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Courthouse asbestos means moving offices

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During the remodeling project currently underway in the courthouse, asbestos was found - which will apparently require remediation. As part of that, it appears court offices will move into the new community center for six months or so while the asbestos is removed.

The issue will go before county commissioners at their Monday meeting to give their approval for the

move, and putting court offices in the community center.

The move could begin as soon as Aug. 16.

It is expected to take five months for the asbestos abatement and remodeling to take place.

The county commission had approved the \$4 million remodeling project, which was to replace and improve plumbing and electrical in the building, the oldest part of which was constructed in 1948.

Officials with State Court Administration met with judges this week - Wakulla County Judge Jill Walker and Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls - and got their approval for the move to the community center.

Clerk of Courts Brent Thurmond's offices would also follow the judges.

The newly purchased community center, located on Shadeville Highway, is the former New Life Christian Fellowship church. It consists of two buildings

- one of which, the former church, would be used as a large courtroom, while the other building, which was used for church offices and classrooms, would be used for offices for the clerk's staff.

The asbestos had been known about for some time. But an analysis by consultants showed not one but three sources of asbestos in the building - including in the joints of the glass-brick windows.

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Clerk of Courts Brent Thurmond in the courthouse.

Chavez sentenced to life in prison

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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Daniel Chavez was sentenced to life in prison last week for stabbing his wife, Kathy Partida Chavez, to death in Medart in September 2005.

The family of Partida gasped in relief as the sentence was pronounced and Partida's mother, Teresa Hemanes, and stepfather, Gene Fletcher, sat and quietly cried.



Daniel Chavez

The family wore red shirts to the sentencing hearing, Thursday, July 8, which Fletcher told the court symbolized Partida's blood spilt on the ground in Medart and was a "call for justice."

It was the second time Chavez had been sentenced to life in prison. His first sentence was thrown out by an appeal court that found hearsay testimony about previous threats Chavez had made to kill Partida should not have been allowed in.

At the second trial, held over two days last month, the jury found Chavez guilty of second-degree murder - not premeditated murder, as had been the case at his trial three years earlier.

Noting that Chavez is an illegal alien and, should be ever be paroled from prison, he would be deported to Mexico, prosecutor Jack Campbell told the court: "He decided where Kathy Partida ended her life - but he should not decide where

Mother of Chavez murder victim killed in crash days after sentencing

Days after seeing her former son-in-law sentenced for the murder of her daughter, Teresa Hemanes was killed in an automobile crash in Gadsden County.

Hemanes was the mother of Kathy Partida Chavez, who Daniel Chavez stabbed to death in the yard of a Medart home in 2005.

On Sunday, July 11, only days after begging the court to sentence Chavez to life in prison, Hemanes was killed after a tire blew out on the 2000 Ford being driven by her husband, Gene Fletcher.

According to FHP, after the tire blew out, the Ford over-corrected and veered head-on into oncoming traffic, hitting a 2008 Ford SUV, killing the driver of that car, George Eugene Snyder.

Hemanes, 54, was pronounced deceased at the scene. Fletcher, 52, was seriously injured as were two other passengers in the car, Kristina Maria Mendoza, 34 and an 8-year-old child.

his life ends."

Defense attorney Ines Suber noted that the sentencing guidelines called for a prison term ranging between a minimum of 246 months, just over 20 years, to a maximum of life - and asked the court to consider mitigating evidence that included Chavez was a first-time offender, had low intelligence, cooperated with the state, and was remorseful for the crime.

Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls said the evidence substantially outweighed the mitigation and ordered Chavez to the state penitentiary for life.

Chavez and his wife had separated in September 2005 when he tracked her down to a friend's house in Medart and confronted Partida as she was preparing to go to church on a Sunday morning. The friend called 911 and a nearby deputy responded quickly - but Chavez had stabbed his wife twice in the heart by the time law enforcement arrived.

Partida's last words, to her friend Patsy Haley, were: "He stabbed me. Miss Patsy. He's killed me."

Testimony at the trial showed the couple had a whirlwind romance and married quickly, but his controlling and chauvinistic behavior had given his new bride pause - and she left him.

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St. Marks got the deed to the refinery in April and has paid the back taxes on the property.

St. Marks paid \$222,000 in back taxes

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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St. Marks resident Billy Bishop questioned the city commission at a meeting here last week, asking why they agreed to pay the back taxes on the St. Marks Refinery property and where the money came from.

Bishop indicated that the city commission meeting on Thursday, July 8, that the City of St. Marks paid \$192,000 in back taxes to preserve its ownership of the land. A few days later, Wakulla County Tax Collec-

tor Cheryl Olah said the total of what the city paid was more than \$222,000 - not including some \$32,000 in taxes and penalties owed to the county, and another \$7,000 in penalties waived by the school board.

"We paid only what we had to to pay to secure our interest in this property," St. Marks Mayor Phil Cantner told Bishop at the meeting.

Bishop's questions and comments indicated he believed that the city had rushed in to pay off the

back taxes when it might have been more prudent to sit back and see if any of those people who bought tax certificates on the past due taxes would file for a tax deed.

Bishop indicated that he believed, as former St. Marks attorney Charles McMurry had contended, that any private citizen who took a deed to the refinery property - given the severe environmental problems with the land and the tens of millions of dollars spent by the state on cleanup

- was also taking on a considerable liability.

City Commissioner Allen Hobbs noted that one investor in the tax certificates had more than \$100,000 in the refinery property - certainly an investment worth trying to recoup by seeking a tax deed on the land, Hobbs said.

McMurry was dismissed by the city commission over an apparent disagreement about his legal advice on the issue of the back taxes, suggesting the city wait.

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Ray Gray seeks another term on school board

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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The old formula is that the average person spends eight hours a day at work, eight hours in recreation, and eight hours asleep.

As director of the county parks and recreation department, and as a school board member, Ray Gray says that Wakulla's children are with him two-thirds of their day.

"I have them when they're at school and at the county recreation park or county playgrounds," he says.

Gray has been recreation director for 17 years, and has served on the school board for 12 years.

Asked about what he feels are his accomplishments on the board, Gray defers. "It's not just mine," he says. "The school district is one huge team."

And he credits that team attitude as a major reason why Wakulla is recognized by the state as an academically high-performing district. Local schools have a district grade of A for four straight years, and the district has met all state-mandated class-size reduction goals, he says, in addition to the school board having received a superior financial audit with no findings.

"I only made one promise," Gray says. "I made it 12 years ago and have continued that promise: I would be never be satisfied with accom-



Ray Gray is seeking re-election.

plishments and would always want more."

With the district facing ever-tightening budget constraints because of state budget problems, Gray says, "Financial stability has always been a priority of myself and the board." He and the other board members, he says, kept a "very strong reserve" for emergencies.

"This year we will tap those reserves," he says.

He credits the school board's reserves with minimizing the impact of state budget cuts.

"Our school system has steadily improved every year in spite of the economic challenges and state-mandated directives," he says.

As an example of planning for the future, Gray notes the school board's

decision to buy 100 acres when building Riversprings Elementary School - enough land for future growth, enough for a middle school and high school to be located there if needed.

He also notes that no K-12 students are in portables because of the district's planning.

"These are the kinds of things that come with experience," he says.

"What do I contribute to the school system being such a success?" he asks, and answers that he's part of the district team - administrators, teachers, volunteers and others - "all committed to the school system and a profession that only wants to do better."

"Basically, our job, we administer policy," Gray says of the school board. "The state mandates, and we guide it through the administration."

His desire to continue serving on the school board, he says, comes from his belief in helping others.

"God's been real good to me," Gray says of his life, his business interests and his service to kids. "I just love it. I'm very good at it. God blessed me with that."

Gray is married to Jody Gray. His oldest son, Nicholas, was just accepted to law school in Omaha; another son, Collin, is a senior at Wakulla High School; daughter Raychel Gray is in 10th grade, and Tara, his youngest child, who is in fourth grade at Shadeville.

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Comment & Opinion

Established in Wakulla County in 1895

Joan Smith is on a quest to remove racial covenants



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Local real estate agent Joan Smith is on a mission to right a wrong.

After showing a house in Wakulla Gardens, she gave the seller's disclosure to the potential buyers - who were shocked to see deed restrictions that included a proviso that "All lots restricted to white people only."

The potential buyers were black, Smith said.

The deed covenants were drawn up in 1964, when the Wakulla Gardens subdivision was created by the Panacea Development Corporation.

Such racial restrictions are obviously illegal and unenforceable now. Back in 1964, segregation was the law of the land, especially in the Deep South.

Smith says she's well aware that the deed restrictions aren't enforceable now, but there has to be some way to remove them from the public record so that she isn't having to

present a disclosure of such hurtful language.

It was an epiphany that hit her in church, she says, as she sat next to a friend in the pew: she cringed with embarrassment at the thought of presenting her friend with that hateful racist restriction - and decided she would have to do something to change it.

But Smith had no idea what to do.

Not long ago, Sopchoppy city commissioners voted to change the city's charter and remove the same kind of racist language that said only white people could live in the city limits.

Colleen Skipper, a Sopchoppy city commissioner who also happens to be the first black elected official in Wakulla County since Reconstruction, suggested the change after some local high school students read the city charter and were offended by the racial provisions.

The language requiring racial discrimination was obviously unenforceable, as Skipper acknowledged. And it was a vestige of the history of a place and time.

But there was no reason for the racist language to remain in the charter now.

So city commissioners there voted to remove it.

Property deeds are not as simple to change as city charters, apparently.

Smith, who is the local representative on the Tallahassee Board of Realtors, has sought help where she can find it.

She went to Wakulla County Commissioners, and they took it up at their June 21 meeting - with County Attorney Heather Encinosa indicating that her office would perform the legal work on a pro bono basis.

"Race-based discrimination in housing is not only offensive, but it is also illegal under federal law and state law," reads a memo provided to commissioners. "Under the Civil Rights Acts of 1866 and 1968... it is unlawful to discriminate against any person in the sale or rental of a dwelling based on race, and it is further unlawful to print any statement with respect to the sale or rental of a house that indicates a preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race."

"Though it is unknown whether any person has ever attempted to enforce the deed restrictions in the Wakulla Gardens subdivision," the county memo continues, "the race-based restriction is clearly illegal, embarrassing, and offensive."

While the Panacea Development Corporation that adopted the deed restrictions is now dissolved, its discriminatory language lives on.

Readers write:

All registered voters can vote in district 2 commission primary

Editor, The News:

District 2 will hold its primary election on Aug. 24. The primary this year is open to all: Republicans, Democrats, and independents.

All three candidates, Rev. Derek Howard, Millie Harrison, and Randy Merritt are Democrats. This primary will determine who will fill George Green's commission seat. There will be no other election for District 2 in November.

All registered citizens may vote in this primary no matter what their party preference. Early voting will begin on Aug. 9 at the office of the Supervisor of Elections. This is a good idea and a secure vote.

To learn more about the candidates, attend the forum being held at the Wakulla

County Public Library on July 20 at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided until 8 p.m.

This forum is for District 2 candidates only. It is expected to last about one hour and 15 minutes and is sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Wakulla, Member-at-Large Unit.

This newly formed LWVF MAL unit is dedicated to being completely bipartisan and welcomes new members (both women and men). Information and forms will be available at the forum.

Voting is our privilege; help friends get to the polls who may not have a ride. Your candidate needs your vote!

Gail Hickman
Crawfordville

Thank you for the welcome home

Editor, The News:

By the time this letter is published, I will be on my way back to Afghanistan. I would like to take the time to stop and pay special thanks to the Patriot Guard Riders, Capt. Billy Jones, Lt. Ray Johnson, and all the residents of Wakulla County who showed their support

in welcoming me home.

The past 15 days of Rest and Relaxation I was granted has been just that. It felt so good to finally be in the place that I love after being away for so long.

As I venture back to complete the rest of my deployment, I will continue to carry the thoughts and

prayers of those individuals who support the military members who are out there fighting for the freedom of the people. Thank you!

Erika Villiard
SSgt. U.S. Air Force
Afghanistan

Buck does stop with elected officials

Editor, The News:

In response to the letter, "Buck stops with elected officials" (Letters, July 8), I fully agree with the headline. The buck truly stops with your elected county commissioners.

Your elected commissioners should be able to rely on information given to them by their county administrator. The county administrator, under Florida Statute, administers the county's staff and provides information to the Commission so that the Commission can develop and approve policy.

Florida Law specifies that the Commissioners cannot administer county staff. The entity responsible for providing the flow of information to the commissioners is your county administrator. However, when your county commissioners find that they cannot rely on the information provided to them, it is their duty to contemplate the need for changes in policies and/or administration.

I have cautioned the county commission

over the last three years about my concerns relating to the hiring and performance of your county administrator and his contract with the county. Over the last three years my performance evaluations of our present county administrator have been at the bottom.

However, it takes a majority vote of the county commission to hire, fire, or reprimand. Also, it takes a majority vote of the County Commission to approve, disapprove or amend recommendations from the administrator. I have often been in the minority on votes by the county commission on recommended actions.

The final administrative recommendations rest solely and collectively with your five county commissioners. It is no secret, and the record reflects, that I have been the most outspoken critic of this administration.

Howard Kessler
County Commissioner
District 4

Deputy helped this stranded motorist

Editor, The News:

Recently, I was stranded with a flat tire in an isolated, wooded area of Wakulla County and it was almost dark. My road service (when I finally got through to them) was going to take more than an hour to get someone to me, and my husband was not near enough to help.

My husband called the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office for assistance, and within minutes a young deputy showed up. He jumped out of his car and proceeded to change my tire in no time, stating it was all part of his duty to "serve and protect," which he certainly did. He even had to

pump up the spare with a handy little gadget he had in his car.

My enthusiastic and heartfelt thanks go out to Deputy Jerry Morgan for his courteous and efficient help. He could not have been excited about changing a tire in July in Florida, dressed in his official uniform, but you never would have known it from his demeanor and behavior.

His parents have reason to be proud of such a fine young man, and I, for one, feel privileged to have him "serving and protecting" the citizens of Wakulla County.

