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## Judge rules against county

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The county's wetlands ordinance is dead.

Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls reiterated his earlier findings when he issued a temporary injunction against the county and, at a hearing on Thursday, Aug. 27, issued a permanent injunction and summary judgment for the two families who challenged it. He appeared to also want to award attorney's

## Wetlands ordinance is dead

fees to the plaintiffs lawyers, but one of the lawyers wanted to file a brief on the matter.

It still leaves another court to be resolved dealing with claims that the county has not turned over public records related to the wetlands cases, mostly focusing on County Commission Chairman Howard Kessler's failure

to turn over the full text of an e-mail and a disk of digital photographs he took.

Kessler is scheduled for deposition in September. He has been issued a subpoena duces tecum for that deposition, which requires him to bring all relevant materials.

The court determined that there were numerous procedural flaws in the en-

actment of the wetlands ordinance: problems with the advertising, that it was substantially changed before its enactment, there was no copy available to the public, it was a land development regulation that needed to go through the planning commission, and was submitted late to the Secretary of State's office.

Judge Sauls also expressed displeasure at an earlier hearing of the county issuing unlawful cease and desist orders to enforce the ordinance.

A public hearing was advertised and held on the proposed ordinance in April 2006. That hearing was continued to May 1, 2006, at which point it was approved.

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## St. Marks basin is in plan

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A new Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plan for the St. Marks River Watershed was presented last week, and the plan has a renewed emphasis on storm-water treatment.

The SWIM Plan was presented at a public workshop at the Northwest Florida Water Management District's offices in Midway on Tuesday, Aug. 11. About two dozen interested citizens attended the meeting.

Paul Thorpe, director of the district's Resource Planning Section, noted that "Within the watershed, we're not really able to distinguish ground and surface water." Because of the karst plain, ground and surface waters are interchangeable to the point of being the same thing.

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## Labor Day deadlines

Labor day is just around the corner and The Wakulla News office will be closed for the holiday on Monday, Sept. 7. As a result of the holidays, the newspaper will alter deadlines in order to publish the paper on the regular schedule.

The news deadline will be 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4 for all items submitted by fax, mail or in person. The deadline is noon on Friday for all items submitted by e-mail.

The advertising deadlines are noon Wednesday, Sept. 2 for all ads requiring a proof; 4 p.m. Wednesday for all legal notices; 4 p.m. Wednesday for all real estate ads; 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4 for all classified ads; and noon Friday for all other advertising materials.



Rescue crew members pulled the injured manatee out of the water and trucked her to Tampa.

## Manatee succumbs to injuries

By KEITH BLACKMAR  
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Despite the best efforts of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and rescue workers, a female manatee that was found injured in the St. Marks River last week has died.

FWC spokesman Carli Segelson said that preliminary necropsy results indicated that the manatee died as a result of a watercraft injury.

The FWC rescued the 8-foot female manatee from the St. Marks River shortly after 1:30 p.m. Monday,

Aug. 24. Biologists rescued the manatee and discovered a watercraft-related wound on its back.

The injured manatee was captured and trucked to The Manatee and Aquatic Center at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo for treatment. The manatee was undergoing treatment when she died Tuesday night, Aug. 25, according to Rachel Nelson, Director of Public Relations for the zoo.

Nelson said the manatee was taken to an FWC lab in St. Petersburg for a scientific analysis.

Nelson said the manatee suffered "at least one boat strike injury that was visible."

The manatee suffered from a punctured lung which filled her body cavity with air and did not allow her to submerge. She was also very weak when she

was rescued, said Nelson.

FWC spokesman Henry Cabbage said the initial distress call came in during the morning of Saturday, Aug. 22, from a citizen who saw the injured manatee in the Wakulla River near the point where the Wakulla and St. Marks rivers converge.

On Aug. 24, FWC law enforcement officers found the animal near the mouth of the St. Marks River, floating on its side.

The officers waited with the manatee until FWC biologists and staff from Jacksonville Zoo arrived.

The team loaded the 725-pound manatee into a specially equipped boat and transported it to a waiting truck. By 2 p.m., the manatee was en route to Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo for rehabilitation.

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Crew members prepare manatee for the journey.

## Travel expenses of board examined

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
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At a budget hearing a couple weeks ago, Wakulla County Commission Chairman Howard Kessler suggested that the board consider cutting travel paid for out of ad valorem taxes, which prompted a review of what the board members have spent on travel.

According to public records, it appears Kessler spends more than any other commissioner - and has spent over his allocation for this year by more than a \$1,000.

So far this year, three commissioners have spent combined, more than \$7,500 on travel expenses:

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## Log Creek wetlands case is appealed

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After the denial of a recent motion to freeze the appeal of a wetlands case until the case on the legality of the county's wetlands ordinance is decided, it appears both sides have now submitted their briefs to the court.

Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls rejected a motion on Monday, Aug. 10, to hold in abeyance the appeal of Log Creek LLC against Wakulla County and the Code Enforcement Board.

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## Grant will help victims

Victim's Advocate Program continues

Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey announced last week that the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant of \$103,133 to continue funding the agency's Victim's Advocate program. The grant, funded by the Victim's of Crime Act, is provided through Attorney General Bill McCollum's Office in recognition of the WCSO commitment to provide services to crime victims in Wakulla County.

The Wakulla Sheriff's Office established a victim's advocate unit in 1999. The unit has two full-time staff members, Laurie Langston and Tina Brimmer.

"These ladies spend many hours responding to victims of crimes or other stressful

and emotional situations," said Sheriff Harvey. "They are valuable members of our team." Langston and Brimmer are subject to being called and respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Harvey added, "They also donate personal time and their own money to helping a number of victims and their families throughout the year."

The goal of the unit is to provide aid and comfort to victims of crimes and family members after a crime has been committed or after some other traumatic event. Langston and Brimmer average working with approximately 50 victims or families per month. Sometimes their efforts involve putting victims in contact with numerous

support or resource agencies, obtaining professional services such as financial or medical assistance that can provide aid or counseling, finding shelter for victims of domestic violence, delivering food, or just being a shoulder to cry on. Many times the victim's advocates at the sheriff's office are integrally involved with victims and their families for a year or more.

"I am very pleased that the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and its staff have been recognized, by receipt of this grant award, for efforts to provide those most impacted by any crime, some measure of relief and comfort," Harvey said.

Any citizen may contact the Wakulla County Victim's Advocate Unit by calling 926-0800.



Advocates Laurie Langston and Tina Brimmer

# Comment & Opinion

Established in Wakulla County in 1895

## Born to be the President



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It's interesting to hear "birther" arguments about the supposed lack of qualifications for President Obama to hold that office. One argument is that he wasn't born in Hawaii, and so doesn't qualify as a citizen. (Just last month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Hawaii's statehood and included the phrase, for what it's worth, "Whereas the President of the United States, Barack Obama, was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961." The vote was 378-0.)

More interesting to me is the argument that Obama doesn't meet the criteria as a "natural born citizen" of the United States, as required in the Constitution. "Natural born citizen" is a term that is not defined in the Constitution and the term's meaning has never been clarified by the Supreme Court. At the time of the drafting of the Constitution, John Jay wrote to George Washington:

"Permit me hint, whether it would be wise and seasonable to provide a strong check to the admission of foreigners into the administration of our national government; and to declare expressly that the Commander in Chief of the American army shall not be given to nor devolve on, any but a natural born citizen."

And so it was written into Article Two of the Constitution:

"No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of

this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of 35 years, and been 14 years a resident within the United States."

One interpretation of "natural born" is of a child born to parents who are both U.S. citizens. Obama's father was born in Kenya, a colony of the United Kingdom at the time, and so Obama could be viewed as having dual American-British citizenship, but was not "natural born."

Challenges to Obama's eligibility have been dismissed in U.S. District Courts for lack of standing.

Under such strict guidelines, it appears John McCain was also not eligible for the presidency. McCain was born of two U.S. citizens at Colon Hospital in Colon, Panama, which was outside the U.S.-controlled Panama Canal Zone, and so was not born on American soil. In April 2008, the U.S. Senate approved a resolution that recognized McCain as being a natural born citizen.

It appears that perhaps neither of the major candidates on the 2008 ballot were eligible.

After digging further, I discovered that Chester A. Arthur, who became president when James Garfield was assassinated in 1881, may not have met the criteria as a natural born citizen either. His mother was an American, but his father was Irish and only became a naturalized U.S. citizen years after Arthur's birth. It was also additionally claimed that Arthur was born in Canada, not the U.S.

The republic survived Arthur's presidency and so, presumably, it will hold together through the current president.

**William Snowden is a reporter for The Wakulla News**

## Protect the writers who stand up for truth

**Editor, The News:**

We should protect American journalism and protect all American writers who stand up for the truth. Our nation should stand up to any threat and protect American journalists and newspapers at once. The power of newspapers are a source of what is good and true.

The freedom of the press should be protected by law. That is part of the Bill of Rights which protects all those who serve our nation to protect the stars and

stripes forever and stand up for truth, justice and the American way.

We shall never let this nation forget that the founders of this great nation had strong ways of defending and protecting what is right and true.

We shall regain this nation's way of doing what is right, not wrong, and we will regain the respect of all of our citizens. Journalists must be stronger than before.

**Vincent T. Vinciguerra Port St. Lucie**



## Address private property rights

**Editor, The News:**

"Nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." This phrase, contained in the fifth amendment to the U.S. Constitution, was deemed by our Founding Fathers to be just as fundamental to the protection of our freedom and liberties as the rest of the Constitution and its amendments.

No meaningful solution to the wetlands issue can be reached without addressing the private property rights of the landowners of Wakulla County. Certainly there are some wetlands that should be protected by regulation, but a common sense approach must be taken - one that recognizes the rights of land owners instead of attempting to stop all growth and development. We have just witnessed the recent circus created by bureaucrats and regulators trying to enforce the present Wetlands Ordinance in a way that was never intended.

To adopt and attempt to enforce a regulation on the citizens and exempt yourself from that regulation is pure hypocrisy.

That is why the original wetlands committee specifically in-

cluded all county departments in the ordinance.

There is no doubt that the group now revising the wetlands ordinance was hand-picked to produce the results that Dr. Kessler and CCOW have dictated.

The wishes of this special interest group will be forced upon all of us, just as surely as the socialist agenda coming out of Washington, DC, unless we, the citizens, make our voices (and votes) heard.

Commissioners, if you are serious about solving the wetlands issue, I urge you to incorporate the following statement as one of the leading clauses of the ordinance:

The protection of wetlands in Wakulla County is for the benefit and good of the public at large;

It is morally desirable that all who share in this benefit should also share in the cost of the benefit;

No action shall be taken under this ordinance which causes a property owner to permanently bear a disproportionate share of a burden imposed for the good of the public.

I'm not advocating that the county buy all wetlands

impacted by the ordinance, although that would provide some radicals a legitimate and moral way to control the use of another's land.

The commission could start by working to eliminate taxes, relieve landowners of liability for wetlands damage caused by trespassers, as well as injury to trespassers, on land taken or restricted by regulation.

I'm certain there are many

other ways to provide just compensation for the taking of private property rights.

You can hide behind your regulatory powers, but until you address the private property rights of land owning, taxpaying citizens of this county you cannot and will not solve this problem.

**Robert Roddenberry Sopchoppy**

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### WEEK IN WAKULLA

**Thursday, September 3, 2009**

COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB meets at Posey's Up the Creek in Panacea at noon.  
COUNTY COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING on proposed revisions to the comprehensive growth plan will be held in the commission meeting room beginning at 5 p.m.  
ROTARY CLUB meets at the senior center at noon.  
VFW BINGO will be held at the VFW Post on Arran Road from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Friday, September 4, 2009**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB meets at the public library from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets at St. Teresa's Episcopal Church in Medart from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
GIRL SCOUTS meet at the public library's meeting room at 4 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 Wakulla County deputies to be used for children in need. For information, call 926-6290.

**Saturday, September 5, 2009**

GIRL SCOUTS meet at the public library at 12:30 p.m.  
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 3240 Crawfordville Highway at 5 p.m. For

**Monday, September 7, 2009**

LABOR DAY - Banks, schools and government offices will be closed.

**Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

AFTERNOON STORY HOUR will be held in the children's room at the public library at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
ART SPARKS, for middle schoolers, meets in the public library main meeting room at 10:30 a.m.  
BOOK BUNCH meets in the children's room at the public library at 10:30 a.m.

COUNTY COMMISSION meets in the commission boardroom at 5 p.m.

FARMER'S MARKET will be held at Purple Martin Nurseries, north of Crawfordville, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

LEARN & YOUR LIBRARY for home-schoolers will meet at the public library main meeting room at 10:30 a.m.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 3240 Crawfordville Highway at 7 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY BINGO will be held at the VFW Post on Arran Road from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet at the public library at 7 p.m. Speaker will be N. Adam Watson, photographic archivist at the State Archives of Florida on the importance of protecting family photographs.

WAKULLA WRITERS, a group of aspiring authors and poets, meets at the public library at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 9, 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.

## FairTax is good plan

**Editor, The News:**

I'm writing to provide some basic information in regard to a fast growing grassroots movement to reform our national system of taxation. As a CPA, I have always thought the current system of taxation is convoluted. Now, I'm doing something about it.

The FairTax is a comprehensive plan that replaces all federal income and payroll based taxes with an integrated approach including a progressive national retail sales tax, a "prebate" to ensure no American pays federal taxes on spending up to the poverty level, dollar-for-dollar federal revenue neutrality, and the repeal of the 16th Amendment.

The plan was not developed by politicians but rather by a nonpartisan group of citizens who saw the adverse effects of our current system on our nation's economy and decided to see how it could be improved. The movement began in 1995 as a research organization with the initial goals of finding out how taxation could be achieved in a way that most

benefited the economy and the taxpayers.

As time passed, more and more individuals joined the movement, understanding the obvious need for change. They soon determined that revisions to the current corrupted system would never be sufficient. The Internal Revenue Code, which by that time had grown to more than 67,000 pages (and still growing), had become something that essentially no one fully understood any longer.

Many diverse groups of Americans participated in the extensive polling and focus group studies to develop the objectives of the plan, and then a nonpartisan team of economists were commissioned to develop the FairTax plan. The organization today has hundreds of thousands of members and volunteers nationwide, including me. The organization supports sound economic research, education of citizens and community leaders and grassroots mobilization efforts.

**Bill Hunter Crawfordville**

## Thanks to everyone

**Editor, The News:**

The family of Ronnie Owens would like to thank all of the emergency personnel who responded in an efficient and timely manner when they were needed.

We would also like to thank the boaters who assisted us and the many friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, the Sopchoppy

Volunteer Fire Department, City of Sopchoppy personnel, Wakulla County Fire Department and the Wakulla Ambulance Service were all very professional, knowledgeable, courteous and compassionate. We are thankful and fortunate to have their services in our community.

With sincere appreciation,  
**Hobart V. and Syble Davis Owens and family Sopchoppy**

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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.

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# A message for Rep. Boyd **Display the flag on Sept. 11**

**Editor, The News:**

After attending the meeting Aug. 25, I realized that there are more people who agree with my conservative opinions than I realized as this county seems to vote democrat.

Look what the left has done for this country. I felt that Congressman Boyd, after 20 years dealing with his constituents, knows how to change the questions and avoid direct questions so he doesn't have to address an issue that he knows will rile up people.

Here, Congressman Boyd is some down home, straight forwardness that you didn't get to hear Aug. 25.

1. Health care: Fix the current Medicare, Medicaid, VA, and any other government run program first before you try another Welfare-Health-care program. If you can't, we don't need anymore programs.

2. Illegals: I worked in the sheriff's office, I saw them come and go. I spoke to the lawyers who came in to protect their rights, excuse me?

Illegals slither across my border, take our jobs, march down our streets, waving their flag, making demands on our politicians and the politicians try every way they can to cater to their needs when politicians should be catering to mine. I'm the American citizen.

What's wrong with this

picture? Get them out of our free health care to start and our own care will work much better.

I want to add, for any



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person or family who wants to come to America through the front door, become an American citizen and except our Sovereignty, and our way of life. Learn English first, then I say "Welcome to America."

If they don't want to do that, we should round these people up send them back to where they came from. That includes the women who are illegal who give birth here just for a Social Security check.

3. Muslims: We have freedom of Religion. Not all Muslims want to impose their beliefs on America, but I will

never except Sharia Law, nor will I ever except Muslim influence in our schools, in our work place or in our culture.

They can live how they want to, but this is America, not France. They should except our way of life here, not the other way around. My question is why would Muslims want to come here when our culture is so different. They have an agenda.

It's not to experience the American way of life.

4. My disappointment in the Democratic Party: I believe that over the years there was a movement by the Socialist/Communist Party through the Democrats to change this country. And when I heard Obama say that

"He was going to transform this country." I became sick to my stomach.

Why do we embrace Communists here in America. They live, work, and influence our children when we send our military to other countries to fight and die in the name of freedom. Have you got an answer for that?

5. Leave our CIA alone, let them do their job. Or they could give me the terrorists and I'll get the information they need, just don't ask me how I got it.

Pray for America, we're going to need it.

**Mary Pitts Panacea**

## It will be bad if bill passes

**Editor, The News:**

Regarding the article in last week's paper about the town hall meeting with Congressman Allan Boyd. I was one of the speakers who had a couple of questions for the Congressman, however the article described things slightly wrong.

It stated that I joined the Marine Corps to obtain my American citizenship. During the Vietnam War, citizenship was not given automatically. In fact my being

a British citizen prevented me from becoming an officer in the Marine Corps, as I was selected for Officers Candidate School. I clearly stated I became a citizen in 1973, which was after I had left the Marine Corps. I also tried to bring the point of how government health care would be if the bill passed. The doctors and staff at the VA are overworked with loads of patients, and it takes time to see a doctor or have problems fixed. This is not

what we have in the current system. Yes, denial of certain services are possible under the government and treatment can be delayed. This is the point I was trying to make, and I was comparing a real government run health care system to what we have now.

I am under the firm conviction that most Americans have no real idea how bad it will be if this bill passes.

**Tony Cartledge Ochlockonee Bay**

## Thanks for protecting students

**Editor, The News:**

I would like to express my thanks to the health department and to the school district.

I am glad to see that in the last week the health department and the school board have taken a more pro-active approach to the Swine Flu. Hand sanitizers

were provided for student use at the Wakulla Middle School and the sanitizers are being used with teacher supervision.

Teachers spoke to their classes more than once and used blackboards to remind students of ways to protect themselves and other students from the flu.

Hopefully, these few simple measures will make a big difference in limiting the spread of the Swine Flu in our county.

Thanks go to everyone for trying harder to keep our students and teachers safe.

**Sue Damon Crawfordville**



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**Editor, The News:**

On Friday, Sept. 11, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office and store in the United States.

Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this eighth anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies.

We do this to honor those who lost their lives on 9-11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to

endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9-11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared.

Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another

attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds

Fly an American flag of any size on 9-11. Honestly, Americans should fly the flag year-round, but if you don't, then at least make it a priority on this day.

Thank you for your participation. God bless you and God bless America!  
**Alan Lamarche Crawfordville**

## Missing: One U.S. Rep.

**Editor, The News:**

Last week, after spending two hours answering questions about the proposed national health care bill, U.S. Rep. Allen Boyd was taken back by the final question that was asked by a member of the large audience.

"Congressman, would you vote for a health care bill that

you liked even if 75 percent of your constituents were opposed to it?"

The congressman immediately responded with, "How can you be sure the figure would be 75 percent? I don't like polls. I would try to explain to them the benefits of the bill."

The audience member

stated to the congressman that it was a "yes or no" question and then restated the question again. This time, Rep. Boyd said, "It's a hypothetical question and I don't answer hypothetical questions!" Never mind congressman you just did.

**John Heys Crawfordville**

## Lost elephant makes it home

**Editor, The News:**

Thank you so very much for the return of my White Elephant. My faith in my fel-

low man has been restored.

He feels at home again. Come and visit us Mondays through Saturdays.

Thanks again!

**Ina Ecklund Crawfordville**

## Give a WHOOP! for the cranes

**Editor, The News:**

Give a WHOOP! and Celebrate with OM.

We're writing to let you know about a new and fun campaign we have just launched. It is called "Give a WHOOP!"

As we migrate south this fall with the Class of 2009 we will mark the 10,000th mile that Operation Migration has flown leading Whooping cranes on their first migration (somewhere over Illinois).

To celebrate with us we invite you to Give a WHOOP!

and show the world you care about wildlife - especially Whooping cranes.

Our hope is to collect an Honor Roll of 10,000 WHOOPS! - one for each of the 10,000 migration miles we've flown. No mean feat, after all, it's the equivalent of flying halfway around the world!

Give a WHOOP! and your name could be drawn to receive one of more than 200 thank you gifts including: a week's accommodation in Fort Meyers Beach and a 5-day all expense paid Back-

Stage Visit for two with the OM Team in Necedah, Wis.

Give a WHOOP! today and join the celebration of an aviation and avian milestone! Check the web site for more information, www.operationmigration.org.

Regards,

**The OM Team**  
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## Cash for Clunkers not for everyone

**Editor, The News:**

There's been a lot of talk about "Cash for Clunkers," but for the majority of motorists, purchasing a new car is not an option. For many, their vehicle does not qualify as a "clunker" and for others, the cost of a new car is prohibitive.

Those motorists who treat their vehicles as valuable investments and commit to regular vehicle maintenance end up saving a lot of money. In fact, according to Runzheimer International, the difference in the savings over a four year period between keeping a car and

buying a new one is more than \$10,000. Even with the "Cash for Clunkers" incentive, maintaining your current vehicle is still the best economic option.

**Rich White**  
**Executive Director**  
**Car Care Council Bethesda, Md.**

### BUDGET MEETING NOTICE

**The City of Sopchoppy will be holding public hearings on the adoption of Ordinance 2009-04, An Ordinance to adopt the Operating Budgets for the General Fund and the Water Fund of the City of Sopchoppy and to provide a reasonable anticipated revenue and expenditure schedule for the 2009-2010 operating year.**

The dates and time for the meetings are: Monday, August 31, 2009 and Monday, September 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Each of these meetings will be held at City Hall, 100 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL. **Adoption of this Ordinance is scheduled for meeting on September 14th.** A copy of the budget can be obtained or viewed at City Hall. The public is urged to attend. Anyone needing special assistance to attend, should contact the City Clerk's Office at 962-4611.

