY COMMISSION meets in the commission boardroom beginning at 5 p.m.
VFW LADIES AUXILIARY BINGO will be held at the VFW Post on Arran Road from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

AA meets at Ochlockonee Bay UMC on Surf Road at noon.
BRAIN GYM CLASS will be held at the senior center at 10:30 a.m.
LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 2 p.m.

Make a plan to Get Out and Stay Out

Editor, The News:

As everyone knows, October is Fire Prevention Month and there are some things everyone should do.

If you do not have a fire escape plan you should establish one.

Everyone in the home should participate in forming an escape plan and then it should be practiced. "Get Out and Stay Out."

Every home should have a fire extinguisher and it should be located between the stove and the door leading outside so in the event of a kitchen fire, you do not have to go by the fire to get the extinguisher and risk getting trapped by a stove fire. If the extinguisher does

not do the job Get Out and Stay Out.

There are materials in most homes that can smolder and put out toxic fumes that will kill you without ever waking you. There is no fire department anywhere that can save you if you have this kind of fire. The only chance you and your family have against this is a simple and inexpensive device called a smoke detector.

If you don't have smoke detectors, get them now and have them installed. If you have smoke detectors you should be testing them on a regular basis. Now is the time to put in a fresh battery.

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The Wakulla News welcomes your letters, but we request that you adhere to the following guidelines:

- Letters should not be longer than 300 words.
- They must include the writers name, home address and telephone number. (Only name and town will be listed; the rest is used solely for the purpose of verification.)
- Writers may be limited to one letter per month, depending upon space limitations.
- With very few exceptions, anonymous letters will not be published.

Letters can be sent via mail or e-mail to kblackmar@thewakullanews.net, or they can be dropped off at our Crawfordville Highway office. The Wakulla News reserves the right to edit all letters.

Get Out

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If you live in the area served by the Ochlockonee Bay Volunteer Fire Department and you would like your detector checked or a new battery installed, one of our volunteers will be glad to assist you. If you don't have a battery we will bring

one. You may call Raymond Love at 984-5354 or call the station and leave a message at 984-5687. The number at the fire station is only for messages, if you have an emergency, dial-911 and Get Out and Stay Out.
Bill Russell
Ochlockonee Bay

We need a stop light

Editor, The News:
The intersection in Medart is an accident waiting to happen. Folks from Sopchoppy wait for a long time to get on Highway 98.
They need a red light or at least a caution light placed somewhere there to help them.
In addition, Taff Curve into

Crawfordville has two 45 mile per hour zones. Wouldn't it be safer just to have the whole distance from Taff Curve to the Crawfordville 35 m.p.h. zone be a solid 45 m.p.h. Everyone would be safer and happier driving.
Ruth Watts
Panacea

Smith Creek ignored

Editor, The News:
The article says it all. The Smith Creek community has been ignored for many years. Even though we pay taxes just like everyone else in Wakulla County, our needs have been put aside so the influential people can receive favors and get their projects accomplished with no problems. For instance, paving subdivisions adding lights or paving roads that are already paved come first.

wreck on Highway 375 while his son sat beside him crying for dad to wake up.
We have heard every excuse as why not pave FH 13 and the only thing the opposing side has to say is the woodpeckers, the black bears and the forest gecko. My thought on that is how many woodpeckers, bears, etc. do you find in your grill after traveling FH 13. I think if you research this you will find more humans dying than woodpeckers and bears.
Then you pick up a newspaper and read articles such as this in the paper, "Thanks for paving. Many thanks to everyone involved in the paving of Lawhon Mill Road! Former Commissioners Ed Brimmer and Maxie Lawhon, along with several others, worked very hard to make this happen."
It seems some people do not have their priorities in order!
Jim Cox
Sopchoppy

We need communications for rescue and law enforcement. We need fire and ambulance services. It's a shame when the sheriff's office has to call one of the residents to check on the water levels of the Ochlockonee River during flooding. It's a tragedy that the Highway Patrol took an hour and a half to get to an accident and more than four hours to complete the investigation while using a residents phone. Just recently a young man was killed in a

Thanks for support

Editor, The News:
The family of Mary Dicks would like to say thank you for all the love and support we received last week.
What a caring community we have at Wakulla Station. Fire Chief Thomas and volunteer firefighters were of great help. The ladies at First Baptist Church who cooked food - Virginia Shalfer, Lou Smith, Inez Gouge and Charles Gouge oversaw the kitchen and worked all day making

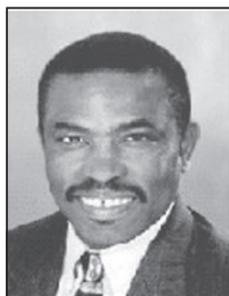
sure everyone was fed.
A special thanks to Savannah's for all the food they cooked and sent over to the church.
A special thanks to Rev. Anderson Pickles and wife Deborah for all they have done for the family.
We thank you all for the love and support we received.
God bless you all,
Mike Dicks and Family
Crawfordville

Fishing at Wakulla Springs, sort of!

Editor, The News:
I'm sure everyone knows that fishing is not allowed at Wakulla Springs State Park. And I'm sure any red-blooded fisherman (or fisherwoman) who has spent any time at the park wishes they had just one opportunity to wet a line there.
In my 16 years as Park Manager, as tempting as it was, I never fished within the park waters. But I frequently said that when I got close to the end of my career I might just break the rule once.
Well, last week I went fishing on the newly constructed Sally Ward Bridge. Late in the afternoon with my line and bait I strolled down the nature trail to see if I could latch on to a big one. Much to my surprise and pleasure, when I arrived, there were two adult manatees and two calves right beside the bridge. I was so taken by their presence I forgot the purpose of my visit. For nearly an hour I watched as the calves

nursed and the adults rolled around and showed me their undersides while resting in the peace and quiet.
They moved from one side of the bridge to the other and then eventually meandered downstream. While being mesmerized by the manatees I listened to the call of a Barred Owl, Red-Shouldered Hawk, Common Yellowthroat and several other birds. It truly was (or should I say is) a nice place to soak it in. And although during the hike to the bridge one might encounter some biting insects, once you are over the water they are not too bad.
Well, back to the purpose of my visit. After looking up the trail to make sure I was alone I lowered my line in the water. Very quickly I pulled up a small one, but not the kind I was hoping to snag. I changed locations and pulled in a different one, still not my intended quarry. All-in-all I hauled in four different kinds, none of the type or size I hoped to

Smart Living event scheduled for Oct. 8 at Wakulla Extension Office



E. Leon Jacobs
By ELINOR ELFNER
Special to The Wakulla News
Have you been to a Green Living Expo? For the past three years, a small group of women have created this community-based educational event to help individuals, organizations and businesses share resources and information about sustainable living. Now the group of women need the entire community to be involved in moving Wakulla County toward a greener future. Who better to kick off a special event than

a local attorney involved in clean energy issues?
E. Leon Jacobs, Jr. was chosen as the keynote speaker to kick off a Smart Living event in Wakulla County on Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Wakulla County Extension Office.
This is a community-wide event for all Wakulla County citizens. Smart Living starts with saving energy and saving money—a great goal for all of us as individuals, businesses and governmental agencies.
Jacobs, a practicing attorney, lives in Wakulla County and is co-owner of Williams & Jacobs, Attorneys at Law, LLC in Tallahassee. The focus of his legal practice is insurance, energy and real estate, with an emerging practice in environmental law and information technology transactions.
Jacobs graduated Magna Cum Laude from Florida A&M University in June 1976, with his major in data processing/computer science. While in college he was a student senator, a member of the Marching 100 and a

member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Currently, Jacobs is an adjunct professor in the Environmental Sciences Institute at Florida A&M where he teaches Environmental Law and Environmental Regulations.
Jacobs' law degree (Juris Doctor) was conferred by Florida State University College of Law in 1986. Although he has substantial experience in corporate data and network operations, he has served on numerous panels and boards, such as the Public Service Commission and DEP National Drinking Water Advisory Council, and was elected president of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. He was chosen as the keynote speaker for Smart Living because of his interest and involvement in consumer well-being.
Jacobs has been hired by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) to pro-

mote clean energy public policy in Florida, including a renewable energy portfolio standard and promotion of energy efficiency. This year he was hired to discuss clean energy and energy efficiency issues with members of Congress in Washington as they considered federal energy legislation.
Sustainable Big Bend, the sponsoring organization, is especially pleased that Jacobs has agreed to offer his time and expertise to our county through the Smart Living—Save Energy, Save Money event. His other community activities have included being President of the Board of Directors for the Tallahassee Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, Guardian Ad Litem for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, member of the Board of Directors for Visions of Manhood, Inc., and organizer for the Community Initiative for Financial Literacy in collaboration with Wachovia.

WCSO deserves some good press

Editor, The News:
Over the past year or more Wakulla County has had some bad press about the sheriff's office. I thought it was time someone wrote about the kind of good people employed by our sheriff's office.
On three separate very recent occasions we have had incidents when our local sheriff's deputies have come to our assistance when it would have been just as easy for them to drive by.
None of these were criminal or life threatening events, just the kind of inci-

dents when we or our family members were stranded on the side of the road. The first time our air conditioner froze up and caused a fan belt to start spewing smoke out the front of our vehicle at an intersection.
A deputy on his way home from work stopped and came to our aid. He could have kept driving, but he didn't. The second time a trailer tire came apart and of course there was no spare for it. The same deputy followed my husband home to make sure he made it. Once again this deputy was on his way

home from work and didn't have to tie himself up like this, but he did.
The third time happened last weekend when our 18 year old granddaughter and her friends were on their way to Tallahassee to see a movie. They experienced a blow-out of a tire and ended up on the side of U.S. 319 in Wakulla County.
Inexperience in these situations and a slopping grassy area made the tire changing very difficult. Another Wakulla County deputy stopped his vehicle to shield them and lend assistance.

Once again this deputy was on his way home from his shift and didn't have to stop, but he did. He also offered some advice on making her vehicle safer and his fear for such incidents happening to her again in a less obvious area since she is a college student traveling back and forth to Tallahassee.
This is the kind of fine men employed by our local sheriff's office and we are proud to be residents of Wakulla County.
Myra J. Nutting
Crawfordville

Watch for propaganda in our schools

Editor, The News:
Parents need to know what's going on in one school in New Jersey.
Don't let the progressive movement teach your children about tolerance, morals, greed, anti-Christian attitude, biased political views.
Stay in touch with your children's teachers. Tell them in no uncertain terms how far they can go teaching your children.

You are the parent. The three R's are appropriate, the rest is propaganda.
Otherwise, your child may come home singing Barack Hussein Obama.
I wouldn't like it if my child came home singing about any political figure. It's not the place to make new little progressives. What if you believe in God and the bible? What if you are conservative? What if you

want to tell your kids about gays and their movement to be accepted in society? Some parents don't want the school system sticking their nose in parent's business.
The school administration better be glad I don't have a child in the public school system.
Stand your ground. Go to school and gather around the flag pole and say a prayer. That will really frost'em.
They can't arrest all of you. Harvey's jail isn't that big!

Mary Pitts
Panacea
We are fed up
Editor, The News:
We are fed up. We shall become a strong nation that will stand up to any threat. The power of prayer can conquer enemies dead in their tracks. We are the men, women, teenagers and children who are the ones who will lead this nation stronger than before. We are the nation of heroes and peace.
Vincent Vinciguerra
Port St. Lucie

PUBLIC NOTICE

Starting October 8, 2009
the City of St. Marks
will change its regular meetings time
from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

The City of St. Marks is located at
788 Port Leon Drive,
9 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone 850-925-6224.

Persons needing special access considerations should call the City Office at least 24 hours before the date for scheduling purposes. The Board Office may be contacted at 850-925-6224.

October 1, 2009

Fall Yoga Classes

Monday and Tuesday Evenings
Crawfordville Women's Club

Della Parker-Hanson
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Obituaries

Hayward V. Atkinson
Hayward Vines "Rusty" Atkinson III, 65, of Crawfordville, died at his home on Sunday, Sept. 27.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Covenant Hospice, 1545 Raymond Diehl Road Suite 102, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Rusty was born on May 15, 1944 in Tallahassee to Hayward Atkinson, Jr. and Kathryn Sikes Atkinson, both of Tallahassee. He worked as a talented Structural Engineer in both Texas and Florida on projects as the Galleria Mall and Shell Plaza in Houston and the Leon County Courthouse in Tallahassee.

He worked at Olin Powder Plant in St. Marks as an engineer from 1980 to 1987. Rusty loved nature and was devoted father and husband.

Survivors include his mother, Kathryn Sikes Baker; two brothers, George

Atkinson of Tallahassee and Hinton Baker of Woodville; a sister, Kathy Ramsey of Bonifay; two daughters, Shannonn Atkinson-Gill of St. Marks and Elizabeth Atkinson of Crawfordville; two grandsons, Wesley Gill and Aden Logan; and a granddaughter, Olivia Gill.

The family gives special thanks to Covenant Hospice; his caregivers, Laura Pelt, Valerie Harris, Leslie Reimer, Eric Persson, Tina Browning, Dr. Joe Dorn and Mary Dean for all their love, care and support.

ICS Cremation and Funeral Home in Lake City was in charge of the arrangements.

Zachary V. Dolison
Zachary Vincent Dolison, 26, of Sopchoppy died Sunday, Sept. 27 in Bradenton.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2 at Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church. Visitation will be held Thursday, Oct. 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Har-

vey-Young Funeral Home in Crawfordville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 241 John Knox Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32309.

A 2002 graduate of Wakulla High School, he loved the water, golfing and was an avid FSU and Atlanta Braves fan and loved his girlfriend, Kaila.

Survivors include his mother, Gigia Cavallaro of Sopchoppy; his father, Drew Dolison and wife Diane of Bradenton; a brother, Brook Dolison of Sarasota; two sisters, Anna Solomon and Sage Scott, both of Sopchoppy; his paternal grandfather, Dean Dolison and wife Marcee of Charleston, S.C.; and his maternal grandmother, Virginia "Ginny" Cavallaro of Tallahassee.

Harvey-Young Funeral Home in Crawfordville was in charge of the arrangements.

Clara M. F. Donham
Clara Mae Faris Donham, 90, of Ochlockonee Bay died on Tuesday, Sept. 22 in Tallahassee.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. She will be laid to rest beside her husband at a later date in the Sulphur Springs Cemetery in Fontanet, Ind. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Center, 33 Michael Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

A native of Terre Haute, Ind., she was born on Sept. 27, 1918 to Floyd V. and Marie Raney Faris. She considered the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Center "her life" where she played cards and socialized almost every day with her friends. She loved the beach, music, fishing, traveling, doing arts and crafts, and she was the founding president of the Fontanet Band Booster Club.

Survivors include three sons, Floyd and Karen Donham of Campbellsville, Ky., George and Paula Donham of Banning, Calif. and Wilard Donham of Coal Bluff, Ind.; five daughters, Kathryn McCallister of Alligator Point, Nancy Donham of Tallahassee, Joy Schultz and Carla and Michael Clifton, all of Ochlockonee Bay and Brenda Donham of Gulf Terrace, Fla.; a sister, Phyllis R. Price of Coal Bluff, Ind.; 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home in Tallahassee was in charge of the arrangements.

Jesse Williams
Jesse Williams, 65, of Woodville died Tuesday, Sept. 22.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Sept. 26 at White Church in Woodville, with interment in Woodville Cemetery.

A native of Calhoun County, he was a longtime Woodville resident. He was in the real estate business and a member of White Church. A 32nd degree Mason, he was a member of Crawfordville Lodge #294 and Scottish Rite Bodies.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Ruby Mathis Williams; two daughters, Darlene Williams Poppell and Dean of Ft. Braden and Rhonda Williams Spears and Elton of Woodville; two brothers, Larry Joe Williams and Linda and Zachary Williams and Wanda; two sisters, Peggy Willis and Debbie Kay Oglesby and Gary; three grandchildren, Daniel Spears, Cody Poppell and Owen Poppell; and many nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Culley's MeadowWood Riggins Road Chapel in Tallahassee was in charge of the arrangements.

Buckhorn News

Skipper Temple Church of Christ will be celebrating their pastor's anniversary of more than 20 years of service of pastorship in the Church of Christ. This marks the second year at this location. Services will begin on Tuesday night, Oct. 6. Pastor T. Morris and Free Spirit Church from Tallahassee will lead on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, Pastor M. Kelly and Elder T. Baker with New Beginning Church of Christ and Macedonia Church will lead.

On Thursday, Oct. 8, St. John P.B. Church and Elder Raymond Sanders will lead. On Friday, Oct. 9, St. Mark P.B. Church and the Right Rev. Chris Burney and Shilo Church of Christ and Pastor Mary Holloman will lead the service. The services will be held at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Happy birthday to Crystal Green, Nat Smith, Felicia Green on Oct. 6, Charlene Green on Oct. 7 and Wylonda Skipper on Oct. 19. Happy belated birthday to Horace Bell, Jr. and Deacon Cornelius Harris.

A musical program will be held Saturday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. at Skipper Temple Church. Local groups, choirs and soloists will be performing.

The public is welcome to attend.

We wish a happy birthday to Deacon Archie B. Simmons on Oct. 4, from your family. Have a blessed day.

Sunday, Oct. 11 will be Church Family and Friends Day. Sunday school will

begin at 10:30 a.m. and the Fellowship service will begin at noon at Woodville Church of Christ. Elder A. Morris and Elder Bigham and his church from Blountstown will lead.

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per Temple Church with host Pastor Ethel M. Skipper.

For more Church News, please turn to Page 13A.

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Budget

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The board approved the final budget at their meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, by a vote of 4-1.

A mill represents \$1 worth of taxes for each \$1,000 of taxable value. For an average home of \$100,000 with a \$50,000 homestead exemption, 8.25 mills would result in property taxes of \$412.50. (That does not include school board, water management district or other taxing authorities that also levy assessments on property.)

Most of the budget reductions that went into creating the lower millage were not budget cuts. Of the \$470,000 in budget manipulation, only \$22,500 came as actual cuts: \$17,000 for commissioners travel, \$2,500 for commissioners office supplies, and \$3,000 reduced from the county administrator's travel.

The rest of that came from reserves: Sheriff David Harvey agreed to dip into his "Rainy Day Fund" to come up with \$150,000 of the more than \$200,000 it costs for accreditation. Another \$300,000 came from cash-forward - the unspent money at the end of the budget year, money that usually goes into the county's investment fund.

Staff has anticipated about a half-million dollars at the end of the budget year, Sept. 30. There is some \$3 million in the county's investment fund.

There was some concern from board members that they were using non-recurring funds to patch holes in



Commissioner Brock the budget, especially amid warnings that next year's budget is expected to be even worse.

Commissioner Alan Brock had suggested raiding the disaster contingency fund's \$208,000 to go toward millage reduction. While commissioners Artz and Stewart had expressed an interest in the idea at the previous budget hearing on Sept. 8, they backed away from the idea at the final hearing.

Stewart said he changed his mind when he began thinking that \$200,000 isn't much in a time of disaster, but at least it's something. (Later in the meeting, he changed his mind and said he would go along with a cut in the disaster fund if it went towards a cost of living allowance, or COLA, for employees.)

Kessler agreed, using the example of having \$50 in the bank: It isn't really enough to buy something substantial, so you decide to spend it on candy. But in a financial emergency, even the \$50 could be useful.

Kessler continued to insist on the \$290,000 in "found money," saying it should be used for a millage reduction rather than going to make up for earlier budget cuts



Commissioner Stewart in the sheriff's office and EMS. The money was the result of a calculation error within the county's budget office, later discovered after the draft budget was done. Kessler could not get any of the four to go along with him on that cut.

Stewart made the point that he wanted county employees to get a COLA of at least two percent. Stewart, a Navy ROTC instructor at Wakulla High School, said he knows what it's like not to get a pay raise - educators salaries have been frozen for three years.

Artz suggested going into the \$500,000 in anticipated cash-forward and getting \$100,000 for employee raises, enough for a .75 percent increase. At that point, the board had enough to reduce the millage to 8.2099 mills. What if the millage was 8.25? Artz asked. Calculations from staff indicated that at that rate, employees could get a pay raise of 1.18 percent - and that satisfied Stewart and Artz.

Kessler praised the work of commissioners on the budget, saying that in his seven years on the board, it was the best budget discussion he had participated in.

