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Dog owners flood workshop

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People concerned with the proposed kennel ordinance made their opinions known at a County Commission workshop held on July 22.

Many disagreed with the amendments to the ordinance that changed the definition of a kennel and would require a one time registration and licensing fee.

The definition of kennel includes anyone who has 15 animals or more.

Chairman Kessler was concerned about this defini-

tion.

"People not involved in making money will be included in this definition," Kessler said.

Public Safety Director Scott McDermid said this definition was added because many of the problems that Animal Control faces occurs in large populations of animals.

These problems are rabies, distemper, hoarding, neglect, feline upper respiratory, dog fighting, puppy mills and backyard breeders, he said.

"There's no mechanism

to know where large populations of animals are," McDermid said. "This is our first step in trying to control this problem."

Animal Control Director Ivanhoe Carroll said the department wants to know where the concentrations are located within the county.

Commissioner Alan Brock wondered if voluntary registration might be a solution. The ordinance could require commercial kennels to register, but allow others to volunteer.

Carroll said registering provides a two-way street of

information.

"When something's coming through the county, we can make them aware," Carroll said.

McDermid added that those who take care of their animals, like those in the crowd at the meeting, shouldn't be worried.

Rusty McKeithen, president of the Florida Dog Hunters and Sportsman's Association, said, "We don't want to be told we have to do stuff, when we were just told that it's not us."

McKeithen was just one of a number of hunting dog

owners in the audience.

Several members of the audience who spoke wondered how something like this will be enforced.

Resident Ralph Thomas said he doesn't have a large number of dogs, but spoke of a love for his freedom.

"Quit punishing law abiding citizens," Thomas said.

"You don't need more fight. You don't need more regulation," he told commissioners.

Resident Donnie Sparkman said, "It's an intrusion."

He added that people

who own dogs aren't businesses that should have to get a license.

"It's just an additional tax," Sparkman said.

Resident Sheila May rescues miniature daschunds and she said at times she has more than 15 dogs in her home.

"It's crazy," May said.

"We're going to tell on the ones that are doing right."

Commissioner Lynn Artz felt the proposed ordinance was reaching a bit with its definition of kennels and

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Wakulla resident dies from EEE virus

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A confirmed case of a mosquito-borne illness resulted in the death of a Wakulla County resident.

The resident contracted the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus.

The health department, along with the Wakulla County Mosquito Control will continue surveillance and prevention efforts.

"Our hearts go out to the family of this individual," said Susan Smith, spokesperson for the Florida Department of Health.

"We'd like to encourage the public to be proactive against mosquitoes this time of year," she added.

Smith said this is the type of year when mosquito activity increases.

This is the second confirmed human case in Florida. The other case was in Hillsborough County.

There were no cases in Florida last year, Smith said.

To protect against mosquitoes, practice the "5 D's":

Dusk and Dawn - Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood.

Dress - Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.

DEET - When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, it is recommended to use repellents containing up to 30 percent DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide). Other effective mosquito repellents include picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535. Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before you apply a repellent.

Drainage - Check around your home to rid the area of standing water since that is where mosquitoes lay their eggs.

Political season in full swing



Members of the crowd listen as candidates speak during the Political Rally held on July 24. (Photo by Lynda Kinsey)

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The grounds of the Crawfordville Women's Club were covered with tents and a stage on July 24 to give candidates running in the upcoming election the opportunity to speak to the citizens.

Candidates who attended the

rally were:

U.S. Senate, District 6: Bill Montford (D) and John Shaw (R).

State Rep., District 7: David Pleat (D) and Marti Coley (R).

Circuit 2 Judge, Group 9: Eddie Evans.

School Board, District 1: Virginia

Brock, Ray Gray and Ray Smith.

School Board, District 3: Becky Cook and Glen Wade.

County Commissioner, District

2: Randy Merritt (D) and Derek Howard (D).

County Commissioner, District

4: Howard Kessler and Jerry Moore

(D).

U.S. Rep., District 2: Dianna Berryhill (R), Allen Boyd (D), Al Lawson (D), Paul McKain, Barbara Olschner (R) and David Scholl (R).

For more pictures, see 12A

Derek Howard seeks term on county commission

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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Rev. Derek Howard says he has a passion for representing people, whether through politics, community organizations or the church.

He said he was approached by some people as the political season began to see if he would be interested in running for county commission. His first answer was no, he was already too busy.

When he was asked again, he talked with friends and family and neighbors and thought and prayed about it.

"I came to the decision that it was the right thing to do," he says.

His primary goal, he says, is to restore a sense of confidence in local government - that citizens see county government as fair, open, and accountable.

The perception persists, Howard says, that the average citizen is left out of the process and the decision-making.

Besides a strong sense of the rightness of open government, Howard said he would also offer leadership with humility, respect and vitality in office.

His number one priority would be jobs, he says. "I will work with the business community to try to create incentives for them to create new jobs."

He would do that by attracting new businesses or helping established businesses.

He points to the Chamber of Commerce's Shop Local Wakulla program as an effort in that direction. And even as he acknowledges that the commission's ability to fix the overall economy is minimal, he says that if the county came together as a unit and did something that improved the local markets by as little as one percent or two percent, that's still an improvement.

As for growth, Howard says: "We need our construction workers getting back to



Derek Howard

work... But we don't need a 'scorched earth' policy where we are destroying our environment."

While the economic downturn has stifled construction now, he anticipates it will pick up sooner or later - and when it does, there needs to be responsible oversight.

Given the county's budget constraints - he notes the auditing firm's report to the board that the county spent

ports budget cuts that don't require laying-off county employees.

"I would look at that and try to save every job we have now," he says. "I would look again at the needs of each department, and see where we can reduce costs" - through energy-savings, for example, or by re-organization to be more effective.

He also emphasizes protecting the environment - and expresses concern about the BP oil spill. Hopefully, the oil in the Gulf won't reach Wakulla shores, he says. But it's a priority as a commissioner to get what is due to Wakulla County from BP.

"I've been here all my life," Howard says. "It's very important to me that our water does not get polluted."

Wakulla's natural resources must be protected, he says.

Another concern is youth activities, he says. In a down economy, all too often it seems the first thing that governments cut are recreation programs. He suggested,

in addition to athletic and other recreation programs, the county should look at offering after-school tutoring for students at the new community center.

Howard has been involved in the county's recreation program for the past six years coaching soccer, football, T-ball and basketball.

He stresses that he isn't trying to belittle recreation in seeking a balance with academic programs at the community center.

"My thing is, if we can come together as a community, some of our problems of kids going astray could be fixed by having mentors available for them," he says.

He attended Florida A&M University and earned a Bachelor's of Science in electrical engineering and has been employed for the past 12 years with state government as a telecommunications engineer. He is also a minister.

He's been married for 13 years and has two sons and a baby daughter.

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Comment & Opinion

Established in Wakulla County in 1895

Readers write:***Historic road in need of support***

Mt. Beasor Road

Editor, The News:

I was surprised and saddened this week when I heard about plans to widen Mt. Beasor Road, plans that include cutting down the huge trees that lend this small community its charm and grace.

The Mt. Beasor community is on the Sopchoppy River northwest of the town of Sopchoppy. Mt. Beasor Road quietly winds through this small neighborhood, and though the part of the road near Railroad Avenue has been graded and widened somewhat, the section near Persimmon Road is still a small canopy roadway bordered by large trees and a few shady yards. This community, which has been in existence for probably a hundred years or more, now has a large sign at the entrance to the canopy roadway that states that clearing will begin soon and that residents should move their fences and other property from a surveyed area about 40 feet wide next to the existing road. This 40 foot swath encompasses the existing roadway in places, but mostly seems to involve the wooded area to the east of the road for about a quarter of a mile, next to the existing road. Cutting trees for this new road would destroy the character of this small community.

If you drive down Mt. Beasor Road, you will see that most of the large trees on the east side of the exist-

ing roadway are marked for potential removal with a big X. Among these are large live oaks, sweetgums and slash pine that, along with smaller dogwoods, magnolias and redbuds (also slated for removal), form the canopy along this road.

As you drive past the Old Mt. Beasor Church, you feel the comforting quietness that must have given peace to the congregation that gathered a hundred years ago. Further down the road, there is a huge pine tree that has served as a nesting site for swallow tailed kites. Still further down this quiet little road is a new fence that has recently been placed in the roadway to mark the boundary of a yard, then an embankment (which will surely wash into the Sopchoppy River when the trees are bulldozed off of it). Still further down the road is a swampy area that the Public Works engineer has said will not be destroyed, even though the right-of-way markers are clearly situated in this swamp.

I can understand if the road might need to be widened a little at the yard where the new fence makes the road a tight squeeze for the UPS truck or emergency vehicle, but I can't understand why people would want to destroy a whole section of roadway that is beautiful and unique and has served the community well for a hundred years or more with very little cost to the county

in upkeep.

For the 31 years I've been driving along this road, I've not met another car on this canopy section. There isn't much traffic and the road has only been graded a handful of times in all those years. The economic impact of cutting down trees, bulldozing and preparing a new roadway and then keeping it stable throughout the coming years will be very expensive. There are better ways to spend the county's and taxpayer's money.

This community and its quiet canopy road are a piece of Wakulla County history that should not be destroyed. We should try to save our historic communities and preserve the character and role these communities played in our ancestors' lives. It would simply be a mistake to erase generations of Old Florida beauty for an economically unsound and logically unnecessary expansion of the existing Mt. Beasor Road. I would urge those who care, to contact their Commissioners and ask that this small canopy road and quiet community be preserved. I also encourage those who are able to attend the County Commission meeting on August 2 to come and voice their concerns during the "concerned citizens forum" and show support for the preservation of this unique country road.

Sandy Tedder
Sopchoppy

Resident shows support for Pleat

The District 7 Florida House race can be whittled down to one issue: candidates' position on oil drilling off Florida. David Pleat (D-Destin) not only opposes drilling off our waters but also supported efforts that called on the Legislature to allow the citizens to vote on banning drilling in our waters on the November ballot.

However, the Florida Legislature failed the citizens and blocked our ability to directly vote on this important

issue by not taking action in the special session. Citizens can still weigh in on this issue by voting for those who will protect our coasts, such as Pleat.

Current District 7 Representative, Marti Coley (R-Marianna), joined others in the House to prevent the citizens from having our say. Coley claims there's no need to rush since there is already a state law preventing drilling in coastal waters.

While some argue that the state Constitution is not an ideal place to legislate, when it comes to foundational public policy questions like oil drilling in coastal waters, that issue should absolutely be presented to the citizens for their say.

I, for one, support David Pleat as the clear choice in the District 7 race to protect our shoreline from future oil industrial invasion.

Chad Hanson
Crawfordville

Hodge clears up confusion over identity**Editor, The News:**

I, Richard J. Hodge, was not the one that was in court shorts on July 15. I have a lawncare business in Wakulla and surrounding counties, Alligator Point, St. Teresa and Carrabelle. I am sorry, I would not do any of those things that were in the report. My business is Summers Lawncare. I appreciate all my customers. I'm sorry to all of you for this mix up.

Thank you.
Richard Hodge

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Voters need answers from candidates**Editor, The News:**

Our silly election season is going hard and strong. I don't know about you, but I am getting sick and tired of all the TV advertisements about how 'great this candidate is' and how 'rotten the other person is'.

A couple of years ago I was so fed-up with state and national races that I thought I would concentrate on our local county elections. After all, local politics affect us the most.

Local governments, namely the BOCC and the School Board, have the most impact on our daily lives. They determine the amount of property, sales and special-use taxes we pay. In addition, they determine which roads get paved, where schools are built, our water quality, fire protection, public utility management, sewer and septic systems, wetland protection, protection of Wakulla Springs, what rezoning gets approved, what educational criteria our schools have and now even how we act during the "citizens to be heard" portion of the BOCC meetings.

Now on to the upcoming local elections. Do we really know where the candidates stand on the important issues? Many make broad statements like "managed growth," "more civil meetings" or even "more jobs for Wakulla County." Have we pinned the candidates down and received specific answers to these questions?

Who are the candidates and what are their backgrounds? Do we know who is making donations to each candidate? Do we know why they are making large donations to that candidate? Do they conduct business with

the school board or county, and if so, what are they expecting in return for their donation?

During the last election I developed a "Candidate Declaration" which read:

"CANDIDATE DONATION DECLARATION: In order to avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest, I (name) candidate for Wakulla County Commission, in District (?), hereby pledge not to accept donations in excess of \$200.00 from any individual or business that currently has a contract or ones that may in the future have a contract with Wakulla County or ones that are engaged in businesses that may appear in front of the Board Of County Commissioners (BOCC) or the School Board, representing that business."

Types of business include, but are not limited to, contractors, attorneys, realtors, brokers, agents, or other types of business engaged in planning and zoning initiatives.

If I have already received donations from these types of businesses I hereby pledge to return these donations to the individual or company which gave them."

Several of the candidates running for the School Board or the BOCC signed these pledges.

Now we have a new election, and I recommend that each candidate for the School Board or BOCC sign this declaration. I urge each reader of this article to ask your candidate about this Declaration and question them on their opinion about this pledge.

We have too many cases of the appearance of a con-

flict of interest in our local government and this is a good way to minimize this potential. It is not right for a candidate or office holder to vote on issues where they have received large donations from the contractor or potential contractor, developer, or agent representing firms which may have business with or in the future with the government.

While on the subject of local elections, I look forward to the day when all County elections are non-partisan. Leon County has adopted this and our School Board elections are non-partisan. Party affiliations are very important when dealing with state and national elections, but have no place when dealing with local issues.

I would like to see our BOCC pass a resolution placing this issue on the ballot for this year's election. If not this year, I hope the new BOCC will call for a Wakulla County Charter Review Committee next year and look at the current charter and determine which improvements can be implemented to have a better and more responsive government for Wakulla County.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to read my comments. To those candidates who would like to sign the above declaration please contact me at ron_piasecki@earthlink.net and I will e-mail you a copy to sign. For others, feel free to send me your comments.