August 27, 2009 (online only)  
September 3, 10, 2009

### District Student Progression Requirements and Accompanying Student Performance Data

As Required by s. 1008.25(8)(b), Florida Statutes, for Annual Public Reporting  
The School District of Wakulla County  
School Year: 2008-2009

**Students Scoring at Level 1 and Level 2 on the Reading Portion of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)**

The following table shows FCAT Reading results for all students (all curriculum groups) tested during the 2009 administration of the FCAT in the district.

| Grade Level | Total Number Tested | Number Scoring at Level 1 | Percent Scoring at Level 1 | Number Scoring at Level 2 | Percent Scoring at Level 2 | Number Scoring at Levels 1 and 2 | Percent Scoring at Levels 1 and 2 |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3           | 398                 | 40                        | 10.05%                     | 24                        | 6.03%                      | 64                               | 16.08%                            |
| 4           | 375                 | 26                        | 6.93%                      | 34                        | 9.07%                      | 60                               | 16%                               |
| 5           | 387                 | 27                        | 6.98%                      | 39                        | 10.08%                     | 66                               | 17.05%                            |
| 6           | 366                 | 37                        | 10.11%                     | 62                        | 16.94%                     | 99                               | 27.05%                            |
| 7           | 373                 | 30                        | 8.04%                      | 63                        | 16.89%                     | 93                               | 24.93%                            |
| 8           | 356                 | 39                        | 10.96%                     | 103                       | 28.93%                     | 142                              | 39.89%                            |
| 9           | 373                 | 86                        | 23.06%                     | 123                       | 32.98%                     | 209                              | 56.03%                            |
| 10          | 329                 | 63                        | 19.15%                     | 109                       | 33.13%                     | 172                              | 52.28%                            |

**Students Retained (not Promoted) in Grades 3 through 10**

The following table shows the number and percentage of students retained, by grade, for all students in grades 3 through 10 within the district.

| Grade                   | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     | 9      | 10    |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Number Retained         | 11    | 2     | 4     | 12    | 10    | 11    | 71     | 38    |
| End-of-Year Membership* | 427   | 410   | 415   | 405   | 404   | 384   | 428    | 395   |
| Percent Retained        | 2.58% | 0.49% | 0.96% | 2.96% | 2.48% | 2.86% | 16.59% | 9.62% |

\* End-of-year membership is the count of all students who are enrolled at the end of the year and for whom a decision on promotion status is required and reported.

**Number of Students Promoted for Good Cause, by Category of Exemption**

This table shows the number of third-grade students who were exempted from the FCAT reading requirement and promoted for good cause at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

| ELL/LEP Students with Less than 2 Years in ESOL | Students with Disabilities (SWD) Not Tested on FCAT per IEP | Students Passing Alternative Assessment | Students Demonstrating Proficiency through Portfolio | SWD Retained Once with 2+ Years of Remediation | Students Retained Twice with 2 or More Years of Remediation | Total Promoted with Cause |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---------------------------|
| 1   | 4   | 7                                       | 3  | 12   | 6   | 33                        |

# Church

## Church News

### Cry Out America remembers 9-11

On Sept. 11, the nation again will pause to remember the greatest "wake-up call" in our generation, the terrorist attacks on 9/11/01. On that infamous day, millions of people cried out to God for His help and protection. While we thank God for His care, we face another crisis today—a moral and spiritual crisis that is undermining the biblical foundations upon which this nation was established.

In response, a broad coalition of denominations and fellowships under the Awakening America Alliance is calling upon Christians to gather at their county courthouses on Sept. 11. This will be a time to reflect on the greatness of our nation, honestly address our shortcomings, and to pray for a spiritual awakening in our churches, communities, and nation.

Crawfordville will host a Cry Out America! Prayer gathering on Friday, Sept. 11 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Wakulla County Courthouse lawn. Though seating at the event site will not be available, attendees may bring lawn chairs. For more information about Cry Out America!, visit [www.awakeningamerica.us](http://www.awakeningamerica.us).

### Todd will be guest speaker at Ivan

The church family at Ivan Assembly of God invites the community to come and hear Evangelist John B. Todd on Sept. 13, in the Sunday morning service at 11 a.m. and the evening service at 6 p.m.

Evangelist Todd committed his life to God as a teenager. For more than 20 years he served as a dedicated churchman and layperson, holding offices of Deacon and Sunday School superintendent. In 1969, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit he resigned from his successful life insurance business to enter full time traveling ministry. He and his wife Deanie committed their family and future into God's hands. Since that time he has ministered to the body of Christ across the United States and many nations of the world.

He has ministered in local churches, area crusades and through the mass media.

### Financial program cancelled

The Financial Peace University program originally offered at Cornerstone Ministries starting Aug. 31 has been cancelled.

Cornerstone decided not to do the program at this time. For more information, call Pastor Fred Lanier at 926-4798.

## Obituaries

**Bobbie J. Allbaugh**  
Bobbie Jean Allbaugh, 54, of Tallahassee died Saturday, Aug. 29 at her residence following an extended illness.

The funeral service was held at Tuesday, Sept. 1 at the Christian Worship Center in Crawfordville with Rev. Stevie Taylor, Pastor, and Rev. Henry Forbes, officiating.

A native of Nichols, Ga., she had lived in Wakulla County before moving to Tallahassee. She was a member of Abundant Harvest Church in Lloyd and enjoyed scrapbooking, crafts and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband of 23 years, Steve Allbaugh of Tallahassee; two daughters, Kristie Herman and Jami Sauls, both of Tallahassee; two brothers, Lynn and Laura Chaney of Winter Park and Ralph Chaney of Tallahassee; six grandchildren, Brittney, Mark, Logan, Riley, Emily and Lindsey; and numerous nieces, nephews and special friends.

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

**Frank J. Chasarik**  
Frank John Chasarik, 60, of Monticello died Monday, Aug. 24 at the VA hospital in Gainesville.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Wacissa United Methodist Church.

A native of Leonardtown, Md., he lived in Lakeland

and Sebring before moving to Monticello in 1984. He was in the USMC and served two tours of service in Vietnam and was a sergeant at time of discharge. He worked with the Department of Labor and Employee Security and was a member of the Moose Lodge and VFW of Tallahassee. He was of Catholic faith.

Survivors include the love of his life, Belinda Maloy Chasarik of Monticello; a son, John P. and Betsy Chasarik of Monticello; a daughter, Kristina and Matthew Lampton of Crawfordville; a goddaughter, Paige Chavez of Winter Haven; a brother, Charlie Chasarik of Pensacola; two sisters, Sandy and Alan Akerman of Little Rock, Ark. and Nikki and Bobby Chasarik of Pensacola; and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

**Lois V. E. Sansom**  
Lois V. Edwards Sansom, 79, of the Sycamore community died Saturday, Aug. 29.

The graveside service was held Wednesday, Sept. 2 at Pine Grove Cemetery in Greensboro. Memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308, or the American Diabetes Association, 5514 N. Davis Highway, #C111, Pensacola, FL 32503.

A native of Greensboro, she had lived in Tallahassee for 25 years, returning to Sycamore in 1976. She was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church and a claims

supervisor for Florida Workman's Compensation.

Survivors include a son, Terry Lee Sansom and Sheila of Tallahassee; two daughters, Mary Jane Snyder and Mike of Crawfordville and Linda Sansom Hogan of Tallahassee; a sister, Bernice Castleberry and Lloyd of Quincy; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Independent Funeral Home in Quincy was in charge of the arrangements.

**Doris V. Sellers**  
Doris V. Sellers, 82, of Smith Creek died Sunday, Aug. 30.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Sept. 2 at Mt. Elon Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308; or to a charity of your choice.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and "G.G." She was a member of Mt. Elon Baptist Church, Smith Creek and retired from First Florida Bank, St. Cloud, and worked many years at Capital City First National Bank, and Sun Bank in Tallahassee.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Joe "Sarge" Sellers; three children, Rex and wife, Nancy Caswell, Ron and wife, Karen Caswell, Pat and husband, Jim Ray Sharman; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Fairchild Funeral Home in Tallahassee was in charge of the arrangements.

### Tully friends gathered to remember a true friend

Friends and family of Karen Tully gathered to honor and remember the kindness and generosity of Karen Tully on Saturday, Aug. 29. The Wakulla River Park in St. Marks served as a beautiful location for the memorial gathering.

Tully's friend, Daryl Dempsey was instrumental in organizing friends and the fabulous food. Big Bend Hospice and C.H.A.T. were the recipients of donations given in Karen's memory.

### Big Bend Hospice to host conference

Big Bend Hospice will host its Fifth Annual Bereavement Conference, "Seasons of Grief" on Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Tallahassee Community College Center for Economic and Workforce Development.

The conference creates a forum in which professionals and other helpers can explore current bereavement practices; network and connect with other providers in a nurturing and uplifting environment; promote self-care and highlight bereavement services/expertise at Big Bend Hospice and in the community. Seasons of Grief will offer practical strategies to help support clients through the grief process.

The cost of the conference is \$69 with special rates for students, or four or more from the same agency. Contact Lisa Baggett, 309-1628, X433 or [Lisa@bigbendhospice.com](mailto:Lisa@bigbendhospice.com) to register.

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Featuring: The Reeves Family from Tallahassee, FL  
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Corner of Winthrop & Byrd St.  
Sunday: Bible Study...9:30 a.m.  
Worship...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship...5 p.m.  
Wednesday: Bible Study...7 p.m.  
Visitors are welcome!  
Home Bible Courses available...  
please call for details,  
**962-2213**

**Sopchoppy United Methodist Church**  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Pastor Kevin Hall  
**850-962-2511**

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*Ms. Ruby L. White*  
  
Passed September 1, 2008  
In Loving Memory of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. Your memories are so precious, your presence missed so much, you will always be remembered and loved so very much. You are greatly missed.  
Love, your Husband Dosh, Children, & Grand Children

**St. Elizabeth Catholic Church**  
Ann Seton  
Mass 9 a.m. Sunday  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Father James MacGee, Pastor  
3609 Coastal Hwy. (US 98)  
926-1797

**Saint Teresa Episcopal Church**  
1255 Rehwinkel Rd.  
At the corner of Rehwinkel Rd. & US 98  
Rev. Teri Monica, Priest  
Rev. Roy Lima, Deacon  
Sunday Holy Eucharist- 5:30 pm  
Church School Provided  
**926-4288**

**Christ Church Anglican**  
Sunday  
8:30am Service  
9:30am Adult Bible Class  
10:30am Children's Class  
10:30am Service  
Nursery available  
Thursday 10:30 am Adult Bible Study  
Wednesday 6:30 pm - Supper and Children, Youth and Adult Bible Classes  
**850-745-8412**  
3383 Crawfordville Highway

**WORLD PRAISE CHURCH INTERNATIONAL**  
Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM  
Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7 PM  
North Pointe Center  
1606-C Crawfordville Highway  
Crawfordville, Florida 32327  
Dexter & Christina Harrell, Pastors  
850-926-7779  
[worldpraise@gmail.com](mailto:worldpraise@gmail.com)

**Trinity Lutheran Church** of Wakulla County  
Hwy. 98, Across from WHS  
Web site: [Lutheransonline.com/trinityofwakulla](http://Lutheransonline.com/trinityofwakulla)  
Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Pre-School M-F (3-5 Years)  
Pastor Vicar Bert Matlock  
Church 926-7808 • Pre-School 926-5557

**Wakulla United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for all ages - 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Service - 7 p.m.  
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Wakulla Station  
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Pastor Janice Henry - Rinehart

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**SUNDAY**  
Early Worship 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Discipleship Training 7:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m.  
(call for reservations)  
Children's Events 6:30 p.m.  
Student Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer/Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Kevin Hall  
(850) 984-0127

**Ivan Assembly of God**  
202 Ivan Church Road  
Crawfordville  
Pastor, Daniel Cooksey  
"Come & Worship With Us"  
926-IVAN(4826)  
Sunday School...10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship...11 a.m.  
Evening Worship...6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service...7 p.m.  
& Youth Service...7 p.m.  
Royal Rangers...7 p.m.  
Missionettes...7 p.m.

**Crawfordville United Methodist Church**  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor Tony Rosenberger 926-7209  
Ochlockonee & Arran Road "Come Grow With Us" [www.crawfordville-umc.org](http://www.crawfordville-umc.org)

**Lake Ellen Baptist Church**  
Hwy 319 Medart, Office 926-5265  
Early Worship 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
AWANA 4:00 p.m.  
Youth Zone Time 4:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Services 7:00 p.m.  
Our Mission is: Loving God and Loving Others through Worship, Ministry and Service.  
Operating like a family; strong in the Word of God, warm and inviting. Powerful ministries for strengthening our families. Reaching Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors for Jesus. We will look forward to seeing you this Lord's Day.  
[www.lakeellenbaptistchurch.org](http://www.lakeellenbaptistchurch.org)

**Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church**  
117 Curtis Mill Road, Sopchoppy - Church Office: 962-7822  
invites everyone, to join us as we seek **REVIVAL** for our fellowship.  
**GOD SAID IF WE WOULD HE WOULD, (II CHRONICLES 7:14)**  
EVANGELIST DR. BILLY CASHWELL,  
Pastor of Benson Grove Baptist Church and Founder of Highway Sheppard Ministries.  
**REVIVAL SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Services begin Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 11 am & 6pm  
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## Log Creek

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Unlike the Crum-Tucker case, which has challenged the legality of the wetlands ordinance on procedural grounds and which prompted Judge Sauls to issue a temporary injunction against enforcement of the ordinance, the Log Creek case was determined by the court to be dealing with different issues, including a claim that the ordinance is being unfairly enforced.

Log Creek is a tract of land in Spring Creek in which there were mowing activities around wetlands and a number of mules were allowed to forage.

The case presented to the Code Enforcement Board was that development activities were occurring on the land, including removal of underbrush by mowing, near to some ground depressions, some of which contained water, and were determined by county staff to be wetlands.

The intention of the wetlands ordinance is to protect local water quality by creating a 75-foot buffer around small wetlands of more than 1,000 square feet that are not under the jurisdiction of the state Department of Environmental Protection or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

But the crux of the Log Creek case is that the ordinance was supposed to only apply to new development, not to lots already recorded.

The brief for Log Creek, filed by Crawfordville attorney Robert Routa on Monday, Aug. 17, quotes Code Enforcement Board member Kathy Shirah, who was a member of the committee that wrote the ordinance, said at the Log Creek code hearing in April: "It was intended to apply to new developments, but now were (sic) in a situation where I can see a lot of property owners who own property in areas adjacent to wetlands that have mowed their lawns forever and ever are now in violation of this ordinance."

And the violations included the somewhat absurd result, as Shirah noted, that the county was in violation of its own ordinance by performing maintenance

on Woolley Park in Panama. (In response to the county being in violation, the county Planning Commission granted a blanket variance to the county's roads and park departments to allow mowing and maintenance activities on roads and parks near wetlands.)

As for applying to new development only, Routa noted that at the hearing the county witness was shown four different lawns abutting wetlands and was asked if the mowing was in violation of the wetlands ordinance, to which she answered it was.

The county's brief, filed on July 31, claims the ordinance's language is not ambiguous, in that the text clearly provides that no "clearing or construction activities" are allowed within the wetland or the wetlands buffer zones. The brief, written by Rhonda DiVagno of the Mowrey law firm, which represents the county, notes that at the code hearing in April, a neighbor who lives near the property testified that the land clearing consisted of heavier equipment than lawn mowers and string trimmers, in that bush hogs had been brought in to clear underbrush.

In the Log Creek response, Routa claims that there are photographs in the record indicating that that same neighbor mowed right up to the wetland, suggesting that the ordinance is selectively enforced and therefore unconstitutional.

Another facet of the appeal, which the county has argued is irrelevant, is the involvement of Commission Chairman Howard Kessler. On the day the violation was reported to county staff, Kessler forwarded an e-mail from the Log Creek neighbor to a list of his citizen supporters. That e-mail included "a derogatory statement" about the Log Creek owners - Ft. Lauderdale-based developers H. Collins Forman, Jr. and M. Austin Forman - and a link to an alternative newspaper's web site that had stories critical of the Formans.

Kessler's involvement in reporting alleged violations of the wetlands ordinance has become a focus of both

pending court cases. In the Crum-Tucker case, Kessler sent an e-mail to county staff about "massive violations" of the ordinance on Panama property owned by Ronald Fred and Eloise Crum. Kessler also took pictures of the activities and submitted those to staff as documentary evidence.

Crum has claimed Kessler's complaint against him was politically motivated. In response, he filed a complaint alleging that Kessler was violating the ordinance by mowing around his wetland - and staff issued a cease-and-desist against Kessler, too.

(Judge Sauls has found that the cease and desist letters issued by the county were without any authority in the law and added to conditions of citizens having no legal recourse in granting an injunction.)

In the county's answer brief, it's noted that only the Code Enforcement Officer can initiate an enforcement proceeding. Therefore, it argues, "any alleged animus or catalyst that spurs (sic) reporting the violation is irrelevant."

One sidelight in the briefs is Routa's response to a legal cite in the county's brief. The legal citation of *Cashatt v. State of Florida* is pointed to by the county as supporting its argument that statutes can only be found unconstitutionally vague if a person of normal intelligence cannot understand what is prohibited, or it's written in such a way that it permits arbitrary or discriminatory enforcement.

In the case cited, *Cashatt* had appealed his conviction on a statute that made it illegal for an adult to lure or entice minor children into sexual acts, contending the law was unclear.

In the reply brief, Log Creek's attorney responds to the *Cashatt* citation, writing: "Straying into the field of criminal law, (the county) cites *Cashatt v. State of Florida* ... for argument against the allegation of vagueness in the wetlands ordinance," which Routa concedes "does not proscribe the luring of children for the commission of illegal acts."

## St. Marks basin

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The plan recognizes that stormwater runoff is largely believed to be the main problem with water quality in the area. "Water coming off streets can be as dirty or dirtier than water going into a wastewater treatment plant," he said.

A regional approach to stormwater treatment is being recommended in the report, underscoring the need to approach watershed protection as a collaborative effort among local governments, state agencies and the public.

Wakulla Springs Ambassador Cal Jamison noted that the newest challenge facing the spring is that the water coming out of the vent is now green. Dark water at the spring - brown water, presumably from rain and stormwater picking up tannins in the forest - has been increasingly a problem. But this is the first report of

green water.

Jamison noted that Lake Munson, long the site of a City of Tallahassee sewage treatment facility, is "Campbell's pea-soup green" with visibility of about a foot, with an iridescent green algal bloom. The algae goes down Munson Slough to Eightmile Pond and is now becoming visible at Ames Sink. Those waters flow directly to Wakulla Springs.

When it was noted that nutrients and nitrates have long affected water quality at Wakulla Springs, encouraging algal blooms and feeding invasive hydrilla, Jamison responded, "Nutrients don't directly change the water." He insisted that green water is coming out at the spring, adding: "Somewhere there has got to be a green source."

Even when Munson isn't flowing, Wakulla Springs is getting green water, Jamison said.

Environmental consultant Paul Johnson, a Crawfordville resident, on the issue of local governments working in collaboration, noted that Wakulla and Leon counties and the City of Tallahassee are all working together on a septic tank study.

Another resident, Elinor Elfner of St. Marks, suggested that what's needed is change of perception in the basin. Rainwater should be looked at a resource from above, not as stormwater runoff to be treated. Green roofs with local grasses can use much rainwater and the excess could go to flush toilets, she suggested.

The plan is available online at the district's web site, [nwfwmd.state.fl.us](http://nwfwmd.state.fl.us). Questions and comments on the plan can be addressed to Thorpe at [Paul.Thorpe@nwfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:Paul.Thorpe@nwfwmd.state.fl.us) or by calling (850) 539-5999.

## Travel expenses

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Lynn Artz, has spent \$2,158, including, in November 2008, \$427.50 to attend the Florida Association of Counties legislative conference in Orlando; and in March, she spent \$1,730 to attend the National Association of Counties legislative conference and expo in Washington, D.C.

Alan Brock, spent \$1,837 in March to attend the NACO conference in Washington, D.C.

Kessler has spent \$3,512 on travel, including \$873.72 in November 2008 to attend the FAC conference in Daytona; \$1,636.55 in March to attend the NACO conference in Washington, D.C.; and \$1,002 in June to attend the FAC conference in Marco Island.

Commissioners George Green and Mike Stewart have not submitted any travel costs for the current year.

The budget for the current fiscal year indicates each commissioner was allocated \$2,500 for travel.

County Administrator Ben Pingree said the travel budget for the board was set at \$12,500 - representing \$2,500 per each of the five commissioners - but it was a lump sum fund for travel. In the 2009-10 budget year that begins Oct. 1, each commissioner will have a \$2,500 travel allowance to pull from.

In the previous budget year, there was no set

amount for travel and the board spent more than \$17,000.

Green spent \$2,912.30 for travel, including the November 2007 FAC Legislative Conference in St. Augustine for \$905, the March 2008 Finance and Tax Seminar in Orlando for \$551, the April 2008 FAC County Government Certification Program in St. Augustine for \$533, and the June 2008 FAC Annual Conference in Miami for \$922.

Then-Chairman Ed Brimmer, who chose not to run for re-election, spent \$5,219 on travel, including a September 2007 FAC Policy Conference in Gainesville for \$259, a November 2007 FAC Water Policy Working Group meeting in Orlando for \$367, the November 2007 FAC Legislative Conference in St. Augustine for \$738, March 2008 NACO Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. for \$2,195, the June 2008 FAC Annual Conference in Miami for \$1,028, and the August 2008 FAC Annual Conference in Amelia Island for \$630.

Commissioner Kessler spent more than \$6,681 on travel, which included, in October 2007, the Jackson Blue Spring Basin Workshop Group Meeting in Chipola and the Hunter & Angler Global Warming Presenter Training in Orlando, and a seminar in Orlando for Leadership in Florida's Growth Atmosphere for \$475, in Novem-

ber 2007 he attended the FAC Legislative Conference with advanced county commissioner certification for \$483, program classes on financial management in January 2008 in Gainesville for \$167, the NACO Legislative Conference in February 2008 in Washington, D.C. for \$2,101, the Advanced County Commissioner Program Part II in Gainesville for \$167, the June 2008 FAC Annual Conference in Miami for \$956, the July 2008 NACO Annual Conference in Kansas City, and in FAC Policy Committee Conference in September 2008 in Clearwater for \$899.

(Commissioners Maxie Lawhon and Brian Langston reported no travel expenses that year.)

Last year, Kessler expressed concern about Brimmer's expenditures on the Washington trip for the NACO Conference in which Brimmer chose to drive, rather than fly, and charged a per mile cost to the county. At the time, Kessler indicated he felt that was excessive because airline tickets were cheaper than driving, and it prompted a change in commissioner travel policy which now requires them to travel by the most inexpensive means.

A comparison of expenses indicates that Brimmer only spent \$94.50 more than Kessler on that trip, while Kessler spent nearly \$1,500 more for the year on travel than Brimmer.

## Judge rules

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A copy of the ordinance was eventually given to the clerk of court's office on May 11 - state law requires it be received by the secretary of state within 10 days, and it wasn't received until May 16.

Between the April and May meetings, the ordinance was reworked and, among its changes, was that violations would not just be subject to fines, but also must mitigate damage to wetlands.

In January 2009, Kessler e-mailed Assistant County Administrator Lindsay Stevens, who oversees planning issues, to alert her to "massive violations" of the ordinance on the Panama property of Ronald Fred and Eloise Crum. Kessler also submitted a disk of photographs that he took of the property and work on some duck ponds the Crums were constructing.

A cease and desist letter was issued to the Crums, and the matter went to the Code Enforcement Board where, before any violation was formally determined to have been committed, Ronald Fred Crum agreed to create a mitigation plan. The mitigation plan was rejected by staff and the Crums, along with neighboring

property owners, Larry and Patricia Tucker, who were also found in violation for a pond on their land, filed the lawsuit challenging the validity of the ordinance.

While Crum's case was pending before the Code Enforcement Board, he filed a wetlands complaint against Kessler, claiming the chairman was mowing within 75 feet of a pond on his property. County staff issued a cease and desist letter to Kessler.