The only testy moment in

the discussion came when Commissioner Brock looked up at the clock - it was 6 p.m. - and the board had only agreed to the relatively miniscule cuts to its travel and supply budgets. "We have managed to cut \$17,500 from our budget in an hour," he said in a wry, joking tone.

"And if it takes six hours, it's the people's money," Kessler retorted, then took a breath and calmed, and apologized to Brock for his sharp answer, saying that he took very seriously the responsibility of spending the people's money.

At a later point in the meeting, Brock said it was his opinion that the county cannot keep providing the same amount of services with less money.

Kessler answered that he believed the county had to work with less.

The only citizen who spoke at the budget hearing was Joel Vice, who urged commissioners to keep in mind those people in the construction industry. "Cut the millage as much as you can," Vice said. "We've got to keep people making a living, we've got to keep people living - we've got to take care of our people."

While commissioners cut the millage from where the rollback discussion started at 8.9 mills, the 8.25 mill rate will actually produce a tax increase over last year's 8.1 mill rate.

The county commission budget was \$49.8 million with \$21 million in the General Fund.

Adjustment board

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Last year, there were two appeals filed.

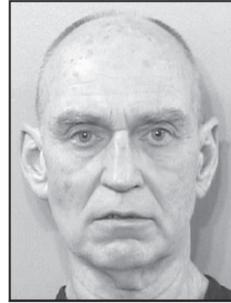
The VAB is chaired this year by Commissioner Alan Brock, with Commissioner Lynn Artz serving as vice-chair. Other members of the board are Ray Gray from the school board, R.H. Carter, as the school board appointee on commercial property, and Tim Bozeman, a local builder, appointed as a citizen with homesteaded property.

At the organizational

meeting on Friday, Sept. 18, the board re-appointed attorney Suzanne Van Wyk of the Bryant Miller Olive law firm as counsel and heard an update on statutory changes to the board's work from her.

Hearing dates are set for Oct. 13 through Oct. 16 to take up cases. At that meeting, the board will also consider issuing a Request For Proposal from attorneys interested in serving as counsel next year.

Hilton trial



Gary Michael Hilton
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Assistant State Attorney Georgia Cappelman asked the court to set a trial date in the case for spring of next year. "My understanding," Cappelman added, "is Ms. Suber is looking for one three or four years down the road."

Defense attorney Ines Suber said she could not possibly be ready by spring, and that her caseload of high-profile cases would rule out a trial for Hilton next year. She suggested the court look at 2011.

"2011 seems like an awful long time to get ready," Judge Lewis responded. The judge said he didn't want to put the case off too far when witnesses may die or go missing. At the same time, Lewis said, he was "also sensitive to Justice delayed is justice denied."

Meantime, Judge Lewis said that, as in a complex civil case, he may set certain dates for things to be accomplished - discovery turned over, depositions taken, and so forth.

Another case management hearing was set for late October to check progress.

Hilton was brought to the courtroom for last week's hearing under heavy security. Dressed in blue Leon County Jail scrubs and secured hand and foot, he sat at the defense table with attorneys and listened attentively.

Dunlap, 46, went missing on Dec. 1, 2007, and a search for her began when she didn't show up as Sunday School teacher at her church. On Dec. 19, 2007, her body was found in the forest by hunters.

If Hilton is convicted of first degree murder, State Attorney Willie Meggs has said he will pursue the death penalty.

Refuge to host events

The St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge will host a Digital Photography Class at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. The program is free. For reservations, call 925-6121.

National Wildlife Week will be held Sunday, Oct. 11

Along with Cappelman and Meggs, Assistant State Attorney Eddie Evans was also at the prosecution's table.

Hilton has been sentenced to life for the murder of a 24-year-old woman on the Appalachian Trail in Georgia, and he is the suspect in a double-murder in North Carolina.

Attorney Michael Glazer of the Ausley McMullen law firm appeared at the hearing on behalf of some Tallahassee media outlets arguing for more evidence in the case to be disclosed. Some 400 pages of heavily redacted documents have been released, Glazer said, noting that names of witnesses have been blacked out.

The Tallahassee Democrat and WCTV have both requested public access to evidence in the case.

Glazer acknowledged that posts and blogs on the Democrat's web site had featured a great deal of speculation about the case and expressed a lot of distrust of the system. Glazer suggested it would be better to provide the community with factual information from the court rather than the "chatter and blather in cyberspace."

Suber said it was her objective to prevent a change of venue in the case, and to get a fair trial for Hilton. She also claimed that, when some names of witnesses got out earlier, the Democrat began its own investigation, going to witnesses' homes and harassing them.

Judge Lewis noted that was certainly a concern - that if a witness told a news outlet something that appeared to be different or at odds with what the witness may have said in deposition, it could lead to further depositions with attorneys trying to discredit statements and so forth. Lewis also noted that he has not issued a gag order on witnesses in the case, so they can talk to the media if they wish.

The state agreed with Suber's position on the release of information, and Cappelman said the process of redaction is a slow one.

Judge Lewis said the court would continue its current policy on the release of information.

Authority

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After an April workshop with members of the Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council and the county Tourist Development Council, commissioners indicated an interest in re-establishing the group. In May, they ratified the workshop discussion, and then in July, the board approved re-establishing the authority and appointing members.

But at the meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, Chairman Howard Kessler said he felt the process was moving too fast. He expressed concern about the people nominated to serve on the authority, saying there needed to be "more balance" with "people coming from other than a pure business view."

Commissioner Mike Stewart went with a compromise motion to get the support of Commissioner Lynn Artz - including her suggestions that the name of the authority be changed to something like Economic Development Authority, increase the number of members including a citizen at-large, and require a minimal level of financial disclosure. The motion to re-advertise the ordinance with those changes and bring back to the board at its second meeting in October passed 3-2, with Stewart, Artz and Alan Brock voting for it, and Kessler and George Green voting no.

And the board voted 4-1

to hold a workshop on the IDA issue on Oct. 15, with Stewart casting the lone vote against it, complaining it would be a waste of time. Kessler questioned the value of such a workshop coming only a few days before the issue would come back before the board since any changes that may come out of the workshop would not be able to be included at the regular meeting.

The proposal submitted to the board was for a five member authority with each seat representing specific job categories: an officer of a local financial institution, an attorney or engineer, a certified public accountant, a developer or commercial contractor, and officer of a local manufacturing firm or officer of a business with industrial revenue bond experience. Other potential categories were proposed, including a citizen at-large.

Commissioners had submitted nominees for membership on the IDA, as had the Chamber of Commerce. Artz submitted 11 names, Green two names, Kessler two names and Stewart one name. The chamber had proposed adding a citizen at-large seat and had submitted seven names for consideration for the six seats.

Chamber of Commerce President Paul Johnson also indicated concern that members should have a minimal level of financial disclosure to at least report the sources

of their income to ensure there was no conflict of interest.

Citizen Vic Lambou said attracting industry to the county could be a good thing or a bad thing, but that the county commission needed some oversight over the authority since it has the authority to issue bonds.

Commissioner George Green said he had "been contacted by a number of citizens who wished they'd had the opportunity to give input" on the issue. "My concern is their concern" that they have not been able to make suggestions about members being appointed representing other categories. Green said he wanted a workshop but supposed it was too late in the process.

"I don't think it's too late for a workshop," Kessler responded.

Commissioner Mike Stewart took the opposite view: "I see no need for a workshop," he said, adding that it would just be a chance to "come back and have this entourage come in here and try to fight it." He added later in the meeting that he'd had no phone calls about the issue and that the only citizen expressing any concern about the authority was Lambou.

Artz responded that she had several people contact her about the issue.

After Stewart amended his motion to include issues raised by Artz, Kessler com-

mented that the board was creating an authority that would have no oversight by commissioners.

"That really not true," County Attorney Ron Mowrey interjected. "You have to approve any bond issue and other matters" that the authority wants to take action on.

The county had an IDA several years ago, founded in 1990 with the goal of attracting CSG to Opportunity Park, located in the northeastern part of the county. After several later incarnations, it appears all IDA member terms expired in 2003.

Among the names submitted for the new authority were Amy Geiger and Jack Davis, presidents of the local operations of, respectively, Capital City Bank and Gulf State Community Bank; Joe Hope of Hydra Engineering, engineer Phil Cantner, and local attorney Francie Lowe for the attorney or engineer seat; Beverly Keister and Lorra Shephard for the CPA seat; Ted Gaupin and John Shuff for the developer seat; Larry Lassiter and John Nichols for officer of a manufacturing firm.

For the proposed additional seats, Cynthia Paulson's name was submitted as at-large or eco-tourism representative; Tom Harrington as citizen at-large; Kim or Justin Kramer for sustainability expert; and Jack Rudloe.



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Persons needing special access considerations should call the Wakulla County Administrative Offices at least 48 hours before the date for scheduling purposes. The Administrative Offices may be contacted at (850) 926-0919.

October 1, 2009

Sports

Riversink defense keeps Wildcats from scoring

By KEITH BLACKMAR
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For a decade the Wakulla Middle School Wildcats and the Riversprings Middle School Bears have been exchanging blows on the football field.

The coaches have changed over the years, but the intensity remains the same as it was at the beginning of the decade.

The 2009 game featured two schools with principals who both have deep ties to Wakulla County football, Dod Walker at RMS and Mike Barwick at WMS.

The schools have adopted the nickname "Sandgnat Slobberknocker" for the game and the tenth edition of the

game proved to be both dramatic and defensive as Riversprings captured the "Wakulla County Championship" 12-0.

Both Riversprings and Wakulla Middle came into the contest undefeated, but it was the Bears of RMS that kept up their winning ways, defeating the Wildcats and running their 2009 season record to 3-0.

During the late summer, Riversprings Coach Joey Jacobs said he was concerned about the number of players he lost from the 2008 team and the impact their loss would have on the RMS seasonal record.

"Our kids had a lot to prove," said Jacobs. "Pretty



RMS-WMS game was as close as this battle for ball.

much everybody thought we would lose most of our games this year, since we lost so much talent from last year, but our kids didn't allow that to define them."

The Bears had a little extra motivation, too. "Riversprings won the county championship game last year, but some WMS kids were wearing shirts that declared WMS the 2008 county champs," he said. "Our boys took that as a personal insult and they were determined to win."

The Bear offense got off to a slow start in the game and found it difficult to move the

ball on the ground against the Wildcats in the early part of the contest.

With the ground game stalled, eighth grade quarterback James Douin got the offense moving through the air with timely passes that extended drives. A couple of big passes from Douin to Jordan Franks set up a scoring opportunity for the Bears inside the WMS 10 yard line. Douin scored the first touchdown of the night on a five yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Later, the Bears scored an insurance touchdown on a 35 yard scor-

ing pass from Douin to Brandon Trussel. The Bears also picked up crucial yards on the ground during the final scoring drive on the legs of seventh grade running back Josh Walker.

The Riversprings defense proved to be the difference maker once again for the Bears, said Jacobs.

The Wildcats failed to mount any serious scoring drive against the Bears. The defense was led by James Douin and Keith Gavin, who had seven and six tackles respectively. Defensive ends Chris Paris and David Sloan also carried the defensive effort by flawlessly executing their responsibilities. Defen-

sive lineman Cary Thornton provided a spark for the defense as well.

"We had an overall dominating defensive performance against the Wildcats, holding them scoreless for the first time ever in the series," said Defensive Coordinator Louis Hernandez. This was the first shutout ever in the history of the series for either team.

The Bears will be back in action again on Oct. 1 when they take on the Havana Bears in the first home contest of the year for Riversprings. The game will be played at 6 p.m. at J.D. Jones Stadium at Reynolds Field. Photos by Ken Fields.



RMS QB James Douin, offense produced just enough.

Leon tops WHS Volleyball girls

The Wakulla Lady War Eagle volleyball team fell hard to the Leon Lady Lions on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Wakulla had a comfortable six point lead in the first game and was playing but seemed to then shutdown around point 20, allowing Leon to win 25-20.

After that point, Leon changed the momentum and, despite a valiant effort by both middles, lead by Summer Stokley, the team just couldn't keep it together, and allowed Leon to win game two. The Lady Lions ran away with game three. Leon won the match 25-20, 25-13 and 25-13.

The junior varsity, suffering from losing middle Ashley Roberts for the season due to injury and having the other middle player, Emily Haley playing, but injured, showed improvement over last week's play at Chiles, but still lost in two straight games.

Wakulla will host Tallahassee Lincoln on Oct. 8 before hosting Springfield Rutherford on Oct. 13. Godby will come to Medart on Oct. 15. Rutherford and Godby are district opponents and Wakulla owns victories over the two schools. Wakulla fell to 7-6 overall.

Sports Shorts

WHS football game scheduled

The Wakulla War Eagle football team will get back into action after two weeks off due to illness and an open week.

Wakulla will host Florida High Oct. 2 in Medart before hosting the Lincoln Trojans on Oct. 9 for the first district game of the year.

On Oct. 16, Wakulla will host Jefferson County in the annual Homecoming contest.

The other district games will be played at Chiles on Oct. 23 and at home against Leon on Nov. 6.

Wakulla is 2-0 after canceling the North Florida Christian game.

FSU game will be on television

The Florida State University Seminoles will play the Boston College Eagles on ABC television on Saturday, Oct. 3. WTXL channel 27 will broadcast the game at 3:30 p.m. along with WTNT radio, 94.9 FM.

FSU is 2-2 overall and 0-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. BC is 3-1 overall and 1-1 in conference games.

WHS boys soccer team kicks it around

The Wakulla High School boys soccer team is hosting "kick around sessions" on Thursdays after school ends, at 2:30 p.m.

Soccer tryouts will be held on Monday, Oct. 19 as the coaches get ready for the 2009-2010 season. Visit with Coach Bob Wallace in Room 304 of the science area for registration and mandatory paperwork.

The kick around sessions started on Sept. 3 and will continue on Thursday on the back field area until the start of the season. The coaches are Bob Wallace, Don Gregg, Jim Posey and Doug Chadwell.

Two meetings are planned at Riversink

There will be a Riversink Elementary School Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Riversink Elementary School cafeteria. The October PTO meeting will be held immediately after the first meeting.

Harriers runners run difficult course

Distance runners salute Prefontaine

The WHS cross country teams continued their season by participating in the 26th annual Prefontaine 5K hosted by the Gulf Winds Track Club at Silver Lake in the Apalachicola National Forest. This off road race is held as a salute to the late Steve Prefontaine who was a young runner from the University of Oregon in the 1970s who at one time held every American record at distances from two miles to 10K and was killed in a tragic accident in 1975.

"Prefontaine was known for his tenacity and toughness and would definitely have appreciated the course laid out this year by Race Director Jeff Neilson," said Coach Paul Hoover. "To begin with, the course was longer than the standard 5K distance, so the finish times were naturally slower than normal, and the runners had to navigate deep sand beds, steep hills, wooded trails and sandy 'moguls,' but it made for a great run for true cross country runners." This was an "open" run which meant that the high school harriers competed against runners of all ages from throughout the community, not just other high schoolers. The WHS runners performed admirably and took 20 of the top 50 places.

The boys were led by Stanley Linton (21:21) who also finished as the second overall male. Liam Daniels was the third overall male in a time of 21:25. He was

followed by Hunter Phillips (21:34, 6th), Steven Urling (21:54, 10th), D.J. Victor (21:54, 11th), Cody James (22:31, 14th), Zack Broadway (23:21, 17th) and Shawn Morris (23:31, 19th).

The McCullers sisters led the charge for the girls, with Emily finishing as the second female overall in the time of 26:19 and Alina finished in third place in 26:34. They were followed by Cora Atkinson (5th, 26:39), Kristie Hodges (6th, 27:04), Chelsea Thompson (7th, 27:12), Jessica Trombini (22nd, 32:02), Raychel Gray (23rd, 32:09) and Brittany Dybiec (24th, 32:25).

After the race the runners enjoyed a cookout prepared by the cross country parents. "This is a fun race where effort, not time, is what counts," said Hoover. "It was a tough course, but a great training race and, hopefully, the kids had fun doing it and enjoyed the cookout afterward. It was just a fun day and my thanks go out to all the parents who contributed and Assistant Coach Greg James. They made it all possible."

The teams compete next at the FSU Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 10, which will be held at the new Apalachee Cross Country venue east of Tallahassee.

WHS golfers mow down opponents

The Wakulla War Eagle golf team finished second in a four team match against Leon, Maclay and Florida High at Southwood Golf Course last week.

Leon won the match by shooting a 304 followed by Wakulla at 317 and Maclay at 319. Florida High finished with a score of 350.

The match consisted of 18 holes and Spencer Smith shot a team leading 75. Stone Cowie added a 76 and Conner Smith scored an 83. Will Davis also added an 83.

The Wakulla Lady War Eagle golf team topped Florida

High and North Florida Christian last week. Wakulla shot a 205 while Florida High shot a 219 and NFC did not record a team score.

Devin Lowe shot a 41 for the Lady War Eagles while Rebecca Rivers shot a 47 and Jessica Wild shot a 56. Casey Lowe added a 61 for WHS.

Tallahassee Chiles defeated the Wakulla Lady War Eagle golf team 183-201 at Wildwood Country Club in Medart last week.

Devin Lowe was the low scorer with a 41. Jessica Wild added a 50, Rebecca Rivers had a 51. Casey Lowe added a 59.

WAKULLA COUNTY/CITY OF ST. MARKS COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM PROGRESS REPORT

September 25, 2009

On October 29, 1999, the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) as the County's Community Rating System Floodplain Management Plan. Then on August 15, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners voted to adopt a revision of the LMS, created by the LMS Steering Committee (a volunteer workgroup) and a State contracted consultant. This revision included an updated project list that sought to better protect our floodplain. The consultant was not able to fulfill their responsibilities and so the State contracted with another group, Disasters, Strategies & Ideas Group, LLC, to finish the revisions on behalf of the County. The new consultants and the Steering Committee completed the remaining work and submitted the completed LMS to the State Department of Community Affairs on June 30, 2006.

Since that time, the Committee has prioritized the "Action Plan" or project list, to better reflect the needs in the County. The revised Action Plan has narrowed the focus to sixteen action projects and eleven implementation projects. The action items are tangible in nature and mostly involve construction projects, while the implementation items seek changes in regulation and the creation of workgroups.

Continual progress is being made on the important action items in the Action Plan that began in years past. The County has worked with and supported the Northwest Florida Water Management District (The District) over the last several years to obtain LIDAR mapping of the County, which will provide a basis for a county-wide stormwater study, the number one ranked action project. At this time, the District is working to finalize the data for public dissemination. The County is waiting on this information from the District before additional work is completed towards this study. On that same issue, staff is currently considering the creation of a new stormwater ordinance to address runoff and retention issues. Another project being brought forward from last year and is currently being worked on is the County-wide sewer expansion and upgrade project. The County is still working toward expanding central sewer into the historic subdivisions. Lastly, the Public Works Department has conversed with the Florida Department of Transportation regarding repairs to Syrett Creek Bridge. As this bridge is located on an emergency evacuation route, maintaining it is a key responsibility and the needed repairs are scheduled to begin in 2010.

A new endeavor within the past year has been towards our third ranked action project, which includes an effort to acquire flood prone properties within the Wakulla Gardens subdivision, which is a historically platted subdivision. In a movement toward this, the County enclosed information cards within TRIM notices going to property owners within that development. These information cards requested citizens to respond if they would be interested in selling, trading or donating their lots to the County. While the exact use of each lot obtained through this still developing program is undetermined, each lot's location and elevation will be considered in evaluating whether it can be utilized for stormwater runoff or other flood protection measures.

The remaining projects in the Action Plan will receive attention as financing and staff time become available.

This Progress Report was prepared by Melissa Corbett of the Planning and Community Development Department. It will be made available to our governing board through memorandum and through news release to our local press, "The Wakulla News", for publication. Its availability to the public will be posted on the Board of County Commissioners Public Notice board and county website, www.mywakulla.com. Copies of this Report may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Office, which is located at 3093 Crawfordville Highway.

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In The Huddle



A weekly look at college football in the Sunshine State

FLORIDA GATORS

A sobering victory

Blowout win at Kentucky soured by Tebow injury

By Mike Hodge
GatorBait.net

A quarterback's fate hung in limbo. So, too, did the fate of a football team and its season.