Michelle Snow
Crawfordville

Eagle Scout appreciates support

Editor, The News:

On May 15 and May 22, I worked and completed my Eagle Scout Service Project. For my project I built a swing and slide playset for the Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.

It took a lot of hard work, but with the help of my friends and family, it finally got done.

I wanted to thank the Boy Scouts scoutmaster and troop leaders from Troop 5 for their help.

I would also like to thank the Sopchoppy United Methodist Men's Group and oth-

er church group members who helped provide labor and donations towards my project.

I'd also like to thank Lowes for the play set, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Withers for

Thanks for fireworks contributions

Editor, The News:

In times like these it is nice to have our local businesses and citizens who gave so generously to our Fourth of July Fireworks.

The show would not have been possible without their contributions and the

use of their tractors, and Backwoods Bistro for the deal on the pizza.

Alexander Lewis
Life Scout
BSA Troop 5

assistance of the St. Marks Volunteer Fire Department.

The City of St. Marks is blessed to have such a big hearted community.

Thank you,
City Commissioners
St. Marks

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Corrections

A story in last week's paper on the solid waste fee had a typographical error. It said, "Commissioner Alan Brock ignored those people who are able to go ahead and connect to the sewer line and take advantage of the discount offered." It should have read Brock implored people to go ahead and take advantage of the discount.

A story in last week's paper on out-of-state vessels brought in for BP work referred to John Davis as a Panacea fisherman. While he fishes out of Panacea, he lives in Crawfordville.

Why no foot patrol at fireworks?

Editor, The News:

I am writing to express the anger I am feeling at the lack of the foot patrol at Shell Point Beach on Sunday, July 4.

We went to watch the fireworks and the people next to us were smoking pot and listening to some of the foulest rap music I have ever heard! Then they started using that language.

When my grandchildren, who were farther down the

beach, wanted to sit with us and watch the fireworks, I had to tell them no, and that made me even madder!

Over the years of going there to watch the fireworks there has been a foot patrol (from the sheriff's office) there. There wasn't even one patrol car there to monitor the drunks that were leaving either.

I am aware of the budget cuts and cutbacks but on a holiday like this when they

know most everyone is going to be celebrating, they should have had someone there. We finally got so fed up we left and it ruined the enjoyment for all of us. Maybe next year it can be taken into consideration and have someone there so we all can enjoy it.

Thanks for letting me vent.

Phyllis Smith
Crawfordville

Online poll results:
Do you support passage of the county's proposed wetlands ordinance?

Response	Percentage	Number of Votes
Yes	43%	43.4 (10 Votes)
No	44%	43.4 (10 Votes)
No opinion	13%	13 (3 Votes)

14 total Votes

This week's question:
Are you in favor of the county hiring a fire inspector?
Vote at thewakullanews.com

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Oil Spill



Photo by Bill Catalina/Special to The News

An aerial photo showing deployed boom. Oyster Bay is at the extreme top left, Spring Creek to the right.

Dr. Riki Ott will hold forum on spill

By **MELISSA STARBUCK**
Special to The News

Riki Ott, Ph.D. is coming to Crawfordville.

On Friday, July 23, she will give a lecture and hold a public forum on the Gulf Oil Disaster and its impact on Wakulla County.

The presentation will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the new Wakulla County Community Center, formerly New Life Church, at the corner of Trice Lane and Shadeville Highway.

The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Ott has a doctorate in marine toxicology with a specialty in oil pollution.

She is a marine biologist, but chose to make her living in commercial fishing in Alaska after falling in love with its beauty and its people. She experienced first-hand the devastating effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989 – and decided to devote her time, experience, passion and education to doing something about it.

She is the author of two books on the subject, "Sound Truth and Corpo-

rate Myth\$: The Legacy of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill" and "Not One Drop: Promises, Betrayal, and Courage in the Wake of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill."

Ott also has an essay in local author Susan Cerulean's new book, *Unspoiled: Writers Speak for Florida's Coast*.

"Dr. Riki Ott's work was actually the reason we thought of the book 'Unspoiled,'" said Susan Cerulean.

In this role, she has become a familiar face as she is frequently interviewed on CNN, MSNBC and other news media around the Gulf Coast.

Her invaluable perspective on the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster is certainly unique and critically important. Not only is she an esteemed marine biologist and oceanic toxicologist with a specialty in marine oil pollution, but she has also been on the front lines of a battle against a major oil spill.

She has seen the resulting devastation of coastal communities, economies,

and thousands of miles of pristine environment. She has seen what happened over the next 21 years. And, especially important in our area, she has the invaluable added perspective of being a commercial "fisherma'am."

She is concerned about the immediate impact of the oil should it hit our county, the resources to deal with it, as well as long-term effects on the seafood industry, tourism, the economy, wildlife and marine life, the environment, beaches, marshes, water quality, air quality.

Of particular concern to her are the toxicity of the oil and the dispersants, the way the disaster response is being handled, and the health of the people exposed to these toxic substances.

She believes that they learned many lessons during Exxon Valdez on most of these issues, but now those lessons are being ignored.

For example, many BP workers are supplied with hard-hats but not respira-

tors. This, Ott says, is wrong and unsafe.

The local program will begin with a 40 minute presentation by Ott on marine oil disasters and their long-term effects.

She will then conduct a positive and empowering public forum to assist the community in expanding our plan of action and to provide valuable information that is hard to find.

While in the area, Ott will speak in Tallahassee on July 21, and again on July 22, and in Apalachicola on Saturday, July 24. Venues have not been confirmed.

Plans are also underway to arrange a meeting with Dr. Ott and local authorities in Wakulla County so that she can offer information and support as needed to enhance our county's oil disaster response plan.

Please come out and learn about the Gulf Oil Disaster and its potential impact on Wakulla County, our community, our neighbors, our wildlife and marine life, and our environment.

Melissa Starbuck is a local Oil Disaster Volunteer.

Key contact numbers

- Report oiled shoreline or request volunteer information: (866) 448-5816
- Submit alternative response technology, services or products: (281) 366-5511
- Submit your vessel for the Vessel of Opportunity Program: (281) 366-5511
- Submit a claim for damages: (800) 440-0858
- Report oiled wildlife: (866) 557-1401

Nelson speaks to Optimists: Prepare for hurricanes, oil

By **TAMMIE BARFIELD**
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Wakulla County Emergency Management Director Scott Nelson addressed the Coastal Optimist Club at Posey's Up the Creek in Panama Thursday, July 8 during lunch time.

He spoke about hurricane season and the oil spill, both which are keeping his office extremely busy on a daily basis.

Nelson said the 2010 hurricane season is predicted to be a banner year of named storms.

He emphasized that Wakulla's shallow waters make us vulnerable to storm surge such as that with Hurricane Dennis in 2005.

Nelson said surge is what kills people, not wind. He added storms typically go in the direction where they can gain energy to strengthen which is why the Pensacola area gets a lot of activity.

The deeper waters closer to the shore provide that energy.

Nelson encouraged everyone to have an evacuation plan in place. He stressed that evacuation orders means leave, not pack.

Everyone who lives in Wakulla County should have a place to go identified, whether it is a friend, relative, or a shelter.

He said some shelters and hotels will accommodate pets during hurricane season and there are pharmacy programs in place so no one misses their medication.

Nelson said there are hurricane guides available at the Emergency Management office if anyone didn't get one in The Wakulla News.

There are two guides available, the 2010 Hurricane Guide which is distributed by the Red Cross and a local "Get a Plan Wakulla" guide developed by Wakulla Emergency Management and The Wakulla News.

The oil spill was discussed in terms of how Wakulla is currently impacted.

Nelson said the oil has wavered back and forth and, as of July 7, it's 134 miles off the coast of Panama City.

Tropical storm Alex pushed the oil slightly west, he said, so Wakulla County is in really good shape for the moment.

Nelson said while the oil is not impacting the county directly right now, it is having an impact on the economy in terms of our seafood industry.

In terms of boom, he said BP is installing boom now in our local waters in a storage capacity because if and when we need it there will not be enough time to put it out.

He encouraged everyone to monitor the spill closely.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a public meeting regarding the **Crawfordville Town Plan** with Crawfordville Area Businesses and Property Owners on **Tuesday, July 27, 2010, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Wakulla County Community Center.** The Wakulla County Community Center is located at 318 Shadeville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, which was formerly the site of New Life Church. Interested parties are invited to attend and participate.

CRAWFORDVILLE TOWN PLAN Meeting with Crawfordville Area Businesses and Property Owners

AGENDA

- 5:30 – 6:00 – Open House
- 6:00 – 6:45 – Informational Presentation
- 6:45 – 7:45 – Group Exercises – Public Input
- 7:45 – 8:30 – Report out and Meeting Summary.

Please note that a two day public workshop will be held on August 26 and 28, 2010 at the Wakulla County Community Center for all property owners and residents within the Crawfordville area to provide input on the Crawfordville Town Plan.

Any handicapped, visually or hearing impaired person or any non-English speaking person needing special assistance should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners' Office at (850) 926-0919 or TDD (850) 926-1201.

July 15, 2010

RIKI OTT, PH.D.

Marine Biologist and Toxicologist

GULF OIL DISASTER: PUBLIC TALK & FORUM

Dr. Riki Ott will give a 40-minute presentation on marine oil disasters and their long term effects. She will then facilitate a positive public forum with the people present and help them expand their community action plan.



FOUR CHANCES TO HEAR DR. OTT:

TALLAHASSEE

WEDNESDAY, 7/21/10, 7-9 pm
Venue to be confirmed

THURSDAY, 7/22/10, 7-9 pm
Venue to be confirmed

CRAWFORDVILLE

FRIDAY, 7/23/10, 7-9 pm
Community Center (formerly New Life Church)
Trice Lane & Shadeville Highway (Hwy 61)

APALACHICOLA

SATURDAY, 7/24/10, 7-9 pm
Venue to be confirmed

All events free and open to the public

Dr. Ott has a degree in marine toxicology with a specialty in oil pollution. She became a marine biologist, but chose to make her living in commercial fishing in Alaska. Just four years later, in 1989, the Exxon Valdez spilled millions of gallons of oil into Prince William Sound. She was there when the local economy, communities, and thousands of miles of environment were devastated. *And then ignored.* She experienced firsthand the horrific effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill – and chose to do something about it. She is the author of two books on the subject. Now she has come to the Gulf Coast to volunteer her time and actively assist with the oil disaster. She is often featured in that role on CNN and other news media as she travels around the Gulf Coast during this crisis.

Church

Obituaries

James H. Burge Jr.

James Henry Burge Jr., 56, died Saturday, July 10, in Tallahassee.

J.B. was an outdoorsman who loved to fish, hunt and spend time with his family and friends. He was a retired postal worker.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 14, at Simmons Cemetery, Sopchoppy. Visitation was held prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sopchoppy United Methodist Church, 131 Rose Street, Sopchoppy FL 32358.

He is survived by his parents, James Burge and Inez Burge; a sister, Peggy Tartt (Leonard); a niece, Kacie Beth Tartt (Lawrence Head); a nephew, Jim Tartt (Sunshine); and a great-niece, Lena Head.

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

Amy L. Chatham

Amy Leigh Chatham, 39, died Friday, July 9, 2010 in Tallahassee.

She was born in Lynchburg, Va., and had lived in this area for 18 years coming from Cullen, Va. She loved the beach and was a devoted animal lover.

A memorial gathering will be held Wednesday, July 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, Crawfordville. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to CHAT of Wakulla, 1 Oak Street, Crawfordville FL 32327.

Survivors include her husband of 15 years, David Chatham of Crawfordville; her father, Bill Waters (Cindy); two daughters, Summer Chatham and Kristen Chatham of Crawfordville; a sister, Anne Reynolds (Will) of Cullen, Va.; and many other family and friends.

She was predeceased by her mother, Judy Dixson Edwards.

Bevis Funeral Home.

Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville is in charge of arrangements.

Richard L. Ruis

Richard Lee Ruis, 61, of Crawfordville, died Wednesday, July 7, in Crawfordville.

He was born in Fort Belvoir, Va. and had lived in this area 19 years. He was a construction worker. He served in the U.S. Army.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 13 at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel.

Survivors include his wife of 15 years, Carla Ruis; a step-son, Shawn Ridley of Fort Campbell, Ky.; a step-daughter, Jamie Ridley of Crawfordville; a sister, Ann Dempsey of Georgia; as well as his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Carolyn and Carlos Branch of Navarre.

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

Editor's Note: Michelle Sanders Treadway has proposed writing an occasional column that highlights local people or groups who give to the community through volunteering or other acts of generosity. To introduce herself, she decided to write about her own family.

Wakulla Giving Back



By MICHELLE SANDERS TREADWAY

Special to The News

I am part of a big family in Wakulla County. To be exact, I'm part "Sanders-Harrell-Revell," which means I'm related to half the population of Wakulla County. While I may be part of a large birth family, I've come to realize that our family really reaches beyond our family name.

Our family is our community; it's where we live, work, play, worship, and give of ourselves. And, without volunteers, our community will suffer.

From as far back as I can remember, my parents have given to family, friends and the community at large. Volunteering was a way to do something for the community, to make friends for themselves and their children - all while having fun! This is my family's giving back story.

My mom, Barbara, has a heart bigger than Texas. Whether she's cooking meals for others, giving away shoes or clothes or teaching someone how to make jewelry, she does it from the heart.

When we were growing up, my mom was a member of the Jaycettes, who worked tirelessly to help

under privileged children in Wakulla County. She sewed costumes for school plays and cheerleading outfits for me and other girls on my squad.

She was a home-room mother, frequent field trip attender, cupcake maker and just about anything else my brother and I happily volunteered her to do.

These days, my mom serves in the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary Unit. She is a member of Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church, where she, among other things, sings in the choir. She is a giver.

As for my dad, Jerry, he is a man who cannot sit still. He has to be busy doing something.

He spends countless hours in his garden preparing more food than he or my mom could possibly eat. He gives away more fresh produce, fish and wild game than he keeps. He served in the National Guard. He saved someone from drowning. He is a member of the Wakulla Men's Club, who consistently support the youth in our community.

He is surrounded by people who respect him, not because of what he does for them, but for what he teaches them as he's doing it. He's a man who speaks of the past with fervor, but relishes the present.

