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Board discusses priorities

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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County commissioners set their priorities for 2010 at a board retreat, goals that include moving to advanced wastewater treatment at the sewage treatment plant, developing a Crawfordville overlay zone to encourage urban development, and constructing a community center for youth - with a swimming pool.

Commissioners met for a retreat on Dec. 10, held at the Wakulla County Public Library.

The areas that commissioners identified they wanted to focus on were Water Quality Improvements, Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code Updates, Transportation Improvements, Youth Enrichment, Public Safety and Expansion of Public Services, and Energy Conservation.

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Grant writers are eyed

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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With the budget belt pulled tight, county commissioners have indicated they are putting more emphasis on getting grants to make up the difference.

At the board retreat on Thursday, Dec. 10, commissioners expressed some concern about an administrative re-organization of the grants department and the Office of Management and Budget.

Assistant County Administrator Tim Barden offered a PowerPoint and stressed a new team approach in the office.

Former Human Resources Director Debbie Dubose is now OMB director, with former Grants Director Eva Thorpe now working as an OMB analyst, along with Virginia Dekle and William Wright.

Chairman Howard Kessler expressed concern about the re-organization, saying the board wanted more of a focus on grants.

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Wild about Life

The Wakulla News Photo Contest will be held again in 2010

The Wakulla News will feature the Third Annual Wakulla Wildlife Photo Contest in 2010. All entries must be received by Friday, Feb. 12.

Each photo submitted must have been taken by the photographer in Wakulla County during 2009. The entry fee is \$10 and up to three photos may be submitted by each photographer.

There will not be a fee for young photographers under the age of 13.

Prints must be mounted, 8 inch by 10 inch or 8.5 inch by 11 inch, black or white foam board or matted for display at the Wakulla Wildlife Festival at Wakulla Springs State Park. The display will be in the Wakulla Springs Lodge.

Mail entries to: The Wakulla News Photo Contest, P.O. Box 307, Crawfordville, FL 32326 or drop them by our office. We are also requesting digital copies of the entries by e-mail so that we can display the winners in a future issue of The Wakulla News. You may send your entries to Editor Keith Blackmat at kblackmat@thewakullanews.net.

Wakulla Wildlife Festival is set at Wakulla Springs

The Friends of Wakulla Springs are proud to announce the opening of the 2010 Wakulla Wildlife Festival web site, www.wakullawildlifefestival.org, created by 180 Communications, www.team180pr.com.

The site is very user friendly and easy to navigate and visitors are able to register for tours online.

Registration for the premium and

children's tours are available on both the left menu panel and the top menu bar.

Guests can read up on all the activities for the festival including Friday night's art show opening, the musician line up, the "edutainment" and more from the left menu panel. Special children's tours have been developed for 2010.

The site also includes links to other Wild about Wakulla Week activities.

The Wakulla Wildlife Festival will take place Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20 at Wakulla Springs State Park.

The photograph of the otter, above, was taken and submitted by Shannon Mills of Crawfordville. It won first prize in the 2009 contest.

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The fishing is good!

The Wakulla News fishing columnist Captain Jody Campbell has told us that the fishing is good this month. Photographer Sue Damon captured the osprey above who seemed to agree as the winged hunter displays his catch of speckled trout. Everybody seems happy about the situation except the speckled trout.

Wakulla Welcoming Committee



Courthouse employees turned out on Tuesday, Dec. 22, to greet returning serviceman Johnny Golden, who serves in the U.S. Navy. Golden, of Panacea, waved back as staff from the Clerk of Courts office, State Attorney's office, and others lined U.S. Highway 319 to cheer his return, waving American flags. (Photo by William Snowden)

Comment & Opinion

Established in Wakulla County in 1895

Year ends: Time *Food Blog–Lindy's Fried Chicken in Crawfordville*

By DR. RACHEL S. PIENTA

Special to The Wakulla News

Nurse Judy's Nook

Judy Conlin

The New Year

Every year I make a lot of New Year's resolutions, which I am never able to keep. It is not because I don't have any will power. I really do. It is all because of that alter ego I live with, Nurse Judy.

Nurse Judy sabotages every self-improvement effort I make. Therefore, this year, I have decided not to make any resolutions, but to make a thankful list instead—things I'm thankful for because improving myself no longer seems an option.

This year, I would like to resolve to lose weight, but instead I will be thankful for:

- Elastic waist pants, which can expand along with my protruding abdomen (especially after all the holiday treats that Nurse Judy has been eating);

- Big shirts that cover up a multitude of figure faults;

- Girdles and Spandex;
- Muumuu and caftans;

- The failing eyesight of most of my friends.

This year I would like to resolve to get more sleep to rid myself of black circles and puffiness under my eyes, but instead I will be thankful for:

- sunglasses;
- concealer;
- Teabags and cucumber slices;

- The failing eyesight of most of my friends.

This year I would like to get more exercise, but instead I will be thankful for:

- elevators and escalators;

- people movers;
- arthroscopic surgery;
- Orthopedists;
- Glucosamine and Ibuprofen;

- lounge chairs and big screen televisions;

- the slowing down of most of my friends.

This year I would like to be a perfect person, but instead I will be thankful for:

- any small step I can make in that direction;

- Nurse Judy, who points out all my faults;

- my family who have had to put up with imperfect me all these years;

- laughter which helps me through my blunders;

- my friends who forgive me my faults.

Oh, the heck with it. It's New Year's and in 2010, I am going to lose weight, sleep more, exercise more and be a better person. After all it's not whether you win or lose, it's how you run the race and if you don't set a goal, you don't have a chance of reaching it.

Happy New Year. Watch for the new and improved Judy and Nurse Judy at www.nursejudyinfo.com.

Judy Conlin and her alter ego write from Havana.

Christmas edition helped make our day

Editor, The News:

What a wonderful Christmas edition of The Wakulla News! We thank you.

We also wanted to salute David Damon and his scouts this holiday season. We are so proud of them all. They've done a wonderful thing continuing to help Miss Elsie and they are a great asset to the community. The plus is that David reports and writes so well and the dedication to his mother, who recently passed away, was very touching. We wanted to salute you all for printing the story.

It was also fun reading the letters to Santa from local children, the Christmas memories and thank you notes from our neighbors. We're all part of this community and the spirit

of Christmas reflected in your edition reminds us we are all connected.

We also wanted to thank you for the photo of our mastodon. It was sent as our Christmas card to family, friends and neighbors. What a pleasant surprise to see it in the paper!

The clipping's already on our memory wall. Now we have to figure out what to do with a 15 foot by eight foot Santa hat, but the honking and wonder of folks stopping by to look justified the work.

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to a New Year. Your edition helped make our Christmas.

Mary Cortese

Hugh Taylor

Crawfordville

Editor, The News:

Consumers would be spared having to pay huge medical bills under Democratic health care legislation that's moving through Congress, as lawmakers agree on the need to put limits on how much people would pay out of their own pockets.

"There will be a cap on annual expenditures, out-of-pocket expenditures," Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., the majority leader in the House of Representatives, declared this week. Bills pending before the House and the Senate would set different limits, but virtually everyone agrees on a key principle: "You shouldn't go bankrupt" because of your medical costs, said Elizabeth Carpenter, a policy analyst at the New America Foundation, a center-left research center.

According to a study in the August issue of the American Journal of Medicine, increasing numbers of people are going bankrupt because of illness and medical costs. Health-related debts caused 62.1 percent of all bankruptcies in 2007, up from 46 percent six years earlier.

Dr. Steffie Woolhandler, the study's senior author, expects about the same percentage of this year's anticipated 1.4 million to 1.5 million bankruptcies to be caused at least in part by medical expenses.

The increases are caused largely by "health coverage that is getting skimpier and skimpier," said Woolhandler, a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. She was skeptical that the legislation would cause the bankruptcy numbers to drop.

"Yes, the limits would be an improvement," she said, but "if you have diabetes or some other chronic condition, every year you'd still be subject to the cap over and over again."

Lawmakers and other experts say the caps are an important step. "You get a lot of security for very little

inaccurate wait times are aggravating. In fact, my wing order was not ready when they said it would be on that day, either.

I have mentioned before I am partial to the wings at Rummy's. Hamaknocker's wings are decent, too. A hungry wing lover could find their favorite sauce drenched treat at Pizza Hut, Beef O'Brady's, or even as take out from a grocery store or, word has it, a gas station.

However, in my house, if wings are being ordered by my husband, those wings are coming from Lindy's Chicken.

For a recent football party, I told my husband we could get wings from the Crawfordville Lindy's location. I was really trying to cushion the blow in preparation for the whooping that my Gators were going to dish out against their Seminoles. I figured I would give him his favorite wings, a nice cold beverage, and set up a fire out back. He was out tending the fire by halftime.

While only the Gator fans among my party guests really enjoyed the game that day, everyone remarked on how much they enjoyed Lindy's wings. A common point of agreement, however, was that Lindy's takeout orders are never ready on time.

We all had stories about calling an order in, being told a time, then arriving to wait an additional amount of time for the food to be ready. While we all appreciate fresh, piping hot food

On this visit, we wanted

to eat at my house. We decided to order a tasting menu of items to try some new choices along with our favorites. By the time we were done we had chosen a pint of chicken salad, small orders of chicken chili and macaroni and cheese, an order of sweet potato fries and a slice of chocolate peanut butter pie.

About that chocolate peanut butter pie, I had been eyeing the pie case on recent visits. I kept looking at those pie slices in the cold case and thinking about the pies at the old Julie Mae's in Carrabelle. I miss Julia Mae's pies. One time I asked the young woman behind the counter who made the pies. She told me she didn't know who had made them. On this visit, I ordered a slice to share with my lunch buddy.

We ate the chicken salad on toasted bagels. I added a leaf of lettuce to mine. You can get lettuce on your chicken salad sandwiches if you order the sandwich at Lindy's. However, you won't find any bagels on their menu. The chicken salad, my friend and I agreed, is a hit or miss item at Lindy's. Sometimes it is exactly what you want from a chicken salad. Other times, the mayonnaise overpowers the chicken or the meat itself is grisly. The order that day was perfect. The pint made a sandwich for each of us and I had an additional sandwich out of it the next day.

The chicken chili had a moderately spicy red sauce. Generally, I like white chicken chili with beans and green chilies. This red chicken chili was meaty and well-flavored, but not something I would order again.

I love sweet potato fries. When Lindy's advertised them as a new menu item, I was hoping for hand cut fries. No such luck. My lunch partner and I agreed that these fries had come frozen in a bag.

The macaroni and cheese was another recent menu

addition. Lindy's hit a home run with this one. Yum! We enjoyed the flavorful cheesy creaminess. No secret savory spices added here, just a classic mac and cheese.

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Fried pickles have also been added to the menu. I didn't try the fried pickles that day. I am sure I will get to them another day.

My sister and I once spent a summer sampling fried pickles at every Big Bend establishment that offered them.

We like fried pickles, chips not spears. Hand batter the juicy green slices and put a little love into the spice mix. Serve up a basket with a tasty dipping sauce and keep the sweet tea glass full. I will find out about Lindy's fried pickles another day.

Dr. Rachel S. Pienta, a college educator, writes from Crawfordville.

Consumers could be spared huge bills

cost," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

According to the American Journal of Medicine study, out-of-pocket medical costs averaged \$17,943 for all medically bankrupt families in 2007, \$26,971 for uninsured families and \$17,749 for those who had private insurance at the outset.

The House bill would cap annual out-of-pocket medical expenses at \$5,000 per individual and \$10,000 per family starting in 2013. New plans offered through new employers, as well as policies sold through the proposed health insurance exchange, a marketplace where consumers can compare plans and prices, would be subject to limits.

Most employers today offer policies with limits on out-of-pocket expenses. Under Senate proposals, existing employer plans would be exempt from the limits, but the House would require employer plans to have caps in place by 2019.

The Senate legislation would tie the annual out-of-pocket limits to those that exist under current law for health savings accounts, which will be \$5,950 and \$11,900 in 2010 but should increase by the time new rules would go into effect in 2013 under the proposed legislation.

Out-of-pocket expenses are expected to include co-payments for medical services and prescription drugs, deductibles and coinsurance, though premium payments wouldn't count toward the out-of-pocket maximum. Once a consumer reached the limit, his or her plan would pay 100 percent of further expenses.

"This is a pretty significant improvement," said Linda Blumberg, an economist at the Urban Institute, a center-left Washington research group. The health insurance industry disagrees.

"Yes, the limits would be an improvement," she said, but "if you have diabetes or some other chronic condition, every year you'd still be subject to the cap over and over again."

Lawmakers and other experts say the caps are an important step. "You get a lot of security for very little

Health Insurance Plans, the industry trade group.

To curb high bills, he said, "policymakers need to address the underlying cost of medical care, which is the key driver of rising health care costs."

Among most experts and lawmakers, however, the most serious debates are about whether the caps are too high and whether the

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WEEK IN WAKULLA

Thursday, December 31, 2009

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Friday, January 1, 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Saturday, January 2, 2010

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 3240 Crawfordville Highway at 5 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321. PORT LEON FIELD TRIP, a visit to the ghost town that was the first Wakulla County seat before it was wiped out by a hurricane in 1849, will be held at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge beginning at 2 p.m. For reservations, call the refuge at 925-6121. A van will also run from St. Marks City Hall at 1:30 p.m. to make a reservation for that, call city hall at 925-6225. SHRINE CLUB TURKEY SHOOT at the Shriner's Building south of Crawfordville begins at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, January 4, 2010

MEN'S FRATERNITY, a Christian community men's group, meets at the public library at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

SCHOOL RESUMES for students of Wakulla Public Schools.

ALANON meets at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville at noon.

BOOK BUNCH meets in the children's room at the public library at 10:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

AA meets at Ochlockonee Bay UMC on Surf Road at noon.

BOOK BABIES, storytime with activities for toddlers, will be held at the public library at 10:30 a.m.

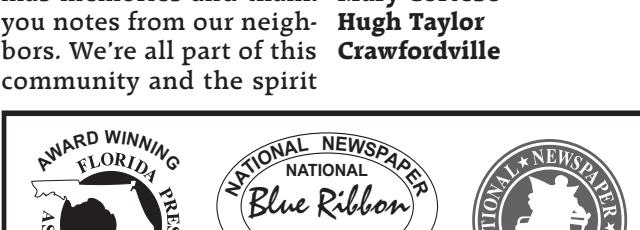
BRAIN GYM CLASS will be held at the senior center at 10:30 a.m.

LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 2 p.m.

WETLANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at the public library at 1 p.m.

Take The Wakulla News county commission poll on the newspaper web site: www.thewakullanews.net.

Grade the performance of the Wakulla County Commission as a whole during the 2009 calendar year.



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New Year, New Decade



Boy Scouts Nathan Green and Devin Bell with Terry Defoor.

Scouts share Christmas joy

Editor, The News:

Sometimes a Boy Scout isn't a "boy" scout. That's what this writer is thinking as I remember a recent Sunday meeting with Terry Defoor of Wakulla's River Plantation Road.

Symbolizing the preparation and fortitude that Boy Scouts all over this nation represent, not to mention the dogged determination we all strive for, Ms. Defoor had taken every measure necessary to carry her beautiful Frasier Fir Christmas tree home in her gorgeous

mint-condition Volkswagen Bug Convertible.

With plastic sheeting, Christmas tree bags and a carefully positioned passenger seat, she had it all covered. She happily waved as she drove away with her Christmas passenger in place.

As the Troop 5 Scouts continue our annual Christmas tree sale tradition at your local Winn-Dixie supermarket in an effort to help supply every family in Crawfordville with a beautiful new Christmas memory, we instead

are reminded that everyone around us has something valuable to teach us.

And in the words of Ms. Defoor, Bah Humbug to all those who don't think they can learn something new today.

The Scouts are indeed grateful to have so many wonderful teachers in our community. Merry Christmas to all of you who continue to represent this community, and this nation, with such a true Christmas joy.

**Becky Green
Crawfordville**

Santa for Seniors was success

Editor, The News:

NHC HomeCare wants to thank everyone who participated in our Santa for Seniors program this year. This was our first year put-

ting it on and due to the great success, we will make it an annual affair.

There is no better feeling than knowing you were able to touch the lives of others.

For some of our local seniors, having a little something under their tree did just that.

**The staff of
NHC HomeCare
Crawfordville**

Thank you for the support

Editor, The News:

The Brown family would like to thank everyone for their love and support during our time of loss.

We were overwhelmed by your kindness, prayers, food and cards.

Your courtesy is greatly appreciated.

Love,

**Joy, Larry, and Jeff Brown
and Candace and Jon
Hicks. St. Marks and Craw-
fordville**

**Eric Will
Be Missed!**

*All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages.
~Shakespeare~*

*He touched our lives
in many ways...*

the staff of The Wakulla News

Eric Von Schlegel
Sept. 22, 1986 ~ Dec. 23, 2009

Church

Obituaries

Douglas M. Moody

Douglas M. Moody, 86, of Tallahassee died Tuesday, Dec. 22 in Crawfordville.

The funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 28 graveside at Oakland Cemetery in Tallahassee. Memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32308.

A native and lifelong resident of the Tallahassee area, he graduated from Leon High School and was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Corps. He worked for the State of Florida as manager of the employment office in Ft. Walton Beach and moved back in 1970 to become the first manager of the employment office in Tallahassee.