The matter appeared resolved when County Attorney Ron Mowrey issued a letter giving his opinion that all three cases - Crum, Tucker and Kessler - should be dropped because all three deal with artificial or substantially altered wetlands that pre-date the 2006 ordinance.

Stevens issued an opinion of her own, contravening Mowrey's, that said new information had since been received and directing staff to continue with the charges against Crum and Tucker, but to drop the violation against Kessler.

Crum hired attorney Christopher Lunny of the Tallahassee law firm Radey Thomas Yon and Clark, and the Tuckers hired attorney David Kemp of the Don Pumphrey Law Firm.

At a Code Enforcement Board hearing, Kemp showed the board a 2004 county permit issued to the Tuckers for pond maintenance as part of his argument that the pond pre-dated the ordinance.

Staff had received satellite maps that showed the wetlands on the Crum and Tucker property had not been disturbed in May 2006. At a town hall meeting, Eloise Crum questioned the date of those maps, since they also do not show the Tuckers home on the property, which was built in 2004.

At the time the court issued a preliminary injunction against the county, commissioners appointed a wetlands committee to review the ordinance and suggest changes. That committee's work is continuing.

Commissioner Lynn Artz was the only commissioner at the Aug. 20 court hearing.

County Attorney Ron Mowrey commented afterwards that the county disagreed with the findings of the court but would abide by the ruling. The commission can consider whether to appeal the matter after a final judgment is entered, which would be after some determination on the public records issue.



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# Sports

## Red Sox win, are Yankees next?

The Wakulla Red Sox, a newly formed age 10 and under travel baseball team, competed in its first tournament the weekend of Aug. 15 in Tallahassee.

The team played in the Mizuno Classic and placed as the runner-up. After going 2-0 the first day, the Red Sox fell to the Tallahassee Heat 10U, 14-11 in Sunday's championship game.

"What a way to start-off as a team," parents and coaches said. "Way to go Wakulla Red Sox!"

Pictured from left to right: Kneeling: Bailey Fagan, Thomas Anderson, Jared Weber and Will Barwick.

Middle/Standing: Bradley Lord, Austin Geiger, Lucas Briggs, Brody Aguilera and Jacob Dismuke.

Coaching Staff: Assistant Coach Mike Barwick, Head Coach Keith Anderson, Assistant Coach Michael Briggs.



Wakulla placed second in Mizuno Classic in Tallahassee.

## Klees pleased with grid effort

By KEITH BLACKMAR

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The Wakulla War Eagle football team dropped two halves against Rickards and Leon Friday, Aug. 28 at Gene Cox Stadium, 16-0 and 14-0 respectively. But Coach Scott Klees was pleased with the preseason classic.

On the positive side, 46 players got into the game to show coaches what they can do in game conditions. On the negative side, Wakulla committed six turnovers.

"We got a good look at who can contribute," said Coach Klees. "I was pleased with our young kids."

Klees circled the names of Fred Cummings, Kevin James and E.J. Forbes at linebacker and running backs Forbes, Will Thomas and Lorenzo Randolph as having good games.

"Both sides of the ball and special teams did well," he said. "We made some mistakes, but if you play 46 kids, you're going to make mistakes. For us, it's a glorified scrimmage. We've been blasted much worse at other spring and fall jamborees, so I was pretty happy."

Deonte Hutchinson and Johnie Robinson handled the quarterback duties at Gene Cox Stadium. But with several practices before the season opener against Taylor County, Klees declined to name a starter for Sept. 4 in Medart.

Taylor County is expected to be much improved from their 2008 squad. Klees said some people have compared the 2009 squad to their state championship team.

The game begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4 at J.D. Jones Stadium and Reynolds Field.

## Lady War Eagles win thrilling opener against Tallahassee Chiles

By KEITH BLACKMAR

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The Wakulla Lady War Eagle volleyball team opened the 2009 season with a thrilling three set to two victory over Tallahassee Chiles in Medart Monday, Aug. 31.

Wakulla won with scores of 25-20, 25-17, 18-25, 22-25 and 15-13.

Both squads were evenly matched as Wakulla fell behind slightly in the first game but came back to win 25-20.

Senior Artigua Kilpatrick dominated with blocks in the first game.

Wakulla won the second game behind the steady play of junior Sarah Roberts junior who defended exceptionally well.

Wakulla appeared on the way to victory but Chiles had other ideas.

Despite a nine serve rally by junior Logan Harvey to keep WHS close, Wakulla lost the third game to give Chiles and gave the Lady Timberwolves a glimmer of hope.

Chiles continued to play well while Wakulla momentarily fell apart and lost the fourth game.

But junior setter Tara Vatter kept her composure all night and made many smart setting choices at critical times.

In the last game, Wakulla fell slightly behind but the team finally took Coach Erica Bunch's advice and settled down to rally as a team and play War Eagle volleyball.

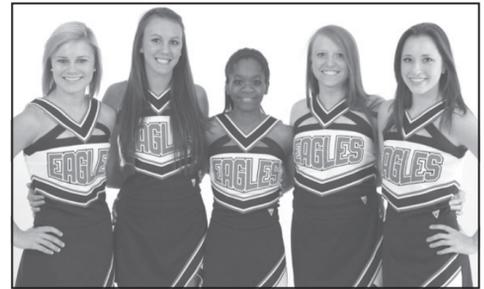
Senior Kristin Mathers stepped up her game to lead the team in composure and kills to take lead in the final game.

The game ended on junior Kara Smith's spike that Chiles deflected out of bounds.

Mathers had 18 kills and five aces. Kilpatrick had 12 kills and seven blocks. Summer Stokley had five kills and five blocks. Vatter had 55 assists. Sarah Roberts had 18 digs and Logan Harvey had five aces.

JV was close in Game 1 and had the lead as sophomore middle Emily Haley had the best game of her career with six blocks. Wakulla lost Game 1 by a close margin, but Game 2 was all Chiles.

Wakulla heads to Orlando for the KSA Events Tournament on Thursday, Sept. 3. Photo by William Snowden.



2009 WHS senior cheerleaders

## Final year of cheers

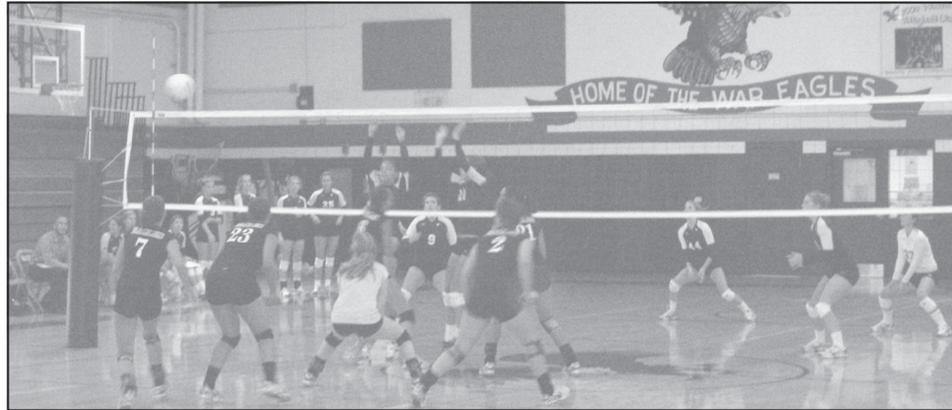
Five members of the Wakulla War Eagle cheerleading squad are members of the senior class. The girls in their

final year on the squad include: Amanda Council, Chaise Bishop, Meci Brown, Meredith Flanders and Shelbi Davis.

## FSU and Miami open season

The Florida State University Seminoles will open the 2009 football season against Atlantic Coast Conference foe the University of Miami

on Monday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. The game will be played in Tallahassee and ESPN will broadcast the game nationally. The games are also available on radio on WTNT 94.9 FM.



Wakulla volleyball players in the near court get ready to send the ball back at their Chiles foes.

## Youth hunting field day is set

New hunters looking for help and those with experience wanting to sharpen their skills, listen up. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will offer a Youth Hunting Field Day on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy, north of Tallahassee.

The FWC will partner with Tall Timbers and the Big Bend Youth Outdoor Foundation to put on this free, half-day event for kids of all ages and their parents who are interested in attending. Advance preregistration is not necessary.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., expert instructors will teach the fundamentals of hunting deer, turkey, waterfowl and small game, and participants will learn about using dogs for hunting. Attendees will get to target-shoot with bows, shotguns, rifles and muzzleloading guns and learn about wildlife identification. The event also features a seminar with 13-year-old hunting sensation Zac Cooper.

Other activities include getting an up-close look inside an FWC helicopter and seeing a K-9 demonstration by FWC law enforcement officers and their dogs.

Participants also are eligible for door prizes and

the chance of winning a youth hunt or rifle.

There are a number of sponsors and volunteers participating in the event. For more information

on the Youth Hunting Field Day, call Renee Hays at 413-0084. For directions to Tall Timbers Research Station, visit [www.talltimbers.org](http://www.talltimbers.org).

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# In The Huddle



A weekly look at college football in the Sunshine State

## FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES

# Difference Maker

Senior CB  
Robinson  
holds key  
for defense

By Ira Schoffel

Much like managers do in the business world, Florida State defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews meets with each of his players at the end of spring practice for an annual review.

During those meetings, the information flows both ways. Andrews offers his personal evaluations; the players evaluate themselves; together, they create a list of goals for the coming season; and finally, they devise a plan to achieve those goals.

Andrews does it with every single defensive back. Every year.

But not every review is created equal. In fact, very few players receive the kind of message senior cornerback Patrick Robinson heard this past spring.

Andrews, who has never been accused of stroking players' egos, explained to Robinson that there is no goal he can't attain if he is willing to put in the effort.

First-team All-American? No question. First-round pick in next April's NFL Draft? Sure thing.

With Robinson's combination of athletic ability, experience and knowledge of the game, Andrews said there was no reason he shouldn't be listed among the elite cornerbacks in college football - all he had to do was have a great summer in the weight room and keep strengthening his mind in the film room.

And with the season opener against Miami just days away, Andrews believes the first part of that mission was accomplished.

"He's got so many opportunities, so many goals that are attainable," Andrews said of Robinson. "Naturally, he's got to stay healthy. But he's prepared himself this summer better than any time he's done in terms of strength gains and the conditioning. The mental part of studying the game on the tape.

"But Pat, clearly, the Lord blessed him with great ability and he's a very hard worker. He understands that there are things he's got to get done if he's go-



Colin Hackley - Osceola

Senior cornerback Patrick Robinson's ability to lock down one side of the field could open the door for big plays by Florida State's other defensive backs.

ing to be a No. 1 draft choice, if he's going to be an All-American. But what pleases me most is he's a guy that's more concerned about, 'What can I do to help my team be successful?' He understands that if he's doing that, the individual records will come."

In so many ways, Robinson's ability to dominate opposing wide receivers could be the key to Florida State's success on defense this season. With four-year starter Tony Carter gone and several unproven players competing for the other cornerback position, FSU's coaches undoubtedly will be a little concerned about that side of the

field. And if Robinson is able to play straight man coverage with little help over the top, Florida State's safeties will be able to pay extra attention to the rest of the field. The mere thought of that scenario causes free safety Jamie Robinson to smile.

"Pat, being as great as he is with his athletic ability, that allows me to free up and kind of lean toward one side more," said Jamie Robinson, who has been a star in preseason with numerous interceptions during practices and scrimmages. "He can lock his side of the field down. And I know how much of the field he can cover. So that

gives me more freedom to roam other places. It gives me more opportunities to make plays out there."

That's exactly what Patrick Robinson plans to do.

"If I do my job, I'm definitely going to create opportunities for my safeties and the other corner," Patrick Robinson said. "I'm definitely up for that challenge. And I expect my teammates are going to make plays if the ball is thrown their way. I'm looking forward to it."

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## FLORIDA GATORS

Which WR  
will step up  
in 2009?

By Adam Gorney

The Florida Gators' first group of wide receivers - David Nelson, Riley Cooper, Deonte Thompson and Brandon James - is proven and performing well in preseason. But UF's coaches still are looking for some of the younger players to emerge with the season opener against Charleston Southern fast approaching.

"We're excited to see what they can do in a game situation," Nelson said. "We've had some young guys step up so far and we're expecting more to step up. We can always use more guys. The guys we've needed to step up have done that, and so we're just waiting for a few other guys to do their part."

Of that second group, Frankie Hammond has looked the sharpest thus far, and head coach Urban Meyer said Hammond could become a bigger part of the mix. T.J. Lawrence has also come on as of late.

"Frankie is showing some strides," Meyer said. "He's that next-level guy that's going to step into the rotation."

Nelson said Omarius Hines still needs to show more consistency and learn the playbook.

With those top four receivers, the progress Hammond has made, the threat of throwing to the running backs and the availability of tight end Aaron Hernandez, the Gators have a multitude of weapons, even if their top two receivers from last season - Percy Harvin and Louis Murphy - left for the NFL.

Hernandez returns as the leading receiver with 34 catches for 381 yards and five touchdowns last season. Thompson and Cooper had 18 receptions each. Nelson had 12 grabs and five scores, coming on strong late in the season.

James caught 11 balls and could be an interesting option since his size, speed and elusiveness make him tough to tackle. A special-teams dynamo, James will also be used extensively in Florida's passing game.

"He's an incredible athlete," Nelson said. "The transition he's made from the position he's in, he's been in every position pretty much in the offense. Only a player like him can come in and make the impact he's made so far and be able to transition to the receiver position like he has."

The reviews have been mixed so far on five-star freshman Andre Debose, the big fish in Florida's recruiting haul. A hamstring injury has slowed his development. Rivals.com rated Debose as the second-best receiver and No. 21 prospect in the 2009 class.

He was expected to be one option at the "Percy Position," but running backs Chris Rainey and Jeffrey Demps have also been used there.

Justin Williams and Stephen Alli are two other options at receiver, but neither is expected to play significant minutes. Carl Moore is still slowed by a back injury.

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JAMES

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Gators banged up at linebacker

Brendan Beal has been limited with a sore neck and Jelani Jenkins has suffered from a sprained ankle, adding to the list of linebackers dealing with injuries. Brandon Hicks has been sidelined with an ankle injury and Jon Bostic has dealt with a sore neck during camp. Another linebacker, Dustin Doe, is still working his way back from off-season trouble.

### New Canes TE impresses

Former UM basketball player Jimmy Graham, who tried out for the football team as a tight end, continues to draw praise. "He has blocked unbelievably, and it's exciting to see him do those things. We're really excited about his progress," UM coach Randy Shannon said on his weekly radio show. Graham is 6-8 and 260 pounds.

### FSU linemen should return

FSU defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews said he expects senior DT Kendrick Stewart, who has been nursing a minor knee injury, to be back this week in practice. Andrews also said it is possible that senior DT Budd Thacker (toe) could be back soon as well. FSU will need the help on the defensive line against Miami on Monday; the 'Noles already lost DT Justin Mincey.



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## World's first Whooping Crane cam launched online

The Duke Energy Foundation and Operation Migration Inc. are proud to announce the launch of the world's first Whooping CraneCam.

On July 31, Operation Migration's CraneCam, sponsored by Duke Energy, began streaming live video and audio around the world, offering watchers never-before-seen views of one of the world's most endangered birds, the majestic Whooping crane.

With fewer than 400 wild Whooping cranes in existence, Operation Migration Inc. and the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership are carrying out a reintroduction of these rare birds in Central Wisconsin, which sees Operation Migration use ultralight-aircraft to

teach the cranes how and where to migrate.

Viewers can watch online as Operation Migration's pilots and crane handlers condition the juvenile Whooping cranes that form the 'Class of 2009' for the biggest adventure of their lives - their first migration. To tune in, visit <http://www.operationmigration.org/crane-cam.html> Come migration time (early to mid-October), pending connectivity at remote stopover locations, "Craniacs" and online viewers will be able to watch each morning's departure as the cranes and planes make their way south - a journey of over 1,200 miles. Because progress is entirely weather dependant, the journey from Wisconsin to Florida

can take between 60 to 90 days to complete. The CraneCam will also deliver views of the Class of 2009 in their travel pen at the conclusion of each migration flight leg. On completion of the migration, the CraneCam will be set up at Florida's St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge to provide an unprecedented opportunity to watch the young Whooping cranes as they mature over the winter. The CraneCam will offer online viewers a ringside seat to witness their "soft release" into the wild. Duke Energy, sponsor of Operation Migration's CraneCam and one of the largest energy companies in the USA, serves four million customers in the Carolinas and the midwest. The company has a

distinguished record of support for endangered birds, including significant support for habitats and the wildlife that depend on them.

"We join with environmental groups such as Operation Migration to protect our natural resources because the company can accomplish far more in partnership than alone," said Julie Griffith with the Duke Energy Foundation. "We saw this project as an opportunity to reach people who might not otherwise be aware of this critically endangered species."

Poised to realize an avian and aviation milestone, Operation Migration kicked off a "Give a WHOOP!" campaign in conjunc-

tion with the launch of the CraneCam.

While leading its ninth generation, the Class of 2009, on this fall's migration south, Operation Migration will log its 10,000th air-mile with young Whooping Cranes following its aircraft to learn a migration route. The landmark 10,000th air-mile - the equivalent of flying almost half-way around the world! - will be flown somewhere over Illinois. People worldwide are asked to "Give a WHOOP!" with a goal of collecting an Honor Roll of 10,000 WHOOPSI - one for each of the 10,000 migration miles Operation Migration has flown with endangered Whooping Cranes following its ultralights.

## Local couple's son featured on cover of FSU magazine

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
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Justin Kramer, son of Kim and Teresa Kramer of Wakulla County, was featured on the cover of the August issue of Florida State Times for his work on a solar-powered house on campus.

The Off-Grid Zero Emissions Building (OGZEB) was designed and built by researchers with the university's Energy and Sustain-

ability Center. Kramer, a graduate of the Florida A&M-FSU College of Engineering, was project manager for the building, and wrote his master's thesis on sustainable energy engineering with a focus on OGZEB.

The building is designed so that it's energy needs are self-sustaining, with solar panels on the roof capturing energy for the house's electrical needs - with excess pow-

er stored in a hydrogen system. So OGZEB is off the electricity grid.

Kramer explains in the story how the hydrogen storage system works and is quoted as saying, "It's a very cyclic and clean system. The only byproduct coming out of the fuel cell is water vapor."

The house also uses new technology to allow hydrogen combustion in appliances, such as the custom-fitted, hydrogen-burning

Viking stove.

"The entire combustion technology was developed here at Florida State," Kramer told the magazine. "We researched hydrogen combustion to see what parameters were required to use it safely and efficiently. A hydrogen flame burns clean and its only byproducts are heat and water vapor."

OGZEB will serve as housing for graduate students, which will cre-

ate different conditions for further research.

Florida State Times is a six-times yearly publication for alumni and faculty.

The story on Kramer can be accessed online at the magazine's website: [unicomm.fsu.edu/pages/FloridaStateTimes.html](http://unicomm.fsu.edu/pages/FloridaStateTimes.html)

Kramer graduated from Wakulla High School.

## Genealogy group dedicated to finding answers from past



Scott Joyner

By SCOTT JOYNER  
Of The Wakulla  
County Public Library

Hello again from your library. As summer gives way to fall some of Wakulla County's great community groups are getting up and running after a summer break. Tonight's meeting of the Wakulla County Genealogy Group will be held at the Museum and Archives building across the street from the Old Courthouse at 6 p.m. tonight, not at the

library as usual. Please come out and learn from this great group! Along those same lines, the Wakulla County Historical Society will have their first meeting of the fall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8 in our Main Meeting Room. The topic for this month's meeting will be preserving documents and photographs for posterity.

The speaker will be Adam Watson of the Florida Archives. The Historical Society's Board will meet at

5 p.m. in the same room before the general meeting. In the two years I've lived down here I'm continually amazed by the importance that Wakulla's citizens place upon their history. Please take advantage of these two great organizations to continue this tradition.

Reflection at  
Wakulla Springs

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 12 for the annual Reflections

at Wakulla Springs in honor of International Literacy Day. This great program presented by the Wakulla Springs State Park and the Wakulla County Public Library will be taking place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will include interactions with local authors, children's presentations, and a book giveaway sponsored by the Friends of the Wakulla Library. Entrance to the park is free from Sept. 11 to Sept. 13 if you present your library

card or donate a new or gently used family friendly book at the front gate.

More details including what authors will be there will follow in next week's article.

The library will be open this Saturday for those who need to grab a book for the last beach read of the summer.

Please have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend from all of us at the library.

## Park Service offers free entrance Sept. 11 to Sept. 13

The Florida Park Service will offer free entrance to visitors with a library card or with the donation of a new or gently used family friendly book on Friday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 13, for State Park Literacy Month and on Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day.

"We are pleased to offer

free admission into Florida's state parks on these three occasions to encourage tourism and outdoor activity," said DEP Florida Park Service Director Mike Bullock. "The value of state parks is much greater than often realized, impacting healthy lifestyles, educating visitors about natural and cultural

resources, as well as making an economic impact of more than \$1 billion to Florida's communities."

Since 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association has designated July as National Parks and Recreation Month.

## Relay For Life, firefighters event

Relay For Life

The 2010 Wakulla Relay for Life invites teams to register and enter to win a relay survival kit. Each team captain who submits a team registration form by Sept. 7 will enter his or her team in the drawing. Entry forms and the \$100 fee may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 2619 Centennial Boulevard Suite 101, Tallahassee, FL 32308, Attn: Wakulla Relay for Life.

Teams that register will also be given information about the Early Bird Kick Off Reception that will be held at a local Wakulla restaurant on Sept. 8.

Firefighters Festival set for  
Sept. 26 at Woolley Park

The Second Annual Firefighters Festival will be held at Woolley Park in Panama on Saturday, Sept. 26, with games, food, and arts and crafts.

The festival is a benefit for the participating Wakulla County fire departments. Smokey Bear is expected to make an appearance, as will Sparky the Fire Dog.

The all-day event begins at 9 a.m. and is scheduled to end at 5 p.m.

The main sponsor of the festival is Wakulla County Parks and Recreation.

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| September 8, 2009  | Public Hearing: To Adopt the Tentative Budget  | 5:00 P.M. |
| September 22, 2009 | Regular Board Meeting  | 5:00 P.M. |
| September 22, 2009 | Public Hearing: To Adopt the Final Budget and Millage Rate   | 5:00 P.M. |
| September 28, 2009 | Proposed: Public Meeting to Review Proposed Revisions To the Comprehensive Plan - Senior Citizens Center | 5:00 P.M. |
| October 1, 2009    | Town Hall Meeting - Sopchoppy City Hall  | 6:00 P.M. |
| October 6, 2009    | Regular Board Meeting  | 5:00 P.M. |
| October 6, 2009    | Public Hearing: To Consider to Re-Adopt the Wetlands Ordinance #06-27 of Wakulla County, Florida         | 5:00 P.M. |
| October 15, 2009   | Workshop: To Review Proposed Revisions to the Comprehensive Plan (Time and Location To Be Announced)     |           |
| October 20, 2009   | Regular Board Meeting  | 5:00 P.M. |

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# School

## Medart third graders receive dictionaries

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, the Independent Telecommunications Pioneers Club presented third graders at Medart Elementary School with dictionaries.

The members of the ITPA Club are active and retired telecommunications employees.

There are clubs throughout the state and across the country that work on

various projects to benefit numerous communities.