He gives by being a good friend, by forgiving trespasses, by loving, by respecting nature, by preserving the "old ways." He's a doer.

My younger brother, Doug, coached local softball and soccer teams for several years, including three softball teams at one time.

While he has moved on to umpiring, he remains

the epitome of a great coach. He's fair. He's dependable. He teaches, but is also teachable. He loves the game. He respects the kids.

But, most of all, he makes playing fun.

Through his gift of humor, he is able to teach and encourage young softball players to realize their potential. He's a great friend. He's the encourager.

As for me, I love people.

Like my mom before me, I've volunteered at my children's schools, serving many years as PTO president. My WHS Band Booster days included Friday night ball games where I stuffed burgers and hotdogs in buns and burned my fingers on french fries.

I've co-directed Sidewalk Sunday School, spending Saturday mornings with at-risk youth. I have organized festivals, concerts, yard sales, and much more for church and civic organizations.

I currently serve on the Board of Directors and as Children's Church Director at Harvest Fellowship, where I also sing on the Praise Team and coordinate Angel Food Ministries. My passion is people. If there's a need, I try to fill it or find someone else who can.

I'm the organizer. My family's legacy is giving, doing, encouraging and organizing in our community.

Your giving back legacy may be something different from my family's. What you do while you are here is not only a gift to others, but a gift to yourself.

With little or big acts of kindness we share a part of who we are with the recipient. In giving to others, we are making a difference in our community, our family and our own lives. And, we leave a legacy for the next generation to build upon.

Do you have a Giving Back story? If so, we'd like to hear it. The Wakulla News will highlight an individual or group who is Giving Back.

Email information about a person or group to editor@thewakullanews.net or call The News at 926-7102.

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More Letters

I know Rev. Derek Howard

Editor, The News:
It was a pleasure watching Rev. Derek Howard grow up in this community. His mother, grandparents and I attended the same church and Derek would come with them each Sunday. He was always polite and got along well with both youngsters and adults.
Derek accepted Christ at a young age, joined the church and served as an usher. Shortly thereafter, he became a minister and served under the pastorship of Rev. W.C. Wilson. After the passing of Rev. Wilson, the congregation chose Rev. Howard to serve as pastor.
He is currently pastor of New Bridge Hope Missionary Baptist Church located

on the corner of Spring Creek Highway and Shadeville Road.
I have found Rev. Howard to be a very caring and attentive father, a devoted husband and a great leader of the church.
It is my sincere belief that Rev. Howard will make a great county commissioner who will work to make Wakulla a better place for all citizens. His family has a long history in this county and this is still Rev. Howard's home.
Vote for Derek and let him make us proud.
Dr. Ruth Francis
Crawfordville

Jerry Moore will bring jobs to the county

Editor, The News:
Jerry Moore is the type of candidate we need in Wakulla County as a county commissioner.
When I first moved to Wakulla County in 2002, I had just retired and was looking for a part-time job. After searching for several months to try and find a job in the county I realized that there were no jobs to be found.

Thanks to three county commissioners who had a vision for the future in Wakulla County, Wal-Mart was allowed to come in. It created over 300 jobs for residents in this county.
These people no longer have to drive to other counties to go to work each day and this revenue is staying in our county. By allowing Wal-Mart to come in it has encouraged

other businesses to open and bring more jobs to the county.
We need Jerry Moore in office that has a vision of how to help the residents in our county by providing more jobs so they can work in the county where they live and raise their children.
Dennis Loney
Crawfordville

What is Moore's plan to create jobs?

Editor, The News:
I see so many Jerry Moore signs, but when I asked him what his plan was for more jobs, he had no answer. I think it is only fair that he let us know what is his real, comprehensive, plan for creating jobs

in Wakulla county. Anyone can put up a slogan. Maybe Mr. Moore will reply to this request via your paper.
Sue Damon
Shell Point

Moore's promise for jobs is ludicrous

Editor, The News:
County commission candidate Jerry Moore has been flooding the county with road signs promising jobs. That's ludicrous, unless he plans to hire campaign workers.
No county commission, nor single Board of County Commissioners, nor even dozens of them, can turn around this failing economy. They didn't crash it - they can't revive it. Not till the President of the

United States and Congress begin working together in the public's interest - instead of their own - will the jobless be saved and businesses resume earning profits.
We're all familiar with how candidates so often make campaign promises they know - and we know - they can't or won't fulfill.
This candidate is using such tactics because he's challenging the most atten-

tive and most responsive county commissioner this county has seen in more than a dozen years. Dr. Howard Kessler is most assuredly a highly respected and beloved public servant.
Let's stick to candidates who exhibit sincere dedication to the citizens, a proven service record, and integrity.
Philip Guzzetta
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Editor, The News:
What a fantastic Independence Day Celebration we had on Saturday, July 3, in Sopchoppy and a good time was had by all.
The Sopchoppy Volunteer Fourth of July Committee expresses our sincerest gratitude to the many businesses and individuals who supported the Independence Day Celebration and our Fundraiser Event held on Memorial Day.
Our level sponsors included PLATINUM SPONSORS: WTXL Channel 27, The Wakulla News, Printing on Demand, the City of Sopchoppy, Opus Broadcasting, St. James Health & Rehabilitation Center and Wakulla Bank; GOLD SPONSORS: From The Heart Recording Studio, David & Denise Morse and Sopchoppy Preservation and Improvement Association; SILVER SPONSORS: Bill and Bobbie Stephens, Sopchoppy

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This year our committee started an "In For \$10" campaign enabling individuals to contribute \$10 to show their support for this event. Sopchoppy sends a big thanks to all who joined the "In For \$10" this year!
WTXL Channel 27 participated in our event providing excellent television advertisement and our emcees for the parade and the Main Stage at the City Park.
The celebration began with a well received gospel singing performed by the Sopchoppy Methodist Church ensemble followed by the downtown parade. Then the event continued at the

Sopchoppy City Park. Winky Jenkins-Rice coordinated a karaoke contest and children's games and activities in the gazebo area of the park. The Main Stage entertainment included Shepherd Creek Band, Frank Lindamood, Tommy & Jimmy Curry, The New 76ers, Coon Bottom Creek, Sarah Mac Band, Tobacco Road Band and Rick Ott Band. The music was varied genre of extremely talented musicians to include everyone's musical tastes. The celebration was concluded with the infamous Sopchoppy fabulous fireworks display.
Thanks to all of the volunteers who worked together and all of our sponsors who helped in so many different ways to give our community and neighbors another great Independence Day Celebration!
Volunteer Fourth of July Committee
Sopchoppy

Kessler has failed at protecting resources

Editor, The News:
A recent Wakulla News report said that Howard Kessler was named Public Servant of the Year by Florida Wildlife Federation. It was also noted that the award was presented in Lakeland.
Did anyone in that group talk to anyone in Wakulla County before presenting the award?
It was Howard Kessler who did not support the local Florida Wild Mammal Association in their quest to write grants.
It was also Howard Kessler who had the deciding commission vote and the oppor-

tunity to stop stormwater runoff directly into Wakulla Springs - one of Florida's greatest ecosystems, home to wildlife and environmentally sensitive lands, and one of the greatest contributors to the economy of Wakulla County. Apparently, Kessler voted to do nothing.
Howard Kessler talks a lot about wildlife and environment, but he doesn't act like he talks when he's given the best opportunities to protect our valuable resources.
T. Dave Gowan, PhD.
Biologist
River Sink

Mercy is what is sought from the law and God

Editor, The News:
The institution of Law comprising enforcement, judicial and corrections departments is as much a manifestation of God's will as is the institution of religion found in churches, synagogues, cathedrals, mosques and shrines.
Since there is not enough space to debate the shortcomings or merits of either institution, let me stipulate that each has a human element, therefore is subject to

human frailties.
To church and state issues let me say the Supreme Court has yet to paint over references to the Ten Commandments in their own chamber. Everyone can understand that without structure, society would collapse and that historically the Ten

Commandments are the basis of what has evolved into our system of law which provides the structure.
It is not a coincidence that mercy is the greatest part of law and mercy is what we seek from God.
James Kish
Crawfordville

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Young at Heart Old Timers Cowboy Reunion was held on Saturday June 26 at Fred Adams Arena in Auburn, Alabama. Tony Salas of Crawfordville and the other cowboys came together to reminisce and tell lies. It has been 20 or 30 years since some of the cowboys had rodeo together. A great time was had by the 200 or so cowboys and family in attendance. (Photo special to The News)



Sherri and Nelson Kraeft

Sherri Hood married to Nelson Kraeft

Sherri Hood of Crawfordville married Nelson Kraeft in a ceremony on May 22 on the beach in Carrabelle.

Pastor Don Carroll performed the casual ceremony.

The bride's parents are Woody and Jo Ann Palmer of Crawfordville.

The groom's parents are the late Dr. Over-

lia Linton of Tallahassee and Dr. Nelson H. Kraeft Sr. of Tallahassee.

The couple's English cocker spaniel, Jake, served as best dog.

The reception followed at the Carrabelle Christian Center.

After a honeymoon in St. Augustine, the couple came back to their home in Crawfordville.

Happy Time's Wicker named Director of Year

The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region held its 8th annual Evening with the Stars on Friday, June 18, to recognize early learning programs and their teachers in the seven counties the ELC serves.

This year the ELC honored Linda Wicker as Director of the Year.

Wicker has been the owner/director of Happy Time Instructional Child

Care Center since the mid-1980s and is extremely dedicated to the hundreds of families her center has served.

Lillie Bradham of Happy Time was also nominated for Infant/Toddler Teacher of the Year.

Bradham was described as a considerate, innovative, respectful, creative, and a loving teacher of her 2 year old students.



Linda Wicker

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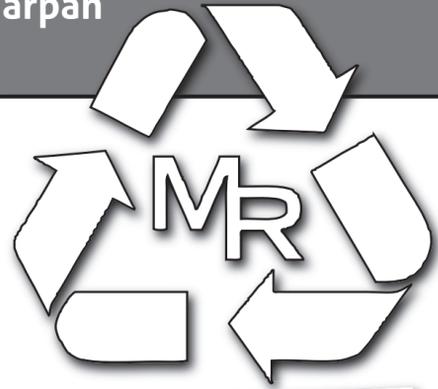
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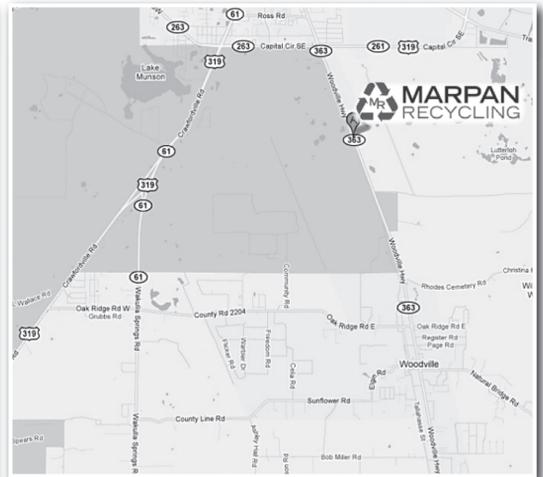
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Sports



Frank De Stefano, with Pete Sands, Director of Golf at Wildwood Resort

Hole in one at Wildwood

By BAILEY, WILL, SAM and REID SMITH
Special to The News

Frank De Stefano, pictured here with Pete Sands, Director of Golf at Wildwood Resort in Medart, shot a Hole in One on the 14th Hole at Wildwood Resort. Mr. De Stefano, who is 86 years old, used a seven iron to make the amaz-

ing 130 yard perfect shot. He has been playing golf for fifty years and is a veteran of the Coast Guard and fought in World War II. A resident of Wakulla Station, he enjoys playing golf at least once a week and, while being interviewed, he amazed us with his magic tricks. His magic on the course was just as hot today.

WHS senior wins 4th tournament



Wakulla High Senior Golfer Devin Lowe recorded her fourth tournament victory of the summer on Monday, July 12 at Southwood Country Club in Tallahassee. Lowe fired a 76 to win by seven strokes over second place finisher Caroline Parrish of Tallahassee. Lowe has also recorded victories at Hilaman, Killern and St. James this summer while competing on the Big Bend and Red Hills Junior Golf Tours. She will compete again this Saturday at Hombre Golf Course in Panama City.

Lazer Baseball Smashes at the Summer Smash



Pictured (left to right, front to back): RJ Kinard, Gabe Barwick, Colin Barrineau, Hueston Morrill, Kyle Matheu, Jacob Johnson, Zack Fike, Wyatt Russell, Jacob Dempsey, Coaches Ferrell Barwick, Robert Kinard and Bubba Dempsey, missing: Nate Cox.

On June 12 and 13, the 11U Lazer Baseball Team traveled to Lake City, FL and placed second in the Summer Smash Baseball Tournament.

Jacob Johnson (Madison) pitched a no-hitter against the Baker Boyz (Macclenny). Jacob also led the team in hitting with a .667 batting average and 7 RBI's for the tournament, followed by RJ Kinard (.636 and 6 RBI's).

RJ secured the victory in the semi-finals against the strong pitching of the Central Florida Junior Patriots (Ocala) with a two-run homeruns and a double.

Jacob Dempsey hit a respectable .417 with a clutch hit in the semi-finals giving the Lazers a one-run cushion over the Junior Patriots.

Gabe Barwick was a powerful lead-off hitter with a .571 batting average, .750 on base percentage and 8 runs scored.

Lazer Baseball, under the leadership of Coach Bubba Dempsey and Assistant Coaches Ferrell Barwick and Robert Kinard would like to thank the following for their continued sponsorship and support: Hale Small Engine Repair, Downtown Automotive Repair, Corbin's Heavy Equipment, and Preble-Rish Inc. Consulting and Engineering.