He was a past president of the Ft. Walton Beach Kiwanis Club. He loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing with his dad and sons.

Survivors include his children, Larry Moody, Sheryle Donnell, Rodney Moody and Sharon, Rick Moody and Rhonda, Paul Moody and Kendall Moody, all of Tallahassee; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and other loving family members.

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

Amanda C. Potter

Amanda Christine Potter, 78, of Greensboro died Sunday, Dec. 27.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Rock Bluff Assembly of God in Rock Bluff, with burial at Sycamore Cemetery in the Sycamore community. Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Hospice, 4440 Lafayette St., Suite C, Marianna, FL 32446.

A native of Liberty County, she was a longtime resident of Gadsden County. She retired from Superior Pet and was a member of Rock Bluff Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include two sons, Franklin Potter, Jr. and Mary and Grover Cleveland Potter, all of Greensboro; three daughters, Joyce Dianne Potter of Crawfordville, Annie Proctor and Jerry and Cathleen Sadberry and Albert, all of Greensboro; a brother, Johnnie Arnold and Alice of Hosford; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

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

Prince Albert Sanders

Prince Albert Sanders, 87, of Sopchoppy died Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 28 at Harvey-Young Chapel with burial

at Crum-Sanders Cemetery.

He served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy during World War II. He lived a long and eventful life.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty Henning, Stella Burgin and Sallie Atkins; three sons, Perel Sanders, Andrew Sanders and John Sanders; 27 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Harold L. Smith

Harold Leo "Bud" Smith, 88, of Panacea died Dec. 24 in Panacea.

A memorial service was held at Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 2323 Surf Road in Ochlockonee Bay. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to a charity of your choice.

A native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he was the son of the late Carlton K. Smith and Alice A. Smith. He graduated from McKinley High School and attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids. He attended Iowa State University in Ames before entering the Air Force in 1941, serving in Europe for 21 months. Returning home from World War II, he worked with Smith Construction Company, a family-owned business. In

1955, he moved to Coggon, Iowa where he owned and operated Coggon Bowl, bowling lanes. He was co-owner of Marion Bowl in Marion, Iowa. He held a private pilot's license for many years. On retirement in 1969, he moved to Largo and in 1981 he moved to Panacea.

He was a thoughtful and caring man, always there for his family. He could build and fix anything.

He was a man of few words, and when he spoke it was to the point and often laced with wit. He loved to fish and golf.

Survivors include his sister, Dorothy Holub of Crawfordville; five nieces, Bonnie Holub and Tim Jordan of Panacea and Rozanne Hicks of Kemah City, Texas, Travis Monroe and Richard and Patti Leviner and Mark of Alexandria, La., and Julie Gordon of Cedar Rapids; five nephews, Jim Hicks of Alexandria, Vance Gordon and Wanda of Marion, Iowa, Marve Gordon of Cedar Rapids, Steve Gordon of Crawfordville and their many children and grandchildren.

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

Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor, 74, of

Crawfordville died Sunday,

Dec. 27 at the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House of Big Bend Hospice.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Culley's MeadowWood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

A native of Miami, he moved to the Gainesville area in 1988. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and worked for the University of Florida, Physical Plant Division, as a maintenance supervisor. He enjoyed NASCAR, football and traveling with his family.

Survivors include her son, Larry Taylor and wife Melisa of Crawfordville; two daughters, Lisa Lehman of Tallahassee and Judy Russell and husband Steve of Crawfordville; her brother, Charles Adkins and wife Doris of Tallahassee; her special friend, Clayton "Doc" Newton; eight grandchildren, Kimberly, Adam, Shanna, Shelby, Justin, Marshall, Paige and Phillip; and seven great-grandchildren.

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

Michael L. Vaughan, Sr.

Michael Lee Vaughan, Sr., 60, of Archer died Wednesday, Dec. 16 at his home.

Funeral services will be held at Forest Meadows Funeral Home in Gainesville at

a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 10475 Northwest 28th Place, Ocala, FL 34482.

A native of Miami, he moved to the Gainesville area in 1988. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and worked for the University of Florida, Physical Plant Division, as a maintenance supervisor. He enjoyed NASCAR, football and traveling with his family.

Survivors include his son, Larry Taylor and wife Melisa of Crawfordville; two daughters, Lisa Lehman of Tallahassee and Judy Russell and husband Steve of Crawfordville; her brother, Charles Adkins and wife Doris of Tallahassee; her special friend, Clayton "Doc" Newton; eight grandchildren, Kimberly, Adam, Shanna, Shelby, Justin, Marshall, Paige and Phillip; and seven great-grandchildren.

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

Forest Meadows Funeral

Home in Gainesville was in charge of the arrangements.

Cowboy Country Church service will be held Jan. 7

Wakulla County has a new "Cowboy Country Church" for individuals who enjoy the western lifestyle and heritage. It's called the 3-C. The Cowboy Country Church is not just another church. Every service will be different. They don't have assigned seating and they dress very casually.

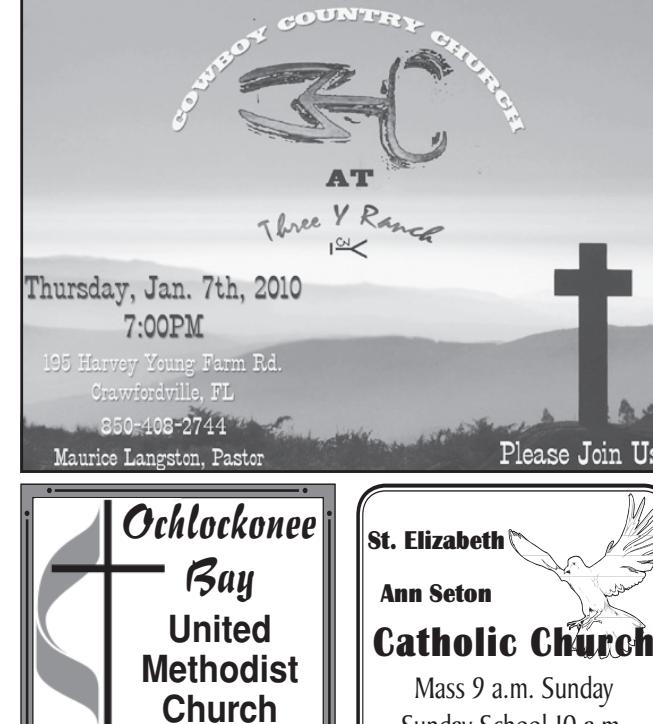
If you like the country way, country gospel music, simple, clear and concise sermons about Jesus Christ in a relaxed

atmosphere, come and worship with them as they seek God to heal hearts and change lives.

Skip Young, Maurice Langston and Jerry Evans along with his very talented friends invite everyone to come as you are to Cowboy Country Church at the 3 Y Ranch, 195 Harvey Young Road (off Rehwinkel Road), Crawfordville, Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m.

The Cowboy Country

Church is a non-traditional church for down to earth people who want to get to know God personally and discover



Crawfordville United Methodist Church

Christmas Cantata "Journey of Promises"
December 20, 3 p.m.
Christmas Eve Services 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Pastor Tony Rosenberger 926-7209

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Morning Worship 11 AM

AWANA CLUB 5PM

Evening Worship 6 PM

Wednesday 7 PM - Prayer Meeting, Youth & Children's Programs

Dr. Bill Jenkins, Pastor
David Allen, Associate Pastor/Student Minister
Randy Anderson, Minister of Music
Jerry Evans, Mike Crouch, Bernie Kemp - Musicians



their spiritual gifts.

Cowboy Churches have been gaining popularity all across the United States proving our western heritage makes us hungry for the Word of God.

The Cowboy Country



Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Service - 7 p.m.

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Wakulla Station

421-5741

Pastor Janice Henry - Rinehart

850-745-8412

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Board priorities

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A lot of the water quality tasks deal with sewer, including the upgrade to AWT standards, completing agreements with Panacea Area Water System and Talquin Electric, and developing a county-wide Wastewater Master Plan that would examine sewer expansion or the possibility of other treatments in certain areas, such as cluster systems.

Another priority is to sunset some of the approved developments in order to free up capacity at the treatment plant.

The storm water element looks at the engineered plans and implementation for Wakulla Gardens, as well as identifying various funding options for historic neighborhoods around

Crawfordville.

The comp plan/Land Development Code updates include developing the Crawfordville overlay to develop boundaries, design and signage requirements. Other priorities include re-evaluating Enterprise Zones to be sure they are in locations where the county wants to encourage commercial growth.

And while the county has a tree ordinance in place for commercial development, the board wants to work on developing a residential tree ordinance.

Transportation priorities include improvements to U.S. Highway 319, regional public transit for commuters, bike lanes and sidewalk enhancements, and promoting the Capital City to the Sea

proposed bike trail.

Youth enrichment goals include construction of a community center, including a swimming pool, as well as exploring the possibility of a northside recreation park, and looking into developing neighborhood parks in some of the historic subdivisions - such as Greiner's Addition and Wakulla Gardens.

Public services priorities are upgrading fire and EMS facilities, land acquisition, and expansion of library facilities in the northern part of the county.

For energy conservation, the priorities are encouraging Energy Star and LEED standards, and retrofitting of county facilities with solar powered heating and cooling, plus energy-saving lights and appliances.

Grant writers

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County Administrator Ben Pingree said the new structure would allow team members to work together on projects, including grants.

Kessler again expressed "concern about the structure" of the department, saying he would prefer a grants writer and grants director. "We need to have a proper - not analyst, not coordinator - but a director," Kessler said.

"I cannot see taking three people and say, 'Do nothing but grants,'" Pingree answered.

Commissioner Lynn Artz said her idea was for the county to bring in contract employees to work on grants, noting that salaries for those staff members could come from the administration fees included in most grants.

Pingree said he could do that.

Figures offered in the

presentation indicated that for fiscal year 2008-09, the OMB was administering 34 grants totaling \$11.4 million, and 27 of those grants were completed, totaling \$7.6 million or 67 percent of the grants budget.

During the same period, the county applied for 31 new grants totaling \$9 million.

For FY 2009-10, the county will have 26 working grants totaling \$11 million.

Public Safety achieves goal

The members of the Wakulla County Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Wakulla County Fire Department held educational trainings throughout the county to achieve the specific goal of "Fire Safety" as part of Fire Prevention Month held in October.

The objective of achieving Fire Safety is a state and federal standard shared with fire departments all over the country. The fire prevention related groups included members of the county and state.

A direct result of their assistance made the fire prevention effort a success this year, county officials said.

Three thousand children and 361 adults through day care centers, schools, Girl Scouts, homeschool groups, public and private schools, and public educational events were made aware of the important matter of fire safety.

"While this effort was a remarkable achievement, we are hoping that this effort can be developed even further for years to come," said Scott McDermid, Public Safety Director.

The Department of Public Safety requests that any church, community group, day care center and homeschool interested in learning more about fire prevention, fire education and fire safety training, contact Colleen Skipper at 745-8697.

they learned. Knowing the kids actually learn from us is very rewarding," said Ian Brazier, Volunteer Firefighter, Station 8.

In 1999, Crawfordville Self Storage was a 13,000 square

Storage facility celebrates 10 years of service

Ten years ago, The Wakulla News published a ribbon cutting ceremony that took place at Crawfordville Self Storage. Time has gone by and R.E. Meadows, the owner still enjoys the business and says he is very glad to still be in the self storage business.

While recapturing the past, Meadows tells the story of how he accidentally stumbled upon the opportunity of becoming a business owner in Wakulla County, especially while he was looking for something entirely unrelated.

In 1999, he owned what he called "a junk store" in Tallahassee. He had just placed a tractor on the front lawn with the intention of selling it and shortly after that, the late Steve Revell made him an offer that Meadows couldn't refuse. Revell offered to trade some of his land for the tractor. Not too long after that, Meadows was the proud owner of Wakulla land. Eager to learn where his newly purchased lots were located, he took on a "search expedition," driving up and down Crawfordville Highway. It was then that he spotted the "for sale" sign at Crawfordville Self Storage. That same afternoon he was visiting with Skip Young at Citizens Bank who helped Meadows acquire the self-storage business and to whom Meadows said he is still very grateful.

In 1999, Crawfordville Self Storage was a 13,000 square



R.E. Meadows with his dog companion, Susie.

foot storage facility with two buildings, 94 units in three different sizes. In the past ten years, many improvements have taken place at Crawfordville Self Storage. It is now a 23,000 square foot facility with four buildings including the desirable climate-controlled storage units. All the storage units are convenient, accessible at all times and are monitored by a 24-hour surveillance system. Boat and RV storage is also available. The addition of a web site is another recent improvement. You can find them online at crawfordvilleselfstorage.com

When asked what were

his plans for the near future, he said that he is considering the possibility of becoming an independent portable storage dealer. "These portable units are very convenient. For example if you are in the process of remodeling a house, you can rent one of these units and place them on your property. If there is a demand in the area for these portable units, I will definitely make them part of my services," Meadows said.

Crawfordville Self Storage is located at 3291 Crawfordville Highway and can be reached anytime at 850-228-7197.

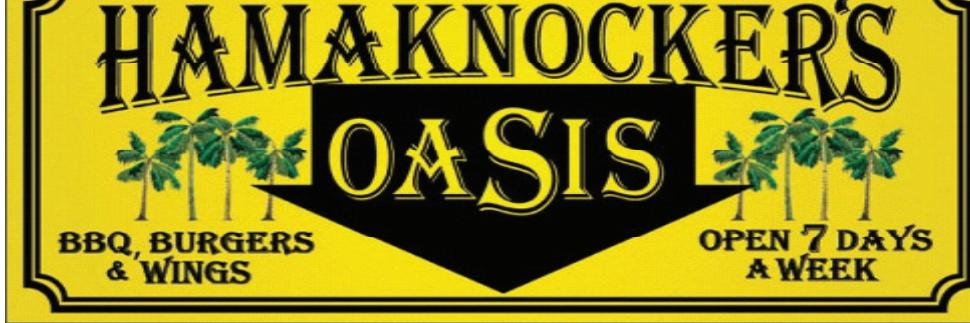
Genealogy group will meet

The Wakulla Genealogy Group will start 2010 off in the correct way with a genealogy program called, "The Ruth J. Burlingame Memory Quilt." Guests can come and meet Jay Collins who has been involved in genealogy research for nearly 20 years.

The project is a demonstration of Jay's commitment to research and genealogy as he delves into the history of the quilt and the lives of the people named on all the quilt blocks. The quilt dates from the early 1800s and bears the names of 48 of Ruth's friends

and family. Join the group on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wakulla Library for the first meeting of the year and learn about the quilt and the research behind it.

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Health & Fitness

Dear Lee's Place

By KAREN LOCKARD, LCSW
Children's Counselor

Q: Do Men and women grieve the same way?

A: The differences in communication styles between men and women is well understood by anyone who is married or lived with the opposite sex or even worked with the opposite sex. There wouldn't be sitcoms if there weren't such marked differences!

Women tend to be more emotionally expressive, enjoy talking about their feelings to trusted others, in fact many need to talk about their feelings in order to feel better. Women are typically not embarrassed or ashamed of emotion and therefore, women respond well to each other when emotion is expressed. Men, on the other hand, are often quite opposite.

Men shy away from expressing emotion, are often silent when emotions are intense and often are visually uncomfortable when other men express emotion. Men often

respond to emotion by wanting to "fix it." And this is where grief can really complicate things because with grief there is nothing to fix, there is nothing to do. Men often withdraw from others, isolate themselves in their pain and can look more angry than sad.

When couples share the loss of a loved one such as a child, each can feel as though the other doesn't understand. In reality, each

can be desperately struggling but

because each struggles so differently from each other, it is easy to misunderstand or become judgmental about how the other is grieving.

A man might clear-cut a piece of land, go for long drives, sit alone outside for hours at a time, or work overtime as he attempts to manage his grief. A woman tends to talk to friends or family often, cry openly, seek out others for comfort, appear to "wallow" in the pain, and have more difficulty focusing on the usual responsibilities of work.

One couple, whose 19-year-old daughter was killed in a automobile accident, shared an incident that demonstrated their differences perfectly. The woman came home from work one day in December and her husband was hanging Christmas lights. She was horrified, "How could you even think we would celebrate the holidays?" He was taken aback by her response, "I was just trying to make (fix) you feel better!"

So how do couples survive when each is hurting so differently? The first thing is to be willing to accept and respect the differences in grieving styles. This requires trust, compassion and commitment to the other. This

may also require some assistance from a grief specialist who can help identify and discuss the differences between the partners. The second thing is to find a way to share some (maybe not all) feelings with each other while recognizing that a woman may need to say much

more than a man. Men often need to learn how to "be present" in another's pain by listening, sitting close, holding hands and just being quiet. All the while, recognizing there is nothing to fix. A woman's challenge is to understand that because there may be no outward expression of emotion in her mate, it doesn't mean there is no inward pain. Just because a man doesn't cry openly doesn't mean he doesn't cry at all. Women tend to want to discuss the hurting and men often will say it just isn't helpful to talk about it. These are significant differences which when examined and understood can lead to a softer heart toward the other.

Stages and timelines of grief are part of the myths of the grieving process that we talk about in therapy. Many try to pigeonhole themselves or their spouse in one of the stages which isn't helpful and can become frustrating. Grieving is far messier than any predetermined stage or framework. The

last thing a grieving person needs is a message of what he or she is "supposed" to be feeling!