The ITPA Club devotes much time and money to education.

They have sponsored the third grade dictionary project as a state and national project for several years.

The students were very excited and truly appreciate the heart-felt gift.



Teacher Rachel Ryan, Ann Tucker Club Director of ITPA, teacher Jessica Stubbs, teacher Belinda McElroy and teacher Mollie Walker.

## Florida A & M to honor Knight

Riversprings Middle School teacher and long-time Wakulla County educator Frances Knight will be honored by Florida A and M University on Saturday, Sept. 5. Knight was elected into the FAMU Hall of Fame last year.

This year a President's Breakfast and a Wall of Distinction Unveiling will be

held at Gaither Gym.

The wall will include a plaque with Knight's picture on it for her achievements through the FAMU athletics program.

Knight said she is honored by the event and joked that she is pleased that FAMU has decided to use an older picture of her from her younger days on the plaque.

## Register for October ACT examination

Registration is now open for the Oct. 24 ACT achievement test. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register before Sept. 18.

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam. It tests what students have actually learned in school, not their aptitude for learning. The ACT also measures what students need to know to be ready for entry-level college-credit courses based on ACT College Readiness Standards.

The ACT has four sections: English, mathematics, reading and science, and takes about three hours to

complete. Students who take the ACT Plus Writing complete an optional writing test that requires an additional 30 minutes. Unlike other exams, students are not penalized for guessing or answering all the questions on each test section. In fact, it is beneficial for test takers to answer all questions within the time allowed.

During registration, students may select up to four universities to receive their score reports. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities across the United States. ACT reports scores only when requested to do so by the student. Additional score

reports are available for a small fee.

All students complete a detailed inventory of questions during ACT registration. Each test taker receives an ACT score report that includes a wide variety of information to assist with high school course selection, college readiness, career planning, and college admissions.

The cost for the ACT test without writing is \$32. When combined with the optional ACT Writing Test, the total cost is \$47. Students who qualify may apply for a fee waiver through their high school counselor.

The ACT web site, www.

actstudent.org, has helpful information, free sample items, and options to order inexpensive test prep materials to assist test takers get ready for the exam.

However, the best preparation is to take rigorous core courses in school, study hard, and learn the academic skills needed in college.

Most students register online at www.actstudent.org.

Students may also pick up registration forms from their high school counseling offices; these forms must be postmarked by Sept. 18. Late registration is available from Sept. 19 to Oct. 2 for an extra \$21 fee.

## TCC enrollment continues to surge

Just four days into the Fall 2009 semester, Tallahassee Community College has surpassed one enrollment milestone and has its eyes set on another.

According to a report released by TCC on Thursday, the number of students registered for courses leading to a degree or workforce certification through the first three

days of the fall semester stood at 14,177 - a 5.5 percent increase from last year at the same time (13,441). Even more impressive is that the current number of students registered has already surpassed that of the entire Fall 2008 semester (14,163).

According to TCC President Bill Law, the College's enrollment may actually

reach 15,000 once express sessions begin September 9 (Fall C) and October 15 (Fall B).

"Despite the continuing budget stress in the state, we've managed to keep the doors open for those who need additional education or workforce preparation," said Law. "TCC's faculty and staff have our great thanks

for their commitment and flexibility."

TCC is continuing to register students for its fall express sessions.

Students can register for class online at TCCPassport.tcc.fl.edu. To apply for admission to TCC, log on to www.GoToTCC.com.

## FWC asks hunters to complete survey

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) wants to hear from hunters around the state regarding "when" they think the white-tailed deer rut happens in their neck of the woods.

The FWC, along with its deer management stakeholder group, is considering making possible changes to Florida's deer hunting zones and corresponding season dates.

The first goal of the "Strategic Plan for Deer Management in Florida 2008-2018" is to manage deer at a more local level and better align hunting season dates with

peak rutting (breeding) activity.

The FWC has deer-breeding information from many counties and several of its wildlife management areas, but there are gaps in the biological data.

The deer management stakeholder group would like to obtain rut information from hunters to try and close gaps in the data.

The agency recognizes the value of local knowledge and is asking hunters who are familiar with when the deer rut historically occurs in the areas where they hunt to fill out an online survey. The FWC would like to

take this information to compare hunters' perceptions of the rut with scientifically known conception data.

During rutting periods, bucks are more active during daylight (shooting) hours and often less cautious, making the chances of seeing them in the field better.

"Deer hunters want to hunt during the rut, and we want to be able to share comprehensive information about when the rut occurs with the hunting public," FWC biologist and deer team coordinator Cory Morea said. "We realize a lot of hunters know when the rut happens

in their area, and we want to take this information and compare it with our conception data to see if they are similar. It would be great to be able to use any new data to help fill in the holes in what we already know."

"At the very least, we think there is value in knowing what hunters perceive as the peak of the rut where they hunt," Morea said.

To fill out the deer rut survey, see the latest updates on proposed deer zones and season dates or to comment on these potential changes, go to MyFWC.com/Deer.

## RMS SAC meeting set

Riversprings Middle School will host a School Advisory Council (SAC)/School Improvement Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the RMS library. The meeting is open to the public.

## Tafflinger Road not within platted ROW

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN wsnowden@thewakullanews.net

In a survey prior to paving Tafflinger Road, it was discovered that the existing dirt road is not located within the right of way depicted on plats for Magnolia Gardens and Greiner's Addition subdivisions.

County staff has indicated an intent to relocate Tafflinger to its proper right of way location.

In March, county commissioners approved a transfer of funds so that Tafflinger Road could be paved. The dirt road, off Rehwinkel Road, receives heavy traffic from residents of Magnolia Gardens and Greiner's Addition, and requires constant maintenance by county road crews to grade the road so that it's passable.

One problem found on the survey, which was performed by Edwin Brown and Associates, is that the platted right-of-way in Magnolia Gardens

is 50 feet wide, while that in Greiner's Addition is 45 feet wide, and the last 120 feet of Tafflinger up to its intersection with Rehwinkel, the right of way is only 30 feet.

In a staff report prepared for the county commission's Sept. 8 meeting it was noted that the "western-most portion of right-of-way on the Magnolia Gardens plat lines up the eastern-most rights of way on the Greiner's Addition subdivision plat. Because of this misalignment, the maintained road is not located completely within the platted right of way."

Because it doesn't line up, the road encroaches on seven lots within Greiner's Addition.

The next step is to do relocate the road and to move any utilities into the platted right of way. Staff anticipates the coordination work with the utility providers will begin sometime this month, according to the report.

## Tuesday market offers fresh food

Wakulla County's Tuesdays Farmers' Market helps the county celebrate the freshness.

The local growers' market features organically grown veggies, local fruit and seafood every Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Located at Purple Martin Nurseries, 1554 Crawfordville

Highway in Crawfordville, it is provided in collaboration with local small farmers, Purple Martin Nursery and FAMU StateWide Small Farm Programs.

Interested growers and market participants should contact FAMU StateWide Small Farm Programs/Jennifer Taylor at 412-5260 or e-mail jennifer.taylor@famuedu.edu to participate.

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The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on October 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL;

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To Consider to Re-Adopt an Ordinance of Wakulla County, Florida, providing for the protection of wetlands within the unincorporated area of Wakulla County; establishing application and processing procedures; providing design standards and administration procedures; establishing fines and penalties; providing for an effective date.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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# Law Enforcement and the Courts

## Sheriff's Report

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office investigators received a theft report from Michael V. Harbin of Crawfordville on Aug. 26, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

The victim reported that someone stole \$250 worth of fishing equipment from his home. Cast nets and fishing poles were stolen. Interviews were conducted with neighbors and a suspect vehicle was identified. Deputy Scott Rojas investigated.

In other activity reported by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office during the past week:

- On Aug. 19, Detention Deputy Reed Brown reported that contraband pills were located in boxer shorts owned by a 54-year-old inmate from Crawfordville. The pills were found during a jail pod search. The pills were believed to be Xanax and Hydrocodone. The investigation continues. Deputy Richard Moon investigated with Det. Anthony Curles and Lt. Pat Smith.

- On Aug. 19, Dan E. Zemel of Panacea reported a grand theft at SLMCO Pure Water Systems. A forced entry was discovered and a flat bed trailer, owned by Donna Swindle of Panacea, was reported missing. An air compressor was also stolen. The value of the missing items is \$4,500. Deputy Nick Boutwell investigated.

- On Aug. 19, Terrell I. Widner of Crawfordville reported bogus transactions on his credit card.

The victim said that \$990 worth of charges were found. Deputy Dale Evans investigated.

- On Aug. 19, Robert W. Kreps of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. Stereo equipment was reported stolen from Kreps' nephew's vehicle. It was valued at \$450. Deputy Dale Evans investigated.

- On Aug. 19, Carol Metcalf of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered, but it has not been determined if anything was taken. Damage was estimated at \$45. Lt. Fred Nichols investigated.

- On Aug. 20, Clementine C. Sherrell of Crawfordville reported the theft of a lawnmower, valued at \$400. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

- On Aug. 20, Teri Monica of Tallahassee and St. Teresa Episcopal Church reported a criminal mischief as someone damaged the church sign. The victim said many criminal mischiefs have occurred at the church recently. Deputy Nick Boutwell investigated.

- On Aug. 20, Dave W. Browning of Crawfordville reported a credit card fraud. The victim found \$500 worth of unauthorized bank transactions. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

- On Aug. 24, Michael C. Porter of Sopchoppy reported a grand theft at Sopchoppy City Park. Someone entered the caretaker's shed and ripped wooded shelving from the wall. A golf cart was also reported missing. It was valued at

\$2,000. Damage to the shed was estimated at \$100. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

- On Aug. 24, Beverly H. Funderburk of Movie Gallery reported the theft of a night deposit. A suspect has been identified. Lt. Brent Sanders investigated.

- On Aug. 24, David V. Evans of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary in Sopchoppy. The victim reported that he was in the process of remodeling his home when a generator, valued at \$500, was stolen. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

- On Aug. 24, Randal L. Waltman of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. The victim lost his ATM card after leaving it at an ATM following a transaction. Someone used the card for a \$101 meal at a Crawfordville restaurant. Deputy Nick Boutwell investigated.

- On Aug. 28, Vincent J. Rivas of Crawfordville reported the theft of his truck. A suspect, who was identified, pushed his way into the victim's home and allegedly struck him with a bottle. The suspect left the scene with the victim's vehicle. The truck was entered in the NCIC/FCIC computer. Lt. Jimmy Sessor investigated.

- On Aug. 26, Jennifer Hattaway of Crawfordville reported an Internet fraud. The victim ordered some products online and received some, but noticed bogus charges on her account. Lt. Jimmy Sessor investigated.

- On Aug. 26, Xue T. Lin of

Crawfordville reported a fraud on his bank statement. A charge of \$68 was spotted on his bank account from a company in which he had not conducted business. Sgt. Mike Kemp investigated.

- On Aug. 26, Benjamin B. Powell of Crawfordville reported bogus charges on his credit card totaling \$206. The charges were discovered from an ATM in Miramar. Deputy William Hudson investigated.

- On Aug. 26, John W. Wallace of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. Someone broke into the victim's home and emptied a liquor bottle. Deputy Ruel Raker investigated.

- On Aug. 29, sheriff's office investigators responded to a juvenile party in Crawfordville where alcohol was being served. At 4 a.m., civil citations were issued to two 16-year-old juveniles and two 17-year-old juveniles and a notice to appear in court was issued to a 17-year-old juvenile who hosted the party. The keg had been removed by the time the law enforcement officials arrived, but the source of the alcohol is being investigated, according to Det. Bruce Ashley. The host juvenile faces a violation of the open house party law.

The sheriff's office is working with the Wakulla County Coalition for Youth to crackdown on underage drinking in the county. Party patrols are underway, Ashley said.

- On Aug. 30, David P. Rosetti of Crawfordville reported the theft of

a sprinkler and hose at a real estate company home. The property was valued at \$100. Deputy Nathan Taylor investigated.

- On Aug. 31, Woodrow W. Walker of Woody's Boiled Peanuts in Crawfordville reported a burglary as someone stole his cash. Captain Bill Poole and Deputy William Hudson investigated.

- On Aug. 31, Danelle Vaughn of Crawfordville reported the theft of her purse from her vehicle at Azalea Park. The victim did not lock her vehicle while she was walking and law enforcement officials discovered that the credit cards had been used at Wal-Mart a short time later. The total value of loss to the victim was \$628. Lt. Jimmy Sessor and Captain Bill Poole investigated.

- On Aug. 31, Susan A. Mead of Boca Raton reported a vehicle burglary at the fort in St. Marks. The victim's purse was stolen from the vehicle. The loss was estimated at \$145. Suspects have been identified and law enforcement believe the two vehicle theft cases, Mead and Vaughn, are related. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

- The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 920 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.

## Judge candidates seek open post in Gadsden County

Gary K. Hunter, Jr., as chair of the Second Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, announced that the individuals identified below have applied for consideration

for the Gadsden County Court vacancy. If you have information pertinent to any of the applicants' fitness or qualifications as a County Court judge, please provide this information

to the Commission, Attn: Gary K. Hunter, Jr., Hop-ping Green & Sams, P.A., 119 S. Monroe Street, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32301, or via e-mail to ghunter@hgsllaw.com. The Commis-

sion will be conducting background investigations on all applicants and plan to complete interviews such that a final list may be provided to the Governor on or before Sept. 10.

The interview times and location will be posted prior to that date.

The applicants are: Winifred NeSmith; J. Layne Francis Allman; M. Lilja Dandelake; Marva Davis; Alexandria Walters.

Heyward; Jacqueline High-tower-Smith; Michael McCormick; Janine Myrick;

Kathy Garner; Katharine

## Two day farmer's workshop slated

FAMU Statewide Small Farm Programs, Crescent Moon Organic Farm and the Josephine Porter Institute for Applied Biodynamics have worked together to provide an intensive two day workshop and farm tour focusing on improving farm sustainability by enhancing farm agro-ecosystems.

This participatory workshop on applied biodynamic farming will feature hands-on training by farmer Hugh Courtney, international educator, biodynamic practitioner, and director of the Josephine Porter Institute for Applied Biodynamics, Check, Va.

JPI's efforts are concentrated in the areas of biodynamic agriculture, horticulture and forestry. Biodynamic agriculture

is practiced on farms around the world. Most biodynamic farms are located in Europe, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand.

Several local small farms also practice biodynamic farming. Biodynamic agriculture is an advanced organic farming system that is gaining increased attention for its emphasis on food quality and soil health.

### Farmers' Knowledge

During this two day hands-on workshop and local farm tour, Hugh Courtney, will discuss the success of biodynamic farming on his farm, benefits of biodynamic farming, show how to make biodynamic compost, seed preparations, and hands-on implementation of biodynamic principles. Courtney will

show how biodynamic farming improves soil health, food quality, crop and animal well-being and farm sustainability.

The First Learning Session will provide an overview of biodynamic farming principles and movie "How to save the world", by Peter Proctor, New Zealand biodynamic practitioner.

Second Learning Session will provide hands-on training in biodynamic principles, compost making, planting calendar, spray preparations, etc.

Literature from the Josephine Porter Institute will also be available during workshop hours.

**DATES: Sept. 11 and Sept. 12.**

Two day Hands-on Biodynamic Farming Registration

cost: \$20 per person.

Register at [FAMU.Register@gmail.com](mailto:FAMU.Register@gmail.com)

Registration deadline: Sept. 8.

Address check or money order to: FAMU Foundations/biodynamic workshops.

Hours: First session/Sept. 11, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Hours Second session/Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch included. Please bring your own shovel and chair.

Two-day Biodynamic Workshop Location: Crescent Moon Organic Farm, 145 Crescent Moon Trail, Sopchoppy.

For more information contact FAMU StateWide Small Farm Programs at 412-5260.

## Give blood, win a HDTV at WCSO

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and the Southeastern Community Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive on Friday, Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the sheriff's office. Registration is required and may be completed by calling Major Larry Massa at 926-0821.

All registered donors will be automatically entered to win a 42 inch flat screen HDTV and as a bonus drawing, five donors will win a \$100 gift card.

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- Aug. 8 - Oct. 25, 2009 \*
- Nov. 11, 2009 - Feb. 18, 2010
- No limit
- Rail and common moorhen

- Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2009
- 15/30 - Clapper rail, king rail, common moorhen
- 25/25 - Virginia and sora rails

- September Canada goose \*\*
- Sept. 5-30, 2009
- 5/10

- Special early duck
- Sept. 26-30, 2009
- 4/8 - Teal and wood ducks in the aggregate, of which no more than 2/4 may be wood ducks

- Mourning and white-winged dove
- Oct. 3-26, 2009 \*\*\*
- Nov. 14-29, 2009
- Dec. 12, 2009 - Jan. 10, 2010

- 15/30 - Mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate
- Snipe
- Nov. 1, 2009 - Feb. 15, 2010

- 8/16
- Woodcock
- Dec. 19, 2009 - Jan. 17, 2010

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- \*\* Season open statewide.

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## Labor Day Deadlines

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Noon Wednesday for all ads requiring proof.  
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# Outdoors

## Western trip was great, but it's nice to be home



### From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL



What a vacation I just got back from! We flew into Las Vegas, rented a car and went to Kanab, Utah where we stayed for eight nights. We toured all the National Parks in the area and all the state parks. We rented a boat on Lake Powell, road ATVs for a day, saw old Indian sites, saw the original set for Gunsmoke, toured the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and went to Hoover Dam on Lake Mead. We saw longhorn sheep, antelope, mule deer, jack rabbits and plenty of wild turkeys. The most interesting wildlife was a roadrunner that we saw crossing the road. I had never seen one except on television that was always running from the coyote. We saw a temperature swing from 32 degrees on the way to the Grand Canyon to 105 degrees back in Kanab.

They say since there is no humidity it doesn't feel as hot. Believe me it was hot, you just didn't sweat. Of course you can't go on vacation and not go fishing. We went to Navajo Lake near Duck Creek, Utah and caught about 30 rainbow and brook trout. It was a great place to visit, but I don't think I would like to live out there. They said they didn't catch redfish out there.

So much for the trip. As you know, Mike Hopkins has closed his doors, but the boat ramp is still open. The closest gas is either in Panama, Sopchoppy or Carrabelle so don't go there expecting to fill up your boat or truck. Capt. Terry Caruthers who guides out of that area will start giving me reports from that area. He fished yesterday with the Willis Party from Cairo and they came

in with seven trout, three reds and a box full of Spanish. The trout were caught in eight feet of water on live pinfish under a Cajun Thunder. Terry said he was fishing the pinfish about four feet under the cork. Two of the trout were about 23 inches. If you want to catch Spanish, take a 120 heading off the East End of Dog Island and start looking for the birds. Spanish have been known to hit a number of different type lures and Terry said he used a half ounce gray and white Rooster Tail, which is a freshwater bait for bass and bream. You won't find any at Wal-Mart because he said he bought all they had. Offshore fishing seems to be best in 70 feet or deeper. The OAR Reef off Carrabelle is covered with big red snapper, but you'll have to put them back. Terry guides out of Lanark and can be reached at (850) 251-8871 for a charter.

Tammy at Jerry's Bait and Tackle said they have opened a deli at the store so you can stop and get a sandwich with your shrimp on the way to St. Marks. Otto

Hough, Jody Kilgore, Steve Tucker and Carl Stubbs went out of St. Marks and came in with some nice grouper and flounder. Casey Cook and Jay Evans won the last trout fishing tournament with five trout weighing 12 pounds and one-half ounce. Steve Tucker and Jody Kilgore finished second with 12 pounds of trout and Steve Taylor and Steve Waldrip finished third with five trout weighing 11 pounds, 6 ounces. Gary Droze won the big redfish pot with a 7 pound, 1 ounce red.

Capt. Randy Peart who guides out of the Aucilla, Econfina and St. George in the summer will also start giving me reports. Last week he took Michael Smith and his two sons and they caught a box full of Key West grunts, sea bass and trout and had one oversize red. Due to bad weather a trip with Dr. Marcus Willett was cut short but they managed to catch some nice trout and reds on top water and gold spoons. Randy said he was off Alligator Point checking out some numbers and saw lot of bait and mackerel and

small kings feeding on them. The water temperature has dropped moving some trout into the shallow water and there are lots of reds along the shoreline and rock piles. Some mackerel and blues are on the flats and a few tarpon have been seen. The rocks in 10 to 20 feet of water are holding plenty of small cobia. Randy can be reached for a charter at (850) 421-8049.

Alan Hobbs at Shell Island Fish Camp said fishing is picking up but you better fish deep. One customer went out Saturday and he said go to the Number 8 post (off Graymare Rock), take a 120 heading until you get to 10 feet of water and start fishing. Use a gulp on the bottom and drag it very slowly. He said they came in with five real nice trout. Alan said starting Friday they would have live shrimp.

Capt. Luke Frazier, who used to work at Advantage, has now started working at AMS in Medart. He and Capt. Kent Taylor will be working in the little wooden building next to the main building and will be selling bait and tackle. They have two large

shrimp tanks and hope to start carrying pinfish and mud minnows as well as shrimp. They will open at 5:30 a.m. and look forward to seeing some of the folks that used to stop by Advantage. Luke said he has been catching lots of nice trout and some big reds off the Clam Bar at the mouth of the Ochlockonee River. He was catching the trout on a white Gulp under the Cajun Thunder and some big reds on top water baits. He also caught quite a few nice pompano.

Don't forget about the Fishing for A Cure, Kingfish/Grouper Shootout to find a cure for Leukemia. The tournament dates will be Sept. 26 Sept. 27 with a captains meeting on Friday, Sept. 25 at C Quarters in Carrabelle. For more information you can call Mary at 697-8400.

Water temperatures are dropping and we're coming into a great time of the year for fishing. Remember to leave that float plan with someone and know your limits.

Good luck and good fishing!

## Watershed protection focus of St. Marks River Plan update

Water resources of the St. Marks watershed are expected to benefit from action taken by the Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board on Aug. 27. The Governing Board held a public hearing and approved a draft plan that updates strategies for sustaining watershed resources and ecosystems from Lake Miccosukee to

Apalachee Bay. The St Marks River Watershed Surface Water Improvement and Management Plan Update 2009 will now be submitted for review by state agencies and local governments before final approval.

"A decade of achieving watershed priorities and building upon proven strategies for water resource protection and restoration

provided the basis for this update," said Douglas E. Barr, District Executive Director.

Accomplishments include a District study of nutrient sources to Wakulla Spring, which helped lead to state and local investment in advanced wastewater treatment facilities and water reclamation facilities and construction of stormwater treatment facilities. Stormwater treatment

continues to be a priority as does protection of some 51 springs and their groundwater contribution areas, as identified through a District inventory. Other plan priorities include an assessment of estuarine freshwater needs, habitat restoration and education and outreach.

"Significant challenges remain," said Paul Thorpe, Director of the District's

Resource Planning Section. "Further progress will require continuing collaboration among local governments, state and regional agencies and the public."

A public workshop was also held at the District, Aug. 11, drawing more than a dozen concerned citizens.

Watershed protection, Wakulla Spring and low impact development were

discussed after District staff presented their update.

Several attendees stressed the importance of public education about best management practices for residents and information about low impact development techniques for contractors and developers.