Don't forget. It is very important that we really get to know who we are voting for. Only then will we get the government we deserve.

Ron Piasecki
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Speak up about county budget issues

Shame on Mike Stewart for trying to force a vote of confidence regarding the County Administrator at the Commission meeting. The spectacle of his shouting certainly showed that he had not read or clearly understood his own agenda item, namely, displaying good manners and decorum.

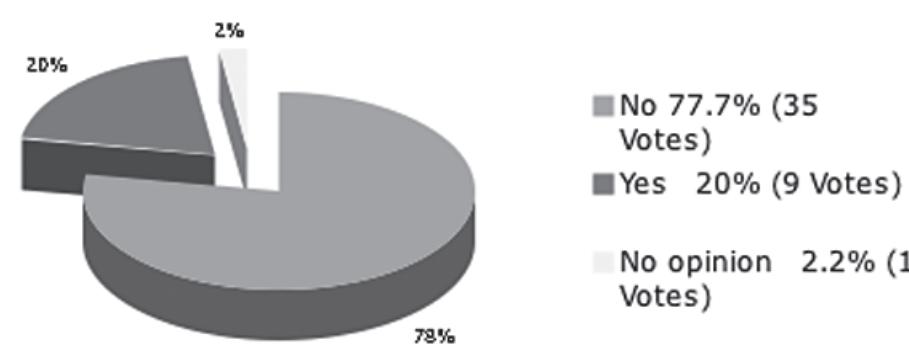
The problem with Pingree as I see it, is disregarding the dire straits of our County budget. Public record shows that his department has ordered computers, laptops, blackberries, cell phones, in quantities and qualities that our County cannot afford. These purchases required his signature alone. His managerial style raises questions

of professional judgment in application of policy and his response to questions from the Board. Personally, I feel transparency is and what all citizens want.

I suggest we continue the hiring freeze and add: no pay increases, no new hires, no promotions, or transfers until we get a handle on this budget. I also suggest a freeze on purchasing except for necessities. Is there anyone besides Kessler out there who finally realizes we're in big trouble here and would be willing to become vocal about it? Well,

I for one have decided to speak up. Every area of our government needs to cut their budget by 10 percent. Our choice is to fix it or get taxed for it!

Charles Hickman
Crawfordville

More letters to the editor on 5A**Online poll results:**

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Oil Spill



Boom deployed at the St. Marks Lighthouse. (Photo by Jennifer Raymond)

Fishermen say VoO has ended

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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Two Wakulla fishermen who met with officials and BP and the state last week who told them the Vessel of Opportunity program is essentially over.

Ronald Fred Crum, owner of Crum's Mini-Mall in Panacea and president of Wakulla Fisherman's Association, said after the meeting on Wednesday: "I asked them directly. Do I tell these people to wait to hear from you or get on with their lives? They said,

'Tell them to get on with their lives.'"

The VoO program was an opportunity for fishermen affected by the oil spill to make money by having their boats and crew involved in the response or clean-up efforts.

Keith Ward, owner of Lighthouse Seafood in St. Marks and a member of Wakulla Fisherman's Association, was also at the meeting and indicated his feeling that, with the Deepwater Horizon well now capped, BP was looking at cutting

back expenses. Money available for local businesses, Ward said, would have to be sought through the \$20 billion account set up through the federal government or else through a lawsuit.

Crum, a shrimper, had applied to have his 38-foot boat registered as a VoO along with a three-man crew. The crew was in Port St. Joe for BP training at the same time as Crum was at the oil spill meeting, further adding to his frustration.

Several local fishermen had participated in the VoO

program in Franklin County. There was considerable resentment about out-of-state boats from Texas and elsewhere used in Wakulla waters, but no Wakulla vessels.

Ward anticipated the end of commercial fishing in the area. Sales at his fish house were down \$2,000 last month, he said. A truck driver told him that restaurants in the Northeast were advertising that they did NOT serve Gulf seafood, a reaction to concerns about oil.

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

Current situation:

- Florida beaches are open.
- Currently Deepwater Horizon is not discharging any oil into the Gulf of Mexico.
- Booming operations are presently on hold. Planners are re-evaluating proposed booming operations due to rightsizing.
- Tar balls and light sheen continue to be reported in Northwest Florida.
- Although sporadic sightings of tar balls may continue, Florida's shoreline is not expected to receive additional impacts over the next 72 hours.
- Five state-leased skimmers remain on standby in Northwest Florida to protect sensitive inland water bodies.
- Federal Fishery closure, west of Cape San Blas to state line, 26,388 sq mi of southeast portion has been reopened.
- A portion of coastal state waters offshore of Escambia County is closed to the harvest of saltwater fish, crabs and shrimp.
- The NOAA Oil Spill Trajectory shows the oil plume 70 miles from Pensacola, and 150 miles from Panama City. While NOAA oil trajectories forecast oil patches to remain well south and west of Florida, with no direct oil impacts through at least Friday, westerly winds may push scattered tarball fields or tarmats eastward towards the Panhandle coast.

FWC advises boaters to slow down where boom is placed

Because of the large number of oil-containment booms and cleanup equipment being deployed around the state, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Boating and Waterways Section is asking boaters to slow down where oil cleanup is underway.

The FWC encourages all boaters to operate at slow speed within 300 feet of all authorized booms. Boaters operating near any oil-containment booms or cleanup equipment should exercise extreme caution and comply with all applicable navigational rules.

Failure to operate at slow speed in these areas could result in injury, damage to vessels and damage to the containment booms. Additionally, the wake that results from a vessel operating above slow speed in areas where a boom has been deployed can reduce the effectiveness of the boom, resulting in further environmental damage.

FWC officers and local marine units will be on the water encouraging boaters to operate at slow speed in those areas where cleanup efforts are under way.

Reopening of a third of Gulf waters occurred last week

N O A A re-opened 26,388 square miles of Gulf waters to commercial and recreational fishing on July 22.

The reopening of a third of the overall closed area was announced after consultation with FDA and under a re-opening protocol agreed to by NOAA, the FDA and the Gulf states.

Since mid-June, NOAA data have shown no oil in the area, and United States Coast Guard observers flying over the area in last 30 days have also not observed any oil. Additionally, trajectory models show the area is at a low risk for future exposure to oil, and fish caught in the area and tested by NOAA ex-

perts have shown no signs of contamination.

"Today's decision is good news for Gulf fishermen and American consumers," Commerce Secretary Gary Locke said. "Following the best science for this re-opening provides important assurance to the American people that the seafood they buy is safe and protects the Gulf seafood brand and the many people who depend on it for their livelihoods."

At its closest point, the area to be reopened is about 190 miles southeast of the Deepwater/BP wellhead, and the area where the majority of fishing will occur is about 220 miles from the

wellhead, along the west Florida shelf.

"NOAA is working to protect public safety while minimizing harm to the fishing industry," said Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D., under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "We are confident that seafood caught in this area is, and will continue to be, free from contamination."

Between June 23 and July 5, NOAA collected samples of fish, including grouper, snapper, tuna, and mahi mahi from the area where the heaviest fishing will take place. Sensory and chemical testing following the methodology and pro-

cedures in the re-opening protocol showed no detectable oil or dispersant odors or flavors, and the results of chemical analysis were well below the levels of concern.

"We are pleased today to be able to fully support the reopening of these waters," said Dr. Margaret A. Hamburg, Commissioner of Food and Drugs. "We know it is important to get people back to fishing quickly - this industry is the backbone of the Gulf region economy. At the same time, we need the American public to be confident in the seafood coming from the Gulf, and the testing that has been done as part of the agreed upon

protocols has not indicated any level of concern."

NOAA will continue to take samples for testing from the newly re-opened area, and the agency has also implemented dockside sampling to test fish caught throughout the Gulf by commercial fishermen.

Additionally, the NOAA research vessel Nancy Foster took water samples in and around the area proposed for re-opening during early to mid July. No surface sheens were observed and no unusual readings potentially indicative of oil were obtained during these activities.

At the time the area was originally closed, there was a

concern that the light sheen observed in the northeastern portion of the area might enter the loop current and move quickly toward the Florida Keys. That fear, however, never materialized, and NOAA revisited its earlier assumptions, reaching the conclusion that these waters no longer need to be closed.

Fishery area closures remain the first line of defense to prevent contaminated seafood from entering the marketplace.

NOAA will continue to evaluate the need for fisheries closures based on the evolving nature of the spill and will re-open closed areas as appropriate.



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Obituaries



Mildred Moore Bishop

ter Catherine Nicely, Deerfield Beach; sisters, Deloris Ahrens, Ind.; Irene Singletary, Tallahassee; brother Lowell Moore, Woodville; four step-children, many nieces, nephews and dear friend Toomey Keeton.

Visitation and service were Tuesday, July 27, at 10 a.m. at White Primitive Baptist Church in Woodville. She was laid to rest in Woodville Cemetery.

Esther Lucille Cook

Esther Lucille Cook, 85, died Sunday, July 25, in Carrabelle.

She was born to Maybelle and Jessie Mock in 1925.

She was a lifelong member of Carrabelle United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children, Warren Allen "Buddy" Cook Jr. and Darlene Alligood; and her husband Charles Alligood; her grandchildren; great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her brother Percy Mock and her sister Hazel Cook.

A graveside service was held July 27 at Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include her daughter,

Christ Church Anglican Sunday
8:30am Service
9:30am Adult Bible Class
10:30am Children's Class
10:30am Service
Nursery available

Thursday 10:30 am Adult Bible Study
Wednesday 6:30 pm - Supper and Children, Youth and Adult Bible Classes
The Rev. John Spicer, Rector
850-745-8412
3383 Coastal Highway

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

Crawfordville United Methodist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Church News

Weldon Chalmer Vowell, Sr.

Weldon Chalmer Vowell, Sr., 89, died July 21 in Crawfordville, FL. He moved to Florida from San Antonio, Tx. and lived in Carabelle and Panacea.

He is survived by his daughter, Janice Ann Montalto, Crawfordville; son Weldon "Mike" Chalmer Vowell, Jr., Sopchoppy; and five grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Arvelia Bentley Vowell and Father Chalmer Vowell, Sr.; his wife Ruth Perryman Vowell; a sister; and a granddaughter.

Burial will take place at Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio, Texas.

Harvest seeking flea market vendors

Harvest Fellowship is now accepting applications for vendors for The Harvest Flea Market, one of the first flea markets in our area.

This open area venue will give residents a place to buy, sell and trade items. The opening date for The Harvest Flea Market is Saturday, August 21. A standard booth size is 15 by 10 and costs \$20 or double the space for \$35. Interested parties should email Pastor Fred Lanier at revfred@yahoo.com for a vendor application. Vendor applications are due by August 20.

She has been preaching and ministering in song for several years.

She attends Faith Holiness House of Prayer in Wakulla Station, where she has been the adult Sunday school teacher for the last six years.

She has been called to deliver an end time message and feels Jesus is coming very soon and people should be doing God's business.



The Rev. Glinda Hudson

Hudson celebrates being ordained into ministry

Rev. Glinda J. Hudson of Crawfordville was ordained into the ministry through the Living Word of Faith Fellowship, which was founded in Panama City by the Rev. J. W. Hunt.

A celebration was given to honor her by her children, Steve and Sharon Wisham, Ron and Lisa Parker, Mike and Lori Barwick and Luke and Charity Debaufre, all of Wakulla County.

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FBCC to host a garage sale

First Baptist Church of Crawfordville will host its annual church-wide garage sale on Saturday, July 31st, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The sale will be held behind the church in the CLC building, out of the elements of nature, so come enjoy yourself and shop - rain or shine!

Proceeds from the garage sale will go towards hosting the Revolution event coming in August. FBCC has been blessed with your support in past years and invites you to come out again and shop for some great bargains. See you there.

Pioneer Church to host open mic gospel sing

Pioneer Baptist Church will host an "open microphone" gospel sing on July 30 at 7 p.m.

Everyone who would like to sing or play an instrument is invited to participate. Others who enjoy listening to gospel music are invited to attend and enjoy some of the best of Wakulla's musical talent.

Pioneer Baptist Church is located one and a half miles south of the Shaderville Highway and Spring Creek Highway intersection, four miles east of Crawfordville. The address is 486 Beechwood Drive.

For more information please call 878-5224. We hope you will join us.

Revival services to be held in Sopchoppy

Campmeeting Revival services will be held August 2 through August 6 at Odom Memorial Campground in Sopchoppy. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Robert Mays. For more information call 850-984-5579.

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More Letters:

Speak up now or pay for it later

Editor, The News:

This past week, there was a large turnout for a County Commission workshop about kennel licenses. If the people had stayed for the next workshop they would have seen how their taxes are about to go up again.

At this workshop the Commission proposed a resolution that will increase everyone's taxes and especially hurt businesses. This tax is a revision of the Fire MSBU tax we all pay now but will pay more if the Commission adopts the new rates.

You need some history to understand how we got to this point. The fire MSBU was started many years ago to help the Volunteer Fire Departments purchase the things needed to protect the public, for years every house paid \$35. In May of 2006 the volunteers approached the Commission about hiring some full-time Firefighters and the Commission did that the next year. At this time the Commission put

the salaries of the Firefighters in the general fund and they have been there until now.

Now the County staff persuades the Commission to move the salaries from the general fund to the MSBU fund. The commissioners agree to this but not if it hurts the volunteers, an admirable sentiment. The County pays \$20,000 of our MSBU money for a study on the MSBU rates and to no ones surprise the study recommends raising the rates.

These new rates will be \$100 per household and 9 cents per sq. foot of commercial property. When you compare this to where you were in 2006 it is a huge jump. Household rates rose from \$35 to \$100 and commercial from 2 cents to 9 cents per square foot, in just 4 years. This is OK if your income tripled and your business quadrupled between 2006 and now but whose did? If you look at the Clerk's website for fire budget you will see 2008

was \$832,000, 2009 was \$1.4 Million and 2010 is \$1.98 million, can we stand that kind of growth?