So be gentle with each other, be patient with each other and share your feelings and worries when you are able. Grief is a long process, so hold on tight to your mate and open your hearts to each other.

Lee's Place, 216 Lake Ella Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32303. (850) 841-7733, www.leesplace.org.

Lee's Place Grief and Loss Counseling Center

Lee's Place, a nonprofit grief and loss counseling center, invites you to submit questions about grief/loss issues to dearleesplace@leesplace.org, or 216 Lake Ella Drive, Tallahassee, 32303.

Lee's Place is a grief and loss counseling center on Lake Ella Drive in Tallahassee. Services address all kinds of loss including divorce, death, life transitions, physical illness, trauma and more.

Fitness Matters

Expert answers to your health and wellness questions
By RUSSELL BARBARINO, M.S., CSCS, SCCC

Question: How come I never see anyone else doing a warm-up prior to working out?

Answer: That's a great question, and one that's relatively easy to answer. Most people simply don't make time for a warm-up. Lots of folks just want to "get in and get out," and don't really consider the benefits of properly preparing the body for exercise. Let's highlight a few of these benefits, so you have justification for incorporating it into your workout.

- Increases the temperature of your muscles and joints, which makes movement more efficient and reduces the risk of injury;

- Causes blood vessels to dilate, which shuttles oxygen and nutrients to the muscles, allowing you to achieve peak performance;

- Prepares you for exercise men-

tally, heightening your senses and allowing you to focus and concentrate on the work at hand.

There are lots of other benefits, but no matter why you do it, a simple fact remains. You will feel better and perform better if you include a warm-up in your exercise session. Take five minutes, and do some light cardiovascular exercise, along with a few basic bodyweight strength exercises. Try the elliptical or some fast walking, and throw in some lunges, push-ups, squats, or planks. And don't forget, it's best to try and mimic your actual workout if possible!

Question: I'm sure you knew this was coming. How do I manage my food intake during the holidays, especially with all the cakes, cookies, and other goodies seemingly everywhere? Help!

Answer: I thought we were going to skirt by without addressing this, but I'm glad you asked. Interestingly enough, the answer

depends almost entirely on you. Assuming you're susceptible to sweets and other treats, you really only have three options—go all-out and worry about the ramifications later, avoid them at all costs, or take a reasoned approach and indulge to a modest degree. I think most people would argue that the third idea is the best one. After all, why not treat yourself to a few holiday goodies, especially if you can limit yourself to one or two here and there. And don't forget to continue with your workouts during this time as well. Restricting foods that you truly enjoy will

only increase your cravings for them, and make for an unhappy holiday season. Bottom line—it comes down to choice, and you can choose to make healthy decisions or not, but you have to be realistic. Keep variety, moderation, and balance in mind, and reward yourself for being active all year long!

Question: I saw a trainer post

something in the club about resting metabolic rate testing. What is this, and is it worth it?

Answer: Resting metabolic rate (RMR) testing is something that's becoming much more common, and for good reason. Your resting metabolic rate is essentially the number of calories needed to maintain basic bodily functions, and represents the approximate number of calories you would burn if you laid in bed for 24 hours doing nothing. When someone is trying to reach a specific weight goal, they often want to pinpoint (as accurately as possible) how many calories they need to reach that goal. Knowing your RMR is the first step in that process, and obtaining a measured RMR is more accurate than using a standard equation. Your metabolic rate is determined by a breath test, which measures your oxygen consumption and carbon dioxide production. These values can be directly linked to

caloric expenditure. Keep in mind, once you know your RMR, you also have to determine how many calories you burn through daily activity and the digestion of food, and also factor in a surplus or deficit if you want to gain or lose weight.

A personal trainer can help you calculate your total caloric expenditure, which takes into account all of these variables. Then, you can then match this number with your dietary intake in order to reach your goals.

This is what calorie balance is all about. Give it a try and see what you think!

About the author: Russell Barbarino is the Club Owner/Nationally Recognized Certified Fitness Professional at Anytime Fitness in Crawfordville and Tallahassee.

To submit a question for future articles, please contact the author at CrawfordvilleFL@AnytimeFitness.com.

Census poster contest will be held

A poster contest will be held for students from kindergarten through 12th grade related to Census 2010.

The contest will be divided into three categories, Grades K-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12.

The posters must be on 22 inch by 28 inch poster board with no computer aided or copy machine entries. Entries need to be from Wakulla County residents. The theme is April 1, 2010 Census Day. First place prizes

will be a Wii Sports system with a game included. Second place prizes are \$50 Wal-Mart gift cards.

The deadline to enter is Jan. 30. Winners will be notified by phone no later than

Feb. 15. Contestants may turn in their poster to your school or the Wakulla Library.

For more information about the upcoming Census, visit www.census.gov/

Shriner turkey shoot slated for Jan. 2

A turkey shoot will be hosted by the Wakulla Shrine Club at the Shrine building, three miles south of Crawfordville on U.S. Highway 319.

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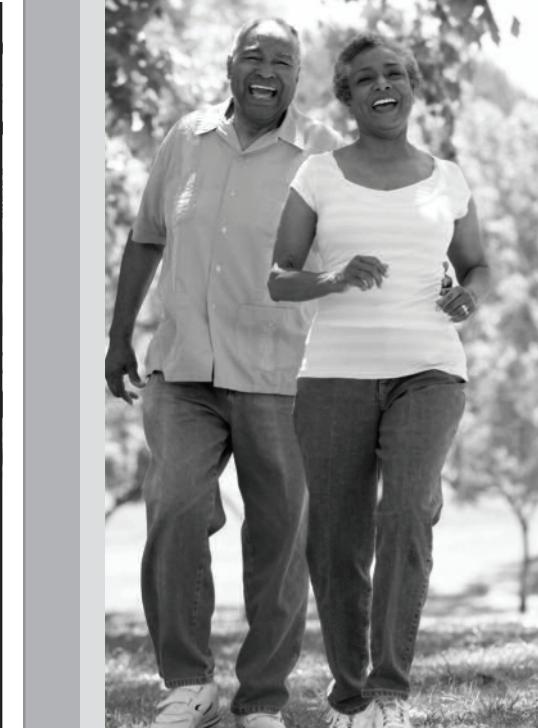
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School



Riversprings grade level Geography Bee winners display their contest awards.

Geography Bee winner picked

The Riversprings Middle School Bears held their school-wide Geographic Bee on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Competing in the bee were four sixth graders: Sarah Collins, Dalton McClellan, Steven Waites and John Ahrendt. For the seventh grade the competitors were: Gabe Hoover, Ben West, Chrishnika Almanzor, Marisa

Rossetti and Mitchell Roth.

The eighth grade competitors were: Sylvia Terrones, Robert Sarvis, Landon Glover and Robbie McBride.

The overall winner was Ben West while second place went to Robbie McBride and third place was awarded to John Ahrendt.

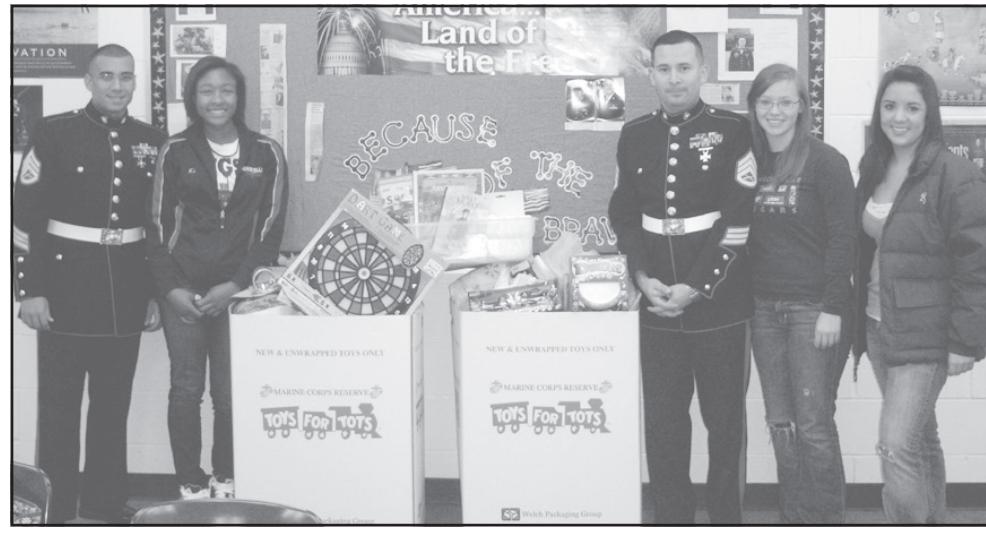
"Congratulations to all the contestants on a job well

done," school officials said.

Ben West will take a written test, which will be submitted to National Geographic.

If he places in the top 100 contestants, he will move on to the National Geographic Bee and the possibility of winning a \$25,000 scholarship.

Toys collected at Wakulla High



SSGT Figueroa, Kieifi Myrick, Sergeant Taylor, Shelby Coleman, Delia Ostoijich.

This year's Wakulla High School National Honor Society wanted to give back directly to the community, so in conjunction with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, Victim's Advocates Office, and Wakulla Supports Others, NHS held a Coins for Christmas and Christmas Collection. For the Christmas Collection, NHS students brought in new gifts for middle school and high school aged students. However, the Coins for Christmas drive was even more successful.

Each grade fought it out in a Penny War and collected change during both lunches for one month. The grade that collected the most pennies (after deducting dollars and silver coins from their totals) won cookies, brownies, and cupcakes served by the losing grade. While the seniors collected more than

\$100 in pennies, the total collection from coins and gifts exceeded \$500.

"We're very proud of our students for giving to those less fortunate and spreading Christmas cheer!" said Kasey Hollington. The NHS sponsor is Melisa Taylor.

The Junior Class Council held Operation - Holidays From Home to join in the countywide effort to support local troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan this holiday season.

Students, faculty, and staff donated hundreds of items for care packages for our soldiers. The sponsors were Nancy Floyd Richardson and Melinda House.

The Interact Club was also able to collect hundreds of canned goods through their Trick or Treat canned food drive. The sponsors were Melanie Homan and Kristi Keith.

Student Government members held a Toys for Tots drive this year and with the help of the student body they were able to collect more than 200 toys for local children.

James Vernon's first period Economics class won a donut party for bringing in the most toys of any class. They brought in 53 toys.

Kasey Hollington's third period American History Honors class came in second place with 43 toys.

SGA members also used profits from the Homecoming dance that they sponsored to provide Thanksgiving dinner for a family and they also provided Christmas for a student's family including a tree, decorations, presents and food. SGA sponsors are Kasey Hollington and Kristi Keith.

Elementary school lunch menu

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Jan. 4 No School Evaluation Day. Jan. 5 Pizza, Seasoned Green Beans, Pineapple

Tidbits, Milk. Jan. 6 Chicken Fajita Strips, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Yeast Roll, Blueberries with topping, Milk.

Jan. 7 Turkey and Noodles, Seasoned Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Banana, Milk.

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Angel Fund helps students

Wakulla High School teachers shared their good will again this year by donating to the Angel Fund. The Angel Fund was created at Wakulla High School to help students who needed supplies throughout the school year.

It is supported by a core team composed of Wakulla High faculty and staff. The money raised by this team targets students in need of items such as clothing, food, graduation materials and gifts for Christmas.

Wakulla High Principal Mike Crouch describes the Angel Fund as, "A small measure of how Wakulla High cares for our students."

The Angel Fund has been at Wakulla High for several

years and each year the donations from faculty and staff grow larger and larger. This year the Angel Fund team put together three baskets from contributions. There were two spa baskets, which included gift certificates for tanning

and spa services at local salons as well as the Aveda Institute in Tallahassee and a chocolate basket that contained items from hot chocolate to chocolate cookies and candies.

Each department in the high school also contributed baked goods for an auction that took place in the War Eagle Cafeteria before teachers left for break. Cakes, cookies and brownies were bid on by faculty and staff to help raise money for the Angel Fund.

The purpose of the Angel Fund is to help students who may require assistance not just during the holidays, but throughout the school year.

Superintendent of Schools David Miller said, "Teachers across the district continuously provide not only quality education for our children, but the emotional support they need to succeed. This is an example of one of those times when teachers go above and beyond to help children."

The teacher who coordinates the Angel Fund, Teresa Murphy, spent countless hours organizing items to be delivered to students houses before school closed for the holidays with money raised by the team.



Back row from left, Melanie Homan, Kristy Phillips, Ethel Brannon. Front row from left, Krista Millender, Teresa Murphy, Shirley Core and Jillian Solburg.

Food collected by RMS students

Riversprings Middle School Student Council members collected canned food for the needy from the student body. The items were submitted to soldiers in Iraq and the Senior Citizens Center during three weeks in November.

A huge collection of items were forwarded to school district administrator Karen Wells for the soldiers and the senior citizen items were given to the Junior Optimist organization as they collect more through the month of December.

The canned goods and other non-perishable items were forwarded to those in need before the Thanksgiving holiday.



RMS students wheel their collected food in the hall. Food was given to senior citizens and the military.

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By Linda Walker

Hi neighbors. If you are anything like me, you are glad the holidays are over. It's just not the same unless you have small children. People run themselves ragged for this one day each year and then in 10 minutes it's gone.

But I am blessed with friends and memories and my two cats. It was very peaceful at my house.

I talked to Alice Knowles and she went to Georgia to spend Christmas with her daughter and grandchildren, but was so glad to get back home to her watchdog, "Little Bit." He might weigh three pounds, but thinks he's a Great Dane and acts like it, too. She had a great time though.

Carson and Charlotte Stanley had a visitor other than Santa Claus that they could have done without. Yep, it was that huge black bear again in their garbage can. Carson said when he stood up, the bear looked to be at least six to seven feet tall. Please be careful outside at night. Everyone who has called says nothing can be done until there is an incident.

I don't like the sound of that myself. It sounds like when you used to call the law in Atlanta when your ex was using you for a punching bag. We can't lock him up unless he really hurts you or kills you.

This is getting a little out of hand. Please keep your kids and pets inside at night for safety.

If you see the bear, just let him or her eat all the garbage it wants. It's against the law to hurt it.

Neighbors, our thoughts and prayers go to Ms. Joy and her family due to the loss of her son, Michael. He fought a tough battle for a long time, but is now at peace. How blessed he was to have the kind of mother he did.

Our St. Marks Fire Department wants to thank the following for their help and donations for their toy drive this year: Wakulla Free Riders, Iron Ravens, Dollar General, Shadewe Elementary School and all of you who gave your time and gifts.

They were able to make sure that 125 children had a wonderful Christmas this year. Our fire department does this toy drive every year so why not get involved next year and put a smile on some child's face? May God bless you all.

Neighbors, I don't know about the rest of you but maybe it's just me being older than dirt myself. Anyway, my brother told me to watch some show on television about "housewives of wherever" so I did for about 10 minutes.

I don't remember my days as a housewife being anything like that. Everyone knows I was a housewife many times. But I never got to dress like that or get to go those places or do those things. What is this? I do believe the writers of this show have never met a real housewife before. This is just my personal opinion.

I think since they changed all of the television stations

to digital format they must be making a killing. They keep showing the same things over and over every day. If you miss a show, don't worry. You can watch it the same night. Yes, I do watch a lot of television since God slowed me down and my car is scared to leave St. Marks. But I am thankful that I can get to the Post Office and Ms. Joy's. I am praying for a miracle, but I get miracles every day of my life and you do too if you stop and look for them.

Our prayer list please remember to pray for each other, Ms. Joy and her family, Brad's father, Lloyd Wright, Nettie, Junior and Gordon Strickland, Jerelen Howard, Jim and Betty Ward, Eddie Ward, Betty Smith, Melissa Knight and everyone not named here. Pray for our soldiers overseas and their families, our Vietnam vets and their families, pray for our town, our country and pray for peace.

Please act like you have good sense on New Year's Eve and get a designated driver. Now I want to wish these special people happy birthday: my granddaughter, Melodee's little girl Lauren, who will turn 19 on Jan. 1, Ms. Jewel Franklin on Jan. 2, Lane Lynn and Sharon Blair on Jan. 6 and happy birthday to everyone of you who are not on our list.

Thought for this week: No matter what anyone tells you, do not put Preparation H on your face! It does not get rid of wrinkles!

Y'all have a safe and Happy New Year. If you have news, get it to me, you know how.

I think since they changed all of the television stations

Guardian volunteers graduate



Deborah Moore and Judge James C. Hankinson

The Second Judicial Circuit and neglected children.

Guardian Ad Litem Program held its graduation recently for the latest training class of volunteers. Honorable Judge James C. Hankinson attended the event and congratulated the guardians on their commitment to Florida's abused

circuit appreciate the great work done by the Guardian ad Litem volunteers."

A Guardian ad Litem volunteer is appointed by the court to advocate for the best interest of children involved in dependency court proceedings. The average time commitment is approximately six to 10 hours a month.

"The volunteer along with our program attorney and volunteer supervisor make up a strong advocacy team" said Deborah Moore, Circuit Director of the Second Judicial Circuit, "We are so excited to have 25 new team members!"

The Guardian Ad Litem Program provides volunteer training every other month in Tallahassee. The next training begins in January. Please visit www.guardianadlitem2.org or call (850) 606-1200 for more information about the program and how to become a volunteer.

Humor is important in life

BUCKHORN By Ethel Skipper

Happy New Year!