The draft plan may be accessed at [www.nwfwmd.state.fl.us](http://www.nwfwmd.state.fl.us).

## Deer hunting input requested by FWC

North Florida deer hunters are encouraged to attend a public meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Antique Car Museum in Tallahassee to share their thoughts about possible changes to the state's deer hunting zones and seasons.

The museum is located at 6800 Mahan Dr.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is considering changes to the deer hunting zones and seasons as part of its deer management strategic plan and in response to discussions earlier this summer with deer hunters.

The meeting is an opportunity for the public to learn about possible changes and share their views with agency staff.

The meeting will feature a presentation on the latest agency proposal, followed by a question-and-answer session. The FWC is using

deer chronology breeding data, along with hunter and stakeholder input to draft anticipated changes to hunting zones and seasons. The FWC has deer-breeding information from most North Florida counties and several wildlife management areas, but there are gaps in the data. Hunter input on the rut may help close the gaps.

Commission staff recognizes the value of local knowledge and is asking hunters who know when the rut occurs in their area to fill out an online survey.

The information will be used to compare hunters' perceptions of the rut with scientifically known conception data.

During rutting periods, bucks are more active during the daylight and less cautious, improving hunters' chances of seeing them in the field.

"Deer hunters want to hunt during the rut, and we want to be able to share comprehensive information with hunters about when the rut occurs," FWC biologist and deer team coordinator Cory Morea said.

"We realize a lot of hunters know when the rut happens in their area, and we want to take this information and compare it with our conception data, to see if they are similar."

To see the latest updates on proposed deer zones and season dates, and to comment on the potential changes, go to [MyFWC.com/Deer](http://MyFWC.com/Deer) and fill out the rut survey.

To reach Morea, call 850-410-0656, ext. 17256.

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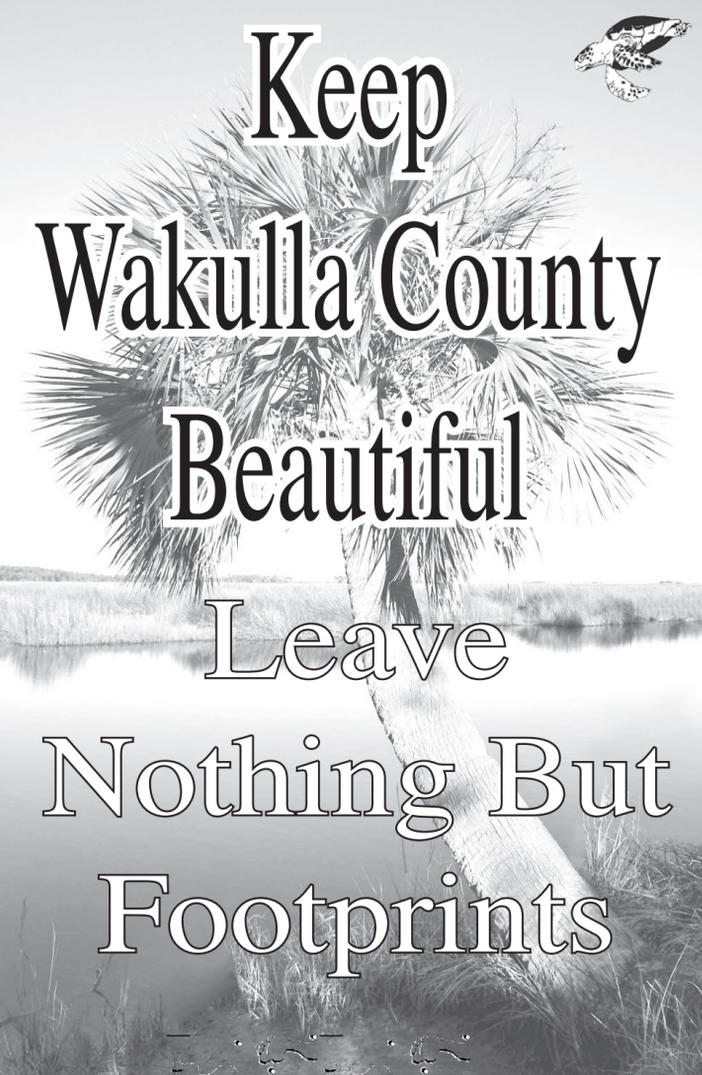
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Sept. 3 - Sept. 9

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings:

|                 |                   |                  |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Carrabelle      | High Tide 28 Min. | Low Tide 25 Min. |
| Apalachicola    | 1 Hr., 53 Min.    | 2 Hrs., 38 Min.  |
| Cat Point       | 1 Hr., 13 Min.    | 2 Hrs., 31 Min.  |
| Lower Anchorage | 1 Hr., 36 Min.    | 2 Hrs., 3 Min.   |
| West Pass       | 1 Hr., 26 Min.    | 2 Hrs., 39 Min.  |



## St. Marks River Entrance

## City of St. Marks

## Shell Point, Spring Creek

| Date          | High            | Low              | High            | Low              |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Thu Sep 3, 09 | 3.5 ft. 2:28 AM | 1.2 ft. 8:09 AM  | 3.9 ft. 2:19 PM | 0.4 ft. 8:46 PM  |
| Fri Sep 4, 09 | 3.6 ft. 2:51 AM | 0.9 ft. 8:42 AM  | 4.0 ft. 2:52 PM | 0.5 ft. 9:09 PM  |
| Sat Sep 5, 09 | 3.8 ft. 3:12 AM | 0.7 ft. 9:14 AM  | 4.0 ft. 3:25 PM | 0.6 ft. 9:32 PM  |
| Sun Sep 6, 09 | 3.9 ft. 3:33 AM | 0.6 ft. 9:46 AM  | 4.0 ft. 4:00 PM | 0.8 ft. 9:57 PM  |
| Mon Sep 7, 09 | 4.0 ft. 4:17 AM | 0.3 ft. 10:56 AM | 3.9 ft. 5:21 PM | 1.0 ft. 10:54 PM |
| Tue Sep 8, 09 | 4.1 ft. 4:44 AM | 0.2 ft. 11:39 AM | 3.4 ft. 6:11 PM | 1.5 ft. 11:29 PM |
| Wed Sep 9, 09 | 4.4 ft. 5:20 AM | 0.2 ft. 12:43 PM | 3.2 ft. 6:47 PM |                  |

| Date          | High            | Low              | High            | Low              |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Thu Sep 3, 09 | 3.2 ft. 3:04 AM | 1.1 ft. 9:13 AM  | 3.6 ft. 2:55 PM | 0.4 ft. 9:50 PM  |
| Fri Sep 4, 09 | 3.4 ft. 3:27 AM | 0.9 ft. 9:46 AM  | 3.7 ft. 3:28 PM | 0.5 ft. 10:13 PM |
| Sat Sep 5, 09 | 3.5 ft. 3:48 AM | 0.6 ft. 10:18 AM | 3.7 ft. 4:01 PM | 0.6 ft. 10:36 PM |
| Sun Sep 6, 09 | 3.6 ft. 4:09 AM | 0.4 ft. 10:50 AM | 3.7 ft. 4:36 PM | 0.7 ft. 11:01 PM |
| Mon Sep 7, 09 | 3.7 ft. 4:30 AM | 0.3 ft. 11:24 AM | 3.6 ft. 5:14 PM | 0.9 ft. 11:28 PM |
| Tue Sep 8, 09 | 3.7 ft. 4:53 AM | 0.2 ft. 12:00 PM | 3.4 ft. 5:57 PM | 1.1 ft. 11:58 PM |
| Wed Sep 9, 09 | 3.8 ft. 5:20 AM | 0.2 ft. 12:43 PM | 3.2 ft. 6:47 PM |                  |

| Date          | High            | Low              | High            | Low              |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Thu Sep 3, 09 | 3.5 ft. 2:25 AM | 1.3 ft. 8:06 AM  | 4.0 ft. 2:16 PM | 0.5 ft. 8:43 PM  |
| Fri Sep 4, 09 | 3.7 ft. 2:48 AM | 1.0 ft. 8:39 AM  | 4.0 ft. 2:49 PM | 0.5 ft. 9:06 PM  |
| Sat Sep 5, 09 | 3.8 ft. 3:09 AM | 0.8 ft. 9:11 AM  | 4.1 ft. 3:22 PM | 0.7 ft. 9:29 PM  |
| Sun Sep 6, 09 | 3.9 ft. 3:30 AM | 0.5 ft. 9:43 AM  | 4.0 ft. 3:57 PM | 0.8 ft. 9:54 PM  |
| Mon Sep 7, 09 | 4.0 ft. 3:51 AM | 0.4 ft. 10:17 AM | 3.9 ft. 4:35 PM | 1.0 ft. 10:21 PM |
| Tue Sep 8, 09 | 4.1 ft. 4:14 AM | 0.3 ft. 10:53 AM | 3.7 ft. 5:18 PM | 1.3 ft. 10:51 PM |
| Wed Sep 9, 09 | 4.1 ft. 4:41 AM | 0.3 ft. 11:36 AM | 3.5 ft. 6:08 PM | 1.6 ft. 11:26 PM |



## Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

| Date          | High            | Low              | High            | Low              |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Thu Sep 3, 09 | 2.6 ft. 2:20 AM | 0.9 ft. 8:20 AM  | 2.9 ft. 2:11 PM | 0.3 ft. 8:57 PM  |
| Fri Sep 4, 09 | 2.7 ft. 2:43 AM | 0.7 ft. 8:53 AM  | 3.0 ft. 2:44 PM | 0.4 ft. 9:20 PM  |
| Sat Sep 5, 09 | 2.8 ft. 3:04 AM | 0.5 ft. 9:25 AM  | 3.0 ft. 3:17 PM | 0.4 ft. 9:43 PM  |
| Sun Sep 6, 09 | 2.9 ft. 3:25 AM | 0.4 ft. 9:57 AM  | 3.0 ft. 3:52 PM | 0.6 ft. 10:08 PM |
| Mon Sep 7, 09 | 3.0 ft. 4:09 AM | 0.2 ft. 11:07 AM | 2.9 ft. 5:13 PM | 0.7 ft. 11:05 PM |
| Tue Sep 8, 09 | 3.0 ft. 4:36 AM | 0.2 ft. 11:50 AM | 2.5 ft. 6:03 PM | 1.1 ft. 11:40 PM |
| Wed Sep 9, 09 | 3.2 ft. 4:28 AM | 0.2 ft. 11:18 AM | 2.6 ft. 5:55 PM | 1.5 ft. 11:08 PM |

## St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

| Date          | High            | Low              | High            | Low              |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Thu Sep 3, 09 | 2.7 ft. 2:12 AM | 1.2 ft. 7:48 AM  | 3.0 ft. 2:03 PM | 0.4 ft. 8:25 PM  |
| Fri Sep 4, 09 | 2.8 ft. 2:35 AM | 0.9 ft. 8:21 AM  | 3.1 ft. 2:36 PM | 0.5 ft. 8:48 PM  |
| Sat Sep 5, 09 | 2.9 ft. 2:56 AM | 0.7 ft. 8:53 AM  | 3.1 ft. 3:09 PM | 0.6 ft. 9:11 PM  |
| Sun Sep 6, 09 | 3.0 ft. 3:17 AM | 0.5 ft. 9:25 AM  | 3.1 ft. 3:44 PM | 0.7 ft. 9:36 PM  |
| Mon Sep 7, 09 | 3.1 ft. 3:38 AM | 0.3 ft. 9:59 AM  | 3.0 ft. 4:22 PM | 0.9 ft. 10:03 PM |
| Tue Sep 8, 09 | 3.1 ft. 4:01 AM | 0.2 ft. 10:35 AM | 2.9 ft. 5:05 PM | 1.2 ft. 10:33 PM |
| Wed Sep 9, 09 | 3.2 ft. 4:28 AM | 0.2 ft. 11:18 AM | 2.6 ft. 5:55 PM | 1.5 ft. 11:08 PM |

## Dog Island West End

| Date          | High            | Low              | High            | Low              |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Thu Sep 3, 09 | 2.8 ft. 2:51 AM | 1.5 ft. 7:28 AM  | 3.1 ft. 1:41 PM | 0.6 ft. 8:08 PM  |
| Fri Sep 4, 09 | 2.9 ft. 3:02 AM | 1.3 ft. 8:03 AM  | 3.1 ft. 2:28 PM | 0.8 ft. 8:27 PM  |
| Sat Sep 5, 09 | 2.9 ft. 3:11 AM | 1.1 ft. 8:35 AM  | 3.0 ft. 3:14 PM | 1.0 ft. 8:44 PM  |
| Sun Sep 6, 09 | 3.1 ft. 3:22 AM | 0.9 ft. 9:07 AM  | 2.9 ft. 4:04 PM | 1.2 ft. 9:01 PM  |
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| Wed Sep 9, 09 | 3.4 ft. 4:20 AM | 0.5 ft. 11:05 AM | 2.6 ft. 7:22 PM | 1.9 ft. 10:00 PM |

| Major Activity | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday | Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Sunrise | Sunset  |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Major Activity | 11:07 am | 11:47 am | 12:08 am | 12:53 am | 1:41 am | 2:32 am | 3:27 am   | 7:15 am | 7:57 pm |
| Minor Activity | 5:17 pm  | 5:57 pm  | 6:40 pm  | 7:25 pm  | 8:15 pm | 9:08 pm | 10:06 pm  | 7:21 pm | 6:16 am |
|                |          |          |          |          |         |         |           | 92%     | 98%     |

### Boating Emergencies

Coast Guard Station Panama City (850) 234-4228  
 Coast Guard Station Yankeetown (352) 447-6900  
 Coast Guard Auxiliary St. Marks (Flotilla 12) (850) 906-0540 or (893) 5137  
 Shell Point (Flotilla 13) (850) 926-2606 or (926) 5654

## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Sherrie Alverson

On Saturday, I attended the Community Memorial held at the Wakulla River Park in St. Marks for the late Karen Tully.

It was a gorgeous day sitting there in the newly built shelter with soft breezes blowing in off the river. The number of people gathered there was indeed a tribute to this woman who had touched the heart and lives of so many.

Naturally, I first knew her as a part of the staff at The Wakulla News.

Then we served on the Big Bend Hospice Advisory Board together. But most important, we were friends and shared many memories.

Everywhere she went she willingly gave of her time and effort to assist those who needed help.

We often shared the same friends and they also came to honor Karen's memories.

As I sat there visiting a very attractive lady asked, "Do you remember me?" I did, but I couldn't remember her name. "Diane Winzler," she told me.

Immediately in my mind's eye I saw a long time ago



Sue Ross and John Hamilton sail their vessels.

of the HELEN B. with Todd Acker, John Edrington, Bob Morgan and Ron Piasecki crewing.

It was indeed a busy day, but very productive.

With Labor Day weekend coming up, it is a good time to remind boaters of "No-No's" about pollution and the laws that control it.

1. When fueling, remember your ABC's, always monitor your fueling operation.

Block spill access to the water with buckets, sorbet pads and rings.

Clean up your spills immediately with sorbet material.

Don't top off your tank. Only fill to 90 percent capacity.

Equip your vessel with fuel/air separators and whistling vents.

WARNING: It is illegal to discharge oil or hazardous substances into U.S. waters. You can incur a substantial civil penalty for each incident, regardless of the amount spilled.

Report oil spills to the National Response Center, 1-800-424-8802 or to the U.S. Coast Guard on Channel 16, VHF/FM radio.

Here is another one to report to the National Response Center (see above.)

2. Prevent water pollution by keeping your bilges clean. Never drain engine oil into the bilge. Repair engine and tank leaks immediately. Disable automatic bilge pumps while completing repairs. Ensure all oil is removed from bilge before discharging. Always dispose of used oil at an approved waste reception.

You are responsible for any pollution from your vessel, including fines and cleanup costs.

3. Warning: The use of soaps or other dispersing agents to dissipate oil is more harmful to the marine environment than if the oil had been left alone.

Use of these agents without permission of the Captain of the Port is against the law. You may be fined \$32,500 dollars for each incident. (33 C.F.R. 153.305)

As previous stated, report all types of oil spills to the National Response Center, 1-800-424-8802 or to the U.S. Coast Guard on Channel 16, VHF/FM radio.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members practice the art of towing another boat during a recent exercise.

And now Carolyn Brown Treadon's report of Flotilla 12 at St Marks.

It was a quiet week for her flotilla, but they, too, were making plans for Labor Day Weekend. Steve Hults, our Flotilla Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations will be holding a Ramp Day at the Fort on Saturday, Sept. 5. Any interested boater can ask one of our vessel examiners for a free vessel exam.

When we inspect a boat, we are looking for the required safety equipment and documentation.

Things such as proper numbering, registration paperwork, life jackets, visual distress signals (a way to see you if you get into trouble), fire extinguishers, some sort of sound producing device, proper lights and the overall condition of your boat.

An important side note on life jackets, they need to be accessible and not wrapped in plastic.

You also need one per person on your boat as well as an extra, just in case. The jackets also need to be the proper size for the people on your boat.

Florida law is that all children under the age of 6 wear a life jacket whenever the boat, 26 feet in length and smaller, is moving.

There are also some suggested items that we will check for you as well including a radio, capacity plate, anchor and anchor lines, a way to bail water if needed and a first aid kit of some kind.

Our job in doing a vessel examination is to help you be safe when out on the water and to have the required items should you get in trouble. If you have all the items that we are looking for, then you will receive a sticker to display on your boat.

If not, we will talk about what is missing and offer to re-inspect your boat when you get what is missing. But we will not report it to anyone.

Due the holiday weekend, members of Flotilla 12 opted to move their regular meeting to Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.

We will hold the meeting at our regular meeting spot, the Crawfordville Fire Department.

Remember Safe Boating Is No Accident.

## Sopchoppy budget hearing is held

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
 wsnowden@thewakullanews.net

Sopchoppy City Commissioners held the first of two hearings this week on the city's proposed 2009-10 budget, which includes a general budget for city operations of \$220,500 and a budget for the city's water department of \$1.3 million.

The budget hearing was held Monday, Aug. 31 at city hall. The final budget hearing is set for Sept. 14.

The city's water department is projected to generate \$1.2

million from water sales. Other sources of revenue include \$85,000 from connections, \$28,000 from penalties, plus another \$28,000 for administration fees.

Expenditures from the water budget include \$319,000 for salaries, and more than \$104,000 for payroll taxes, retirement, and health insurance for employees. Contract services and professional contract services account for \$70,000 in expenditure with an additional \$40,000 budgeted for legal and accounting costs.

The budget also includes \$112,900 for loan repayment to the State Revolving Fund, and \$75,000 for chemicals and supplies.

In the city's general budget, the biggest source of revenue is a state recreation grant of \$100,000 for a tennis park. The old tennis courts in the city had fallen into disrepair, and weren't even regulation size. City Commissioner Richard Harden pursued grant funding to renovate the courts in an effort to add more recreational opportunities for citizens.

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## St. Marks Refuge will host Coastal Cleanup Day

### Volunteers Needed to clean up St. Marks Refuge Sat. Sept. 19

As summer draws to a close, St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge is pleased to announce the 24th Annual Coastal Cleanup and Awareness Day.

From modest beginnings, the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Cleanup has grown into a major annual event, coordinated by refuge staff and volunteers.

Last year, more than 500 volunteers lent a hand to clean up litter and marine debris from the shores, lakes and rivers in the Big Bend of Florida, from the Aucilla River to

Ochlockonee Bay.

Support marine protection and education and join refuge officials at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday Sept. 19 for the 24th annual Coastal Cleanup and Awareness Day.

The event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup held globally to examine sources of marine trash to identify solutions.

Cleanup registration will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Refuge Visitor Center, 1255 Lighthouse Rd. Cleanup volunteers who return to the Visitor Center with trash will receive a ticket for a complimen-

tary T-shirt and lunch as long as supplies last.

This year, all visitors will be invited to learn more about water resources, pollution, and how you can make a difference.

"Every Drop Counts" is the theme for this year's cleanup. Fun educational exhibits will be provided by Florida Wild Mammal, TAPP, USGS, Wakulla County 4-H, Jr. Master Gardeners, Gulf Specimen Marine Lab and Saturday at the Sea. The exhibits will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

T-shirts and a hot dog lunch will be provided by the St. Marks

Refuge Association. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please call the refuge at (850) 925-6121 for more information and to register groups of more than 10 people.

More than 500 volunteers collected 6,440 pounds of garbage last year.

"We have not had any major storms this year to move floating debris, but we seem to find hundreds of pounds each year anyway," said Refuge Ranger Robin Will. "Much of what we find is an accumulation of careless human activity."

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge is a partner of the Get Outdoors Florida! coalition. The coalition engages communities, families and individuals in outdoor experiences to achieve healthier lifestyles and sustain Florida's natural resources.

Families who volunteer together at events such as Coastal Cleanup build a stronger connection to the natural environment.

Children who participate in good stewardship activities are likely to continue practicing into adulthood.

## Rudloe's 'Shrimp' will be topic of Sept. 10 lecture

A free public lecture, scheduled from 7 p. m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10, at The Florida State University Coastal Marine Laboratory, located in St. Teresa, will feature Panacea environmentalist Jack Rudloe. Refreshments will be served.

The lecture will be presented by noted scientist and author Jack

Rudloe, Managing Director of the Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory, who will read from his and wife Anne's upcoming book, "Shrimp - The Endless Quest for Pink Gold."

The Sept. 10 lecture will be the next one in the laboratory's monthly Coastal Marine Conserva-

tion Lecture Series.

In association with Second Harvest of the Big Bend, part of "The Nation's Food Bank Network," the FSU Coastal Marine Laboratory is collecting non-perishable food items at each of its monthly lectures. Attendees are asked to bring an item or two and help solve the

community's hunger crisis.

The FSU Coastal Marine Laboratory is located at 3618 Highway 98 in St. Teresa, Fla. (Franklin County), at the intersection of U.S. Highway 319 and U.S. Highway 98, halfway between Carrabelle and Panacea, about 45 miles southwest of Tallahassee. For additional information

on the free public lecture Sept. 10 or future lectures planned as part of the monthly Coastal Marine Conservation 2009 Lecture Series, contact the FSU Laboratory at (850) 697-4095 or via e-mail at sthoman@fsu.edu, or visit the lab's Web site at <http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu/>.

## Humans can prevent bears from becoming a nuisance

To prevent bears and other wildlife from becoming problems at popular recreation areas in the Ocala, Osceola and Apalachicola National Forests, the U.S. Forest Service recently implemented a forest-wide Food Storage policy requiring proper storage and disposal of food, garbage and other attractants.

"Public safety is a high priority for the U.S. Forest Service," said Carl Petrick, U.S. Forest Service Ecosystems Staff Officer. "Black bears are one of the natural inhabitants in our National Forests in Florida and visitors need to be informed of how to properly store and dispose of food and attractants that have the ability to entice bears."

The policy, which took effect June 30, requires all forest visitors to properly store, possess or secure food,

garbage and other attractants so that they are not easily accessible to wildlife. Attractants include anything having an odor that may attract bears, such as food, beverages, cooking grease, toothpaste, toiletries, soap, game meat, pet food, livestock feed or garbage.

According to the policy, all food, garbage and attractants must be properly stored in bear-resistant containers or hard-sided vehicles, or properly disposed of in bear-resistant trash receptacles. Items may also be suspended in "food hangs" at least 10 feet above the ground.