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WAKULLA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SCHEDULE FOR WORKSHOPS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, & MEETINGS 2010 CALENDAR

(To be held in the Commission Chambers)

July 19, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	5:00 P.M.
July 22, 2010	Workshop: 2nd Community Workshop to Discuss the Solid Waste Disposal Special Assessment Project	5:00 P.M.
July 22, 2010	Workshop: To Discuss the Proposed Ordinance Requiring Licensing for Kennels Operating in Wakulla County	6:00 P.M.
July 22, 2010	Workshop: To Discuss the Fire MSBU	7:00 P.M.
August 2, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	5:00 P.M.
August 5, 2010	Workshop: 4th Budget Development	5:00 P.M.
August 16, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	5:00 P.M.
August 19, 2010	Workshop: To Discuss Wakulla County Fire-EMS Integration	5:00 P.M.
August 19, 2010	Workshop: To Discuss the Proposed Fire Inspection Ordinance	6:00 P.M.
September 7, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	5:00 P.M.

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July 15, 2010

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Outdoors

Fishing's good in deep water

The rain came late in the afternoon this past weekend so most folks were able to get out and back before the weather turned.

There was a little wind so the 95 and 96 degrees didn't feel too bad out on the water.

With water temperatures pushing 88 and 89 in the middle of the day you better fish early or late and during the day move out to the deeper water for trout. The redds are still around the oyster bars and mouth of creeks and some big ones are around right now. There are still no scallops around here and I'm getting mixed reports of scallops at St. Joe.

One person said they went over the Fourth of July weekend and didn't find any but some of the people who went with them had gone the week before and gotten their limit. If you're gonna go you might want to give the folks at Presnell's Fish Camp a call first.

Some good catches of grouper are coming in and some nice red snapper are being caught offshore. Plenty of amberjack are on the reefs and around the towers and plenty of cobia are around but getting them to bite is another story.

Ken Hobbs at Shell Island Fish Camp said some folks caught fish this past weekend but they had to fish early and then move out deep. Fish are being caught East of the Lighthouse out in front of Gray Mare and Cobb Rocks in 12 to 14 feet of water. Fish the Gulp on the bottom real slow.

He said some folks from Georgia who come down scalloping every year went out on Saturday and Sunday and found two both days.

Capt. Randy Peart said fishing over around St. George slowed down last week but started picking back up on Friday. They didn't catch a lot of trout but those they are catching are typically over 20 inches. There are some Spanish and blues around and to his surprise very few ladyfish.

Quite a few folks are catching redds anchoring out from the bridge and fishing live bait on the bottom around the pilings. Another



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

thing they are catching a lot of is sharks and Randy said one afternoon he must have seen a school of over 50 bull sharks feeding on mullet over an oyster bar. There is a lot of boom over there and he said he's not able to fish some of the spots he wanted to.

Capt. Terry Caruthers fished out of Lanark on Friday with Amy and Adam Richardson from Eatonton, Ga. They caught seven nice trout and two redds on a half-day charter. He found the redds around the dock and caught the trout in 10 feet of water with mud minnows under a Cajun Thunder with a four-foot leader. On Saturday he took Mark and Jim Houck from Sopchoppy out and they fished in about 42 feet of water and came in with two gags and a box full of big seabass and grunts.

Terry said they have boom stretched out for about three miles and he had a hard time finding the opening through it to get back in on Saturday.

Glen Peel, Alisha Tatum, Jerry Alexander and Dan Tillman went out to 70 feet of water due south of Shell Point on Saturday and came in with a good catch of fish. Using live bait and LYs they put 10 grouper and six snapper in the boat. The largest grouper was a red that weighed about 18 pounds.

Glen and Alisha leave on Wednesday for Hawaii where they hope to catch some marlin. He has several friends from high school who moved over there and started charter fishing.

Jeff May and his wife Kay went out Thursday and Friday and came in both days with their limit of snapper and a few nice grouper. Most of the snapper were around 24 or 25 inches.

Jeff said he caught two big nurse sharks back to back. He was reeling the second one up and as he got it to the top he asked his

wife to look over the side as it was coming up and tell him it was a big grouper. She looked over and smiled saying, "It's a big grouper but it sure is shaped like a big nurse shark."

Mark and Louise Prance from Shell Point had their son down from Georgia and they caught some nice trout, redds and flounder fishing around Oyster Bay and Spring Creek. Most were caught on live minnows though some were caught using the Gulp.

I finally got to get out on Monday and took my nephew Levi and his girlfriend. We fished about four hours and caught four redds, two flounder and quite a few trout. Levi caught a 28 1/2 inch red and Little Laura caught her first red, flounder, trout and shark.

On Thursday I had a half-day and we caught five flounder and five trout in about 10 feet of water with minnows and the 4-inch white Gulp. We came in to fish for redds and should have stayed out deep.

Right now there is boom in the bay out from Piney Island stretched for about a mile, boom in Oyster Bay, Spring Creek and off the tip of Live Oak Island. Snapper season closes on the 23rd and so you better get out there if you want fresh snapper for supper.

Remember to know your limits and leave that float plan with someone. Take plenty of fresh water and watch for those afternoon thunderstorms.

Good luck and good fishing!

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Sharks caught on light tackle

Alan Lamarche and neighbor Wendel Burton recently took their grandsons on a fishing trip out of Shell Point. Burton's grandson, Alexander Hyatt, 13, and his friend Michael Conley, 15, had never caught a shark. Eleven year old Daniel Lamarche Jr. and his brother Dalton, 15, showed their friends how it was done. The youngsters ate shark fillets for supper.

Boat rescue

This couple capsized a catamaran in Goose Creek Bay and were rescued by Marion Cooper and Tom Harrington who spotted them from Live Oak Island. The couple were standing on their overturned boat.



Protection sought for Gulf birds

Special to The News
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is coordinating efforts along the Gulf Coast to safeguard wildlife such as shorebirds, waterfowl, marsh birds, sea birds and sea turtles from the effects of oil.

The FWS is identifying the most pressing habitat needs of these at-risk species, recommending strategic habitat conservation activities to address those needs, and helping to implement projects along the coast from Florida to Texas.

Based on the current distribution and impacts of oil along the Gulf's marshes and coastline and the millions of waterfowl and shorebirds that will soon migrate through or will spend the winter in this area, FWS quickly initiating these habitat conservation projects, the goal is to minimize the chance that migrating or wintering birds

will come into contact with contaminated coastal habitats.

"We know that clean-up and recovery from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill will be a long-term process, but we cannot wait to begin assessing and dealing with the impacts to our natural resources," said Dan Ashe, Acting Director of the FWS.

"For migratory bird conservation," Ashe said, "the Joint Ventures are the forum of multiple partners, including scientists and wildlife managers, leading our response to the ever-changing situation in the Gulf."

Migratory bird habitat restoration will help support many other species, including mammals, fish, and reptiles.

The Service is working with a wide network of partners to specifically address the needs of these other species.

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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Sherrie Alverson



Sometimes I think I should not be writing this column, and last week was one of those times. First, I misspelled the last name of a very dear friend, Jane Vollertsen, on the prize winning The Most Patriotic golf cart.

Flotilla 13 held its July meeting last Saturday at the Shell Point Auxiliary Station. Attendance was down, but that didn't dampen their enthusiasm. Each agenda item was discussed in depth and where applicable, suggested improvements were given. Bob Morgan, Flotilla Commander, had another commitment so Vice Commander John Sykes conducted the meeting.

John Edrington, who was the over-all coordinator of the fundraiser last weekend, announced that attendance at the pancake breakfast was down from last year's. Reasons why were discussed and basically there were three: 1) the economy, 2) the weather - there had been

severe rainstorms on Friday and rain was predicted for Saturday, and 3) the oil spill threat caused many vacationers to decide to cancel plans of coming to the coast for the Fourth of July weekend.

However, the pancake breakfast could be considered a success - good food, plenty of it, and enough people to pass word-of-mouth praise for next year.

Jim McGill, parade master, was ill so did not attend, but sent a glowing report on the Patriotic golf cart parade. There were fewer entries than last year, but there were some exceptionally interesting and colorful ideas. Picking four trophy winners had been a real task.

Edith Taylor reported that the ice cream sales were better than expected. She grinned that delightful grin when she summed it up, saying: "We were located in the right spot. People going to and from the fire department's ham-

burgers stand stopped for something sweet and cold. Some even stopped twice, going and coming back."

Ed Burroughs was presented a certificate for successful completion of the Auxiliary seamanship course. We are very proud of Ed. He is one of the newer members, but has certainly devoted many hours in training.

Remainder of the meeting was devoted to brainstorming ways to recruit new members and increase participation in all Auxiliary programs.

Our guests were Dorothy Edrington and Brian Strauss, nephew of Joe Tillman, who has recently moved down from Maryland. (Perhaps a new member)

Joe reported that his wife, Marianne (a former Flotilla 13 member), has completed her chemotherapy at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. Our prayers are with her.

Carolyn Treadon, Flotilla 12 reporter, has been out

of town for two weeks. Her report follows:

This week, members of Flotilla 12 held our monthly meeting. We had the pleasure of being joined by three of the active Coast Guard members who have been assigned to the Wakulla County EOC in response to the oil spill: Lt. Commander Ron Catudal, CWO Peter Lehman and Petty Officer Jeremy Frank.

We had a full house with 18 of our members attending this month. Duane Treadon reminded membership of our Facebook page and the newly designed Flotilla Website. Bill Wannall never ceases to amaze us and had several new prospective members attending the meeting including Jonathan Murphy, Rich Rasmussen brought his nephew Drew as a prospective member as well.

Mike Harrison reported we had 24 visits to marine dealers this month to ensure safe boating information was available to the boating public. Steve Hulst

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or 893-5137
Shell Point (Flotilla 13) (850) 926-2606
or 926-5654



Ed Burroughs receives his certificate for completion of the Auxiliary seamanship course from John Sykes.

discussed that over the Fourth of July weekend, over 20 boats were inspected to make sure they had all the safety equipment that is required. The free inspections were available at the public ramp in St. Marks. Our next official ramp inspection day will be in September.

Rich Rasmussen and Tim Ashley discussed their attendance at the Change of Watch Friday at Sector Mobile. The two traveled over to Mobile to see Capt. Steve Poulin step down and relieve command to Commander Rose. Capt. Poulin is moving to the Washington, D.C. area to assume a new post. He will be sorely missed.

Awards were handed out as our meeting drew to a

close. Scott Higgins accepted his oath of membership. Steve Hulst received a Certificate of Appreciation for VE, Tim Ashley received his Program Visitor Certificate for qualification as well as his Vessel Examiner Certificate for qualification, Phillip and Norma Hill received their Vessel Examiner Certificate for qualification and Mike Harrison received his Crew Certification.

As the meeting concluded, a moment of silence was observed for our fallen comrades in the helicopter crash off the Washington coast on July 8.

As always she signed off. "This all I have for now."

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Fri Jul 16, 10	3.6 ft. 6:08 AM	0.7 ft. 12:19 PM	3.5 ft. 6:18 PM		
Sat Jul 17, 10		0.9 ft. 12:23 AM	3.6 ft. 6:41 AM	0.7 ft. 1:22 PM	3.0 ft. 7:24 PM
Sun Jul 18, 10		1.4 ft. 12:56 AM	3.6 ft. 7:18 AM	0.7 ft. 2:36 PM	2.6 ft. 8:51 PM
Mon Jul 19, 10		1.8 ft. 1:34 AM	3.5 ft. 8:06 AM	0.6 ft. 4:03 PM	2.4 ft. 10:42 PM
Tue Jul 20, 10		2.1 ft. 2:26 AM	3.5 ft. 9:15 AM	0.4 ft. 5:28 PM	
Wed Jul 21, 10		2.5 ft. 12:20 AM	3.5 ft. 10:45 AM	0.2 ft. 6:36 PM	

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Fri Jul 16, 10		0.4 ft. 12:55 AM	3.4 ft. 6:44 AM	0.7 ft. 1:23 PM	3.2 ft. 6:54 PM
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Sun Jul 18, 10		1.2 ft. 2:00 AM	3.4 ft. 7:54 AM	0.6 ft. 3:40 PM	2.4 ft. 9:27 PM
Mon Jul 19, 10		1.6 ft. 2:38 AM	3.3 ft. 8:42 AM	0.5 ft. 5:07 PM	2.3 ft. 11:18 PM
Tue Jul 20, 10		2.1 ft. 3:30 AM	3.2 ft. 9:51 AM	0.4 ft. 6:32 PM	
Wed Jul 21, 10		2.3 ft. 12:56 AM	3.1 ft. 4:49 AM	0.3 ft. 11:21 AM	0.2 ft. 7:40 PM

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Thu Jul 15, 10	3.7 ft. 5:34 AM	0.9 ft. 11:21 AM	4.0 ft. 5:19 PM	0.4 ft. 11:48 PM	
Fri Jul 16, 10	3.7 ft. 6:05 AM	0.8 ft. 12:16 PM	3.5 ft. 6:15 PM		
Sat Jul 17, 10		1.0 ft. 12:20 AM	3.7 ft. 6:38 AM	0.7 ft. 1:19 PM	3.0 ft. 7:21 PM
Sun Jul 18, 10		1.5 ft. 12:53 AM	3.7 ft. 7:15 AM	0.7 ft. 2:33 PM	2.6 ft. 8:48 PM
Mon Jul 19, 10		1.9 ft. 1:31 AM	3.6 ft. 8:03 AM	0.6 ft. 4:00 PM	2.5 ft. 10:39 PM
Tue Jul 20, 10		2.2 ft. 2:23 AM	3.6 ft. 9:12 AM	0.5 ft. 5:25 PM	
Wed Jul 21, 10		2.6 ft. 12:17 AM	3.6 ft. 3:42 AM	0.4 ft. 10:42 AM	0.2 ft. 6:33 PM

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
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Fri Jul 16, 10	0.3 ft. 12:02 AM	2.7 ft. 6:00 AM	0.5 ft. 12:30 PM	2.6 ft. 6:10 PM	
Sat Jul 17, 10	0.6 ft. 12:34 AM	2.7 ft. 6:33 AM	0.5 ft. 1:33 PM	2.2 ft. 7:16 PM	
Sun Jul 18, 10	1.0 ft. 1:07 AM	2.7 ft. 7:10 AM	0.5 ft. 2:47 PM	1.9 ft. 8:43 PM	
Mon Jul 19, 10	1.3 ft. 1:45 AM	2.7 ft. 7:58 AM	0.4 ft. 4:14 PM	1.8 ft. 10:34 PM	
Tue Jul 20, 10	1.5 ft. 2:37 AM	2.6 ft. 9:07 AM	0.3 ft. 5:39 PM		
Wed Jul 21, 10	1.9 ft. 12:12 AM	2.6 ft. 10:37 AM	0.2 ft. 6:47 PM		