The commissioners want to go with this because they want to move the fire salaries to MSBU to hold the millage rate down. The problem is when you write that check to Cheryl Olah it is going to be bigger than it would be if you left the MSBU alone and the salaries alone. If the millage has to go up to keep the total tax bill down that is OK with me. In better years that millage may come back down but once this MSBU is passed it will never go down, just up.

The increases on businesses are the ones that are totally uncalled for during these economic times. A few examples are Angelo's Restaurant from \$682 to \$1227, Big Top Grocery from \$360 to \$648, Crawfordville Ace from \$1495 to \$2691; other businesses are affected just the same, the worse being Wal Mart from \$9200 to \$17,000 These are just their

fire taxes not their property tax. Looking at these numbers no new business will ever want to come here and our economic recovery is very far away.

Everyone at the workshop spoke against this increase. Volunteer Firefighters spoke against it knowing we will not get all of the new toys we want but also knowing this is not the time to increase taxes on homes or businesses.

It is not too late to stop this. Tell your commissioners to leave these things like they are and look for ways to cut back not increase taxes. Tell them it is better for the millage to go up a little this year than for the total tax bill to go up. This MSBU will be on the taxpayers back every year but in better times the millage may come down. We have seen it higher and lower than it is now. Act now or you will pay later.

Bill Russell
Ochlockonee Bay VFD

Behavior at commission meeting is ridiculous

Editor, The News:

I recently attended my first commission meeting, and I was very disturbed of what I experienced.

To me, Mike Stewart has as much integrity as anyone there. But he was constantly put down for speaking on behalf of people he represents. I never spoke to Mr. Stewart on this issue, but there are people watching these meetings that are disgusted with the way the meetings are turning into some sort of drama with people constantly putting down each other.

The majority of the county voted to put each com-

missioner into office. Why can't we let them do their jobs? You can disagree with someone without putting them down.

Mr. Stewart is a remarkable person to have served our country for so long and still put up with that.

I got tired of hearing the ridiculous things being said so I left. One reason it bothered me so much is I have seen first hand how Mike Stewart feels about people's rights. A few weeks ago, I let Howard Kessler put a sign in front of my business. I had some of my friends and other acquaintances put me down for my

bad judgment. I had Mr. Kessler come pick his sign up because it was causing confusion and The Bible say God is not the author of confusion.

Mr. Stewart visited my business two times the week Mr. Kessler's sign was there. Not once did he put me down or put down Mr. Kessler, even though I believe he doesn't see eye to eye with him. I called Mr. Stewart to thank him for not treating us the way some folks did. His words to me were, "that sign didn't bother me. I'm glad your business is here, and you have the right to support

who you want. So don't tell me he doesn't care about people's rights."

After attending my first meeting of the commission, one thing I realized is

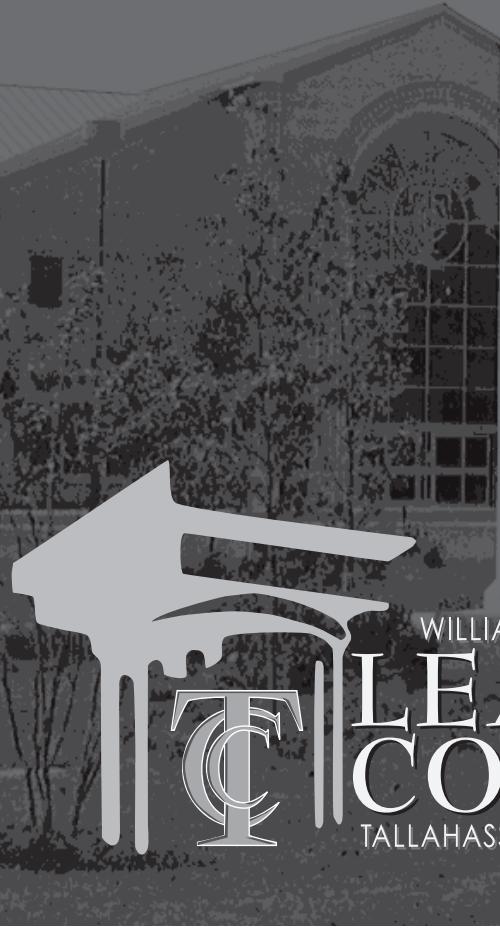
Mike Stewart is one commissioner I'm sure I want representing my interest. I just pray that God will continue to walk with him, because I don't know any other power in the universe, that could keep me as calm as he under such ridiculous scrutiny at the meeting I attended.

Ray Hutton
Crawfordville

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Dog owners

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All the other commissioners agreed as well.

Commissioner Mike Stewart said the county is trying to get a handle on those who are breeding dogs and selling them.

Stewart added that the county has seen issues with abuse, as well as puppy mills.

The board decided to only apply the definition to commercial kennels, those who are operating a business.

Court offices to move

By JENNIFER RAYMOND
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Renovations are currently being made to the Wakulla County Courthouse and in the process of these renovations, asbestos was found in the building and remediation needs to be performed.

The courts asked the county commission at their July 20 meeting if the offices and courtroom can be moved to the community center for about five months during the abatement process and renovations.

According to Clerk of Courts Brent Thurmond, vacating the courthouse will keep people out of harm's way and will speed up the process.

Court will take place in the old sanctuary and the other building would be used for offices.

However, additional space is still needed. Thurmond suggested renting three portable classrooms.

The cost of the remediation is between \$20,000 and \$40,000. Thurmond said.

Renting portables will cost about \$13,000, he added.

The court's maintenance fund will cover the moving expenses.

Commissioner Alan Brock suggested renting office space.

"I think we would have to find a little space here and a little space there," Thurmond said.

He added that the idea of using the portables was so

that the courts were all in one location.

Included in the proposal would be an addition of underground conduit for 100 pair phone lines for telecommunications for all offices. Also any painting and minor remodeling modifications to the community center, including the addition of doors, windows and the removal of the baptismal from the sanctuary.

Artz said she was not for the addition of windows and walls.

Chairman Howard Kessler wondered how long the clerk of courts office has been aware that there was asbestos.

Court Administrator Grant Sladen said they met with an expert and had the report two weeks ago.

At that time they were told if asbestos is disturbed, abatement needs to be performed, he added.

Thurmond said they knew about a small amount of asbestos on tile, but this is different.

According to Thurmond, there are four types of asbestos and the courtroom has all four.

Thurmond added that abatement is better than simply covering up the asbestos. And that the renovations may stir up the asbestos.

The commission approved four to one, with Artz opposing, the vacating of the courthouse during the abatement and renovation.

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Commission Briefs

By JENNIFER RAYMOND

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After it was determined that a review of the Wakulla County Housing Division needed to be performed, County Administrator Ben Pingree formed a management review team.

The team was headed by Assistant County Administrator Lindsay Stevens and consisted of some county employees as well as those from outside the county.

The team was to present a final report on its findings on June 24.

June 24 came and went and no report was given to the County Commission.

At the July 20 meeting, Stevens explained that time constraints had set them back and the final report would not be able to be completed until February 2011.

Stevens said the team has met numerous times since it was formed on May 27.

However, most of those involved work in the private sector and have full-time jobs. They are volunteering for this project.

"It's difficult to meet on a daily basis," Stevens said.

She added that with the amount of work that needed to be done, they quickly grasped that they wouldn't meet their deadline.

At that time, Stevens said they focused on an issue that needed an immediate response. This was a response to the Department of Com-

munity Affairs' Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program's monitoring report and a procedures manual for this program.

The MRT also developed a scope of work for the tasks that are needed to perform the review of the housing division.

The cost to hire an outside firm to perform the review is estimated between \$20,000 and \$22,000. This does not include the submitted LI-HEAP response already sent to DCA. If DCA approves the response submitted by the MRT, an outside firm may not have to perform this task.

It is also estimated that an outside firm could complete the scope of work in 60 to 90 days.

Resident Renee Calhoun wondered why the county let another two months pass by without any answers.

One area that was looked into was the claim that files had been deleted from a computer used in the housing division.

Craig Goodson with Inspired Technologies said that is unknown.

He added that a good amount of data was in the recycle bin, but there was also a good amount on the desktop.

He added that former Weatherization Director Jerry Nuss was told by an employee with Inspired Technologies to move his data off the desktop into my documents.

The County Commission voted unanimously to hire an outside firm to perform the review of the housing division.

In other news, Tourist Development Council Director Pam Portwood presented an agenda item requesting payment of additional hours for grant-funded projects.

Wakulla County was awarded a \$50,000 grant administered by the state's Division of Emergency Management and funded by BP for an emergency media campaign.

TDC was notified of the money given to Florida in the amount of \$25 million and had to submit a media plan and budget to receive funds.

The media plan includes five 30-second spots promoting Wakulla County that will be shared on the internet and social networking and marketing sites.

The cost of the spots was \$38,000 and \$12,000 was budgeted for marketing and distribution.

Portwood was asking the commission if she could be paid additional hours from the \$12,000.

She said there are extra hours needed to set up the media plan. She estimated that she would spend about 120 hours on this project.

"The \$12,000 is not to pay Pam Portwood," she said.

Portwood is under part-time contract with the county

and gets paid \$35 an hour.

Resident Hugh Taylor wondered why the county is going to pay someone who isn't a county employee with the current budget.

He added that he wished Portwood would come back and work for the county.

Portwood responded, "No, I'm not technically an employee, but I consider myself a public servant."

Resident Gail Hickman said, "I'm not concerned with someone who's not a county employee."

Resident Dana Peck said she didn't understand how it costs \$12,000 to go viral.

"You beam it up Scotty," Peck said.

Commissioner Alan Brock said going viral does cost a lot of money.

He added that the county won't be paying the additional hours, BP will.

Chairman Howard Kessler asked Portwood that if she works 10 hours a week or 40 is her pay the same.

Portwood said yes and that she receives 12 equal installments from the county.

Kessler said without a baseline of how many hours she works normally, he didn't see how the commission could increase her hours.

He said he hoped any future item that comes before the board would have more specificity to it.

The commissioner voted unanimously to approval paying Portwood the additional

hours.

The County Commission was also presented with additional cost cutting measures for the remaining months in this budget year.

The cost cutting measures were presented because of a decrease in the fund balance, Assistant County Administrator Tim Barden said.

The cost reduction strategies included: purchasing cards having a \$100 monthly limit, open-ended purchase orders should be closed immediately, consultant services contracts should be placed on hold, offices close to one another should pool resources, travel and training is eliminated, reduction in maintenance costs, hiring freeze will remain in effect, reduce fuel consumption and keep thermostats at 77 degrees and eliminate any use of general fund reserves.

Additional ideas were to cut the four OPS positions for the remaining months, shift 10 percent of health care costs to employees and implement two furlough days, one in August and one in September.

Arzt suggested implementing the additional three ideas.

Commissioner Mike Stewart didn't agree.

"I don't want to have to send anybody home," Stewart said.

Kessler agreed with Arzt.

"We have reduced revenue, we have to cut," Kessler said.

Barden said he estimates that the county will have \$500,000 in reserves at the end of the fiscal year.

Arzt suggesting postponing a decision on the OPS positions until those departments can present their case.

The commission voted unanimously to only suggest the cost reduction strategies and not the additional three ideas.

Recent public hearings held

By JENNIFER RAYMOND

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At the county commission meeting, a public hearing was held on the proposed revised wetlands ordinance.

This was the first of two public hearings.

County Attorney Heather Encinosa said two public hearings were recommended because of the great public concern.

Several citizens spoke on the issue. Some for the ordinance and some who are against it.

Those against the ordinance say it is an infringement on property rights.

However, those in support of the ordinance say it is a good balance between protecting the environment and property rights.

Another public hearing was held that involved the mandatory connection requirement and extending the sewer connection incentive program.

At the June 21 meeting, the commission agreed to extend the incentive program, beginning in January, 2011.

If a property owner connects to the sewer by January 1, 2011, they will pay only 25 percent of the connection fees. If they connect by April 1, 2011, they are only required to pay 50 percent. And if they connect by July 1, 2011, they are required to pay 75 percent.

The board also chose to waive the connection fee requirement for those specific properties upon approval of the Department of Health.

However, if their sewer system fails, they are then required to connect to the county sewer.

The Department of Health did not approve the waiver for properties in Mashes Sands, Live Oak Island and Shell Point because of health concerns.

These properties will still be required to connect to the county sewer.

The ordinance was adopted unanimously.

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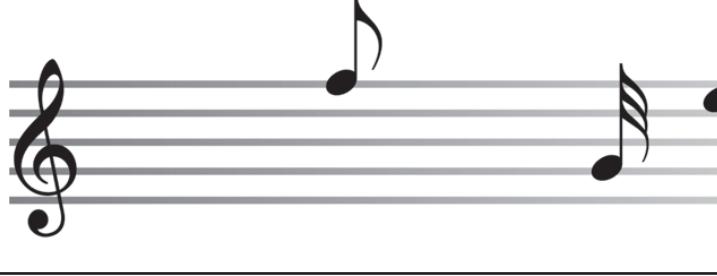
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Heather Hyde and Jeffrey (TJ) Thompson, Jr.

Hyde and Thompson to wed in October

Kaye and Joe Hyde of Tallahassee are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Heather Kaye Hyde to Jeffrey Allen "TJ" Thompson, Jr.

The groom-elect is the son of Robin and Jeff Thompson of Jacksonville.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Amos and Carolyn Crum of Tallahassee and Dorothy Hyde of Waynesville, N.C., and the late Milton Hyde. She is the great granddaughter of Mildred Willis of Sopchoppy and the late Griffin Willis and the late Sallie Ethel and W.J. Crum, Sr.

The groom-elect is the

grandson of Adah Thompson of Tampa and the late Donald Thompson and Robert and Barb Fiegl of Buffalo, N.Y., and the late Nina Fiegl.

The bride-elect received her A.A. from Tallahassee Community College and graduated with a B.S. from the University of North Florida (Jacksonville) in biology and a minor in community health.