Burning or burying any food, garbage or attractants are prohibited.

The U.S. Forest Service has taken additional measures by installing bear-resistant trash receptacles at recreation areas and ordering bear resistant dumpsters for

a number of camping areas.

Visitors who do not follow the order can be fined.

With increased outdoor activities, it is not uncommon for visitors to occasionally observe various animals, especially Florida Black Bears.

There are an estimated 2,000 black bears living in the National Forests in Florida, with the Ocala National Forest's Juniper Wilderness area consisting of the highest concentration.

A black bear's diet consists of ready available food at any given time of year.

Thus, they are reasonably attracted to scents of human food, game carcasses, pet food, bird seed, garbage, livestock feed and other attractants, and may forage over larger areas in search for food.

When bears can easily obtain such non-natural food

sources, they begin to associate humans with food. As a result, they abandon their natural food sources and quickly become conditioned to handouts.

This unnatural behavior may lead to aggressive behavior toward humans or even cause property damage.

The National Forests in Florida encourage visitors to educate themselves about wildlife and bear behavior in order to promote safe and responsible stewardship of wildlife habitats and to prevent adverse human and wildlife confrontations.

In order to minimize bear attractants, lessen the likelihood of bear conflicts and make your visit safe, visitors are encouraged to following these simple precautions:

- NEVER, under any circumstances, feed a bear. It is illegal.

- Never leave food or coolers unattended.

- Keep campsites clean of food and food wrappers.

- Properly dispose of garbage in bear-proof containers or trash cans or take out what you bring in. Don't bury or burn it.

- Do not cook or store food in or near your tent.

- Store food, toiletries and garbage in properly sealed containers, hard-sided vehicles, or in "food hangs" at all times. "Food hangs" should be at least 10 feet off the ground and at least four feet from the trunk of a tree.

- Do not store scented items (deodorant, toothpaste, lotion) in your tent.

- Do not sleep in the clothes that you cook in.

- Avoid hiking trails at night.

- NEVER approach a bear. They are wild animals and can be dangerous.

- NEVER run from a bear. Back slowly away and make lots of noise.

Visitors and forest residents should take the actions listed above to prevent bear problems and alert the campground host or District Ranger Offices if a bear is present in or around camping and recreation areas.

Most often, if attractants are removed, bears will move on and not return.

"The black bears and wildlife in our forests are magnificent creatures," said Petrick. "We want visitors to practice proper food storage and disposal procedures to ensure the safety and security of our forest visitors while at the same time, ensuring healthy, viable wildlife populations."

For more information on Florida black bears, visit [www.fs.fed.us/R8/Florida](http://www.fs.fed.us/R8/Florida) or [www.MyFWC.com/bear](http://www.MyFWC.com/bear).

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## Panacea Yard of the Month



The Panacea Waterfronts Committee announced that the property of Ray and Lillia Hardy of Harrison Street was named the Yard of the Month winner for September. The contest recognizes Panacea residents who have taken the time to clean and landscape their yards.

## There are some signs of local economic recovery



**Paul Johnson**  
Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce President

**Dear Chamber Members,**

School has started again, weather is cooling down and life slowly, but surely, gets back to normal again this fall. Even Seminole football is right around the corner.

Besides temperatures rising this summer, your Chamber of Commerce membership has also risen, with 22 new members over the last two months. We see this as a good sign that, along with other economic

indicators, the recession is slowly moving toward an end.

Some of our local real estate offices are reporting increased interest, and our Chamber office has been receiving more calls than usual about information to relocate to our county.

What better time for your business to invest in the Chamber's "Shop Local Wakulla" Campaign. Whether you sell real estate or retail, this program could help you and your business get on the road to recovery. Call our Chamber office at 926-1848 to find out more about how we can help you.

In other Chamber news, we had three ribbon cuttings last month: Alarm Fire Surveillance Integrators Security Systems, We're All So Precious Learning Center and Speedy D's Roadside Café.

For September, we're planning to welcome Talk of the Town Deli on Sept 9 and William Webster, At-

torney at Law on Sept. 15, to our growing business community. Please come out and help us welcome these fine new businesses.

This month's networking opportunity will be from a different angle. Get ready for a Block Party!

The Original Hamknockers and The Wakulla News in Crawfordville will be joining forces to host a mixer on Sept. 24 that promises to be fun and entertaining, with door prizes, food, drink and dessert.

Make your reservations with our office early and meet your fellow Chamber members and other fine local business interests.

Remember, keep me informed on business news and events - please join the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce.

Until next month, **Paul Johnson** President

For Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce news, please turn to Pages 1B and 2B.



Manatee rescuers from left, Nadia Gordon, Martine deWit and Erin Chancey keep the injured manatee's skins moist while the crew prepares for the trip to Tampa. Photos by Tim Donovan

## Manatee

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Cabbage said the rescue "went like clockwork." He added that state officials mobilized the rescue unit shortly after the report was received. However, he added, it takes a few days to get the boat and needed officials from around the state to the rescue scene.

Nelson said the Lowry Park Zoo facility has treated more than 200 injured manatees and is one of the few facilities in the state equipped to handle manatee emergencies.

"We have a very good success rate," said Nelson of manatee treatments. "There are 13 at the facility now. We are dedicated to critical care."

She added that the facility serves manatee needs in southwest Florida and it is unusual for manatees from the Tallahassee region to end up in Tampa.

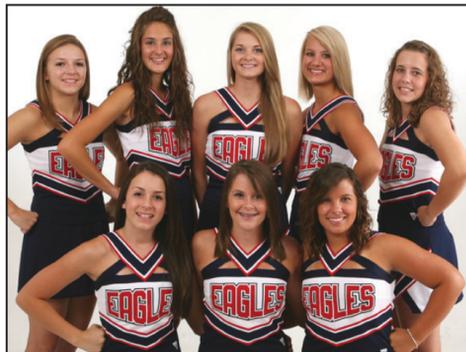
"Many of the manatees with this type of injury do survive," said Nelson. "Unfortunately, this one did not."

To report a dead or distressed manatee, call the

FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

Visit <http://research.MyFWC.com/manatee> for more information on manatee research. Proceeds from the sale of the "Save the Manatee" license plate and manatee decal are a primary source of funding for Florida's manatee research and conservation, including rescue efforts such as this one.

The FWC contributed to this report.



WHS juniors on the 2009 cheerleading squad.

## Juniors on the squad

The junior class has eight members of the Wakulla High School varsity squad. They include: Amanda Piland, Olivia Tooke, Lelah Kelly, Jasmine Casey, Courtney Briggs, Avery Lejune, Kelsey Weems and Chelseyn Cogland.



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# Taking Care of Business

Business News from



## Business ribbons cut



### July's Chamber ribbon cuttings held

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were recently held for three Wakulla County businesses.

Top, Precious Learning Center for children cut the tape on Aug. 18.

Center, Speedy D's cut the ribbon for their eatery on Aug. 25.

Bottom, Alarm Fire Surveillance Integrators hosted their ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 12.

For more about the businesses and how they will be serving Wakulla County, please turn to Page 2B.

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## Member Spotlight

**Name of Business:** Riverside Cafe on the River, Inc.  
**Name of Owner:** Stan West  
**Business Address:** 69 Riverside Drive in St. Marks-End of Woodville Highway.  
**Telephone No.:** (850) 925-5668  
**Services Offered:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Specializing in blackened seafood and dining by the river.  
**How long in business in Wakulla County?** 14 years.



Stan West

**What made you decide to locate your business in Wakulla County?** I have always been an entrepreneur and fell in love with Wakulla County as a kid while visiting my best friend, Mike Morgan.  
**Other information:** Riverside Cafe specializes in good quality food at a reasonable price in a stress-free island atmosphere. Riverside Cafe has focused on providing a family friendly environment while striving to meet the needs of the customer and community.

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# Business

## Chamber of Chamber welcomes new businesses

### We're All So Precious Learning Center

On Aug. 10, 2009, We're All So Precious Learning Center opened for business at 22 Feli Way in Crawfordville (745-8234). The new Learning Center is the third for owner Mary Johnson who opened her first center in 1987. Mary operates all three centers under the umbrella of Precious Years Day Care Center Inc. a family owned and operated corporation that has 36 employees. A ribbon cutting was held for the business on Aug. 25.

Mary is known for her trademark style of providing Childcare and Learning from a Christian/family based viewpoint. Curriculums featured are both current and age appropriate but also incorporate a Biblical theme through Bible stories, songs, and other activities.

The new center at Feli Way is fresh after being remodeled and features new furnishings and equipment for ages six weeks through 10 years old. The use of primary colors for accent and wall colors throughout, and good lighting leave parents and their children ready for a good experience with the bright atmosphere they create. Couple this with a family friendly staff and owners who know how to help parents transition their children from

home to "home away from home," and you have an experience that's more like visiting family than going to school. The layout of the school's interior and playgrounds are ergonomic with an open class arrangement that allows parents to see throughout all classes and yet are still partitioned individually to separate age groups. The three playgrounds are newly equipped and feature entrances to each individual classroom. This makes it fun, safe and easy to enter and exit and also promotes growth as children "move up" by age and development to new areas of play and new classrooms. There is also a before and after-school program for area schools, bus pick-up, drop off, and van transportation are available.

It's no wonder that the family feel comes through when you consider Mary's background as she enters her 23rd year as a Center owner having opened Precious Years Day Care Center at 4224 Crawfordville Highway in July 1987. She decided to provide care for children and their families near the neighborhood where she grew up after working several years for other day care centers in the area, but she attributes her real training to her mother Estelle Kelly who operated a family childcare business out of her home

for many years until her retirement in the mid 1990s.

Coming from that background and working with kids at her local church and the church school she attended set the mold for what was to come. Mary has been continually licensed since her initial opening and now serves and employs children and grandchildren of her initial customers. During the process of opening and operating her own business and raising a family of three Mary discovered that the talent she inherited from her mom was genetic. Present and future families are served by her daughter Mindy Zinser. Mindy grew up at her mother's side and worked officially for several years as Assistant Director at Precious Years Day Care Center. She then advanced to Director and operator of I'm Precious Too Learning Center 2304 Old St. Augustine Rd. opening the center with her mother on Oct. 29, 2007.

Mindy possesses that same ability as Mary to comfort and promote healthy growth in the children and families she serves. Many times mistaken for her mother or perhaps her mother's sister, Mindy brings a continuity and confident feel to families that could only come from generations of experience in loving and caring for

children.

Mary and Mindy bring the centers to life with their family style fun and encouragement. All the centers serve hot meals, breakfast, lunch and snack.

### Speedy D's Restaurant

A ribbon cutting was held for Speedy D's on Aug. 25. The establishment is serving fresh roasted whole turkey, sliced roast beef and ham sandwiches on multigrain or sourdough bread with Swiss or cheddar cheese, fresh tasty tomato slices, romaine lettuce and onion, with pickle spear, chips and a drink.

Also, on the menu are authentic Mexican dishes made from scratch daily, including the secret sauces and guacamole. Your choices are chimichangas, quesadillas, garmachas and taquitos. The meats are sirloin tip roast and chicken breasts, both slow cooked in a special sauce, for the dishes. They all come with a drink.

Speedy D's is at the convenient location of Spring Creek Highway, and Highway 98 on the corner at the light.

It is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for lunch and dinner.

Speedy D's is a mobile food vend-

ing cart with a covered picnic table for those passing through who would like to sit, eat and to watch the traffic go by.

Call in for no waiting pick-up to (850) 363-6151 or (850) 363-6149.

### Alarm Fire Surveillance Integrators

A ribbon cutting was held Aug. 12 for Alarm Fire Surveillance Integrators, LLC, the local hometown alarm company in Wakulla County.

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The old Wakulla County Courthouse recently hosted a wedding and served several purposes.

## Old courthouse hosts a wedding

By SUSAN BROOKS SHEARER

If you hear someone say they are getting married "at the courthouse," you would probably imagine the couple merely signing legal papers in front of the judge.

You might be surprised to know that the historic Wakulla County Courthouse is a great venue for weddings. After looking at various locations and wanting something more, a friend suggested the recently renovated old courthouse. One trip to the courthouse and I knew where I wanted to get

married. The look and feel, before ever going inside, was that of an old country church. This alone endeared me to this possibility. Upon entering the courthouse and seeing the perfectly suited warm hues of light green walls, the beautiful hardwood floors, the banisters and steps leading to the second floor, the wrought iron wall sconces and chandeliers, I knew I had found the exact setting I hoped to find to say "I Do."

We said our vows inside the gates of the "judge's bench" with nothing more than an archway, tulle and ferns. Fam-

ily and friends were seated on the courthouse benches with additional chairs outside the gateway. The first floor provided the space necessary for catering and the second floor served as the ceremony hall which was perfect for the actual wedding ceremony, dining and dancing. There was more than ample room for "cutting of the cake," the champagne fountain and for the musician.

In sharing the photographs that captured this most memorable moment in my life, I've had many inquiries as to where the wedding was held. It seems

as if I was not the only one who was unaware of the beauty and the possibility of holding such events at the historic Wakulla County Courthouse.

I would like to thank The Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce for their willingness to accommodate me in every way possible. I couldn't write this article without thanking my wedding directors, Pat Jones, Sarabeth Jones and Janis Tomaini, for their efforts in making my wedding day such an unforgettable and absolutely beautiful experience.

## Chamber Chatter

### Auto Trim launches new web site

Auto Trim Design & Signs is very proud to announce the launch of their new web site.

Check it out at [www.signsand-autotrim.com](http://www.signsand-autotrim.com).

Auto Trim Design & Signs has been serving the area for 13 years in the same convenient location, The Northpoint Center, just north of Wal-Mart. They understand that in these trying economic times you need to get as much as possible out of every dollar you spend to promote your business. That is why they are the home of the original "Get More Bang For Your Buck" special.

For only \$99 you get business cards, magnetic vehicle signs and roadside signs. They are open Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Their phone number is 926-2211.

### Attorney Bill Webster

Attorney Bill Webster is proud to announce the opening of his law office in Wakulla County. 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. He moved to Key West to pursue the excellent fishing there and opened a private practice. Bill recently came back home 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 a Conflict Attorney for the entire Second Judicial Circuit in criminal, juvenile and dependency cases.

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.

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 give him a call at 926-2561 or e-mail [WHWebster@embargmail.com](mailto:WHWebster@embargmail.com).

### Talking phone book rebrands

White Directory Publishers, a Division of Hearst Communications, Inc., recently embarked on a complete re-brand of the Talking Phone

Book®. All its current products will be sold under the LocalEdge brand.

Along with the new name is a new office located at 2600 Apalachee Pkwy, Suite B in Tallahassee.

LocalEdge continues to offer its yellow page advertising and now offers direct marketing, search engine marketing, search engine optimization, video and web site solutions for its advertisers.

Vice President of Marketing & Corporate Development, Greg Garrick, commented, "Product quality, customer service and end-user value will remain as before, while investment in product development will continue to be at the core of the company's philosophy to ensure that it delivers innovative and top quality local search products."

LocalEdge offers a brand new image to the suite of products offered by White Directory, with wide appeal to advertisers seeking the latest and most effective in print and digital search solutions. Under the new brand, the company will continue to maintain the same high standards and product efficacy.

### TCC offers new classes for careers in health field

Tallahassee Community College recently added a few new certificate programs designed to jump start new careers in the health field. For traditional classrooms they offer medical front office, medical office specialist, nursing assistant and pharmacy technician. In addition, they have many online courses that can be taken at anytime.

For additional information, call Rosemary Rausch, Coordinator, Health Continuing Education Center for Workforce Development, Tallahassee Community College, 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304 or call 201-8993.

### Wakulla Urgent Care member takes course

On June 17, Patricia Johnson of Wakulla Urgent Care & Diagnostic Center in Crawfordville took an online course for Medical Coding at [www.ed2go.com/tcc/](http://www.ed2go.com/tcc/) through the Chamber of Commerce. She said the course was really easy; all you do is log on and print the material, read and take the quiz. Each course is 12 weeks (two days a week) and at the end you take a final exam and print off your certificate of CEUs.

"I have to say I truly enjoyed taking the course and it was really helpful in refreshing my skills in Medical Coding. The courses at Tallahassee Community College are wonderful

I have already signed up to take my second course," said Office Manager Patricia Johnson. "This is a great way to get CEUs for licensing professionals (such as LPN, RMA, etc.) as well. It also keeps you up to date in your professional field. The other best thing is if your company is part of the Chamber of Commerce most courses are free. As the Office Manager for Wakulla Urgent Care & Diagnostic Center, I have encouraged all my staff to participate in taking courses in their field. I highly recommend everyone to jump aboard and participate in a wonderful, easy and helpful program. We all benefit from it, even our community by having the professionals with up to date information in their jobs to provide better services with higher quality." For more information, please call Chamber of Commerce at 926-1848 and ask for Petra.

### Fitness program comes to county

Tallahassee's award winning fitness program is coming to Crawfordville on Sept. 15.

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Boot Camps to Go has been whipping the people of Tallahassee and Georgia into the best shape of their lives for the past four years with unique fun workouts.

Their boot camp fitness utilizes Russian Kettlebell training, tire flipping, sandbag lifting, band sprinting, log carrying, sled dragging and lots of bodyweight exercises to help you reach your fitness goals fast.

Whether you are already in shape or a total couch potato, they are here for you.

The first session will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 a.m. to 6:45 a.m. beginning on Sept. 15 and ending on Oct. 8.

The program will be held at the Wakulla Dance Academy, 56 Rainbow Dr., Crawfordville.

For more information or to register, please visit [www.bootcampstogo.com](http://www.bootcampstogo.com) or call Laurel Blackburn at 445-0222.

### ED2Go classes are offered

Below is a list of online classes available free of charge (\$119 value) to Chamber members through the Burt Poole Scholarship Fund.

To find out more about these classes and online orientation or to obtain a registration form call the chamber office at 926-1848. Classes start: Sept. 16, Oct. 21 and Nov. 11.

Perinatal Issues, Certificate in (14 contact hours) The demand for knowledgeable providers to meet the needs of childbearing women, newborns, and families is dramatically increasing; new jobs are being developed and new services created.

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### Thanks from a summer intern!

As a business major, working at the Chamber of Commerce was a real treat this summer because the Chamber deals directly with helping

businesses grow and succeed. Working at the Chamber really enforced many of the principles I learned in the classroom.

I had the opportunity to attend several networking events sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. I was able to see up close how businesses recruit customers and sell their business to other businesses and the community. One of my favorite parts of the summer was learning the bookkeeping system and seeing how an office runs. I want to one day own and operate my own company or organization and to have this experience is valuable.

Petra taught me so much this summer about business, but also many life lessons. After Petra taught me something, she then let me work on it on my own. She trusted my skills and gave me responsibility and held me accountable. I also had the privilege to write an article for our monthly newsletter that goes out to all the Chamber members. I attended board meetings and helped take notes. Working at the Chamber of Commerce helped keep me from getting rusty when I start my full-time job in October. I would like to thank Workforce plus for placing me at the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce and allowing me to participate in their Summer Youth Employment Program. **Whitney Young**

### Upcoming events

- Ribbon cuttings: William H. Webster, Attorney at Law- Sept. 15, at 10 a.m.

- Talk O' The Town Deli-Sept. 9 at 10:45 a.m.

- Business Mixer at The Wakulla News and Hammknockers Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. There will be door prizes at both neighboring locations.

### New Chamber members

Welcome to our new members who joined in August: Reverend John Spicer, Christ Church Anglican; Mary and Patrick Johnson, We're All So Precious Learning Center; Brent Sanders, Residential Garbage Service; William H. Webster, William Webster, Attorney at Law; Jo Ann Palmer, Life is Fun Photos; Henry F. "Buddy" Wells, Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections; Jay Smith, Ajax Building Corporation; David Barfield, David Barfield Photography; Laurel Blackburn, Boot Camps to Go; Geri Yamrose, Talk O' The Town Deli; and Representative Leonard Bembry.

# Law Enforcement and the Courts

## Explorer Post program graduates receive certificates

The Boys Scouts of America (BSA) is one of the nations largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations and has existed for nearly 100 years.

The BSA is well known as a program for young people that builds character, trains them in responsibilities of participatory citizenship and emphasizes personal fitness.

The mission of the Boys Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral decisions over their lifetime by instilling in them good values that are written in the Scout's oath and law.

For 60 years, the Boy Scouts of America has maintained and supported, by sponsoring and insuring, a coeducational affiliate of the Boys Scouts of America known as the Explorers Program.

Local agencies, including the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, have a history of establishing Explorer posts. The Explorers Program provides a mechanism of support to young people and local professional agencies including law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services through sponsorship which in turn provides the young participants in the program, opportunities to experience, receive education, and training with the host agency that meets the value and character development goals of the Boys Scouts.

Between 1979 and 1997 the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office had one of the strongest and most successful Explorer Posts in Florida. The Wakulla Sheriff Explorer's Post 999 consistently sponsored more than 20 members at a time. During this time a number

of Wakulla County youths ages 14 to 20 successfully completed training in areas of law enforcement and provided community volunteer service. Current Sheriff's Office employees including Lieutenants Ray Johnson and James Sessor and Deputy Lindsay Allen are graduates of the Sheriff's Office Explorers program. Between 1997 and 2009, the Sheriff's Office dedicated staff support and time to a number of other worthy, youth oriented, programs such as DARE, SAVE, the School Resource Officer program, ROTC and others.

In February 2009, Harvey met with a number of staff members and emphasized his desire to revitalize the Sheriff's Explorer program, citing the success and benefit that had been the history of Post 999. "In doing so I made clear my desire to reinvest building character and values in the youth of Wakulla County," said the sheriff.

Members of the Sheriff's Office got to work. Those who worked directly on the effort included, Major Larry Massa, Captain Randall Taylor, Lieutenants Fred Nichols and Danny Deal and Deputies William Jones, Brad Taylor, Jeff Barteld and Sergeant Joe Page. Each of these WCSO members showed great interest and dedicated their time to the new members of Post 999.

Deputies Jones and Taylor spent time working on the program and recruiting the new Explorer members from Wakulla High School where they served as the School Resource Officers. Captain Taylor oversaw establishing the General Order, Policy and Procedure and bylaws, with



Program participants with Sheriff Harvey and members of his staff.

input from a number of agency members.

The General Order and Policy and Procedure specifically address the structure and qualifications of the Explorer Post and membership criteria. The criteria include areas such as: dues (\$20 annual), membership qualifications, attendance, demeanor and discipline, officers and rank, term of service, advisors, chain of command, leave of absence and awards.

Post 999 is served by an advisory board that includes Captain Taylor as Executive Committee Chairman, members of the WCSO and parents of current members. "I am very gratified by these employees and members of our community who have exhibited such dedication to the youth of our community," the sheriff said.

The Wakulla Sheriff's Explorer program is for students, age 14 to 20 years of age, who are interested in any aspect of law enforcement and is de-

signed to develop self-esteem, discipline, good citizenship, and leadership. The program also strives to create better understanding between law enforcement and the youth of our community. The current members of Sheriff's Explorer Post 999 are: John Wesley Banister, Samantha Kristen Stafford, William Cody James, David Joseph Victor, Whitney Michelle Taylor, Taylor Dallas Sanders, Brenden Kyle Willis, and Skyler Ciara Warren.