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Fri Jul 16, 10	2.8 ft. 5:52 AM	0.7 ft. 11:58 AM	2.7 ft. 6:02 PM		
Sat Jul 17, 10	0.9 ft. 12:02 AM	2.8 ft. 6:25 AM	0.7 ft. 1:01 PM	2.3 ft. 7:08 PM	
Sun Jul 18, 10	1.3 ft. 12:35 AM	2.8 ft. 7:02 AM	0.6 ft. 2:15 PM	2.0 ft. 8:35 PM	
Mon Jul 19, 10	1.7 ft. 1:13 AM	2.8 ft. 7:50 AM	0.6 ft. 3:42 PM	1.9 ft. 10:26 PM	
Tue Jul 20, 10	2.0 ft. 2:05 AM	2.7 ft. 8:59 AM	0.4 ft. 5:07 PM		
Wed Jul 21, 10	2.0 ft. 12:04 AM	2.2 ft. 3:24 AM	0.2 ft. 10:29 AM	0.2 ft. 6:15 PM	

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Thu Jul 15, 10	2.6 ft. 6:08 AM	1.2 ft. 10:50 AM	2.8 ft. 5:08 PM	0.4 ft. 11:20 PM	
Fri Jul 16, 10	2.7 ft. 6:26 AM	0.9 ft. 11:59 AM	2.4 ft. 6:24 PM	0.8 ft. 11:48 PM	
Sat Jul 17, 10	2.8 ft. 6:46 AM	0.7 ft. 1:17 PM	2.1 ft. 7:58 PM		
Sun Jul 18, 10	3.1 ft. 7:12 AM	1.2 ft. 2:10 AM	3.0 ft. 7:12 AM	0.4 ft. 2:40 PM	2.0 ft. 10:18 PM
Mon Jul 19, 10	3.1 ft. 12:18 AM	1.5 ft. 3:11 AM	3.1 ft. 7:43 AM	0.2 ft. 3:59 PM	
Tue Jul 20, 10	3.1 ft. 8:23 AM	0.0 ft. 5:09 PM			
Wed Jul 21, 10	3.1 ft. 9:13 AM	-0.1 ft. 6:09 PM			

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon rise	Moon set	Brightness
Thursday	6:46 am	8:39 pm	11:02 am	11:24 pm	27%
Friday	6:46 am	8:39 pm	12:08 pm	11:59 pm	34%
Saturday	6:47 am	8:37 pm	1:13 pm	---	42%
Sunday	6:47 am	8:38 pm	2:17 pm	12:36 am	49%
Monday	6:48 am	8:38 pm	3:20 pm	1:15 am	56%
Tuesday	6:48 am	8:37 pm	4:22 pm	1:58 am	63%
Wednesday	6:49 am	8:37 pm	5:20 pm	2:45 am	70%

Law Enforcement and the Courts

Court shorts

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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A 46-year-old man pleaded to no contest to numerous charges - including battery on a couple of deputies that led to him getting shocked with a Taser several times - and was ordered to serve 223 days in jail and get drug treatment.

The charges stemmed from a November 2009 confrontation between Richard Hodge and his estranged wife while she was at church services at Lake Ellen Baptist Church. Hodge had reportedly been drinking and was using threatening language towards his wife, who had filed for divorce. She reported the incident to deputies and, when she went home, found him passed out on her back porch.

Hodge's family warned deputies that he had been drinking a lot and, a big man at six-foot-two and 195 pounds, would likely fight if they tried to arrest him.

Hodge did allegedly fight with deputies when they tried to take him into custody, and the two deputies shot him several times with their Tasers only to have him fight through the pain and pull out the probes. They ended up wrestling him to the ground with the help of Hodge's family.

When EMTs arrived to check out Hodge after the fight and Taserings, they were concerned that his heart rate was dangerously high - and he would not tell them what, if any, substances he had consumed in addition to alcohol - so he was transported to the

hospital.

After being treated at Tallahassee Memorial, Hodge was going to be transported to the Wakulla County Jail by a deputy, but he asked to be allowed to go to the bathroom uncuffed. The deputy allowed him to do that, and then discovered Hodge had removed ceiling tiles to climb out of the bathroom and into a hallway and he walked out of the hospital.

He was later taken into custody by Tallahassee Police, but not before he was Tased yet again.

In addition to the case that included two counts of battery on law enforcement officer and violation of domestic violence injunction, Hodge was also charged with escape, a felony.

He was already facing felony charges from a case in August in which he allegedly assaulted a woman at his home.

The woman was reportedly an outcall stripper, according to the police report in the court file. Hodge allegedly refused to pay her when she arrived and he grabbed her and tried to force her into a room - but relented and released her after she fought him off and dialed 911 on her phone.

Hodge entered pleas of no contest to all of the cases in felony court on Wednesday, July 7.

In other criminal court matters:

- A woman who was formerly manager at the Crawfordville Sonic and who, with her husband, had reported a robbery to cover their theft of the

restaurant's receipts, was back in court for violating her probation.

Fannie Loraine Harris had been placed on two years probation for grand theft and false report to law enforcement for the Sonic incident. Two months after the plea, she was arrested at the Wal-Mart in Bushnell for shoplifting.

According to the violation of probation affidavit in the court file, Harris was arrested at the retail store trying to steal clothes and CDs valued at \$72. Her 20-month-old child was with her at the time.

Harris' probation was revoked and reinstated for a new term.

- Darrell Dewayne Holder, 43, charged with felony robbery, pleaded no contest to a lesser charge of misdemeanor petty theft, in exchange for a sentence of probation and 242 days in jail. As a condition of the plea, he must testify against his two co-defendants.

Holder and two other men, Jordan Barwick and Ron Parker, were charged with robbery after confronting a man coming out of the Triangle Petro with a carton of cigarettes he had just bought - and stealing the cigarettes.

The alleged victim wrote down the tag number on the car the men drove off in, and sheriff's deputies tracked them down and found them at a Panacea house with the cigarettes.

Sheriff's Report

On July 1, Deputy Ryan Muse responded to a complaint regarding the theft of a dog. He conducted a traffic stop of a suspect vehicle and made contact with Joshua Blue Sheffield, 30, of Tallahassee. During the course of the investigation it was determined that Sheffield's passenger had an outstanding warrant for contempt of court and was taken into custody.

Sheffield was found to be a habitual traffic offender and was placed under arrest. The missing dog was recovered, but the owner decided not to pursue charges.

Sheffield was issued traffic citations for driving with his license suspended while habitual, having an unassigned tag attached, refusal to sign the traffic citations and theft of the tag.

- On July 1, Garry W. Small of Crawfordville reported the theft of a boat motor from a boat at his home. The motor was valued at \$1,000. Deputy Mitch Revels investigated.

- On July 1, Deputy Ryan Muse observed Angela Akins, 41, of Crawfordville drive past him on Crawfordville Highway. Deputy Muse knew Akins license was suspended and she was a habitual offender. He conducted a traffic stop and confirmed her habitual traffic status. She was transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

- On July 2, Deborah Mears of Apalachicola reported a theft at Wal-Mart. The victim left her wallet on a restroom sink and left without taking it. The wallet and contents were valued at \$325. Deputy Ian Dohme investigated.

- On July 6, Joseph Dean Hicks, 27, of Crawfordville was charged with knowingly driving with license suspended or revoked, battery on an officer and resisting an officer with violence following a traffic stop in Crawfordville.

Hicks drove past Deputy David Renna with an interior dome light illuminated and the deputy recognized his suspect from warrant documents. Deputy Renna continued to follow Hicks who refused to

stop. The suspect eventually stopped and jumped out into a wooded area where he was caught within 30 yards.

Hicks allegedly refused to obey verbal commands. After five minutes, Deputy Renna and Deputy Ward Kromer subdued Hicks and served three warrants, issued a traffic citation and placed new charges.

- On July 4, George J. Williams of Crawfordville reported a theft of a large limestone boulder from his driveway. The family was gone from the home for six hours and returned to find it missing. It is valued at \$200.

- On July 3, Deputy Nick Boutwell and Deputy Ben Steinle were conducting stationary traffic enforcement on Highway 267 when they observed a vehicle traveling on the highway at a high rate of speed. Deputy Steinle reportedly observed the driver put his hand out the window and throw something he believed to be marijuana on the highway.

The vehicle failed to slow down for the deputy who terminated the pursuit as the vehicle approached Wakulla Springs Road. Deputies Steinle and Boutwell recovered marijuana where Steinle had activated his emergency lights.

Wakulla and Leon County Sheriff's Office officials traced the suspect vehicle to a Leon County address and a suspect was identified. He was not at the home when deputies arrived, but marijuana plants were allegedly discovered at the home.

- On July 7, A Tallahassee man reported that his 12-year-old son had left his home and could not be found. Sgt. Andy Curles checked the child's mother's home in Crawfordville and could not find him. The investigation began July 6 and the mother contacted Sgt. Curles on July 7 stating that the child showed up at her house. The juvenile stated that he rode his bicycle from Tallahassee to Glenda's Store where he got a ride to Crawfordville. He was in good condition except for being tired from the bike ride.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office responded to 807 calls for service.



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Construction crew at work outside the courthouse on Tuesday, putting in a trench for new water lines.

Courthouse asbestos

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Those windows are leaking and rusty and structurally problematic, Thurmond said. And it's not simply a matter of covering up the asbestos with carpet, as with the asbestos tiles in the building, or sealing the windows.

"It's not a risk issue," Thurmond said.

The original plan was for the abatement and remodeling to be done wing by wing in the old building, with sheets of plastic to keep down dust.

Now, he said, it appears that going ahead and do-

ing the abatement for the entire building is a practical solution, given that it is possible to move the courthouse staffs, in toto, to another facility.

It does cut down the time of the planned renovation from 10 months to five.

If it was just a matter of tiles, this would be an over-reaction, Thurmond said.

But given the amount of construction going on - changing plumbing and electrical and installing fire suppression - it was apparent that the asbestos could potentially get stirred up

and become friable, which is when it is dangerous, said Thurmond.

It's not clear how much the move will cost, or who will pay for it.

The \$4 million budgeted for the remodeling was the first stage of plans to renovate the courthouse - expanding the facility to include a third courtroom as well as a secure sallyport for transporting prisoners.

It's also not clear what the additional cost of asbestos removal will amount to, or how it will be funded.

Chavez

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The state contended it was a premeditated murder: that Chavez went to Medart that day armed with a knife, intending to take his wife back home or kill her.

The defense countered that it was a crime of passion: that he was devastated by his wife's departure, and that he took out the knife to use on himself, to take his own life.

Evidence presented at the sentencing was that he was born in a village in the rural mountains north of Mexico City to a 19-year-old mother who gave birth in a cave during a religious festival. His father, who was 22 when he was born, was murdered by family members when Chavez was a year-and-a-half. He found out about the murder when he was 7, and it apparently produced serious emotional problems for the boy - he began suffering seizures and other problems. His treatments included hospitalization and an exorcism.

The home he grew up in was described as being made of "paper and sticks" with dirt floors and no electricity.

When he was 17, he left the village and went to Mexico City to be with his mother, and then to the United States for work. He

performed migrant labor on farms for a time and then other more stable work. At the time of the murder, he was working at a local sheet metal company doing duct work.

Money he sent back to his family enabled them to construct a concrete-block home with a cement floor and install electricity and run water hoses to the house.

Some of that mitigation evidence apparently offended Partida's family. Hemanes told the court that, after listening to all the testimony about Chavez, she was left with the feeling that she just wanted her daughter back - and she didn't want Chavez to be able to walk out of prison at some point in the future like nothing ever happened.

The family also offered a Spanish-language Bible to Chavez for him to have in prison.

"We do not hate you," Fletcher said to Chavez. "We hate what you have done." And, to the court, Fletcher said: "Anything less than life in prison is a miscarriage of justice. An absolute miscarriage."

Chavez had a translator who interpreted what was said at the hearing, but Chavez never showed any reaction during the proceedings.

St. Marks

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Mayor Cantner moved forward with paying the back taxes to get the city a clear title to the land.

The city commission hired attorney Ron Mowrey to replace McMurry. At the July 8 meeting, given Bishop's questions, the city commission directed Mowrey to investigate payment of the back taxes and give a report.

St. Marks Refinery, a subsidiary of Houston-based American International Petroleum Corporation, went into bankruptcy and AIPC ultimately gave the deed to the land to the City of St. Marks.

The city's plan for the 60-acre tract has been to construct a solar energy farm on the most contaminated land, while the portion along Port Leon Drive would be suitable for redevelopment as commercial property, and the land fronting the St. Marks River suitable for other uses.

St. Marks Refinery was contaminated by petrochemicals after decades of industrial use. Beginning in the 1950s, the site was used to refine crude oil, shipped by barge from Venezuela, into jet fuel. In the 1970s, the property was owned by Seminole Asphalt.

After severe environmental contamination was found on the site, St. Marks

Refinery bought the property from Seminole with assurances from the state that

it would not be held liable for problems that occurred prior to its ownership.

Pingree selected for Leadership Florida

Wakulla County Administrator Ben Pingree has been selected to participate in Leadership Florida.

"I'm still a little bit in awe," Pingree said this week after his selection.

Created in 1982 by the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Florida builds a sense of statewide community by identifying and training individuals with the passion and commitment to help make great things happen.

The selection process is reportedly very competitive.

Past classes with the group make up a who's who of leaders across the



Ben Pingree

state, Pingree said.

"I'm honored to be selected," he said. "And I look forward to representing our county well."

He may be the first person accepted to the organization from Wakulla

County.

Class program members are given the opportunity to participate in leadership skills assessment and development.

The program is also offered as a networking opportunity to work with other professional and civic leaders from the state.

Leadership Florida takes a statewide view of the conditions and challenges that face the state, offering a leadership continuum that expands the impact of community leaders across the state.