Tim Tebow arrived with a respiratory illness, but he left the stadium on a cart after a devastating second-half hit left the former Heisman winner dazed, confused and on the sidelines in top-ranked Florida's 41-7 win against Kentucky Saturday night at Commonwealth Stadium.

After a few minutes on the bench, Tebow was taken to a local hospital for observation. The prognosis, though cautiously optimistic, is still murky. And the Gator Nation holds its collective breath.

"We're going to find out more about Tim," coach Urban Meyer said. "I know that's on everyone's thoughts and minds, including myself. We believe it's a concussion. He got hit pretty good."

The play came late in the third quarter. On third-and-6 from the Kentucky 9-yard line, Tebow dropped back to pass and was blindsided by Kentucky defensive end Taylor Wyndham, who flattened Florida's quarterback. The helmet-to-helmet blow pushed Tebow's head into offensive lineman Marcus Gilbert's knee.

"On the video replay, he hit the back of his head - that's one tough cat," Meyer said. "Our team prayed for him. He'll be fine. But I know that question's going to come up on everyone's mind, including ours."

Tebow, Meyer said, never lost feeling. As for consciousness, Meyer felt fairly certain that Tebow remained fairly lucid. "He was fine," Meyer said. "They're very precautionary around here. With our medical staff, I'd like to take my hat off to them for what they did to get some of these guys ready to play."

Wyndham had a free lane to Tebow and was unblocked. It appeared sophomore tackle Matt Patchan should have blocked the defender, but responsibility hinges on whether Patchan was supposed to block down, which he did.

Tebow was on the ground and motionless for nearly five minutes, leaving Meyer helpless and powerless.

"It's like your own son," Meyer said. "My knees are shaking. Oh my goodness. This team is so close. Every player is coming up to me and saying, 'How is he?' We're one or two series away and everyone's like, 'How's Tim, how's Tim?' That's a good group."

When Tebow was down, Meyer went to his star player's side and grabbed his hand. The quarterback responded with a question: "Did I hold on to the ball?" Meyer said.

"Typical Tebow," Meyer said. "I said



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Star quarterback Tim Tebow, shown running for yardage early in the Kentucky game, later went down with a concussion following a blindside hit.

it's great to be a Florida Gator and he winked at me."

Once Tebow went to the sidelines, second-team quarterback John Brantley was there to meet him. The two pounded fists and the backup left to warm up without saying another word.

"I didn't want to bother him too much," Brantley said. "He was hurting. I just wanted to let him know that I was there for him."

Once the initial shock passed, there was a game left to finish. More than a quarter of football remained.

"What's going through my mind at that point is my concern for him," offensive coordinator Steve Addazio said. "I really can't get it off my mind. You worry about that. You don't want to see something like that happen."

Tebow's health became a concern late last week, a day before Florida left for Lexington, when the senior became ill with an apparent respiratory illness.

"We haven't had Tim for about a day and a half," Meyer said. "He was in isolation all day yesterday. Right at the end of practice he came up to me and I know that look."

Meyer said he was "close" to holding Tebow out. But realistically, the coach knew sitting out wasn't an option.

"You'd have to shoot him," Meyer said. "A lot of those runs we were hoping he'd ... A lot of it's a read scheme. He ran for 130 yards. That was not the plan. They

were giving us a lot of pull reads and Tim just played great."

For most of three quarters, Tebow was marvelous. He rushed for 123 yards, passed for 103 and had a hand in three touchdowns, two rushing and one throwing. His one TD pass went to tight end Aaron Hernandez, who scored on a 44-yard catch-and-run over the middle during a 31-point, first-quarter surge.

Florida scored on its first five possessions - four touchdowns and one field goal to build a 31-0 first quarter lead. UF amassed 223 yards during the period -154 came from Tebow.

"A phenomenal performance," Meyer said. "Just phenomenal. We probably left 70 yards on the field with silly penalties. The receivers, I want to seem them (get better), but as long as they're going hard, we'll get that coached. The thing we preach is four to six seconds of unbelievable effort."

Brantley relieved Tebow, much of the last quarter with the first teamers. The redshirt sophomore threw for 60 yards, completing four of six passes. One of them went to Riley Cooper for an 8-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"I did OK," Brantley said. "I just tried to manage the game and pick up where we left off."

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FLORIDA ST. SEMINOLES

Loss spoils WR Reed's career day

By Tim Linafelt
TheOsceola.com

Never mind that he had just played the best game of his Florida State career.

Bert Reed finished Saturday's 17-7 loss to South Florida with career highs in catches and yards, but afterward all he could say was that he wished he had done more.

Nine catches for 114 yards would be enough for most wide receivers in any game, but four FSU turnovers turned Reed's career day into the lone bright spot in a disappointing day for Seminole receivers.

"We let the little things slip tonight - protection, ball handling, dropping balls," Reed said. "We know we're a better team than that."

Early on, it looked like Reed would be the catalyst for an FSU offense that just a week ago looked unstoppable.

But nearly every time the Seminoles got something going, they couldn't help but trip over themselves.

With the game scoreless early in the second quarter, quarterback Christian Ponder found Reed for a 23-yard completion that set FSU up at the Bulls' 3-yard line.

Reed later said he should have gotten into the end zone, but went down in an effort to protect the ball.

Four plays later, Ty Jones was stuffed on the goal line and USF launched a 99-yard drive to take a 7-0 lead.

"I feel like I could have done better," Reed said. "There are a lot of things we could have done better."

Reed caught another long pass, a 22-yarder over the middle, to set up FSU's only points early in the fourth quarter.

Having cut the Bulls' lead in half, the Seminoles seemed poised to make a run late in the game.

Instead, another fumble, this one from Ponder inside FSU's 20-yard line, allowed USF to seal the game.

That was the last of four lost fumbles for the Seminoles. Two came from receivers Rod Owens and Taiwan Easterling at the end of long passing plays that would have pushed FSU's offense into scoring position.

"The ball is worth a million dollars on the field," Reed said. "You can't do anything without the ball. You can't score without the ball, so you've got to hold onto the ball when you get it."

Even in the wake of a deflating loss, Reed's performance caught the attention of many, including offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher.

"He jumped out at me a lot," Fisher said. "I noticed him a lot. He battled, fought, played."

Reed said that the team would do its best to move past another tough loss and focus on ACC play, which resumes this week at Boston College.

"We're still alive - thank God for that," he said. "I wish we didn't have to lose to get more hungry."

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No. 1 Florida - IDLE

Next game, Oct. 10 at LSU

The Gators will enjoy a perfectly-timed off week before traveling to Baton Rouge, La., for a showdown of top-five teams - LSU is ranked No. 4 in the country.

UF coach Urban Meyer is hopeful star QB Tim Tebow (concussion) will be in the lineup. "All the tests are coming back positive," Meyer said. "He's feeling better."

Florida State at Boston College

Saturday, 3:30 p.m., ABC (Regional)

The roller-coaster continues for the Seminoles, as they try to bounce back from a disappointing home loss to South Florida.

Will Boston College see the FSU squad that lit up the scoreboard against Miami and Brigham Young? Or the one that struggled badly against USF and Jacksonville State? Stay tuned.

No. 8 Oklahoma at No. 17 Miami

Saturday, 8 p.m., ABC

The Hurricanes are looking to regroup after a lopsided loss last week at No. 6 Virginia Tech. Sophomore QB Jacory Harris, who was brilliant in Miami's first two games, completed just 9 of 25 passes against the Hokies.

This week, Harris and the Canes will face the nation's fifth-ranked defense.



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School

War Eagles make plans for Homecoming 2009

The 2009 Wakulla High School Homecoming King and Queen and Court will be selected soon.

Starting on Sept. 25, Wakulla High School students began nominating each other for \$1 for a chance to be on the ballot that will decide the Homecoming Court representatives for each grade.

The last day to nominate students will be Thursday, Oct. 1. Only one nomination will be needed to be on the ballot. On Monday, Oct. 5, students will vote in their English classes for court members. Each grade will only vote for students in their own grade. The court will be announced by seventh period on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Court reps should be sent to Kasey Hollington immediately following the announcement.

Freshmen will have one male and one female representative.

Sophomores will have one male and one female representative.

Juniors will have two male representatives and two female representatives.

Seniors will have five male representatives and five female representatives.

On Monday, Oct. 12, everyone will vote for King and Queen (sophomore through seniors during social studies and freshmen during English.)

Only the 10 senior representatives will be on this ballot. Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections Buddy Wells will bring out the touch screen voting machines for the voting.

He plans to bring more machines than last spring, so it should go more quickly. The King and Queen will be announced at the Jefferson County football game on

Oct. 16 during halftime.

T-shirts will be on sale again this year. The price will be \$10. Shirts will be sold by student government representatives starting on or around Oct. 1.

Friday, Oct. 9
Student organizations will be decorating the hallways from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Each sponsor should supervise their own organization.

Homecoming Dance
Tickets will go on sale Thursday, Oct. 1 until they are sold out. Tickets are \$10. There are a limited number of tickets due to fire codes at the Sopchoppy Gym. Last year tickets sold out within three days.

Tickets will be the wrist bands again. If students lose their wrist band they will not be admitted into the dance.

Saturday, Oct. 10

SGA and cheerleaders will decorate from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Homecoming Dance at Sopchoppy Gym will be held from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., all faculty and staff are invited to attend.

Homecoming Court representatives will take pictures at 8 p.m. Homecoming reps should attend the dance.

Dress Up Days
Star Day
Teacher's Pet
All-star
Represent Wakulla

Monday, Oct. 12
Star- dress up as your favorite character or movie star.
Volleyball students versus teachers sixth and seventh periods.

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Teacher's Pet Day - dress up in your nerdish attire!
Powder Puff game during third

and fourth periods.

Wednesday, Oct. 14
All-star Day - dress up to represent your favorite your favorite college or professional team!

Thursday, Oct. 15
Represent Wakulla - Wear your red, white, and blue.

Court rehearsal 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. (first fifth period/first lunch) for all homecoming court members, ROTC sword team, student government officers and band color guard. These students will eat second lunch. A Pep Rally will be held during sixth and seventh periods.

Friday, Oct. 16
TEACHER PLANNING-SCHOOL!

King and Queen will be announced at halftime.

The event sponsors are Kristi Keith and Kasey Hollington.

Wakulla County Elementary School Menus

OCTOBER SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Menus also available online at www.wakullaschooldistrict.org

Oct. 1 Macaroni, Ham & Cheese Casserole, Seasoned Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Apple, Milk.

Oct. 2 Salisbury Steak with Fluffy Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Biscuit, Fruit, Milk.

Oct. 5 Breaded Chicken Patty, Tossed Salad with Ranch dressing, Saltine Crackers, Grapes, Milk.

Oct. 6 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, French Bread, Banana, Milk.

Oct. 7 Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Strawberries, Milk.

Oct. 8 Chicken & Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Yeast Roll,

Pears, Milk.
Oct. 9 Beef Patty on Bun, Potato Wedge with ketchup, Fruit, Milk.

Oct. 12 Pizza, Carrot Sticks, Kiwi Fruit, Brownie, Milk.

Oct. 13 Cheese Quesadilla, Mexicali Corn, Green Apple, Milk.

Oct. 14 Corn dog, Green Beans, Strawberries OR Chef Salad, Strawberries, Saltines, Milk.

Oct. 15 Chicken Parmesan, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Yeast Roll, Milk.

Oct. 16 Teacher Planning Day

Oct. 19 Hot Ham & Cheese on Bun, Steamed Carrots, Apple Slices, Milk.

Oct. 20 Vegetable Beef Soup, Saltine Crackers, Orange Wedges, Milk.

Oct. 21 Chicken Nuggets, Creamy Mashed Potatoes,

Green Peas, Yeast Roll, Juice Bar, Milk.

Oct. 22 Sloppy Joe, Potato Wedge with ketchup, Banana, Milk.

Oct. 23 Deli Turkey Wrap with Dip, Steamed Broccoli, Sliced Strawberries, Milk.

Oct. 26 Breakfast for Lunch! Egg Patty with Cheese, Potato Wedge, Biscuit, Apple, Milk.

Oct. 27 Chili Con Carne

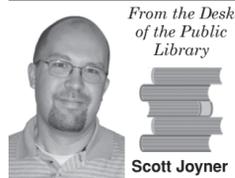
w/ Saltines, Cinnamon Roll, Orange Wedges, Milk.

Oct. 28 Beef Patty on Bun, French Fries with Ketchup, Apricots, Milk.

Oct. 29 Turkey and Noodles, Tossed Salad with Ranch dressing, Cornbread, Applesauce, Milk.

Oct. 30 Hot Dog on Bun, Baked Beans, Carrot Sticks with Dip, Orange Jello with Whipped Topping, Milk.

Library plans book fundraiser



From the Desk of the Public Library
Scott Joyner

Book Extravaganza Fundraiser

On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., we will be holding our bi-monthly fundraiser to benefit children's programs at the library. There will be thousands of books, audio, games and more for you to browse through. Any monetary donations you see fit to give help fund books, field trips, and performers at the library all year long. Please come out to this great event and help support your library.

Library Advisory Board

We will be holding a meeting of the Library's Advisory Board at 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5 in our small conference room for those interested in attending.

Friends of the Library Board

Thursday, Oct. 1, our Friends of the Library will be holding a board meeting at 7 p.m. in our

conference room. They will be discussing fundraising ideas to continue their already great support of the library.

Sassy Strippers Quilting

Interested in quilting? Then come out each Friday at 10 a.m. for this great community group. Enjoy learning new skills and making new friends while helping support the library. The meetings have a put-luck lunch and take place in our Main Meeting Room.

Friday Book Club

As always, our Friday Afternoon Book Club will be meeting at 3 p.m. in our small conference room. They will be discussing the book *Charity Girl* by Michael Lowenthal. This book is available for under \$1 from amazon.com. Come out and discuss this acclaimed book while broadening your literary horizons.

Computer Classes

Computer classes for this week are being held on Tuesday, Oct. 6 and include: Windows Vista for Existing Windows Users 9:30 a.m., E-mail Basics at 1 p.m. and Microsoft Word 2007 at 3:30 p.m. All classes are free to the public, but require early registration as seating is limited.

WHS NJROTC News

WHS NJROTC has big plans

The 2009-2010 school year is underway and Wakulla High's Naval Junior ROTC has big plans ahead. Included are the many service projects in the community for which they have become well known as well as hosting fundraisers and other exciting events of their own.

Of immediate note is the annual Noah Posey sponsored fish fry fundraiser Friday, Oct. 2 outside the football stadium.

Tickets can be purchased at the event which will run from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Patrons will have the choice

of eating there or taking the meals home. NJROTC fundraising is critically important since it enables all cadets the same opportunity for full participation regardless of their family's economic status.

The unit's first competition will be Oct. 24 near Tampa with the FAMU Field Meet scheduled for Jan. 30. The annual Pass in Review will be held the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Everyone is welcome to attend this most anticipated event when the Area Seven Manager inspects the cadets while family and friends watch the cadets showcase

their drill skills and the discipline they've developed from being in NJROTC. Later in November, about 40 cadets will spend three days in Parris Island, S.C., observing first-hand the process by which recruits are transformed into Marines.

This is an experiential learning trip for the cadets that also produces many fun memories. The first semester concludes with the annual Christmas Dance where cadets practice their social graces.

Fish fry planned

The Wakulla High School NJROTC will host their 17th

annual pre-game fish fry on Friday, Oct. 2 prior to the home football game against Florida High.

The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. Food will be provided by Posey's Up the Creek Catering (Noah Posey and crew) and the cost per plate will be \$6.

The menu includes fish, cheese grits, cole slaw and hush puppies.

The event will be held outside J.D. Jones Stadium and Reynolds Field at Wakulla High.

Tickets are available from any NJROTC student or will be available at the gate.

Riversink Elementary will be part of Space Florida program again

Last week, Space Florida announced an opportunity for 15 Florida elementary schools to participate in the "Butterflies in Space" program, where classrooms host a butterfly larvae habitat and compare development of their habitat to that of another test group of larvae flying aboard STS-129, bound for the International Space

Station in November 2009. Principal Jackie High's Riversink Elementary School was one of the 15 schools selected.

This program, made possible in collaboration with BioServe of Colorado, received an overwhelming reply from Florida schools in response to the initial posting of the opportunity.

"Riversink first grade teacher, Laura Hume, is the one officially participating, but several of our classrooms are piggy-backing on the project with her. They will be

replicating what she does in their own classrooms," said Principal High. "Last year, Ms. Hume was chosen to do a simulated anti-gravity trip with them."

Florida Shoe Box run is scheduled

Wakulla County residents are invited to participate in the Ninth Annual North Florida Shoe Box Run to benefit Operation Christmas Child.

Participants are invited to bring gift filled shoe boxes and join fellow motorcycle riders in a motorcade on Saturday, Nov. 14. Riders are invited to ride from their homes to one of the staging areas. The closest staging areas are Perry and Bainbridge.

The motorcade will start in Lake City and travel to the Suwannee Health and Rehab Center, 1620 East Helvenston

Street in Live Oak. The riders will deliver the shoe boxes to the Operation Christmas Child Collection Center located at the Suwannee Station Baptist Church. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

Each participant can bring a gift filled shoe box or adopt a shoe box at \$20 per participant.

For Shoe Box Run reservations or information, contact Colleen Ruehl at 556-1787 or

suwanneeoc@aol.com. The deadline to enter is Nov. 11.

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Law Enforcement and the Courts

Sheriff's Report

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office officials arrested one suspect and are searching for a second in connection with the theft of purses out of area vehicles and the illegal use of credit cards, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

On Aug. 31, Danelle Vaughn of Crawfordville and Susan A. Mead of Boca Raton reported the theft of property from their vehicles in two separate cases. Vaughn's vehicle was parked at Azalea Park in Crawfordville and Mead's was parked on Old Fort Road in St. Marks.

Shortly after the victims reported the thefts, bogus credit card charges began appearing on the victim's card statements, said Det. Bruce Ashley.

With the assistance of Tallahassee law enforcement officials and the U.S. Marshal's office, Brittany D. Harrison, 22, of Grand Ridge was apprehended and charged with several counts of illegal use of a credit card. She remains in the Wakulla County Jail. More than \$1,600 worth of charges were run up on the credit cards including groceries and electronics, according to Det. Ashley.

Law enforcement officials are still seeking John Edward Marshall, 54, of Crawfordville in connection with the crime. Marshall was chased by Tallahassee law enforcement officials last week which resulted in Marshall wrecking his vehicle, but he escaped on foot after damaging his vehicle. Det. Sean Wheeler investigated and the follow-up investigation occurred on Sept. 4 and Sept. 23.

In other activity reported by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office

during the past week:

- On Sept. 26, law enforcement officials arrested three Crawfordville men in connection with an alleged shooting in the Red Lake Road and Smith Creek Highway area, according to Det. Bruce Ashley.

- Justin Lee McCalvin, 19, was charged with unlawful discharge of a firearm, obstruction of justice, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Darin Ladon Ezell, 18, and Ryan Andrew Brantly, 20, passengers in the McCalvin vehicle, were charged with obstruction of justice.

- McCalvin allegedly fired a firearm at a party following a fight. Deputy Ben Steinle stopped the suspect vehicle on the highway and made the arrests.

- A handgun, alcohol and narcotics were discovered in the vehicle which was driven by McCalvin, according to the report. The fight occurred at a hunting camp in Smith Creek.

- Det. Ashley said additional charges may be filed in the case as law enforcement officials believe the gun may have been stolen. Lt. Brent Sanders and Sgt. Danny Harrell also investigated.

- On Sept. 26, Elizabeth Roberts of Crawfordville reported the theft of a firearm from her home. It was discovered that the firearm had been used in a crime and was recovered by the sheriff's office. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Ben Steinle investigated.

- On Sept. 22, Clarence Harris, 56, of Tallahassee was arrested following a crack cocaine purchase in the Crawfordville area, according to Det. Bruce Ashley. The sheriff's office received information that

Harris was allegedly selling drugs in Wakulla County and an undercover purchase was made from him. A total of 1.5 grams of crack cocaine was purchased during the buy and another 1.5 grams was discovered on Harris during the arrest. His 1998 Jeep was confiscated due to the fact that it was used in the drug sale. He faces charges of sale of crack cocaine and possession of cocaine with the intent to sell. Harris had been out on bond from the Leon County Jail for other charges when he was arrested, said Ashley.