The groom-elect graduated from the University of North Florida with a B.S. in healthcare administration.

The wedding is planned for October 23, 2010 at Dover's Eagle Hill in Quincy.

Alexis Nichols wins Miss Independence Pageant queen



Alexis Cheyenne Nichols

Six-month old Alexis Nichols won the Queen title of the Miss Independence Pageant on July 2. She also received the award for Most Photogenic.

She is the daughter of Bob and Angie Nichols of Sopchoppy.

The pageant was held in Crawfordville at Premier Athletics.

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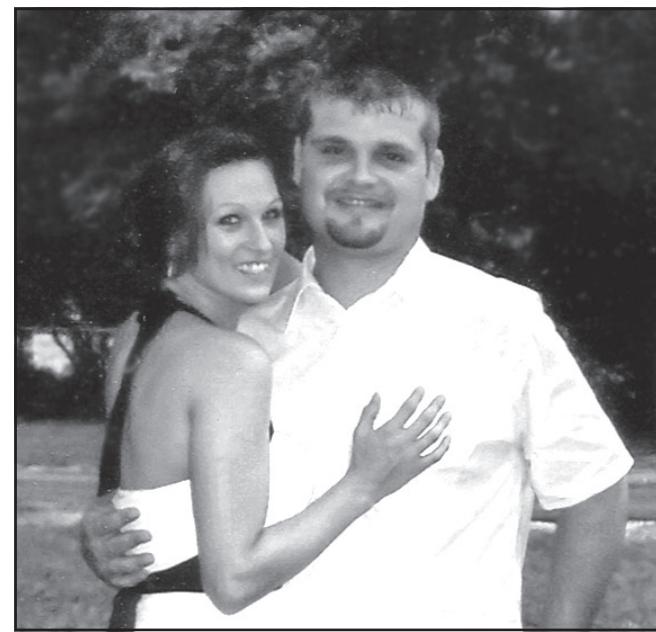
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Hudson and Debaufre Marry in Crawfordville

Charity Maranda Hudson of Crawfordville, married William Lucas Debaufre of Panacea, on June 13.

The double ring ceremony was held in Crawfordville and was performed by Glinda Hudson, the grandmother of the bride.

The bride's parents are Ron and Lisa Parker of Crawfordville.

The groom's parents are Monty and Krista Met-

calf of Panacea and Fred Debaufre of Birmingham, Ala.

The bride and groom were high school sweethearts at Grace Christian Academy and graduated in 2004.

The groom is employed with Turbo Core of Tallahassee.

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School board announces policy for free and reduced price meals for students

Wakulla County School Board announces its policy for Free and Reduced-Price Meals for students under the National School Lunch And Breakfast Programs.

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility. An application can not be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information. Once approved, meal benefits are good for an entire year. You need not notify the organization of changes in income and household size.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals, households must complete the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Households that receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutri-

tion Assistance Program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) are required to list on the application only the child's name, SNAP / TANF case number, and signature of adult household member.

Foster children will receive benefits (i.e., free, reduced-price, or paid) based on the child's personal income regardless of the income of the household.

Households with children who are considered migrants, homeless, or runaway should contact the district liaison Tanya English at (850) 926-0065.

For the purpose of determining household size, deployed service members are considered a part of the household. Families should include the names of the deployed service members on their application. Report only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available to them or on their behalf to the family. Additionally, a housing allowance that is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative is not to be included as income.

All other households must provide the following

information listed on the application:

Total household income listed by gross amount received, type of income (e.g., wages, child support, etc.) and how often the income is received by each household member;

Names of all household members - check the "no income" box if applicable; if household member is a child, list school name for each;

Signature of an adult household member certifying the information provided is correct; and Social security number of the adult signing the application or the word "NONE" for this household member if he or she does not have a social security number.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the school should be contacted. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed should also contact the school.

Under the provisions of the Free and Reduced-Price meal policy, Gail Mathers, Director of Food Service

will review applications and determine eligibility.

If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he or she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he or she may make a request either orally or in writing

to Jimmie Dugger, Assistant Superintendent, P. O. Box 100, Crawfordville, Florida, 32326, (850) 926-0065.

Unless indicated otherwise on the application, the information on the Free and Reduced-Price Meal application may be used by the school system in determining eligibility for other educational programs.

To determine annual income:

If you receive the income every week, multiply the total gross income by 52.

If you receive the income every two weeks, multiply the total gross income by 26.

If you receive the income twice a month, multiply the total gross income by 24.

If you receive the income monthly, multiply the total gross income by 12.

Remember: The total income before taxes, social

security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.

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Any interested person may review a copy of the policy by contacting Gail Mathers, Director, School Food Service, Wakulla School Board Administrative Office, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, (850) 926-0065.

Open house dates scheduled for Wakulla County schools

The schedule for Open House at Wakulla County schools has been released.

Pre-K students will be held on Aug. 10 from 3-5 p.m.

Elementary schools will hold open houses on Aug. 10 from 4-7 p.m.

Open house for Wakulla area middle schools will be held on Aug. 9 from 4:30-7 p.m.

Wakulla High School's open house is scheduled for Aug. 9 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Register Now for September ACT® test

Registration is now open for the September 11, 2010 ACT achievement test. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register before August 6.

The national ACT September exam is the earliest college admissions test date of the school year. For high school seniors, this date is an excellent opportunity to receive test results in time for early decision applications. The September test date is offered only within the 50 United States and the District of Columbia.

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The ACT has four sections—English, mathematics, reading and science—and takes about three hours to complete. Students who take the ACT Plus Writing complete an optional writing test that requires an additional 30 minutes.

The cost for the ACT test without writing is \$33. When combined with the optional ACT Writing Test, the total cost is \$48. Students who qualify may apply for a fee waiver through their high school counselor.

Most students register online at www.actstudent.org. Students may also pick up registration forms from their high school counseling offices. Registration is available until August 20, 2010 for an extra \$21 fee.

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2010-2011 BUDGET SUMMARY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY					
REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT (including Prior Period Adjustment Millage)	5.5520	BASIC DISCRETIONARY OPERATING	0.7480		
BASIC DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL OUTLAY	1.5000	DISCRETIONARY CRITICAL NEEDS-OPERATING	0.2500		
		DEBT SERVICE (VOTED)	0.4970		
		TOTAL MILLAGE	8.5470		
Revenues					
Federal	608,883.00	6,546,156.73			
State Sources	25,256,818.00	29,855.00	133,400.00	564,430.00	
Local Sources	8,768,227.00	790,122.00	643,537.38	1,942,265.74	102,600.00
TOTAL REVENUES	34,633,928.00	7,366,133.73	776,937.38	2,506,695.74	102,600.00
Transfers In	244,529.17		647,421.92		
Other Financing Sources					
FUND BALANCES - (July 1, 2010)	4,807,666.57	417,835.45	62,014.19	2,306,227.90	29,647.79
TOTAL REVENUES AND BALANCES	39,686,123.74	7,783,969.18	1,486,373.49	4,812,923.64	132,247.79

Expenditures					
Instruction	20,552,010.28	4,070,963.07			
Pupil Personnel Services	1,605,950.04	138,864.54			
Instructional Media Services	518,503.42	49,899.04			
Instructional & Curriculum					
Development Services	1,367,282.26	421,297.00			
Instructional Staff Training	149,235.56	368,297.39			
Instructional Related Technology	307,149.88				
Board of Education	529,090.22				
General Administration	468,986.45	128,875.11			
School Administration	1,837,435.25				
Facilities Acquisition Construction	107,306.14			3,920,972.55	
Fiscal Services	388,781.94				
Food Service	12,945.75	2,111,546.00			
Central Services	670,691.74	1,405.53			102,600.00
Pupil Transportation Services	2,717,901.74	138,181.00			
Operation of Plant	4,305,331.43				
Maintenance of Plant	1,086,506.15				
Administrative Technology Services	11,156.41				
Community Services	4,075.44				
Debt Services			1,430,249.92		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	36,640,340.10	7,429,328.68	1,430,249.92	3,920,972.55	102,600.00
Transfers Out	0.00			891,951.09	
FUND BALANCES - (June 30, 2011)	3,045,783.64	354,640.50	56,123.57	0.00	29,647.79
TOTAL EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, & BALANCES	39,686,123.74	7,783,969.18	1,486,373.49	4,812,923.64	132,247.79

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGET ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

Sports



Wakulla 4-H Horsemasters Alicia, Alyssa and Todd Porter and Tyler Gilbert with their trophies and winning ribbons.

Wakulla County 4-H Horsemasters win at state horse show on July 8

Wakulla County and the 4-H Program were well represented July 8-11 by Tyler Gilbert, Alicia, Alyssa, and Todd Porter at the 4-H State Horse Show at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa.

Todd Porter really brought home the blue by scoring first place in Junior Stake Race out of 36 riders. He also earned first place in Junior Barrel Racing out of 39 riders and first place in Junior Pole Bending out of 38 riders.

These three winnings made him the Overall Junior High Point Winner in timed events.

He is also ranked in sixth place of the Top

Ten Junior 4-H Riders in the State.

Alicia Porter placed eighth in Senior Pole Bending out of 28 riders and ninth in Senior Barrel Racing out of 30 riders.

These scores made Ali-

cia eligible to represent Wakulla County and Florida 4-H at the 4-H Regional Horse Show in Clemson, SC, beginning July 28.

Only 4-H members who are seniors, 14 and over, may compete at the Regional level. Tyler Gilbert placed 9th out of 29 riders in Senior Dressage. Unfor-

tunately, Tyler's horse had an injury and she was not able to finish her classes.

To be able to compete at the state show these

four riders had to qualify at the 4-H District Horse Show in April in Mari-

anna.

Thirty-five Florida coun-

ties were represented at the state show this year.

The Horsemasters

would like to thank Glenn & Evelyn Ashley of Ash-

ley's Feed for supplying the hay, feed and stall

shavings at the state show for the four horses of

these wonderful riders.

Thanks also to Laurie

Westbrook of FoxTrot

Farm in Crawfordville for

her assistance and guid-

ance at the show.

Congratulations Todd,

Alicia, Alyssa and Tyler.

Good luck to Alicia at the

4-H Regional Show.

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NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The District School Board of Wakulla County will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.500 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the School Board's proposed tax of 6.550 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the School Board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$1,942,265.74 to be used for the following projects:

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING
Riversink Elementary School - Special Facilities Payback

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR
Wakulla Middle HVAC Replacement

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES
Purchase of Three (3) School Buses

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on August 2, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Wakulla County School Board Administrative Offices, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida.

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

Wakulla Middle School Wildcats kick off football season Aug. 10

The WMS Wildcat 2010 football season will kick off Tuesday, August 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wakulla Middle School field. Tryouts will end at 7 p.m. All returning players, as well as new players, who wish to try out for the team must provide a completed current FHSAA Sports Physical form as well as a signed Parental Consent form, to be kept on file at Wakulla Middle School, before they will be allowed to participate. Both forms can be downloaded from the Florida High School Athletic Associations web site, www.fhsaa.org/forms or www.wakullaschooldistrict.org. Select forms under the yellow tab, click on sports forms.

All athletes should wear P.E. shorts and a t-shirt with either tennis shoes or cleats. For additional information contact Coach Wells at WMS, 850.926.7143. The 2010 Wildcat Schedule is as follows:

Sept. 9 vs. Marianna Home 7 p.m.

Sept. 23 vs. Quincy Home 6 p.m.

Oct. 5 vs. FAMU Home 6 p.m.

Oct. 21 OPEN

Sept. 14 vs. Riversprings Away 7 p.m.

Sept. 28 vs. Perry Away 6 p.m.

Oct. 14 vs. Jefferson Away 6 p.m.

Oct. 26 and 28 Conference Playoffs TBA

Deer hunters will need new permit for 2010-2011 hunting season

Beginning with the upcoming 2010-2011 hunting season, anyone hunting deer in Florida will need a deer permit. The new permit costs \$5 and is available now for purchase.

Those with a Sportsman's License, Gold Sportsman's License, 64 or Older Sportsman's License, Military Gold Sportsman's License, Lifetime Hunting License or Lifetime Sportsman's License will not need to purchase the new deer permit, because it already is included in each of these licenses, even if they were purchased before July 1.

However, the deer permit is not included with a hunting license, combination hunting/freshwater fishing license, combination hunting/freshwater/saltwater license or a five-year hunting license. Anyone hunting deer with either of these licenses must also buy the \$5 deer permit to hunt deer legally.

Funds generated by the new permit will be earmarked to support deer management and deer research. Funds also will support ongoing efforts to monitor Florida's deer herd for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Com-

mission approved a "Strategic Plan for Deer Management in Florida: 2008-2018" in February 2008. Critical to success of this plan is establishing deer management units and a harvest-reporting system; both have been identified as top priorities by the agency and its stakeholders to better manage deer.

People can purchase all permits and related licenses from their county tax collector and deer research. Funds also will support ongoing efforts to monitor Florida's deer herd for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Com-

Gulf red snapper sport season closed on July 24

The recreational harvest season for red snapper in all waters of the Gulf of Mexico off Florida closed July 24. This closure was established to limit the harvest of red snapper in the Gulf and help rebuild overfished stocks so anglers can enjoy better red snapper fishing in the future.

harvest quota due to fishing closures caused by the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill, it may be possible to reopen the recreational Gulf red snapper season this fall.

Updated information about red snapper management and regulations is available online at MyFWC.com/RULESANDREGS.



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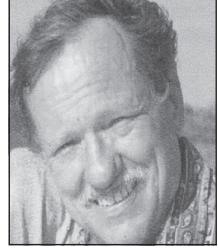
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The District School Board of Wakulla County will soon consider a budget for fiscal year 2010-2011. A public hearing to make a DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on August 2, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Wakulla County School Board Administrative Offices, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida.