Now that we are entering the New Year, there are many good things that await each

a small chuckle or at least turn up the corners of their mouth? It is a great day to laugh.

In the world we live in today, let us rejoice and be glad in it, because it is the day the Lord has made.

In the New Year we won't let go of God. Let us love each another. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus. Let your conversation always be full of grace. Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed.

Skipper Temple Church of Christ will host a Watch Night Service on Thursday, Dec. 31 at 10 p.m. We welcome you to come and praise the Lord with us. There will be singing, preaching, praising the Lord and a shouting

Our prayers and concerns go out to all of the sick and shut-in, those in hospitals and nursing homes, the prisoners and everyone in need of prayer. Let us pray for each other.

Happy belated birthday greetings to Kevin Hines. He celebrated on Dec. 27. Best wishes from your family.

Woodville Church of Christ invites everyone to Watch Night Services. The host pastor will be Elder Andrew Morris.

Riversprings to host tourney

The Riversprings Middle School wrestling team will host the Fifth Annual Bearclaw Classic on Jan. 9 at Riversprings. The approximate start time is 10 a.m. Spectators are invited to come and support local middle school wrestling at its finest.

Thank you again to the following sponsors for your continued support of RMS wrestling and the Bearclaw

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phen's and Associates, PA. The team is still seeking sponsorships to help put on the very best tournament possible. If you are interested in participating or sponsoring please contact Shannon Smith (RMS wrestling coach) at smiths@wakulla.k12.fl.us or 528-1038 or Colleen Davis at davis@magnet.fsu.edu (RMS wrestling secretary).

Nichols daughter is born

Alexis C. Nichols

Bob and Angie Nichols of Sopchoppa announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Cheyenne Nichols, on Dec. 22 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7.1 pounds and measured 19 1/2 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Rose and Todd Crane of Crawfordville. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Tammy Nichols and Nancy Turner, all of Sopchoppa.

Maternal great-grandparents are Olivia McAlpin of Crawfordville and the

late Merl McAlpin. Paternal great-grandparents are Irene Nichols of Sopchoppa and the late Alex Nichols.

Alexis joins two brothers, Brandon Nichols, age 15, and Bryan Nichols, age 14, both of Sopchoppa.

Blue crab closure is announced

The harvest of blue crabs from traps will not be allowed from Jan. 5 through Jan. 14 in all waters of Franklin County west to the Florida-Alabama border, except all waters of the Ochlockonee River and Ochlockonee Bay. This closure will give authorized groups the opportunity to identify and retrieve lost and abandoned blue crab traps from the coastal and inland waters in this area.

All commercial and recreational blue crab traps within three nautical miles from shore and in the inland waters of Franklin County west to the Florida-Alabama

border, except all waters of the Ochlockonee River and Ochlockonee Bay, must be removed before the start of the 10-day closed period.

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Law Enforcement and the Courts

Court Shorts

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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A 48-year-old Crawfordville man, Carlton Ray Willis, was sentenced to serve two years in the Wakulla County Jail and 20 years of sex offender probation as part of a plea deal on possession of child pornography and cultivation of cannabis.

Attorney John Kenny, who represented Willis, negotiated a plea structured so that Willis could serve two one-year terms in the jail, rather than going to state prison.

Willis entered a plea in August to charges of cultivation of cannabis, possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia; he also had a case that included 36 counts of possession of child porn and one count of child abuse.

Willis has been in jail since July 2008, but as part of the sentence agreed to give up credit for the more than 500 days he has been held.

Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls accepted the negotiated sentence at a hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Assistant State Attorney Sean Desmond prosecuted the case.

• A 29-year-old woman who got in a fight at the health department was found guilty of battery after a one-day trial last week.

Vicki Champion was at the health department clinic on

Aug. 25 and was irritated at the time it was taking for her to be called back, and she and a friend were angry and cussing loudly.

A woman in the waiting room asked the two to be quiet, and Champion allegedly told the woman off, including telling her she wouldn't hit a person over 40 but she would call her mother to come up there and fight her. When another woman – who was sitting with her husband and child – went to the desk to complain about Champion, testimony indicated that she got especially angry and knocked chairs out of the way as she charged at the woman who was complaining.

The woman hit Champion and the two got into a tussle, and Champion's friend jumped in to it, and the woman's husband broke it up.

Champion had been released from state prison on Nov. 1, 2008, after serving a year and three months on an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charge from Leon County.

Champion was found guilty of misdemeanor battery after the trial on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Wakulla County Judge Jill Walker put off sentencing until March, saying it appeared obvious Champion needed some counseling to deal with issues.

Champion was represented by attorney Andrew Beasley. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Shepard Bruner.

• A 23-year-old man who was

given a break for absconding from his probation in the spring was back before the court on a new violation and was sentenced to four years in prison.

Thomas Lindsey was on probation for a number of felonies, including burglary, grand theft, battery on an inmate in jail, and some drug charges – for which he could have faced a maximum of 40 years in prison. As part of a plea deal, Lindsey admitted to violating his probation in exchange for a sentence of 49 months in state prison with credit for 212 days served.

According to the affidavit filed by Lindsey's probation officer, Lindsey got into an altercation with a neighbor in Franklin County.

In April after a VOP hearing, Judge Sauls found that Lindsey had committed a substantial violation, but that it was not willful, after he confronted an off-duty deputy sheriff in a grocery store.

The deputy, a woman, had her purse in the grocery cart with a pistol inside and Lindsey came up and pushed the cart away. She ordered him to bring it back, and he made a comment – he said he intended it to be funny – that she wasn't so tough when she wasn't dressed in green.

Knowing he was on probation and expecting to be violated, he then did not report to his probation officer and was later found at his girlfriend's apartment in Tallahassee, hiding under a bed.

Lindsey acknowledged having some psychiatric problems – he told the court in April that he had been diagnosed as bipolar – but could not afford the medication.

In the Franklin County incident, according to the affidavit, Lindsey was on the neighbor's property and the neighbor told him to leave. Lindsey then made an aggressive move towards the man, threatening to fight him.

Lindsey and his girlfriend recently had a child.

• A 41-year-old woman charged with eight counts of grand theft and eight counts of criminal use of personal identification, pleaded no contest and was sentenced to two years in state prison, followed by three years of probation.

Jessica Wade could have faced a maximum of 80 years in prison on the charges. She appeared in court on Tuesday, Dec. 15, before Judge Sauls.

As part of the plea deal, once she is released from prison Wade agreed to pay \$4,300 in restitution to Zurich Insurance during her term of probation – making payments of \$200 a month.

Wade was employed at Jackson Hewitt Tax office in Crawfordville, where she had worked for four tax seasons. On April 14, the manager of the office reported stimulus checks belonging to clients were missing and had been cashed, apparently by Wade.

Wade was represented by

Assistant Public Defender Matt Ream. Assistant State Attorney Jason Osteen prosecuted the case.

• Wakulla Bank filed several contract indebtedness lawsuits right before Christmas on some line of credit loans, including a Gadsden County business known as One New Orleans Place and partners Gerald Thompson and Greg Suber for \$3.687 million.

That business received a \$1 million loan in 2004, renegotiated for \$4.2 million in 2005, but which the bank claims the partners defaulted on in September.

The lawsuit was filed in Wakulla Circuit Court on Dec. 22.

The bank also filed an indebtedness lawsuit against seven partners involved in Florida Plant Specialists LLC, a plant nursery located on Commerce Boulevard near the Wakulla Correctional Institution.

The partners in that case have reportedly defaulted on three promissory notes, one with a balance of \$150,000, another for \$416,000, and the other for \$122,000.

The partners are Armand Cognetta, Richard Lazzarini, Jr., Bernard Chodyla, Edward Fenzl, Michael Fernandez, Edward Fox and Royal Heins.

As personal guarantors of the loan, the bank's complaint claims each of the partners owes \$81,375 to cover the notes.

Sheriff's Report

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office officials are investigating a vehicle burglary and grand theft reported Dec. 26 by two 17-year-old juveniles from Sopchoppy, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

The victims told investigators that they were attending a party in Sopchoppy and left their purses in the unlocked vehicle. The

total value of the stolen property is \$911 and suspects have been identified. Captain Steve Ganey investigated.

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

• On Dec. 27, Anthony T. O'Buck of Crawfordville reported the theft of a bicycle from his home. The bike is

valued at \$100. Lt. Jimmy Sessor investigated.

• On Dec. 27, Rosalind E. Thornburg of Panacea reported the theft of a vehicle. A relative borrowed the victim's vehicle and failed to return it. The vehicle was

entered into the NCIC/FCIC computer. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Erika Fore investigated.

• On Dec. 26, Marianna

D. Tillman of Crawfordville reported the theft of a gift card from her mail. The gift

card is valued at \$150. A neighbor reported receiving open holiday cards as well as the theft of her news-

paper. Deputy Erika Fore investigated.

• On Dec. 28, Robert L. Adkins of Panacea reported the theft of a trampoline.

The victim was in the pro-

cess of moving and left his parties involving underage trampoline behind until drinking over the holiday weekend.

• The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 547 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 officials will be looking for proven guilty.

Federal amberjack zone to reopen

The recreational harvest of greater amberjack from federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico will reopen on Jan. 1.

Federal waters extend beyond nine nautical miles from shore in the Gulf off Florida.

The National Marine Fisheries Service closed the recreational harvest of greater amberjack in these waters on Oct. 24 because an established annual recreational harvest quota for

greater amberjack in the Gulf had been met. Gulf state waters (within nine nautical miles from shore) were not closed and remain open to the recreational harvest of greater amberjack.

Recreational anglers may keep one greater amberjack of at least 30 inches fork length daily per person in Gulf waters off Florida, and the fish must be landed in a whole condition. More information is available at

[Amberjack, http://www.myfwc.com/RULESANDREGS](http://www.myfwc.com/RULESANDREGS)

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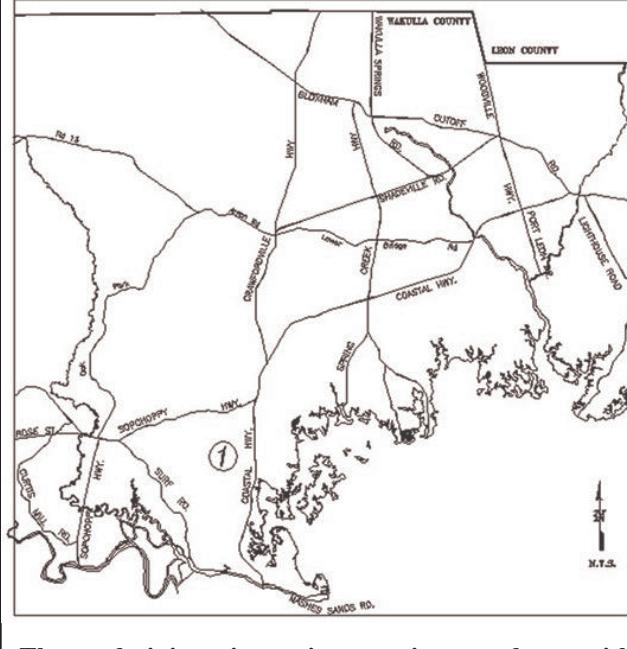
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These administrative actions are in accordance with the provisions of Section 336.10, Florida Statutes. If any person desires to appeal any board or commission, that person must insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which includes all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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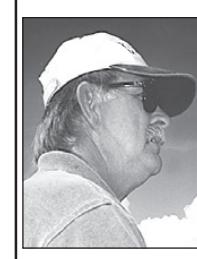
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Outdoors

Hope Santa Claus got you a rod and reel or tackle box



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL



It is hard to believe that Christmas has come and gone and in less than a week it will be January 2010. Hopefully Santa brought you that new rod and reel or tackle box that you have been hinting about for the last couple of weeks and you'll get a chance to use them in the coming weeks.

I talked to the folks at Shell Island Fish Camp and they said not many folks have been fishing and those who have been fishing haven't

been doing very much.

Teresa at Jerry's Bait and Tackle said they did have a good weekend for business, but she didn't hear of many fish being caught. She did say Eric Keyser, one of her customers who fishes all the trout tournaments, sent her a picture of a trout he caught on Saturday morning, but she didn't know where the trout were caught or with what.

I did get one report and that was from Brian Lowe at the Moorings Marina in Carrabelle. Brian, Larry Rishell and Benson Green went out the Tuesday before Christmas on Brian's boat the Lowe Pressure and fished in 60 feet of water with cut L.Y.'s. They limited out on gag grouper consisting of two 8-pound grouper, a 10, 12 and 14-pound fish and a monster 18-pound fish. That proves they are out there but you've got to go to catch them.

Alan Lamarche took his son Danny and his family offshore last Monday and fished for black sea bass. Danny said they were constantly hooked up on fish and they brought home 12 big sea bass for supper.

According to reports coming out of Keaton Beach they are still catching trout on Mirrolures, live shrimp and

at the Moorings Marina in Carrabelle. Brian, Larry Rishell and Benson Green went out the Tuesday before

Christmas on Brian's boat the Lowe Pressure and fished in 60 feet of water with cut L.Y.'s. They limited out on gag grouper consisting of two 8-

like trout in four consecutive casts and because of the falling tide and time of day I decided to call it quits. I wasn't going to go on Sunday but woke up with nothing to do.

Gail was out of town on business. The boat was still hooked to the truck and the temperature was supposed to be around 65. I launched the boat about 8:30 and went right back to the spot I had

caught those fish the night before and I anchored the boat. I immediately started catching fish and it was on every cast. Across the river I noticed Dr. Galt Allee and a couple of other anglers and the only thing Dr. Allee fishes with is a fly rod. It seemed

a single fish until about 20 minutes before I was getting ready to leave. I caught real

trout in four consecutive casts and because of the falling tide and time of day I decided to call it quits. I wasn't going to go on Sunday but woke up with nothing to do.

Gail was out of town on business. The boat was still hooked to the truck and the temperature was supposed to be around 65. I launched the boat about 8:30 and went right back to the spot I had

like every time I looked over their way one of them had a fish on. After a while I started counting the fish. I was counting and at about 4:30 when I quit fishing I had caught and released more than 150 trout and redfish. All of the trout were legal but all the reds were from 16 to 18 inches and everything was caught on a yellow/red Greedy Gut lure and 1/4 ounce red headed jig. I never moved from that spot and the fish bit all the way through the falling tide, slack tide and into the rising tide. That's a day I will always remember as if it were yesterday.

Remember to leave that float plan with someone and know your limits.

Good luck and good fishing! Have a Safe and Happy New Year.

School lunch menu

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Jan. 8 Macaroni, Ham and Cheese Casserole, Tossed Garden Salad, Saltine Crackers, Apricots, Milk. Jan. 11 Sloppy Joe on Bun, Whole Kernel Corn, Orange Wedges, Milk. Jan. 12 Chicken and Rice, Sweet Green Peas, Fluffy Biscuit, Apple, Milk. Jan. 13 Corndog, Potato Wedge, Apricot Cup, Milk. Jan. 14 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Yeast Roll, Banana, Milk. Jan. 15 Chicken Patty on Bun, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Milk.

Jan. 18 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Jan. 19 Hot Ham and Cheese on Bun, Breaded Okra, Apple Wedges, Milk. Jan. 20 Oven Fried Chicken, Mixed Vegetables, Fluffy Biscuit, Blueberries, Milk. Jan. 21 Chili Con Carne, Saltine Crackers, Cinnamon Roll, Orange Wedges, Milk. Jan. 22 Turkey and Noodles, Tossed Garden Salad, Cornbread, Apricots, Milk. Jan. 25 Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, Milk.

Jan. 26 Chicken and Rice, Seasoned Turnips, Cornbread, Orange Wedges, Milk. Jan. 27 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Yeast Roll, Banana, Milk. Jan. 28 Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Peas, Fluffy Biscuit, Strawberry Cup, Milk. Jan. 29 Diced Ham and Cheese Wrap, Tossed Garden Salad, Fruit Cup, Milk.

Make Smart Calorie Choices

USDA's MyPyramid recommends three cups of fat-free or lowfat milk or equivalents like yogurt and cheese daily for most people from the milk group. Milk, cheese and

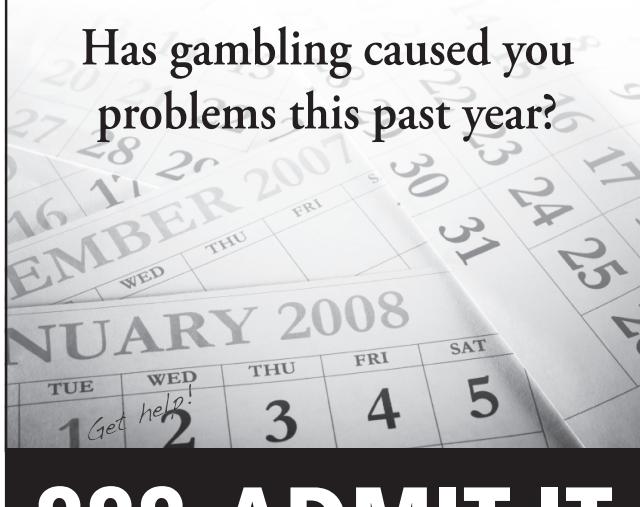
yogurt provide nine essential nutrients such as calcium, potassium, vitamin D, and protein. Try these tips to get the most nutrition for the fewest calories from Milk Group Foods.