Sheriff Harvey noted, "There are those of us who tend to focus on the negative things involving youth today, but these young men and women are fine examples of what is right with many and will replace us as the public servants of the future in our community."

Many of these outstanding young people have some experience with the ROTC or Criminal Law Education program and classes at the

Wakulla High School and have exhibited aspirations of serving as law enforcement professionals. Each member was required to complete an application and background check that included a medical physical.

During the week of July 20 through July 24 each Explorer successfully completed an extensive 40 hour block of training that included: Policy and Procedure, Elements of a Crime, Constitutional Law, Defensive Driving, Defensive Tactics, Handcuffing and Firearms.

Each Explorer also completed a diagnostic fitness course so they may establish a base line to monitor their health and fitness.

This training was coordinated and provided at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Training Center by Lt. Fred Nichols. "I was very pleased to present each graduating Explorer with a certificate in

recognition of their accomplishment on Aug. 9," said the sheriff.

Subsequent to their graduation from the Explorer's Academy, the newest members of Sheriff's Explorer Post 999 will be prepared to gain valuable experiences. These experiences, working along side the members of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office staff members, will provide them a strong spirit of public and community service. They will also build a foundation that will prepare them for the professional field of their choice. The members will gain knowledge from the fact that the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office is a full service agency including Uniform Patrol, Special Operations, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Intelligence Analysis, Crime Scene Investigations, Communications, Corrections, Civil and Warrants, Emergency Management, and Administration.

Assignments and activities for the WCSO Explorers will include high profile presence at major county events assisting with traffic control, parking, other staff functions as well as community service. The explorers will not be involved with any high liability or direct law enforcement function or activity and will not be exposed to any high risk activity or action. The explorers will continue to receive training and experience from all areas of the Sheriff's Office and its operations.

For more information about the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Explorers Program please contact Deputy William Jones at 926-0847 or contact the School Resource Officer at your child's school.

## Court Shorts

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
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The attorney for the mother whose son shot his baby's mother in an apparent argument over custody was in court last week arguing that the civil lawsuit against her should be dropped.

Hensley Duncan, 31, is facing two counts of attempted murder for shooting Ashley Hereford, 24, in the face with a .223 caliber deer rifle in November. The second count is related to bullet fragments striking their daughter, Kirra Duncan, who was in the car when her mother was shot.

A civil lawsuit was filed in circuit court seeking monetary damages from Hensley Duncan and his mother, Margaret Duncan, who owned the home where the shooting took place.

At a court hearing on Thursday, Aug. 27, the at-

torney for Margaret Duncan argued that she should not be a defendant in the lawsuit contending there is no basis in law for an adult being held responsible for an adult child's behavior.

The attorney for Hereford argued that Margaret Duncan knew that the then-14-month-old Kirra stayed at her house, there was a basinet for her in the house, and she knew as well that there was a very emotional custody dispute going on between her son and Kirra's mother and that her son had a firearm.

Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls said he would take the matter under consideration and issue a ruling.

A week of felony trials, including three sexual battery cases, were held last week.

Five juries were selected on Monday, Aug. 17, to hear cases, including:

William Middleton was found not guilty at trial on Tuesday, Aug. 18, of sexual battery and lewd and lascivious battery, both second degree felonies. Middleton was represented by attorney Gary Roberts.

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, a jury found Ben Ard not guilty of sexual battery on a child younger than 12, a capital felony, and lewd and lascivious molestation of a child. Crawfordville attorney Steve Glazer represented Ard.

It took a jury only 15 minutes to return a guilty verdict against Michael Tyrone Scott on Thursday, Aug. 20, for one count of possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine) with intent to sell. He was found not guilty of a second count of the same

charge.

At one time, Scott had three pending cases, all with two counts of possession of crack with intent to sell. He was found not guilty in one some time back, guilty of one count in this case, and still has a pending case. Scott is to be sentenced in October. He was represented by Adam Ruiz. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Jason Osteen.

Timothy Moody was found guilty of lewd or lascivious molestation, a life felony, on Friday, Aug. 21. He was also found guilty of sexual battery on a child and child abuse. He will be sentenced in October. He was represented by Regional Conflict Counsel Daren Shippy. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Jack Campbell.

On Monday, Aug. 31,

Ahrend Bechtel was set for trial on failure to register as a sex offender. He is represented by Crawfordville attorney Richard Reno.

Assistant State Attorney Jack Campbell, who has been the chief prosecutor in Wakulla County for a couple of years, is being transferred to Tallahassee and will be replaced by Sean Desmond beginning Sept. 1.

Campbell will still be prosecutor on some Wakulla cases, such as the high-profile case of a state trooper charged with sexual battery and bribery for allegedly having sex with a woman he stopped for speeding.

The shuffle of personnel by State Attorney Willie Meggs was prompted by the recent appointment of Jackie Fulford, formerly Meggs' chief deputy, to the bench as a circuit judge.



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  7. Establish a line of credit that can be used if needed in the future
  8. Vacation and travel

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Read The Wakulla News for special holiday deadlines.

**The Wakulla News office will be closed Monday September 7**

## Labor Day Deadlines

**News:**

10 a.m. Friday for all items submitted by fax, mail or in person.

Noon Friday for all items submitted by e-mail.

**Advertising:**

Noon Wednesday for all ads requiring proof.

4 p.m. Wednesday for all legal notices.

4 p.m. Wednesday for all real estate ads.

11 a.m. Friday for Classified Ads.

Noon Friday for all other advertising.

# People

## Animal care and Heide's special day



Stephanie R. Edwards and John Layne Lynn

## Edwards and Lynn are engaged

Rick and Brenda Sanders of Paxton announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Renee Edwards of Paxton, to John Layne Lynn of Crawfordville. He is the son of Johnny and Diane Lynn of Crawfordville. Stephanie is also the daughter of the late Steve Edwards.

The bride-elect graduated from Paxton High School

and attended Florida State University. She is employed by Barnes and Nobles Bookstore.

Her fiancé graduated from Wakulla High School and the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy. He is employed by the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

The wedding will be held Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. in Florida, Ala.



Susan Yelton

It was about a year ago, when I was at the CHAT Adoption Center doing some paperwork, I noticed we had a new addition to our cat population. In our area for cats I noticed a very big, fat and pretty cat that looked quite depressed. Apparently, prior to being in the Adoption Center, it had been loved for many years by a woman who was in a facility that did not allow pets.

Since that time, I have given thought to my own pets, questioning whether their future was adequately provided for if my husband and I were not there to care for them.

Not all of us are Leona Helmsley, who provided \$12 million for her Maltese at the time of her death. But there are things we can do that will provide for our pets when we are not there for them. In the confusion that accompanies a person's unexpected illness, accident or death, pets are often

overlooked. We don't like to think this will ever happen to us, but when it does, it leaves our pet vulnerable if we have not provided a plan, will or trust that provides for their care.

At a minimum, if you have good friends or family members that love your pets, they are your best resource, if they agree to be emergency care givers. Providing them with the Power of Attorney has become a standard planning device. It is simpler than trusts and does not create a legal entity that has to be maintained by formal means.

But, there is always the possibility that your designee may like your pets when you are capable of taking care of them, but it is a different matter if they have to care for them without you. In the long run, the best plan is to start thinking about a long term arrangement. A will or a trust, depending upon what you want to accomplish.

If you have a will, as a pet owner, you probably know you can't leave any part of your estate outright to an animal. However, you can leave a sum of money to a person designated to care for your pet and a request

that the money be used for the pet's care. This type of legal arrangement allows you to designate a person, an amount of money and the care you expect for your pet. But even with a will there are issues. One of them involves a transitional period before a will is probated.

During this transitional period, before the terms of your will can be executed, your pet will need care. It is very important that your will specify that funds are available for your pet during this period of time. Otherwise, your designee will have to use their money to carry out your wishes. The transition period could be several months and cost your designee a lot of money.

The other alternative is to establish a trust for your pet. About three years ago the Florida Legislature passed legislation that enables Floridians to establish a trust fund for their pet, FS 736.0408.

With a trust you can create an account that will ensure that your pet's future is secure without you. When you consult with your attorney about this type of arrangement, it is important to provide him/her with instructions regarding your

wishes. Such as, food and diet, daily routine, medical, compensation for the caretaker, etc. In a sense, you are asking someone to take care of your pet with your money as if you were still capable of doing so.

There are many web sites that have information regarding wills and trust funds for pets. The Society for the Prevention of the Cruelty to Animals site: www.aspca.org, and the Humane Society of the United States site: www.hsus.org, as well as the New York City Bar Association, www.nycbar.org, provide not only information on the subject, but also examples of wills and trusts. And of course, your own attorney is someone you will want to consult. This subject is very complicated and requires a lot more understanding than the few issues we have raised.

On another note, many of you know Heide Clifton. She has spent more than 20 years advocating for the homeless and abused animals of Wakulla County. Heide has a special day coming up. We are not going to tell her age, but do want to wish her a very happy birthday and many more with continued good health.

## Bennett graduates



Michael L. Bennett

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Michael L. Bennett graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an

intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Larry Bennett of Crawfordville and brother of Lacy McClure of Leesburg, Ga.

Bennett is a 2002 graduate of Lassiter High School, Marietta, Ga.

Music can be good for your health, as shown by Canadian songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Alan Gerber. On Aug. 15 in Tallahassee, Canadian bluesman Gerber put on a show to benefit Neighborhood Health Services. Gerber, who lives in Quebec, Canada, had just appeared at a reunion appearance of the rock group Rhinoceros in Ontario.

Commissioner Howard Kessler attended the fundraiser and said Gerber was one of the best entertainers he has ever seen.

"Alan Gerber is a superb musician, especially on the keyboard, a talented songwriter and a very funny and engaging performer," Kessler said. "I would definitely see him again given the opportunity."

Gerber donated the pro-



Otis Kirksey, Kessler, Gerber, Patrick Wiggins

ceeds from his performance to Neighborhood Health Services. Commissioner Kessler, who is a Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon, volunteers at the clinic, where he provides orthopedic care to people who are uninsured, underinsured, and/or

homeless.

Neighborhood Health Services provides physical exams, health maintenance exams, health education, management of chronic diseases (diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and obesity), adult immuniza-

tions and specialty medical clinics, including cardiology, dermatology, orthopedics and urgent care.

Neighborhood Health Services is open 59 hours a week, and residents of Wakulla County are welcome. Qualifying patients are seen regardless of their ability to pay. Fees for medical services are assessed on a sliding scale. All services are free for homeless people and for people at or below 100 percent of the Federal poverty level.

The clinic is near the intersection of McComb and Brevard streets in Tallahassee, the site of the old Lincoln High School. Their phone number is (850) 224-2469.

Otis Kirksey is Chairman of the Board. Patrick Wiggins, Attorney, is Vice Chairman.

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# People



Mr. and Mrs. Seth Mays Gray

## Amy Lynn Williams is married to Gray

Amy Lynn Williams of Crawfordville and Seth Mays Gray of Crawfordville were married May 25 in a sunset ceremony on St. George Island.

The bride is the daughter of Mark Williams and Carol Christopher of Barnesville, Md. and Amanda Williams of Germantown, Md. The groom is the son of Sharon and Steve Wisham of Crawfordville and Clint and Catherine Gray of Crawfordville.

The bride is the granddaughter of John and Maxine Williams of Crawfordville, Howard and Toni Wyncoop of Lakeland and Mike and Lori Butler of Lakeland.

The groom is the grandson of Lacy and Jim Sanders of Crawfordville, Fred and Barbara Bailey of Marianna, Mays Gray of Crawfordville and Jim and Nelda Staccione of Tallahassee.

The Maid of Honor was Rebecca Ballard of Boston, Ma. The bridesmaids were Shelby Gray of Crawfordville, sister of the groom, Lydia Johnson of Poolesville, Md. and Amy Grubb of Poolesville.

## Princess for a Day is held

Princess for a Day, sponsored by The Miss Wakulla County Scholarship Pageant Committee, was held in July at the Crawfordville Woman's Club.

The princesses enjoyed a variety of activities including a craft station where they decorated flip flops to use during their manicure/pedicure session.

They decorated photo frames for the photo session, make-up, hair, and poise station with the 2009 Miss Wakulla County, Kimberly Franklin and the 2006 Miss Wakulla County, Brooke Brown.

The participants also enjoyed socializing during the tea party and showed off their new look and moves during the finale. This was the first year this event has been held and organizers were pleased with the success.



2009 Miss Wakulla Kim Franklin helps out a young 'princess.'

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## Liberty man speaks about local heritage

Liberty County Heritage Treasurer John Strutko came to Crawfordville on Thursday, Aug. 27 and presented the Wakulla County Heritage Treasurer, Carolyn W. Harvey, with a copy of the Liberty County Heritage Book and she presented him with a copy of the Wakulla County Heritage Book.

The Liberty County Book will go into the Genealogy Archives that is now open in the Wakulla Museum and Archives.

They were also given Liberty County Heritage Books to sell.

The books are \$60 per book plus tax. Come by the museum and pick up your copy and see what the Historical Society and the Genealogy Group has done to the building.

The genealogy group meets the first Thursday of the month in the Wakulla County Museum and Archives at 6:30 p.m. Please join them and learn how to research your family roots. If you have questions please call 926-1110 on Thursday only and talk to someone about your genealogy problem.



Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shearer

## Brooks and Shearer exchange vows

Susan M. Brooks of Crawfordville and William Edward Shearer of Oxford, Mich. were married Aug. 15 at the historic wooden Wakulla County Courthouse. Brother Maurice Langston performed the ceremony.

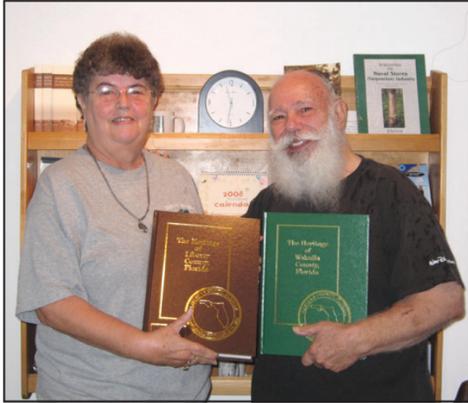
The bride is the daughter of Peggy Brooks of Sopchoppy and the late Bernard Brooks. The groom is the son of Paul Shearer of Mashes Sands and Faye Shearer of Pascagoula, Miss.

The bride was given away by her son, Brandon Brooks. The bridesmaids were Jessie

Brooks of Sopchoppy and Allie Jo Johnston of Crawfordville. The flower girl was Allison Shearer of Pascagoula. The ring bearer was Brice Brooks of Crawfordville.

The Best Man was Paul Shearer of Mashes Sands. The groomsmen were L.B. Brooks, Eric Johnston, Steve Shearer, Jeff Shearer and Michael Shearer.

The couple is planning a honeymoon in Paris on their one year wedding anniversary. The couple will live in Crawfordville and Oxford, Mich.



Carolyn W. Harvey with John Strutko and books.

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# Don't flush those meds!



Keep Wakulla County Beautiful



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"Should we still be throwing our unused medications down the potty?" a resident asked when she called our Keep Wakulla County Beautiful office.

"No!" I stated emphatically. "Well, that's what I was told to do!" she maintained, and that got me curious.

"When did someone tell you to flush your meds?" I wondered.

"Well, let's see. It was right after my son Jimmy was born, about 15 years ago," she replied.

Yes, about 15 years ago people were often told to flush their old or unused medications down the toilet.

Not true anymore! Don't flush!

Here's what to do accord-

ing to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Florida Department of Health (DOH):

- Keep the medicines in the original container. This will help identify the contents if they are accidentally ingested. Mark out your name and prescription number for safety. For pills, add water or soda to start dissolving them. For liquids, add something inedible like cat litter, dirt or cayenne pepper. Close the lid and secure with duct or packing tape. Place the bottle(s) inside an opaque container like a coffee can or plastic laundry bottle. Tape that container closed. Hide the container in the trash. Do not put in the recycle bin.

What's wrong with flushing?

Flushing is just one way that microconstituents, which are compounds in medications, get into our environment. We can control what we flush. However, when we ingest medications, our bodies absorb some of the drug. The rest passes through us when we utilize the toilet.

We can't do much about that.

The concern by many environmentalists and people who are working in governmental organizations like DEP and DOH, is that, when flushed down the toilet, the medications go through a septic tank or wastewater treatment system.

These systems are not designed to remove many medications.

Even though the amounts of drugs found in our water supply is hundreds or thousands of times lower than the quantity found in medications, it is unclear what the potential harm is to humans. However, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is concerned about the impact of improper disposal to harmful to fish, wildlife and their habitats.

To avoid potential problems to our environment and to ourselves, please remember the DEP and DOH guidelines. Don't flush. Place directed in the trash. These items will then be properly taken care of in our landfill.



Coastal Optimist Club members display their collected school supplies.

## Youths get school supplies

The Coastal Optimist Club recently completed their August school supply drive which assisted students at all of the Wakulla County public schools.

The drive was well received in the community as

collection boxes were left in a number of county businesses for members of the public to donate.

The drive ended with the distribution of the supplies.

The club members who helped sort the supplies for

distribution included: back row (left to right) Tammie Barfield, Kristine Darnell, Barbara Coppola, Jo Ann Daniels, Walt Dickson, Noah Posey, Jay Reagan. Front: Tara Kieser, Bill Versiga, June Vause, and Jeff True.

## WILD gets library service grant

Wilderness Coast Public Libraries has been awarded a federal grant of \$45,725 to provide public access to library services and technology.

The Library Services and Technology Act grant will be used for training courses to be determined based on patron surveys. If there is a technological topic you are interested in, please contact the Wakulla County Public Library as the list of courses is still being prepared.

Classes may include Windows XP Pro, Microsoft Word, Windows Vista, Microsoft

Excel, digital photography, Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft PowerPoint, genealogy research, Microsoft Publisher, basic computer skills, e-mail basics, buying and selling on Ebay and ETSY, Dreamweaver, creating a resume using Word, online job search skill, social networking (Facebook, LinkedIn) and how to search the internet effectively.

Other subjects can be requested by individuals and groups.

Classes are taught using SMART Board technology obtained with a grant last year, as well as video produc-

tion and web conferencing software so that patrons can access classes electronically even if not in attendance. Classes are free.

These services would not be possible without LSTA funding administered by the State Library and Archives of Florida in Tallahassee, plus matching funds from each county.

Wilderness Coast is a state-funded library cooperative that enhances the services of public libraries in Wakulla, Franklin and Jefferson counties.

## State fights unlicensed activity

In an effort to combat unlicensed activity, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's Division of Regulation is planning a statewide unlicensed activity sweep during the last week in August. This effort is part of the division's three-tiered approach to combat unlicensed activity through education, prevention and enforcement. Investigators will perform compliance checks across Florida in an effort to nab unlicensed individuals. In addition to enforcement activities, the department will also educate unlicensed individuals on becoming licensed.

"Statewide operations send a strong message that unlicensed activity will not be tolerated," said Secretary Charles W. Drago. "Announcing the operations before they begin gives unlicensed individuals an opportunity to think twice

before breaking the law."

The Division of Regulation will conduct sweeps from the eight district offices around the state. To perform these operations, they will partner with other agencies, including local law enforcement, building and code enforcement departments, State Attorney's offices, and the Florida Department of Financial Services' Division of Workers' Compensation.

Specific locations will not be disclosed at this time; however, an extensive summary will be distributed at the conclusion of the operation.

Below are precautions that consumers can take to help protect themselves from unlicensed individuals:

- Always ask to see the State of Florida license.

- \* Note the license number and verify that the license is current and in good standing. To check a license, call 487-

1395 or visit MyFloridaLicense.com.

- Ask for references and check each one.

- Do not pay cash and be cautious of writing checks made payable to individuals, especially when dealing with a company.

- Get everything in writing, including a detailed description of the work to be completed, a completion date and the total cost.

Additionally, licensed contractors are reminded to hire licensed subcontractors when required for work such as plumbing and electrical.

The department's mission is to license efficiently and regulate fairly.

The department licenses more than one million businesses and professionals.

For more information, please visit MyFloridaLicense.com.

## DOH provides new H1N1 line

The Florida Department of Health will be launching a toll-free number to provide public health information and updates on H1N1 Swine

flu. The information line will be available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Information is available in Eng-

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# September is Coastal Cleanup Month in Wakulla



Keep Wakulla County Beautiful  
Marj Law

It's Coastal Cleanup time! Is Saturday, Sept. 19 marked on your calendar?

Remember, look for the Fed Ex trucks marking our Keep Wakulla County Beautiful (KWCB) sites starting at 8 a.m. located at: the St. Marks Yacht Club; the pavilion at Shell Point; Woolley Park in Panacea and at the Mashles Sands Parking lot.

Volunteers are calling the office (926-0830) to let us know how many people are coming in their groups. One question that keeps cropping up is, "What do we wear to the cleanup?"

This is a fine question, especially if you're in charge

of a large group. We need everyone to be as comfortable as possible.

First of all, shorts and T-shirts are just fine. Polo shirts work, too. Just make sure that what you wear can be washed, because we hope each volunteer will work up a sweat while working hard!

If you are in charge of a group or a business, and if that organization has created shirts, this is a fine place to show group affiliation. Our photographer, George, says to be sure to attend after-cleanup festivities at Woolley Park in Panacea. If you look for him there, he will take a group shot of your organization. Those photographs will show the volunteer spirit of your group and help to recruit more volunteers for the next important event.

Tell everyone to wear close-toed shoes, like walking shoes or what we used

to call "sneakers." This is important. I don't like to wear shoes myself and often wear sandals, but for the Cleanup, you need shoes to protect your feet. Socks are a good idea, too. When you walk, you don't want to come up with blisters.

A lot of people have personal water bottles and some way to attach the bottles to their clothing or they might wear the bottles like they would old-fashioned canteens.

It gets hot here. Water is good. You'll thank yourself if you bring water.

Remember the sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. If the

wind isn't blowing that morning, you may want bug spray. And if you have your own gloves, they will most likely fit better than ours. We will have gloves, though, if you don't have any.

Site Captains will hand you trash bags and data cards. Data cards are great when used in groups. While several people pick up trash, they yell out what they found and a person with the data card makes tally marks until everyone in the group is finished picking up litter.

The tally marks are added up and volunteers bring the cards to Woolley Park. We at KWCB tabulate the

figures on all the cards. We send these data cards to the Ocean Conservancy, which collates statistics worldwide to help us all understand what causes our trash problem. Please use the data cards. We need the information.

We will have the "Weigh Your Butts" program again this year. Encourage our young people to pick up cigarette butts as a group. Site Captains will provide the bags and name tags. Your group might win cash prizes at Woolley Park. Cigarette butts are still our number one most found piece of trash. And they are trash. It

wouldn't hurt to scout the coastline businesses ahead of time. Here's a hint: lots of butts are often located in parking lots of restaurants. If you lead a group for picking up butts, make certain there is plenty of adult supervision.

We're excited. The Coastal Cleanup is KWCB's biggest one day event of the year and we want you to attend.

Call the Keep Wakulla County Beautiful office to tell us you are coming. If you have questions, this is the place to find answers, call 926-0830.

We're waiting to hear from you.

## ARPC to discuss transportation for disadvantaged

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council will host a meeting to which the public is invited. The Wakulla County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Tuesday, Sept.