Outdoors

Mating season brings out animals Heat is almost unbearable

Wakulla Wildlife



BY GEORGE WEYMOUTH

In my last article I wrote about the many living creatures we may observe along our beautiful Big Bend highways and county dirt roads as well.

I recently drove over the "crossroad" town of Wilma along the (National) Forest Road No.13 from State Highway 65. It was a gravel road, but smooth as silk, and what a lovely drive. I'd been on the east side of the stretch a month earlier, doing a breeding bird count where you record all birds, whether seen or heard. They are in theory all breeders. I was able to leisurely drive along this time, and was moved by the pristine, quality of the well-managed National Forest. Through the use of prescribed burns, much of the area I drove through is returning to its original Long leafed Pine/ Wire Grass forest, a subject I'll discuss more thoroughly in one of my Wakulla Wildlife articles.

Getting back to creatures. I wrote last week that I'd

seen 59 bears in Tate's Hell State Forest in the last four years. Well this week I can say that I've now seen 62, for one day last week I noticed two very black animals a ways down on a lane I was driving in our State Forest, and sure enough, when I checked them out with binoculars; bears! The time I saw two adults together in Tate's Hell, I was about a quarter of a mile away, so I slowly drove closer. One looked to be about 300 pounds, I feel a female, which the other was, I honestly feel over 400 pounds! As it walked towards the other one I could see it was huge by the way its muscular body rolled and the way the head swayed. It reminded me of a big old Brahma bull. I'm confident it was a male after a small female, for right now is when our regions black bears are breeding.

On the way home that afternoon on Hwy. 67, I passed a snake that looked like a Diamondback. It was about 3 feet long. Diamondback Rattlesnakes are now also starting to breed, and are more likely to be seen on our roads seeking mates, or with one mid-September. If you come upon one while on

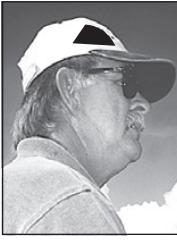
foot, simply let it be.

If all possible, for in many areas they are becoming almost rare, but be on the lookout for a possible mate.

About a half an hour after observing those two bears, as I rounded a bend, another bear ran across the road, about a 250 pounder! Three bears in one day!

The following day I came up on 7 or 8 nice sized (about 150) feral hogs, all jet black. This article was going to be on the DOR (dead on road) creatures though, so let me begin with a comment our local politician Jerry Moore made to me at a talk about the FSU Marine Lab at Turkey Point. About 50 other folks were there to hear and see State Geologist Harley Means give a presentation on Florida Springs. I'm not sure what brought it up, but Jerry stated "every time he hits a butterfly while driving, he wonders how many other butterflies are being hit about the same time across the country." This got me to thinking, as I drive about 70 mile round trip to work and back, I often hit butterflies.

It's unavoidable their flight is so erratic. Daily across North America, there have got to be millions of these delicate nectar feeders wiped out by our vehicles. I've got friends up in New Jersey, the Murrays and they are really into butterflies. Patti wrote, "the Zebra Swallowtail used to be in their area, but not anymore." With all the vehicles in New Jersey it's no wonder. More on DOR's next week.



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

I said when we had about 20 days straight of freezing temperatures back in the winter I wasn't going to complain when it got hot, but man it sure is hot. Today the heat index is supposed to be around 105 and that is just down right hot. We were out in Utah last year about this time and it was that hot out there but there was no humidity. Still hot but you didn't start sweating as soon as you stepped outside.

I just got off the phone with Capt. Randy Peart and he said fishing was good over around St. George. This morning they caught about 50 trout but only had three keepers. They have been fishing in 3 to 4 feet of water with the white 3-inch Gulp under a Cajun Thunder. If the wind is blowing you'll need to use an eighth or quarter ounce lead head.

Plenty of reds are being caught and quite a few are being caught out on the flats between the Econfina and Aucilla fishing a spinnerbait over the old oyster beds out there.

Some fish are being caught in close around St. Marks, but the better catches of fish are coming from 8 to 10 feet of water out from the Gray Mare and Cobb Rocks areas. The same technique that Capt. Burke is using at the Econfina will work out there.

Capt. David Fife took some of his firemen buddies from Atlanta out last week and they caught 10 reds one day and 8 the next. The biggest red was about 28.5 inches. David used a lot of topwater and small live pinfish on the bottom and fishes out of Spring Creek. Alan Lamarche of Shell Point took some folks out last week and they came in with 12 nice flounder, which they caught on live minnows. Bill Donaldson and I fished the same general area on Wednesday for

I just talked with Capt. James Burke who guides out of the Econfina and he said fishing down there

about 3 hours and caught 4 trout and 2 flounder and lost just as many. We also caught about 20 ladyfish. We used the 3-inch and 4-inch white Gulp with a .25-ounce lead head. There are still plenty of trout around the Government Stake and Ochlockonee Shoals off the Ochlockonee River and you need to fish on the bottom in 8 to 14 feet of water.

Mike Falk Jr. went to Steinhatchee this past weekend to go scalloping and he said they got their limit each day but had to run about 14 miles up towards Keaton Beach to get them. One of the people with him was an FWC officer that works the opening of the recreational lobster season in the Keys and he said he has never seen as many boats. Mike said going out in the morning there would be about 50 boats in the channel and he said the number of boats on the flats near Keaton was incredible. Trucks and trailers were lined up for about a mile and a half from the boat ramp in Steinhatchee. Mike said they were able to get their limit in about an hour and a half and they were big scallops. They were getting the scallops in 3 to 6 feet of water and the temperature of the water at one point showed 91 degrees.

To get to Keaton Beach or Steinhatchee go 27 South through Perry and watch for the signs.

I'm hearing mixed reports from St. Joe Bay though the folks at Presnell's Fish Camp, who have said there are plenty of them over there.

Remember to take plenty of water with you if you're going to be out on the water and don't forget to wear that sunscreen. Don't forget that float plan and know your limits. Good luck and good fishing!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a Public Meeting of the

Local Mitigation Strategy

Working Group

on August 3, 2010 at 2:00 P.M.

in the Board of County

Commissioners Chambers

at 29 Arran Road in Crawfordville, FL.

Interested parties are invited to attend and participate.

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

June 29, 2010

Keep Wakulla County Beautiful
Leave Nothing But Footprints



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Sherrie Alverson



Sometimes when you turn the pages of the newspaper memories of years and years flood over you. Then there is that sad, pathetic moment when you wonder why someone hadn't let you know. And so it was, Friday morning July 23.... "the funeral was held July 20"

Yes, it was the obituary page that lay before me and the first one was for Capt. Ivary A. Adams, 97, of Tallahassee. I commend the person who wrote it. I could not have condensed nearly a century into a 6-inch article.

But then, I had known Ivary personally since Dec. 1972, so most of my memories are Auxiliary related. He and my late husband, Chuck, were very good friends as they both were committed to the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Once, in a condensed history of St. Marks Flotilla 12, I wrote "Back in 1966, District Seven in Miami stretched westward to Apalachicola.

Their Division 8 Captain was Ivary A. Adams, a man who lived and breathed Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was concerned that there wasn't a flotilla in the Big Bend Area to protect the boating public. He loved his fellow boaters.

Being a man of action, he launched a recruiting program like you never saw before. By the end of the year (1966), there were three new flotillas—8— in Carrabelle, 82 in Panacea and 8— at St. Marks.

With the alignment of Districts in September 1967, Eighth District (headquartered in New Orleans), ac-

quired the area to the east of Apalachicola to the Aucilla River. Also inherited were the three new flotillas which were designated as Flotilla 11 at Carrabelle, 10 at Panacea and 12 at St. Marks.

Time rocked on and Ivary,

to making a living. As the article said, Ivary was the first licensed charter boat captain working out of St. Marks. Busy as he was, his heart was still with the Auxiliary and all who boated in our area. Often, acting as a Good Samaritan, he would tow boats in, especially those a long way off-shore.

When asked why he did it, he would grin that sly grin of his, and tell you, "They needed the help most." And so they did, especially those with children or older, ill personnel aboard and either nightfall was descending or a storm was threatening.

He had the utmost respect for the Coast Guard personnel assigned to our area. As the last lighthouse keeper of the St. Marks Lighthouse, he took immense pride in its upkeep. The Aids to Navigation (ATON) team out of Panama City could always count on Ivary for current updates.

As I said, Ivary loved life and lived it to the fullest. In the later years, it was always a joy to see him at a local dance cutting a rug with the younger set, and often outdoing them. It didn't matter to him what was played because he would dance anyway.

Yes, Ivary A. Adams was a unique, wonderful man. Thanks to him, there are Coast Guard Auxiliary flotillas in this part of the Big Bend Area.

Flotilla 12's reporter, Caro-

lyn Treadon, sent a delightful report.

It has been said that it is important to take time off to rejuvenate your spirit so that we can remember why it is we do what we do. Members of Flotilla 12 gathered this past weekend to enjoy each other's company and relax from the hustle and bustle of daily living and Auxiliary duties. It was also a time to spend with our spouses and significant others who are so gracious in supporting all of us. Anyone talking shop was quickly hushed!

In addition to enjoying fellowship, we also celebrated three birthdays, Duane Treadon, David Guttman and Bob Surdakowski.

I will not tell ages though...

Several members who have not been able to attend meetings recently made it to the party including John Agens and Gloria Sammons. It is great to see friends again and feel as though no time has passed.

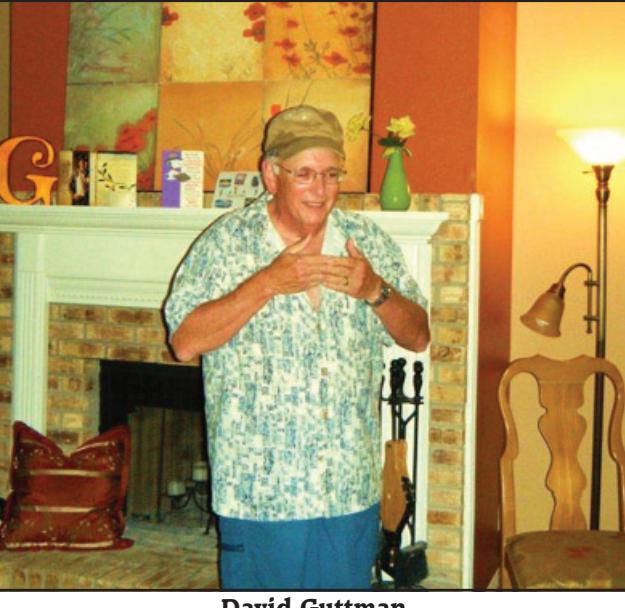
I know I am not only speaking for myself when I say a huge thank you to David and Stephanie Guttman for opening their home to all of us!

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July 29 – Aug. 4

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Sat Jul 31, 10	3.6 ft.	0.9 ft.	3.3 ft.	0.9 ft.	
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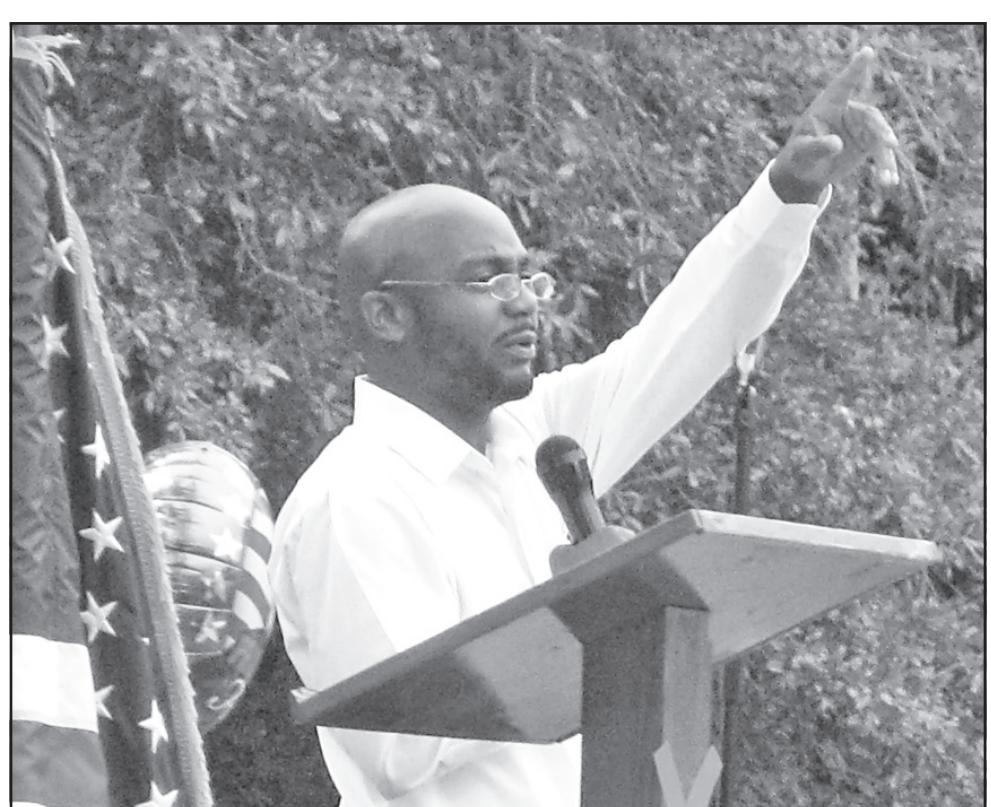
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3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instruction in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.