- Choose fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt and cheese.
- If your family usually drinks whole milk, try stepping down to reduced-fat (two percent), then lowfat (one percent) and finally fat-free milk.
- Stock a few cans of evaporated fat-free milk to use in coffee and to replace

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- For a sweet treat, try yogurt.

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Blue crab closure

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The harvest of blue crabs by other gear, such as dip nets and fold-up traps, will still be permitted during the 10-day closure. Blue crab harvesters also may use standard blue crab traps if the traps are attached to private property.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has cited lost and abandoned blue crab traps as a problem in the blue

crab fishery because they can continue to trap crabs and fish when they are not maintained. They also can be unsightly in the marine environment, damage sensitive habitats and pose navigational hazards to boaters on the water.

Lost and abandoned traps cannot easily be distinguished from legal traps so they often remain in the water indefinitely. The 10-day

closure will enable FWC-authorized groups to collect lost and abandoned blue crab traps that remain in the water during the closed period.

Six regional 10-day blue crab trap closures take place in Florida at different times during the year. More information regarding the FWC's trap retrieval program, blue crab trap closure dates, regulations, and how you can participate in cleanup

events is available online at Traps http://www.myfwc.com/RULESANDREGS/SaltwaterTraps_index.htm. You also can contact FWC's trap retrieval coordinator, Kyle Miller, at 487-0554.

WHS players prepare for game

Wakulla High School senior football players have been invited to play in the Florida/Georgia Border War All Star Football Game.

Five members of the senior class have been invited to participate including: Tyler Schmidt, Antonio Kilpatrick, Lorenzo Randolph, E. J. Forbes and John Cooper.

The All Star game will be Jan. 9 in Thomasville, Ga.

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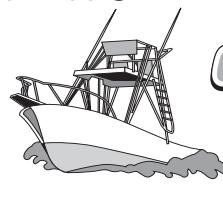
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Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Dec 31, 09	3.6 ft.	-1.4 ft.	3.1 ft.	1.3 ft.
12:25 AM	7:57 AM	2:40 PM	7:32 PM	
Fri Jan 1, 10	3.7 ft.	-1.4 ft.	3.2 ft.	1.0 ft.
1:19 AM	8:38 AM	3:15 PM	8:22 PM	
Sat Jan 2, 10	3.8 ft.	-1.2 ft.	3.1 ft.	0.8 ft.
2:09 AM	9:19 AM	3:50 PM	9:09 PM	
Sun Jan 3, 10	3.6 ft.	-0.9 ft.	3.1 ft.	0.5 ft.
2:59 AM	9:57 AM	4:24 PM	9:59 PM	
Mon Jan 4, 10	3.4 ft.	-0.4 ft.	3.1 ft.	0.4 ft.
3:50 AM	10:33 AM	4:56 PM	10:53 PM	
Tue Jan 5, 10	3.0 ft.	0.1 ft.	3.0 ft.	0.2 ft.
4:46 AM	11:08 AM	5:29 PM	11:53 PM	
Wed Jan 6, 10	2.5 ft.	0.7 ft.	3.0 ft.	
5:51 AM	11:42 AM	6:04 PM		

Dec. 31 - Jan. 6



City of St. Marks

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Dec 31, 09	3.4 ft.	-1.3 ft.	2.9 ft.	1.2 ft.	
1:01 AM	9:01 AM	3:16 PM	8:36 PM		
Fri Jan 1, 10	3.5 ft.	-1.3 ft.	3.0 ft.	0.9 ft.	
1:55 AM	9:42 AM	3:51 PM	9:26 PM		
Sat Jan 2, 10	3.5 ft.	-1.1 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.7 ft.	
2:45 AM	10:23 AM	4:26 PM	10:13 PM		
Sun Jan 3, 10	3.4 ft.	-0.8 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.5 ft.	
3:35 AM	11:01 AM	5:00 PM	11:03 PM		
Mon Jan 4, 10	3.1 ft.	-0.4 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.3 ft.	
4:26 AM	11:37 AM	5:32 PM	11:57 PM		
Tue Jan 5, 10	2.7 ft.	0.1 ft.	2.8 ft.		
5:22 AM	12:12 PM	6:05 PM			
Wed Jan 6, 10	0.2 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.6 ft.	2.8 ft.	
12:57 AM	6:27 AM	12:46 PM	6:40 PM		

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

Carrabelle	28 Min.	High 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.	

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Dec 31, 09	3.7 ft.	-1.5 ft.	3.2 ft.	1.4 ft.
12:22 AM	7:54 AM	2:37 PM	7:29 PM	
Fri Jan 1, 10	3.8 ft.	-1.5 ft.	3.2 ft.	1.1 ft.
1:16 AM	8:35 AM	3:12 PM	8:19 PM	
Sat Jan 2, 10	3.8 ft.	-1.3 ft.	3.2 ft.	0.8 ft.
2:06 AM	9:16 AM	3:47 PM	9:06 PM	
Sun Jan 3, 10	3.7 ft.	-0.9 ft.	3.2 ft.	0.6 ft.
2:56 AM	9:54 AM	4:21 PM	9:56 PM	
Mon Jan 4, 10	3.4 ft.	-0.4 ft.	3.1 ft.	0.4 ft.
3:47 AM	10:30 AM	4:53 PM	10:50 PM	
Tue Jan 5, 10	3.0 ft.	0.2 ft.	3.1 ft.	0.3 ft.
4:43 AM	11:05 AM	5:26 PM	11:50 PM	
Wed Jan 6, 10	2.5 ft.	0.7 ft.	3.0 ft.	
5:48 AM	11:39 AM	6:01 PM		



Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Dec 31, 09	2.7 ft.	-1.0 ft.	2.3 ft.	1.0 ft.	
12:17 AM	8:08 AM	2:32 PM	7:43 PM		
Fri Jan 1, 10	2.8 ft.	-1.0 ft.	2.4 ft.	0.7 ft.	
1:11 AM	8:49 AM	3:07 PM	8:33 PM		
Sat Jan 2, 10	2.8 ft.	-0.9 ft.	2.4 ft.	0.6 ft.	
2:01 AM	9:30 AM	3:42 PM	9:20 PM		
Sun Jan 3, 10	2.7 ft.	-0.6 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.4 ft.	
2:51 AM	10:08 AM	4:16 PM	10:10 PM		
Mon Jan 4, 10	2.5 ft.	-0.3 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.3 ft.	
3:42 AM	10:44 AM	4:48 PM	11:04 PM		
Tue Jan 5, 10	2.2 ft.	0.1 ft.	2.3 ft.		
4:38 AM	11:19 AM	5:21 PM			
Wed Jan 6, 10	0.2 ft.	1.9 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.2 ft.	
12:04 AM	5:43 AM	11:53 AM	5:56 PM		

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Dec 31, 09	2.8 ft.	-1.4 ft.	2.4 ft.	1.3 ft.
12:09 AM	7:36 AM	2:24 PM	7:11 PM	
Fri Jan 1, 10	2.9 ft.	-1.4 ft.	2.5 ft.	1.0 ft.
1:03 AM	8:17 AM	2:59 PM	8:01 PM	
Sat Jan 2, 10	2.9 ft.	-1.2 ft.	2.5 ft.	0.8 ft.
1:53 AM	8:58 AM	3:34 PM	8:48 PM	
Sun Jan 3, 10	2.8 ft.	-0.8 ft.	2.4 ft.	0.5 ft.
2:43 AM	9:36 AM	4:08 PM	9:38 PM	
Mon Jan 4, 10	2.6 ft.	-0.4 ft.	2.4 ft.	0.4 ft.
3:34 AM	10:12 AM	4:40 PM	10:32 PM	
Tue Jan 5, 10	2.3 ft.	0.1 ft.	2.4 ft.	0.2 ft.
4:30 AM	10:47 AM	5:13 PM	11:32 PM	
Wed Jan 6, 10	1.9 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.5 ft.
5:35 AM	11:21 AM	5:48 PM		

Dog Island West End

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Dec 31, 09				
7:34 AM				
Fri Jan 1, 10				
8:16 AM				
Sat Jan 2, 10				
8:58 AM				
Sun Jan 3, 10				
9:36 AM				
Mon Jan 4, 10				
10:12 AM				
Tue Jan 5, 10				
10:44 AM				
Wed Jan 6, 10				
11:12 AM				

Major Activity	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Sunrise	Sunset	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Thursday	10:44 am 11:16 pm	11:50am --:pm	12:25 am 12:55 pm	1:30 am 1:55 pm	2:25 am 2:50 pm	3:20 am 3:45 pm	4:15 am 4:40 pm	5:47 pm	7:33 am 5:48 pm	7:33 am 5:49 pm	7:33 am 5:49 pm	7:33 am 5:50 pm	7:33 am 5:51 pm	7:34 am 5:52 pm	
Minor Activity	4:28 am 5:00 pm	5:30am 6:00pm	6:40 am 7:10 pm	7:45 am 8:15 pm	8:35 am 9:05 pm	9:30 am 10:00 pm	10:25 am 10:55 pm	96%	5:52 pm 7:24 am	7:05 pm 8:19 am					

RMS students will travel to Washington, D.C.

In April 2010, 35 Riversprings Middle School students will experience history first-hand when they make the second annual trip to Washington, D.C. They will spend four days of their spring break exploring our nation's monuments and museums to learn about American history in a way no textbook could capture.

The students will fly to D.C. accompanied by eighth grade teachers Brian Dow and John Kane.

While there, they will visit the Air and Space, Natural History, and American History Smithsonian museums; travel to the top of the Washington Monument for a

birds-eye view of the city; tour the Capitol building; see pandas at the National Zoo; learn about sacrifice at the Vietnam, Korean, and WWII memorials; reflect on the achievements of great Americans at the Jefferson, Lincoln, and FDR memorials; and much more.

This year, the students will also have the very special honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

"This promises to be a very moving experience and the highlight of our trip," said teacher Brian Dow. "I was amazed at the impact it had

on the students. They were very excited to be in Washington, D.C. and had a great appreciation for the importance of what they were seeing and experiencing. While waiting in line at Mt. Vernon, I was pleased to overhear a student saying 'Wow, George Washington actually walked right here where we are standing!' I was particularly struck that many of them found Arlington National Cemetery to be their favorite part of the trip. While Arlington is a deeply moving place for me, I was a little surprised that eighth graders would fully understand the significance of that hallowed ground. Not only were

the students learning, I felt like I was watching them grow and mature before my eyes."

During these tough economic times, the students are working very hard to raise the money necessary to go on this amazing trip. This year, Dow has decided to challenge himself to help them in their fund-raising efforts.

He will be lacing up his running shoes and participating in the Tallahassee Marathon on Feb. 7. The race is 26.2 miles starting at FSU and traveling down and back the St. Marks Trail.

He is asking that supporters spon-

sor his efforts with all donations going directly to the students' trip. For more information or to make a donation to support the students, you may contact Brian Dow at Riversprings at 926-2300 or by e-mail at dowb@wakulla.k12.fl.us.

Donations must be submitted by Jan. 15 to ensure they can be credited to the students before their payment deadline.

You may also donate online through Jan. 1 at <http://www.giveforward.org/WakullaWashingtonDC>.

The RMS trip to Washington, D.C. will take place during Spring Break.

School board must decide about federal funds

By KEITH BLACKMAR
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The Wakulla County School Board is considering approving federal stimulus funds that could create a new merit pay program for Wakulla County teachers.

But administrators and board members are skeptical of the recognition program and are unsure how it will be implemented fairly.

On Monday, Dec. 14, the board went into a private executive session and returned to open session to approve the chairman of the board

signing a Memorandum of Understanding for "Race to the Top" funds.

Assistant Superintendent for Finance Jimmie Dugger said he reviewed the Race for the Top paperwork and became concerned about how the district will be able to judge which teachers receive federal merit pay.

Dugger said the administration has planned two conference calls, one held Thursday, Dec. 17 and another on Tuesday, Jan. 5, to get answers to all of their concerns. Board members voted to

authorize School Board Chair Becky Cook to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on Dec. 14 because the district must return the agreement by Jan. 12. The school board does not meet again until Jan. 19.

Dugger added that he will be discussing the issue with members of the Wakulla Classroom Teachers Association (WCTA) as well.

There are additional federal stimulus dollars available for other district programs, but the district will have to determine if it qualifies for the grant stimulus money

without accepting the performance pay money.

Dugger added that the district has reservations about the federal program. "We are keeping our options open," he said.

In other matters in front of the Wakulla County School Board on Monday, Dec. 14:

- The board approved a field trip for Jamonique Holt's Spanish 3 and 4 students to Cuernavaca, Mexico from Jan. 22 to Feb. 5. Eight students will leave the country and Mexican students will come to Wakulla County as part of

the same program in April.

- The board approved an agreement with Gulf Coast Community College for an Educator Preparation Institute in Bay County. The program provides a modified internship for educators.

- An agreement was signed with Big Brothers/Big Sisters to match students to the organization.

- A surplus property sale concluded with the district selling \$2,003 worth of property to bidders in the county.

- An agreement was signed

between Capital Regional Medical Center and the WHS

Medical Academy to provide drug screening and finger printing for students who are part of hospital internships.

- A \$4,691 Carl Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Secondary Grant was approved to assist the WHS business education program.

- Wakulla County school students will return to the classroom on Tuesday, Jan. 5 following a teacher evaluation day on Monday, Jan. 4.

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2009 Year in Review

By KEITH BLACKMAR
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JANUARY

The Wakulla County Commission took input from the public over the merits of impact fees. The board members were considering repealing the action of the former county commission which put a moratorium on the collection of impact fees.

State statistics revealed that Wakulla High School graduates performed well in college when compared to former seniors throughout the State of Florida.

A total of 86.3 percent of WHS graduates enrolled in college in 2007 received at least a 2.0 grade point average. The state average was 75.7 percent.

A migration of whooping cranes from Wisconsin were planning on wintering on two national refuges in Florida including St. Marks Refuge. Early in the month the cranes stopped in Tennessee and Alabama on their way to St. Marks.

The new year brought Wakulla County a new supervisor of elections as Buddy Wells replaced the retiring Sherida Crum.

Wells was sworn in by Judge Jill Walker and Sheriff David Harvey was sworn in by Judge N. Sanders Sauls.

Teenager Brandon Maloy made it to the top of the scouting mountain by earning an Eagle Scout rank. He completed a school project for the Wakulla Education Center by painting and making shelving.

Homeowners were not the only individuals feeling the pinch of mortgages as several county subdivisions were facing foreclosures as banks called in financing. Loans were called for more than \$500,000 to \$900,000 in some cases.

Manatees continued to visit and stay at Wakulla Springs State Park rather than swimming back to



Eight Wakulla County educators were nominated for Teacher of the Year.

to reduce the number of dogs at their "puppy mill" on Lower Bridge Road. The couple was required to cut the number of animals from 160 to 50.

Several Wakulla County residents traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the inauguration ceremonies of President Barack Obama. Some individuals went for the joy of attending the historic event while some law enforcement officials were part of a Florida security detail required of every state.

Shoppers at Winn-Dixie remembered their "helper" after the death of Harley Gilbert in January. Gilbert was an unpaid "helper" at the grocery store. A black wreath was placed on the bench where he sat at the grocery store.

FEBRUARY

Lawyers taking part in the MSBU lawsuit settlement were in court again in February as Judge N. Sanders Sauls had questions about the residential mailing to property owners and the fees charged prior to the moratorium.

Paving projects in Panacea were completed on Fish-

his post. State officials aired plans to expand the St. Marks Rail-Trail which included repaving of the trail and potential widening.

County commissioners instructed staff to call in a letter of credit on the Flowers subdivision to pay for the sewer expansion.

The \$650,000 letter of credit at Tallahassee State Bank was to cover the unfinished improvements to the Flowers subdivision started three years ago.

Ochlockonee River State Park and St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge celebrated the outdoors. The state park held a three-day Stone Age Festival and the refuge held a Wildlife Heritage and Outdoors Festival.

Wakulla County Commissioners promised to revisit the impact fee issue in the fall in an effort to create amended fees. The 2008 board put a moratorium on collecting impact fees in an effort to help the economy in the county. The fees will be changed slightly from the method they were charged prior to the moratorium.

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The St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest, sponsored by the photo club, was held in December and winners were selected in January. The Best of Show adult winner was Judy Lyle and the youth winner was Diana Robertson.

nounced that the district may be forced to cut salaries and jobs if state budget cuts are as deep as anticipated. A total of 80 percent of the budget is spent on salaries, he said.

Commissioner Howard Kessler asked the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to investigate a traffic accident involving Sheriff David Harvey. Harvey was involved in a minor traffic accident on Rehwinkel Road on his way home on Feb. 20. Nobody was injured in the fender-bender.

County commissioners approved an operational audit for county departments. However, the board did not determine who would pay for the audit.

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Obama Inauguration was well attended by residents.

agreement to protect the Springs.

County commissioners discussed the role of the Tourist Development Council and the contract of Executive Director Pam Portwood. The goal of the TDC is to bring more visitors to Wakulla County.

A group of citizens protested the actions of Commissioner Howard Kessler against Sheriff David Harvey following the Harvey's car accident on Feb. 20. The protesters supported the sheriff by wearing T-shirts that said, "Harvey is My Sheriff."

They were responding to Tallahassee media coverage of the event which was spearheaded by Kessler.