15 at 10 a.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library, 4330 Crawfordville Highway, in Medart.

In addition to its regular business, the agenda will include the annual operat-

ing reports and the actual expenditure report.

For additional information, or if you require special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment,

contact Vanita Anderson at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 20776 Central

Avenue East, Suite 1, Blountstown, Florida 32424 at least three working days prior to the meeting date.

## Big Bend Hospice News

### Dr. Bass' large mouth golf tournament

The ninth annual Dr. Bass' Large Mouth Open Golf Tournament will be held Monday, Sept. 14 at Golden Eagle Country Club.

Proceeds benefit Big Bend Hospice. Individual players and team sponsorships are available for an 8 a.m. shotgun or 1:30 p.m. shotgun. Play for a chance to win exciting prizes from local golf clubs and retailers. This event funds direct patient care and provides grief support for children and teens.

For more information contact Laura Glenn at 701-1341 or laurag@bigbendhospice.org. Tournament sponsors are Capital City Bank Group, Mainline Information Systems, Wakulla Bank, Comcast, Florida Bank, Bob and Gail Knight, Greenberg Traurig, BB&T/Landrum-Yaeger, Lamar, Tallahassee Democrat, Cumulus, Coca-Cola and Tri-Eagle.

### Professional bereavement conference

Big Bend Hospice will host its Fifth Annual Bereavement Conference, "Seasons of Grief" on Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Tallahassee Community College Center for Economic and Workforce Development.

The conference creates a forum in which professionals and other helpers can

explore current bereavement practices; network and connect with other providers in a nurturing and uplifting environment; promote self-care and highlight bereavement services/expertise at Big Bend Hospice and in the community. Seasons of Grief will offer practical strategies to help support clients through the grief process.

Counselors and mental health professionals, therapists, health and hospice providers, advocates, clergy, educators, emergency responders, law enforcement, military personnel, funeral directors, nursing home staff, students and anyone providing support to the bereaved are invited to attend this important conference.

Topics include suicide loss and prevention, grief in adolescents and college students, spirituality, sibling loss, sudden and traumatic death, and use of creative arts, music, and therapeutic activities with the bereaved and for self-care.

The cost of the conference is \$69 with special rates for students, or four or more from the same agency. 6.5 Continuing Education Units will be offered. Late registration will be required after Sept. 14 and will add \$10 to each category. Contact Lisa Baggett, 309-1628, X433 or Lisa@bigbendhospice to register.

## NAMI program date has changed

A free 12-week mental health education program, sponsored by NAMI Wakulla, will begin Sept. 17 at the Tallahassee Community College Center in Crawfordville.

The NAMI Wakulla Family-to-Family program was scheduled to begin Sept. 3, but a delay in the delivery of materials forced a date change to Sept. 17.

The course is open to family and friends of individuals with a diagnosed serious mental illness.

The NAMI Family to Family Education Program is designed to help family members gain a better understanding of mental illness, cope much better, worry less and become more effective in getting better treatment and services for their relatives.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) sponsors Family-to-Family through unrestricted grants from Bristol-Myers Squibb and Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc.

Instructors of the Wakulla NAMI Family-to-Family program are trained NAMI members who have a family member with a mental illness.

The two-hour sessions will begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 17, and will continue each Thursday evening, except Thanksgiving, through Dec. 10.

All course material will be furnished free of charge.

Those who want to sign-up may call Wakulla NAMI's helpline at 926-1033 for more information.

## Documents will be featured at meeting

### By CATHY FRANK

Of the Historical Society  
The Wakulla County Historical Society will be featuring N. Adam Watson, Photographic Archivist of the State Archives of Florida at the next meeting, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library.

Watson will be teaching the importance of protecting family photographs and recognizing various historical

photographic formats such as tintypes, daguerreotypes etc., and the best conditions for storing and protecting them.

He will also talk about the importance of keeping family records and protecting paper documents.

If you love history like I do, you will want to learn how to preserve those important photographs and documents that you treasure.

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## WCTA, district ratify contract

By KEITH BLACKMAR

kkblackmar@wakullanews.net  
The Wakulla County School Board approved the ratification of the Master Teacher Contract Monday, Aug. 17 as county teachers voted overwhelmingly to accept the district's salary schedule.

Veteran teachers will advance up the salary schedule ladder, but the amount of money each teacher is paid did not change from last year.

Assistant Superintendent for Finance Jimmie Dugger said the teachers did not receive any pay raises and none of the district employees have received a pay raise since the 2007-2008 school year.

Teachers voted Wednesday, Aug. 12 and approved the contract 306 in favor to 14 against and one voter abstained, Dugger said.

"We all know these are difficult times we are going through and we appreciate you (teachers) working with us," said School Board Chair Becky Cook to Wakulla Classroom Teachers Association



Medart Photos by Tammie Barfield  
Breakfast was a great way to start the first day of school on Aug. 13.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION  
CASE NO: 07-149-FC DIVISION  
CITIMORTGAGE, INC PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
VINCE EDWARD WRAY. ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; LYDIAN M WRAY; BUNTING NEIGHBORHOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION.

DEFENDANT (S)  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting the Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated August 24, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 07-149-FC of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Crawfordville, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Courthouse of the WAKULLA County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 24th day of September, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:  
LOT 17, BLOCK B, SONGBIRD PHASE I, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 88 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.  
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Dated this 25th day of August, 2009.  
BRENT X. THURMOND  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: LETHA M. WELLS  
AS DEPUTY CLERK  
(Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)  
September 3, 10, 2009

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
The department announces receipt of an application from Coleman Mackie, North Florida Native Woods LLC, File No. 19-0296288-001-DF, to recover and remove pre-cut, submerged timber from the Ochlockonee River beginning at Red Lake and ending at Bear Creek. The timber recoveries will be conducted in Franklin, Liberty and Wakulla Counties.  
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September 3, 2009

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Property Address: 202 Mt. Zion Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Uzdavines Law Group, P.A., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 17543 Darby Lane, U.S. 90, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.  
Dated August 12, 2009.  
BRENT X. THURMOND  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: LETHA M. WELLS  
AS DEPUTY CLERK  
(Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)  
August 27, September 3, 2009

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**Legal Notice**

Chairman to execute the contract.

7. Request Board consideration and approval of a Resolution and Budget Amendment to accept the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Contract and Funding Modification for \$56,980.00.

Approve - Resolution and Budget Amendment to accept the Weatherization Assistance Program Contract and Funding Modification for the \$56,980.00 and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract.

9. Request Board consideration and retroactive approval to apply, accept Award, and approve the match funds for a Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Grant, by the Crawfordville Volunteer Fire Department.

Approve - Retroactively the Crawfordville Volunteer Fire Department to apply, accept the \$9268.00 award, and approve the \$926.80 match funds for a Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Grant.

10. Request Board approval of WORKFORCE plus Board Appointment of Marcia Mitchell, CSG Systems to the Board of Directors.

12. Request Board authorization for Payment of \$4,320.00 to the University of Florida for continuation of LAKEWATCH Volunteer Monitoring Program and approval of budget amendment.

Approve - transfer of \$4,320 from the Reserve Account for this expenditure

13. Request Board approval of the Wagner Home Repairs Re-Inspection Report for properties to be purchased with FCT Funds for development of the Big Bend Maritime Center in Panama.

Approve - Wagner Home Repair Re-inspection Report

15. Request Board approval of a Resolution to amend the County 2008-2009 Budget to accept \$5,000.00 in additional Grant Funds for the Old Fort Road Boating Facility Improvements to pay for Shoreline Stabilization Work.

Approve - Resolution to establish expenditure account for these funds in the County 2008-2009 Budget to provide for the payment of eligible expenditures with the \$5,000 additional grant award.

16. Request Board approval of a Change Order for Rock Landing Project with funding from the Reserve.

Approve - change order and request for funding from the reserve to cover the increase expenses via budget amendment.

18. Request Board direction to prepare Debris Removal and Monitoring Contract RFP.

Approve - direct staff to develop an RFP for Debris Removal and an RFP for Debris Monitoring for future Board consideration.

**CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

(CD5-34) 8. Request Board approval of the Shell Point Boat Ramp Lease Agreement between the County and Heaton Companies.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the Shell Point Boat Ramp Lease with changes as discussed. Second by Commissioner Brock and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD5-39) 11. Request Board approval to advertise and schedule a Public Hearing to Adopt the Impact Fee Ordinance.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to advertise and schedule for a Public Hearing. Second by Commissioner Artz and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD5-51) 14. Request Board direction for submission of Grant Application to the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Commissioner Brock moved to proceed with a FRDAP Grant Application to the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, with Equestrian Park as the number one priority and Crab Apple Park Property as the secondary project. Second by Commissioner Stewart and the motion carried unanimously, 4/0. (Commissioner Artz abstained)

(CD6-02) 17. Request Board approval to participate in Phase 1 of a Regional OST Alternatives and Management Feasibility Study and authorize funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the County share of the study's costs.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve participation in Phase 1 of a regional OSTDS Alternatives and Management Feasibility Study and authorize funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the County share of the study's costs. Second by Commissioner Artz with Commissioners Kessler, Brock, and Green voting in favor, Commissioner Stewart voting in opposition, and the motion carried, 4/1.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

(CD6-05) 19. Application for Final Plat FP09-03

Request for final plat approval to re-plot 13 platted lots and three adjoining parcels into three commercial lots, creating a commercial subdivision to be known as Panacea Place. The property owner is Wakulla Bank. The agent is Edwin Brown and Associates.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to conduct the second of two public hearings and vote to approve Application for Final Plat FP09-03, based upon the Planning Department's recommendation and the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Board and any evidence submitted at the Hearing. Second by Commissioner Stewart and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6-08) 20. Application for Final Plat FP09-04

Request for final plat approval to re-plot existing lots 9 and 10, Block C of Hudson Heights Addition to Crawfordville. These lots are located on the north side of Cedar Avenue. The property owners are Linda G. Rhea, Jessie and Karlos Revelt. The agent is Thurman Hodderberry.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to conduct the final Public Hearing and approve Application for Final Plat 09-04, based upon the recommendation of the Planning Department, the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Board and any evidence submitted at the Hearing hereon. Second by Commissioner Artz and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6-09) 21. Application for Site Plan SP09-02

Request for a commercial site plan to construct a Burger King Fast Food Restaurant on a 1.04/- acre parcel located on the east side of Crawfordville Highway, immediately south of the Goodwill Store. The property owners are Susan Payne Turner and R.H. Carter. The applicant is Iron Horse Development Group, LLC and the agent is Edwin Brown and Associates.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to conduct the final public hearing and approve the application for Site Plan SP09-02. Based upon the recommendation of the Planning Department, the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Board and any evidence submitted at the hearing hereon. With a condition that the applicant will not use or otherwise construct improvements in the red cross-hatched area as shown on the sketch, until it has resolved the dispute relating to the complaint filed in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, case 09-3296-A. Second by Commissioner Stewart and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6-59) 22. Application for a Variance V09-02

Request for a variance to allow for reasonable use of a 1.28/- acre parcel located on the River Plantation Road, within River Plantation Estates due to karst feature location on-site. The property owners are William and Deloris Landsdon and the agent is Phoenix Environmental Group.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to conduct the final public hearing and approve with conditions, the Application for Variance V09-02, based upon the recommendation of the Planning Department and the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Board and any evidence submitted at the Hearing hereon. The variance will expire two (2) years from the date of approval. A plan for protecting the karst features during construction activities must be submitted and approved during the Development Permit Application (DPA) process. For example, silt fencing and hay bales may be utilized for protection. Utilizing the Best Management Practices for protection of karst features on the subject property, such as containing the impact of construction only within the approved site plan and avoid encroachments into the karst features and its required buffer area. Second by Commissioner Green with Commissioners Stewart, Kessler, Green, and Brock voting in favor and Commissioner Artz in opposition, motion carried, 4/1.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

(CD7-30) 23. Request Board Consideration to appoint a Chairman for the US Census Complete Count Committee (CCC), and approve a Resolution allocating funds for promotional materials

Commissioner Brock made a motion to appoint Commissioner Alan Brock to the CCC, approve Resolution to allocate \$1500.00 for CCC use for promotional materials, with the County Administrator determining the appropriate funding under his discretion. Second by Commissioner Green and the motion carried unanimously, 4/0. (Commissioner Artz out of Chambers)

(CD7-33) 24. Request Board approval to authorize the Chairman to execute a Letter of Intent regarding the Transfer Station.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Letter of Intent and any and all other grant application documents as required by the USDA-RD to secure funding for the Transfer Station. Direct staff to begin the process of re-evaluating the proposed assessment and tipping fees based on the proposed loan amount of \$1,495,000 and a 20-year amortization schedule. Second by Commissioner Artz and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(Commissioner Artz back in Chambers at 7:35)

(CD7-39) 25. Request Board approval of additional road paving in St. Marks.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the additional road paving in St. Marks totaling 1.6 miles with the funding for this project being reallocated from the Old Shell Road Paving Budget for FY2008/2009 in one-cent sales tax fund number 917-0100-634. Second by Commissioner Artz and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7-45) 26. Request Board approval of the Invitation to Bid (ITB) process with award to the lowest bidder to proceed on the FEMA Dennis Storm Repair (i.e. Mashas Sands Pier & Bathroom and Wooley Park Pier)

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the ITB process and timeline awarding of bid to the recommended contractor to begin construction and approve estimated budget with the designated source of additional funding. Funding source \$63,468 out of one-cent sales tax (Parks and Recreation) and \$100,846 from the General Fund Disaster Contingency. Second by Commissioner Brock and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

(CD7-50) 1. Paul Johnson - Tourist Development Council and Economic Development Council advertisement and the need for funding.

(CD7-53) 2. Vic Lambou - Wetlands Committee is meeting at the Public Library tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

**COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS**

**COMMISSIONER KESSLER**

(CD7-54) 27. Board Approval to increase awareness on public beaches when hazardous conditions exist

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to direct staff to have small signs placed at the entrance to the beach and a large sign on the road coming into the beach at Shell Point Beach and Mashas Sands Beach in order to advise citizens of hazards due to high levels of bacterial contamination. Second by Commissioner Artz and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

(CD8-11) 1. Transition with new law firm and having the Nabors firm coming on as co-counsel for the Crum/Tucker case.

Commissioner Brock made a motion for the next two months, on an hourly basis, that the Nabors Law Firm come on board as Co-Counsel to Mr. Mowrey for the Crum/Tucker case and as approved by the Board on any other cases. Second by Commissioner Artz and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

(CD8-19) 28. Board Consideration to submit a Letter of Support to accompany Grant Application for the Sustainable Broadband Program.

Commissioner Artz made a motion to approve the Grant Application for the Sustainable Broadband Program. Second by Commissioner Brock and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

**DISCUSSION ISSUES BY COMMISSIONERS**

(CD8-22) Commissioner Artz - Public Transit Committee and the need for each Commissioner to recommend two appointees from their district.

(CD8-22) Commissioner Brock - Agenda for a future date to discuss whether the Commission is interested in the Buy Local Campaign with the Chamber of Commerce.

(CD8-23) Commissioner Kessler - Happy Birthday to all Viet Nam Veterans.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

September 3, 2009

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### St. Marks Conference Center discussed

ference center in St. Marks, located somewhere on the river, could attract thousands of visitors a year and be a kick-start for the town's stagnant economy. That was the conclusion of a feasibility study conducted by Lambert & Associates and revealed last week at a meeting of the St. Marks Waterfront Florida Committee. A 12,000 to 15,000 square foot facility with an additional covered outdoor area would provide a unique opportunity to combine a corporate center with a social retreat, consultant Paul Lambert told the group.

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Wakulla Springs: Home of gators, waterfowl, henry and Bats, too

Wakulla Photography features Wakulla Springs State Park

Sherry Royce: Serenity in the Wakulla County garden

Britt wins contest, appears at Emmys

**Slide Show**

## The Wakulla News

Tropical Storm Fay left her mark in Wakulla County

Boaters survey the flooding in Smith Creek.

**Community Calendar**

Events for October:

October 17, 2008 - Golf Tournament

October 19, 2008 - First Annual Wood Stork Music Festival

October 21, 2008 - Iris Garden Club Flower Show

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**Online Poll**

Poll Title: How many local incumbents will be re-elected?

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 3. Two or more | 47.8% (34 Votes) |
| 1. None        | 38% (27 Votes)   |
| 2. One         | 14% (10 Votes)   |

Total Votes: 71

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# Lady War Eagles seek another district crown



Artigua Kilpatrick



Crystal Chadwell



Jasmine Green



Kara Smith



Kristin Mathers



Lindsey Rudd



Logan Harvey



Sarah Roberts



The Lady War Eagles have high expectations in 2009.



Summer Stokley



Tara Vatter

Former Wakulla Lady War Eagle athlete and now Coach Erica Bunch has her opponents exactly where she wants them.

With a varsity volleyball team made up entirely of juniors and seniors and with lots of experience on the sideline, Bunch and her War Eagles are ready to play.

Bunch can start a group of nearly all seniors since she has five 12th graders on her bench. Crystal Chadwell, Jasmine Green, Artigua Kilpatrick, Kristin Mathers and Summer Stokley all return for a final year. The rest of the squad is made up of juniors Logan Harvey, Sarah Roberts, Lindsey Rudd, Kara

Smith and Tara Vatter.

After a Preseason Classic at Lincoln and the home opener against Tallahassee Chiles Aug. 31, Wakulla travels to Orlando for the KSA Tournament with more than 30 teams. The rest of the schedule includes Godby, Rutherford, Leon, Lincoln, Maclay and a tournament in

Niceville.

The players attended a summer camp in Gainesville and Coach Bunch is anxious to see how her team performs.

"It's going to be a great year," said Bunch of her group of upperclassmen.

Volleyball photographs by Mary Katherine Westmark.

## Volunteers and United Way set to distribute money

Wakulla County volunteers completed the United Way of the Big Bend (UWBB) Wakulla community-investment process recently, and the funds will soon be distributed to 20 human-service agencies that provide services in Wakulla County.

A group of knowledgeable Wakulla volunteers spent many hours at the TCC Wakulla Center to ensure the \$122,632.90 was allocated in a fair and unbiased manner so that these select agencies can provide services for local people in need throughout the year.

The 2009 Wakulla County Agencies, their telephone numbers and the types of services they offer are as follows:

- 2-1-1 Big Bend (211, 24-hour crisis, suicide and HIV/AIDS hotline);
- Ability 1st (575-9621, Assistance to persons with disabilities);
- America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend (562-3033, Provides surplus food to the needy through nonprofit agencies);
- American Red Cross,

Capital Area Chapter (878-6080, Disaster, health, safety, emergency, volunteer, youth, military services);

- Big Bend Cares (656-2437, Provides education and comprehensive support to people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS);

- Big Bend Hospice (878-5310, Patient/family hospice care and bereavement);

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend (386-6002, Provides mentors for children from single parent families);

- Boy Scouts of America, Suwannee River Area Council (576-4146, Youth leadership development and prevention programs);

- Capital Region YMCA (877-6151, Leadership building for local youth);

- Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend (385-0551, Provides early learning and school readiness programs for children);

- Elder Care Services (921-5554, Comprehensive programs for senior citizens in need);

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (383-1144, Serves middle and high school students

and aims to teach honesty, respect for authority, racial harmony, selflessness, sexual responsibility, and substance abuse prevention);

- Girl Scout Council of the Apalachee Bend (386-2131, Camps, inner city program and other programs to encourage healthy lifestyles);

- Legal Services of North Florida (385-5007, Legal assistance and counsel for low-income persons);

- Neighborhood Health Services (224-2469, Indigent healthcare and education services to low-income and homeless individuals);

- Office of the Public Guardian (487-4609, Provides guardianship services to vulnerable or incapacitated adults who have no resources to obtain a guardian to safeguard their civil rights);

- Refuge House (681-2111, Assistance for victims of domestic and sexual violence, including safe shelter and 24-hour crisis hotline);

- Wakulla County Senior Citizens Center (926-7145, Comprehensive program for senior citizens in need);

- We Care Network (942-

5215, Provides timely access to specialty medical care for low-income people).

The Wakulla Community Investment Team included Shirley Howard, Marcia Mitchell, Dustin Grubbs, and Frankie Harvey.

The team's agency review process includes several components that take time to complete properly. Wakulla agencies or new applicants submit an application to remain or become a UWBB agency for Wakulla. This application is comprised of a description of their programs offered to clients, numbers of clients served in that county, how the lives of their local clients change for the better because of their programs, budget information on the agency, and a list of their board of directors.

The team also studies their budgets and hears testimonials from clients and/or agency volunteers. Upon completion, they determine which agencies and how much will be funded for that particular year.

"It's inspiring to see these volunteers in Wakulla take time out of their busy schedules to go through this agency

review process," said Alison Dodson, UWBB campaign manager for Wakulla. "This process is critical to ensuring that these funds are allocated properly and make the most impact in this county. We're very proud of the bottom-line

results these agencies are producing and how they help people in need throughout Wakulla County."

For information about becoming a volunteer, please call Alison Dodson at 487-2087 or Arnold McKay at 414-0844.

## Bookmobile visits

Wilderness Coast Bookmobile will be visiting Wakulla County on some Thursdays and Fridays this fall, according to the schedule released by the library.

The Thursday schedule for the Bookmobile includes, from noon to 1 p.m., Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church, at the intersection of Bloxham Cutoff and Spring Creek Highway; from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Big Top Market in Panacea; from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Summer Trace apartments in Panacea; and from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Sopchoppy Post Office.

The bookmobile will visit those locations on Sept. 10 and 17, Oct. 1, 8, 22, 29, and Nov. 12 and 19.

The Friday schedule calls for visits to the COAST Charter School in St. Marks from 10 a.m. to noon; Wakulla Christian School in Crawfordville from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.; at the Tallahassee-St. Marks State Trail at the Wakulla trailhead from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Glenda's Country Store in the Riversink community from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Check-out period for books is one month and can be renewed in person at the bookmobile or by calling (850) 566-1556. Books can be returned at the bookmobile or at the Wakulla County Public Library. There are no fines for overdue books, but there is a charge for lost items.

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**Credit Management Paramount in Tough Times**

With the economy in crisis, many men and women have understandably begun to curtail their spending. Though it's important to save money during these trying times, saving should not be the only lesson men and women learn from a recession.

Though the volatile state of the economy cannot be traced to a single source, many people have found themselves facing considerable debt. That debt, when coupled with the specter of layoffs, has resulted in many a sleepless night for men and women across the country. With the credit crunch in full swing, men and women struggling to manage debt would be wise to reacquaint themselves with the concept of credit, both what it is and how to manage it and use it to their advantage as opposed to their detriment.

What Exactly Does a Credit Score Indicate?

Using a standardized formula, a credit score is a statistical analysis that lenders use to determine a person's credit risk. A number of factors can be detrimental to a credit score, including late payments and unfavorable credit card use.

Perhaps no group has taken a harder hit to their public image in the current economic climate than banks, who have been criticized for what many have viewed as questionable, if not irresponsible, lending practices. As a result, banks have widely adopted tougher restrictions with respect to lending, and in so doing have put those with higher credit scores in better positions should they seek to borrow money. Credit scores can determine eligibility for a loan, but also the interest rate associated with that loan. The better a credit score, the lower the interest rate, potentially saving men and women substantial amounts of money over the length of a loan.