- On Sept. 22, Marvin Shepard of Panacea reported the theft of items from his boat. The missing items included gasoline, a gas tank and primer bulb, valued at \$74. Damage to a cut gasoline hose was estimated at \$15. The theft occurred at the victim's dock. Deputy Lorne Whaley investigated.

- On Sept. 22, Angela G. Phair of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered and the home had been ransacked. The missing items include electronic games, a cell phone, currency, jewelry and miscellaneous items, valued at \$1,745. CSI Melissa Harris, Det. Sean Wheeler, Det. Jeremy Johnston and Deputy Matt Helms investigated.

- On Sept. 22, Thomas Banghart of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary as a forced entry was discovered. Nothing appears to have taken from the home, but damage was estimated at \$600. Deputy Michael Lawhon investigated.

- On Sept. 22, William Joy of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. The victim came

home and found his home in disarray. Twenty five firearms and a television were stolen, valued at \$22,900 and damage to the home was estimated at \$150. CSI Melissa Harris, Deputy Ben Steinle, Sgt. Danny Harrell, Det. Jason Newlin and Det. Sean Wheeler investigated.

- On Sept. 23, Robert L. Harris of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. Nothing was reported missing, but several items had been moved around and the ceiling was damaged due to someone falling through it. Damage was estimated at \$600. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

- On Sept. 23, Kristina Harris of Crawfordville reported a fraud as someone used her \$368 food card. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Billy Jones investigated.

- On Sept. 23, Richard Miller of Crawfordville reported a fraud as someone created unauthorized purchases on his bank account. The total in damages taken from the victim's account was \$890. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

- On Sept. 23, a Crawfordville resident reported a residential burglary to his neighbor's home. A forced entry was discovered. The unoccupied home had been used to smoke narcotics. Damage to the property was estimated at \$300. Suspects were observed by a second witness. The victim is Mary Nabors of Panama City. Deputy Ryan Muse, Deputy Billy Jones and Captain Randall Taylor investigated.

- On Sept. 23, Rebecca Lynn Shea, 28, of Tallahassee was charged with smuggling contraband into a detention facility. Shea allegedly filled two balloons with

tobacco, marijuana and rolling papers and hid them inside her body. Deputy Jerry Morgan and the corrections staff investigated.

- On Sept. 25, Darren Ward of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. The vehicle had been parked at New Life Ministries. Someone removed electronics, valued at \$1,000, and slashed tires and poured wine on the interior of the vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$280. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

- On Sept. 27, Steven Warren of Crawfordville reported a vehicle theft. The truck was entered in the NCIC/FCIC computer. The victim recovered a mountain bicycle in his driveway. It was valued at \$50. Deputy Michael Lawhon investigated.

- On Sept. 28, Shellen D. Scott of Crawfordville reported the theft of \$520 in currency from her home. A suspect has been identified. Sgt. John Zarate investigated.

- On Sept. 28, Hal A. Council of Crawfordville reported the theft of an air conditioning unit from his rental property. The unit was valued at \$500. Deputy Ruel Raker investigated.

- On Sept. 28, Heidi N. Melton of Crawfordville reported a business burglary at Gulf Coast Metals. A television, valued at \$800, was taken. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Jerry Morgan investigated.

- The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 762 calls for service during the past week.

Note to our readers: The people who are reported as charged with crimes in this column have not yet been to trial and are therefore innocent until proven guilty.

Court Shorts

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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Kenneth Strickland, the 63-year-old Crawfordville man charged with molesting a child his wife used to babysit, admitted to the acts in court last week, begged for forgiveness from the victim and God, and was given a mandatory sentence of life in prison.

According to the charging documents, Strickland molested the girl from the time she was 4 years old and continued for 10 years. The girl told a Sunday School teacher about the abuse, and the teacher called law enforcement.

Strickland told the court that he was making the plea because he did not want to put the victim through the trauma of testifying.

Strickland's wife, Suelen, recently died of cancer. At the sentencing hearing

on Thursday, Sept. 17, one of her sons said she made him promise that he would be at court for Strickland and, without making any statement of support for his stepfather, basically indicated he had fulfilled his mother's deathbed wish with his presence.

Strickland's attorney, conflict counsel Daren Shippy, told the court at the hearing that he didn't know much about Mr. Strickland, and reportedly had tears in his eyes.

In other court matters:

- Edward Burris, 47, pleaded to charges of burglary for stealing his impounded dog from a cage at animal control, and was ordered to serve three years probation.

- According to the charging documents, Burris went to county animal control looking for his dog and found

the animal had been seized. Told it would cost \$40 to get his dog back, Burris reportedly said he had no money.

The animal control officer later went to where Burris' dog was impounded and found the cage empty. The officer knew Burris because, during a past sentence at the Wakulla County Jail, he had worked as an inmate trustee with animal control and the shelter. Checking security cameras, the officer saw where Burris had been recorded taking the dog from the cage.

Burris pleaded no contest in court on Wednesday, Sept. 16, and was adjudicated guilty, ordered to serve three years probation with the condition that he consume no illegal substances and to pay \$1,190 in court costs and fines.

Wakulla Circuit Judge N.

Sanders Sauls noted the court costs were considerably more than the original \$40 fine animal control was going to charge Burris to get the animal back and observed that it was certainly an expensive dog.

- A man filed a negligence lawsuit against Gulf Coast Lumber recently, claiming the company was responsible for injuries he received at the lumberyard.

According to the complaint, filed on Friday, Sept. 18, James Jones was at the lumber supply company on March 2 and was injured when a bundle of 2 x 6 x 16 wood fell on him, causing an unspecified injury and pain.

The lawsuit claims that an employee had used a forklift to move the bundle to a spot in the lumberyard and left it without affixing

any stanchions or supports, and removed the safety tether. The employee then left the bundle.

"The lumber was left by the employee for the unsupervised inspection of (Jones), thereby creating a dangerous condition for the customer," the lawsuit states.

While the company may not have known of the dangerous condition, it is still responsible for the negligent acts of an employee, the lawsuit argues.

Attorney Benjamin Rust is representing Jones in the case.

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office hosts hunter safety course

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will host a Hunter's Safety Course starting on Oct. 6 at the WCSO Training Facility, located at 65 Qualify Lane, Crawfordville.

The course consists of four, three hour classroom training sessions and one, four hour range training session.

The class dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Thursday, Oct. 8, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Thursday, Oct. 15, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration is now open and must be done by going to MyFWC.com, and then by clicking on "Hunter's Safety."

There is no cost for the training. Attendees who complete the training will receive a certificate that is required to obtain a Florida hunting license from the

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Please register early as seating is limited.

For more information,

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Dr. Vera McIntyre will speak to Task Force

Dr. Vera McIntyre PhD., a counselor and motivational speaker, will be the guest at this month's meeting of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The event, sponsored by the task force and Refuge House, will be held at the TCC Wakulla Center on Oct. 14 at noon. Lunch will be provided.

McIntyre will speak on the emotional impact of domestic violence.

McIntyre earned a B.A. in social work, M.A. in urban and regional planning, and a doctorate in counseling. She is actively involved with the NAACP, Urban League, American Business Association, United Families of America, and the Florida School Community Partnership.

Outdoors

C-Quarters Tourney has raised \$600,000 for charity



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

I've been out of town since Tuesday, Sept. 22 but understand the weather last weekend was pretty good for fishing. This week it's supposed to turn a little cooler and maybe it will turn the fish on. I was up in Asheville over the weekend and on Saturday the high for the day was 59 degrees and boy did it feel good. Pretty town and pretty country, but it's always nice to get back to Shell Point and Wakulla County.

Mark and Louise Prance fished Sunday and didn't catch much at all, but one day last week they caught seven nice flounder, a 27-inch grouper and one big trout. Mark said they tried live shrimp and pinfish but they weren't interested. He gave Louise a shiner tail and they started catching fish. They were fishing a rock pile off St. Marks. Wade Melton and Bob McCullough of Shell Point fished near the Och-

locknee Shoals on Sunday and came in with seven nice trout. They were using the Gulp on the bottom. Alisa Tatum was fishing in about 16 feet of water with pinfish and hooked a big cobia over the weekend. She fought it for about 20 minutes until it broke her line.

Jimmy at Shell Island Fish Camp in St. Marks said they were busy last weekend and had lots of people on the water. Kenny Daniels fished in close past Gray Mare Rock with live shrimp and came in with their limit of trout and red fish. Jimmy said most boats stayed up around the mouth of the river and came in with some trout, but not as many as Kenny.

Captain Randy Peart fished three days out of St. George Island last weekend and had good trips every day. He took The Kenyon party and Folger party from Atlanta and caught trout, reds and flounder. He took

the Hunt family from Nashville on Thursday and got plenty of trout and reds. He said the water was a little dirty, but the fish are biting. On Saturday, he and his wife fished out of the Econfina for three hours and caught eight trout from 18 to 20 inches long and they fished in three to four feet of water with the Gulp Jerk Baits under a Cajun Thunder. He said they also caught some nice sea bass in some rock holes in about nine feet of water. Randy said the water was surprisingly clear down there.

Capt. Terry Caruthers fished with the Thompson party out of Fayetteville, Ga. and said he had one of the best days he has had in a long while. They fished around Dog Island because it was the only place they could get out of the floating grass. They limited out on speckled trout using the Cajun Thunder and white Gulp. Terry said they drifted over a hole about 11 feet deep and he caught a real big silver trout. He made three more casts and caught three more so they anchored up and caught 60 of the biggest silver trout he said he had seen. They were coming up off the bottom and hitting the Gulp three feet under



Captain Blake Gardner of Panacea and the Reel Smoker crew with winning fish.

the Cajun Thunder. He then went around the docks and they limited out on reds using live shrimp. Remember the ramp is still open, but the store is closed so make sure you have plenty of gas and whatever else you need when going over there.

I talked with Millard Collins at C Quarters Marina in Carrabelle and they had another very successful fishing tournament. The total payout for the tournament was \$33,000 and they also gave a check to the Leukemia Foundation for \$45,000. That

makes more than \$600,000 this tournament has raised in seven years. Congratulations to Jimmy Crowder, Mary and Millard for another successful tournament and for all the hard work that they and others put into this tournament. A new record was set for the kingfish by the boat Reel Smoker. They came in with a 50.4 pound king that broke the old record by five pounds. Smooth Reel placed second with a 32.5 pound king and Hooked Again took third place with a 31.1 pound king. The grouper

division was added this year and the Green Banana took first place with a grouper weighing 15.8 pounds. Good as Grits took second with a 12.7-pound grouper and third place went to ReZone with an 11.2-pound grouper. Again congratulations to the folks at C Quarters for a fantastic tournament considering the economy.

Remember to leave those float plans with someone and know your limits when you're out there. Good luck and good fishing!

Prescribed fire season begins on Apalachicola Forest

Residents and motorists may see some smoke in the air beginning Oct. 1 when the U.S. Forest Service starts its prescribed fire season of approximately 100,000 acres in the Apalachicola National Forest to prevent wildfires and promote a healthy forest for plants and animals.

"Prescribed fire plays an integral part in reducing fuels, improving all wildlife habitat, controlling competing vegetation, controlling disease and improving for-

age," said Lynne Howard, who directs the U.S. Forest Service's fire efforts for the National Forests in Florida.

Plants and animals native to the longleaf pine habitats in the Apalachicola national Forest depend on natural fire cycles, which are mimicked through the use of prescribed fires to balance habitat and food sources.

Prescribed burning is also one of the most effective land management

tools used in preventing the outbreak and spread of wildfires.

Pre-planned prescribed burns are carefully analyzed and conducted under specific weather conditions. Specific calendar dates for burn activities are fluid because only when conditions are right can prescribed burns achieve desired results.

"Because prescribed fires depend on having the correct weather conditions, the decision to burn is made

very close to the actual burn time, said Steve Parish, U.S. Forest Service fire management officer. "Fire managers study variables such as temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, how smoke will disperse and rainfall patterns.

To begin the season, approximately 12,000 acres of the northeast portion of the forest is scheduled for burning.

Drivers and residents are reminded of the possibil-

ity of unexpected shifting winds that could increase the risk of smoke on the road during prescribed burns.

Always proceed with caution and please remember to reduce speed and turn headlights on if visibility is affected by smoky conditions.

The National Forests in Florida is among those leading the nation in prescribed fire.

Prescribed burning is

conducted every three to five years in which approximately 100,000 to 175,000 acres of national forest lands are burned annually in the Ocala, Osceola and Apalachicola National Forests.

The public can contact the Apalachicola National Forest Wakulla Ranger District Office at 926-3561 if there are questions about the prescribed burning season.

Depot Advisory Committee meets in Sopchoppy

The Sopchoppy Historical Depot project is moving forward with a five member advisory committee, appointed by the Sopchoppy City Commissioners, meeting to discuss the many possibilities for sharing the historical depot and the history of Sopchoppy with the public.

After years of existing in a state of disrepair, the much anticipated renovation of the historic depot is finally complete. Sopchoppy City Clerk, Jackie Lawhon, lead the depot committee on

a tour through the beautifully renovated structure, which promises a warm and welcoming atmosphere for future visitors. The Depot Advisory Committee discussed creating living history exhibits inside the depot and perhaps housing some historical items, but agreed that careful planning along with a clear mission is needed.

Reputedly one of the only historic train depots left standing in the State of Florida on the G F & A line, (Georgia, Florida and Ala-

bama line), the Sopchoppy depot is also at the head of the Big Bend Scenic Byway forest trail.

Nominated by the Sopchoppy City Commission, the members of the Depot Advisory Committee include: Jo Ann Catoe, Debra Dix, Elaine Herndon, Jim Lollis and Elizabeth Smith. The next meeting to discuss plans for opening the depot to the public will be held in downtown Sopchoppy at City Hall on Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

FWC announces wildlife grants

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Wildlife Legacy Initiative is now accepting grant applications for the State Wildlife Grants Program for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

This program is a federally funded matching grants program, providing financial support for projects that ad-

dress conservation needs as identified in Florida's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. This year's criteria focus on the Legacy Initiative's priority habitats and filling in gaps on species of greatest conservation need. Preference will be given to projects addressing multiple species, partnerships and climate change

issues for Florida's fish and wildlife and their habitats.

The submission deadline is Oct. 15 at 5 p.m.

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Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.

St. Marks River Entrance

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 1, 09	3.3 ft. 1:15 AM	1.1 ft. 7:11 AM	3.6 ft. 1:26 PM	0.8 ft. 7:37 PM
Fri Oct 2, 09	3.5 ft. 1:39 AM	0.8 ft. 7:46 AM	3.8 ft. 2:02 PM	0.9 ft. 8:04 PM
Sat Oct 3, 09	3.7 ft. 2:01 AM	0.5 ft. 8:19 AM	3.9 ft. 2:38 PM	1.0 ft. 8:29 PM
Sun Oct 4, 09	3.8 ft. 2:23 AM	0.2 ft. 8:51 AM	3.9 ft. 3:14 PM	1.1 ft. 8:56 PM
Mon Oct 5, 09	3.9 ft. 2:45 AM	-0.0 ft. 9:25 AM	3.9 ft. 3:53 PM	1.2 ft. 9:24 PM
Tue Oct 6, 09	4.1 ft. 3:09 AM	-0.2 ft. 10:00 AM	3.8 ft. 4:33 PM	1.4 ft. 9:54 PM
Wed Oct 7, 09	4.1 ft. 3:37 AM	-0.2 ft. 10:40 AM	3.5 ft. 5:18 PM	1.6 ft. 10:28 PM

City of St. Marks

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 1, 09	3.1 ft. 1:51 AM	1.0 ft. 8:15 AM	3.4 ft. 2:02 PM	0.8 ft. 8:41 PM
Fri Oct 2, 09	3.3 ft. 2:15 AM	0.7 ft. 8:50 AM	3.5 ft. 2:38 PM	0.8 ft. 9:08 PM
Sat Oct 3, 09	3.4 ft. 2:37 AM	0.4 ft. 9:23 AM	3.6 ft. 3:14 PM	0.9 ft. 9:33 PM
Sun Oct 4, 09	3.5 ft. 2:59 AM	0.2 ft. 9:55 AM	3.6 ft. 3:50 PM	1.0 ft. 10:00 PM
Mon Oct 5, 09	3.7 ft. 3:21 AM	-0.0 ft. 10:29 AM	3.6 ft. 4:29 PM	1.1 ft. 10:28 PM
Tue Oct 6, 09	3.8 ft. 3:45 AM	-0.1 ft. 11:04 AM	3.5 ft. 5:09 PM	1.3 ft. 10:58 PM
Wed Oct 7, 09	3.8 ft. 4:13 AM	-0.2 ft. 11:44 AM	3.3 ft. 5:54 PM	1.4 ft. 11:32 PM

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 1, 09	3.4 ft. 1:12 AM	1.2 ft. 7:08 AM	3.7 ft. 1:23 PM	0.9 ft. 7:34 PM
Fri Oct 2, 09	3.6 ft. 1:36 AM	0.8 ft. 7:43 AM	3.8 ft. 1:59 PM	0.9 ft. 8:01 PM
Sat Oct 3, 09	3.8 ft. 1:58 AM	0.5 ft. 8:16 AM	3.9 ft. 2:35 PM	1.0 ft. 8:26 PM
Sun Oct 4, 09	3.9 ft. 2:20 AM	0.2 ft. 8:48 AM	4.0 ft. 3:11 PM	1.2 ft. 8:53 PM
Mon Oct 5, 09	4.0 ft. 2:42 AM	-0.0 ft. 9:22 AM	3.9 ft. 3:50 PM	1.3 ft. 9:21 PM
Tue Oct 6, 09	4.1 ft. 3:06 AM	-0.2 ft. 9:57 AM	3.8 ft. 4:30 PM	1.5 ft. 9:51 PM
Wed Oct 7, 09	4.2 ft. 3:34 AM	-0.2 ft. 10:37 AM	3.6 ft. 5:15 PM	1.7 ft. 10:25 PM



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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 1, 09	2.5 ft. 1:07 AM	0.8 ft. 7:22 AM	2.7 ft. 1:18 PM	0.6 ft. 7:48 PM
Fri Oct 2, 09	2.6 ft. 1:31 AM	0.6 ft. 7:57 AM	2.8 ft. 1:54 PM	0.6 ft. 8:15 PM
Sat Oct 3, 09	2.8 ft. 1:53 AM	0.3 ft. 8:30 AM	2.9 ft. 2:30 PM	0.7 ft. 8:40 PM
Sun Oct 4, 09	2.9 ft. 2:15 AM	0.1 ft. 9:02 AM	2.9 ft. 3:06 PM	0.8 ft. 9:07 PM
Mon Oct 5, 09	3.0 ft. 2:37 AM	-0.0 ft. 9:36 AM	2.9 ft. 3:45 PM	0.9 ft. 9:35 PM
Tue Oct 6, 09	3.0 ft. 3:01 AM	-0.1 ft. 10:11 AM	2.8 ft. 4:25 PM	1.0 ft. 10:05 PM
Wed Oct 7, 09	3.1 ft. 3:29 AM	-0.1 ft. 10:51 AM	2.7 ft. 5:10 PM	1.1 ft. 10:39 PM

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 1, 09	2.6 ft. 12:59 AM	1.1 ft. 6:50 AM	2.8 ft. 1:10 PM	0.8 ft. 7:16 PM
Fri Oct 2, 09	2.8 ft. 1:23 AM	0.8 ft. 7:25 AM	2.9 ft. 1:46 PM	0.9 ft. 7:43 PM
Sat Oct 3, 09	2.9 ft. 1:45 AM	0.5 ft. 7:58 AM	3.0 ft. 2:22 PM	0.9 ft. 8:08 PM
Sun Oct 4, 09	3.0 ft. 2:07 AM	0.2 ft. 8:30 AM	3.0 ft. 2:58 PM	1.1 ft. 8:35 PM
Mon Oct 5, 09	3.1 ft. 2:29 AM	-0.0 ft. 9:04 AM	3.0 ft. 3:37 PM	1.2 ft. 9:03 PM
Tue Oct 6, 09	3.2 ft. 2:53 AM	-0.2 ft. 9:39 AM	2.9 ft. 4:17 PM	1.4 ft. 9:33 PM
Wed Oct 7, 09	3.2 ft. 3:21 AM	-0.2 ft. 10:19 AM	2.8 ft. 5:02 PM	1.5 ft. 10:07 PM

Dog Island West End

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 1, 09	2.9 ft. 1:16 AM	1.2 ft. 6:31 AM	2.9 ft. 12:56 PM	1.0 ft. 6:53 PM
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Sat Oct 3, 09	3.0 ft. 1:42 AM	0.8 ft. 7:42 AM	2.9 ft. 2:43 PM	1.3 ft. 7:42 PM
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Tue Oct 6, 09	3.4 ft. 2:31 AM	0.2 ft. 9:21 AM	2.9 ft. 5:29 PM	1.9 ft. 8:48 PM
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or 926-5654

Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Sherrie Alverson

Your wandering reporter finally decided to come home. When I left for Georgia my plans included only a few days with my family in the Columbus area. My sister-in-law, Maxine, who is more than 90 wasn't well and wanted to see me. After three days she felt so much better that she urged me to go see some of my college friends and fellow auxiliarians in Georgia. My daughter and her husband thought that was a nice idea so off we went. More than 500 miles later we were back at their place. I spent some more time with Maxine and I was thinking about coming home the next day, but Mac insisted we needed to go boating Saturday on Lake Oliver. He had a beautiful new pontoon boat and wanted to show it off. It was indeed gorgeous and equipped with all required safety devices, and then some. But we did run into some problems - channel mark-

ers, buoys, etc. It seemed as though none of them were navigational aids that I was familiar with. My son-in-law couldn't resist chiding me. "You've been in the Coast Guard Auxiliary forever, you should know them." Okay, so I will look them up when I have the time.