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Each Registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the supervisor of elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

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WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

AUGUST 24, 2010

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CONGRESSIONAL	COUNTY	CONGRESSIONAL	COUNTY	NONPARTISAN	
UNITED STATE SENATOR (Vote for One)	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 UNIVERSAL (Vote for One)	UNITED STATE SENATOR (Vote for One)	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 UNIVERSAL (Vote for One)	CIRCUIT JUDGE 2ND CIRCUIT GROUP 9 (Vote for One)	CIRCUIT JUDGE 2ND CIRCUIT GROUP 9 (Vote for One)
<input type="checkbox"/> Glenn A. Burkett <input type="checkbox"/> Maurice A. Ferre <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Greene <input type="checkbox"/> Kendrick B. Meek	DEM DEM DEM DEM	<input type="checkbox"/> Millie Harrison <input type="checkbox"/> Derek L. Howard <input type="checkbox"/> Randy Merritt	REP REP REP	<input type="checkbox"/> Eddie Hendry <input type="checkbox"/> Ron McNeil <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara F. Olschner <input type="checkbox"/> David Scholl <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Southerland	REP REP REP REP REP
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT-2 (Vote for One)		REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)	NONPARTISAN	SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One)	SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One)
<input type="checkbox"/> Allen Boyd <input type="checkbox"/> Al Lawson	DEM DEM	<input type="checkbox"/> Eddie Evans <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Gievers <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Hobbs <input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Leinback <input type="checkbox"/> J. Layne Smith		<input type="checkbox"/> Eddie Evans <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Gievers <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Hobbs <input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Leinback <input type="checkbox"/> J. Layne Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> Eddie Evans <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Gievers <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Hobbs <input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Leinback <input type="checkbox"/> J. Layne Smith
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<input type="checkbox"/> Alex Sink "Not Yet Designated"	DEM	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill McCollum "Not Yet Designated"	REP	<input type="checkbox"/> Jenny Brock <input type="checkbox"/> Ray E. Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> Jenny Brock <input type="checkbox"/> Ray E. Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Smith
ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for One)		<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Scott "Not Yet Designated"	REP	<input type="checkbox"/> Millie Harrison <input type="checkbox"/> Derek L. Howard <input type="checkbox"/> Randy Merritt	<input type="checkbox"/> Millie Harrison <input type="checkbox"/> Derek L. Howard <input type="checkbox"/> Randy Merritt
<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Aronberg <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Gelber	DEM DEM				
STATE SENATOR District 6 (Vote for One)		SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3 (Vote for One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Montford <input type="checkbox"/> Curtis Richardson	DEM DEM	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca S. "Becky" Cook <input type="checkbox"/> Glen S. Wade			

Dr. Riki Ott draws a crowd

BY TAMMIE BARFIELD
tbarfield@thewakullanews.net

More than 150 people gathered at the Wakulla Community Center on July 23, to hear Dr. Riki Ott, Ph.D., speak about what was learned from the Exxon Valdez oil spill as it relates to the spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Dr. Ott is a community activist, a former commercial salmon "fisherm'am," and has a degree in marine toxicology with a specialty in oil pollution. She experienced firsthand the devastating effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill—and chose to do something about it.

Dr. Ott has written a couple of books on the topic: "Sound Truth and Corporate Myths: 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" (Chelsea Green, 2008).

She is also the founder of three nonprofit organizations that deal with lingering harm from man-made environmental disasters.

During her discussion, Dr. Ott expressed great concern regarding the dispersants being used in the gulf to break up the oil deposits. She stated dispersants are known human health hazards. MSDS-9527, one of the types of dispersant is a known fetal toxin, causes blood disorders as well as hemochromatosis. Dr. Ott said while BP stated the dispersant was only applied during the early days [of the spill], she argues it has been applied for two months.

She encouraged everyone to visit her web-

site to sign a petition to get dispersants off the schedule.

Dr. Ott turned the discussion to the workers who are involved in the cleanup. She said during the Exxon Valdez cleanup, she thought OSHA and medical doctors would take care of the workers being exposed to toxins. However, that was not the case, and it took several years after the spill for the first article to be published about what happened to the workers.

Then ten years after the spill, she wrote Sound Truth. Part 1 of the book is about sick people with chemical-induced illness from over exposure to oil. Over six thousand workers were over exposed to oil. According to Dr. Ott, air quality records revealed workers had been over exposed to polluted air.

While she was in Louisiana recently, she met with local fishermen. She said the fishermen who are assisting with the cleanup are experiencing headaches, dizziness and nausea. She said they

said there was black tar in the foam of the white caps in the surf. There were also what the locals called "bad air days" where the air smelled like crayons melting in the sun. It took three days for her sore throat to clear up.

Dr. Ott said there are four federal agencies sampling air and water quality and it was reported there are no levels high enough to cause a health hazard. She said she has been working on independent air and water quality testing in each area that could potentially be affected. She encouraged everyone who wished to get involved to sign up on a sheet that was being distributed throughout the audience. She said there would be liaisons in each community who will reach out to the liaisons in other communities and then there is a network of independent test members and sites.

Dr. Ott explained how a man-made or technological type of disaster differs in the aftermath from an "Act of God" disaster. She stated following an act of God disaster, there is nobody to really blame so the people in the community pull together to mend themselves and their community. When there is a man-made disaster, there is someone to blame – rebuild is different. According to Dr. Ott, after the Exxon Valdez spill, there was a 99 percent increase in depression and anxiety disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder. She said the community crashed and she and everybody else lost trust in government and in corporate America.

Dr. Ott leaned toward the idea of a more sustainable econ-



Dr. Riki Ott speaks to a crowd of more than 150 people.

omy in our communities suggesting to the audience that oil spills are good for the economy. She said oil spills cause money to change hands she stressed the importance of "getting off oil" and said there are websites out there with ways to not use oil. She then opened the forum to questions.

One Wakulla resident said he had recently been riding his bike and following the ride experienced weakness, dizziness, and a respiratory illness that would not clear up asking Dr. Ott if it could be related to the oil spill. Dr. Ott stated she had heard similar reports during her lecture in Tallahassee. She stated when a person is riding a bike, there is more air taken in so more exposure if there are toxins in the air. She recommended a visit with a doctor of environmental medicine stating the symptoms of exposure to environmental tox-

ins mimic symptoms of cold and flu. She also recommended vitamins and respiratory and immune system supplements.

Another member of the audience asked if there is evidence that dispersants are still being used. Dr. Ott stated her information was not completely up to date.

She stated MSDS-9527 had

been stopped but she was uncertain about MSDS-9500. Then someone asked about domestic and farm animals in relation to the water and air quality and if there could be effects. And what about chickens and their eggs? Dr. Ott replied

doctors of environmental medicine often use veterinarian records to investigate the types of illnesses the animals are experiencing in areas that may be impacted by poor air and water quality.

Dr. Ott concluded her discussion with challenging each member of the community to ask themselves three questions: What makes you happy? Can an economy be built where social, economic,

and environmental values can all increase? How can you make the changes happen in three years? She then said, "Let's pass a livable planet on to our children."

To learn more about Dr. Riki Ott, Ph.D., visit her website rikiott.com.

My name is Randy Merritt, and I would be honored to serve as your next county commissioner.

I have deep family roots in Wakulla County, and grew up working honey bees in Smith Creek. I started kindergarten at Sopchoppy Elementary, and graduated from Wakulla High School in 1986. After graduation, I worked and paid my own way through college, finishing with a master's degree in civil engineering with environmental focus. During my time at Florida State University, I joined the Army Reserve to help pay for my education and serve my country, and in 1990 and 1991 was deployed to Saudi Arabia to serve in the Gulf War. I am a registered Florida Professional Engineer, and I have a wastewater treatment plant operator's license, as well as a Florida Certified Building Contractor license. I am currently self-employed as an engineer and contractor. I am married and have three daughters.

I believe we can protect our environment and natural resources while still preserving the self-reliant, independent lifestyle that has attracted many new residents to our area.

I pledge that if elected, I will closely examine each issue that comes before the board and act in the best interest of the citizens of Wakulla County.

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I served as the project manager for the Wakulla County Public Works for seven years, from 1999 to 2006. The department, consisting of the Road Department, Solid Waste, Wastewater, Water, and Mosquito Control, was privatized in 1993, so basically I ran an entire county department AT A PROFIT AND ON BUDGET. I would like to put that experience to work in controlling the growth of government, and demanding fiscal constraint.

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Law Enforcement and the Courts

Sheriff's Report

The fast action of a concerned citizen probably saved the life of a Crawfordville couple who were sleeping in their home July 16 while a motor home parked outside their door turned into a burning inferno, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

Rosa L. Burdette of Crawfordville was driving past the home of Thomas J. Colligan when she stopped to help.

Deputy Ward Kromer was dispatched to the scene and saw a motor home engulfed in flames close to the house.

The victim told Deputy Kromer that he and his wife were awakened by Burdette who shouted for them to get out of their home. The victim got his wife and dog and moved their vehicles away from the home. Colligan said he and his wife owed their lives to Burdette's bravery.

Burdette made sure the couple was awake and then grabbed Colligan's cell phone and made an emergency call to 911.

The Wakulla County Fire Department arrived on the scene and extinguished the flames. The RV, valued at \$10,000, was a total loss. The residence suffered minor damage due to the extreme heat exposure.

Firefighters said the fire was electrical in nature which may have been caused by a lightning strike and the blaze was ruled accidental.

On July 15, Joe D. Ward of St Marks reported a fraud. The victim found an unauthorized transaction for \$275 on his bank account. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

On July 15, Dorothy Jean Stephens, 40, of Panacea was charged with disorderly intoxication, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and introduction of contraband into a detention facility. A Panacea bar owner contacted the sheriff's office regarding Stephens refusing to leave the establishment. Stephens allegedly entered the establish-

ment with outside alcoholic beverages and lit a marijuana cigarette.

Deputy Josh Langston asked the suspect to leave and she allegedly became belligerent and shouted obscenities at him.

Sgt. Ronald Mitchell arrived and Stephens was transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

The suspect was warned about not entering the jail with weapons or drugs. During the search of the suspect inside the jail, a misdemeanor amount of marijuana and prescription pills were discovered.

On July 17, Lt. Brad Taylor and Deputies Lorne Whaley and Ben Steinle investigated a boating accident on Lake Ellen. Two teenage girls were injured in the accident. Brittany Renee Hagan, 17, and Rachel Marie Gustetic, 16, both of Crawfordville, were injured after striking trees. They were being pulled behind a motor boat by Jacob Rawls when their rope line snapped at the inner tube. Hagan suffered serious head trauma and was flown to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital by helicopter. Gustetic also suffered injuries and was taken to the hospital by ground ambulance. The case investigation was turned over to Lt. Eric Johnston of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

On July 17, James J. Leek of Crawfordville reported losing his wallet and cell phone at Wal-Mart. The victim left the property on top of his vehicle and realized it was up there after getting to the highway traffic light. His cell phone was turned in to Wal-Mart, but his wallet was not. Deputy Evelyn Brown investigated.

On July 17, Dianna Reams of Tallahassee reported a burglary of a vehicle while it was at a Woodville Highway business. The victim's purse was stolen with contents valued at \$25. Deputy Nick Boutwell investigated.

On July 19, a 24-year-old male victim reported a domestic disturbance as a female friend entered the home of an

other friend uninvited. Deputy Lorne Whaley arrived at the victim's home to find EMS treating the man's hand for a laceration.

Tabitha Antoinette Hicks, 31, of Crawfordville allegedly entered the home and threw a car stereo faceplate at a female victim and cut the male victim with a knife. Hicks allegedly removed a guitar from a truck that was parked at the home and smashed it on the truck.

More damage was done to the vehicle and the guitar was destroyed. Hicks fled the scene in the damaged truck, but was later interviewed by Deputy Whaley at another Crawfordville area home. Hicks was charged with burglary, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, battery and criminal mischief. She was transported to the Wakulla County jail without incident.

On July 16, Alan S. Dick of Crawfordville reported a grand theft at a Crawfordville home he had used for storage. A total of \$510 worth of boating equipment and a hammock were stolen. Deputy Ian Richards investigated.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 873 calls for service during the past week including 18 residential and business alarms; 118 citizen contacts; 14 disturbances;

39 medical emergencies 208 residential and business security checks; 47 special details; 28 suspicious vehicles or people; 11 traffic enforcement; 34 traffic stops; 12 disabled vehicles; 13 reckless vehicles; and 13 wanted people.

The scheme involved suspects creating credit cards using stolen personal information. They took the stolen information and purchased gift cards and shipped the cards and merchandise purchased with the cards around the world.

"We don't really know who they are or if they are here legally," added Major Langston.

Major Langston said the case began when the sheriff's office received a complaint from a woman in Arkansas who was a victim of identity theft through a local business.

The victim saw unauthorized transactions on her bank account linked to Crawfordville.

A total of 28 transactions were carried out by Hum-

Major fraud cause broken



Nigel Raymond Humphrey/
Gaspar Bishop



Paul Adams

credit cards and fraud. He is being held on \$400,000 bond.

During the search, blank credit cards, credit cards and equipment used to create fake credit cards were discovered. Detectives also discovered a second suspect, Paul Adams, 46.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol spotted Adams in a restaurant July 22 and captured him during a traffic stop.

The Secret Service was also involved in the arrest and discovered more than 1,000 stolen personal identities from New York in the vehicle as well as more than 15 cellular telephones, a scanning device used to get personal information from credit cards, computers and other devices.

The investigation included assistance from the Pensacola Police Department and victims or participants in the scam were traced to Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Georgia, Ukraine and China.

Humphrey/Bishop was charged with 28 counts of fraudulent use of a credit card, criminal use of personal identification, passing counterfeited

"Normally in a fraud case involving credit cards, the bank takes care of the victim and that is the end of it," said Major Langston. "It is very difficult to pinpoint the source of the fraud. This case was different in that we were able to take it up the line farther. They were probably working for someone else. Financial crimes are a multi-billion dollar industry and this case could get into the millions of dollars."

WCSO Detectives Drew Vass and Sean Wheeler conducted the investigation.

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Candidates for county commissioner square off at forum

By JENNIFER RAYMOND
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The first candidate forum of the political season kicked off on July 19.

The forum was for the candidates running for District 2 County Commissioner seat which will be vacated by George Green.

The candidates are Millie Harrison, Derek Howard and Randy Merritt.

All three candidates are democrats, so the winner will be chosen at the August 24 primary.

Harrison did not attend the forum.

Both Howard and Merritt expressed their long history with Wakulla County.