Two individuals, including a gunman, were arrested two days after an armed robbery at Murphy Oil in Crawfordville. Law enforcement officials pieced together evidence from the Sunday, March 1 incident and connected Daniel Brown, Jr., 20, of Tallahassee and Jessica Watson, 18, of Tallahassee to the crime.

County commissioners announced that they would restart the impact fees again in September.

Board members agreed to scale down the fees from what a consulting firm originally recommended.

County officials hope to work with a private land-

owners at Shell Point to create a public boat ramp in the community. The Shell Point boat ramp was closed down by developer George Heaton due to insurance liability concerns.

The popular Wakulla Community Theatre performed Hello, Dolly! in March at the historic Sopchoppy Auditorium. Reba Mason was the production director.

Florida Department of Transportation officials visited Crawfordville with consultants designing the proposed four laning of Crawfordville Highway.

While the four laning project will not be constructed for several years, a resurfacing project on the highway from Crawfordville to the Leon County line will be completed in 2011.

Construction of the new Rock Land Dock was approved after Ben Withers, Inc. was selected as the low bidder. The drawings for the dock call for a reduction in height over the original plans.

St. Marks City Commissioners hope to purchase riverfront property for a common area to attract visitors and business to the coastal town.

The riverfront park would replace the former Posey's Oyster Bar.

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It was the start of another term for Wakulla Constitutional Officers in 2009.

warmer waters in Central Florida. Families and park officials have kept a close watch on the sea cows while they have played in the spring swimming area.

School district officials braced for more bad budget news as state officials predicted more education cuts in 2009 on top of budget slices already made in 2008.

Another county commission workshop on impact fees was held, but board members failed to take any action to restore the fees that were suspended prior to the old county commission's departure from office in November 2008.

Longtime volunteer firefighter Richard Rhea died in the line of duty while responding to a traffic accident call.

Rhea was electrocuted when he touched a live electrical line that had been disturbed by the car accident.

Wakulla Fire Chief Jason Honeybone was terminated from his job after failing a drug test, according to county officials. Honeybone was replaced by Scott McDermid who became Director of Public Safety over EMS and the Fire Department.

Judge Jill Walker ordered Wallace and Kathy Bailey

The MSBU case has been in the circuit court and the appellate court before being returned to circuit court a second time.

Legal fees in the case topped \$335,000 for the lawyers in the case and another \$200,000 went to the Ron Mowrey law firm that represented Wakulla County.

Wakulla High School joined Lincoln, Leon and Chiles to form the new Class 4A football district in Fall 2009. The change in district moved Wakulla away from Godby, Rickards and Madison County which formed the Class 3A district in the area.

The 2009 Teacher of the Year was named and judges selected Angie Gentry from Wakulla Middle School to represent the county at the state competition.

A 25-year-old Crawfordville man died in a single-wide mobile home fire on Feb. 8.

Anthony Jerome Bradwell was found dead on his couch as firefighters battled the blaze.

Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Charlie Odom was charged with sexual battery for allegedly taking pictures of a female victim's breasts following a traffic stop. FHP officials fired Odom from

ing Fool Street, Tower Road and Chattahoochee Street. The projects were part of the county paving program.

Wakulla County officials joined elected officials in Leon, Jefferson and Gadsden counties to be part of a stimulus package from the federal government.

The county officials hope the regional spending plan will assist the four counties receive federal dollars.

Wakulla County's part of the \$1.1 billion request is \$42 million.

County officials continued to prepare for the upcoming budget year by acknowledging that the 2009-2010 budget year will be lean with less revenue coming in.

The Rotary Club of Wakulla County celebrated Valentine's Day with a parade and other event at Hudson Park. Mother Nature spent some time raining on their parade.

St. Marks City Commissioners were unhappy with the stimulus proposal because the city was not included in the planning process. There are no city projects for Sopchoppy or St. Marks included in the federal request plan.

Wakulla Superintendent of Schools David Miller an-



Firefighter Richard Rhea died in line of duty in 2009.



Scott Varner, center, won a state championship in wrestling. He was joined by his Coach John Wainwright and teammates in celebrating the state title.

2009 Year in Review



The late Houston Taff was honored by the FSU Baseball Program.

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Gulf State Community Bank filed a lawsuit to foreclose on the Best Western Hotel in Medart. The owners failed to pay on a loan since September 2008.

Sopchopy City Commissioners honored former Florida Gator Jim Tartt. Mayor Bob Greener presented Tartt with the Distinguished Citizen award.

FSU announced that Coach Bobby Bowden would play in the Houston Taff Scholarship Golf Tournament in April. FSU Baseball Coach Mike Martin accepted a \$39,000 check from the Taff family. Sheriff David Harvey and the Wakulla County Seminole Boosters.

County Commissioner Lynn Artz asked her fellow board members to consider alternatives to a \$20 million sewer project in the Wakulla Gardens subdivision. She told the board that commissioners had not explored all of the options.

Wakulla County Commissioners debated the best way to replace retiring County Attorney Ron Mowrey at the end of September. The board considered hiring a new county attorney as well as replacing Mowrey with an "in-house" legal staff.

Major changes to the school calendar were approved by the Wakulla County School Board. The state allowed the county to begin the new school year earlier than most other districts since the district has high performing schools.

Three county commissioners and two staff members went to Washington, D.C. to lobby federal officials about stimulus money.

The third Green Living Expo and Education Fair was held at Riversprings Middle School as visitors learned more about methods to help protect the environment and planet.

An additional \$17,000 was approved as a payment to the county lobbyists. Governance Services represented the county in front of the state legislature and in Washington, D.C.

Wakulla High School rolled out a new spring production, "It was a Dark and Stormy Night." The play was a comedy spoof of murder mysteries. Susan Solburg is the drama program director.

APRIL

Wakulla County Commissioners held a "town hall" meeting at Wakulla Springs State Park to discuss visioning and the direction of county growth. The meeting was attended by more county staff members than members of the public.

Two garbage companies battled it out in court over the leaking of customer information from one outfit to the other. Waste Pro was told by Wakulla County Circuit Court Judge N. Sanders Sauls not to contact any of the Emerald Waste Service customers for six months.

A Wakulla County Jail visit for a man meeting with his wife turned into a high speed car chase as the 26-year-old man attempted to elude Deputy Jeremy Johnston. The deputy determined that the man, Christopher Jones, did not have a valid driver license and had left a 15-month old baby home along without supervision. The deputy conducted the traffic stop to determine why the driver had failed to use a blinker or stop at a stop sign near the sheriff's office.

Another property owner filed a lawsuit against Shell Point developer George Heaton over coastal development. Steven Sciarretta of Palm Beach filed a lawsuit claiming he purchased a lot at Shell Point based on the assurance there would be a marina, restaurant, high-end homes and a tiki bar. The development has been slowed by a downturn in the real estate market.

Wakulla Springs State Park held the 2009 Wildlife Festival which showcased not only area wildlife, but the heritage of the region as well.

Wakulla Circuit Court Judge N. Sanders Sauls asked attorneys working on the special assessment lawsuit to send out another mailing to property owners to determine which individuals want to be part of the MSBU lawsuit.

A 61-year-old Ochlockonee Bay man was charged in a molestation case where he allegedly had lewd contact with a 6-year-old female and a 12-year-old male victim. Robert "Bob" Beaudet Talbot was held in the Wakulla County jail with no bond after his arrest.

The 2009 delinquent tax sale was an "online" affair again in May as Tax Collector

Cheryll Olah conducted her annual sale using the Internet. The Internet sale eliminates the need for Olah to conduct the delinquent tax sale in person.

The Wakulla County Commission agreed to take over the oversight of the recreation board due to concerns over a lack of financial documentation in the board's records. The county's auditing firm raised concerns over lack of documentation.

Panacea resident Ronald Fred Crum filed a complaint against Commissioner Howard Kessler claiming that work at his home violated the wetlands ordinance.

Kessler asked the county code enforcement office to investigate whether Crum had violated the wetlands ordinance in December and Crum received a cease and desist order. Kessler said he was responding to complaints from citizens and was not acting politically. He denied violating the wetlands ordinance at his home.

The Ninth Annual Sopchopy Worm Gruntin' Festival drew a large crowd to western Wakulla County and drew national television attention from Katie Couric. The festival featured a worming eating contest which drew a number of hungry visitors munching on the invertebrates.

County commissioners

plan to seek land to create a boat ramp on the upper section of the Wakulla River near the Wakulla Springs State Park property.

Ameris Bank moved forward with plans to develop Magnolia Park after acquiring the subdivision through an auction. The project was developed in the early stages by Thomas Ertl of Ertl Custom Homes.

Law enforcement officials

from the sheriff's office and Wakulla Correctional Institution took part in the annual Special Olympics torch run. Runners put on their shoes and scrambled from the sheriff's office to the courthouse.

Consultants for the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) were in Wakulla County in April as the agency attempted to gather input from the community on what Wakulla County's long term transportation needs are.

The turnout was small, but issues included safer bicycle

routes, four laning of U.S. Highway 319 and turning lanes on the major highways.

St. Marks City Commissioners pondered the future of Posey's Oyster Bar and the potential use of the property as a waterfront park. Posey's closed after the storms of 2005.

The Animal Control Unit will move back under the supervision of the county commissioners after Sheriff David Harvey requested the board take the operation out from under his umbrella.

Wakulla County ranked as the 15th safest county in Florida, according to statistics released by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The statistics measure index crimes which include murder, rape, motor vehicle theft, burglaries and more. Orange County ranked as the most dangerous county in the state with a much higher percentage chance of becoming a victim of a crime.

Jo Ann Daniels announced that she would retire as principal of Wakulla Middle School.

Daniels joined J.D. Jones and Kay Floyd in retiring in June.

A Night to Remember was the theme of a special needs prom held with the support of Wakulla Springs Baptist Church.

Students from the middle schools and Wakulla High School took part in the event on April 18.

MAY

Wakulla County Commissioner Alan Brock asked the board to get behind the chamber of commerce's "Buy Local" campaign and revamp the board's web site. Brock told the commission that their web site is outdated and in need of a fresher look to bring potential tourists to the community.

The county received word that stimulus money will go toward funding pending projects. The county received \$3.5 million for housing and \$600,000 for local road projects. Another \$1 million was approved for the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

A former school teacher headed to trial to face murder charges in the death of an infant who was in the teacher's care.

The teacher, Jeffrey Duggar, will not face the death penalty, but could receive a sentence of life in prison if convicted.



Visiting whooping cranes get ready for their return trip to Wisconsin.



Mayor Greener recognizes Jim Tartt in Sopchopy.

Marlin Miller created a wood sculpture of an eagle for the Wakulla Welcome Center in his custody.

The City of St. Marks will not form its own building department. City commissioners toyed with the idea of creating their own permitting office, but decided to continue to use the county building department.

Lt. Jason Newlin of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and a member of the U.S. Marshal's Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force helped grab two fugitives from justice in two raids in Franklin and Taylor counties.

Wakulla High School teacher Karen James brought a piece of Wakulla County to New York City when she transported her student's painted tiles to display in the Tiles for America exhibit honoring those who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Marcelo da Luz visited St. Marks with a solar powered automobile on his way to Key West. The native of Brazil and resident of Canada stayed at Phil and Mickey Cantner's home for a night before departing for South Florida.

Mike Barwick was promoted to Principal of Wakulla Middle School. He replaced the retiring Jo Ann Daniels.

After a five day trial, a six person jury found Jeff Duggar guilty of aggravated child abuse in the death of 15-month-old James Hurley. Duggar originally faced a murder charge in the case, but did not the death penalty.

Test scores for Wakulla County third graders ranked near the top of the state and Big Bend when compared to other third grade students in other counties.

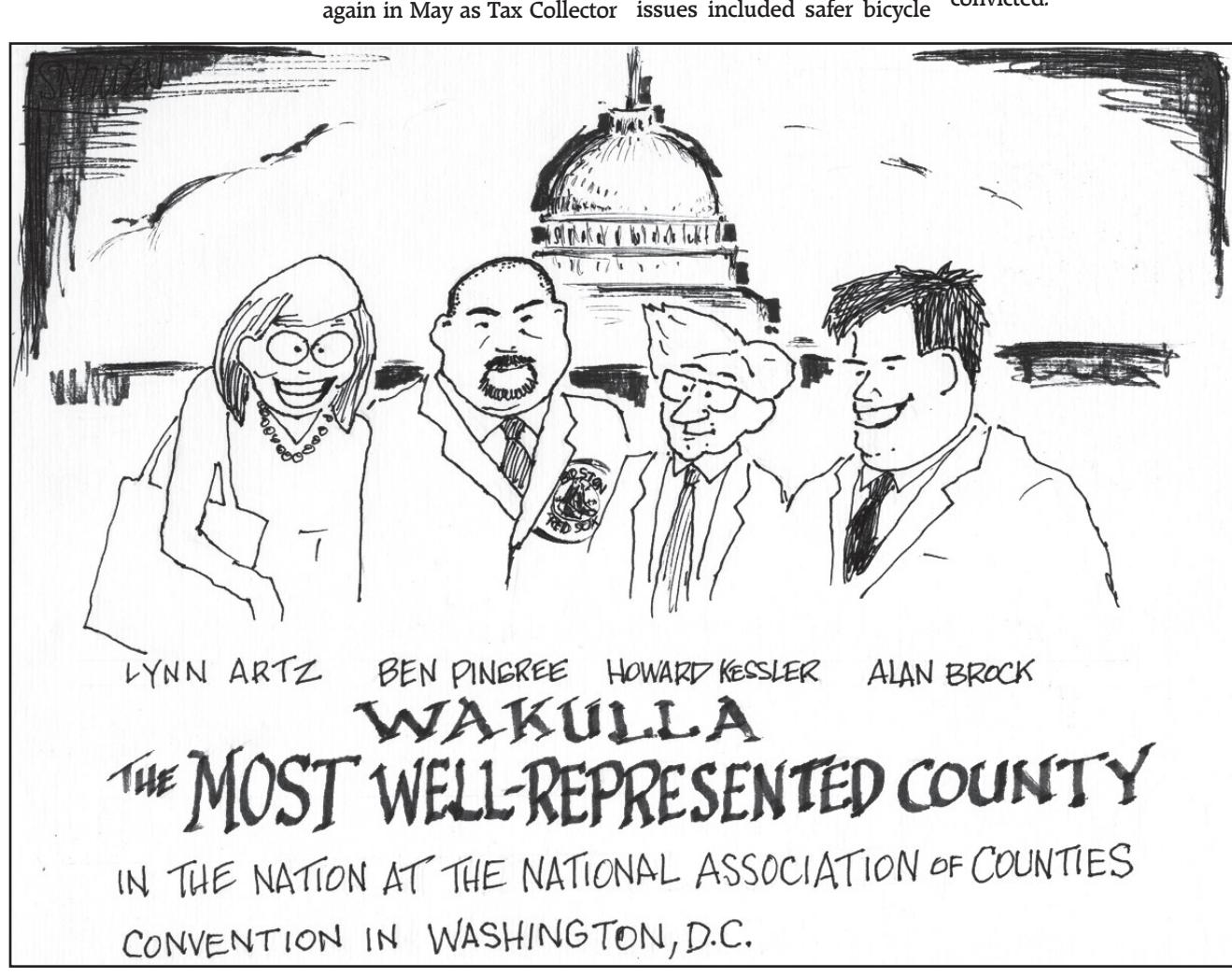
County commissioners reviewed wetland regulations after Commissioner Howard Kessler was accused of violating the wetlands ordinance. Kessler was part of a group of citizens who worked on the ordinance as a way to better protect the sensitive land in the county.

A 72-year-old Crawfordville man was killed in a two vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 319. Juan J. Murillo died after being struck by a vehicle driven by Kristin N. Evans Matthews.

Sopchopy received \$5.1 million in a low interest loan to construct sewage treatment in the community.

County commissioners resolved financial questions with the recreation board while addressing concerns of the county's auditing firm.

Biologist Chuck Hess took a group of Wakulla County residents on a field trip to the Apalachicola National Forest to view the rare red cockaded woodpecker.



2009 Year in Review



Wakulla County veterans celebrate the Independence Day holiday on July 4 in Sopchoppy.

JUNE

Wakulla High School graduated 252 seniors on the final day of the 2008-2009 school year. After days of rain, the weather cooperated long enough for the graduation ceremony and the Baccalaureate event two days prior to graduation.

Wakulla County Commissioners hope to receive federal stimulus money to make improvements to the county's sewage treatment operation. Originally, the board considered using a low interest loan for the project.

Hundreds of law enforcement officials and guests from outside of Wakulla County visited Harvey-Young Farm to take part in the annual Law Day. The event honors the contributions of law enforcement to the community. Wakulla Bank was one of the program sponsors and Senator Bill Nelson was the guest speaker.

The school district received good news from the state as FCAT results were released. The students taking the tests scored in the top 10 of the 67 counties in each subject test area.

State Attorney Willie Meggs won't be deposed as part of the Charlie Odom legal proceedings as Judge William Gary rejected the request from legal counsel for Odom, a former Florida Highway Patrol trooper, who was charged with sexual battery and fired by the FHP.

Wakulla County Attorney Ron Mowrey changed his opinion about whether Wakulla County Commissioner Howard Kessler and Panacea resident Ronald Fred Crum were in violation of the county's wetlands ordinance. Mowrey determined that because both men were involved with artificial ponds, they were not subject to the ordinance.