Pingree said he was encouraged to apply by people around Florida.



Honoring a life-saver

Firefighter Justin Zeh was presented with two awards at a ceremony on Monday, July 12, at the Apalachee Bay VFD in Shell Point for his actions in saving the life of an 18-month-old child back in June. The child had reportedly stopped breathing and Zeh, a First Responder,

spoke with EMTs during the crisis and they gave him instructions that saved the child's life. Pictured with Zeh are his wife Traci Zeh, right, and his in-laws, left, Phillip and Bethany Harris with her child Steven Sever. (Photo by Martin Harrington/Special to The News)

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Playwright Herb Donaldson comes home to Wakulla

After years in New York, he returns to found a local theatre company dedicated to local talent and local stories.

By JENNIFER RAYMOND
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A new theater company has started up in Crawfordville with the focus on local talent and local stories.

The Palaver Tree Theater Company was created by Wakulla native Herb Donaldson, who is also the artistic director for the company.

The company held its first meeting on June 26 and had about nine students attend, as well as three adults.

"It was a small group, but it was more than I expected," Donaldson said.

Donaldson said he wanted to focus on the young adults first and get them excited and involved and then they can bring in their parents.

He added that adults might be more open to discuss hard-hitting issues. He wants to explore the tough issues and what happens to people after a tragedy.

The purpose of the company is to tell the stories of those in the community through

the theatre. The company needs writers to share their stories.

"I want to get their stories," Donaldson said.

And he wants to bring out those people who might be too scared to tell their story.

The company also needs actors and directors.

Donaldson said he wants to provide an opportunity for people who are interested in art, but who have never pursued it.

"I want to give them a home base to explore that," Donaldson said. "I want to open the door."

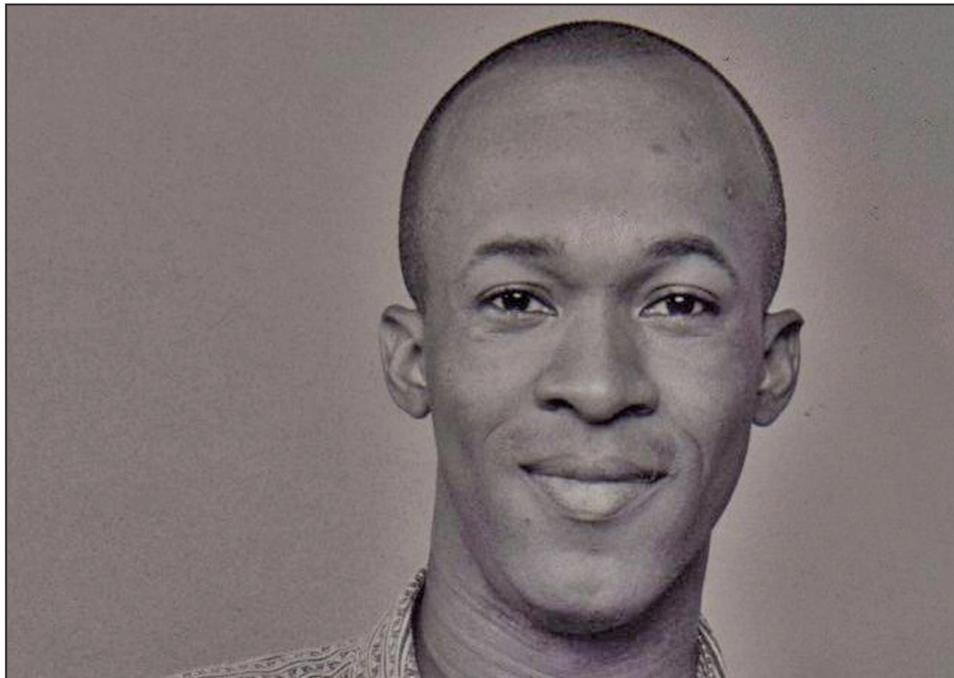
He is looking for first timers, as well as those who are experienced.

Donaldson started the Palaver Tree Theater first in New York in January 2009 with Jonathan Craig, associate director. It began as a group of 30 actors, writers

and directors who wanted to develop their craft among their peers, he said.

It started after he spent a summer working with 1,500 young adults

with the Summer Youth Employment Program and developed a young adult



theater company.

"It gives them a better insight into themselves," Donaldson said of acting and taking on a character.

The focus was to explore the social and moral fabric of American culture through theatrical presentation and develop work that spoke to those within the community by using work created by those in the community, Donaldson said.

Donaldson just recently moved back to Wakulla County from New York.

One of his grandmothers passed away two years ago while he was in New York and he wasn't able to attend

her funeral. Then about six months ago, another grandmother became ill.

After 14 years in New York, he decided he was ready to be back home with his family.

He wanted, he said, "a place that felt like home and not a concrete jungle." "I know what it's like to be in theater," Donaldson said. "I've done a lot."

When he moved back, he decided he wanted to give back to the community.

He remembered growing up here and not having anything for acting and the theater.

"There was nothing here,

open and alive," he said.

He performed at Wakulla High School and appreciates all that his drama teacher, Susan Solburg, did for him.

"We did a number of shows," Donaldson said. "She's great."

He said she was a major influence on him. As well as teachers Jacquie Brown and Harriet Williams.

But to pursue acting even further, he had to go to Tallahassee.

He eventually left Wakulla and moved to Atlanta. He lived there for four years until he saw a new theater show appear on the Today

Show and was intrigued.

It was three black men tap dancing and it was their interpretation of trying to catch a cab.

"I was like, I want to be a part of that," he said.

The theater show was part of a production at the Public Theatre in New York.

He then saw an ad for auditions for the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. He auditioned and was accepted.

He moved to New York in 1996 and started out as an actor.

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Correction

A photo of a painting by Fran Mathis used to illustrate a story about her work in the June 24 issue was not the right painting. The painting "Net Fisherman," is shown at left.

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WEEK IN WAKULLA

Thursday, July 15

- BINGO will be held at the VFW Post on Arran Road from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- BINGO, to benefit the Florida Wild Mammal Association, will be held at Hamaknockers Oasis in Ochlockonee Bay from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This month's meeting is open to the public with Anne Rudloe speaking on "How Nature Can Help You Cope with Stress and Life Threatening Illnesses." For more information, call 926-6050.
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB meets at Posey's Up the Creek in Panacea at noon.
- CONCERNED CITIZENS OF WAKULLA will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. at the public library.
- KATIE ADAMS' MAKE BELIEVE THEATER presents "Stories from the Sea" at the public library from 7 to 8 p.m.
- ROTARY CLUB meets at the senior center at noon.
- TOASTMASTERS will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Posey's Up the Creek. For more information call 528-0895.

Friday, July 16

- FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB meets at the public library from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets at St. Teresa's Episcopal Church in Medart from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- PICKIN' 'N' GRINNIN' JAM SESSION will be held at the senior center from 10 a.m. to noon. (Also on Tuesdays)
- SASSY STRIPPERS QUILTERS GROUP meets at the public library from

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to make quilts for traumatized children. The "cruiser quilts" are donated to Wakulla County deputies to be used for children in need. New members welcome. For information, call 926-6290.

- KARAOKE will be held at Hamaknockers's Oasis.

Saturday, July 17

- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 3240 Crawfordville Highway at 5 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.
- SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. at the public library.

Monday, July 19

- LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20

- 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.
- 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.
- CRAWFORDVILLE LIONS CLUB will meet at 6 p.m. at Crawfordville Elementary School.
- BOOK NOOK for third, fourth and fifth graders meets at 10:30 a.m. at the public library.

Wednesday, July 21

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 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.

- KNITTING GROUP meets at the public library from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call 491-1684.
- LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 2 p.m.
- BOOK BLAST for kindergartners, first and second graders meets at 10:30 a.m. at the public library.

Government meetings

Monday, July 19

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

Special Events

Thursday, July 15

- FAMILY TO FAMILY PROGRAM is offered by NAMI Wakulla. This is a 12-week education program for relatives of people who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The program, which will meet once a week at the NAMI Wakulla office in the South East Eye Center on Crawfordville Highway, is designed to help family members better understand mental illness and its effects on daily life. The two-hour sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday nights and continue until Sept. 23.

Instructors of the Wakulla NAMI Family-to-Family program are trained NAMI members who have a family member with a mental illness. All course material will be furnished free of charge. Those who want to sign-up may call Wakulla NAMI's helpline at 926-1033 for more information.

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Tuesday, July 20

- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS will host a forum for the candidates for county commission, district 2, which will be decided in the Aug. 24

election.

The forum will be held at the public library beginning at 6:30 p.m. Child-care will be available for the event until 8 p.m.

The three candidates are Rev. Derek Howard, Millie Harrison and Randy Merritt, all of whom are seeking election to the commission seat currently held by George Green.

Saturday, July 24

- CRAWFORDVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB will host a political rally at the club, 64 Ochlockonee St., at 6 p.m.

The rally is sponsored by the Wakulla News and the Crawfordville Woman's Club.

Tuesday, July 27

- WAKULLA CHRISTIAN COALITION will host a candidate forum at the public library at 6:30 p.m.

Musical calendar

Saturday, July 17

- ERIC DURRANCE will perform at Hamaknockers Oasis in Ochlockonee Bay as part of the "From the Heart Music Hour" featuring the Rick Ott Band. (For more, see story on Page 3B)
- GREG WOOD will perform at Backwoods Bistro in Sopchoppy from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- PATSY CLINE TRIBUTE with MARGO CLINE singing songs of the country music legend will be performed in the Sopchoppy Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The concert is sponsored by the Sopchoppy Opry.

Saturday, July 24

- DOUBLE SHOT will perform at Backwoods Bistro in Sopchoppy from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 31

- SOPCHOPPY OPRY will celebrate its 10th anniversary with Southbound Ban will be the legendary Messer Brothers along with Opry founder Mac McWaters! Call 962-3711 for tickets. opchoppy Auditorium at 7 p.m. Scheduled performers include the Southbound Band. For tickets call 962-3711.

Saturday, Aug. 14

- BILL GAY will perform at Backwoods Bistro in Sopchoppy from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Monica Thorpe interning in Nashville



Monica Thorpe, a 2008 honor graduate of Wakulla High School has been selected for a two-week Junior Counselor Internship with Muzak's Noise! 2010 program to be held in Nashville from July 17th through 28th.

Muzak is partnering with prestigious Belmont University in Nashville to host this year's program. Noise! Jr. Counselors are selected based on dem-

onstrated achievements in the music field, good character and background, and recommendations from music instructors-mentors and community leaders.

Thorpe is a 2006 Muzak - Noise! Alumni. At age 16, she was selected by Muzak to attend the two-week summer session held in Los Angeles while based at Occidental College.

Noise! is Muzak's unique and innovative signature program that provides teens with a passion for music the opportunity to become immersed in every aspect of the music industry.

Thorpe began performing at age 13. She has contributed her vocal and musical talents to many local fund raising events, has performed in many regional events and popular venues such as the North

Florida Fair, Sopchoppy Opry, Turner Auditorium at TCC, Floyd's Music Store and The Warehouse in Tallahassee.

Monica is the recipient of numerous music and academic scholarships for her achievements. She has completed four years of private vocal instruction at the Michelle Snow School of Music and is self-taught on the acoustic and bass guitars. In the fall, she will be starting her second year at Tallahassee Community College and is working towards an Associate of Arts degree and plans to transfer to a university to obtain a bachelors degree in music performance.

Upon returning from Nashville, she will headline the end of summer activities at the Wakulla County Public Library on Aug. 5 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Donaldson

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He worked with several different theater groups, such as the Joseph Papp Public Theater, Second Stage, The Apollo Theater, The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and The New Federal Theater.

He decided he wanted to be more behind the scenes, and did a little bit of directing and then started writing.

In middle school, Donaldson remembers writing little plays and his friends would then act them out.

"I've always been doing it, but I never thought I could do it," Donaldson said.

He has written numerous works including one that launched the Fifth Annual Downtown Urban Theater Fest, "Brighterburn," at the Cherry Lane Theater.

His latest work, "A Matter of Seconds" will appear at the Walnut Theatre in Philadelphia in October.

Donaldson has worked with several people that left him in shock while in New York.

He said he was part of a production with playwright Arthur Miller. They were both late to a meeting and Donaldson said they rode the elevator together.

"I was like, what am I doing?" he said.

He also said he got a chance to meet and talk with playwright George C. Wolfe at an after party.

"It wasn't about names," Donaldson said. "It's about

being a part of a brotherhood, which is the theater."

Donaldson hopes to bring some of that to Wakulla County.

He added that some people haven't experienced live theater.

"It's one time for a limited time only," Donaldson said of performances. "It's real."

He added that he doesn't

want to step on anyone's toes and wants to work with other groups already established.

"To show the many different facets this place has to offer," Donaldson said.

Their first event will be a test run held on Aug. 7 at the Wakulla Public Library. It will be a reading of two works written by local writers.

Afterwards, he hopes

to get input from the community about things they would like to see brought to the stage. And hopefully expand the program.

Donaldson said the company just became a non-profit and needs funding and support.

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Eric Durrance will play at Hamaknocker's Oasis

Durrance and his Tobacco Road Band will perform for "From the Heart Music Hour" on Saturday, July 17 at a show also featuring the Rick Ott Band.

Rising country music star Eric Durrance has signed to play a one-night performance at Hamaknocker's Oasis on Saturday, July 17.

The performance is part of the "From the Heart Music Hour" and will feature Durrance and his Tobacco Road Band as well as the Rick Ott Band.

Both bands will play two sets during the night, which will begin at 8 p.m.

Durrance has had two hits on country radio so far - "Turn It Off" and the title track to his debut album, "Angels Fly Away." He also penned "Eight Second Ride" with Jake Owen, who has taken that tune to the Top 20 on the country singles charts.