I just called Jim McGill for his report on Flotilla 13 (Shell Point) news. "Nothing, but on Saturday I raced in the ABYC's Dinghy Regatta. Beth Hamilton will furnish you with the information." The following is her report:

On Saturday, Sept. 26, ABYC sailors raced off the beach for the latest ABYC Dinghy Regatta. It was that perfect Puffin dinghy racing day we had all been looking for. The weather was very warm and we had a nice breeze to keep the boats moving. It was great to have two fleets, plus one, racing. Participating in the Puffin Fleet were "Cat" McLendon, John Hamilton, Jim McGill



Apalachee Bay Yacht Club sailors make their way around the dinghy race course at Shell Point.

and Steve VanSkyver. Racing in the Holders Fleet (Non-Puffin) were John McBride, Ted Gilbert and Alberto, an FSU student.

Mark Lipsius was the only entry in the Mllimeter Fleet, but he had a fine time racing against himself. (Sherrie's note - Marc is also a member of Flotilla 13.)

Beth did not furnish a list of the winners, but she did congratulate Cat on winning her first regatta. "Way to Go Girl!"

When I called Jim McGill regarding the winners' list, his reply was a short "no" and then he added, "I won third, three times." And I thought, that is better than last for four times.

Their next Puffin dinghy race will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Carolyn Brown Treardon's report of Flotilla 12 at St Marks has arrived.

Saturday, Coxswain Tim Ashley was out on safety patrol with Bob Asztalos, Steve Hults and Rob Purvis crewing. Everyone had a great day on the water and enjoyed seeing many of the wonders our coast and rivers have to offer. With the water sampling back underway, the crew collected water samples to monitor for Red Tide. Bob Asztalos will be sending them off for testing.

The rest of the day was spent on training exercises. The crew decided to take our AED equipment out on their patrol, a way for us to help maintain the safety of our boaters. Several months ago, we trained some members to use the AED. Everyone had a great day on the water, even if the FSU game kept many home and off the water.

On Friday night, we will try once again to conduct a night time ATON run to verify all the channel markers are in good condition and the lights are working properly.

Our last efforts were thwarted by Mother Nature. We arrived out at the Center Channel Marker to be greeted with four to five foot waves, and since we are a crew that puts safety first, we opted to return to calmer and safer waters before night fell.

On Saturday, we will also hold our monthly meeting on Oct. 3. It is hard to believe that is already October. That means for us that it is also time for elections. We will hold our election for Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander at the meeting for the upcoming year. The meeting will be held at the Crawfordville Fire Station.

Remember safe boating is no accident.



Rob Purvis and Steve Hults take water samples.

Parks commemorate Hispanic heritage

This time of year marks the start of Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Florida Park Service is celebrating by recognizing the many Hispanic historical and cultural resources preserved at Florida's 160 state parks.

"Hispanic Heritage Month is a great opportunity to highlight the spirit of Hispanic heritage that exists in Florida's state parks," said DEP's Florida Park Service Director, Mike Bullock. "Parks such as De Leon Springs and Fort Mosé showcase the significant contribution Hispanic heritage has on our state's history and culture and we encourage residents and visitors alike to explore these outstanding resources."

State Parks featuring Hispanic heritage and history include:

- San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park, St. Marks.

The site's history began in 1528 when Panfilo de Narvaez arrived with 300 men. Having traveled overland from Tampa, Narvaez, impressed by the area located at the confluence of the Wakulla and St. Marks rivers, built and launched the first ships made by white men in the New World.

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Depositions taken in wetlands case

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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Attorneys in the wetlands lawsuit against the county questioned Commission Chairman Howard Kessler recently about his failure to turn over public records as requested.

Reportedly, Kessler's position on public records requests sought by attorneys for Ronald Fred Crum and Larry Tucker was that he did not have to respond because the requests for documents were not addressed specifically to him.

He turned over some additional e-mails being sought by the lawyers, as well as photographs of the Crum property he took and gave to county staff that prompted an investigation into violations of the wetlands ordinance.

The ordinance has found invalid by Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls a few weeks ago because of procedural flaws in the way it was enacted by the county.

At the deposition, held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, a reporter with The News was not allowed to attend. While depositions are not necessarily open under Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine Law, the reporter asked to be able to stay since the deposition was of a public official being asked about public records matters and was being held in a public building, the county commission's conference room.

The attorney with Kessler at the deposition, Gregory Stewart of Nabors, Giblin and Nickerson, requested the reporter to leave.

Kessler's deposition went on for four hours. The day before, on Monday, Sept. 14, Stewart filed a motion for protective order to keep from producing Kessler's county-provided cell phone or BlackBerry, contending the request was "overbroad and unduly oppressive, as it almost certainly extends to numerous areas which are not relevant to these proceedings."

The motion also claimed that the devices may contain references to attorney-client or other privileged materials.

Besides Kessler and Stewart, others in the deposition were County Attorney Ron Mowrey and his associate Rhonda DiVagno, plaintiff Ronald Fred Crum and his attorney Chris Lunny of the Radey, Thomas, Yon and Clark law firm, the lawyer for plaintiff Larry Tucker, David Kemp of the Don Pumphrey law firm, and a court reporter.

According to those in the deposition, Kessler testified that he believed he did not have to respond to a request for public records made by Lunny because the lawyer had addressed his request for all county documents, e-mails and other public records related to the Crum-Tucker wetlands case to Code Enforcement Officer Jaime Baze rather than him personally.

Questioned about how he responded to other records requests from the public, Kessler reportedly told of fulfilling records requests for others - such as resident Michael Keys, who sent an e-mail requesting records related to Attorney Mowrey.

Kessler reportedly pulled those records and took them to Keys' home and charged him nothing, according to an attorney who attended the deposition.

It was noted that Kessler did not provide records requested by Crum and Tucker, though they have reportedly paid thousands of dollars to the county for copies of materials.

Nick Routa, a computer technician with Inspired Technologies, the company that provides tech services to the county, was also deposed that day and reportedly testified that he had been brought in to deal with problems related to a separate public records request by The Wakulla News for e-mails on a different issue.

Routa said that, while meeting with Kessler to discuss pulling those e-mails, he

asked if the commissioner wanted him to go ahead and pull e-mails related to the Crum-Tucker case. Kessler reportedly told him no, indicating he did not intend to respond to the Crum-Tucker request, officials in the room said.

Assistant Planner Melissa Corbett was also deposed that day as she was tasked with compiling much of the public records requested as part of the case.

The depositions are in the process of being transcribed by the court reporter.

In January, Kessler sent an e-mail to Assistant County Administrator Lindsay Stevens about "massive wetlands violations" on Crum's Panacea property. He also submitted digital photographs he took of the land.

Crum has said he was building duck ponds on his property. He and neighboring landowner Larry Tucker were both charged with violating the county's wetlands ordinance, which is intended to protect isolated wetlands larger than 1,000 square feet, but too small to fall under state or federal jurisdiction.

In a tit-for-tat, Crum filed a complaint against Kessler, and the commissioner was cited for a violation because he mowed within 75 feet of a pond on his Panacea property.

County Attorney Mowrey opined that all three ponds - Crum's, Tucker's and Kessler's - were artificial and thus exempt from the wetlands ordinance. Stevens created her own legal analysis that reinstated charges against Crum and Tucker, but dropped the case against Kessler.

Crum and Tucker subsequently filed a lawsuit in circuit court seeking a declaratory judgment that the wetlands ordinance was invalid because the county did not follow the law in enacting it - such as not meeting advertising requirements, not delivering the ordinance within 10 days to the Department of State, and not having it reviewed by the planning commission as required by law since it deals with land development.

Judge Sauls has ruled the ordinance is invalid, and expressed considerable concern about the procedure by which the county enforced it - using cease-and-desist orders to stop any further activity, when state law gives no such authority for that kind of enforcement.

While that count of the lawsuit is resolved, still pending is a second count related to allegations that Kessler failed to provide public records.

There is also still pending the issue of how much the county should have to pay in attorney fees for Crum and Tucker - given the court's determination that the men were justified in bringing the lawsuit to protect their rights from the wrongful act of the county - in addition to whatever monetary damages, if any, they may seek to collect.

The county is paying to have two law firms in the lawsuit as well: Longtime Attorney Mowrey's contract expires on Sept. 30 and the Nabors law firm is set to take over Oct. 1.

At Kessler's request, and with the board's approval, the Nabors law firm was brought in on the Crum-Tucker case because Kessler indicated he had no confidence in Mowrey, whom he has alleged is working against him.

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6. Community Calendar- Reader generated activities and events.

Community Calendar

Events for October:

To add a new event to the events list, please click on the link below the calendar to the left.

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Lawmakers to seek TRIM petitions Sunshine measure

Two lawmakers hope simplicity and transparency will allow Floridians to be the watchdogs of their government.

State Senator Dan Geller (D-Miami Beach) and State Representative Keith Fitzgerald (D-Sarasota) announced they will be asking the legislature to put a constitutional amendment on the 2010 ballot designed to make the state budget process more transparent and open to the public.

The amendment includes the following key provisions:

- Appropriations bills must be written in plain language, so Floridians can clearly understand where their money will be spent, and what revenue will pay for it.
- Requires all conference committee business between two or more members to be conducted in a noticed public meeting.

"Too much of the people's business is done without public oversight," said Sen. Geller. "It's time for the Florida Legislature to apply greater transparency to its own deliberations."

The proposal will also address the growing problem of the openness of the overall legislative process. In addition to the key budget provisions, the amendment will provide two key components designed to make the legislature more open:

- Prohibiting floor amendments to proposed bills in the last five days of a regular session or anytime during a special session, unless they are passed by a three-fourths vote.
- Giving circuit court clear authority to hear challenges pertaining to open records and creates a "reasonableness standard" for open records in order to make it harder for the legislature to reject open records requests.

"Floridians have a right to hold their legislators accountable and this constitutional amendment aims to restore faith in the legislative process," said Rep. Fitzgerald. "We must throw open the doors of the legislature to shine the light of day on the people's business."

Dissmore will shoot baskets for charity

A face familiar to Wakulla County residents will attempt to break a world record for free-throw shooting.

Perry Dissmore, a former All-American and All-Conference player for his college basketball team in Minnesota, thinks he can break the world record. The record for most free throws made in one hour is 1,663. He has pledged to donate his talent and effort to Boys and

Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC). Individuals are invited to make pledges for each basket he makes and perhaps a bonus amount if he breaks the record. He will be making his attempt at Chipola College in Marianna on Friday, Oct. 9.

The event is being sponsored by the West Florida Chapter of BGMC. For more information, visit www.bgmc.org.

Church News

Love Center plans yard sale

The Crawfordville Love Center and pastors Robert and Francella Wilson will host a church yard sale at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. The church is located at 18 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Road in Crawfordville. The sale will feature odds and ends, clothing and something for everyone. Everyone is invited to attend.

Crawfordville FBC to host men's breakfast

First Baptist Church of Crawfordville is hosting its monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 10. Southern Baptist men in the United States and Canada will be joining Baptist men in Great Britain and Nigeria for a somewhat simultaneous men's breakfast.

The October Men's Fellowship Breakfast at FBCC will include the usual breakfast food and fellowship with a special extra emphasis on the bigger picture.

The Bigger Breakfast focus will be on missions and World Hunger Sunday which is being observed by Southern Baptist churches on Oct. 11.

The Bigger Breakfast theme is about mission action both in the community and beyond. Men in the community are invited to attend this free event. Donations of canned goods and non-perishable items will be collected and given to support the FBCC's food ministry which is open each Monday night to serve the local community. Donations to help cover part of the meal will also be accepted. The breakfast begins at 8 a.m. and concludes by 9:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.namb.net or contact Rick Parks at reslparks@embarqmail.com. Reservations not required, but advance notice is appreciated.

Panacea church plans homecoming

Panacea Congregational Holiness Church will be hosting a Homecoming Revival Wednesday, Oct. 7 through Friday, Oct. 9. Ser-

vices begin at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Henry Thornton.

A supper will be held Saturday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. and the Sunday service will be held at 11 a.m.

St. Teresa cooking classes, supper on Thursdays

On Thursdays, St. Teresa Episcopal Church will be holding cooking classes, supper and fellowship at the church from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by Bible study from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The current lessons are on forgiveness. Everyone is invited to attend.

Trinity Lutheran to host Oktoberfest fundraiser

Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) will host an Oktoberfest fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 3.

The day will begin at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast, the sale of baked goods and yard sale items. An Oktoberfest lunch will consist of grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, hot dogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad, cole slaw and German chocolate cake.

Good food, visiting with friends and music all day will guarantee a good time for everyone. For updates on the Oktoberfest visit the TLC web site at www.lutheranonline.com/trinityofwakulla. For information, e-mail tonysusie@yahoo.com.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 3254 Coastal Highway, across from Wakulla High School or behind Eden Springs, off Hwy. 319 for a day of fun.

Youth group hosts fundraiser

The Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church youth group will host a fall fundraiser yard sale, bake sale, barbecue chicken dinner with chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, a roll and dessert for \$7 on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The dinner will be served from noon until 2 p.m.

The church will also be taking orders for the Angel Food Ministries. The church is located at 2780 Surf Road, 984-0127.

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In an analysis provided to commissioners at their Tuesday, Sept. 22 meeting, staff reported that, as of two weeks earlier, several property owners from Wakulla Gardens, Magnolia Gardens, Lake Ellen and Greiner's Addition responded to the notice.

Fourteen property owners expressed interest in merging their contiguous lots, nine for trading, 43 in selling their property, four to donate and five said no sure.

Those subdivisions, plus Panacea Place (from which no property owners had responded), have small lots that do not meet current zoning and building requirements. Some of the properties, like those in Wakulla Gardens, were sold as novelties at the World's Fair and other locations so that Northerners could say they

owned land in Florida.

Facing increasing development in those neighborhoods, especially in Wakulla Gardens, commissioners had considered a multi-million dollar project to bring county sewer service to some units.

Artz had objected on philosophical grounds to running sewer lines up and down streets as only putting in the infrastructure that would just encourage Wakulla Gardens to be built out. Rather, she said, the board should look at alternatives, such as clustering growth and leaving more open space, and rather than sewerage, look at cluster systems for wastewater treatment.

As part of the effort to move growth in a different direction, Artz sought, and the board approved, notices being put in the Truth In

Millage mail-outs that said, the donation of property "may assist the county to create a park or other public amenity. Other benefits for donating your property include a possible deduction from the donation on your income tax and no more property taxes on the lot. Lot mergers would help to:

1. Reduce impervious surface and stormwater runoff;
2. Reduce density, reduce traffic congestion, and may improve quality of life for residents;
3. Your property taxes may be lower, and some of your processing fees may be waived by the County."

In other matters:

- The board approved a resolution to accept more than \$650,000 in federal stimulus money that flowed through the state for the county's weatherization program.

The county Weatherization Assistance Program offers help in improving the energy efficiency of low-income homes with weather stripping, insulation for attics and walls, repair for drafty windows and doors, and new heating and cooling systems.

The income requirements have been expanded to those making 200 percent of the poverty level - which means a family of four making \$44,100 a year qualifies under the guidelines.

The board approved by a vote of 4-1 a bill from County Attorney Ron Mowrey for \$40,305 for legal services.

Chairman Howard Kesler brought the matter to the attention of other board members, and voted against paying it.

Mowrey has been paid \$291,530 as of Sept. 22.

Wakulla may lose Green Living Expo

Sustainable Big Bend has brought to Wakulla County the Green Living Expo and the Tours of Green Homes and Gardens for the past three years.

The response from the Big Bend area public has been tremendous with more than 700 people in attendance at each of these free events. Now the question is "Are there sufficient, devoted volunteers in Wakulla County to plan and execute this great event?"

In past years, the leadership has come from a small group of women who comprise the Sustainable Big Bend Board of Directors and their friends.

The main events have been held on the Saturday after the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Green Home Tours have been held later, on or around Earth Day. Several key people involved in the planning of the events have moved out of state. In 2010, the Wakulla Wildlife Festival will be on the weekend usually reserved for the Expo to celebrate an anniversary of Florida's State Parks.

A decision to continue or discontinue the event must be made soon. Sustainable Big Bend has considered sponsoring a series of



Leilania Nichols, Kathryn Gibson, Toni Livingston, Pam Portwood, Heidi Holcomb, Lynn Artz, Sherri Hood, Shelley Swenson, Elinor Elfner Tammie Barfield

smaller events such as the Smart Living-Save Energy, Save Money event which will be held on Oct. 8, or identifying an alternative date and continue the one day Expo event with or without the Green Homes Tour. A third option is to collaborate with organizations in Leon County for a major event to be held either in Wakulla or Leon counties.

What would be needed for any of the options is the concern and serious commitment from many people to work on one or more specific aspects of planning in order to provide a successful event that will help families and businesses become more sustainable in their daily lives. Workshops, vendors,

children's activities, green tours, food vendors, sponsors, advertising, location, and staging, just to mention some of the planning involved, would all have to be organized and implemented to make the Green Living Expo a successful informative and educational event.

To determine local, community-wide interest and the

desire for sustainable living events during the next year, Sustainable Big Bend (SBB) is sponsoring the Smart Living-Save Energy, Save Money event on 6:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at the extension office and will gauge the response to the activities that night to make the decision that will impact the survival of the Green Living Expo for 2010.



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Commissioner Lynn Artz shares a piece of her cake with a well-wisher.

Birthday wishes and a meeting

County Commissioner Lynn Artz celebrated her birthday on Monday, Sept. 28, sharing birthday cake with people who attended a workshop on amendments to the county's comprehensive growth plan held at the senior center. Artz had two cakes from Myra Jean's Bakery, a white cake with butterflies and ladybugs, and a

chocolate cake that featured a map of Wakulla County with its rivers and towns. About 20 people attended the workshop, conducted by consultants of Kimley-Horn Associates, which sought public comment on proposed changes on updates to the comp plan - which is the policies that guide local growth. Four stations

were set up, each with information on three different remediation attempts. "Understanding the science behind this issue is critical, but there is more to the solution than just test tubes and microscopes," said Sen. Aronberg. "The Legislature has the ability to assist homeowners and businesses now." A bill to create a task force will be filed.

Photo by William Snowden.

Drywall help could be on way

Continuing his efforts to provide relief to homeowners devastated by the defective drywall crisis, State Senator Dave Aronberg (D-Greenacres) on Thursday, Sept. 24 called upon Governor Charlie Crist to add the issue to any special session convened prior to the Legislature's spring start date.