"I'm running because I love Wakulla County," Howard said. "I've lived here all my life."

Merritt said, "I have deep family roots in Wakulla County."

One of the questions asked at the forum addressed a recent agenda item at the Board of County Commissioner's meeting that caused quite a stir. It dealt with banning the use of audio and visual equipment by citizens at these meetings. Both men were asked if things such as PowerPoint presentations should be allowed.

Howard believed they should.

"It's very important that our citizens be able to represent their views as best they can," Howard said.



Derek Howard



Randy Merritt

He added that government continues to ask for citizen input, but once it is received, the government tries to stop it.

He continued that citizen input is important.

Merritt said it should be allowed as long as it falls within the rules of the meeting.

He added that a long presentation might be best for a workshop.

"The citizen is certainly valued, but we can't spend a lot of time on one citizen," Merritt said.

The candidates were also asked what three programs they would cut or eliminate in light of recent budget shortfalls.

Howard said no one ever wants an employee to lose

their job. And he added that he wouldn't be for cutting anything that deals with the senior citizens.

"I would look at some of the things in the county that doesn't affect our citizens as much," Howard said.

Merritt agreed that it's never easy to fire someone.

He suggested looking at the county administration staff.

He said he didn't have a third option.

The topic of MSBU fire money also came up during the forum. Candidates were asked if these funds should be used toward purchasing equipment or paid firefighters.

Howard said the fire department definitely needs

equipment to do its job. He added that he thinks firefighters should get paid more and the county should bring in the volunteer firefighters in and pay them.

"I'm really happy to have those people in our county," Howard said.

Merritt believed the money should be spent on equipment.

He added that the volunteer fire departments benefit from having the equipment.

"MSBU was meant for fire protection equipment county-wide," he said.

Another issue that was brought forth was the proposed wetland ordinance.

Merritt said he sees problems in the ordinance.

"It adds another level of

government," Merritt said.

He added that he didn't think it was necessary and takes away property rights.

Howard said that he thinks it's important to protect wetlands.

He added that it should be looked at very particularly to ensure that the county isn't running over property rights or ecosystems.

The issue of impact fees was brought up and candidates were asked if they were in favor of them.

Howard said, "We have to pay for our big developments."

He added that when a development comes in, the population grows, roads have to be maintained and possibly even

roads widened. And he said he didn't believe that should fall to the residents of the county.

Merritt said he has no problem with impact fees as long as they are fair.

He added that a study he saw on impact fees had a lot of errors and the county needs to look again at impact fees and the assumptions.

Another question was whether or not Crawfordville should be incorporated.

Merritt said it should and added that it's the only county seat in the state that isn't incorporated.

He added that people would be able to pay for additional services they want in the city.

And it would be fair to citizens that don't live in Crawfordville who are paying for services they don't get.

Howard said he has no problem with that. He added that it wouldn't hurt and would offset costs of some of the other communities.

Candidates were also asked if they had a problem with raising the millage rate to maintain current funding.

Both agreed that the county needs to look at cutting and minimizing costs.

"If you can't afford the status quo with raising the millage rate, then change the status quo," Merritt said.

Howard said, "We need to have a budget and stick to that budget."

OFF the EATIN' path... Your Guide to Area Restaurants and Catering

Talk O' The Town Deli celebrates anniversary



Talk o' the Town Deli is having a week long celebration beginning Monday, August 2 and continuing through Saturday, August 7 to thank their customers for a very successful first year.

There will be a drawing to win a meal for two, a few surprises throughout the week and each day there will be complimentary cake and give-aways. Also, during the week when you make a purchase and a red star appears on your receipt, you will win a prize.

The special of the week is the

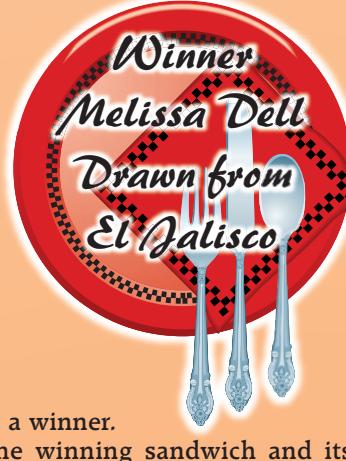
return of the Southwest Melt which was a big hit. We also have the monster, super loaded sandwich with five different meats and your choice of fillings. This sandwich has really been popular so be sure to bring your appetite for this one.

During Talk o' the Town's week long celebration there will be a contest for their customers. The contest offers a chance for customers to submit a new sandwich idea complete with the name. Talk o' the Town will collect entries during the week, and the staff will vote and

select a winner.

The winning sandwich and its name will be added to the menu and will hopefully become a huge success.

Fall will soon be upon us which will bring back delicious soups and chili, as well as new specials and sandwiches. Everyone at Talk O' The Town Deli extend great appreciation to their customers and friends. Thank you for your support and Talk o' the Town will continue providing fresh and delicious food for you in the years to come.



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tive and enriched lives.

The Senior Center Board, staff and volunteers are firmly committed to promoting the highest quality of life for our seniors.

A very high percentage of Wakulla County's public officials, county employees, business owners and employees, volunteers, non-profit managers and employees and other community leaders are age 60 or older. Many of them, including several of my friends, have constructed their homes with mobility barriers that they will have to deal with some time in the future. Steps between garages and kitchens become barriers when mobility is limited to the use of a cane. The use of walkers or wheelchairs magnifies these barriers. Even a sunken living room that was so popular a few years ago can become a major barrier.

There are many designed potential barriers in many bathrooms.

The Wakulla County Building Department is capable of identifying potential barriers and making recommendations for correction during plan reviews. Please ask them before you build.

Senior friendly communities do include plans for senior housing, employment, health, wellness, volunteerism, intergenerational programs, transportation and mobility.

Transportation is very important in the lives of seniors and no single solution can meet all the mobility needs. Mobility and accessibility are essential for independent living. This brings me to an important community need.

Almost every day I see seniors riding in electric wheelchairs or walking down Oak Street and the Wakulla-Arran Road. Common destinations include the post office, pharmacies, grocery stores and the parks. I often see young moms and dads headed to



Senior citizens traveling near the Wakulla County Health Department located on Oak Street.

the same destinations pushing a baby carriage. The only path to travel is on the street along with the traffic. I often see this as a need of our seniors because of my concern for them. However, the need for sidewalks, bike lanes, and safe crosswalks are not just extras, but are essentials for the health and safety of residents of all ages.

Wakulla County is experiencing financial difficulties along with all its citizens. However, this need has become urgent. Recent discussions to correct this community deficiency have grown silent. I believe its time to develop firm plans for remediation so progress can begin as soon as funding is available.

Seniors citizens take tour of new and old sink holes

By Tamara Byrnes
of the Senior Center

Wakulla County Seniors took a sink hole tour this June with Wakulla Springs Ambassador Cal Jamison. Conversations went from the new sinks appearing in the Park subdivision to the best sink fishing holes.

Beautiful Emerald Sink was on our tour again this year with an update from Jamison regarding the divers and their journeys. Thirtyseven miles of connecting cave systems have now been logged by the divers. He explained that the divers are propelled by electric scooters to cover more territory in a shorter period of time and that the divers then decompress at Wakulla Springs underwater for 15 hours surfacing a little at a time.

As we walked toward Gator Sink we were told the story of a raid way back when. Jamison mentioned that a local church group took matters into their own hands by pouring motor oil in the sink to discourage bathers. The seniors were shocked, but the course of conversations changed to the subject of oil in the Gulf. Jamison mentioned that Wakulla Springs has been concerned about a salt water infiltration that occurs when Spring Creek



Wakulla County Senior Citizens recently took a tour of sink holes in the area.

reverses. He said that according to the Spears family, this has been happening for the past two years. Our seniors mentioned Spring Creek used to have an occurrence that was known as the Spring Creek Boil, where water comes up out of the sink higher than the water level. This does not happen anymore and instead sometimes salt water is sucked down into Spring Creek and ends up in Harvey Sink and Punchbowl Sink. Gregg Stanton, Wakulla Diving Center owner and diver, told Jamison that when diving Harvey Sink he removed his regulator at approximately 160 feet and tasted salty water. When an instrument known as a level logger was placed in Punchbowl Sink, it showed an increased salinity reading. So far no one has come up with a trigger event that starts this process in



Wakulla Springs Ambassador Cal Jamison shows senior citizens sink holes on a recent tour.

motion. It was mentioned that if the Spring Creek area was oiled and oil mixes into the water table then theoretically oil could end up in Wakulla Springs.

Seniors asked Jamison about the reopening of their favorite sink, Cherokee. In the past the senior citizens of Wakulla County Senior Center have been able to like their backyard. The drive back to Cherokee Sink sink has been closed for a long time now and we miss those opportunities.

Jamison said that Wakulla Springs is working toward the reopening of the Cherokee Sink area, not as a swimming hole but as a

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Thursday, July 29

- 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.
- 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.
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB meets from 12 to 1 p.m. at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea.

Friday, July 30

- 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 31

- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 3240 Crawfordville Highway at 5 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.

Monday, August 2

- LINE DANCING will be

held at the senior center at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 3

- 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 the Hudson House behind Wakulla Bank.
- BOOK NOOK for third, fourth and fifth graders meets at 10:30 a.m. at the public library.
- IRIS GARDEN CLUB will meet for its board meeting at 1 p.m. at the public library.

Wednesday, August 4

- 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.
- WAKULLA COUNTY COALITION FOR YOUTH meets from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the TCC Wakulla Center.

Thursday, August 5

- GIVING TREE MUSIC DRUM CIRCLE will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. at the public library.
- WRITERS OF WAKULLA will meet at 6 p.m. at the public library.
- SIGN LANGUAGE class will be held at 6 p.m. at the public library.
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB meets from noon to 1 p.m. at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea.

City and County meetings

Monday, August 2

- COUNTY COMMISSION will meet for its board meeting at 5 p.m.
- SCHOOL BOARD will hold a special meeting at 5:45 p.m. A public hearing on the 2010-2011 budget will be held at 6 p.m. Followed by a public hearing on class size reduction at 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, August 3

- COUNTY COMMISSION will meet for a workshop on the 2010-2011 budget.

Special Events

Friday, July 30

- FREE OPEN HOUSE AND GAMING EXHIBITION will be held at ITT Technical Institute in Tallahassee. The open house runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors can tour the school and learn more about the associate and bachelor's degree programs in the Schools of Information Technology, Electronics Technology, Criminal Justice, and Drafting and Design. The gaming exhibition will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. Guests can register at the door to participate in the gaming event. Prizes

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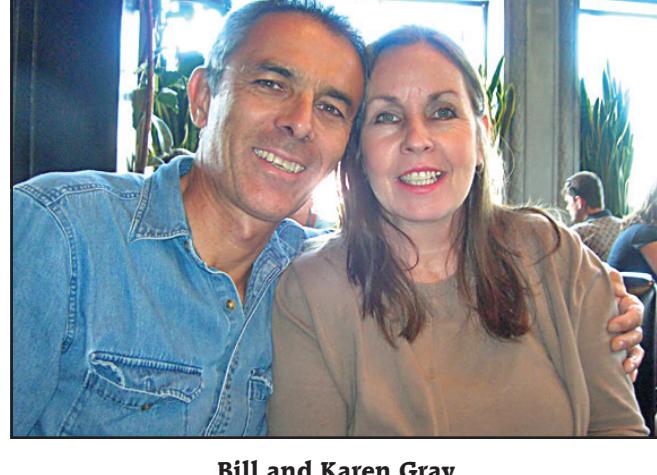
- CANDIDATE FORUM will be held at 7 p.m. by www.itt-tech.edu or call the Concerned Citizens (850) 422-6300 for more information.

Saturday, July 31

- BILL AND KAREN GRAY will join Herman McWaters, South Bound Band and the Messer Brothers at 7 p.m. in the historic Sopchoppy High School Auditorium to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Sopchoppy Opry. Affectionately known as "Mr. Mac" by his many fans, McWaters performed and served as the musical coordinator and host of the popular show for many years. Call 962-3711 for tickets.

Thursday, August 5

- COPING WITH PET LOSS PROGRAM offered by Big Bend Hospice. When a beloved pet dies, many people are surprised by the intensity of their grief. For many people, pets are considered part of their family so intense grief is normal and understandable. Although grieving is normal after the death of a pet, it may be difficult or even embarrassing to describe how you are feeling to someone else.



Bill and Karen Gray

quent meetings to be held September 2, October 7 and November 11.

All meetings are confidential but due to costs, Big Bend Hospice is asking participants to support the program through a suggested donation of \$20. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford to pay.

"We see this as a need in the community," said Diane Tomasi, Community Relations Director of Big Bend Hospice. "Often the death of a pet can trigger strong grief reactions and there have been few places to go where you can be with other pet lovers who have had the same experience and understand how you are feeling. We have expertise in grief and loss so this new support service seems to be a natural extension of our community programs."

Written materials are also available to help parents and guardians talk to their children about the death of a pet. For more information please contact Laurie Ward at (850) 878-5310.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 8

- "PICKIN IN THE PARK" will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Hudson Park Pavilion. A group of local musicians will provide entertainment on the second Sunday of each month. A mix of classic and current country will be featured. This event is free and everyone is invited to attend. Musicians wanting to participate can call 926-8136.

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Happenings at the senior center in June: a visit from the Supervisor of Elections, Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Father's Day and Hat Day

By Ann Ross and Diane Lanter of the Senior Center

Well, it's summer time, can you tell? Boy has it been hot, I remember just a few articles ago I was writing about how cold it was. You just can't keep us comfortable with the weather.

Supervisor of Elections, Buddy Wells, came on June 10 and spoke about the importance of voting and encouraged everyone that if you are not registered to vote, then come by his office and he and his staff would be glad to assist them in the process.

Big Bend AHEC comes every Monday at 10:30 a.m., with presentations on Healthy Lifestyle Changes.