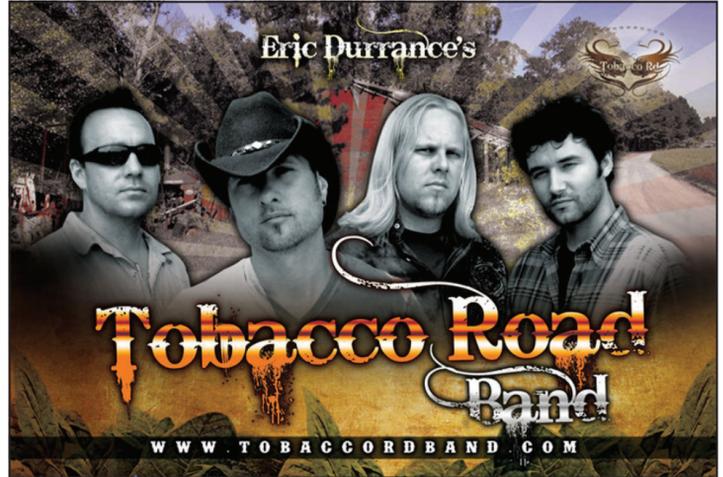
Previously a big name in Christian rock,

Durrance has a Dove Award nomination, several big hits including a Number 1 and a contribution to the soundtrack of "The Passion of the Christ" movie to his name.

Durrance is a Tallahassee native who divides his time between Nashville and his farm in Florida. His first album was produced by Teddy Gentry, a co-founding member of the country music supergroup Alabama.

Durrance describes himself as a hard-working, Southern Baptist. He's a self-taught musician whose vocal style has been called soulful.

CDs, T-shirts and other merchandise will be on sale at the show as well.



A promotional graphic for Eric Durrance and Tobacco Road, above. The Rick Ott Band, far left. A still, near left, from Durrance's country music video "Turn It Off."

Drumming slated on Sunday at Posh

African Caribbean drummer, Yazid (Bill Johnson) will lead a drumming circle on Sunday, July 18, at Posh Java in Sopchoppy beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Yazid is a professional drummer and percussion instructor who plays regularly with several performance and dance groups all over Florida. His musical background ranges from professor of ethnomusicology at Florida State University to drummer for the late Marvin Gaye.

Yazid recently released a CD "Drumming On the Edge of Banjo," with acclaimed banjo recording artist, Mary Z. Cox.

Traditional African drum beats will be taught at the workshop, and the rhythms will be presented so an amateur can learn.

"Yazid is a very patient, professional instructor, who has years of experience teaching at every level," said Debbie Dix, owner of Posh Java, Organics & Gifts.



Yazid (Bill Johnson)

"My family has drummed with Yazid for years, and the experience of drumming in a circle is so relaxing and stress reducing that I am excited to be able to offer others a chance to participate."

Drums will be provided, so participants need not bring a drum.

Space is limited for the drumming circle, so please make a reservation by contacting Debbie Dix at Posh: (850) 962-1010.

Patsy Cline Tribute to be performed at Sopchoppy Opry



Margo Anderson will perform the songs of Patsy Cline on Saturday at the Opry.

Special to The News
The Sopchoppy Opry is 10 years old this month!

To celebrate a decade of great classic country, bluegrass and Gospel music, the Opry will present a very special show - Margo Anderson's Tribute to Patsy Cline, scheduled for Saturday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

The show will be held in the historic Sopchoppy Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling 962-3711.

The Opry's 10th anniversary show on July 31 will feature the legendary Messer Brothers - Charles, Paul and Buddy - as the Southbound Band's special guests. Opry founder Mac McWaters will host the show.



The legendary Messer Brothers - Charles, Paul and Buddy - will perform at the 10th anniversary show of the Sopchoppy Opry on July 31.

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WEEKLY ROUNDUP - (Recap and analysis of the week in state government)

Gov, lawmakers in 'special' relationship

By KEITH LAING
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA
 TALLAHASSEE, July 9, 2010 - The courts were in session in the busy week that was - and the Legislature will soon be too.

There was no LeBron James-style ESPN special when Gov. Charlie Crist jilted the Republican Party this spring, but tensions have been running high between the governor and his former political party ever since. Crist fanned the flames this week, giving up on waiting for lawmakers to agree to come back to Tallahassee for a special session to ban offshore oil drilling.

Instead, he ordered them to.

Crist called a special session for July 20-23, saying that not doing so would have meant he was not doing his job.

But Republicans said again that the job Crist had in mind by calling the session was the one he hopes to win this fall: U.S. Senator.

"I'm going to be governor for about six more months and I think I would not be doing my duty as governor if I didn't call for this special session," Crist said.

Sen. Alex Diaz de la Portilla disagreed, saying, "The only future Charlie Crist is concerned about his own political one."

Yet again, Crist's biggest friends seemed to be Democrats.

"I commend the governor for agreeing to call for a special session to ban near beach oil drilling, despite the resistance from special interests and some members of the Legislature," presumptive Democratic gubernatorial nominee Alex Sink said, leaving little doubt there would be unhappy elephants in the room when the session is convened.

Sink and other Democrats didn't get everything they wanted from Crist's special session call, however. They had pressed him to include other issues, including renewable energy and tighter rules on reimbursements to small businesses from BP, but Crist said the session was "a rifle shot" to beat an early August deadline for constitutional amendments.

Republicans were taking incoming fire from the courts this week as well.

Before voters could register an opinion on Amendment 7 - which is the Legislature's proposed constitutional amendment dealing with redistricting

standards - a Tallahassee judge registered one. And it wasn't a particularly favorable opinion.

Circuit Judge James O. Shelfer said he couldn't easily understand what it would do, so it was unreasonable to expect voters could.

The amendment, which was put on the November ballot by lawmakers earlier this year after two other amendments dealing with redistricting were cleared to go before voters, had been a contentious fight in Legislature this spring.

The group behind the redistricting amendments, FairDistricts, accused lawmakers of purposely trying to "hide the ball," as the lawyer for groups that challenged the initiative said this week.

Republicans, who were joined in pushing for the measure by a couple of black Democrats, could only say they hoped the same fate would await Amendments 5 and 6.

"It will be interesting to see how this ruling impacts the judicial review of Amendments 5 and 6," House Speaker-designate Dean Cannon said in a statement.

"If the judge here found Amendment 7 confusing, Amendments 5 and 6 probably are as well since they are far more complicated and have far greater impacts on present constitutional powers and rights."

The win for opponents of Amendment 7 may not be final. The case is expected to go to the Supreme Court.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Rick Scott was hoping this week the Scales of Justice would tip in his favor. Scott asked a federal judge to throw out Florida's public financing law, which could soon help his opponents better keep pace with him - something they've had trouble doing as he's spent more than \$20 million to vault ahead of Attorney General Bill McCollum in polling.

Scott, who spent more in his first few days on the campaign trail than McCollum had raised in a year, is brushing up against the state's \$24.9 million spending cap, after which other candidates would be funded dollar-for-dollar.

Citing a 2008 Supreme Court case, Davis v. FEC, Scott said that his First Amendment rights would be trampled by the campaign finance law. McCollum's camp said the lawsuit proved Scott was trying to

buy the election.

"Given Mr. Scott's continuing need to communicate his positions to Florida voters via television and radio advertising, in-person campaigning, and other voter education efforts, Mr. Scott has come to the realization that he will have no choice but to exceed, and is likely imminently to exceed, the Act's \$24.9 million limit," Scott's lawsuit says.

"At least Rick Scott admits he needs to spend millions more to hide his own record," McCollum's campaign manager Matt Williams retorted.

An oily apology

With the wind pushing the slick in the Gulf of Mexico west this week, there wasn't much news on the oil front. There was, however, a very public apology from one of the biggest supporters of a plan that would have allowed drilling in the areas now fighting off oil.

Senate President-designate Mike Haridopolos, who in pre-spill days mixed with the environmental lobby like oil and water, told a Clean Energy Summit in Orlando that it was time to turn the page to their preferred energy solution: renewable energy.

"Dean (Cannon) and I tried to take the conventional route. We tried to look at oil and natural gas production in the Gulf," he said.

"But guess what? Things change. We went to verify the scenario and it didn't work for Floridians. So we need to try the unconventional way, the alternative way."

That was music to the ears of supporters of a renewable energy bill that was approved in 2009 by the Senate, but not the House, though Haridopolos was not completely signing their tune.

"There's a necessity to take real, significant action

that's much broader than the conversation we're hearing so far," Florida Business Network for a Clean Energy Economy Director Susan Glickman said.

"What we need and what we're not hearing is we need a requirement (for utilities to meet renewable goals). We need to set a market.

"This idea," Glickman said, "of some voluntary goal that a utility, if they so choose, can put up some amount...won't create the kind of market we need to be a game changer."

But the fact that the discussion about clean energy was now taking place with the incoming Senate leader was a pretty big change in the game.

Elsewhere, all roads for supporters of transportation led to Orlando, where a group of road builders, public transit supporters and driving safety officials, gathered in the Magic Kingdom for the Floridians for Better Transportation Summit.

U.S. Senate candidate Jeff Greene, no-party gubernatorial candidate Lawton "Bud" Chiles and Attorney General McCollum addressed the group.

STORY OF THE WEEK:

Gov. Charlie Crist decided it's better to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission and called the Legislature back into a special session to ban offshore oil drilling July 20-23, over the objection of the Republican leaders who control it.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"As an attorney, he should be aware that you can't make something doubly-illegal," Sen. Alex Diaz de la Portilla, speaking about the fact that offshore oil drilling is already banned by a moratorium, which didn't stop Gov. Charlie Crist from officially calling the special session to ban it in the constitution.



Jaiden Prather, left, with Mark Klodzinski.

Walking across America to raise awareness of injured military veterans

By JENNIFER RAYMOND
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A man who is walking across America to raise awareness for those deployed in the Middle East, as well as raising money for A Warriors Wish Foundation, recently made his way through Crawfordville.

Mark Klodzinski started his walk on March 16 from Ellicottville, NY. He plans to walk 4,500 miles to end in San Diego, Calif.

A Warriors Wish Foundation grants dreams and wishes to veterans who are battling life-limiting illnesses or who have been catastrophically injured in the current war on terrorism.

Klodzinski stayed with Angela Prather and her family here in Crawfordville on June 18 on his way to Carabelle.

Prather is part of Buddies in a Box and Semper Fi sisters who have been helping Klodzinski along his journey.

The Semper Fi sisters is a group of Marine moms who got to know each other while their sons were in boot camp together. Since that time, they bonded together, Prather said.

"We have quite a network and have been working together to either have Mark stay with one of us or arrange lodging on his way," Prather said.

Klodzinski began the walk after reading, "A Walk Across America" and being inspired by it.

His two brothers, Erik and Adam are veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, respectively. His stepfather, Rick, and his son, Adam, have also served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Our veterans need every bit of respect America has to offer," Klodzinski says on his website, www.patriotwalkusa.org.

"This walk is just a small way of giving back, of doing something except sitting around thinking about ways to help and do something."

Unlike his brothers, Klodzinski didn't join the military, but he came very close.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV that Seminole Self Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid on JULY 31, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at 2314 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 of the contents of Mini-Warehouse containing personal property of:

ROBERT ROBISON
Before the sale date of July 31, 2010. The Owners may redeem their property by payment of the Outstanding Balance and cost by mailing it to 2314 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 or paying in person at the warehouse location.
July 15, 22, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO: 10-58PR
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF
THELMA HAGLER JERNIGAN
a/k/a THELMA H. JERNIGAN
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Thelma Hagler Jernigan, deceased, File 10-58PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

This date of the first publication of this notice is July 8, 2010.

Personal Representative:
Mary Neida Russ
1254 Highway 131
Eutawia, Alabama 36027

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Frances Casey Lowe
Husband and Wife, Herod Finance Corporation, Florida Bar No. 521450
3042 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(850) 926-8245
July 8, 15, 2010

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

CASE #: 2009-CA-000355
DIVISION #: UNC
EverBank,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Derek B. Burns, Sr. and Teresa L. Burns, Husband and Wife, Herod Finance Corporation, Ill; Joseph C. Barry, Jr.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 23, 2010, entered in Circuit Case No. 2009-CA-000355 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein EverBank, Plaintiff and Derek B. Burns, Sr. and Teresa L. Burns, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), and RENE J. LAZARUS, is the Plaintiff and RENE J. LAZARUS, is the Defendant, AS DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT NOT LATER THAN 11:00 A.M. August 5, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 84, GOLDEN FOREST, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN EARTH: 20.01 MAKE: SWEET HEART; VIN#: SHG717183A MAKE: SHERWIN-WILLIAMS; SHG7183B, MANUFACTURED HOME, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS, AS SUCH IT IS DEEMED TO BE FIXTURE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE.

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.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS AN ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OF SALE: IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8770.
DATED AT CRAWFORDVILLE, Florida, this 24th day of June, 2010.

BRENT X. THURMOND
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY -s- IRVENE METCALF
AS DEPUTY CLERK
(Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)
July 15, 22, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000494
DIVISION
UCN: 652009CA000494XXCICI

WALTER MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARK A. LEACH; SHEILAH M. FEAGIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARK A. LEACH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHEILAH M. FEAGIN;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE, AND THE ORDER RESCHEDULING SALE DATE, I WILL SELL THE PROPERTY SITUATED IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS:

LOTS 17 & 18, BLOCK "O" OF SURF, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 17, PAGE 222 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AT PUBLIC SALE, TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR CASH, AT 11:00 AM ON JULY 23, 2010, AT 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CRAWFORDVILLE, 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 AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SEEKING AN ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE A.D.A. ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CLERK OF THE COURT NOT LATER THAN 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING, AT 850-926-0905. IF HEARING IMPAIRED, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, VOICE 1-800-955-8770. THIS IS NOT A COURT INFORMATION LINE.

DATED: June 23, 2010.

BRENT X. THURMOND
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY -s- IRVENE METCALF
AS DEPUTY CLERK
(Seal, Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court)
July 8, 15, 2010

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

CASE NO. 65-2009-CA-000123
DIVISION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF POPULAR ABS, INC. MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-C,

Plaintiff,
vs.
LESLIE L. YEOMANS, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 23, 2010 and entered in Case No. 65-2009-CA-000123 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF POPULAR ABS, INC. MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-C, is the Plaintiff and LESLIE L. YEOMANS; JAMES YEOMANS; CACV OF COLORADO, LLC; are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT Foyer OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 5th day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

(LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 32, WAKULLA MINERAL SPRINGS, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 43 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 67 Dakota Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 24, 2010.