"Florida is at the epicenter of the defective drywall plague," said Sen. Aronberg. "Florida's families are being driven from their homes and the prices of homes are plunging even deeper into the ground."

Since Sen. Aronberg first called for a task force to assess the issue in April, the state has investigated the causes of drywall deterioration and is currently synthesizing data with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

But there has been no movement to convene a broad-based panel of experts as Senator Aronberg has recommended. Thus far, action by the governor's inter-agency group remains stalled pending the outcome of laboratory tests the state insists are needed prior

to launching any meaningful remediation attempts.

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Glover is wed to Pearson

Stephanie Denise Glover of Crawfordville and Justin Wade Pearson of Crawfordville were married Sept. 4 at the Ochlockonee Bay Methodist Church. Pastor Kevin Hall officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Starlene Glover of Perry, formerly of Crawfordville. The groom is the son of Larry Pearson of Crawfordville and Cheryl Pearson of Bradenton.

The maid of honor was Mandy Stubbs of Woodville, cousin of the bride. The bridesmaids were Sonya Glover of Perry, sister of the bride, and Kristen Pearson of Bradenton, sister of the groom. The flower girl was Paige Pearson of Crawfordville, sister of the groom.

The best man was Dennis Pearson of Crawfordville, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were James Harrison of Crawfordville and Billy Hertdog of Bradenton, cousin of the groom.



Mr. and Mrs. Justin W. Pearson

A reception was held at the Bistro at Wildwood Country Club. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Pigeon Forge, Tenn. and reside in Crawfordville.

Veterans are needed for post

Some local veterans are hoping to gain the interest of other Wakulla County veterans to form an AM-VETS post in Wakulla. All veterans who have been

honorable discharged or released from any military service are eligible to join.

It takes just 10 veterans to form the post and organizers have eight veterans

already.

To join the post, contact Jim Lawlor, District Commander, at 697-2329 or e-mail him at AMVETSDF-PRO@aol.com.

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Taking Care of Business

Business ribbon cut

Business News from



Chamber members with Bill Webster and Susan Schatzman as the ribbon is cut.

On July 6, Attorney Bill Webster opened the new William H. Webster Law Office in Crawfordville.

A ribbon cutting was held on Sept. 15 to officially mark the opening of the law office. Bill is a former resident of Sopchoppy and originally opened his office in Crawfordville next to the courthouse where he practiced from 1975 to 2001.

In 2001, he moved to Key West to pursue the excellent fishing there and opened a private practice. While he loved Key West and the new friends he made, Wakulla County called him back. Bill recently came back to Wakulla County to be close to his family and the community that he has always loved.

Webster served as Sopchoppy City Commission Attorney

from 1978 to 2001, Carrabelle City Attorney from 1985 to 2001, Panacea Area Water System Attorney from 1981 to 2001, was an Assistant Public Defender for Franklin County, and was a Conflict Attorney for the entire Second Judicial Circuit in criminal, juvenile and dependency cases.

With deep roots in Wakulla County, Bill has served on the Wakulla County Recreation Board and was instrumental in obtaining the Medart Recreation Park property from Angus Laird, to be developed into the park for the recreation programs. He has also been an active volunteer with the Lady War Eagle sports boosters club at Wakulla High School and coached youth football and baseball.

The law office will focus on family law, dependency cases,

estate planning and probate, real estate and general civil litigation. Bill has been a member of the Florida Bar for 34 years and is an experienced trial lawyer.

Susan Schatzman is serving as Office Administrator. A resident of Wakulla County for 28 years, Susan brings her knowledge of Wakulla County and her skills of office management to the firm.

"We welcome our old friends and look forward to meeting new friends and serving Wakulla County," Webster said. The initial consultation is free.

The William H. Webster Law Office is located at 4395 Crawfordville Highway in Medart south of the library. Please stop by to say hello or call them at 926-2561 or e-mail WHWebster@embarqmail.com.

Member Spotlight

Name of Business: Wakulla Carpet Brokers.
Name of Owner/Contact: Curt Daniels - Owner.
Business Address: 29 Feli Way, Crawfordville.
Telephone Number: 926-8009.
E-mail: curt@wakullacarpetbrokers.com.
Website/URL: www.wakullacarpetbrokers.com

Services Offered: Residential and commercial sales and installation of all types of flooring including carpet, wood, tile, laminate and vinyl. All major flooring suppliers are represented and Wakulla Carpet Brokers serves Wakulla, Leon, Franklin, Jefferson and Gadsden counties.
How long in business in Wakulla County? Since 1993, 16 years.

What made you decide to locate your business in Wakulla County? Daniels has been a resident of Wakulla County since 1989 and opened Wakulla Carpet Brokers at the Feli Way location as a base close to home from which to serve surrounding counties.

Other information: Daniels has been in the floor covering business off and on for 40 years and believes that keeping customers happy is first and foremost. Daniels has built and maintained a loyal client base consisting of homeowners, builders and business owners.



John Isensee and Curt Daniels at Wakulla Carpet Brokers

Shopping locally helps everyone in Wakulla County



Paul Johnson
Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce President

Mark your calendars for the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce's "Shop Local" Wakulla kick-off event which will be held Oct. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Historic Wakulla County Courthouse.

The chamber will be unveiling our "Shop Local" advertising

campaign complete with the unveiling of a billboard and other promotions designed to encourage Wakulla County residents and visitors to patronize local merchants for their goods and services.

As part of the kick-off event, the chamber has come up with a unique way to showcase goods and services by providing businesses with the opportunity to participate in a "Shop Local" Wakulla Trade Fair. Wakulla County businesses will be allowed to set up a table in the adjacent parking lot to display a sample of their inventory or information about the services they provide to the public at no cost.

As a special bonus, many of the local restaurants will be participating in "A Little Taste of Wakulla" during the event by providing samples of their culinary delights and take-out menus to take home. If you are a restaurant and would like to

participate in the "Shop Local" campaign, the chamber is still accepting sponsorships.

Finally, the chamber will be unveiling its "Shop Local Passport." This punch-card promotional piece will be part of the "Shop Local" advertising blitz and will reach out to shop-

pers and potential customers in the greater Big Bend area with special discounts and values. Be sure and visit the chamber table to find out about how this can benefit your business and how you can participate.

Since the public will be invited to join the chamber for

the kick-off event, the Trade Fair presents a wonderful opportunity to have exposure for your business to the Wakulla shopping community. Space for the trade fair is limited. Call Petra Shuff at 926-1848 or e-mail her at wakul-

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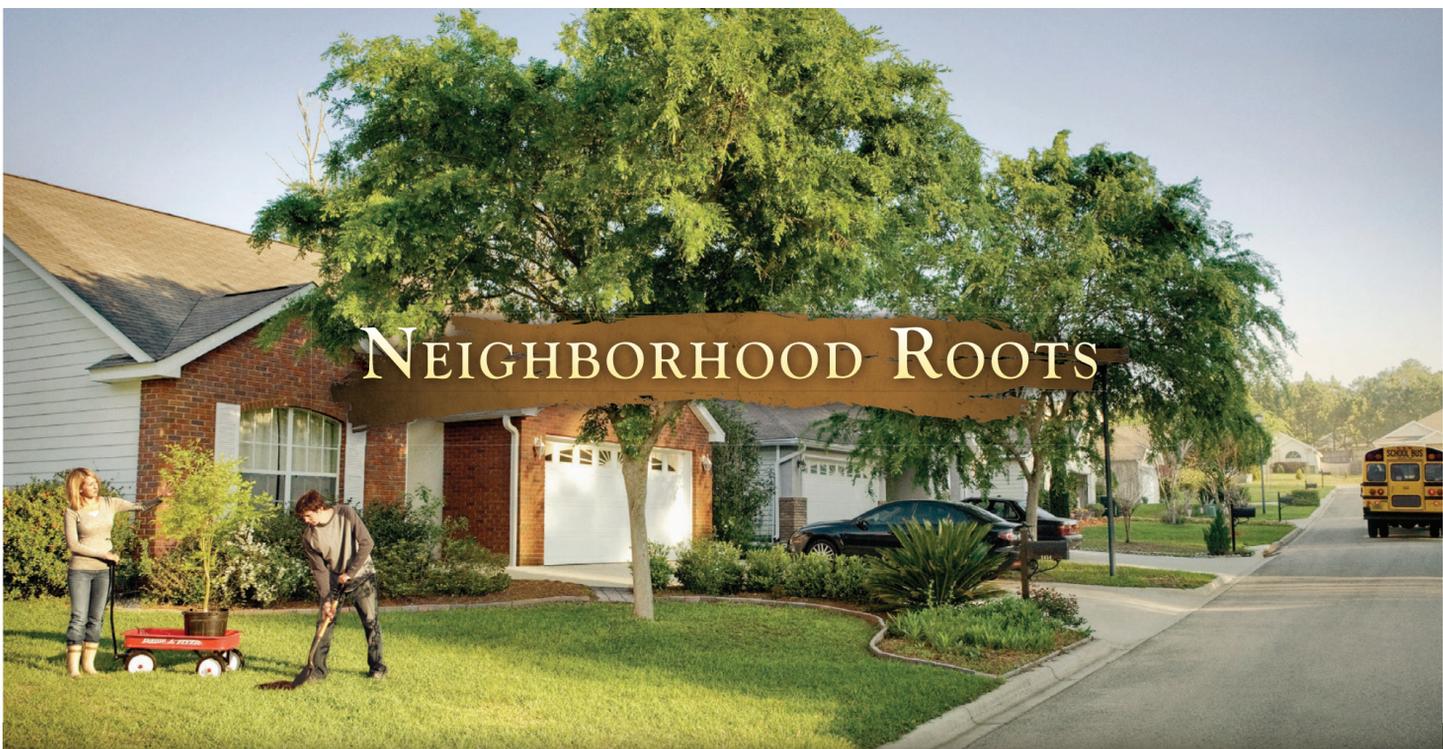
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Welch pens her third book *Progress Energy wins a national award*

Michelle Rose Welch is a Wakulla County author/poet who has recently published her third book. It is available for pre-order.

She has published books of poetry and short stories.

The name of her new book is "Where Is The Bubbly?"

"I write to inspire others to follow their dreams just as I have done," she said.

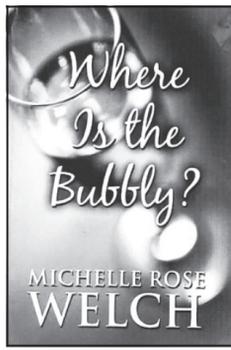
Welch started a writers group which meets once a month at the Wakulla County Library.

Her goals are to help other writers find their way into publishing.

She also plans to start a program where she can help those who can't read or write.

"Fighting illiteracy in our country and others is possible," she said. "It is something I have been trying to do by means of spreading the word on the Internet."

She continues to reach out by e-mailing, blogging and word of mouth. She



Welch book cover

has a Myspace and Facebook account where she always encourages others to help anyone they know to read and write.

"Spreading awareness about illiteracy in our country is something I am truly passionate about," she added.

Her third book will take the reader on an emotional ride.

She writes poems about hardships in her life, suffering, faith, emotional pains, finding courage, overcoming fears, love and life in general.



Michelle Rose Welch

"You will walk away from this book feeling refreshed and inspired," she concluded.

To find out more about Michelle Rose Welch, go to <http://www.myspace.com/fightingforliteracy> or <http://www.facebook.com/chloesmom32>. If you would like to contact her to purchase a signed copy of her book, or information on the monthly writers group. Contact her at proudmomofchloe@aol.com.

Progress Energy [NYSE: PGN] has been named one of the Top Utilities in Economic Development by Site Selection magazine for the seventh time in the last eight years.

The magazine's September 2009 issue selected Progress Energy as one of 10 winning utilities based on its role in helping to generate 8,342 new jobs and more than \$2.5 billion in capital investment in the Carolinas and Florida service areas in 2008.

"During these challenging economic times, we are extremely pleased to be recognized by Site Selection magazine for helping to bring thousands of quality jobs and capital investment to the communities in our service areas," said Bill Johnson, chairman, president and CEO of Progress Energy. "Economic development is a team effort. This success was made possible by our economic development team's close collaboration

with business and economic development partners at the local, state and regional levels as well as the ongoing support of our company's energy delivery professionals."

The Top Utilities list is released annually by the editors of Site Selection magazine. Selection criteria include the number and type of new and expanded facilities that have located in a utility's service area, the most new jobs and capital investment created (in total and per capita), and the new programs and services developed for attracting economic activity.

The magazine's Top Utilities designation evaluates the utilities' coordinated efforts with other agencies, takes into account responses from site selection consultants and corporate end users, and considers the utilities' own investment in new generation, transmission and renewable energy

projects.

"The best utility economic developers lead the way toward high-impact projects and the low-carbon economy all at once," says Adam Bruns, managing editor of Site Selection. "Helping companies meet sustainability and efficiency targets is becoming just as important as incentives or special power rates in sustaining new or existing corporate operations and expansions."

Site Selection magazine is published by Atlanta-based Conway Data Inc. The magazine delivers expansion planning information to 44,000 executives of fast-growing firms.

Progress Energy Florida, a subsidiary of Progress Energy, provides electricity and related services to more than 1.6 million customers in Florida. The company is headquartered in St. Petersburg, and covers a territory of more than 20,000 square miles.

Girl Scouts kickoff annual Fall Product sale in October

The Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle's (GSCFP) annual Fall Product sale is now underway. Girl Scouts from across the 19 counties of the Panhandle are taking preorders through Oct. 12. Delicious nuts and candy products are available for purchase through Nov. 13.

The Fall Product program is an important part of Girl Scouting. Just like Girl Scout Cookies, the Fall Product sale is a literacy program that teaches girls about the world of business including: setting and achieving goals and working as a team.

"The Fall Product Program is an excellent opportunity for girls to learn financial responsibility as well as how to plan, set goals, manage finances, and provide customer service," said Raslean M. Allen, CEO of GSCFP.

The money earned through

the Fall Product program benefits individual troops as well as the Council. Each item a troop sells earns a profit for their troop, which further teaches girls how to plan and save money. Each item sold also earns money for the Council. They money is used to support the mission of Girl Scouting through programs for girls, camperships, and opportunity grants which ensure that Girl Scouts is available to all girls.

This year's nuts and candy tasty lineup includes: Mint Meltaways in a commemorative Girl Scout Reflections Tin, Caramel Treasures in a commemorative Holiday Snowman Tin, Peanut Butter Dreams, Deluxe Pecan Clusters Chocolate Covered Peanuts, Chocolate Covered Almonds, Chocolate Covered Raisins, Whole Cashews, Pistachios, Fruit Slices, Cran-

berry Nut Mix, and Hot Cajun Crunch.

In addition to selling nuts and candy, girls have the opportunity to participate in the QSP Time, Inc. program. Through this program girls earn money for their troop by selling magazine subscriptions and renewals, often with savings up to 85 percent off newsstand prices.

The Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle invites girls from kindergarten to twelfth grade, to join the adventure and empower themselves through courage, confidence and character, to make the world a better place. Currently, the council serves 7,150 girls and 2,400 volunteers across 19 counties of the Florida Panhandle. To volunteer or join Girl Scouts, contact the local council office at (850) 386-2131 or visit www.gscfp.org.

Business red tape is cut

Legislation passed in the 2009 Legislative Session that cuts through red tape and streamlines business processes goes into effect Oct. 1. Highlights from the laws that go into effect Oct. 1 include:

- Removes signature notarization requirements for all applications and renewals in order to facilitate electronic submissions;
- Eliminates requirement for Certified Public Accountants to complete the State Laws & Rules Exam in order to renew their license, since they must already complete these to meet the national certification

requirements;

- Limits the attorney exemption for Real Estate Continuing Education requirements to attorneys that are in good standing with the Florida Bar;
- Eliminates the practical portion of the barber exam;
- Removes the requirement that an applicant for a registered contractor's license provide a copy of his local Occupational License;
- Authorizes the Florida State Boxing Commission to adopt criteria for approval of certain amateur sanctioning organizations and to adopt health and safety standards for

amateur Mixed Martial Arts;

- Prohibits a person from advertising or holding himself out as a "talent agent" or "talent agency" unless licensed as such;
- Requires talent agencies to provide certain records to the department for inspection upon request; and
- Eliminates the application and issuance of the Qualified Business license for construction companies.
- Makes permanent the two-year pilot program for local governments to allow patrons' dogs within designated areas of food service establishments.

Jobless rate down in Wakulla

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

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Even as the national rate of unemployment rose in August, the jobless rate in Wakulla County was down last month, according to the state Agency for Workforce Innovation.

Wakulla's unemployment rate was 7.2 percent in August, down from 7.4 percent in July.

Florida's jobless rate was down to 10.7 percent in August from 10.8 in July, but was still higher than the U.S. unemployment of 9.7 percent, which was an increase from 9.4 percent a month earlier.

Florida's rate represents 984,000 jobless people out of a labor force of 9.1 million.

"The relative stability of Florida's unemployment rate over the past few months is encouraging," said AWI Director Cynthia Lorenzo. "We anticipate improvement in Florida's job market in the second quarter of next year and are already seeing glimmers of

hope to that effect."

The number of people in Wakulla's labor force was down in August - totaling 15,186 people of which 14,093 were employed and 1,093 were unemployed. In July, there were 15,245 people counted in the labor force, with 14,122 employed and 1,123 unemployed.

Of 67 counties in Florida, Wakulla had the seventh lowest unemployment. The lowest unemployment was in Liberty County with a 5.6 unemployment rate.

The highest was in Hendry County, where the rate was 16.4 percent, while Flagler and Indian River

had unemployment over 15 percent. Forty counties reported unemployed over 10 percent.

The Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes Wakulla, Leon, Jefferson and Gadsden counties for the purpose of market analysis, had a sharp decrease, down to 7.4 percent in August from 7.9 percent in July.

Of 23 MSAs in the state, the Tallahassee area continued to have one of the lowest rates - only the Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin at 6.9 percent and the Gainesville MSA at 7.3 percent were lower.

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Marcia Mitchell

Workforce plus adds Mitchell to board

Workforce plus is pleased to announce that Marcia Mitchell with CSG Systems has been appointed to serve on the Workforce plus Board of Directors.

Marcia Mitchell is a Human Resources Business Partner with CSG Systems, Inc. In this role, she is responsible for performing a wide variety of activities, such as recruitment and employment, compensation, benefits, employee relations and training.

Additionally, Mitchell acts as a consultant to help facilitate HR related issues; assist in the development and administration of policies; lead change and help Human Resources become more whole-company focused; and promote deeper HR involvement in the business.



Patrick Hutto

Workforce plus adds Hutto to the board

Workforce plus is pleased to announce that Patrick Hutto of St. Marks Powder has been appointed to serve on the Workforce plus Board of Directors. Hutto will serve as a representative from a private business in Wakulla County.

With this new appointment, Hutto brings more than 10 years of Human Resource Management experience including recruiting, hiring, counseling and labor relations. He received his Bachelor's of Science degree in Human Resources Management from Auburn University. Through his position at St. Marks Powder, he has been a constant figure at all local job fairs and recruiting events and has been instrumental in hiring a number of Workforce plus participants.

If you are interested in serving on the Workforce plus Board of Directors, please contact their office at (850) 414-6085 or through e-mail to wfp@wfpplus.org.

Bootcamp comes to Crawfordville

For more than four years, Laurel Blackburn and Mike Alvarez have whipped Tallahassee residents into the best shape of their lives.

Since Sept. 15, Wakulla County residents had the opportunity to rise and shine for some of the same as they brought Bootcamp Fitness & Training to its new location in Crawfordville.

Local residents searching for a workout like no other need look no further than the Wakulla Dance Academy at 56 Rainbow Drive, where they're more likely to find old tires, fire hoses and telephone poles being used as equipment than the latest fitness technology.

In these classes, participants will sweat and strain their way to lower body fat, higher performance and better overall health in a program that emphasizes success over style.

Working side-by-side with other class members or one-on-one with a personal trainer, men and women of all fitness levels are encouraged to push their limits and pull themselves up off the pavement again and again through positive reinforcement delivered in drill sergeant style. For many, it's just the motivation they need.