The Big Bend Maritime Museum became a controversial county commission issue as Chairman Howard Kessler expressed concern about the potential financial drain the museum might have on county coffers.

Museum supporters said the expenses will be covered by grants and volunteers and ultimately the board approved a grant to purchase Crum property for the Panacea project.

The state Department of Environmental Protection announced that it would begin to disperse \$5.1 million of federal stimulus money to be used for Sopchoppy sewage treatment lines.

County commissioners decided not to fund a major Shell Point Beach erosion improvement project but would provide some sand to save a cedar tree near the new picnic pavilion. The tree roots became exposed by beach erosion.

The Wakulla Gridiron Booster Club began its third and final year with Andy Messer as president of the organization. Messer and his fellow volunteers operate the football booster club with a \$50,000 budget.

County Commissioners began budget preparations

by feeling the squeeze of what they anticipate will be lower tax collections and possibly a higher millage rate.

Four attorneys interviewed with the county commission in an effort to replace the retiring Ron Mowrey as the county attorney. Mowrey has served the county for nearly 30 years.

The county's wetlands ordinance was challenged in court by attorney Bob Routh, representing Log Creek LLC. The court documents stated that the ordinance should be declared unconstitutional because it is unclear what lands are regulated.

The annual tax certificate sale set more records, but more property tax deeds were "struck off" to the county. A record total of \$2.6 million worth of property went through the tax sale.

A motion to suppress evidence collected through a traffic stop was rejected by a judge who allowed the information collected by deputies to be used in a home invasion case.

Ten more dogs graduated from the Paws in Prison program and found new homes. WCI inmates helped train the animals who were adopted rather than euthanized.

Wakulla Middle School Principal Jo Ann Daniels finished her final weeks as the Top Wildcat in June. She turned the school over to former Assistant Principal Mike Barwick.

The county Weatherization program was featured in the New York Times. The story dealt with an increase of federal stimulus money going to warm weather states for summer cooling.

The Maritime Museum remained a hot issue as volunteers, including Don Lesh and Bill Lowrie, created a fact sheet to respond to what they perceived as Commissioner Howard Kessler's opposition to the center.

County commissioners began their budget work by deciding on a tentative millage rate. Board members said the 2009-2010 budget would be tight and spending would be cut.

The Nabors Giblin Nickerson law firm was tentatively selected to replace the retiring Wakulla County Attorney Ron Mowrey. Attorney Heather Encinosa represented the Tallahassee firm in negotiations with the county.

School meal prices increased 25 cents as the school district attempted to keep up with food costs and make Wakulla meal fees similar to the surrounding communities.

Cornerstone Ministries found a way to help residents stretch their food budget. Volunteers at the church volunteered to coordinate Angel Food Ministries and provide a low cost food supplement program to help residents feed their families.

For the fourth year in a row, the Wakulla County School District received an "A" grade.

All of the schools in the district earned an "A" ex-

cept Wakulla High School, Crawfordville Elementary School and COAST Charter School. The three schools all earned "B" grades. WHS was lowered to a "C" because the school failed to meet the percentage needed for the lowest quartile in Reading making learning gains.

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wildflowers may dot the side of U.S. Highway 98 as part of a state Department of Transportation pilot project.

St. Marks Waterfronts

Committee members spearheaded an effort to bring historical signs to the community. The first two were unveiled in July, Port Leon and the St. Marks Railroad Trail.

A paraplegic who was seriously injured in a one vehicle crash in 2008 was sentenced in circuit court in July. Elizabeth McCabe's DUI accident killed Wakulla High School senior Emily Hardy, who gave birth to her child shortly before her death.

An 85-year-old optometrist, Dr. Bob Greenberg of the Wal-Mart Vision Center, celebrated his birthday July 19 with a sky diving jump at the Wakulla County Airport in Panacea. Greenberg jumped with fellow Wal-Mart Vision Center employee Matt Kirksey.

Wakulla Bank, Capital City Bank and several others overcame a computer hardware problem that forced the banks to operate like it was the 1980s for two days. Bank

transactions occurred during the time the hardware was not operating properly and bank officials had to account for the transactions manually at the end of the day as they did two decades ago.

Bank officials could not pull up account information on the computers until the hardware problem was solved.

The trial of former Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Charlie Odom was delayed at a motion hearing in July as legal counsel for Odom asked for more time to review DNA evidence.

Wakulla County School Board members agreed to advertise the \$39 million 2009-2010 operating budget. The first hearing was held July 27.

St. Marks was awarded a grant to purchase the old St. Marks Refinery property. The property was once home to a refinery that produced jet fuel.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles pulled out of Crawfordville, but Wakulla Tax Collector Cheryll Olah and her staff stepped in to provide local motorists with the services once provided by the state.

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AUGUST

St. Marks Powder received federal defense money to be used for testing and enhancement of a hybrid propellant produced at the General Dynamics facility. Rep. Allen Boyd announced that \$5 million had been secured for the project.

Federal stimulus money also went to road improvements and enhancement of the county sewer collection system.

The case of the Bailey family's "puppy mill" was back in court in August as legal counsel for the Bailey's attempted to clear up record keeping issues in front of Judge Jill Walker.

Panacea area residents complained about the county's wetlands regulations as three commissioners took part in a town hall meeting at the Welcome Center.

Good Samaritan George Smith saved the life of a sea turtle who had become tangled in crab trap lines. Despite the danger of the turtle biting Smith, he managed to control the turtle long enough to free the creature from the lines and save its life.

The exhausted turtle would have died in a short period of time if Smith had not cut it free.

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Sopchoppy City Commissioners break ground on the new sewage treatment system.

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The Nabors law firm was added as co-counsel for the wetlands ordinance lawsuit. The law firm was scheduled to take over for retiring County Attorney Ron Mowrey on Oct. 1.

Wakulla County schools opened for the 2009-2010 school year and enrollment was slightly down as 19 fewer students were enrolled on Aug. 13 compared to opening day in 2008-2009. District officials were confident that the enrollment numbers would continue to climb through Labor Day week in early September and the district would end up with more than 40 new students.

More lawsuits were filed over the development at Shell Point Resort. The South Florida developer responsible for the project faced nearly \$5 million worth of foreclosures on two lots.

Woodville area author Doug Alderson spoke about his new national park book that recreated the journey of his grandparents in 1939. The book was titled, Through Time and Wilderness: Exploring Old and New Trails of the American West.

The female victim in a Florida Highway Patrol sex case was put in jail following two traffic incidents on the same day. The woman was stopped in both Wakulla and Franklin counties.

No charges were filed against Wakulla County Commissioner Howard Kessler in an investigation by the State Attorney's office into whether Kessler violated the state Sunshine Law when he spoke to other commissioners following the Rehwinkel Road accident involving Sheriff Harvey earlier in the year.

The WCTA and school district ratified the 2009-2010 teacher contract and salary schedule. There were no pay increases for instruction or non-instructional staff during a very lean budget year. The last pay raise for school board employees and teachers occurred in the 2007-2008 school year.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office opened the new video visitation building so that inmates could visit with friends and relatives without having to enter the jail or have the inmates leave their pods.

The new technology allowed the sheriff's office to offer more visitation opportunities and have male and female inmates involved with visitation at the same time.

County commissioners voted unanimously to execute the purchase of the Panacea property that will be used to house the Maritime Museum.

Leon County officials announced that they were considering requiring performance-based septic systems for residents in Woodville. The effort began as a method to protect the Wakulla Springs basin and followed the lead of the Wakulla County Commission.

Rep. Allen Boyd packed the senior citizens center Aug. 25 as residents discussed health care reform with the "Blue Dog Democrat."

The TRIM notices were mailed to property owners and many residents contacted the property appraiser's office in an effort to discuss their latest taxable values.

The county commission and Talquin Electric Cooperative officials hoped to work to find answers to pollution issues at the Oyster Bay sewage plant on the coast.

County commissioners discussed their desires for the 2009-2010 budget as the new budget year rapidly approached. The budget was approved in late September and the new budget year began Oct. 1.

SEPTEMBER

Wakulla County Circuit Court Judge N. Sanders

Sauls issued a permanent injunction against the Wakulla wetlands ordinance.

The court determined that a number of procedural flaws in the enactment of the wetlands ordinance were present including advertising problems and submitting the document to the Secretary of State's office late.

A new Surface Water Improvement Plan for the St. Marks Watershed included renewed emphasis on stormwater treatment. The SWIM plan was presented at a public hearing in Midway.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Victim's Advocate Program continued due to a new \$103,133 grant. Advocates Laurie Langston and Tina Brimmer continued to serve the sheriff's office victims.

A manatee rescued from the St. Marks River and taken to Tampa for treatment at Lowry Park Zoo died the day after being rescued. The sea cow was struck by a boat propeller.

County commissioners agreed to put a limit on their travel expenses in an effort to adjust to a lean budget year. More than \$7,500 was spent by board members with about a month left in the budget year.

County Commissioner Mike Stewart proposed a sewage treatment discount for Crawfordville residents north of Wal-Mart who were willing to hook on to the sewage treatment lines.

He asked board members to consider a 75 percent discount.

An injured Bald Eagle was released in St. Marks after nearly a year in recovery with the Florida Wild Mammal Association and the Audubon Center.

Violent crimes decreased in 2008 when compared to the statistics from the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office in 2007. Petty crimes and calls for service continue to increase as Wakulla County's population has also increased.

Wakulla Bank addressed issues in an agreement between itself and the Florida Office of Financial Regulation. State officials issued a report that stated concern over Wakulla Bank's oversight of loans and other issues.

Transportation planners discussed Wakulla County's long range transportation needs. However, only a handful of residents showed up to discuss the issues with consultants as was the case when the consultants visited in April.

A 95-year-old former Wakulla Springs employee talked about his days working for Ed Ball during the 1930s. Robert Murray, Sr. was responsible for creating the many pavers that decorate the state park. He also shared memories of the rate of pay for workers and hauling marble from Jacksonville to Wakulla County.

Wakulla County Commissioners stated their desire to cut the 2009-2010 budget and lower the millage rate as the board neared the first of two public hearings on the new budget.

A decision by the board on a potential biomass plant in the northeastern section of Wakulla County was delayed by the commission. The board will have to approve language for the N.G. Wade owned development near the Wakulla Correctional Institution.

Sgt. Joe Page of the sheriff's office returned from the law enforcement Olympic games in Port St. Lucie with 14 more medals after entering 14 events. Page now has 67 medals since he first started attending the Olympic Games in 2000.

The county commission agreed to continue the impact fee moratorium for another 180 days. The original moratorium on the fees ran out in September.

State Attorney Willie Meggs reviewed a report by



Wakulla County Attorney Ron Mowrey retired.

the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation regarding Sheriff David Harvey having ownership in the Wildwood Country Club, a facility that sells alcohol, while he was still sheriff.

Meggs said he would come to a decision on whether Harvey will be charged with a misdemeanor or crime or not.

Law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical personnel joined members of the public who took part in the annual Sept. 11 ceremony at the sheriff's office. The ceremony is held each year at the exact time the first aircraft struck the first tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

A community meeting was held by Commissioner Howard Kessler in the Smith Creek community where residents asked the board chairman to consider paving Forest Highway 13. Kessler said he would bring the issue before the full board for consideration at a future meeting.

Native Americans gathered in Sopchopy for the annual Pow Wow at City Park. Part of the event featured a cultural activity for elementary school children. The Muskogee East Tribe of the Mississippi Village donated \$1,250 to the school district to provide buses and drivers to transport the students to the park.

A 54-year-old Crawfordville woman died prior to the beginning of a yard sale when her husband accidentally discharged a firearm. The bullet struck Mary G. Dicks after striking a wooden structure.

State Attorney Willie Meggs declined to file criminal charges against Sheriff David Harvey after residents filed a complaint against Harvey over having an interest in Wildwood Country Club, an establishment that sells alcoholic beverages.

Meggs based his decision on a 1986 Attorney General opinion where a similar case arose in Ocala.

The school board approved a \$55.8 million budget without any comments from the public.

Renovation work was completed on the Rock Landing Pier in Panacea. County officials held a "grand opening" for the facility on Oct. 1.

OCTOBER

Wakulla County Commissioners reached an agreement on their 2009-2010 budget.

The board sliced a tiny amount of the budget through travel and office supplies. The new budget

year began Oct. 1 and concludes on Sept. 30, 2010.

The county commission's new Industrial Development Authority will have more members after board members decided to advertise the ordinance with changes including the membership additions.

A large number of TRIM notice petitions were filed as property owners questioned their property assessments. A majority of the petitions came from George Heaton at Shell Point and individuals at the Villages of St. Marks.

WFSU-TV visited Crawfordville to create an interview on the history of the old wooden courthouse through the memories of historian Betty Green.

The first phase of the Shell Point Beach restoration project began as volunteers planted native salt tolerant flowers and grasses around the restrooms and parking areas. The project will be completed in three phases.

Accused murderer Gary Michael Hilton appeared in circuit court in Tallahassee to have a date considered for his murder trial. Judge Terry Lewis did not set a trial date at the hearing, but added that a date could be set soon.

The Value Adjustment Board organized in anticipation of hearing a number of TRIM notice petitions. Three days were set aside for the hearings.

Wakulla County Attorney Ron Mowrey retired after 28 years of service to the county commission. He received a plaque with all of the names of county commissioners who were in office during his tenure.

Panacea celebrated the Mighty Mullet Festival and the opening of the new Rock Landing Dock over a three day period. Rep. Leonard Bembry spoke at the dock ceremony and Bernice and Jonas Porter were selected as Mighty Mullet Queen and King at the festival.

A Crawfordville woman, Stephanie L. Strickland, died in a one vehicle crash in Franklin County, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. A passenger in the vehicle escaped serious injury when the car struck a tree.

A small group of concerned citizens listened to a presentation regarding the Chason Woods proposed development just over the border in Leon County. The citizens expressed their environmental concerns while project officials discussed ways they plan to protect the environment.

St. Marks City Commissioners were awarded a



Coastal Cleanup beautified the St. Marks Refuge.

\$350,000 federal grant to late October.

Wakulla County Administrator Ben Pingree spoke to the Rotary Club in Crawfordville about the annual budget process and what residents can expect during the 2009-2010 budget year.

Amanda Council and Brock Glover were named as the 2009 Homecoming Queen and King at Wakulla High School. The crowning occurred at halftime of the Wakulla-Jefferson County football game and was part of a full week of activities.

The health department slated H1N1 flu clinics along with seasonal flu clinics for residents to receive protection from the influenza.

The Spring Creek area was considered for springs protection since Wakulla Springs and Spring Creek are both linked by underground conduits.

Friends of Wakulla Springs asked state officials to consider purchasing property slated for the Chason Woods residential key evidence.

A re-adoption vote for the wetlands ordinance failed when Commissioner Mike Stewart voted against it.

The ordinance was required to pass by a unanimous vote.

The county commission supported a hiking and biking trail concept in the region. The trail was dubbed the Capital City to the Sea Loop.

Myrtle Shields celebrated her 90th birthday with parties from St. Marks to North Carolina. She was born July 21, 1919 in Tallahassee.

Wetlands Committee members were asked to reach a consensus by Commission Chairman Howard Kessler as the group continued work to solve issues with the old wetlands ordinance.

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and the City of St. Marks celebrated the Monarch Butterfly Festival and Stone Crab Festival respectively. The 2009 Bull Bash was well received. The event was sanctioned by the Southern Extreme Bull Riding Association.



Wakulla County residents show off Mighty Mullet Festival Fashions at the 2009 Festival in Panacea.

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Legal Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 07-70-FC

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC PLAINTIFF

vs.

DIANNE DAVIS; KENNETH DAVIS; 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, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SOUTHEAST, INC.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION

DEFENDANT(S)

RE- NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting the Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated December 17, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 07-70-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 WAKULLA County Courthouse, located at 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 14th day of January, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

BLOCK 5 AND THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 6, BLOCK 44, WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT 5 AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD ON PAGE 56 OF PLAT BOOK NO. ONE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 14th day of December, 2009.

BRENT X. THURMOND
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY-s: LETHA M. WELLS
AS DEPUTY CLERK
(Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)

Case No. 09-272-CA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 09-00164

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,

vs.

ERIK W. DUNN; ASHLEY L. LYNCH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ASHLEY L. LYNCH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ERIK W. DUNN; UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,

Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE-SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale Date dated the 16th day of December, 2009, and entered in Case No. 09-00164, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit, in and for WAKULLA County, Florida, Plaintiff, Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. is the Plaintiff and Erik W. Dunn; Ashley L. Lynch; Unknown Spouse of Erik W. Dunn; Unknown Spouse of Ashley L. Lynch; Unknown Tenant(s) in Possession of the Subject Property are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT DOOR of COURTHOUSE at the WAKULLA County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 21st day of January, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

BLOCK 32 OF BLOCK 19, OF WAKULLA GARDENS, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities, need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 or Telephone Voice (850) 926-0905 not later than five business days prior to such proceeding.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2009.

BRENT X. THURMOND
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY-s: LETHA M. WELLS
AS DEPUTY CLERK
(Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)

December 31, 2009

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV, that ABC Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at 3743 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327, of the contents of Mini-Warehouse containing personal property of:

AMY CRUM
JANET LYNN POWELL
KAY KINSER

Payments must be made before Saturday, January 2nd by 12:00 noon before the sale date of January 2nd at 2:00 p.m. The owner may redeem their property at the time of the Outstanding Balance and cost by contacting ABC Storage at 508-5177. Or by paying in person at the warehouse location.