Janine R. Harris, community relations manager for Communities for a Lifetime with the Department of Elder Affairs came on June 17.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was on June 15 and this is a time to raise awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic factors that effect elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

In conjunction with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day,

Women at the Senior Center show off their hats for Hat Day held on June 18.

the Department of Elder Affairs hosted a free public screening of the short film, "An Age for Justice: Confronting Elder Abuse in America." This film is part of a nationwide effort to increase public awareness of elder abuse in America and give elders and advocates a voice for needed policy change.

The seniors and staff wore purple clothing or ribbons in support of the cause.

We would also like to thank Sarah Rode, program specialist with the Area Agency on Aging of North Florida, Wakulla County Sheriff's Department, Department of Children and Families and all the other organizations that I forgot to mention.

Friday, June 18, we celebrated Father's Day with brownies and cards for all the gentlemen and it was also Hat Day.

We had hats ranging from unusual to beautiful and anything in between. And for the seniors who forgot about hat day, we supplied them with hats that were made by Audra, Tamara, Sara, and some seniors.

On Wednesday, June 23, Fran Council with the Department of Public Safe-

ty, came and shared some very helpful information on Stroke Awareness.

Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S. behind heart disease and cancer. It is also the leading cause of serious long-term disability. There are approximately 700,000 strokes that occur in our country each year. About 500,000 of these are first or new strokes. About 200,000 occur in people who have already had a stroke. Up to 80 percent of strokes are preventable.

If you think someone may be having a stroke, act F.A.S.T. and do this simple test:

Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

Time: If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 911 or get to the hospital fast.

Hope you are having a wonderful summer, get out and do something fun.

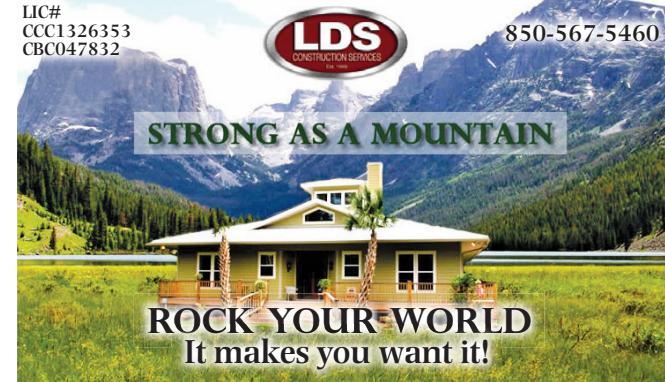


Supervisor of elections, Buddy Wells, talks to the seniors about the importance of voting.



Senior citizens listen as a presentation is given for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 17 by the Department of Elder Affairs.

Women at the Senior Center show off their hats for Hat Day held on June 18.



Volunteer training for the Alzheimer's Project is scheduled for August 24

Anyone interested in working with people who have Alzheimer's Disease or other related dementia disorders are invited to come to volunteer

training on August 24 at 2 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church.

Contact Pat Ashley at 984-5277 or The Alzheimer's Project, Inc. office at 386-2778 for information.

Aging with Dignity speaker visits Rotary Club

Rotary Club of Wakulla County welcomed Gloria Keeney, Director of Outreach with "Aging with Dignity" at their meeting of July 22.

Keeney spoke on "Five Wishes," which is a legal document that helps adults express how they want to be

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

Adjourn? Did we even start?

By DAVID ROYSE
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE...It's only a rumor that some lawmakers missed last week's special session because they were in the elevator on their way to the floor.

In case you, too, missed it, there was a special session during the lunch hour on Tuesday.

OK, joking aside, technically the session lasted well past lunch because the Senate - the more deliberative body - deliberated for what must have seemed like an eternity to the House, taking two hours and 21 minutes to essentially tell Gov. Charlie Crist to take his proposed ban on oil rigs and put a cap in it.

But by the time the Senate finished rejecting the governor's proposal to ask voters to put in the constitution a ban on oil drilling, the well was already dry anyway, with the House having voted to go home after less than an hour. Speaker Larry Cretul hit the gavel to start the special session a few seconds after 12 p.m., and by 1 p.m., the chamber was empty, the work done. It takes longer to get a sandwich at Po Boys.

The Senate appeared to actually consider whether it ought to debate the actual proposed amendment and the vote was actually close - with a motion to adjourn without taking it up passing 18-16. With a few Democrats who likely would have been in favor of continuing the debate absent, one might even surmise that if everyone had been here, the Senate would have actually taken a vote on the governor's proposal.

But it would have been irrelevant, of course, in that there was no House to pass the bill.

With a strength of rhetoric unheard in his previous two years as speaker, Cretul, an Ocala Republican who is finishing out his legislative career with no coming election to worry about, called it like he saw it, saying that the governor's proposal wouldn't really do anything. It was symbolic, Cretul said, and political, by which he meant Crist was asking legislators to come out strong against oil drilling when drilling is already banned in Florida waters for the sake of pandering to voters in the U.S. Senate race.

There are issues that the Gulf of Mexico oil spill has raised - things having to do with compensating those who have lost wages, or with dropping property values in the Panhandle, that lawmakers just might tackle, said Cretul and Senate President Jeff Atwater. But they'd like to do it on their own time - in a couple months. They argued that's real help for people hit by the oil spill, not a feel good response that doesn't do much.

Oil is unpopular at the moment in Florida. Crist has never liked much that was unpopular - and tends to like things that are popular. He's unapologetic about that populism, saying the people are the boss, and if their feelings shift, then so might his. "Things change," Crist has said on more than one occasion about more than one issue on which he has either "grown" or "flip flopped," depending on your point of view.

But Crist's populist prospecting on oil this week failed miserably - or so the Legislature would have us believe.

Sure, lawmakers failed to even consider the governor's proposal, but very few politicians have ever been hurt complaining about the do-

nothing people in power - even if they're one of them. The ultimate irony here might end up being that a near life-time politician, Charlie Crist, who served in the state Senate, had two different Cabinet posts,

and has been on the ballot more often than probably anyone in the Legislature, is going to run against "those politicians" in Tallahassee - a "do-nothing Legislature" he called them this week. In an anti-incumbent year, the senator-turned education commissioner-turned attorney general-turned governor is running as an outsider, an independent even, and he's going to take on the Legislature for ignoring the people's will.

"And I'm going to give them hell for it," Crist promised. Brilliant politics, some might say.

It's not quite off into the hazy sunset for this Legislature, however. The current crop of lawmakers will likely return in August or September to take up those other post-spill related issues, Cretul and Atwater said this week. Atwater ordered a Senate committee to begin going through what, exactly, the state might be able to do.

All this came as BP was getting its first good news about the spill since the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded April 20. The latest effort to stop the flow of oil appeared to be working this week, and entire Panhandle beach communities were heard to rejoice. The containment cap doesn't definitively "kill the well," as they say in the business, and it's leaky, and there is still oil to be cleaned up. But Florida officials were breathing a little easier this week for the first time in a couple months.

BALLOT BALLET
Call the printers and

tell them to hold the voter guides. Heck, while you're at it, tell them to hold off on printing the ballots too.

As of a couple weeks ago there were nine ballot issues set to go before voters in November, but this week they started dropping off. By Friday, there were court challenges to six of them. Take notes here: two of the amendments - Amendment 3 dealing with homestead exemptions and Amendment 7 dealing with redistricting have been stricken from the ballot, although appeals to higher courts are ongoing.

Four other ballot issues remain on the ballot for now but are in question. Amendments 5 and 6, also dealing with redistricting, are pending a review by the Supreme Court, which stayed a lower court case in order to make the decision itself. On Friday - stay with me here - the state's teachers union filed a lawsuit saying Amendment 8, dealing with school class size restrictions, should be thrown out. And Amendment 9, a response to the new federal health care law, goes before a judge in Tallahassee next week.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Crist issued two executive orders last week, bypassing lawmakers on two issues that they were set to consider in the coming months. Of course considering the way the Legislature dealt with his most recent proposal, who's gonna blame him?

With one executive order, Crist made a small change in state law that will allow Florida to pay additional jobless benefits to 250,000 long-term unemployed people over the next several months. President Obama signed an extension of federal benefits into law on Thursday, but Florida's law that would have allowed some of that to flow to Florida beneficiaries

expired in June. Lawmakers had declined to address the issue so Crist took matters into his own hands on Friday, authorizing the Agency for Workforce Innovation to distribute the federal funds to qualified Floridians.

Last week, Crist responded to a problem brought to his attention by Panhandle property appraisers - although some said he sort of passed the buck, sending people to BP to get what they need. The problem is that tax bills early next year will reflect unrealistic property values, which have plummeted in Gulf coastal counties because of the spill.

The tax bills will reflect pre-spill values, while beachfront businesses struggle with a Northern public that doesn't understand Florida's beaches remain sugar white. Crist's order last Wednesday allows property appraisers in the 26 Florida counties covered by the state of emergency to perform interim assessments, giving owners of businesses, homes and condos the documentation they may need to submit a claim to BP for lost value.

STORY OF THE WEEK:

The Legislature returned for a special session on a proposed constitutional ban on oil drilling. Many lawmakers spent longer in transit to and from Tallahassee than they did in session, quickly adjourning in an affront to a governor they felt was grandstanding and one they don't like much anyway.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"How arrogant can a Legislature be? I call this Legislature the do-nothing Legislature. And I'm going to give them hell for it."

Gov. Charlie Crist, after lawmakers quickly rejected his proposal to put the ban on drilling into the constitution.

Today's Events

BP UPDATE FOR CABINET: The Florida Cabinet will get an update from various agency heads on clean-up efforts and other issues surrounding the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf. The state continues to seek reimbursement for protective measures taken in the face of the oil spill that has pumped millions of barrels of oil into the gulf. The Cabinet is expected to hear from DEP Secretary Michael Sole on clean-up activities and Office of Financial Regulation Commissioner Tom Cardwell on the spill's potential effects on banking institutions in the region. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Cabinet Room, The Capitol.)

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW: State Board of Administration Executive Director Ash Williams is slated to update Cabinet members on the state's investment portfolio as required under the Protecting Florida's Investment Act. The act prohibits the SBA from investing in, and requires divestment from, companies involved in certain types of business activities in or with Sudan or Iran. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Cabinet Room, The Capitol.)

HEALTH REFORM AMENDMENT ON LIFE SUPPORT: Circuit Judge James Shuler will hear arguments on whether Amendment 9 should be placed on the ballot in November. Plaintiffs argue the legislatively drawn proposal is politically charged and misleading as it calls on voters to decide whether to make illegal health coverage that's mandated by the federal government. Shuler on Friday, July 23, rejected the state's motion to tweak the language in the proposal or replace the summary with the entire language of the proposed amendment. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Courtroom 3-D, Leon County Courthouse.)

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545 Homes for Sale

Auction Price. Builders forced to sell. Woodville area. 3BR/2BA w/3-car garage on 3 acres. New construction. Thousands below appraisal. Call for bidding instructions. 865-765-7929.

Bank Owned Online home auction. 95 Chickasaw Trail, Crawfordville. Agent: Thaddeus Drake, Drake Realty 850-386-6611. Buyers Agents: Up to 3% Commission Available! Go Online Now to place your offer!!! www.OnlineBidNow.com

Hudson & Marshall 1-866-539-4174.

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555 Houses for Rent

3BR/1BA located on Coastal Hwy. between Medart Elementary and WHS. \$700/month, \$300/security. Call 850-556-4464.

3BR/2BA brick home on 3 wooded acres. Close to Crawfordville, rural setting. Perfect for couple or small family. \$825/mo.+security-deposit. 850-566-4124.

3BR/2BA, 133 Marie Circle, Ameliawood, C/H/A, W/D, carport, screened porch. No smoking or pets. \$825/month, plus deposit. Call 850-508-3894.

Crawfordville, clean, large 2 Bedroom, 2 full bath duplex. \$675 per month. Call Linda at 850-926-0283.

Crawfordville. 3BR/2BA. W/D hookups. New appliances. Huge yard. \$850/mo. + deposit. 228-0422.

560 Land for Sale

2-acre lot for sale near new Shadelake School, corner of Steel Court and Spring Creek Hwy. (city water). Owner financing. 850-556-1178.

St. Marks building lot w/picturesque views of river and Spanish Fort. Most desirable area of St. Marks. Fishing, boating, biking are a few amenities of this quaint fishing village, only 25 minutes from Tallahassee. 24K or 18K closed within 30 days. Comparables selling 50K+. 727-251-5849.

565 Mobile Homes for Rent

2002 Big Doublewide, 4BR/2BA, like-new! Plenty of living space, two gorgeous acres, near great schools. Just 20-minutes to Tallahassee. \$895/month. Lease purchase option. 42 Leslie Circle. 850-443-3300.

2BR/1BA \$400.00 per month and \$400.00 deposit on a clean and quiet street. References required. No pets call 904-583-1177.

3BR/2BA, DW/MH, Merwyn Dr. near Lake Ellen. \$695/month, +deposit, lease/purchase-option available. Central-Air/Heat, fenced yard, tiled-in-kitchen. Available August 1st! 850-212-5650.

Waterfront - 142 Lake Ellen Drive. 2BR/1.5BA, kitchen equipped, C/H/A, carpeted, washer & dryer hook-ups, large screen porch overlooking lake. \$650/month, no pets. 850-576-2695.

570 Mobile Homes for Sale

3BR/2BA for sale by owner. Call 504-6400.

3BR/2BA for sale! \$9,995. Home must be moved. Call Ray at 504-6400.

Got land? Need a home? I can help. Call Ray at 504-6400.

Need a home? Credit problems is no problem. Call Ray at 504-6400.

Legal Notice

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

CASE NO.: 09-00183

CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET BACKED-CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE3,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLES SCOTT WHITMAN, A/K/A CHARLES WHITMAN; MILL HOLLOW, INCORPORATED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES SCOTT WHITMAN A/K/A CHARLES WHITMAN; UNKNOWN TENANT N/A LINDA MCCARTER, INC., IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,

Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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