"So many of our clients have changed their lives through our program," said Laurel. "One client just hit her 100-pound weight loss goal last week. Another just celebrated four years with us and, along with several other boot campers, competed in her first Triathlon this summer." As different as they may be, Laurel believes all her clients share something in common. "No matter what your individual goals are, it's about changing your life and becoming part of the life you always wish you had. We help them to do that," she said.

Bootcamp Fitness & Training is an award-winning training facility headquartered in Tallahassee that offers comprehensive physical fitness programs for men and women. Their approach blends time-tested techniques, individual attention and an emphasis on group camaraderie that adds motivation and eliminates monotony.

More information can be found by visiting BootCampFitnessAndTraining.com.

CHAT receives software services

CHAT of Wakulla recently secured the services of WaveCrest Software's Memo Backup, an online backup service. We did not have a backup system and were always afraid of a computer crashing and losing our vital data and files. Installation was quick and painless. The service is inexpensive and now we do not have to worry anymore as data is backed up daily. Should the computer ever crash, WaveCrest Software will

be able to restore all the files. We are thankful to have this very affordable service available in our community.

Petra Shuff
CHAT President

Member wins Tourist Development Council bid

Graphic Visions Design Studio has just won a bid to redesign a new Wakulla area map. This colorful map will serve as a guide for tourists who come into the area looking for things to do. A few things to be added to the map will be canoe areas along with boating ramps, historic sites, bird watching areas, parks and hiking/biking trails. Kim Campbell, owner and designer, is excited to be working with the Tourist Development Council on making this project something useful for tourists for years to come.

They are Talk o' The Town

I would personally like to welcome Talk O' The Town Deli. Most people who know me know that I love to eat. When I order a luncheon salad, I expect a salad that fills me up and that is exactly what you get there. The sandwiches and paninis I have tried so far have all been delicious and I am looking forward to the homemade soups once it cools off. Keep it up Geri and lots of luck in your new business!

Petra Shuff

Business Mixer

The October Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 at Hook Wreck Henry's in Panama.

New Members

New chamber members this month include: Paige Killeen of Wakulla Discount Liquors, Jeff Brittain of Preble Rish, Inc. and Jon Jurhs of Plaza Corp, Crawfordville Center, LLC.

Reverse mortgages are way to go

Reverse Mortgages are doing so much more than they used to these days. This year HUD celebrates the anniversary of Reverse Mortgages. HECM Reverse mortgages are 20 years old this year. Created by FHA and HUD and signed into law by President Reagan. If you are over 62 years old or know someone who is. Tell them to find out more. Reverse Mortgages can help in foreclosures. Reverse mortgages can help before bankruptcy or after discharge, or in a senior divorce or death of a spouse. Reverse mortgages can help seniors/retirees buy homes now in 2009 and use the new federal tax credit of \$8,000, too with loan limits up to \$625,500.

Michael J. Weltman, MBA, CSA, SRES has eight years of experience in Reverse and has processed hundreds of these loans since 2002.



The Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce held the September Business Mixer at adjacent locations on Thursday, Sept. 24. Candy and Jim Lowe of Hamaknockers BBQ, above, co-hosted one portion of the mixer while The Wakulla News co-hosted a second portion of

the mixer. The two neighboring businesses shared the spotlight for the evening as guests visited the Lowe's before walking across the driveway to visit the newspaper office.

Guests sampled the Lowe's new menu item, Hamapizza, which proved very popular.

Below, Petra Shuff of the chamber and The Wakulla News General Manager Barfield review the door prize winners.

Door prize winners received items such as free advertising, Hamapizzas, a coffee gift set and a stadium seat.



Talk O'Town deli cuts ribbon

On Sept. 9, Geri and Scott Yamrose, owners of Talk O' The Town Deli celebrated the ribbon cutting of their new business. Wakulla County residents, they said they are proud to be members of the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce and proud to do business in the county.

The new deli opened for business in early August and has been going strong since. The deli features overstuffed sandwiches, cold, grilled and Panini style, with many different fillings to appeal to all

taste buds.

For those who like a lighter lunch, they have ice cold salads with an array of toppings. They have fresh homemade deli salads, such as red skin potato, macaroni and cole slaw.

For thirsty folks, they have plenty of sweet tea and bottled beverages. They feature fresh baked cookies and a kids meal.

The deli features a well lit, friendly atmosphere, with air conditioning to beat the heat. The wall of nature photogra-

phy by local artist Jeff True has caught the eye of many with his familiar landmarks and local wildlife.

Weekly specials are posted outside the restaurant. In October freshly made soups will be served.

They are located at 2500 Crawfordville Hwy. across from El Jalisco. You can call ahead 926-3500 or fax 926-3501 to have your order ready to pick up. The hours are weekdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are closed on Sunday.



Jeff True, Geri Yamrose cut the ribbon at Talk O' The Town Deli in Crawfordville.

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People

Sarah Shearouse and William Carlan will marry

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Shearouse of Canton, Ga. announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Lauren Shearouse to William Edwin Carlan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Carlan, Jr., also of Canton.

She is the granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Winburn A. Shearouse of Lakeland and Ocala and Mrs. Richard M. Fife and the late Dr. Richard M. Fife of Marietta.

He is the grandson of Eleanor Carlan and the late Fred E. Carlan, Sr. of Lawrenceville, Ga. and Crawfordville, and the late William and Judy Whitlock of Homer, Ga.

The bride-elect graduated from Brookstone School in Columbus, Ga., received a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors in Communication in the Wesleyan College Honors Program, and was awarded the Juris Doctor degree from Mercer Law School in Macon, Ga. in May 2008.



Sarah L. Shearouse and William E. Carlan

She is an attorney with the law firm of Barry W. Bishop, P. C. in Canton.

Her fiancé graduated from Cherokee High School in Canton and Young Harris College, received a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors in Political Science from the

University of Georgia, and was awarded the Juris Doctor degree from Mercer Law School in May 2009. He is associated with the law firm of Thompson, Meier & King in Canton.

An October wedding is planned in Atlanta.

Health department leads charge against Big Tobacco

Did you know that the tobacco companies are continuing to fool children into getting hooked on tobacco at an early age? All of the tobacco companies are making tobacco products with cool and tasty flavors and with vibrant colors to draw children's attention. Here is a list of a few of the products on the shelves:

- RJ Reynolds formerly used cartoon character Joe Camel to market their products. Now they have a new line of flavored Camel cigarettes with names like Twista' Lime and seasonal flavored cigarettes like Bayou Blast Mardi Gras Berry Blend.

- Kool cigarettes now come in a special version called Smooth Fusion. The Smooth Fusions range in flavor from Caribbean Chill,

Midnight Berry, Mintrigue and Mocha Taboo.

- Several brands of seasonal Camel cigarettes are named to reflect alcohol flavors like Margarita Mixer and Beach Breezer.

- U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company has been marketing and selling chew with flavors including apple blend, peach blend, berry blend, cherry, vanilla, mint and wintergreen.

Are we going to stand back and let these tobacco companies hurt our children and youth? The next time you are in a store look around and see all the favors of tobacco.

This year the Wakulla County Health Department - Tobacco Prevention program/ SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) will be working toward getting

these products removed or placed behind the counters at the local stores. If you have any questions please contact Tonya Hobby at 926-2558, ext. 154.

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Schlickelman is engaged to Kelly

Gary and Dawna Schlickelman of Odessa, Mo. announce the engagement of their daughter, Frederika Schlickelman of Crawfordville to Danny Kelly of Crawfordville. He is the son of Conway and Michelle Kelly of Craw-

fordville. She is also the daughter of the late Antje Schlickelman, formerly of Crawfordville.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Wakulla High School. She graduated from the Tallahassee Community College Nursing

Program and is employed at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Wakulla High School. He is employed at the Franklin County Correctional Institution.

A June 26, 2010 wedding is planned.



Danny Kelly and Frederika Schlickelman

Area Activities

Kayak Demo Day

The Wilderness Way, Florida's Big Bend Paddle-sport Outfitter, will sponsor A Kayak Demo Day on Sunday, Oct. 11 at Maclay Gardens State Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Events include mini-seminars, kayak safety demonstrations and kayak paddling on Lake Hall.

Instructors and guides from The Wilderness Way will provide overview on the variety of recreational, touring and fishing kayaks available for test-paddling.

Additionally, volunteers from Florida Paddling Trails Association will provide information on exploring Florida via kayak. All events are free with park admission.

For more information on The Wilderness Way, visit www.thewildernessway.net or call 877-7200

For more information on Maclay Gardens State Park, visit www.floridastateparks.org/MACLAYGARDENS/ or call 487-4556. For more information on Florida Paddling Trails Association, visit www.floridapaddlingtrails.com.

Council reunion set

The descendants of John Cecil Council, an early pioneer of Wakulla County, will hold the 57th Annual Council Reunion at the Council family reunion picnic grounds in Crawfordville.

Festivities will include a fish fry on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. and a covered dish lunch on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m.

Family members from all over Florida and other states are expected to attend for a weekend of good food, fun and memories.

For more information, call Beverly Council at 926-3759.

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Happy first birthdays



Renny M. Langford

Happy first birthday to Renny Marie Langford on Sept. 17. She is the daughter of F. Ross Langford III and



Laylah M. Goodman

Happy first birthday to Laylah Mae Goodman on Sept. 18. She is the daughter

Anna Rocco of Crawfordville.

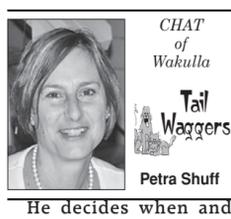
Maternal grandparents are Michael and Terry Rocco of Crawfordville and Debra and Louis Panebianco of Tallahassee. Paternal grandparents are E. Ross Langford, Jr. and Karlyn Langford of Ochlockonee Bay.

Maternal great-grandparents are Louis and Peggy Rocco of Tallahassee. Paternal great-grandparent is Jane Langford of Thomasville, Ga.

of Jessica Langston and Kraig Goodman of Crawfordville.

Maternal grandparents are Mimi and Da Berkes of Crawfordville and Peggy and Howard Langston, Jr. of Tallahassee. Paternal grandparents are Brenda Bush and Terry and Pam Hodges, all of Crawfordville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Marguerite Langston of Tallahassee and the late Howard Langston, Sr. Paternal great-grandparents are Shirley Hodges of Crawfordville and DeLous Dennis of Crawfordville.



CHAT of Wakulla Tail Waggers
Petra Shuff

He decides when and where you go on walks, when and for how long you play and where he chooses to sit. He interrupts while you're on the phone, steals food off the counter or table and manipulates all day long. No, I am not talking about your child, I am talking about your dog. He obviously needs an immediate attitude adjustment.

Pushy dogs come in all sizes, are bold and overconfident and enjoy dominating both people and other dogs. Some take charge of a family when no one else assumes the role of pack leader. When this happens it is time for you to step up to the plate and put that leadership crown on your head. Your first step should be getting the entire family involved to ensure that everybody understands the

rules you are setting and the importance of consistency. All dogs need structure and consistency, but it is crucial with pushy or dominating dogs, and especially with "guard type" breeds like the German Shepherd, Rottweiler etc.

First, teach your dog the sit/stay, and the down/stay command and increase the time of "stay," and reward him with a treat and praise the first few times, and then substitute the treat with praising. If he doesn't follow your commands, just walk away and try again a few minutes later. This command is the first step to establishing or reclaiming your kingdom. This first learned command comes in handy if you allow your animals in the kitchen while preparing dinner. Now the dog should be in sitting or down position, and staying on command instead of surfing your counter or table for food, or you can make him leave the room. Your dog should not "hang around" the table begging while the family is eating and definitely should

not be fed off the table. This would be an invitation for your dog to push the issue. Fill his bowl just before you are sitting down for dinner and this will tell him where his place is. Should you feed table scraps (I hope not) then wait until you are finished with dinner and the table is cleared.

When getting ready for a walk, again, make him sit while putting on his leash and before opening the door rather than him charging out the door dragging you along. You're the one deciding when and where he can go. While walking with your dog right beside or slightly behind you, stop from time to time and make him sit, and praise him. Before you know it he will sit on his own every time you stop. Should he insist of getting ahead of you, just do an about face every time, and soon enough he will realize that he is supposed to follow you, not the other way around, again establishing your leadership.

Dogs should not have furniture rights, whether it

is the couch, chair or your bed. They should have their own bed to rest and sleep on and join you on the furniture only when you invite them. This habit may be a little hard to break but, consistency will pay off.

You and your children should not get on the floor and wrestle with your dog; instead have outside activities; throw balls or flying disks and have the dog return them.

You may introduce your dog to sign language for these commands at the same time. You'll be amazed how quickly they learn. I have been teaching my dog and he even follows the sign commands for other people, not just me. This may be important should your dog ever go deaf.

These are just a few hints, but I think you are getting the idea, and so will your dog.

We are considering teaching an obedience class in early fall. Call the CHAT Adoption Center 926-0890 to let us know if you are interested.

Domestic Violence Awareness will be observed with a vigil

The Refuge House will observe October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a speak out and vigil at Lake Ella in Tallahassee on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Speakers will be state Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel-Vasilinda and Rep. Allan Williams. Black on Black Rhyme, the Tallahassee Girls Choir and the SAIL Americana Bluegrass Ensemble are scheduled to perform. The Refuge House hot dog buffet were also be served.

The event will honor victims of domestic violence, celebrate the success of survivors, and announce the community's commitment to end domestic violence. Survivors of domestic violence will

be invited to speak.

In the eight counties in the Big Bend region, there were 1,989 reports of domestic violence in 2008. It's estimated that 40 percent of attacks are never disclosed to law enforcement. At the same time, nearly three out of four Americans, 74 percent, report that they know someone who is a victim of domestic violence, and 30 percent know a woman who has been physically abused by her husband or boyfriend in the past year.

Refuge House is a local emergency shelter available to women and their children in domestic violence situations. The 24-hour crisis number is 681-2111 or toll-free at (800) 500-1119.

Road work takes place

Motorists traveling near the intersection of State Road 369 (U.S. 319) and Russell Drive encountered intermittent lane closures Thursday, Sept. 24. The lane closures are part of a \$156,000 construction project awarded to

Dixie Paving & Grading, Inc. of Midway to install left turn lanes at the intersection. Work began Monday, Sept. 21. The contractor has 30 days to complete the project, traveling through the construction zone.

Plant walk will be held

Wakulla Springs State Park will host a medicinal plant walk on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. until noon. The event is free with park admission.

Guests are invited to take a guided walk into the woods of Wakulla Springs State Park to discover plants

with healing properties. Plants will be identified and the past and present used will be discussed.

Enjoy breakfast or lunch after the event in the historic Wakulla Springs Lodge. Restaurant reservations are suggested and may be made by calling 926-0700.

Golf tournament set

On Friday, Oct. 30, Big Bend Hospice will sponsor a golf tournament at the Wildwood Country Club in Crawfordville, to raise money for patient care in Wakulla County. Four man teams are \$400 and individual players are \$125. Golfers will begin the afternoon with lunch and registration at 11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. "Participating in this tournament is a wonderful way to help our patients here in Wakulla County," said Regina Compton, RN, Team Manager for Wakulla and Franklin counties. So many of our patients have special needs or requests that are not covered under the hospice benefit such as ramps, hot water heaters, special dinners out, window air conditioners or bringing in out of town family to say their goodbyes. This fundraiser will allow us to help fill these needs."

Sponsors for the event include Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, The



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Coastal Optimist Club selects officers

The Coastal Optimist Club held its 38th annual installation banquet at Posey's Up The Creek Thursday, Sept. 24.

The following members were sworn in by Brent Thurmond: President Jo Ann Daniels; Vice-President Jeff True; Secretary Tara Kieser; Treasurer Kristine Darnell; Lt. Governor Dr. Quill Turk; and Directors Bill Versiga, Noah Posey and Walt Dickson.

Jo Ann Daniels was awarded a plaque for "Optimist of the Year" for 2008-2009. "Thank you Jo Ann for your hard work and dedication to the club," officials said. "We appreciate all that you do."

On Thursday, Oct. 1, the club will hold a business meeting. Members are invited to attend.



From left club officers, Dr. Quill Turk, Tara Kieser, Noah Posey, Walt Dickson, Jo Ann Daniels, Bill Versiga, Kristine Darnell and Jeff True.

Senior driver safety class is offered

A driver safety class is available to individuals with a valid driver license who are age 50 or older.

Classes are especially designed for older drivers and no testing or "hands-on" driving is required.

The classes will be

held Tuesday, Nov. 10 and Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Residents can attend two, four hour sessions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days at TCC Wakulla Center located on U.S. Highway 319 in Crawfordville.

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\$37,281
Technology & Professional Programs
Closing 5 pm 10/9/09
The following vacancies are fiscal contracted
21ST CENTURY SITE COORDINATOR
GR000649
(30 hours a week)
\$27,000 annually
Quincy House
Closing 5 pm 10/9/09

PROGRAM MANAGER, ASTHMA PREVENTION AND CONTROL
GR000679
\$48,000 annually
Additional salary commensurate with education and experience
DOH/Environmental Public Health Medicine
Closing 5 pm 10/2/09

LEAD COORDINATOR, INFORMATION & PUBLICATION SERVICES
GR000683
\$50,000 annually
DOH/Comm Office
Closing 5 pm 10/9/09

COORDINATOR, INFORMATION & PUBLICATION SERVICES
GR000684
\$40,000 annually
DOH/Comm Office
Tallahassee
Closing 5 pm 10/9/09

COORDINATOR, INFORMATION & PUBLICATION SERVICES
GR000682
\$40,000 annually
DOH/Comm Office
Jacksonville
Closing 5 pm 10/9/09

COORDINATOR, INFORMATION & PUBLICATION SERVICES
GR000685
\$40,000 annually
DOH/Comm Office
Tampa
Closing 5 pm 10/9/09

COORDINATOR, INFORMATION & PUBLICATION SERVICES
GR000686
\$40,000 annually
DOH/Comm Office
West Palm Beach
Closing 5 pm 10/9/09

The above vacancies are fiscal-year funded. Visit the Tallahassee Community College (TCC) website at www.tcc.fl.edu for position details, employment application, and application process. For ADA accommodations notify Human Resources; (850) 201-8510, fax 201-8489, TDD 201-8491 or FL Relay 711. Submit mandatory TCC employment application to Human Resources TCC, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32304-2895, or email humres@tcc.fl.edu. Human Resources hours 8 A.M. - 5 P.M., Mon - Fri. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

335 Pets

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or visit:
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355 Yard Sales

Moving Sale! Furniture, antiques and everything else. Friday, Oct. 2, Sat., Oct. 3, 8AM-until, at 170 Savannah Rd. (Wakulla Station).
Multi-Family garage-sale. Hundreds of items in excellent condition. This Saturday, Oct. 3, 61 Bridle Gate Dr., 8AM (no early birds).
October 3 Trinity Lutheran Church 8AM-2PM Oktoberfest: breakfast, baked goods, lunch, and yard sale items. Across from Wakulla High School.

410 Free Items

Youth Fundraiser "Trash-to-Treasure" Sale, Saturday Oct. 3rd, 8AM-2PM, Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church, 2780 Surf Road.

415 Announcements

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500 Real Estate

Old Arran trace Neighborhood Community-Yard-Sale! Oct. 3rd, 8AM-2PM. New and used items. Shadow Oak Cir./Wakulla Arran Road. Info: Theresa at 926-1645.

Sat. Oct. 3, 7AM-1PM, VFW Post 4538, 475 Arran Rd. Lots of great stuff! Just past Crawfordville Elementary, in Crawfordville.

Sat. Oct. 3, 8AM-12PM, 3735 Bloxham Cutoff. (Hwy-267, West of Wakulla Station). Lots of miscellaneous items! Cancel if rain.

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GatorNation "2009 Gator Champ Dance Video Contest"! Best choreographed routines will be chosen for "Gator Champ" Video For complete details visit www.dothegatorchomp.com.

500 Real Estate

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Long Term Rentals

Unfurnished
Alligator Point
1BR/1BA \$575
Ochlockonee Bay
2BR/2.5BA \$900
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500 Real Estate

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510 Acreage for Sale

Owner Must Sell. 4+ acres-\$57,300 Nice oak trees, private access to lake. All utilities in. Ready to build when you are! Financing avail. Call now (866)352-2249. www.filandoffer.com.