December 24, 2010

NOTICE OF SALE

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December 24, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 09-172-CA

WAKULLA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

Plaintiff,

DELORISS FORT, MICHAEL MOORE; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment, to-wit: entered in this cause on December 17, 2009, I will sell the following properties situated in Wakulla County, Florida, as described herein, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Wakulla County Courthouse, located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, 33237, at 11:00 a.m. on the 26th Day of January, 2010.

Lots 1 and 2 in Block 48 of WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT V, as shown by plat of said subdivision of record on page 55 in Plat Book One of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida;

Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 48 of WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT V, as shown by plat of said subdivision of record on page 56 in Plat Book One of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

Lots 7 and 8 in Block 48 of WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT V, as shown by plat of said subdivision of record on page 56 in Plat Book One of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

Lot number Two (2) in Block Fourteen (14) of WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT III, as shown by plat of said subdivision of record on page 43 in Plat Book One of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

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

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009.

BRENT X. THURMOND
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY-s: LETHA M. WELLS
AS DEPUTY CLERK
(Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS AN ACCOMMODATION, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO REQUEST AN ACCOMMODATION. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE SERVICE TO NEEDS YOU ARE 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, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered December 14, 2009, entered in Case No. 09-272-CA of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit, in and for WAKULLA County, Florida, wherein WAKULLA BANK, a Florida banking corporation, is the Plaintiff, and FREDA M. WHITE f/k/a FREDA M. MOORE, a single woman, COASTAL COMMERCIAL BANK, d/b/a COASTAL COMMERCIAL STATE BANK, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants, are the Defendants.

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Case No. 09-272-CA

WAKULLA BANK, a Florida banking corporation.

Plaintiff,

FREDA M. WHITE f/k/a FREDA M. MOORE, a single woman, COASTAL COMMERCIAL BANK, d/b/a COASTAL COMMERCIAL STATE BANK, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants,

Defendants.

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Case No. 09-272-CA

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Plaintiff,

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Defendants.

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Defendants.

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Defendants.

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Case No. 09-272-CA

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Defendants.

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Case No. 09-272-CA

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Case No. 09-272-CA

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Legal Notice

IN THE CIRUIT COURT OF THE
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 65-2009-CA-000212
vs.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,

DALE H. ARMSTRONG , et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: DALE H. ARMSTRONG
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
92 LISA DRIVE
CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

CURRENT ADDRESS:
UNKNOWN

CHRISTINE B. ARMSTRONG
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
92 LISA DRIVE
CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

CURRENT ADDRESS:
UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES
CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND
AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL
DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE UNKNOWN
TO ME, DEAD OR ALIVE,
WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES
MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE,
HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR
OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
UNKNOWN

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This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the The Wakulla News.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 14th day of December, 2009.

Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 926-0905.

BRENT X. THURMOND
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY ROBERT M. WELLS
(Seal) Wakulla County Clerk
of the Circuit Court

December 24, 31, 2009

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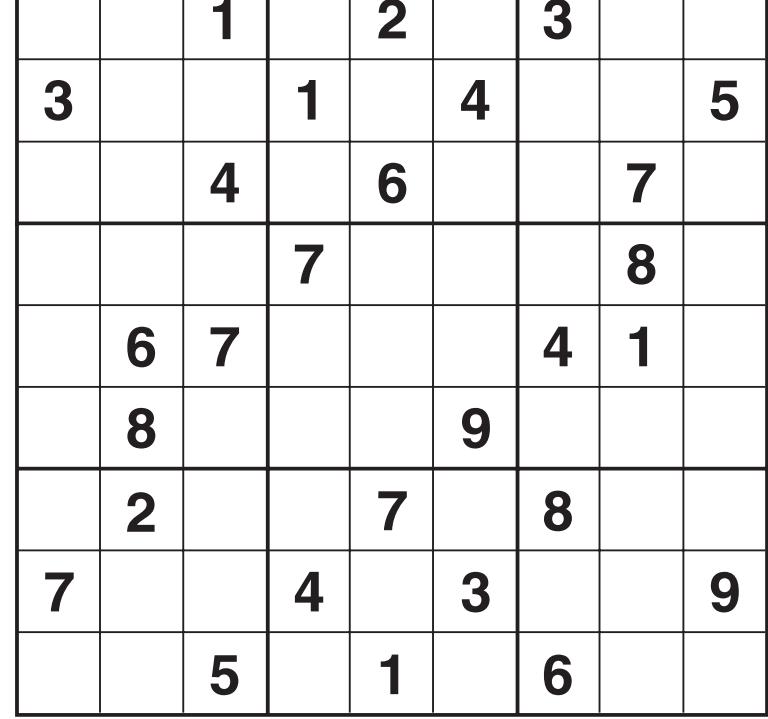
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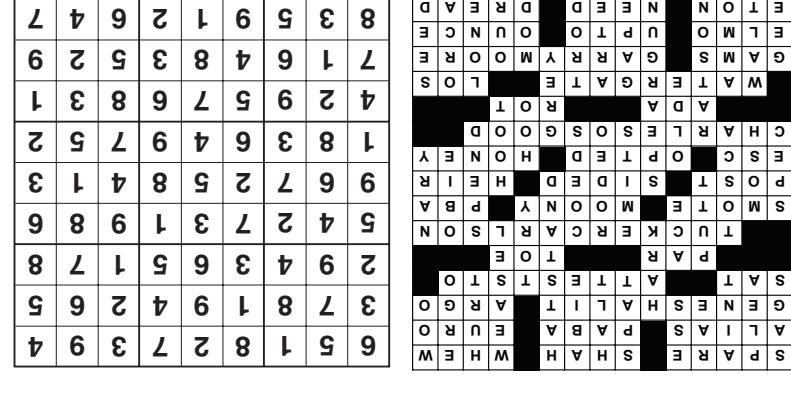
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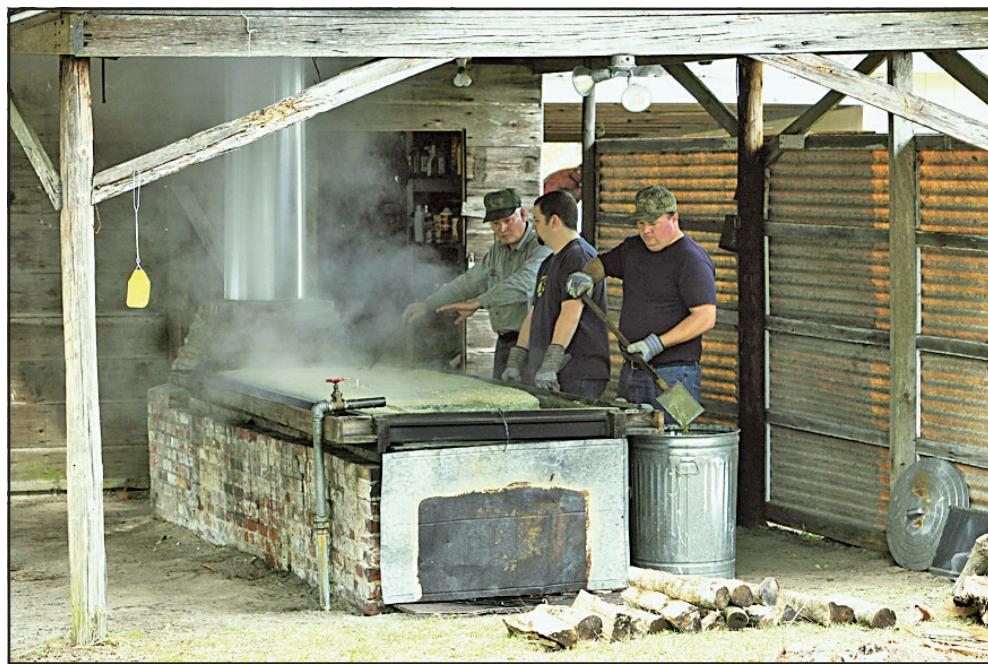
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6. Deposed Iranian leader
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16. Post-peseta currency
17. Bowtie-sporting movie critic
19. Jason's ship
20. Was in session
21. Vouchers for
23. Golf benchmark
25. Bathwater tester
26. Pundit once known for sporting bowties
33. Whacked, archaically
35. Lost in reverie
36. Cops' org.
37. Washington newspaper
38. Allied oneself
39. One in a will
40. Upper-left key
41. — out (declined)
42. Hot tea add-in
43. Bowtie-sporting commentator
46. Toothpaste tube letters
47. "Hogwash!"
48. Nixon's undoing
53. LAPD part
56. Pinup's legs
57. Bowtie-sporting game show host of early TV
60. Admiral Zumwalt
61. — no good
62. Postal scale unit
63. School on the Thames
64. Have to have
65. Great fear
2. "Not guilty," e.g.
3. "... and that — hay!"
4. Comic Charlotte
5. Snaky shape
6. Domestic squabble
7. Guard's cry
8. Irish Rose's love
9. Hall rack
10. Sneaky sort
11. On the DL
12. "Cogito, — sum"
13. Syllable from Curly
18. "Listen up!" of old
22. British conservative
23. Minigolf shot
24. Duffer's dream
26. Puccini opera
27. Sends out
28. Calf-rope event
29. Panty raid victims
30. Go shopping
31. Big Apple theater award
32. — a soul (no one)
33. On — (as a gamble)
34. Siam-dance
35. Diver's weapon
39. Heckler's call
41. Word after "ye"
42. Sobbing syllable
44. Points a finger at
45. Earl — tea
48. "Pogo" creator Kelly
49. Pies, in slapstick
50. Stare slack-jawed
51. Johnson of "Laugh-In"
52. Trampled
53. By oneself
54. Shamu of SeaWorld, e.g.
55. Sunflower edible
56. "Golly!"
58. Stylish, in the '60s
59. Wilder's — Town"

DOWN

1. Becomes baggy

2009 Year in Review



The Harden family keeps the tradition of cane syrup making alive.

NOVEMBER

Wakulla County saluted veterans at a special event in Crawfordville on Nov. 7. Five veterans told their stories to The Wakulla News as part of the Salute to Our Veterans feature.

The Chamber of Commerce kicked off the "Shop Local Wakulla" shopping campaign to keep dollars in the county.

Wakulla High School teacher Windy Taff Jones scratched her way to \$100,000 as a lucky winner of a Florida Lottery scratch off game.

A school bus crash injured about a dozen people when a motorist crashed into the back of the bus which was getting ready to discharge students.

Skip, Brian and Trey Young of the 3Y Ranch selected as the 2009 Wakulla County Outstanding Farm Family. They represented the county at the North Florida Fair.

The Wakulla High School NJROTC held the annual Pass in Review in front of Commander Dirk Hebert at J.D. Jones Stadium. School district officials and parents watched from the stands as Commander Hebert complemented the work of the cadets. The cadets were inspected by the commander and were given an opportunity to perform in front of family and friends.

County commissioners said they plan to honor the late Gretchen Evans by naming the Wakulla River Bridge in her honor. Her canoe rental business neighbors the bridge which is under rehabilitation until summer 2010.

Wildwood Golf filed a request to have a hearing regarding the possible loss of the liquor license after residents filed a complaint about the golf complex and Sheriff David Harvey. Harvey has been one of the individuals keeping the golf course open. State law prohibits law enforcement officers from holding alcoholic beverage licenses. Wildwood officials dispute the findings

of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.

The school district and sheriff's office joined forces to acquire a \$608,000 federal grant to form a juvenile justice unit at Wakulla High School that serves the entire school district. Sheriff David Harvey assigned seven experienced members of his law enforcement division to head the new unit.

Commissioner Howard Kessler discussed his background as a medical doctor and his life as a pilot and medical man in Sarasota in an interview with The Wakulla News. Kessler also discussed his life as an active volunteer in the medical field along with his involvement with the arts.

Wakulla Building Official Luther Council was fired from his post Nov. 4 after a series of incidents involving his chief building inspector and an alleged sexual harassment complaint was filed by a female employee against one of Council's employees.

County commissioners agreed to move their board meetings to Thursdays in 2010.

The City of Sopchoppy opened the brand new City Hall across the street from the old city home. City commissioners were given a new meeting room and more office space was created for city staff.

The Queen of Wakulla Clean, KWCB Director Marj Law, retired from her post to pursue other interests. She held the job for 16 years.

Bears visited neighborhoods in Sopchoppy and Crawfordville to look for the elusive picnic basket of goodies. A Sopchoppy resident was forced to have the FWC remove one of the bears to the Osceola National Forest that visited her home and became aggressive.

Wakulla County Commissioners agreed to investigate an allegation involving the budget from the departed building official, Luther Council. Council was fired by the county following a series of issues that arose in

his office. Several members of the community appeared before the commission at a following board meeting to voice their support for Council.

County commissioners continued discussions to reinstate impact fees that were placed under a moratorium when the economy slowed in 2007. Board members may reinstate the fees in March, but commissioners must decide how much to charge for new development.

Judge Terry Lewis set a trial date for alleged murderer Gary Michael Hilton. The trial was set for July in the case of the murder of



Leslie Dyan Drew

Cheryl Dunlap in December 2007.

School board members agreed not to implement impact fees when county commissioners get their fees up and running again. School district officials said they no longer had any project that could use the growth related fees since Riversink Elementary School is finished and operating.

Commissioners continued to debate days of the week in which to hold their 2010 board meetings.

The Wakulla Community Theatre slated the 18th annual Christmas concert at the historic Sopchoppy School.

The whooping cranes from Wisconsin began their winter journey to their summer home in St. Marks and Citrus County. The early 2010 visit will be the second for officials at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

As was the case in 2009,

the cranes ran into foul weather in Illinois at the start of their journey.

DECEMBER

A 28-year-old woman and a 29-year-old man died after an apparent domestic dispute on Nov. 29. Teacher aide Leslie Dyan Drew was found slain in the Apalachicola National Forest by a resident who was walking his dog. She died of a gunshot wound to her head. Steven Lee Stubbs was found shot in his home in an apparent suicide attempt. Stubbs was a suspect in the shooting of his girlfriend. He died the next day at a Tallahassee hospital.

Wakulla County Commissioners considered a tract of land owned by New Life Ministries as a potential site for the new community center. The site is located off Trice Lane in Crawfordville.

The debate over paving Forest Highway 13 continued as two groups of people debated the merits in front of county commissioners. One group is looking for help in paving the road to Smith Creek, while other residents said they want the forest road to remain a dirt surface.

The Shadeville High School, now Wakulla Education Center, was remembered for 100 years of service to the community. The school site was also used as the old Shadeville Elementary School under Superintendent David Miller who was principal of the elementary school at the time it closed.

Like the forest road paving idea, the "Capital City to the Sea" bike loop has gathered supporters and those opposing the idea. The 120 mile trail would provide a connection from Tallahassee to the coast and connect to the trail project underway in Ochlockonee Bay.

Commissioners also considered a proposal to change the format of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The terms and make-up of the board could change under a proposal from Commissioner Lynn Artz.

The St. Marks Refuge Photo Club held a holiday

event at the federal property and taught children how to make Christmas crafts.

The Charlie Odom sexual battery trial ended with a hung jury as five jurors voted for an acquittal and a sixth juror voted for guilty. A new trial will start again

ning and zoning commission will change. The voting status of the St. Marks and Sopchoppy representatives also changed as the cities lost their voting power.

On a soggy Friday, Dec.

4, county commissioners

and staff dedicated Wool-



Bears have been showing up in neighborhoods.

in February.

The Harden family took a page out of past history by cane grinding the old fashioned way in Sopchoppy.

County residents rallied behind the Leslie Drew family after her shooting death on Nov. 29. Her mother, Barbara Strickland said she was amazed by the outpouring of love following the tragedy.

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NAMI, the National Alliance for Mental Illness/Wakulla, held a panel discussion to address suicide in Wakulla County.

Crawfordville and Sopchoppy hosted Christmas activities and opportunities to meet with Santa Claus.

Crawfordville participants endured cold and damp weather one night while Sopchoppy had to deal with monsoon conditions for most of their event the following day.

Rev. Emmett Whaley was remembered as a man who touched many lives during his 93 years of life. Whaley died on Dec. 4.

The Florida Department of Transportation announced several Wakulla County projects as part of the five year work plan at a public hearing in Midway.

The makeup of the plan-

ley Park and improvements completed at the popular coastal facility.

County commission impact fees will be returning in March. A single-family home will be charged just over \$1,570. The board had stopped collecting the fees for more than 18 months.

Former Building Official Luther Council was rejected in an appeal to get his job back. A three member panel hearing was held at the Wakulla County Library.

Circuit Court Judge N. Sanders Sauls ordered a refund of ambulance MSBU funds, but reduced the percentage of money that was originally earmarked to attorneys involved in the case.

Sopchoppy City Commissioners agreed to hold a beer and wine referendum during the 2010 election after owners of Backwoods Bistro requested to sell beer and wine at their establishment. A motion was filed by the State Attorney's office requesting a new judge in the FHP Trooper Charlie Odom case. The state wants Judge Gary off the bench for the new trial in 2010. The motion stated a concern about Judge Gary and rulings that went against the prosecution that "may have been influenced by inappropriate factors." The trial ended without a verdict.



Trinity Lutheran Preschool children dress up for the Christmas play.

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