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

Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 926-0905.
July 15, 22, 2010

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

CASE NO. 65-2009-CA-000022
DIVISION

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RENEE J. LAZARUS, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 23, 2010 and entered in Case No. 65-2009-CA-000022 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, is the Plaintiff and RENE J. LAZARUS, et al, are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT Foyer OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of October, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THEN RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 8 A DISTANCE OF 1559.47 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THEN RUN NORTH 78 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST 527.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 78 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST 426.78 FEET, THEN RUN SOUTH 11 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST 460.00 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF 60 FOOT ROADWAY EASEMENT, THEN RUN SOUTH 78 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF ROADWAY EASEMENT, THEN RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 469.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 48 HOLLYWOOD WAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 24, 2010.

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

Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 926-0905.
July 15, 22, 2010

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

CASE NO. 65-2009-CA-000231

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-1
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSEPH W. MOSLEY, JR.; SHERYL L. MOSLEY N/K/A SHERYL LYNN BRUCE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERYL L. MOSLEY N/K/A SHERYL LYNN BRUCE; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 23, 2010, and entered in Case No. 65-2009-CA-000231, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-1 is Plaintiff and JOSEPH W. MOSLEY, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSEPH W. MOSLEY, JR.; SHERYL L. MOSLEY N/K/A SHERYL LYNN BRUCE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERYL L. MOSLEY N/K/A SHERYL LYNN BRUCE; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE, AT 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 5th day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 5 OF EAGLE'S RIDGE PHASE I, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 52, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A 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 with 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 28th day of June, 2010.

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

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2,065.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; Phone No. (850) 926-1201 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice of pleading, if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) via Florida Relay Services.

July 15, 22, 2010

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

CASE NO. 65-2009-CA-000510
DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL A. LEE, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 23, 2010 and entered in Case No. 65-2009-CA-000510 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL A. LEE; GINA M. LEE, are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT Foyer OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the day of 5th day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 12, BLOCK C, WILDWOOD ACRES, UNIT 1L, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 78, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 99 JANE DRIVE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 28, 2010.

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

Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 926-0905.
July 15, 22, 2010

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

CASE NO. 65-2010-CA-000057
DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
STAN SHIVER, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 23, 2010 and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000057 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and STAN SHIVER; TENANT #1 N/K/A ANNIE WARD are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT Foyer OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 29th day of July, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 20 OF PANACEA MINERAL SPRINGS, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 5 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 26 JOE MACK SMITH ROAD, PANACEA, FL 32346

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 24, 2010.

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

Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 926-0905.
July 8, 15, 2010

Advertisement Detail

WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNK REMOVAL SERVICE
Request for Proposal No. 2010-08
Advertisement Begin Date/Time: July 9, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

Board Decisions will be available at: 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Sealed responses for Junk Removal Service addressed to the Wakulla County Purchasing Director, at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 will be received until 2:00 p.m. on July 27, 2010, at which time all proposals will be publicly opened. Any responses received after the time and date specified will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened to the Proposer.

Please direct all questions to:
Deborah DuBose
Phone: 850.926.9500, FAX: 850.926.9006
e-mail: ddbose@mywakulla.com

RFP documents will be available at www.mywakulla.com or can be picked up at the location listed above after 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 9, 2010.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal conference shall be held on July 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Any person with a qualified disability requiring special accommodations at the bid opening shall contact purchasing at the phone number listed above at least 5 business days prior to the event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact this office by using the Florida Relay Services which can be reached at 1.800.955.8771 (TDD).

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or accept minor irregularities in the best interest of Wakulla County.

Howard Kessler, M.D., Chairman
Deborah DuBose, OMB Coordinator
July 15, 22, 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY

announces a regular school board meeting.

DATE: Monday, July 19, 2010
TIME: 5:45 p.m.

PLACE: School Board Room
69 Arran Road
Crawfordville, Florida

PURPOSE: Regular school board meeting.

For further information please contact:
Superintendent's Office
Wakulla County Schools
P.O. Box 100, 69 Arran Road
Crawfordville, FL 32326
850-926-0065

Should you like more information regarding board agendas and board meeting minutes, please go to our website at www.wakullaschoolsdistrict.org and click on "school board" to the left of the page.
July 15, 2010

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. CST, located in the Niceville City Council Chambers, 208 N. Partin Drive, Niceville, Florida 32578. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Corridor Authority at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Alicia Stephen at 850-432-6800 or by email at Alicia.stephen@ndnrc.com.

July 15, 2010

WAKULLA COUNTY NOTICE OF FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE

This is to advise you that the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has passed a fair housing ordinance which prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and handicap. The County's fair housing ordinance includes provisions for citizens' complaints if they feel they have been discriminated against, and provisions to investigate complaints, and, if they deem the complaint is justified, to ask the state's attorney to prosecute the person(s) the complaint is made against. Additionally, the County periodically evaluates all the local ordinances and the practices of the local lending institutions, realtors, and apartment complexes to insure all are in compliance with state and federal fair housing laws. If you have any questions or concerns relating to Wakulla County's fair housing ordinance, you may contact Eva Thorpe, Grants Coordinator, at 850-926-9500. If you think your rights have been violated, you may write a letter or telephone the following HUD office:

Mid-Atlantic Office
Fair Housing Hub
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
The Wanamaker Building
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19107-9344
Telephone 215-656-0662 or 888-799-2085
Fax 215-656-3419
* TTY 215-656-3450
Email: Complaints_office_03@hud.gov
July 15, 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY announces a school board workshop



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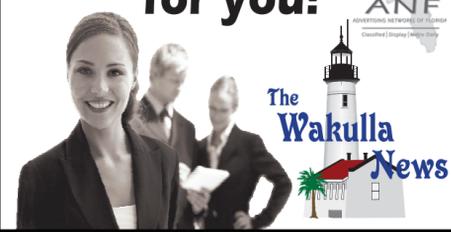
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Brain Teasers

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Each puzzle is divided into nine sections, and each section has nine blank squares. Fill in all 81 squares on the puzzle with numbers 1 to 9. You may not repeat any numbers in any one of the nine sections that you've already used elsewhere in that section. Also, you can use each number 1-9 only once in each horizontal line of nine squares, and in each vertical column of nine squares. The puzzle is completed when you correctly fill every square.

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- Frau's partner
- Have the ___ for
- Pronoun in a Hemingway title
- Advil target
- Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
- Ceremonial maori war dance
- Gangster's blade
- Video store section
- Blows it
- Put an edge on
- Detested things
- "___ Brockovich"
- Southern African cattle enclosure
- No longer popular
- Charge
- Surpass
- Emotional crusade
- "My man!"
- Codeine source
- Alias
- Postal scale unit
- Abstruse
- Fine wool
- Aminobenzene
- Kidney waste
- Jersey, e.g.
- Geometrid moths
- Flat
- "By yesterday!"
- In-box contents
- Surefooted goat
- Autumn tool
- Bob Marley fan
- ___ gin fizz
- Collapsed

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- Call for
 - Addition column
- ### Down
- Chop finely
 - Bounce back, in a way
 - Artificial gem
 - Resounds
 - Consumes
 - Boat in "Jaws"
 - Ponder
 - African ___
 - Pop a ___
 - Do damage to
 - Creole vegetable
 - Come together
 - Hyperion, for one

- Losing proposition?
- Muslim pilgrimage
- "I, Claudius" role
- Barely beat
- Giving
- Mountain-dwelling bovid
- Pandowdy, e.g.
- Small, freshwater cyprinoid fish
- ___ Today
- Brother
- Unsweetened muffin
- Cork's country
- Anchovy containers
- Snob
- Fertilizer ingredient
- Kind of band
- Clear, as a disk
- Vestments, e.g.
- Biblical birthright seller
- Thousand ___, Calif.
- Locale
- Boxer Spinks
- Donald and Ivana, e.g.
- Boy

Sheriff's Posse is about more than parades

The mounted posse has aided in a search and rescue mission for a missing child, patrols at high school football games, gives safety talks, and conducts neighborhood patrols.

By KEITH BLACKMAR
WCSO Public Information

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office relies on volunteers, but when volunteers like Capt. Harris Johnson are called to duty they bring along their four-legged friends.

Capt. Johnson is the leader of the WCSO Mounted Posse, a group of volunteers who are not just hanging around for a ride and showing off during special events and parades.

Johnson and the posse have given the sheriff's office volunteer service in search and rescue as well as providing additional manpower when needed.

Major Maurice Langston recently called Captain Johnson and other members of the Mounted Posse out to assist sheriff's office deputies attempt to locate a missing child. Volunteers helped provide a happy ending to the story when the boy was found in a wooded area safe and sound.

Sheriff David Harvey established the Mounted Posse in January 2007 with the help of Major Larry Massa, Capt. Johnson and horseman Skip Young.

On Feb. 10, 2007, the group took part in the very first event, the Valentine's Day parade and the posse has since increased to 17 members.

In addition to the search for the missing child, the posse takes part in parades, patrols at high school football games, gives safety talks to elementary school classes, preschools and churches and conducts neighborhood patrols.

The posse opened the ceremonies by carrying the American and Florida flags during the Bark-Fest animal fundraiser at Wakulla High School earlier this year.

Capt. Johnson has lived in Wakulla County for 21 years and was a member of the Leon County Sheriff's Office Mounted

Posse from 1971 to 2007. Johnson said he knew Sheriff Harvey and wanted to form a posse ever since he began building his Crawfordville area home in 1997. The retired Tallahassee Firefighter said his experience went way past current Sheriff Larry Campbell to former Leon Sheriff Raymond Hamlin who recently died at age 86.

"I've had horses all my life," said Johnson. "It works out real well. My wife (Sheila) is in the posse too and she helps me give the classes."

The search and rescue operations have a special advantage with the Mounted Posse. During his experience, Johnson said the horses not only provide a higher point of view to look for missing individuals, but they also provide a tempting attraction if the search subject is inside a home.

Many times people will come out of their homes to look at the posse members and the posse can interact and determine if anyone has seen the missing person.

The horses also cover more ground than humans on foot.

"We go almost anywhere if someone invites us," he said.

"They volunteer their own horses, equipment and tack to help us out," said Sheriff Harvey. "Everything they do, they do out of the goodness of their heart for Wakulla County."

Johnson rarely is seen at the front of a parade since he likes to sit in back and make sure everyone is safe during the procession.

"If anyone gets in trouble, he can see what is going on and react quickly if needed," said Sheila Johnson.

Major Langston said he hopes the posse and sheriff's office can put on horse clinics and bring in veterinarians for equine events. Major Langston is also a horse owner.



Wakulla students get to meet 'Buck' up close and personal at a safety talk.



Capt. Harris Johnson and Sheila Johnson, mounted on Buck, talk to local kids.

Harris' horse is named "Buck" and Sheila rides on "Doc."

"It's rewarding," said Harris. "I enjoy giving classes and watching the kids interaction with the horses."

The Johnsons cherish the cards and notes they have been sent from children after they work at a school function.

"Some of the kids have never touched a horse before," he said. "It's amazing. They are scared at first, but then they see

their classmates touching the horse and they come and rub the horse."

"We are always recruiting new members," said Sheila Johnson.

Contact Capt. Johnson at (850) 545-7247 to join or call the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office at 926-0800 for more information.

Applicants for the Mounted Posse must fill out an application and be approved by the sheriff's office before they can become a regular member.



Sheriff David Harvey on Buck for a parade.

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Fishers ask for help against 'corrupt' FWC

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Members of the Wakulla legislative delegation heard numerous complaints about the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - and some of the words used to describe the agency included "corrupt," "evil," and "drunk with power."

Commercial fishermen have insisted for years that the small mesh mullet nets the state requires them to use are not viable and harvest only under-sized mullet and other bycatch. Contending the FWC isn't answerable to anybody in making its regulations, fishermen asked legislators to use their control over the wildlife agency's budget to pressure them to negotiate.

It wouldn't work, said Sen. Al Lawson (D-Tallahassee), because the majority of legislators don't understand the problem and think there's no problem with fisheries regulation.

Lawson, who is being forced out of office by term limits after 28 years in the legislature, said he had been frustrated by past attempts to solve the net problem.

Every time there's a solution proposed and he thinks the problem is resolved, he turns around to find nothing has changed.

The other members of Wakulla's legislative delegation - state representatives Marti Coley (R-Marianna) and Leonard Lemley (D-Greenville) - also expressed their support at a public hearing in Crawfordville on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Coley went so far as to suggest taking a look at making the FWC as well as the Public Service Commission, elected offices rather than appointed.

The FWC was created by constitutional amendment that merged the Marine Fisheries Commission and the Game and Fish Commission into one regulatory agency. It was touted as a means to remove politics from wildlife regulation, but fishermen have criticized the agency as having uncontrolled power - with no oversight from the legislature, and a reluctance by the courts to intercede given the legal presumption that the agency has specific expertise in what it does.

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Big Bend spelling bee winner

Connor Keith, a 12-year-old student at Wakulla Middle School, won the Big Bend Regional Spelling Bee over the weekend - the first ever winner from Wakulla County.

Keith, from Tallahassee, is the daughter of Kristi and Jonathan Keith. Keith's mother is a teacher at Wakulla High School.

Keith was the winner of the school spelling bee in fourth and fifth grades. She participated in the Brain Bowl, is on the All-A Honor Roll, loves technology class, and is a member of the drama club.

Asked what helped her win, she answered, "I studied a lot of words."

Keith will go to the Scripps' National Spelling

Lady War Eagles Fall



Kessler treated for malaria

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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County Commission Chairman Howard Kessler is being treated for malaria, which he appears to have contracted during his recent medical mission to assist earthquake survivors in Haiti.

"I don't have the fever and chills anymore or the real bad symptoms of malaria," Kessler said on Tuesday, Feb. 16, before the start of a county commission meeting.

He was planning to chair the meeting. "I'm going to try it out and if it looks like I can't make it, I may have to pass the gavel."

Kessler was on the agenda to speak to the local legislative delegation at the public hearing a week ear-

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