515 Apartments for Rent

1BR/1.5BA loft-apartment. Spiral staircase, large walk-in closet, all appliances, including W/D, D/W. Open-air deck w/dock on private pond. \$650/mo. 962-2849.

HUD HOMES! 4bdr 3ba \$217/mo! 3 bdrm only \$199/mo! Stop Renting! 5% dw, 15 yrs @ 8% apr For Listings (800)366-9783 ext 5669.



FOR RENT 1, 2 AND 3 BEDROOMS NO DEPOSIT! new lower rates Call 926-1134 for more information.

530 Comm. Property for Rent

CHEAP STORAGE NAD'S 6'X6' and UP. North 61, Crawfordville **926-5419**

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3BR/2BA modular home on 1/2 acre. Extra room w/fireplace. Many beautiful walkways, fountains, grapevines & workshops. Carport and garage. Off Hwy 20 on Big Richard Rd. \$61,900.00. Owner financing to qualified buyers. 850-926-4511 for info.

555 Houses for Rent

2BR house in Wakulla Gardens. Large fenced lot on paved road. \$675/mo. + deposit. Call 926-5088.

2BR/2BA, carport, fenced yard. Wakulla Gardens. \$575/mo.+deposit. Available 10/01. 850-599-5965, mmdcinc@embarqmail.com.

3BR/2BA home on 3 acres. Private setting in north Crawfordville. Easy commute to Tallahassee. \$825/month + deposit. Call 850-566-4124.

4Br 2Ba Foreclosure! \$11,500! Only \$217/Mo! (5% down 15 years @ 8% apr.) 3Bdrm \$199/Mo! for listings (800)366-9783 ext 5798.

Crawfordville, clean, large 2 Bedroom, 2 Full Bath Duplex. \$675/per month. Call Linda at 926-0283.

Mysterious Waters: 2BR/2BA, wood-detail, vaulted ceiling, large-porch, covered parking, short walk to Wakulla River, community park, boat-ramp, dock. \$800/mo. 850-926-6289.

Newer 3BR/2BA Fenced. 1,560 sq. ft. Upgraded. \$1350/mo. Pets okay w/deposit. Commodore Commons. Downtown Crawfordville. 386-785-7848.

Sopchoppy River Cottage. Cute cottage 1BR/1BA, screened porch \$580/month, plus deposit. Call 524-1026.

560 Land for Sale

2-acre lot for sale near new Shadeville School, corner of Steel Court and Spring Creek Hwy. (city water). Owner financing. 850-556-1178.

Ochlockonee Bay Knotty Pine Street off Surf Road, 1 mile from Marina. Lots 19 and 20. Price reduced. 850-984-0192.

565 Mobile Homes for Rent

2BR/1BA \$525/month + deposit. Nice lots, laundry. Available now! Call 850-322-9952.

3BR/2BA DW/MH for rent or sale. 1404sqft. on 1/2 acre with fenced yard. Huge! Lrg. kitchen w/Island stove. Family r, living r., fireplace, nice carpet; lrg. front and back deck. Privacy fence in back yard. Lrg. powered storage shed. Please no inside pets or smoking. \$800/mo., 1st, last, plus security. 850-926-4511 for more info.

580 Rooms for Rent/ Roommates

Roommate wanted for 53-year old disabled man. Reduced rent in exchange for light cleaning and domestic activities. Large quiet 3BR home, Sopchoppy area. Only serious applicants will be considered. 962-6100.

590 Waterfront Homes/Land

George's Lighthouse Pointe Unit A-3, 19 Mashas Sand Road, Panacea, Condominium Unit. 1BR/1BA, LR, DR, CHA. Front porch faces pool & tennis court. Back porch faces marina & view of bay (Both 12x30). Gated Community w/beautiful new landscaping. 825 sq. ft. H&C.

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Legal Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO. 09-58PR PROBATE DIVISION
 IN RE: ESTATE OF SAM E. SMITH
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Sam E. Smith, deceased, File 09-58PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

This date of the first publication of this notice is October 1, 2009.

Personal Representative: Kenneth C. Smith 2973 Rhodes Drive Troy, Michigan 48083

Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe Crawfordville, Florida Florida Bar No. 521450 3042 Crawfordville Highway PO Box 306 Crawfordville, Florida 32326 (850) 926-8245

October 1, 8, 2009

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY

CASE NO. 08-164-FC
 NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff
 vs.
 JANET L. KINDT; SETH B. KINDT NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 28, 2009, and entered in Case No. 08-164-FC, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, is a Plaintiff and JANET L. KINDT; SETH B. KINDT; NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 ARE DEFENDANTS. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Front lobby, Crawfordville Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, Fla. 32327, at 11:00 AM on October 8, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

BEGIN AT A POINT 597 FEET NORTH OF THE FLOWING WELL AT THE LANDING OF A JACK LANGSTON (AKA A.J. LANGSTON AND AS JACK LANGSTON), SAID POINT BEING AT THE WATERS EDGE OF THE OCHLOCKONEE RIVER, THENCE RUN EAST 200 FEET, THEN RUN NORTH 60 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 200 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST BANK OF SAID OCHLOCKONEE RIVER, THENCE RUN SOUTH ALONG THE EAST RIVER BANK OF SAID RIVER 60 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST.

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

Dated this 4th day of September, 2009.
 BRENT X. THURMOND CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY -s- LETHA M. WELLS AS DEPUTY CLERK (Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE COURT'S DISABILITY COORDINATOR AT (850) 926-0905, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, 32327. IF HEARING IMPAIRED, CONTACT (TDD) (800) 955-8771 via Florida Relay System.

September 24, 2009
 October 1, 2009

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

TAX DEED FILE NO. 2009 TXD 023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT WILBURN O. MESSER the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
 Certificate # 488
 Year of Issuance 2006
 Description of Property
 Parcel # 09-35-01W-000-04348-000
 9-35-1W P-8-M-63
 N 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 & N 1/2 OF SE 1/4 DB 6 P 291 DB 7 P 187 DB 12 P 323

Name in which assessed HEIRS OF JOE HINTON said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 20th day of October, 2009, at 10:00 AM.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2009.

Signature: Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk By: Letha M. Wells, Deputy Clerk Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

September 17, 24, 2009
 October 1, 8, 2009

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY

CASE NO. 09-00062CA
 FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 WILLIAM I. SMITH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM I. SMITH; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 29, 2009 and entered in Case No. 09-00062CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, is a Plaintiff and WILLIAM I. SMITH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM I. SMITH; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Front lobby, Crawfordville Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, Fla. 32327, at 11:00 AM on October 22, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK B, HUDSON HEIGHTS, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

BRENT X. THURMOND CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY -s- LETHA M. WELLS AS DEPUTY CLERK (Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)

October 1, 8, 2009

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY

CASE NO. 65208CA00044FCXXXX
 FLAGSTAR BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RONALD FONDO et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 26, 2009, and entered in Case No. 05208CA00044FCXXXX, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida, wherein Flagstar Bank, F.S.B., a Plaintiff and RONALD FONDO; PAMELA FONDO; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANT #3 are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Front lobby, Crawfordville Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 a.m. on October 8, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 4 & 5, BLOCK 16, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 28th day of August, 2009.

BRENT X. THURMOND CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY -s- LETHA M. WELLS AS DEPUTY CLERK (Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at (850) 926-0905, WAKULLA CO. COURTHOUSE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL, 32327. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, via Florida Relay Service.

September 24, 2009
 October 1, 2009

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

CASE NO. 09-146-CA
 CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RUBS, INC. f/k/a VAUSE'S 4 X 4, INC. and ROBERT LEE VAUSE, individually, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Default Final Judgment dated September 3, 2009, and entered in Case No. 09-146-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and RUBS, INC., f/k/a Vause's 4x4, Inc.; a Florida corporation, and Robert Lee Vause, individually, are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 on the 15th day of October, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., the following described property as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

EXHIBIT "A"

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 56.0 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS OF STATE ROAD 369, THEN RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS 492.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THEN CONTINUE NORTH 0 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS 379.93 FEET, THEN RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 400.0 FEET, THEN RUN SOUTH 3 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 397.2 FEET, THEN RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 425.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEING MORE RECENTLY DESCRIBED BY SURVEY PREPARED BY EDWIN G. BROWN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. JOB # 01-405 AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY FLORIDA AND THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 8, A DISTANCE OF 56.00 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 369, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES, 03 MINUTES, 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 492.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 379.93 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 400.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 3 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 397.20 FEET, THENCE WEST 425.36 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 9, 2009.

BRENT X. THURMOND CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY -s- LETHA M. WELLS AS DEPUTY CLERK (Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)

September 24, 2009
 October 1, 2009

NOTICE

Christian radio station WUJC 91.1 will be holding a public meeting at St Marks Volunteer Fire Dept, 32 Shell Island Road in St. Marks on Friday, October 2nd at 10:00AM. This is a general meeting that will address public issues, any questions about WUJC and any concerns related to the St. Marks area. The public is welcome to attend.

September 24, 2009
 October 1, 2009

Beautiful new construction home built by Triple H Construction, located just off the paved road priced to sell. This home offers 1,131 sq ft, 3BD/2BA, an open floor plan, galley kitchen, dining space, and more. Hurry in time to receive the new home buyer tax credit before it ends. Only \$99,900. Call Cristy for more information.

Immaculate 3/2, 1,568 sq. ft. doublewide on 1.88 acres. Comes with a new front deck and a newer 16x12 back porch overlooking a beautiful yard with dogwoods. There is a living room and a separate family room with a fireplace. The master bathroom has a garden tub, separate shower, double sinks, and walk-in closet. Call Dawn owner/agent. Priced right at \$85,000!

Reduced Price!!!! \$199,900!!!
 Check out this deal!!! 3BR/2BA home with spacious open floorplan. Tile flooring in kitchens and bathrooms. Corian countertops in kitchen. Cozy up on cold nights with a gas fireplace. Master bedroom has his & hers walk-in closets. Master bath has shower stall, whirlpool tub and his & hers sinks. Inside utility room leading to a 2-car garage. Home is on 1-acre that is fully cleared. Call Susan to preview!!

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 Susan Jones 566-7584

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REDUCED!!! Like new, impeccably maintained, well decorated home on oversized lot. You will love the beautiful built-in bookshelves and the Dining Room table adds lots of space! Charming, efficient under-seat storage, lots of character & great creative space welcomes novelties! Property #4815-W. Priced at \$117,900. MLS# 197182

ONE MILE OF RIVERFRONT! A truly unique property located in Sopchoppy. This 30+- acre tract has a mile of meandering riverfront and is surrounded by the Apalachicola National Forest. This diverse landscape offers abundant wildlife and would make a wonderful private retreat. Under appraisal & **reduced again** to \$425,000. #3913W, MLS# 176495.

THREE LOTS! Great floor plan with wood flooring in LR, tile in Kitchen/dining/baths. Large screened patio, storage shed/workshop, split bedroom plan with walk-in closets, inside laundry room and pantry. Move in ready at a great-reduced price! \$116,000. MLS# 173992, property #4823-W.

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FURNISHED 2BR/2.5 Condo \$850/month, security deposit required. NO PETS #6341W

SHELL POINT BEACH - FURNISHED 3BR/2BA Canal front home (sleeps 8-10), covered mezzanine. Small pets with deposit. \$1,500/month, security deposit required. #6362W

SEASONAL - Snug Harbor Townhome available for rent at \$1,500/week, 2-week maximum schedule in any given month. Community pool, docks on deep-water canal located in a gated community. NO PETS

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NEW LISTINGS

45 BRIDLEGATE DRIVE
 Three bedroom, 2 bath, charming home in Bridle Gate subdivision. Great room w/fireplace, vaulted ceiling, formal dining room, beautiful kitchen, side entry 2 car garage, privacy fence, electric & cable hook up for RV or boat in back yard. Asking \$180,000

144 KINSEY ROAD
 Lots of room and privacy in this brick 5 bedroom, 3 bath home on 10 acres located on St. Marks bike trail. Gas fireplace in living room, split bedroom plan, office, large storage area off of 2 car garage. 2nd floor has bedroom, bath, small kitchen, w/outside stairway & deck. Huge barn/storage with 3 roll up doors. More acreage available. Asking \$249,900

205 FOREST LANE
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Panacea gears up for Mighty Mullet Festival

The Mighty Mullet has grown even larger for this year's annual Mighty Mullet Maritime Festival, Saturday Oct. 3 in Panacea, with several new features to entertain the entire family.

The benefit event in support of the Big Bend Maritime Center will be held at Woolley Park just off Coastal Highway 98 on Dickerson Bay from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. General admission is \$3 and children 12 and under will be admitted free.

Additions to this year's festival include a "Seafood Cooking Demonstration and Wine Pairing Discussion" an "Ask the Experts" tent with continuous presentations on coastal issues, shipwrecks, lighthouses, fishing techniques, coastal cuisine and much more, plus a "Dedication Ceremony" for the newly acquired Big Bend Maritime Center property with local

and state dignitaries.

Back are the always popular family oriented features such as childrens' games and crafts (rope-making, white boot races, egg carton boats and float, train, etc.), the "Fishy Fashion" Show, coronation of the King and Queen, traditional mullet cook-off, arts and craft booths, live sealife encounters, maritime skills and exhibits, kayak trips, coastal food court, and live music by The Nods and the Wakulla High School Jazz Band. Wakulla County's Major Maurice Langston will introduce the day's activities as emcee.

According to Atlanta journalist and food, wine, and travel writer Doc Lawrence, "This Maritime Festival is one of the fastest growing outdoor events on the Gulf Coast.

Now in it's fourth year,

the festival continues to stimulate interest in the maritime heritage of the region, promoting regional seafood, and new ways to prepare it."

Lawrence, whose columns include Southwind, Sips Along The Way, City Lites-Arts and Fine Dining in Atlanta, Wine Down South, Southern Food, New South Gourmet, Gulfwind-Lifestyles along the Florida Gulf Coast, Top Chef, and Georgia Eats, will discuss wine pairings at the seafood cooking demonstration at 12:30 p.m. He will later appear in the "Ask the Experts" tent.

Florida's nationally acclaimed Executive Chef, Justin Timineri, and Florida Governor's Chef, Joshua Butler, will demonstrate their cooking skills at the demonstration as they prepare shrimp, mullet, and clams for the festival crowd.



Justin Timineri, Doc Lawrence and Josh Butler, who judged last year's mullet dishes, will be cooking up fresh Florida seafood for festival crowds this year.

According to Timineri, "Folks can learn first-hand how to transform seafood dishes from casual to fine dining, modern American to classic European...and some secrets of the trade." For additional information visit www.mightymullet.com.

Fort Lauderdale developers file defamation lawsuit

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Two developers, who own several tracts of land in Wakulla County, filed a lawsuit recently against Commission Chairman Howard Kessler and two other residents, alleging the trio defamed them and "poisoned the well" against their development projects.

The lawsuit claims that Kessler forwarded to his supporters e-mails that linked to articles in a South Florida alternative newspaper that were sharply critical of Collins Forman, Jr. and Miles Forman, brothers from Ft. Lauderdale who bought several Wakulla County properties with an eye to develop them.

The lawsuit alleges that Kessler managed a campaign to defame the Formans by

"forwarding libelous e-mail to interested citizens and county staff" in order to stop the brothers' development projects from going forward. Also named as defendants in the lawsuit with Kessler are residents James Hennessey and Kathryn Gibson, who own property in Spring Creek adjacent to property owned by the Formans.

The lawsuit alleges that Hennessey and Gibson sent e-mails complaining of development activities on the Formans' property that initiated an investigation into alleged violations of the county's wetlands ordinance for mowing within 75 feet of a wetland.

The lawsuit claims that the wetlands ordinance has been selectively enforced against the Formans - while Kessler,

Hennessey and Gibson all are alleged to have mowed down to the water's edge on their property.

The Formans have four different limited liability companies set up for each individual property: the Spring Creek property is known as Log Creek LLC. Two other properties, Spring Creek Farm LLC and Big Bend LLC sought comprehensive plan amendments to allow residential and commercial land uses but were denied while at the same time, according to the lawsuit, two similarly situated properties were approved.

The fourth property, Muir Woods LLC, sought a rezoning and preliminary plat approval that was recommended for approval by county staff, but which the lawsuit alleges was changed to a neutral recommendation of "request for board direction" after Kessler forwarded to Assistant County Administrator Lindsay Stevens, who oversees planning issues, e-mails that came from Gibson and were "derogatory to the Forman family and critical of several

Forman family projects." Anticipating the Muir Woods project would be voted down, the Formans withdrew the rezoning and preliminary plat request.

After the county Code Enforcement Board found the Log Creek in violation of the wetlands ordinance, the case was appealed to circuit court where it is still pending. Another wetlands case, filed by Panacea residents Ronald Fred Crum and Larry Tucker has resulted in the wetlands ordinance being declared invalid and thrown out by the court for procedural flaws in the way it was enacted.

"The application of the wetlands ordinance to Log Creek's property did not substantially advance legitimate county interests," the lawsuit alleges, "and instead was evidence of defendant Kessler's improper animus against Log Creek and part of an apparently calculated vendetta against Log Creek perpetrated by defendants Kessler, Hennessey and Gibson."

A Jan. 12 e-mail from Hennessey to Kessler describes

Miles Forman as "associated with a variety of suspect and, on occasion, illegal dealings in South Florida." Kessler replied to the e-mail to note he was sending it out to people in the community.

In a Jan. 8 e-mail to Kessler included as an exhibit with the lawsuit, Gibson complained about the herd of donkeys on the Log Creek property, writing: "They have trampled most ground vegetation. Hay is brought in to feed them as there is not sufficient growth to sustain them. Run-off and erosion are an increasing problem. Needless to say, the effluence is distributed throughout the area."

Kessler forwarded the e-mail to Stevens asking if the land was zoned agricultural. The Formans were subsequently cited for violating the zoning requirements by having livestock on land zoned residential.

Another count in the nine-count lawsuit seeks to enjoin Kessler from further violations of the state Government-in-the-Sunshine Law

for an alleged violation over a confidential attorney-client meeting in July to discuss strategy in the Crum-Tucker wetlands lawsuit that was not properly adjourned.

It also alleges that Kessler, as chairman, allowed the closed meeting to continue and continued to discuss issues when the county attorney announced the closed meeting was over.

Another count claims Miles Forman has been allegedly libeled by Kessler, Gibson and Hennessey by publishing false and defamatory statements that impugned his integrity and honesty and damaged his reputation in the community.

The lawsuit was filed in circuit court on Thursday, Sept. 17, by Crawfordville attorney Robert Routa. The lawsuit does not specify what amount of damages are being sought, only that it's more than the \$15,000 limit to file a civil lawsuit in circuit court.

The individuals being sued have 20 days from the time they are served with the lawsuit to respond.

FWMA to hold photo contest and festival

The Florida Wild Mammal Association will be holding a wildlife photo contest with the winners receiving a tour of FWMA, a T-shirt, and a ticket to the Wood Stork Music Festival in October.

All entries must be post-marked no later than Sept. 30. The entry is \$10 for adults for each category entered, and \$5 for youths for each category. Photographs must be submitted in an 8 x 10 size.

In adult and youth competitions, there are categories of mammal, bird, other wildlife

and landscape. Entrants are limited to two photos in each category. Photos and entry fees can be dropped off at Shepherd Spring Animal Clinic on Coastal Highway, or mailed to FWMA at P.O. Box 1009, Monticello FL 32344.

The judging will be done by a panel of local nature photographers and all entries will be displayed at the Wood Stork Music Festival.

Winners will be notified by Oct. 8. The second annual Wood Stork Music Festival and Silent Auction will be held for a great cause and a great time is planned on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be music, food and beverages. The music will feature Coon Bottom Creek, Tupelo Railroad, Swingin' Harpoon Blues Band and Trafton Harvey. A silent auction will be held as well as a horse patty raffle, local artists and vendors.

The event will be held at Harvey - Young Farm, 196 Harvey Young Farm Rd.

Tickets are \$10 per car (8 seat belted persons maximum).

For more information, go to www.wakullawildlife.org.

Wetlands meeting set

The Wakulla County Wetlands Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., or until the end of business, at the Wakulla County Cooperative Extension Office, Room #3, 84 Cedar Ave., Crawfordville.

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain input from citizens in the community regarding revisions to the Wetlands Ordinance.

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